

GIRL WHO SHOT HER LOVER AND WAS ACQUITTED SAYS NOTORIETY WILL KILL GOOD RESOLUTIONS

Los Angeles, Aug. 31. — "Notoriety will kill the best resolution a determined person ever made."

Leah Alexander, who shot and killed J. D. van Baalen in San Francisco in January and was acquitted on the "unwritten law" defense, in the city jail told of the failure of all her good resolutions after she had been arrested early in the morning on a charge of disturbing the peace. The girl has been living with her parents at 1015 Lake Shore avenue.

On Saturday, she said, a woman acquaintance urged her to go to a birthday party at 1030 Blaine street. She accepted the invitation and after five hours' enjoyment was arrested in a hysterical condition.

"It seems impossible to dodge one's past," she sobbed in the jail. "The whole dismal story is indelible in the public mind. Every place I went I

found that I was facing a finger of scorn.

"I am a milliner. No one would employ me. I was told that my face and figure would win employment in moving picture productions, but to take another name. I took my wedded name, Wallace, and got work. When my identity was discovered I was discharged.

"When I went out it was for the first time in months. I felt that I just had to have human companionship. Instead I was led into a place where I was robbed and mocked by strangers who knew me."

Miss Alexander was arrested by Detective McMahon while hysterically screaming for help in front of 1326 Connecticut street. With her was arrested Lee R. Preston on the same charge. The rest of the party fled and avoided capture. The pair will be arraigned in the police court.