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DEAR MEL SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE VICTORIA I HAD JUST FINISHED EATING STOP NO LIQUOR WAS IN SIGHT AT MY TABLE I SENSED SOMETHING UNUSUAL OCCURING AND ON LOOKING UP BEHELD A ROUGH LOOKING MAN JUST BEHIND ME DRESSED IN HAT AND OVERCOAT I STOOD UP THINKING I WAS ABOUT TO BE HELD UP HE GRABBED HOLD OF ME WITHOUT A WORD AND FELT MY POCKETS WHEREAT I PULLED AWAY AND HIT HIM I WAS IMMEDIATELY SEIZED AND HELD FROM BEHIND BY FOUR OTHER MEN WHILE THE FIRST ASSAILANT TRIED TO HIT ME I FOUGHT BACK AS BEST I COULD AND FINALLY GOT HOLD OF A BLACKJACK ONE OF THEM WAS USING BUT NOT BEFORE I HAD BEEN STRUCK ON THE HEAD WITH IT SEVERAL TIMES AND QUITE DAZED AFTER I HAD BEEN DRAGGED TO THE FRONT PART OF THE CAFE I WAS TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME TO QUIT RESISTING AS I WAS UNDER ARREST AT THE SAME TIME ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS SAID IF THERE IS ANY MORE FIGHT IN THE BLANK KILL HIM REGARDS=

ALLEN MCGILL.