

INSIDE HISTORY OF THE KELLY THEFT

Matt Cullen Tells How the Silverfield Fur Robbery was Planned and Executed—How Kelly Escaped, Where Reward Went.

"When George Kelly, or Bissett, entered Andrew Kan's Japanese bazaar on the night of February 11, to perpetrate the fur robbery at Silverfield's store on Morrison street, he left a bottle of nitro-glycerin suspended over the door that would have blown the whole place forced to atoms had they attempted to break in and capture him," said Matt Cullen, the man who of all others in this city knew and understood the plans and methods of the criminal who was



MATTHEW CULLEN.

later released by order of District Attorney John Manning. Cullen was arrested for having three of the stolen jackets in his possession, and was held to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Hogue with Kelly or Bissett, and was released last week by the district attorney, because the latter said he would not prosecute when he had permitted the greater criminal to go unpunished.

"Kelly's correct name is George Bissett," said Cullen, "and he was born and raised in Chicago. He has been a criminal from his early youth, and was one of the most desperate and daring, as well as clever, members of the old Mortell-McGraw gang that was one of the worst of the police of Chicago ever had to cope with. Kelly has always prided himself on being thoroughly criminal, and for years he has never gone without a large 44-caliber revolver, which he invariably carried in a handy place.

"I never tell those guys wild de starrs have de best of me," was Kelly's motto. Beyond questioning in the cold-blooded criminal I ever knew, and I used to shudder when he was with me, for stood for himself alone, as was demonstrated when I was arrested for the fur robbery. With such as he 'dead men tell no tales' and I'm more than glad to be rid of him, I tell you.

"Kelly planned" and perpetrated the



GEORGE KELLEY.

Silverfield fur robbery alone. He concocted it in my room in the Vincennes house on Morrison street about three weeks prior to its execution. He had with him here a kit of tools for burglary, safe-blowing and general criminal purposes, and he had no difficulty in making the key to Kan's store. He 'tore off' that job at old man Kan's home, as The Journal said at the time. He made the key he used to enter the store in my room.

"Kelly wanted awful bad to get a partner to help him in the job, but after the Frank diamond trick came off, he and his three partners 'split' over the 'divvy,' and separated. There was a man by the name of Underwood, a partner of the man who was shot by a Spokane policeman while attempting to 'tumble' a safe; Kelly wanted him to go in on the Silverfield job, but he refused and went to San Francisco. Later, he telegraphed Kelly: 'If I can't get job there, come here; good here.' But Kelly stayed here.

Now Kelly Worked. "Kelly was the slickest guy I ever knew. He goes to work after planning the Silverfield job and he rents a room for one week in the Cosmos house, right across the street, in the front so that he can see everything that goes on along Morrison street. He has an actress who used to work at a local concert hall, and he spends all kinds of coin on her. He gets her to go to Silverfield's and locate the window on the third floor where he enters later from Kan's store. Then he stays in his room nights, and he sizes up the whole situation. He sees when the coppers pull in their boxes; gets on to their habits to a T and 'spots' the specials, learning exactly the time they show up to try the doors and when they report off in the morning. Kelly waits until 12:20 midnight, and then, with the cops and specials out of sight, he unlocks Kan's door and enters. To make doubly sure of safety, he suspends the nitro-glycerin above the door, for he had told me that he would blow every copper on the force to pieces, and then while they were lying wounded and dying he would fight his way out with the aid of his 44-caliber gun—the one Detective Day took from him when he arrested him, and which is still at the station. Kelly stays in the fur store

until 6:15 a. m. Then, having packed the furs in a neat satchel, he comes out, knowing the coppers and specials are out of the way, and makes his exit with the people going to work and all is well. He has three hours, almost, before his crime is discovered and he is safe.

Where Cullen Got In. "A few days after the fur job was pulled off, Kelly comes to me in the Hub saloon, where I was then working, and says he wants me to plant some of the coats and skins. He has three with him, and insists that I put them in the basement. I tried to explain to him that I can't do it, for my people won't stand for it. 'Besides,' I says, 'I have a poor old father and seven sisters in Chicago to look out for, and I can't afford to mix in this. I can't afford to lose here.' Kelly looks at me and he says: 'You're like all de rest—no back-bole.'

"But he insists, and makes me take three coats. I plant them in the basement, then I goes and gets drunk. Fearful that I would be tipped off by the police, I tried to get rid of the coats, and takes one to Elsie Douglas, a woman who runs a house at the corner of Stark and Sixth streets. It was a peach of a fur, and worth \$300. She takes it, but gives it back later, and I thinks, gosh, she'll tip me. I goes quickly to special officer—my friend—and says to him, go and get the reward—I'm tipped, or you might as well have the \$250. I'll cut my throat first," he says, and refuses to tell the police. But Elsie Douglas did for less than an hour afterwards I was arrested by Day and Weiner. I understand Elsie Douglas got the reward, and divided it several ways.

"Well, I'm up against it, and in jail. Of course, I tells the detectives all I know, and Kelly was soon brought. He was as cold-blooded as eyer, and when he sees me he says: 'you're up against it, Matt; they know you turned that trick, and I feel sorry for you.' I said: 'Why, George, you ain't going to throw it into me, are you?' He says, 'well, they caught you with the furs, and I don't know anything about it. They can't do anything to me, but they'll bury you. I'm sorry for you. But keep a stiff upper lip—don't let these guineas wid de stars bluff ya. When we get to de county jail, we'll get a good lawyer. These fellows are not goin' to lay down when there's \$250 in sight.'

Kelly Mistrusted Police. "Well, the result was Kelly refuses to tell a thing, and I gets soaked. The detectives tried to fix thing so that Kelly would blow back the furs and then get loose, but Kelly refused to take their word or the chief's word, and said he would not give up the goods until he had Larry Sullivan's promise that he would be turned loose. When this was given, Kelly keeps his word, and turns up the skins. He goes free, and I am still in the county jail. Kelly was flush when he came here, as he must have had 2,000 bucks. The Silverfield people gave him \$20 when he left. I think he went to Seattle, for not long ago a fur store there was robbed, and I think he 'tumbled' that kump. It's a kick-off just like the job here."

Cullen says he knows the perpetrators of the Sigmund Frank diamond robbery, which occurred three months ago. There were \$3,400 worth, and there is a reward of \$500.

"Kelly and three partners, known as Harrington, Betts and 'Dutch,' planned and executed the Frank robbery," said Cullen. "It is Betts and 'Dutch' Detective Day went to Salt Lake for. They are under arrest there, and I think Chief Hunt is holding back my ticket to Chicago for the purpose of making me stay here and testify against them. My folks telegraphed me from Chicago a week ago that my ticket had been sent, but it has not come, the chief says. It was to be sent to him.

"Now, it was a few mornings after the Frank robbery that those fellows all comes to my room. They bring copies of The Journal, and some San Francisco papers, and they cuts out some pieces. After they leave, I send out and get copies of the same papers, and I see they cut out stories of the Frank robbery. I didn't see Kelly for a week after that, and when I asked him about it, he laughed, saying the goods had been sent east, and were being held at option.

"I made arrangements to meet Kelly and his three partners in Seattle, and I was introduced by him to some fence people there. But in the meantime, he and the others fell out, and separated, so when I went to Seattle with Detective Kerrigan and Snow, they failed to meet us.

Kelly's Record. "Kelly and Betts are both Chicago boys. Betts is a short, chunky fellow, mustache and eyes, 'Dutch' is from Portland, and is of light complexion, about five feet and eight inches tall, and has fair hair. Harrington is from San Francisco, is short of stature, is about 29 years old and has dark hair and eyes. Kelly served time in Joliet for 'tearing off' a postoffice near Chicago. He was known as one of the highest fence climbers the Chicago police ever had to contend with. He could make a 12-foot fence with comparative ease, and escape the coppers every time."

The Woman's Story. "I deny having told the detectives about Cullen," said Elsie Douglas, "and I never received the reward. It is true that Cullen brought a fur jacket to my house, but I told him to take it away. Furthermore I have forbidden Cullen to come to my house. I requested Chief Hunt to keep him away. He is always talking about this robbery and that theft, and I don't like it. His statements that I sold Day and Weiner about him is absurd, for they both scored me for not telling them of it. They are both my friends, and if you ask them whether I got the reward they will tell you I did not."

An Unusual Offering. What is undoubtedly a remarkable offering and one seldom made by any firm is the coco mats being sold by Calif Bros., 130 Sixth street, this week only at 39 cents. This mat is regularly sold for 65 cents, and sold low at this price. Portland housewives who are particular about the wear and tear of their carpets, and who raise strenuous objection to muddy tracks these rainy days, may save many words by investing in one of these mats. The bargain is "laid at your door," so to speak. If your old mat is "passing in its checks," now's the time to get a new one. After Saturday night your chance is gone.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

FLEEING WIFE IS STILL UNMOVED

ROSINA MANTELLO, WHO DESERTED HUSBAND AND INFANT, SAYS SHE WILL RETURN STOLEN MONEY, BUT NOT HERSELF—PROSECUTION WILL FOLLOW.

In a letter to her deserted husband, received this week, Mrs. Rosina Mantello, who eloped a week ago Sunday



FRANK PATESTIO

Accused of Eloping With Mrs. Rosina Mantello.

with Frank and Joseph Patestio, taking \$485, states that she is willing to return the money if Rafaelo Mantello insists, but that she will never live with him again. She says that she could



JOSEPH MORAK

Who is Hunting the Elopers.

never do so, and left for no other reason. She declares she did not elope with the Patestios, but that she went alone. Notwithstanding Mrs. Mantello's declarations, requisition papers are to be applied for today to bring back the fleeing wife and the men alleged to have



JOSEPH PATESTIO

been implicated in the plot with her. Burglary and robbery will be charged against them, and when they are found by the Seattle police, Joseph Morak, having the case in charge, will go and bring them to Portland.

There was not one word in Mrs. Mantello's letter to her husband concerning her little 18-months-old baby, which was left with its father. She says that she loaned numerous small sums of money to Portland friends, and tells her husband he may collect it. She enclosed a long list.

Is It Your Business? Your happiness is your own business, but when you are not happy it is because you do not feel strong. In such cases you have only to go to the Brooks Drug company, No. 47 North Third street, and get a box of Palmo Tablets, the tonic that sends new life to every part of your body and makes life worth living. Price 50 cents, or 12 boxes for \$5.

There are two kinds of aristocrats—those whom their titles make known, and those who make their titles known.

THAT ALL MAY GAZE ON STOREY'S PHIZ

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, And merry old soul was he; And the photo of this monarch droll Was pasted on every tree.—Ancient Ballad.

If you should see a large Paris panel photograph of a large handsome man with dreamy, ox-like eyes and only a few wrinkles of thought seaming the otherwise unfurrowed expanse of his kindly visage, smiling benevolently at you from the window of a cigar store or the place of business in the next few days—that will be Sheriff Storey.

Of course, most people know Sheriff Storey. He is of that genial, hearty nature which makes his happy possessor known to the multitude. With him it is merely an everyday event to collar passersby and identify himself, supplementing the introduction by a history of his sorrows, the economical administration of his office and his roseate hopes for the future. But there may be a few people from outside districts who have never had the pleasure of meeting Storey. It is for them this narrative is written.

A few days ago the sage of economy went to a photographic studio and had "his picture took." He robed himself in a new tie and his cheeriest smile. A work of art was the result, and in his beaming gladness the sheriff ordered \$6 at the rate of \$3 apiece. His intention is to frame them. One will be mounted

MUST NOT TALK TO AUDITOR'S CLERKS

"Too much time is consumed by the public coming into the offices and talking on personal or trivial matters to the employees," said City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin this morning, "and for that reason the clerks and bookkeepers will be called in, in such a manner that the general public cannot have such easy access. Only those having city business to transact will be permitted to enter.

HOW GOOSE HOLLOW CAME BY ITS NAME

"Ever hear how Goose Hollow received its poetic name?" asked City Jailor Branch this morning. Branch was speaking to one of the youngsters on the local police force, one who had only been a member of the department 10 or 12 years—the jailer having worn the Portland blue since 1876.

"No, Ben, never heard," came the reply. "Well, it happened this way," began the old member of the peacekeepers. "In the early '70s there was a poundkeeper in Portland named Charley Lawrence. He was such a fatner that the people called him 'Gassy Charley.' Lawrence was paid by the city so much a head for all the stock and geese that he looked up in the city pound. He would go out in the country and if he saw a horse or hog running loose he would promptly drive the animal to Portland, lock it up and then get the head money for its release.

"The farmers caught on to this game before long and put a stop to it. This caused Charley's bank account to run

DE GUILDER AND HIS LONG RECORD

COUNTY JAIL HOLDS MAN WHO IS SAID BY PINKERTONS AND POLICE TO BE A FAMOUS FORGER AND CLEVER BLUNDER OF FUR SUIT—A COLLEGE GRADUATE.

Langulshing behind the bars of the county jail is "Count" Edward J. Friedman, known here as De Guilder, was placed under arrest at Tacoma, Wash. in time to prevent his departure and five days later was transferred to Spokane. Capt. James Nevins, superintendent of Pinkerton's National Detective agency in the state prison at Boise, formerly in the direction of the protective committee of the American Bankers' association to guard the interests of the association.

Since April of that year Friedman had been operating under assumed names and swindling hotels in various parts of the country. Claiming to be the traveling representative of some specified firm, he would offer at a hotel office a check which purported to be drawn by the firm in his favor, and succeeded in acquiring considerable money in that way.

In the course of his travels, it is said, he stopped at San Antonio, Tex. and in June, 1897, under the name of Eugene Guilbert, swindled a member of the Bankers' association on a bogus check for \$200. The Pinkertons were apprised and have kept the man under almost constant surveillance since that time.

In August of that year it became evident that Friedman was changing somewhat his mode of operating. He had developed into a cool, nervy forger. He called on H. C. Brooks, Jr., of the United Coal company of Denver, Colo., and renewed an acquaintance formed on the railway between Colorado and California. Showing a draft for \$750 drawn on New York bank and signed "Lazard Freres," Friedman asked Mr. Brooks to identify him at the bank. Brooks readily agreed, and further, endorsed the draft. It was returned as a forgery and Brooks was held responsible for the amount.

Later in the month Friedman struck up an acquaintance with a traveling man journeying to Spokane. On arriving at that place he apparently received a voluminous mail, among the letters being one containing what purported to be certified check for \$100. He had created such a good impression that his new-found friend aided him to secure the money. The traveler was bound for Seattle and Friedman, accompanying him there, received a similar check for \$200. With the aid of his friend he obtained the cash.

Friedman then came to Portland

Are You Weary and Run Down? Are You Sick and Depressed? Is Your Blood Thin and Poor?

From the long, cold winter? Do you take cold easily? Do you feel shivery? Utterly fagged out after little exertion? Is your complexion bad? Do you feel that life is not worth living? Nearly every one has some of these symptoms in spring, for winter, while apparently bright, is all the time sapping your strength. Your blood is clogged with disease poisons. By spring every one is in more or less of some condition of "run-down," "tired," "worn out," "mentally best describes it. This is especially true if you have had GRIP, pneumonia or other illness so common in winter. These are Nature's demands for a tonic, and Nature has a remedy.

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OREGON MUD FOR FAIR'S HIGHWAY

AUDITOR DEVLIN SAYS PORTLAND WILL BE THE FIRST CITY TO HAVE A BIG FAIR AND NO PAVED STREETS TO IT—TWENTY-SECOND STREET WAS LAST CHANCE.

"Portland will be the very first city in the United States to have a world's fair and no paved street by which it may be reached," said City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin today. "The defeat of the proposed pavement of Twenty-second street does not reflect credit upon the city. 'The defeat of the proposed pavement will hurt this city more than any other one thing in the line of improvements. It was designed to give us a good, passable thoroughfare to the grounds, and was the only feasible street to improve. The cost would not have been excessive, and that the improvement would be defeated is indeed too bad. There is no likelihood that another attempt will be made by the city to get a paved street to the grounds, and Portland will have the unenviable distinction of being the only city having a fair of such great importance to have no paved street leading to it."

The proposed pavement is that for which bids were to be called in the near future. As published yesterday, it was defeated by at least 50 more names than two-thirds of the citizens along Twenty-second street, from Washington to Thurman. It is estimated the cost would have been between \$25,000 and \$45,000, charged against the abutting property. Attorney James Gleason and J. C. Copeland circulated petitions against the improvement.

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WANT ADS FREE

In the first issue of The Sunday Journal, which will be March 20, "want ads." under the classifications named below will be inserted free, provided the ad. is presented at the business office of The Journal on or before Friday noon, March 18:

- HELP WANTED (male or female).
- SITUATION WANTED (male or female).
- LOST AND FOUND.
- FOR RENT.
- ROOMS FOR RENT.
- FURNISHED ROOMS.
- HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS.
- AGENTS WANTED.
- PERSONAL WANTED.
- TO EXCHANGE.

The first issue of The Sunday Journal will have a very large circulation and it will be to every one's advantage to let their wants be known through its columns.