

CAVE YOUNG MAN DIED BY POISON ALL HER WEALTH IN BIG HOTEL.

Aged Adaline Townsend Bequeathed Nearly Half a Million to Joseph H. Mahan, Her Husband's Protege.

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Now They Have Begun a Contest and Give Hints that a Medium Aided in the Preparation of the Will Favoring Mahan.

A contest of the will of Mrs. Adaline Darrow Townsend, widow of Henry P. Townsend, was begun to-day before Surrogate Thomas. By this will she bequeathed the greater part of her estate of about \$500,000 to Joseph H. Mahan, her husband's protege, who became his law partner.

The contestants are Rufus Darrow, John C. Sharp, Hartman P. Sharp, Oriza A. Sharp, Mrs. Jane A. Allen and Mrs. Maria Sharp, cousins and second cousins of Mrs. Townsend, who were eighty-six years old when she died last February. They made sensational charges through their attorney, Louis F. Dodds, a beardless young lawyer. There are hints of spirits, spiritism, the intervention of mediums and the help of invisible spirits in drawing the will.

In anticipation of sensational developments, Surrogate Thomas's court-room was filled with curious spectators when the contest began. Jacob H. Shaffer, the lawyer who drew the will which is challenged, and who was one of the three subscribing witnesses, was called to the stand by District-Attorney John F. Clarke, of Brooklyn, counsel for Mr. Mahan. Mr. Shaffer testified that Mrs. Townsend was perfectly clear in mind and memory.

Spoke of Two Other Wills. Mr. Dodd cross-examined asked about two other wills which Mr. Shaffer had drawn. Mr. Shaffer produced three wills, but when the young lawyer essayed a cross-examination of the older lawyer about them, and why they were superseded by the will offered for probate, Surrogate Thomas stopped him, declaring that it was of no importance as those wills were not offered for probate.

"But, we propose to show that these various wills were drawn by three people, but that they didn't quite suit, and that this last will was the final result of the operations of persons who were in absolute control of this 'weak old woman,'" said Mr. Dodd.

He said some signatures in one of the wills were in different ink to the rest of the will. "There were two or three pens there," said Lawyer Shaffer, "I have a fountain pen, and I think Dr. Dominick Graeven had a fountain pen, and all may have been used."

Called Stene Ridiculous. Dominick A. Graeven, of Perry's Pharmacy, who was a subscribing witness to five wills for Mrs. Townsend, dated November, 1900, and November, 1902, declared that the stories of spiritualist mediums was ridiculous.

The funeral service, described as "spiritualistic" by the contestants, was the Protestant service which was read by Rev. Stephen Merritt. The Surrogate told the young lawyer many of his stories, and he declared that Mr. Clarke made some women in the audience blush by referring to their "giggling, enjoyment of the cross-examination."

"They seem to enjoy the play," said Clarke, "they have just a scandal."

Want to See Prescriptions. Attorneys for the Chemical National Bank and Goodman's Pharmacy interposed to ask instructions from the Surrogate as to their duties under subpoenas served upon them.

"The contestants have cited the manager of the drug store to produce all the prescriptions put up for Mrs. Townsend during the last three years of her life," said one. "That would involve an expense of not less than \$200 and would take two weeks. If they will suggest the time of the particular prescriptions they want to produce we would be glad to comply."

The Chemical Bank had been subpoenaed to produce the record and cancelled evidence of their dealings with Mrs. Townsend, and made a similar protest.

The matter was left in abeyance by the Surrogate, who said he hoped the attorneys would agree upon something definite.

FLED FROM HUSBAND AND HIS SHOTGUN. Mrs. O'Connor Escaped from House and Her Other Half Was Captured and Sent to Island.

John O'Connor, an "L" guard, of No. 29 Columbus avenue, Van Nest, was sentenced to serve six months on Blackwell's Island, by Magistrate Flammer in the Morrisania Court to-day. He was arrested last night on the complaint of his wife that he had tried to kill her with a shotgun.

The woman knocked at the house of Patrolman Gerrity, who lives near the Morrisania station, about 10 o'clock last night. She was clad only in her nightdress, and with her two other women garbed in a similar way. The woman told her story, and the policeman sent for the patrol wagon. With four other policemen, Garrity went to the guard's house. Just as they reached the house they heard a shotgun fired and soon afterward O'Connor opened the door. The police dragged him out and handcuffed him.

RUN DOWN ON BROADWAY. Woman Crossing at Forty-Second Street Was Stuck by Truck. Mrs. Flora Weeden, forty years old, living at No. 506 West Forty-second street, was knocked down by a team and truck this morning while crossing Broadway at Forty-second street. She was taken to the New York Hospital suffering from contusions of the right arm and shoulder. The truck was driven by Peter Glennon, of No. 516 West Forty-ninth street.

JOHN B. WALKER, COMPANION OF MRS. GUERNSEY, DEAD BY ACID, AND WIFE HE DESERTED FOR HER.

Mrs. Claudia Guesney Was Registered at Navarre as the Wife of John B. Walker, Who Was Her Companion There.

HE IS HELD FOR CORONER.

There Was a Whipping Episode on the Street a Week Ago, in Which Mrs. Walker Attacked Woman Now Dead.

During a quarrel, in which it is said her companion threatened to forsake her to return to his family, Mrs. Claudia Guesney, a wealthy and attractive young woman, owning much New York property, and formerly residing at No. 307 Seventh avenue, killed herself to-day in a room in the Hotel Navarre, Thirty-seventh street and Seventh avenue, by drinking carbolic acid.

Her companion, John B. Walker, as whose wife she was registered at the hotel, was arrested and is held at the West Twenty-second street police station pending an investigation. The death of Mrs. Guernsey terminates a scandal which began fourteen months ago when Walker and Mrs. Guernsey first met in Philadelphia. She had lived there with her husband, who died about three years ago. Walker's wife, who lives with their children at No. 3 East Twenty-second street, was informed by the police that at that time Walker left her and had since been living with Mrs. Guernsey.

Horsewhipped the Woman. Mrs. Walker, who said her husband was a newspaper reporter, stated that a week ago she met her husband and Mrs. Guernsey on the street and horsewhipped the woman, whom she accused of having such an influence on Walker, that he could not free himself from her.

"My husband called here on me last night," said Mrs. Walker, "and we argued it that he was to leave this woman and return to me. He said he thought he would be able to get away from her last night. While we were talking she called and insisted that he go with her. As he left he said he would probably be back to-day, to stay with us."

Mrs. Guernsey was very wealthy. Among her property is the block of houses on Seventh avenue between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.

Walker and the woman arrived at the hotel on April 30 and registered as "Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, City." While they had since then been orderly and apparently respectable guests, the police now believe that the woman had feared some harm, as in her chateleine they found a new revolver, fully loaded, and on her left arm were found severe bruises and contusions, as though caused by blows.

After midnight this morning Walker called a bell-boy and asked him to send a glass of water to his room. As his wife was very ill, Miss Maxwell reached the room to find the woman lying on the bed, apparently in great pain. Her face was seared by acid, and on the floor near her feet was a bottle which had contained black carbolic acid, the crude article generally used in factories.

Taken to Hospital. Maxwell called House Physicians Gross and Deacon, and they covered the woman with a sheet. A Philadelphia physician accompanied her in the ambulance to the hospital. She was found lying on the floor in a room in the hotel when the police found the three trunks she occupies brought to the hotel on a dresser was a chateleine containing a new .32-calibre revolver, evidently just purchased, and had no money. While the bag contained the revolver and six rings, one a large solitaire diamond and another a cluster, both worth several hundred dollars.

The bottle containing the acid bore a label of the Crystal Pharmacy, Pittsburg.

Apartment Closed Four Months. Mrs. Guernsey's pretty apartment has been closed about four months, and T. B. Robertson, a real estate dealer in the city, has been unable to find a tenant for it. She had occupied the only apartment in the two-story building since coming here from Philadelphia in March, 1902. Mr. Robertson said that she was beautiful, attractive, a widow and wealthy, but had no social caller, and that was Walker. She had been accustomed to giving him dinners.

Walker was later arraigned in the West Side Court before Magistrate Hogan. His condition was such that he could not tell his story.

Patrolman Fitzgerald presented a short affidavit in which he charged Walker with a malicious person. Magistrate Hogan sent him to the Coroner's office, where Coroner Jackson began an investigation.

At the Coroner's office he said: "I am a newspaper artist, and travel all over the country on special assignments for illustrations. I met Mrs. Guernsey a little more than a year ago. She lives with her uncle in an apartment house at Seventh avenue and Fifty-seventh street. She was a very wealthy woman. She accompanied me on my travels, and we spent last summer at Newport and Boston. I am a married man, and my wife lives at No. 3 East Twenty-second street. Through my own indiscretion my wife heard of my relations with Mrs. Guernsey, and she was very angry. She threatened to leave me, and I acknowledged that I was a renegade, though I always had a full realization of my home duties. We continued to live together despite the fact that I had been married five years."

Travelled in Many Cities. "From Boston we went to Pittsburg, from there to Baltimore, and then returned to this city. We took apartments in the Hotel Navarre, registering as man and wife. In the meantime mutual friends of my wife and mine had effected a reconciliation. On Saturday morning Mrs. Guernsey accompanied me to the office of the Brooklyn Eagle, where I left her, promising to return in an hour. I went straight to my wife's home, and she was expected where I had gone and followed. She saw a servant go out the basement door and slipped in herself and came upstairs to my den. A servant reported this fact to my wife, who ordered five servants to sleep her. Two of them grabbed her by the arm—this explains the black and blue marks. The servants then threw her out of the house bodily, and two servants held me so that I could not go for assistance. "I then left the house and went back to

THIRTY WOMEN STORM A COURT.

Witnesses and Charms in the Hearing of Mrs. Jennick's Charge of Fortune Telling Against Mrs. Bergh.

THAW WANTS TO DODGE ALIMONY.

Cousin of the Earl of Yarmouth's Bride Appeals to Court to Help Him Out in Regard to Legal Order.

Magistrate Dooley, presiding in the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, has set aside several days during which he will determine whether or not mental telegraphy is fortune-telling. Such simple questions as "Is Judge Dooley generally decided offhand, but in the hearing of the case of Jennick versus Bergh before him to-day thirty women thrashed the reserves and to be called out to shoot them away from the courtroom."

Mrs. Harriet Bergh is seventy-three years old and a widow. She was charged by Mrs. Fannie Jennick, of No. 1305 Greene avenue, with telling fortunes and also saying unkind things about her. Mrs. Jennick employs a number of young women to make waltzes. She learned that her employees were calling on Mrs. Bergh, at No. 785 Marcy avenue, where, in the course of having their fortunes told, they were incidentally warned that Mrs. Jennick was a dangerous woman. Assuming another name, Mrs. Jennick called and asked to have her fortune read.

"One of the first things she said," related the complainant, "was: Beware of Mrs. Jennick. She did a great wrong fifteen years ago. A curse has been put on her and she is going to die. Harm will come to those who have anything to do with her."

Some thirty women listened to this testimony with bristling attention, and suddenly Mrs. Bergh spoke up: "Never said it. Then a chorus of fifteen shrill voices replied: 'She never said it. Mrs. Bergh spoke up: 'Fifteen tongues rattled in reply: 'She did. Then came a perfect fusillade of 'she did' and 'she didn't' until the Magistrate's gavel sounded like a far-away patter. Finally the Court used both feet and his fists and at last secured order, whereupon Mrs. Bergh went on the stand and said she was not a fortune teller, but a 'mental telegrapher,' but when she got to denying Mrs. Jennick's story, 'she did' and 'she didn't' broke out in increased clamor, and the case had to be adjourned.

As the thirty-two women left the courtroom they got into an argument on the stairs that they continued out into the street, and at last it died away like a murmur in the distance and the Court and attendants breathed signs of relief.

Rhode Island Hotel Burned. OAKLAND BEACH, R. I., May 13.—The Oakland Beach Hotel and two adjoining buildings were burned this forenoon. The loss is \$23,000, on which there is \$21,000 insurance.

Faneer Insurance Bill Signed. ALBANY, May 13.—Gov. Odell to-day signed Senator Faneer's bill relative to the assets and liabilities of casualty insurance companies.

KRAUSS'S TELEGRAM LED TO A DIVORCE. He Sent It to Mrs. Grace Decker, a Pretty Harlem Widow, and His Wife Sued.

Otto Krauss, of the firm of A. Krauss & Co., wine agents, in Park Row, was divorced to-day as the result of a telegram he sent to Mrs. Grace H. Decker, a pretty Harlem widow. Mrs. Krauss traced the telegram and brought suit. A decree was granted her by Justice Leventritt. An order to Krauss to pay \$50 weekly alimony stands.

As the divorce was granted, Mrs. Krauss, employee of the apartment house where the pretty widow lives, testified that Mr. Krauss was her frequent visitor. Krauss offered no defense. It is said he is in Mexico on business.

MINERS' BILLS VETOED. Pennsylvania's Governor Kills Three Out of Four.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 13.—Gov. Pennypacker to-day signed the Child Labor bill and vetoed the other three miners' bills. The Child Labor bill makes it unlawful to employ children under sixteen years of age in and about the mines.

The three bills vetoed were the Eight-Hour Day bill, the bill providing for the payment of \$2000 mined by the ton of 2,240 pounds and the Mine Inspection bill.

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