

FATAL NET IS DRAWN CLOSER ABOUT WILSON

Girl Refutes Suspect's Story of Having Tasted Drug in Letter

Additional Proof of Embezzlement Is Secured by the Detectives

man they had seen, but neither would swear that he had served him in any capacity during the time immediately preceding the Boas tragedy.

Theodore Kytko, the handwriting expert, finished his enlargements yesterday of the specimens of Wilson's handwriting furnished him by The Call, as well as the "poison letter." He declared that the exemplars prove conclusively that Wilson wrote the poison letter which was signed "Charles M. Hawer, M. D., San Jose."

John Boas, brother of the dead electrician, who has been winding up the affairs of the Pennant electric company, his brother's concern, said yesterday that not only did Wilson embezzle collections made for the company, but he declared his belief that Wilson destroyed credit cards in the card index system used by Boas to keep his accounts.

Names of some of the largest creditors of the Pennant concern are missing from the index and Boas asserted that he found Wilson destroying cards on last Friday morning. John Boas entered the office, room 511, Williams building, suddenly that morning and caught Wilson at this work of destruction.

Daily new evidence is discovered of Wilson's alleged peculations. Debts Are Denied

In his interview Wilson said that Boas committed suicide and that he did so because he was in debt and unable to meet his obligations. John Boas flatly contradicted this statement.

Had Boas lived another day a full exposure of his alleged criminal operations would have followed, for on Thursday, December 3, Boas was to have formed a partnership with Arthur Simpson, another electrician, and in the accounting that would have been made of the business of the Pennant electric company the full extent of Wilson's alleged shortages would have been had.

Wilson was taken to the identification bureau of the police department yesterday morning, where his photograph was taken for the "rogues' gallery." Detective Reagan also took his finger prints under the new system recently inaugurated.

Wilson has a weak mouth and his features generally give indication of a man of low moral character. He made a statement and during most of the time he was blubbering and whimpering like a whipped child. It was evident that most of the time he was prevaricating.

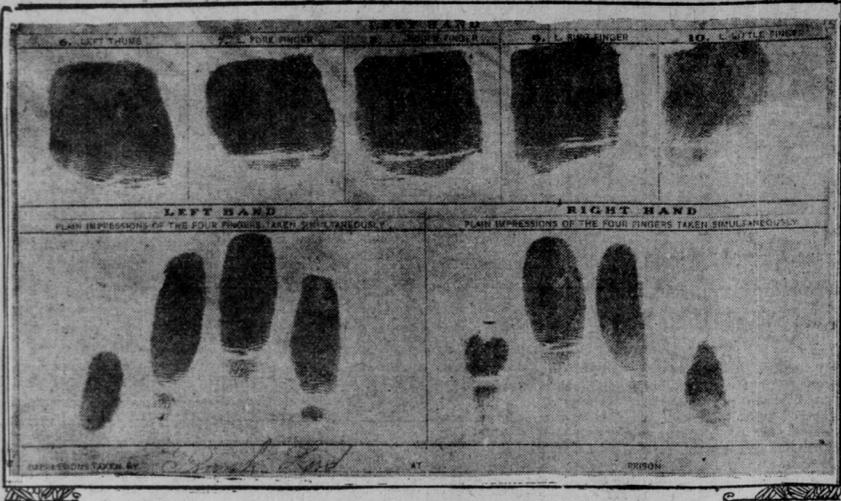
Said Boas Was Proud

He denied that he had anything to do with sending the letter to Boas containing the fatal powders and declared that Boas was his best friend. He said he believed that Boas wrote and posted the letter himself. He gave as his reason that Boas frequently wrote letters signing different names to them and often got Wilson to write letters and Boas would sign them in some other name.

"Boas was always taking money out of the business," said Wilson, "to buy presents for girls, like the \$15 which he paid for the diamond earrings and chocolate set for Miss Kellifer of San Jose. That was why he could not meet his financial obligations. He owed between \$750 and \$800, his principal creditors being the Bay State lamp company of Danvers, Mass., the Thomas Day company, Standard electrical company and Joseph Stevens & Co. of this city. How could I embezzle any money when there was none to embezzle?"

Prints of Wilson's Fingers Are Taken By Police to Further Identify Suspect

On the first page is a reproduction of the finger prints of Wilson's right hand, which the police have compelled Wilson to make as a part of their new system of identification. The accompanying illustration on this page shows the remainder of the record—the left hand thumb and fingers separately and the fingers of both hands imprinted simultaneously. This is the first case in which the local police department has had occasion to put into practice this new means of criminal identification.



Miss Helen Lawrence, the postoffice clerk at Station No. 2, Penn drug store, 122 Third street, who positively identified John Walter Wilson as a man she had seen in the drug store.



The police faced Wilson with Miss Lawrence on the theory that the girl had sold Wilson the special delivery stamp which was affixed to the poison letter sent Harry J. Boas.

letter containing the powders was delivered to Boas. She saw me taste the powder and spit it out of my mouth. She was with me that evening. She and I know a lawyer and I would like her to see that lawyer and tell him to come to the prison and see me."

Denies Wilson's Tale

Miss Laura Rohmer, a confidential clerk holding an important position in the Western electric company, denied absolutely the story glibly told by Wilson. Miss Rohmer's pretty face was set determinedly when she denounced Wilson's story. She was seen at her home, 1047 Noe street, last evening, and made the following statement:

No Mutual Friend

Parents in East

Headaches and Neuralgia From Colds

"He looked hard at me, as if he wanted to kill me. He glared fiercely at Mr. Toomey and me. I could not say positively that I had sold this man Wilson a special delivery stamp, but I might have. I can not recollect clearly that he was in the office the first week in December or thereafter. Often I do not notice the customers that come. I give them what they want without looking up."

Wilson From Philadelphia

Strychnine Purchaser

Deny Heavy Debt

Testimony at Inquest Into the Shooting of F. G. Hirschberg

INSTRUMENT OF DEATH OWNED BY SLAIN MAN

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he blubbered out, "No, I did not; I had nothing whatever to do with it."

Wilson From Philadelphia

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NO SPECULATION IN THE CANAL SHARES

French Ambassador Explains Why That Would Have Been Impossible

Democrats Do Not Impute Sordid Motives on Part of Chief Executive

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possible or not to obtain a list of the stock holders of the new canal company at the time of the final meeting on April 23, 1904. Such a list would show the names of those who had had been any speculation on the prospects of an American purchase, and whether any Americans were among the speculators.

No Speculation in Shares

What the Democrats Imply

Share Holders Got It

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GILLETT REPRIEVES CONDEMNED SLAYERS

Governor Grants Stay of Execution to Wife Murderer and Jail Breaker

Francis Quijada and Thomas Fallon, Sentenced to Hang Friday, Granted Leniency

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 9.—Governor Gillett, from his couch in St. Caroline's hospital, Redding, ordered his executive secretary today to issue in his name reprieves for Francis Quijada, under sentence to be hanged at Folsom Friday for participation in the attempted break at the Folsom prison in December, 1904, and Thomas Fallon, the San Francisco wife murderer, condemned to go to the gallows at San Quentin on the same day.

SEASON'S HEAVIEST RAIN

Sorensen Co.'s Mark

FRISBIE TO SLAY SELF

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DR. WONG HIM 1268 O'Farrell Street Between Gough and Octavia SAN FRANCISCO

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