

## PROMPTS MURDER TO AVENGE WIFE

### Offers \$10,000 for Killing of Doctor's Mate.

A threat of death by a grief-crazed Italian against the wife of Dr. Benjamin H. Breakstone, well known surgeon and gynecologist living at 1321 Lunt avenue, last night started a dozen detectives on a manhunt.

Their quarry is a man giving the name of Joe Bonett and his address at 2325 South Union street—a lumber yard.

On Washington's birthday a woman was brought into the West End hospital in a critical condition. A Caesarian operation was at once performed by Dr. Breakstone, staff physician at the institution. The child was dead. At first it seemed the woman would recover, but later gangrené developed. She died on March 2.

#### Perils Doctor with Stiletto.

Two days later an Italian entered the hospital. He met Dr. Edward J. Shapiro in the hall.

"Where is the man who murdered my wife?" he queried imperatively.

"I don't know—who was she?" said the physician.

Just then Dr. Breakstone appeared. The question was repeated to him. Recalling the case, he told the Italian he had performed the operation.

"You kill her—I kill you!" the Italian shouted. He lunged at the physician with a stiletto. Orderlies subdued the man and the police jailed him.

In court next day he gave the name of Joe Bonett, and also gave the fictitious address. He was fined and discharged.

#### \$10,000 to Slay Physician's Wife.

Yesterday Frank Brogi, proprietor of a restaurant at 636 South Dearborn street, and a reputable business man, found a strange letter on his desk. The letter said:

"If you will kill Rosa Breakstone, living at 1321 Lunt avenue, and not harm any one of the rest of the family I will pay you \$10,000 the minute I hear of her death. You will get the money right here in your mail box. I mean every word I say."

Brogi rushed the letter to Detective Sergeants J. J. Walsh and Thomas Powers. They telephoned Breakstone, who explained. Brogi was unable to recall any person answering the description of "Bonett."

Mrs. Breakstone has been placed under guard. Police believe "Bonett," crazed by grief at the loss of his wife, seeks revenge on the wife of the physician who performed the operation.