

"I WANT NO VENGEANCE," SAYS WIFE OF MAN HIS AFFINITY KILLED.



MRS. JOSEPH VAN BAALEN, WIDOW OF THE MAN SLAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO BY LEAH ALEXANDER.

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San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 25.—One travels a long road before meeting a figure and a story like that of Mrs. Joseph Van Baalen, widow of the man slain here recently by Leah Alexander.

She was visiting in Duluth, Minn., when across the wires came the message that her husband was mortally wounded at the hands of a woman from whom, he was trying to free himself, because of waning interest after several years of intimacy.

"I loved my husband and he loved me. We had been married ten years and were happy," she said.

And now, despite the disclosure of her husband's relations with Leah Alexander, she still loves him.

"If Leah Alexander had been a young and innocent girl whom my husband led

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"I loved my husband and he loved me, and I would have sacrificed myself and my own affections for his sake."

astray, I would feel differently toward him.

"She said she loved him and so she shot him. If she loved him how could she hurt him so? I am not vindictive, though. She will be punished; it is not for me to add to it. I want no no vengeance."