

**HANAN GIRL DIES
WITH LIPS SEALED**

Shot By Erstwhile Chum, She Gave No Explanation of the Shooting.
New York, Sept. 25.—Miss Mildred Hanan, daughter of the late Alfred P. Hanan, shoe manufacturer, died early today without having advanced any explanation as to why she had been shot Friday morning by her erstwhile chum, Mrs. Grace Laws, who later committed suicide.
John S. Borland, importer, Dartmouth college graduate, who was in her company when the shooting took place outside the apartments of a mutual friend on Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, was at her bedside when the end came at four o'clock this morning. Mrs. Clara M. Hanan, her mother and several other relatives also were present, but the girl, who had lapsed into unconsciousness shortly after midnight, died not recognizing any of them.
An autopsy performed by Dr. Carl Boeliger, district medical examiner, showed that a bullet pierced the thorax and the abdomen and lodged under the ninth rib on the right side.
A blood transfusion, made Friday seemed to give the girl additional strength but a relapse set in Saturday evening.
The real motive for the shooting may never be publicly known. Police expressed the theory that jealousy was a contributing factor but

they were unable to determine whether it was because of Borland or because of the severance of Mrs. Laws' friendly relations with Miss Hanan.
Borland told police that he believed Mrs. Laws was driven to the act as a result of having lost the friendship and financial assistance of Miss Hanan. He also expressed the belief that this was followed by excessive drinking which Mrs. Laws admitted in a letter to her sister in San Francisco found among her possessions after her death.
Mrs. Laws had lived with the Hanan's until about two weeks ago when a quarrel between her and Mildred at Shoreham, Long Island, resulted in Mrs. Laws taking rooms at a hotel not far from the Hanan home on Park Avenue. On the evening preceding the shooting, Miss Dorothy Gottchalk, a friend, had dined with Miss Hanan and Borland at the Hanan home. Miss Hanan and Borland later decided to accompany Miss Gottchalk to her home in Brooklyn and it was while emerging from her apartment the shooting occurred.
Except to state that Mrs. Laws had shot her and that Borland had nothing to do with it Miss Hanan had declined to answer the inquiries of police seeking to establish a motive for Mrs. Laws' act.

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**COTTON CROP SHOWS
BIG DETERIORATION**

Wall Street Cotton Expert Says Outlook is for Only 6,500,000 Bales. Declares Estimate Conservative.
The prediction that the American cotton crop of this year will not exceed 6,500,000 bales was made Monday in Atlanta by David C. Harrower, cotton expert of the Wall Street Journal and universally recognized as one of this country's closest student of the cotton situation.
Mr. Harrower is making a tour of the South for the purpose of investigating conditions of the cotton crop from personal observations. He has visited North and South Carolina and is now engaged in touring Georgia.
Upon leaving Atlanta and this state he will visit other sections of the cotton belt.
Mr. Harrower declares that he regards his prediction of the present crop at 6,500,000 bales as a "conservative estimate." He goes into detail concerning widespread deterioration of the cotton crop since the last government estimate, which placed production at 7,035,000 bales.
Asked to make a statement for the Atlanta Constitution concerning crop conditions, Mr. Harrower dictated to a stenographer a statement which will be read with interest throughout the country, for Mr. Harrower is regarded as one of America's foremost cotton experts. Mr. Harrower says:
"The cotton situation is bound to be acute in the present season. The world's supply of American cotton in all countries is about 9,000,000 bales. This includes linters and low grade stuff. About 6,500,000 bales of this total is in the United States and includes some cotton that is not tenderable on contracts. Of the cotton held by the farmers of the old crop 13.5 per cent is made up of snaps, bollies and other grades that are not tenderable. This is the position of the carry-over of old cotton on July 31, 1921.
"We come into the new season on August 1 with a crop for the United States estimated by the department of agriculture at 7,035,000 bales based on the condition August 25. Since that time deterioration has been rapid throughout both the eastern and western belts. The boll weevil has taken practically a third of the crop in most all sections.
"There is little hope of further blooms and the large ginning return which to some looks like a large crop is really an indication of a decidedly small one because the hot, dry weather has been forcing the crop to an early maturity and picking is unusually early.
"Since the government report as of August 25, deterioration has been rapid and the crop prospect is actually lower than at that time.
"In Texas, where the best authorities had estimated the crop at 50 per cent of all normal production, or 1,500,000 bales, the recent floods have cut down production at least 250,000 bales more. In some parts of Mississippi the weather has been so excessively hot that the pickers cannot work a full day; plants are dying; no more blooms seem possible and the crop is gone.
"In the circumstances it seems as if a crop of 6,500,000 bales would be conservative.
"Put this behind the domestic carry-over and we have about 13,000,000 bales of all kinds.
"The total production last year was 10,500,000 bales.
"Our domestic production is now increasing.
"Germany, which in the 1920 season used only about 440,000 bales, in the past season used 1,381,000 bales of American cotton, including about 60,000 bales of linters.
"The best authorities say that with this evidence of improvement world consumption of American cotton should equal 12,000,000 or 12,500,000 bales. Of this the supply will no more than balance the demand if it even permits a full run of mills up to the end of this season."—Atlanta Constitution.

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Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.
W. H. CAMPBELL
Administrator
September 14, 1921. 9-5t-A