

FRIEND WARNED BOAS AGAINST TAKING POWDER

Walter Wilson, His Business Associate, Tasted It and Noticed Bitter Flavor

Miss Anna Kelliper Admits Receiving Presents, but Can Not Account for Death

Letter Received by Boas Is in Handwriting Similar to That in Letters to Girl

the deadly power of the powder, allowed his associate to experiment so perilously with the white substance.

Changed the Family Name

Leaving his office at the usual time Boas went to his home, 2816 Harrison street, where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Kate Bose; his sister, Miss Alma Bose, and two brothers, John and Martin Bose.

After dinner he went to the store of A. F. Thornberg, 3122 Sixteenth street.

The men talked of electrical subjects, in which both were interested, and talked particularly of the electric train which Thornberg was exhibiting in the window.

During the evening Boas made a particular point of showing to Thornberg the letter. He indicated certain words which he said he could not decipher.

"But don't pay any attention to the letter and don't take the stuff. You don't know but what it might be poison," warned Thornberg.

After the shop closed at 9:10 the two men went to Weils' saloon in Hoff avenue and had two glasses of dark beer, crackers and cheese and some sausage.

BOAS TAKES THE POISON

W. Hall and Mrs. Hall occupy the front rooms at the Boas home, and shortly after they heard Harry enter his apartment they heard a fall and a groan.

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Unusual Facts Are Brought Forth in Death of the Imaginative Electrician

Harry J. Boas, electrician of 2816 Harrison street, died in his room after swallowing strychnine received in a special delivery letter.

The poison was contained in a letter purporting to come from "Charles M. Hawer, M. D., of San Jose." It was recommended for stomach trouble.

Boas was said to be in love with Miss Anna Kelliper, a telephone operator of San Jose, who did not return the affection.

Girl declares she knows nothing of the death. Police insist that Boas committed suicide, declaring that he wrote letter to himself.

Family believe that Boas was murdered. But they can neither support murder theory nor assign a cause of suicide.

same time. All rushed into the room. They found the young man on the floor beside his bed. He was in severe pain.

Physicians were summoned, but shortly after Boas died.

When the police were called they investigated the letter and immediately turned their attention toward the San Jose end of the mystery.

Harry Boas went to San Jose three years ago and stayed until 18 months ago. While there he roomed with Mrs. G. G. Walker, 63 South Fifth street.

While he was staying at the Walker lodgings he met two girls, daughters of Patrick Kelliper, a farmer of Evergreen, a town eight miles west of San Jose.

The older one, Miss Anna, or "Patsy," as her friends called her, is about 25 years old and is employed by the telephone company as an operator.

The other girl, Miss Lena, is younger than her sister and did not enter into the Boas affair.

HAS GOOD REPUTATION

Miss Anna Kelliper bears an excellent reputation in San Jose. Chief of Police Edward Haley is a friend of the family and spoke yesterday in the highest terms of the girl.

But it developed that she had received valuable presents from Harry Boas. Among his effects in the Harrison street home was the receipt for \$50 paid for a pair of earrings given the girl.

Miss Kelliper explained the present last evening by saying that Boas wrote to her that he was going to send her a present and that if she did not accept it he would never speak to her again.

The girl took the jewels. She insisted that she was not in love with Boas nor engaged to him. On the contrary, it is reported in San Jose that she is engaged to a young man in Portland.

But as recently as Tuesday Miss Kelliper and Boas had a long conversation over the telephone, and in the young man's office where he died was a package containing a handsome set of hand painted china, which he was going to send to "Sis," as he called the girl, as a Christmas present.

Miss Kelliper Talks

To a reporter from The Call Miss Kelliper made the following statement last evening:

"I first met Harry Boas at Mrs. Walker's house, when we all stayed there. He said that he was a graduate of Yale and gave me a Yale pennant to wear. After he left here, we corresponded and he frequently telephoned to me, but I had no affection for him. I accepted his gift of a pair of diamond earrings because he told me that if I did not he would never speak to me again.

"Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock he telephoned me from San Francisco that some friends of his were coming down here and asked me if I would give them a good time. I promised that I would. That night I wrote him a letter—I didn't write of anything important; it didn't amount to much and was mostly about entertaining his friends. I just wrote two or three pages in the letter, chatty remarks.

"The last time I saw him was two months ago. The last letter I received from him was Monday. In it he spoke of the initiation connected with some New York fraternity to which he belonged. There was little else in the letter, and positively no rash threats."

Not a Fraternity Man

All the friends of the dead man agree that he had a lively imagination, which he used to advertise himself. He told all his associates that he was a graduate of Yale university and that he attended the Sheffield technical school affiliated with the New Haven institution.

His family declare that he had but a common school education. Boas talked freely of being a fraternity man and displayed what he said was his fraternity pin. The pin resembled closely the pin of the Alpha Tau Omega national fraternity. The University of California chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Berkeley said last night that there was no member of the organization named Boas, and they had no information regarding the dead electrician.

Mrs. Walker and Chief of Police Haley of San Jose are particularly emphatic regarding Boas' imaginative talent.

"He was always talking of his college life and of experiences he had had in Arizona and Mexico, but I thought he was a liar," declared Mrs. Walker.

Chief Haley's Statement

At a conference held last evening in the office of the chief of police of San Jose, which was attended by Detective Gallagher of this city, Mrs. Walker, Miss Anna and Miss Lena Kelliper and newspapermen, Chief Haley made the following statement:

"My opinion is that Boas wrote this letter to himself and committed suicide in a spectacular manner. I have known Miss Kelliper and her family for many years. There is no doubt in my mind that the girl is guiltless of wrong doing. We have examined the handwriting in this letter and those which he sent to Miss Kelliper and find that the handwriting is identical."

Detective Gallagher would not comment himself, but assented to the chief's opinion.

Miss Goodson, a trained nurse who lives at the Walker house, was closely questioned by Detective Gallagher and Detective J. C. Hines of San Jose. They were closeted with the woman for a long time, and at the end of the interview announced that she had nothing to do with the case.

Her San Francisco Beau

While Miss Kelliper insisted on the platonic quality of her friendship for Boas, it was apparent from the letters she wrote him that she was frequently teased about her San Francisco "beau," and was not adverse to letting him know of the comments that were made on their correspondence.

On his part, Boas was always telling his friends of "Sis" and planned to go to San Jose at Christmas time and see her.

Had he lived he would have today become associated with Arthur H. Simpson of the Ideal electric company at Mission and Third streets in a new enterprise. They were to buy out the business of the Rosenthal electric company in McAllister street near Fillmore.

That he was able to embark on a new venture is held by Boas' friends as proof that he was not hard up financially.

An examination of Boas' stomach, made by City Chemist F. T. Green, disclosed strychnine in sufficient quantities to have killed at least 10 men, the process of digestion not having commenced to any appreciable extent and the food which the dead man had eaten for supper was recognizable. The stomach showed the presence of vermicelli, potato salad and large pieces of meat. These were also subjected to an analysis and showed the presence of poison.

Will Make Further Tests

The stomach was removed and will be subjected to further tests to learn what other, if any, poisons were taken by Boas.

Detectives Graham and O'Neil started out on a tour of the city drug stores last night to discover where the poison was bought that killed Boas.

City Chemist Green will analyze the whisky today in a search for foreign substances.

In the pocket of the dead man was found a receipted bill from the Maxwell jewelry company, 17 Fourth street, this city, for \$50 for payment made on a pair of quarter carat diamond earrings which Boas had purchased from them. Several checks made payable to his order and to the order of the Pennant electric company, of which he was the proprietor, were also found.

In addition was found the letter which had been received from him at his office in the Williams building, Third and Mission streets, and which contained the two powders which are supposed to have caused his death.

CLOSE FRIEND SAYS DECEASED REFERRED TO GIRL FREQUENTLY

Arthur H. Simpson, proprietor of the Ideal electric company, 201 Williams building, was a close friend of Boas and was to have been his business partner in another electric business venture, the pair having made arrangements to buy out the Rosenthal electric company at McAllister and Fillmore streets. The deal was to be closed today.

Simpson speaks in the highest terms of the dead man's honesty and generosity, and says that he was generally popular for his genial and sunny temperament.

SLAIN YOUTH FOUND IT HARD TO READ FATAL NOTE AND TOLD FRIEND

Boas claimed to be a graduate of the Sheffield technical school of Yale and told many of his friends that while he was in college he led a gay life, but that after he returned home he settled down on account of his mother.

In talking to A. F. Thornberg, dealer in electrical supplies of 3122 Sixteenth street, the night he received the letter, Boas said, "Thornberg, I can not make out the writing and I wish that you would help me."

Thornberg said last night, "Harry came to my store last night and told me that he had received a letter from some one who had gone to see a doctor about his stomach trouble, but he could not make out some of the words and we tried to figure out what they were. I told him that he had better throw the stuff away as he did not know exactly from whom he had received it, but he laughed and told me that he thought that it was all right. We left the store at 10 o'clock, the time I close, and went down to Weils' saloon and had a drink of beer. Harry asked me to order for him a couple of little, two bit' flasks of whisky and when the bar tender gave it to him we noticed that there was considerable sediment in it. Harry, in a joking way, told the bar tender that he had better get the frogs out of the whisky, but he refused and said that he guessed he would settle for the time he got home."

"I told him that I would not take the medicine, because it looked to me as if it had been put there by some one who did not take as much care as a doctor or druggist would, and that it did not look like it."

"So far as I know he did not pay much attention to women, but he has on two occasions spoken of his wife, and I remember once he asked me if I would not like to attend a banquet that the graduates were going to give for him, and he said that he would not allow me to leave the store. He has talked with Yale men and the professors and the group of students often told me about the different experiments he had made while at the college. He had a very good knowledge of chemistry."

"I know nothing more than I have told you, but am sure that he must have attended Yale college."

LETTERS SHOW BOAS STRUGGLED UNDER A HEAVY FINANCIAL LOAD

That Boas has been struggling under a heavy financial load for some time past is borne out by letters which have been found among his effects.

On October 13 he received a letter from Sylvester A. Baker, the Pacific coast representative of T. Wesley Wright of New York, dealers in incandescence lamps, in which Baker chided him for not having acted on a bill for lamps which had been furnished but not paid for, and threatened to place the matter in the hands of an attorney for collection.

The Bay State lamp company of Danvers, Mass., under date of September 22, wrote Boas that they had agreed to send them a check for \$102.25, but that he had not done so, and requesting that he forward the check at once.

Albert H. Elliott, an attorney in the Harding building, 34 Ellis street on September 22, wrote Boas that he had paid a claim that the Thomas Day company had against him for \$7.70 he would be compelled to pay unless attention; that the account was overdue, and that the company insisted on payment being made at once.

John Adler, a friend of Boas, to whom the latter had sold a small bill of goods, wrote Boas from San Jose a few days ago, in which Boas said that he needed some money, and that if Adler would lend him that day he would throw off part of the bill, the amount that he was willing to accept being less than the actual cost price of the goods.

Thornberg, who was a friend of Boas, told him that he had a small sum of money on Wednesday night, but he had no time to make his collections, and when he would he would be sure to get it all right, because he said that it was some checks that day and could wait for it until some time next week.

SISTER OF DEAD MAN TELLS OF HIS TENDER LOVE FOR FAMILY

Alma Bose, a sister of the dead man, who spelled her name differently from her brother's way, said yesterday:

"Harry was employed at the office of the Century electric company at San Jose until about 18 months ago. Since that time he has been trying to build up a business for himself, as he always wanted to have a home of his own. He was always thinking of her, and when he should happen to cough during the night he would get up and knock at her door, asking if he could do anything for her."

"Harry never went out late at nights and did not go to dances. He was not a drinking man and we never knew any of his associates. I can not believe that he ever was engaged to a girl, because if he was he would certainly have told my mother. We have absolutely no idea who could have done so cruel a thing to my poor brother."

"When he came back from San Jose he went to work for the Standard company and then started business for himself. The Mrs. Walker, that he has spoken about is the woman with whom Harry boarded when he was at San Jose. She is a middle aged woman and used to be very kind to my brother."

"We were awakened last night by a crash in Harry's room. We rushed to the door and found Harry stretched full length on the floor. He looked rigid then."

"My brother John dashed away for a doctor. When he came I sent for another doctor. When they reached the house Harry was still alive, but they could do nothing for him. He died about 11 o'clock."

MANY LETTERS MARKED 'PERSONAL' HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY BOAS

One of the most important features of the case was the statement made last night by Richard Geraghty, the young man who runs the elevator in the Williams building, where Boas had his office. In talking about the case last night Geraghty said:

"I took up the special delivery letter case the other evening and brought the letter for Boas and as soon as I saw that the letter had been marked 'personal' I asked him to get it to me as Boas had told me to give all letters that came for him that were marked 'personal' to me. I got a number marked 'personal' and he has always put them in his pocket, never opening any in any way. I have seen some of them and it was not like this as far as I can remember, but I would not say for sure. I would not say for sure. I had never seen any writing like this on any of the letters or not."

"As nearly as I can recall some of the letters which he received that were marked 'personal' were from San Jose. I never saw him with any woman and know nothing about his having any sweetheart."

TURKISH PASHA ASSASSINATED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 3.—General Ismael Mahr Pasha, a former aide de camp of the sultan, who investigated the revolution of 1908, was shot by a Turkish soldier in the city of Constantinople.

TYPHOON SWAMPS 25 BOATS

OKAYAMA, Dec. 3.—Thirty-five Japanese fishing boats were wrecked in a typhoon yesterday off Hatsu Island, in Kuroshio bay, and wrecked. It is reported that 350 fishermen lost their lives.

MADDENED MOB IS LOOTING PORT AU PRINCE

Troops Fire on Rioters and Twelve Fall Before Soldiers' Bullets

Hastily Organized Armed Force Saves City From Hands of Looters

Aged Deposed President Be-moons Fate on Board French Battleship

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strongly in favor of General Simon and he will probably be elected president if the chambers can be assembled without delay. Simon has arrived at Gressier, which is only about 12 miles distant. He is in command of the army and will return to the city Friday morning. A delegation composed of several prominent citizens has gone to meet the revolutionaries and acquaint him with the facts that Nord Alexis has gone aboard the French ship. They will invite him to come into the capital at his earliest convenience.

Many Arrests Made

A great quantity of stolen articles has been taken to the central police station and about 150 looters, men and women, have been arrested. The last body of troops, stationed at the crossroads, the division under General Milon, was ordered to march today with their arms raised and several heavy guns, on their way to the north. The authorities did not dare to disarm them.

These divisions were at one time entrenched at the crossroads for the purpose of checking the advance of the revolutionists from the south, but these were greatly depleted by desertions until there remained only a fraction of the original number. It was the defection of the troops that gave the popular courage to rise against the president.

H. W. Furniss, the American minister, who was charged by one of the opponents of the president with a public proclamation with having encouraged Nord Alexis to resist, makes strong denial of having in any way attempted to influence the president, but he became greatly irritated over the incident and wished to take extreme measures against M. Cauvin, who was responsible for the issuance of the proclamation.

General Canal, however, to whom the matter was referred as head of the public safety committee, succeeded in reassuring Furniss by explaining that the charge was a personal one on the part of Cauvin and that no one believed it.

Garrison Soldiers Desert

CAPE HAYTIAN, Dec. 3.—A number of prominent citizens here are trying to form a committee of public safety, but can not secure the indorsement of the delegates of the Port au Prince government. A number of soldiers, having encouraged Nord Alexis to resist, makes strong denial of having in any way attempted to influence the president, but he became greatly irritated over the incident and wished to take extreme measures against M. Cauvin, who was responsible for the issuance of the proclamation.

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Will Protect Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The suggestion that the United States government should intervene in Haiti because of the American business interests affected by the revolution in progress there does not call for any responsive sympathy at the state department.

The ground for intervention is said to be that Germany would be the one to step in and restore order, as German interests there far outweigh all others.

The fact that Haytiens have not made any formal intervention is regarded as a most important reason why this country would hesitate to take any initial step in bringing about intervention. However, if necessary, American bluecoats will be landed to protect American interests that are jeopardized or in case American citizens need protection.

FACES TRIAL FOR ASSAULT

NAPA, Dec. 3.—The preliminary examination of John Stanisha and J. Simionch on the charge of attempting to murder M. Dergens at the Oak Hill mine was held before Justice Ashton today. Stanisha was held to answer before the superior court, but Simionch was released from custody. The testimony showed that early on the morning of November 8 Stanisha went to Dergens's house, found him in bed and beat him a terrible manner with a club. Stanisha gave as his excuse for the assault that Dergens owed him 30 cents on a bill.

FATHER AND SON

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"Then he began to eat for breakfast, Grape-Nuts with cream and a soft boiled egg. For dinner a dish of Grape-Nuts and cream, toasted bread and a glass of warm milk. For supper same as breakfast with a baked potato, one or two poached eggs, and a glass of warm milk.

"After two months on this diet he had nearly regained his normal weight. He took outdoor exercise and got plenty of sleep. He has no more trouble with his stomach, and can eat anything.

"These results induced us to try Grape-Nuts on our 6 months baby, who from birth had been puffy. Nothing seemed to agree with him, although we tried the whole list of Infant Foods.

"When I began to feed him Grape-Nuts with warm milk poured on to make it soft he only weighed 13 lbs. After six weeks of his new diet he has gained 7 lbs. and is hearty and happy."

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

COAL MEN STALLED IN THE MOUNTAINS

Eighty San Franciscans in Wreck Near the Stone Canyon Mine

Special Train Meets With Accident While Making the Return Trip

SAN MIGUEL, Dec. 2.—In a lonely section of the mountains 22 miles from here 80 San Francisco coal dealers are stalled on a special train which left the return trip had been begun from the Stone canyon mine. No one was injured in the accident and all the passengers are making the best of an uncomfortable situation. Food has been sent in from the mine and a wrecker has been ordered to the scene.

The scene of the wreck is on the newly built line through the thinly populated mountains to the Stone canyon coal deposits 25 miles east of here. The train consists of an engine and three Pullmans and is the first run over the route for the accommodation of passengers.

The train left San Francisco last night in charge of officials of the Stone Canyon company. The mine has but recently been developed and the corporation was preparing to place its product on the market. Eighty San Francisco retail dealers were invited to make the trip as guests of the company to inspect the product.

After spending the day at the mine, the return trip was begun in the afternoon. The train had proceeded but three miles when the engine jumped the track. Word was immediately sent to this city and the wreck is on the way to the city.

The schedule called for the return of the train to San Francisco by midnight, but it will be 3 o'clock tomorrow before the passengers can reach their homes.

The Stone canyon mine is on a branch line built by the company, and connecting with the Southern Pacific near here.

FOREST'S PERIL TOPIC OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A conference on the destruction in Montana of the forests and vegetation by the fumes from the copper smelting furnaces was held at the White House today and it was decided to have representatives of the copper companies come to Washington to be heard on the matter before any action is taken. Those taking part in the conference were the president, Attorney General Bonaparte, Special Counsel Ligon Johnson of the department of justice, who has been investigating the matter; Senator Dixon of Montana, and a number of agriculturalists from that state who came to Washington to make a protest.

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