

SHOT BY TRAINED NURSE

Revenge of a Woman in Orange, N. J., for Alleged Wrongs.

Anna Hildebrandt, Because Joseph B. McCallam Would Not Marry Her, Tried to Kill Him.

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ORANGE, N. J., July 1.—Joseph B. McCallam, employed at the Orange office of the Essex and Hudson Gas Company, lies in the Orange Memorial Hospital suffering from a pistol wound that may prove fatal, inflicted this morning by Miss Anna Hildebrandt, a nurse and graduate of the Margaret Fahnestock Training School of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, in the class of 1895. Miss Hildebrandt says she shot McCallam because he had wronged her under promise of marriage.

McCallam denies this, saying that he was merely acquainted with the girl, and had repulsed her attempts to induce him to marry her. The shooting occurred at the residence of Mrs. G. D. Philpot, at 56 Snyder Street, where McCallam boarded, and it was witnessed by Mrs. Philpot.

According to the story McCallam told Detective Sergeant John Drabell of the Orange police force this afternoon, Miss Hildebrandt called at the office of the gas company this morning and asked for an interview with him. McCallam asked Manager Williams for permission to go out for a while. Mr. Williams gave the permission, and the two walked to the office of John Otterbein, where Miss Hildebrandt stopped, but finding that Otterbein was not in, she returned, and with McCallam walked to the latter's abode. McCallam declares that all this time the woman was pressing him to say he would marry her.

On reaching the house McCallam went to the back entrance, intending to go to his room, and thus get rid of the woman, but she succeeded in getting in by the front way, and then walked up stairs. McCallam met her at the head of the stairs. Mrs. Philpot heard them talking, and started up the stairs to persuade the woman to leave the house. As Mrs. Philpot mounted the stairs, Miss Hildebrandt took a revolver from her pocket, and, pressing the muzzle closely against McCallam's abdomen, fired.

Mrs. Philpot turned and ran down the stairs, closely followed by Miss Hildebrandt, who deliberately walked to the Orange Police Station two blocks distant. Marshal McChesney, Capt. Leary, and Sergt. Drabell were sitting at the desk. Miss Hildebrandt walked directly to the Marshal, and laying her hand on his shoulder, exclaimed:

"I have shot the man who wronged me, and I have come to give myself up."

The woman saw by the expression on the faces of the men that they did not believe her, so she repeated her statement and added:

"I intended doing it, and I am satisfied."

She was at once placed under arrest.

Meanwhile McCallam had walked down stairs and out of the house to the residence of Dr. D. W. Poor, three blocks away. Dr. Poor had McCallam removed to the Orange Memorial Hospital. The surgeons consider his condition precarious.

After she was placed under arrest, Miss Hildebrandt swooned, but later recovered her composure and told her story clearly. She stated that McCallam had been a constant caller on her for over a year, and that they were engaged to be married.

In his statement to Sergt. Drabell, McCallam said he met Miss Hildebrandt in his business visits to the house where the woman and her mother, also a nurse, resided at 67 Sterling Street, East Orange. He said he called there often on business connected with the gas company, and that Miss Hildebrandt had asked him to marry her, but he had refused.