

JAIL ELMER BELK, ACCUSED HOLDUP

Prisoner Believed to Be Degenerate Whose Acts Terrorized Boyle Heights

ATTACKS GIRL AND ESCORT

Claim Former Member of 'Coyote Gang' Answers Victim's Description of the Thug

HERE ARE CRIMES WHICH MAY BE TRACED TO BELK

- August 10—Nelle McCarthy, Marion Baylis and Samuel Gordon held up near Euclid and Stephenson avenues. Indignities attempted, but assailant frightened away.
August 10—J. A. Thompsons, 219 East Fifty-second street, and Miss Bertha Rathbun, 469 East Thirty-first street, robbed while sitting in South park. Attack on woman prevented by pedestrians.
August 21—Frances Schipous and William Lehman halted while on way to young woman's home. Girl attacked, Lehman escaped and reported case to police. Girl treated in receiving hospital.
August 27—Mitchell Lee, 940 Park View avenue, and Miss Marcelle Kelly, 427 Grand View avenue, held up. Attack on girl prevented by Lee, who fought off assailant.
September 14—Dr. and Mrs. William Barnhart, 2209 Michigan avenue, held up. Woman forced to accompany man, who attacked her.
September 20—Mrs. George A. Becker attacked at First and Hope streets. Released when she screamed loudly for help. Assailant captured, but allowed to go on his statement that he was woman's sweetheart.

Elmer Belk, 22 years of age, on parole for three years following his conviction of holding up and robbing an old man, is in the county jail charged with highway robbery. Today several women lately attacked by a degenerate will go to the county jail to see Belk. The sheriff and his deputies believe several of them will identify Belk as the man whose acts have terrorized Boyle Heights district.

Belk admits, according to the authorities, that he attacked Miss Mary Verdie and her escort Monday night while they were walking along the Mission road on their way to the young woman's home. He says he had been drinking and mistook the man for a person with whom he had had trouble at a dance.

The attack on Miss Verdie and her escort was suppressed. There was a clew which was followed and it resulted in the arrest of Belk yesterday afternoon as he was preparing to depart for San Diego. Deputy Sheriff J. S. Sepulveda, who made the arrest, is confident that the series of attacks on women recently can be traced to Belk.

According to the story told by Miss Verdie and her escort they were a short distance from her home when a man wearing a slouch hat drawn well forward over his eyes and coat collar turned up accosted them. Without warning he suddenly struck Miss Verdie's escort on the side of the jaw, dropping him to the ground. In an attempt to interfere Miss Verdie was struck. Her screams brought her parents running to her aid.

ASSAILANT FLEES
The sudden appearance of her parents caused the assailant to take to his heels. The description given led to Belk's arrest.

Belk in the county jail yesterday afternoon acknowledged the Mission road affair, but denied he had had anything to do with the other holdups and attacks on women of the past month. However, the county jail officials feel confident that when those who have been attacked see him some time today there will be some one who will identify him.
Belk's description is as follows: Height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches; weight, 158 pounds; fair, gray eyes and light brown hair. When arrested he was wearing a faded blue coat, brown trousers, a soft gray hat, low oxfords and a soft tan shirt.

This description tallies in many ways with the description reported to the police by other victims. But for the age, Belk's description fits closely that of the assailant of William Lehman and Miss Frances Schipous at First and Pecan streets August 27. Their description was of a man about 30 years of age, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 150 pounds, slouching face, black coat and soft light hat.

ANSWERS DESCRIPTION
The blue coat at night could easily be taken for black. The matter of age is entirely a guess on the part of those assailed and it is believed Belk will be identified by Miss Schipous and Lehman today.
The general description the police have, as a result of all descriptions so far turned in is as follows: Height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 145 pounds; smooth shaven, brown soft shirt, brown soft hat, light shoes, dark complexion. With the exception of complexion this description tallies closely with that of Belk. Another point, which characterized many of the descriptions given the police, was that the assailant, in most instances, was noticed to have a peculiar shuffle in his walk, which is characteristic of Belk's manner of locomotion. In reference to this peculiarity of walk Sheriff Hammel said yesterday:
"According to the various descriptions of the person that has been doing the wholesale holdup work in the city he has a peculiar shuffle in his walk. Belk has that peculiarity and the descriptions tally well otherwise. This man has a bad record and is a hard character."

CLAIMS ATTACK FRANK
In an interview in the jail yesterday Belk tried to pass off his attack of Monday night as a prank while under the influence of liquor. He said:
"I was drinking and I mistook the party for a person that I had had trouble with at a dance several nights before. I knocked him down and as I did so the girl grabbed my arm. In jerking away from her she fell. That was all there was to it."
Deputy Sepulveda, who was stand-

Elmer Belk, Arrested Yesterday, Who Confessed Attack on Couple



EXTENDS INVITATION TO BURGLARS TO VISIT HIM

Probation League Secretary Advises Proffering Fellowship Hand to Thieves

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Henry Neil, secretary of the National Probation League, does not believe in lock and key to keep out burglars, and has had all such safeguards against the intruder removed from his residence. He was extended to burglars instead of the kick and threat, the world would be better, the penitentiaries would be emptied in a short time, and there would be no need of lock and key, bolt and bar," said Mr. Neil.
"I have just returned here with my wife and children and have taken a residence for the winter. I was shocked and surprised to find four bars on all the windows, locks everywhere, and safeguards of all kinds against the intruder. I have had locksmiths at work all week taking off these relics of a barbarous age. There are no mechanical devices to connect with the police station and there are no locks on the doors.
"Visitors may enter undisturbed, but I trust they will do me the honor to awaken me and allow me to entertain them. I am sure I can help them to better and more profitable employment."

ing near, said: "Nevertheless, even though that was all there was to it, the fact remains that the way it was done is very much similar to the way the other holdups have occurred. I am confident that he is the right man and I think there is but very little doubt but what he will be identified tomorrow."
When arrested Belk was wanted by Probation Officer Dodds for having violated his probation term of three years, a sentence imposed upon him more than two years ago when he held up an old man, taking a gold watch and some money. For this act he was convicted, but being a minor he was allowed to go free on a three-year probation sentence.
At the time he committed this hold-up act it is alleged by officers he was a member of the "coyote gang," which terrorized a section of Los Angeles for a long period with many holdups. Several of this gang are now doing time in prison.
Belk spoke familiarly of the members of this gang yesterday, but he asserted that he was not a regular member, only being acquainted with some of the members. The officers, however, said he had been a regular member.

Belk had been working for the Cudahy Packing company, but when arrested was preparing to leave for San Diego, where he stated he intended to find employment at his trade, that of work in connection with meat packing houses.

WANTS TO BE U. S. SENATOR
FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 22.—Congressman Ollie James formally announced himself today a candidate for United States senator to succeed Thomas H. Fawcett. He says he will not be a candidate for speaker of the house but is for Champ Clark.

ELEVATOR DROPS; 1 PERSON INJURED

Former Judge of Superior Court of Riverside County Is Seriously Hurt

CAGE FALLS THREE STORIES

Accident Occurs in Homer Laughlin Building, Endangering Dozen Lives

Charles J. Noyes, former superior court judge in Riverside county, and prominent attorney of Los Angeles, residing at 1329 Howard boulevard, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when an elevator in the Homer Laughlin building at 315 South Broadway dropped from the third floor to the ground floor of the building, endangering the lives of almost a dozen persons who were in the cage at the time. Mr. Noyes sustained a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee and sundry abrasions about the body. He was given temporary treatment by Dr. Michael Creamer, who has offices in the building, and later was removed to the Sisters' hospital, where he was reported last night as resting easy.
The elevator, which is a hydraulic one, was in charge of L. B. Chamberlain, who lives at 111 South Figueroa street, and it was his first day at work in the building. According to his statement, the elevator cage dropped from the third to the ground floor, while representatives of the building declare that it did not. Several parts of the building testified to hearing a loud crash. The elevator cage was not damaged.
According to the police, Noyes had placed one foot on the floor when the cage suddenly shot downward, causing him to fall backward.
Noyes has been a member of the Los Angeles Bar association for a number of years. He was on the superior court bench in Riverside county before he came to Los Angeles several years ago. He is 68 years old, and has offices in the Security building.

DIAZ THANKS DOMINGUEZ FOR PART IN CELEBRATION

Mexican President Writes Member of Old Spanish Family

Ralph Dominguez, bailiff of the United States district court in Los Angeles and a member of one of the oldest Spanish families in Southern California, is in receipt of a number of letters from President Diaz of Mexico thanking him for his part in the centennial celebration among the Mexicans in Los Angeles. Dominguez is a member of the California delegation to Mexico City during the recent celebration and is expected to arrive home at St. Paul, Minn., this week.
The whistle system as proposed by Sergeant Butler is as follows: One blast of the whistle from the crossing officer will set all north and south-bound traffic in motion, and two blasts will set all east and west traffic in motion. Three blasts of the whistle will be the signal for all traffic to halt, and will be used in cases of fire apparatus and police ambulances.
Under the system the right of way between respective cars will be entirely regulated, and the railroad companies and the public that the traffic can be handled in this way and at the same time reduce the number of accidents at street intersections.

INDIA GREAT SUGAR PRODUCER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—India is one of the greatest sugar producing countries in the world, its output amounting to four or five million tons annually, according to Consul Denby of Bombay. The establishment of large factories is planned there in order to meet the competition of the imported articles.

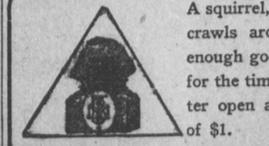
MAKE TEST OF EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTING TUG

SAN PEDRO, Sept. 22.—Tests of the new fire-fighting apparatus installed by the Banning company on the tug Falcon, under contract with the city, were made today. A monitor nozzle which throws a two-inch stream 200 feet is included in the equipment. The tug Warrior will be similarly equipped to comply with the contract by which the Banning company agrees to keep the tug at all times in one or the other of the tugs for \$250 per month. This sum will just about pay the wages of the additional crew required, and it is the opinion of the water front the company made the city a very liberal proposition. The tugboats will afford fire protection to the entire water front and lumber yards.

PRELATE BARS STORER TALK

OMAHA, Sept. 22.—Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., refused today to receive newspaper reporters here until assured that they would not ask him to talk on the Roosevelt-Storer dispute, which was revived by the publication of certain letters given out by Mrs. Bellamy Storer.
"I have nothing to say on that subject," said he.

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POLICE WILL TEST WHISTLE SYSTEM

Method of Regulating Traffic to Be Tried Next Week at Crowded Corner

REQUIRES EXTRA PATROLMEN

Sergeant Butler Explains Proposition to Railway Men, Who Will Co-operate

Following a conference between officials of the street railway companies, Captain of Police Lehmann, Sergeant Butler of the traffic squad and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sidney Reeve at central police headquarters yesterday for the purpose of discussing the advisability of adopting the whistle system of regulating traffic, it was announced that it would be given a trial next week.
If found to be practical the council will be asked to draft an ordinance regulating the traffic on the downtown streets by this system.
Representing the railway companies at the conference were: General Superintendent J. J. Alken and Assistant Superintendent E. L. Lewis of the Los Angeles Railway company; Superintendent Thomas McCaffrey, J. B. Story, assistant superintendent, and F. Van Vranken, superintendent of the southern division of the Pacific Electric Railway company; Superintendent Charles White of the Los Angeles-Pasadena Railway company, and Charles Means, superintendent of the Los Angeles & Redondo Railway company.
The street car officials expressed approval of the system and their willingness to co-operate with the police in giving it a trial.
The different phases and possibilities of the system were explained by Sergeant Butler. To install the system he will require ten additional men for the traffic squad.

TEST AT FIFTH AND BROADWAY

The first trial will be at Fifth street and Broadway some time next week, the exact date to be made public later. After the system has been tried out at that intersection, which is considered one of the busiest in the downtown district, the traffic at First and Main streets will be regulated by whistle signals for several days to demonstrate to the railroad companies and the public that the traffic can be handled in this way and at the same time reduce the number of accidents at street intersections.

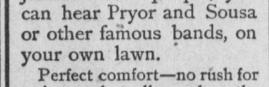
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