

BOY OF L. A. RESIDENT FOUND AFLOAT ON TOP OF LAKE WATER

Identified As Harry Hellman, Naturalized Citizen, Former German

LEAVES SUICIDE NOTE

Declares He Would Not Return to Residence, Gives Instructions

The first suicide victim of Boulder lake was discovered this morning floating face down in the water between the Nevada spillway and intake tower at the upstream face of Boulder dam, and the victim apparently had been dead a week, according to investigating officers.

The man, Henry Hellman, resident of Los Angeles, was well dressed and carried with him several papers which afforded positive identification, including his United States naturalization papers as a former German citizen, which bore his photograph. No evidence was found as to where he entered the water, whether from the top of Boulder dam, one of the intake towers or the shore, but Carl Leonard, national park service ranger, one of the investigating officers, was of the opinion that he had gone into the water at its edge and had not made a suicidal dive.

A note left at his rooming house in Las Vegas further indicated his suicidal intentions. It stated, "Not come back. Write to Gust Lampros, 230 South Hill, Los Angeles, California," according to Sheriff M. E. Ward. Hellman was last seen in Las Vegas at 3:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon, and Sheriff Ward has been working on the case since he was notified by Anita Hurley, employe of Mrs. M. B. Matzdorf, at the White House on Carson street, where the man was registered from October 21 to October 26.

THE BODY was discovered at 7:15 o'clock this morning by Finley Pierce, Owen Tobler, and Stephen Chubbs as they started to work down at the bureau of reclamation boat house near the upstream face of the dam.

They notified officers in Boulder City, and Coroner A. J. Nelson empaneled a jury composed of Ranger Charles F. Peterson, Ranger Frank C. Jensen and Dr. E. W. Triener. They were present when the body was lifted from the water in a wire basket and thus removed to a truck which had been backed down to the water's edge.

The inquest was conducted at the dam, and Tobler testified that he found a hat floating at the edge of the water at the boat house on the Nevada side yesterday afternoon. The hat band gave the address of a clothier in Chicago, and addresses found in the pockets of the man's clothing corresponded with the same area, in Chicago, indicating that the hat had been worn by Hellman when he entered the water.