

**DAILY TELEGRAM**

**Twin Wills Death  
With Her Sister**

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sinking rapidly and that their condition is practically hopeless.

Rosa's decision to die with her sister was reached after she had wavered between a desire to live for her 12 year old son Frantz, or meet death with her twin.

It became known at the West End hospital, however, that Rosa had made ample provision for the care and education of Frantz.

Surgeons attributed Rosa's lapses into semi-consciousness as evidence of her desire to pass on with Josefa. They pointed out that her physical condition was apparently good in contrast to Josefa, victim of jaundice.

The twins, according to Dr. Benjamin H. Breakstone, who talked to them at length when they entered the hospital, never afforded medical science the opportunity to investigate the possibility of separation.

"They never cared to know whether they could have gone thru life as separate beings," said the doctor.

Frantz spent the day at the bedside of Rosa, his mother, and Josefa, his aunt.

Every possible method known to medical science was being used to save the lives of the twins. Dr. Breakstone said, however, lack of scientific data on the mystery of the existence of Siamese twins was a great handicap.

Rosa and Josefa were born in Austria 42 years ago. They came to the United States a year ago after touring Europe for a decade with shows.

Rosa's husband was killed fighting the bolsheviks on the Polish front.

Dr. Breakstone was somewhat skeptical of the success of an operation, however. Its success would be entirely dependent upon an undetermined factor—whether or not each sister constitutes a separate and distinct physical and psychological entirety.

Dr. Breakstone has carefully examined the patients to eliminate as far as possible the element of chance in such an operation.

"Each twin," said Dr. Breakstone, "possesses separate respiratory and gustatory systems, each has two lungs, a heart and a stomach. If one should die, it would be possible for the other to survive."

The physical link that joins the twins is about one foot in thickness and is largely composed of flesh and muscular tissue.

Rosa, who first became ill, but who is now in fairly good condition, faces prospective death courageously. Altho she has lapsed into a comatose state frequently of late, she is conscious of her predicament and accepts the situation resolutely. During her waking moments today, she tenderly stroked the head of her rapidly declining sister and whispered words of sympathy.

The case has aroused the greatest interest among medical men. Surgeons from all parts of the country are besieging Dr. Breakstone with requests that they be permitted to attend an operation.