

## BROTHER REVEALS CAUSE OF KILLING OF MISS HANAN

On His Advice Sister Had Broken With Mrs. Lawes, He Says.

The removal to-day of the body of Miss Mildred Hanan from the Long Island College Hospital, where she died early yesterday morning of bullet wounds inflicted by her former intimate friend, Mrs. Grace Lawes, who killed herself immediately afterward, to her brother's home in Sea Gate closes the tragedy so far as the authorities are concerned.

Although Miss Hanan died without revealing the reasons that led to the shooting, her brother to-day disclosed all that her family knows of the friendship of the two women and its rupture, which brought about the tragedy. He said:

"Mrs. Lawes several months ago impressed me as irresponsible. I didn't like the way she acted, and I asked my sister to try to break the connection with her, at least as far as its intimate nature was concerned.

She had the appearance and manner which I thought indicated a user of drugs and just the suspicion of that disquieted me. Mrs. Lawes was a cousin of the second Mrs. Hanan and Mildred met her through her father. She had little and Mildred felt sorry for her.

"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. Lawes for any man's attentions is absurd. Miss Lawes was forty-five and not thirty-five as the papers have been saying. Mr. Borland, who, of course, is the only man who can be considered in any such reference, is only a young man. There never was any engagement, or suggestion of an engagement, between him and Mildred.

"To suggest a motive for such a

crime is almost impossible. The only explanation is that her act was that of an insane woman, and insane persons need no motive. There was a disagreement between Mildred and Mrs. Lawes. Mildred had been good to her, loaned her money from time to time. She lived on and off at my mother's house.

It developed to-day that Mrs. Lawes made no secret of her intense enmity toward Miss Hanan. On the day of the tragedy Miss Williams received a letter from Mrs. Lawes in which she told of having bought the revolver with which the shooting was done. Miss Williams sent the letter to the Hanans' apartment at No. 879 Park Avenue and read it to Mrs. Hanan, who was greatly disturbed. But it appears they decided to ignore it, as they had ignored previous warnings.

Funeral services will be held at the

Hanan home, and burial will be at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning in Greenwood Cemetery. The old Hanan home, which the elder Alfred Hanan occupied for many years before his death, is several blocks away from the son's residence at Seagate.

The body of Mrs. Lawes was removed to-day from the Kings County Morgue by Miss Billy Williams, the

nurse who attended Miss Hanan, and a man, presumably an undertaker's assistant. Authority for the removal of the body had been given to A. B. Winterbottom, an undertaker, of No. 75 West 45th Street, Manhattan. It is understood that Mrs. Lawes's wishes will be followed as to the cremation of her body and the dispatch of the ashes to her mother.

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