

MISS HANAN LEAVES MYSTERY SEALED

Victim of Brooklyn Dual Tragedy Dies Mute on Mrs. Laws' Motive

BROTHER TELLS STORY

New York, Sept. 26.—Miss Mildred F. Hanan, granddaughter of Alfred P. Hanan, multi-millionaire shoe manufacturer of Brooklyn, died in the Long Island College Hospital, early Sunday.

With the death of the Brooklyn heiress there seemed to vanish all hope of solving the deep mystery cloaking the attack on her by Mrs. Grace Laws, her former chum, who committed suicide immediately after the shooting, early Friday morning.

Up until she lost consciousness two hours before the end the police hovered about seeking a favorable moment to ask her once more just what Mrs. Laws, her inseparable friend, shot her and then killed herself.

But the moment did not come. Miss Hanan died still unresponsive to the "why" the detectives had been asking her with since she arrived at the hospital. When the doctors permitted the police to question her she cheerfully answered all questions except that having to do with motive.

Now and then she would shake her head signifying mystification and just as often she would wave them away without responding to the question.

Herland May Hold Key. John S. Herland, the importer, who was with Miss Hanan when she was shot and probably is the only surviving possessor of the answer to the policeman's question, was at the young woman's bedside with her mother and brother when she died.

She will be buried Wednesday, the service to be held in her brother's home at 100 West 11th street. Herland is to get the secret from Miss Hanan, and notwithstanding Herland's insistence that he can only guess at the reason for the tragedy, the police declare themselves confident that Mrs. Laws shot her erstwhile friend while in an abnormal mental condition caused by jealousy, alcohol, drugs and bankruptcy—a combination they agree warranted to precipitate murder and suicide.

Just before 2 o'clock Sunday morning Miss Hanan lost consciousness. The nurse observing that their patient was working, notified Mrs. Clara Hanan, the mother, and Alfred P. Hanan, the wounded woman's brother. They had been seeking cookies in an adjoining room. The family physician was sent for and Dr. Robert Barber, a Brooklyn physician, led oxygen to the patient in a desperate effort to ward off death.

Herland and Miss Williams, the young woman to whom Mrs. Laws addressed one of the letters found in her handbag after she killed herself, appeared at the hospital soon after.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Carl Boettger, assistant medical examiner, showed that a bullet pierced the thorax and the abdomen and lodged under the ninth rib on the right side beneath the chest wall.

One blood transfusion, made Friday in an effort to save the girl's life, seemed to give her additional strength and led the physicians to hold out hope for her recovery, but a relapse set in Saturday evening and she failed rapidly.

Brother Tells Story. The story of Miss Hanan's death was told to a reporter at Alfred Hanan's home in Sea Gate last night. The house was one of sadness, for preparations were being made for recovery of the body of the victim of the woman's rage.

This is the first and only intimate discussion of the tragedy given to a newspaper by any member of the family. Mr. Hanan's manner was subdued and sad. The blow has crushed him just as it has his mother, for there was a deep affection between him and his only daughter.

"There has been a lot published about this sad affair which is not true," said Mr. Hanan. When the tragedy happened we were almost blind in the dark as to its causes as anybody else.

"Mrs. Laws several months ago impressed me as irresponsible. I didn't like the way she acted and I asked my sister to try and break the connection with her, at least so far as her intimate acquaintance and manner which I thought indicated the user of drugs and just the suspicion of that disquieted me. Mrs. Laws was a cousin of the second Mrs. Hanan and Mildred met her through her father. She had little and Mildred felt sorry for her.

Calls Rivalry Absurd. "Mildred was a good-hearted girl and her goodness of heart has now cost her her life. The suggestion that rivalry between Mildred and Mrs. Laws for Mrs. Laws' attentions existed is absurd. Mrs. Laws was forty-five and not thirty-five as the papers have been saying.

"To suggest a motive for such a crime is almost impossible. The only explanation is that her act was that of an insane woman—an insane person need no motives.

"As I stated, I was disquieted about

Hero Gives Up Blood



ALBERT E. JACOBS Croix de Guerre winner who has made unusual record by giving his blood for transfusion

The woman and her whole character. When Mrs. Laws found she was to lose the monetary hope and the home she decided to commit the crime. She said to Mildred at the time of the disfigurement: 'I will see that the Hanan name gets in the papers in big type, and she certainly carried out her threat.'

Philadelphia Heard Shots. Jack Gibson, of 1229 Ritner street, Philadelphia, not only heard the shots which caused the death of Miss Hanan and Mrs. Laws, in Brooklyn, early Friday, but he also went to the Long Island College Hospital, Saturday night, and remained there for Miss Hanan. He was told to return at 10 A. M. He did so, only to learn that Miss Hanan had died shortly after 4 A. M.

Gibson, who is a cabaret singer, said he was standing at Court street and Atlantic avenue, on Friday morning, when he heard three shots from the disjuncted area of Schermerhorn street. He rushed aboard a passing trolley car for Schermerhorn street.

"I reached the scene of the shooting at the same time as Policeman Parks," said Gibson. "I saw John S. Herland supporting Miss Hanan. I helped the policeman search Herland, but we found no weapons. Then I discovered Mrs. Laws lying in the roadway. She was bleeding profusely, but it seemed she still showed some signs of life. I went with her in an automobile to the Long Island College Hospital and it was not until she was placed on the operating table that I discovered she was still holding the revolver. It was some difficulty in releasing the weapon from her hand."

Gibson was questioned for several hours by Reuben Wilson, Assistant District Attorney of Kings County, and then was allowed to go to his home on promising to appear when wanted.

WOMAN BAILIFF ON JOB

Mrs. S. P. Levis, of Lansdowne, Starts Federal Duties

Mrs. S. P. Levis, Lansdowne, started her duties this afternoon as bailiff in the Federal courts here. Mrs. Levis is the first woman bailiff in this State and was appointed by W. Frank Matlues, United States Marshal here.

Mrs. Levis said today she was delighted with her new position and would exert her energies to make women prisoners comfortable. Another of her duties will be to look out after the women on juries.

Mrs. Levis is secretary of the Twentieth Century Club of Lansdowne and the Association of Women's Clubs of Delaware County.

TOLAND FUNERAL TODAY

Services Are Held From Home at Wynnewood

Funeral services of Robert Toland, retired banker who ended his life Friday night while despondent over illness, were held this afternoon at his home on Kent road, Wynnewood. Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Toland, who was sixty years old and unmarried, had for the last six months been afflicted with almost constant headaches, which affected his ears. His nerves were shattered by pain, and his despondency grew deeper until his death.

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What is more, Jacobs expects to give the little fellow, whose name has not been revealed by the hospital authorities, two more generous portions of his blood, in the hope that the child finally may recover from a wasting disease.

The boy was sent here from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Physicians say he has been all over the country seeking blood that was exactly of the right sort for his depleted veins.

Jacobs, a big and burly steam-fitter, who has given his blood on several other occasions successfully, was known to the Baltimore surgeons, and they sent the boy's parents here to seek some of the life-giving fluid, said to be of a remarkable quality, which flows in the former soldier's veins.

Jacobs is a member of the Seventy-ninth Division, and served eighteen months in France. During that time he was twice wounded, twice operated on, twice gave a quantity of his blood to comrades and once sacrificed a portion of his skin so that healthy tissue might be grafted on a comrade's wound that would not heal.

Following his return to Philadelphia Jacobs gave some of his blood to a lawyer whose life had been despaired of. The patient had been given eight transfusions previously, but with little success. Following the transfusion of Jacobs' blood he got well.

The former soldier says he does not mind the transfusion, in the least, and soon feels as well as ever. He expects to go to Cleveland in two weeks to undergo another blood-transfusing operation to aid a physician.

BOYS LIKE BATHING

Outnumbered Men, Girls and Women at Public Pools

More boys used the bathhouses of the Bureau of Recreation this summer than men, women and girls together. From June 27 until Saturday, when the bathhouses closed, there was a total attendance of 7,723,293, an increase of 274,413 over last year.

Of these 1,570,445 were boys, 517,963 men, 453,024 girls and 161,869 were women.

Wills Admitted to Probate

The following wills were admitted to probate today: Joseph P. Bloemer, 212 Stoughton street, \$2600; Alice C. Flaherty, died in New York City, \$7000; Samuel O. Groves, died in the Hahnemann Hospital, \$7400; Marbilda Mayer, Ocean City, \$6000; Hannah White, 7322 Devon street, \$7250. Inventories of the personal estates of the following were filed: John L. B. Sherry, \$27,063; and George H. Hall, \$50,1508.

Arrested for Attacking Woman

Manchester, Conn., Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—John Lennell, twenty-three years old, was arrested here yesterday on a charge of assaulting Mrs. John Atkins on the street late Saturday night while she was walking home.

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TRANSFER NAVY CHAPLAIN

Captain C. H. Dickens Leaves League Island for Coast

Captain Curtis Hoyt Dickens, U. S. N., chaplain at the League Island Navy Yard, will leave this week for the Pacific Coast with his wife and daughter, Miss Kathryn Dickens, to take up his duties as aide to Admiral Eberle, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet. Captain Dickens has been chaplain of the Navy Yard for five years and eight months. He will be succeeded by Captain John D. MacNair, who will arrive Wednesday from the Newport Naval Training Station.

Other changes which will occur at the Navy Yard include Commander McGill Robinson Goldsborough, who has been ordered to Shanghai, China. Mrs. Goldsborough will accompany him. Commander O. A. McKim will leave the yard for inactive duty, and will reside in this city with his wife during the winter.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Howard Johnson had been detached from duty at League Island and ordered to sea aboard the U. S. S. San Francisco. Mrs. Johnson will continue her residence at her home in this city. Lieutenant Commander Earl Francis Enright has been transferred to Boston for duty, where he will be joined by his wife and his daughter, Miss Lillian Enright, who are now living in Annapolis.

DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Constable's Slayer Pays Penalty at Rockview Penitentiary

Belleville, Pa., Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—William A. Knight, a Southern Negro, who killed Deputy Constable William King of Matvers, Chester County, Pa., in the summer while the officer was in the act of reading a warrant to him, was electrocuted at the Rockview Penitentiary this morning.

Knight was brought to the penitentiary Saturday evening by Sheriff Orville and two deputies, of Chester County. A few minutes after 7 o'clock this morning he walked to the death chair without any outward show of fear and six minutes later was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert J. Campbell.

The body was unclaimed and will be buried in the penitentiary cemetery.

TWO BOY CONVICTS ESCAPE

Saw Through Steel Bars and Slide Down Rope of Blankets

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—Sawing their way through two sets of steel bars and dropping three stories by means of an improvised rope made of blankets, William Stone, seventeen years old, and Louis Thilvold, alias William C. Gibson, twenty, escaped from the Dutchess County jail in this city yesterday.

Strutting an automobile from a garage they started for New York, and according to reports received by the police here last night, were last seen in New York headed for Elizabeth. Both had been convicted of grand larceny.

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ANNE STILLMAN SAYS FATHER LIED

N. Y. Clubwomen Find Evidence in Canada to Back Legitimacy of Guy

DISCLOSURES NOT GIVEN OUT

New York, Sept. 26.—Clubwomen who have interested themselves in the Stillman divorce case in behalf of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman, or detectives who represented themselves as clubwomen, are reported to have referred out important and sensational new evidence.

Attorney John E. Mack, guardian of baby Guy Stillman, who James A. Stillman charges in his divorce suit is the son of Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, admitted last night that the new evidence had been obtained. He refused to discuss it, however.

The evidence is reported to be voluminous. An authority in the case said: "There is much of it, and it has had a far-reaching effect, for it has brought Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Anne Stillman, closer together probably than they have ever been."

Says "Father Lied to Me" Miss Stillman, who had been much with her father, visited her brothers at a point near Canada this summer, and was there when the new evidence was uncovered. It is said to have caused her to acknowledge baby Guy Stillman as her own brother and to have said: "Father lied to me."

"Father lied to me. The real facts in the case were kept from my knowledge, and I have asked my mother to forgive me and I will always remain true to her in the future. No matter what happens, I will never believe anything any one tells me about my mother again, although my father told me he had positive proof of the charges he brought against her."

Although Miss Stillman never definitely broke with her mother, she sided with her father, and it was through her that an effort was made to compromise the case last spring. It was explained last night that Miss Stillman now occupied an unusual position in the family, as she was on friendly terms with both her parents. Mr. Stillman accompanied her to the steamship Olympic. In France Miss Stillman will be one of six students in a fashionable school. Last year she attended Westover School in Connecticut.

Debutante Disfills Notoriety Miss Stillman's position in the controversy was said to have been that of one who wished to avoid taking an extreme position on either side. As a girl just entering society, the publicity of the divorce action was distasteful to her. But her efforts last spring to effect a settlement and end legal proceedings failed, principally because of Mr. Stillman's refusal to recognize the legitimacy of Guy Stillman and Mrs. Stillman's determination to refuse any terms that did not include this.

During this period Miss Stillman was

seen frequently with her father and never with her mother. "Bud" Stillman then said she did not understand the situation and predicted that when she did she would follow his example and take her mother's side.

Some of the new evidence gathered in Canada is documentary. Among these documents is said to be an affidavit that personally concerns Fred Beauvais, the Indian guide, named as co-respondent and father of baby Guy by Mr. Stillman.

This affidavit was given into the possession of Beauvais' personal counsel in Montreal and furnished by these attorneys to Attorney John P. Brennan, directing the counsel for Mrs. Stillman.

Sensational developments are promised when hearings are resumed at Poughkeepsie October 11. At that time Mrs. Stillman will continue her side of the controversy.

46TH WARD WOMEN TO MEET

Mrs. Sylvia Van R. Sharp Would Organize Vore Foes

Mrs. Sylvia Van Rensselaer Sharp, a woman leader of the third division of the Forty-sixth Ward, announced today that she will conduct a series of meetings to educate women in the use of the ballot and to strengthen the ranks of women opposed to contractor rate.

Mrs. Sharp carried her division in spite of the fact that it was the honor division of Harry A. Mackey, Vore leader of the ward. Her supporters carried twenty-seven other divisions.

She said today the women in her division and the others they carried were enthusiastic workers and believed that with a more thorough organization they could keep the ward independent.

Mrs. Sharp conferred this morning with other women workers of the ward and planned the meetings. The first will be held next week at Fifteenth and Chancery streets.

PRIEST BACK FROM ROME

Father Paul Gentile to Be Given Welcome Reception

The Rev. Paul Gentile, rector of Our Lady of Pompeii Church, Seventh street and Erie avenue, arrived yesterday in New York on the steamship Cedric from Italy. He sailed for there June 14 to visit his mother, whom he had not seen

for eleven years. He also had a private audience with the Pope while in Rome. Father Gentile arrives at North Philadelphia station this evening at 7:45 o'clock, where he will be greeted by his parishioners. Father Gentile will address his parishioners and later give to them the Pope's message.

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