

# FAITH IN SLAIN HUSBAND UNSHAKEN

Mrs. Van Baalen Quotes Murdered Duluthian About Woman Who Must Answer for Crime.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 4.—Mrs. Antionette Van Baalen, widow of J. D. Van Baalen, a prominent advertising man of this city, formerly of Duluth, Minn., who was fatally shot a short time ago by Miss Alexander, made this statement today:

"I believe implicitly in my husband and nothing can ever shake my faith. He was the victim of a woman's infatuation. He was trying to disentangle himself from whatever tolls his innate kindness of heart had drawn him into.

"He was always devoted to me and lavished every kindness upon me. Miss Alexander says that she and he occupied apartments together for more than a year, while I also was in San Francisco. I do not see how that could have been possible, for he was at home every night for dinner, and always slept at home unless he went out of town on business trips.

"Of course, reports of his intimacy with her reached me. In fact, Miss Alexander herself rang me up and taunted me over the telephone with the assertion that she had taken my husband.

"When I asked him he told me the woman was crazy. He said, 'Now, whom are you going to believe, me or her? I love you and always will. Don't think about this other woman. Try to put her out of your mind.'

"So I tried and was always the same to him and we were very happy. May God have mercy on that woman's soul and may the law take its revenge."

Mrs. Van Baalen will be a star witness in the trial coming next week. Miss Alexander says she expects to be free by Christmas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Antoinette Royce Van Baalen of Duluth, widow of Joseph N. Van Baalen, who was shot and killed here by Leah Alexander on Oct. 19, filed a petition today for the probate of her husband's will, which disposed of an estate estimated at \$10,000, all going to the widow.