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### FOUGHT OVER A GIRL

TROUBLE BETWEEN LIEUT. SUTTON AND LIEUT. ADAMS TOLD BY H. B. THOMAS.

MAY BE CALLED AS WITNESS

Counsel for Slain Officer's Mother, in the Hearing at Annapolis, Leads Adams into Many Discrepancies on the Stand.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 21.—According to a statement made by Harry B. Thomas of Martins Ferry, O., Edward P. Roelker, the much-wanted witness in the Annapolis investigation into the death of Lieut. Sutton and for whom a search has been made all over the country, is in Wheeling at the present time.

Mr. Thomas also stated that he was well acquainted with the late Lieut. Sutton.

Sensational details are given out by Mr. Thomas in a signed interview, which will no doubt call him before the board of inquiry now sitting at Annapolis.

Story Told by Thomas.

"I first met Sutton," said Mr. Thomas, "at Washington, D. C., having gone there to prepare for my examination for the United States marine corps. During the first week of our acquaintance Lieut. Sutton showed me a letter from Adams challenging him to fight a duel with pistols. The night of the tragedy Adams and Sutton were in company at the hall in Annapolis with two young ladies, one of them being Miss Stewart of Pittsburgh.

"That evening I went over to Lieut. Sutton's quarters to get my overcoat and was returning to go to the city when the automobile came up in front of the hall with Lieut. Sutton, Adams and, I think, Utley. Adams was seated with the chauffeur.

"Without apparent warning Adams jumped from the machine and grappled with Sutton. A loud and angry argument followed. I could hear Sutton, from where I was standing, state he would not get into any mix-up, but Adams and Sutton soon got into a fist fight, in which Sutton got worsted. They were finally parted by persons standing by.

Stole His Girl, Said Sutton.

"Sutton then went to his room. I

waited for him and he and I walked to the gate. I called his attention to a cut from which blood was flowing down his cheeks. He said he would get even for it, but he said very little to me regarding the real trouble except he spoke of Adams taking away his 'girl,' and paying particular attention to her, from which, I concluded, the trouble started.

"Sutton also stated he would cut off his own right arm if necessary for his 'girl,' as he referred to her. We talked quite a while at the academy gate and Sutton appeared worked up over the trouble. I returned to Washington that night, leaving Sutton at the street crossing of the Interurban car line between Washington and Annapolis, near the academy.

"I have seen Roelker here recently. He is working here, I am told, under an assumed name."

Adams Is Cross-Examined.

Annapolis, Md., July 21.—The second day's session of the naval court of inquiry, which is sitting to investigate the cause of the death of Lieut. James N. Sutton, U. S. M. C., of Portland, Ore., who either shot himself or was shot by an unknown person in a quarrel with brother officers on the night of October 12, 1907, opened with Lieut. Robert E. Adams, U. S. M. C., still on the witness stand. Adams was the officer who fought with Sutton and testified that Sutton killed himself when he thought he had shot Lieut. Roelker, another officer of marines, who was concerned in the brawl.

Henry E. Davis, counsel for Sutton's mother in the present hearing, continued his examination of Adams. Adams was allowed counsel at this inquiry by special permit of the navy department. The other young officers of marines who were with Sutton on the night he met his death, including Lieuts. Bevin and Osterman, are barred from the courtroom until they are called to testify.

Discrepancies in His Tale.

The witness Adams fell into a number of discrepancies in his testimony on cross-examination, which his counsel, Arthur H. Birney, former United States district attorney at Washington, will endeavor to clear up. Mrs. Sutton's lawyer began to question Adams about an interview he had with Sutton's sister, Mrs. Hugh A. Parker, shortly after young Sutton's death. Mrs. Parker, who is attending the hearings with her mother, had wanted to question all the young officers who were supposed to know something about her brother's death. She had asked Adams to grant her a talk alone and tell the truth

about the matter, according to the testimony.

Lieut. Edward A. Osterman was called and confirmed the story told by Lieut. Adams in many of its details.

Big Government Timber Sale.

Seattle, Wash., July 21.—One of the biggest government timber sales ever made is planned for the near future by the government, according to Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office at Washington, who has arrived in Seattle. The timber to be sold includes 550,000,000 feet of yellow pine near Cass lake, in Northern Minnesota.

### ILLINOIS BREVITIES

Clinton.—The third contest over the will of Col. Thomas Snell, the eccentric old man who died leaving an estate of \$2,000,000 and cutting his only son off with an annuity of \$50, was ended when a jury decided that Col. Snell was insane at the time he made the will. This decision sets aside the bequest of several thousand dollars to Mabelle Snell McNamara, the aged colonel's affinity. If the will had stood the legal heirs would have received, all told, annuities aggregating \$5,000, and not exceeding \$1,000 in any single case, while the residue of the fortune would have been held in a weird trust agreement for heirs yet unborn. On the day set for a final distribution, in the terms of the will, the estate would have grown probably to \$100,000,000.

Champaign.—Three men were killed and two injured in a head-on collision between south-bound passenger train No. 23 and north-bound train No. 26 on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad at Royal, near here. The dead are: W. E. Barker, engineer, Chicago; Paulson, fireman, Villa Grove; F. H. Hollenbeck, express messenger, Chicago. The injured: R. Berger, engineer, Villa Grove; Oscar Thomas, express messenger, Chicago.

Rockford.—Andrew Nelson, 4 years old, was watching his father hoisting hay into the barn when he stepped into a loop of loose rope. When the horses started and the rope was drawn taut his leg was almost severed at the ankle. A surgeon amputated the leg and took the child to a hospital. The boy will recover.

Effingham.—Dudley Bourland, an

aged resident of this city and a veteran of the civil war, committed suicide here by laying his head across a rail and allowing a locomotive to sever the head from his body. He was temporarily deranged on account of sickness.

Carlyle.—Residents of Pocahontas, a mining town in Bond county, are much excited over the circulation of "Black Hand" letters. Owners of buildings occupied by some Russian miners have been ordered to oust the occupants or have the buildings burned.

Edinburg.—Despondent because of ill health, Mrs. Samuel Brandt, residing five miles southwest of Edinburg, attempted to end her life by taking a poison.

Sterling.—George H. Ponks, secretary of the Sterling Y. M. C. A., has accepted the position of secretary of the immigration branch of the national Y. M. C. A. in New York City.

Monmouth.—Because their places were searched for gambling apparatus Thomas & Rayburn, restaurateurs, may sue the city for damages.

Chicago.—Alfred R. Urion, general counsel for Armour & Co., was elected president of the board of education without a dissenting vote.

Effingham.—Frank Hastings was run over and killed by a Vandalia passenger train east of this city. He leaves a widow and four children.

Lagrange.—Dr. George Marshall Fox, one of the oldest and best known physicians of northern Illinois, died at his home here.

Sterling.—Cecil Sturdevant, aged 25, and Mrs. Ada Baldwin, aged 60, "eloped" to this city and were married.

Neoga.—E. B. Landis, pastor of the Presbyterian church for the last five years, has resigned, effective September 1.

Mount Carmel.—On a charge of thrashing a 14-year-old girl, Mrs. Mary T. Tongaw was fined in the police court.

Allentown.—While singeing the feathers off a chicken she was preparing for dinner, Mrs. Sanford Sparks was fatally burned when her clothing was set on fire by the blaze and burned from her body, her entire body being seared.

Streator.—Accused of being implicated in swindling James Tierney of Streator out of \$10,000 at New Orleans, Thomas Gay is under arrest.

Wood River.—Sentiment is so strong against retaining the name of the founder of Benbow City as the name of the village, that the village board favors annexation.

### Circuit Court of Lake County

OCTOBER TERM, A. D. 1909. IN CHANCERY. [No. 4299.] STATE OF ILLINOIS, vs. Sarah Daggit Howe

John Howe, Lillie Howe Sullivan, Flora Howe, Bertha Howe, Mary Howe, Annie Howe, William Howe, Thomas Howe, Ernest Howe, Ann Howe, Fred Rudolph, administrator of the Estate of Thomas Howe, deceased; the unknown owner or owners of land or any interest in the land and real estate described in the Bill of Complaint, and the unknown heirs or devisees of Thomas Howe, deceased, D. M. Erkine & Company, Mrs. Herbert Strang, nee Grace Strang, and R. S. Ives.

Satisfactory affidavit that the defendants, John Howe, Lillie Howe Sullivan, Flora Howe, Bertha Howe, Mary Howe, Annie Howe, William Howe, Thomas Howe, Ernest Howe, Ann Howe, reside out of the State of Illinois, so that process cannot be served upon them, or any of them, and that the defendants the unknown heirs or devisees of Thomas Howe, deceased, and the unknown owner or owners of the land or any interest in the land or real estate described in the Bill of Complaint, on due inquiry cannot be found; and upon diligent inquiry their places of residence cannot be ascertained, so that process cannot be served upon them, or any of them, having been filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court.

NOTICE is therefore hereby given to the said John Howe, Lillie Howe Sullivan, Flora Howe, Bertha Howe, Mary Howe, Annie Howe, William Howe, Thomas Howe, Ernest Howe, Ann Howe, the unknown heirs or devisees of Thomas Howe, deceased, and the unknown owner or owners of the land or any interest in the land or real estate described in the Bill of Complaint, that the above named Complainant heretofore filed her Bill of Complaint in said Court, on the Chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said Court against the above named defendants, returnable on the first day of the term of the Circuit Court of Lake County, to be held at the Court house in Waukegan in said Lake County, on the first Monday of October, A. D. 1909, as is by law required, and which suit is still pending.

LEWIS O. BROCKWAY, Clerk. Waukegan, Illinois, June 28, A. D. 1909. Ernest S. Gail, Complainant's Solicitor. 27-4t.

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