

SUICIDE INCREASES SPOKANE MYSTERY

Detectives Seeking Wife Find C. E. Fett Dead.

WOMAN STRANGELY GONE

Fear of Arrest in Connection With Disappearance Believed to Have Prompted Man's Act.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 25.—Charles E. Fett, a local business man, shot and killed himself shortly after noon today when police detectives attempted to gain entrance to his home to investigate the disappearance of his wife last Wednesday night.

A search of the house failed. It was declared, to reveal any clue as to her whereabouts. A 10-year-old daughter survives. Detectives had called at the house last night on a similar errand, but had failed to gain admittance. Today they said they found a complete outfit of Fett's clothing soaking wet.

Mrs. Fett Disappears.
On Wednesday Fett took his daughter Dorothy to the Knox Presbyterian church to practice for an Easter recital. It was the understanding when they left that Mrs. Fett would take a streetcar to the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Sassenbarn, Elvath, avenue. She never arrived there. Thursday noon the police were informed of her disappearance.

She was a woman of exemplary habits and it was thought strange that she would leave without saying where she was going. The fact that she was extremely devoted to Dorothy gave more grounds for worry, the officers say.

Believing a search of the house might throw some light on the mystery, the officers went to the house. Fett was well acquainted with both the officers who went to his home, and, although both were in plain clothes, they are positive he knew who they were.

Wet Clothes Found.
After Fett's suicide officers made a complete search of the home, but cannot uncover any clue which might lead to the discovery of Mrs. Fett. Police say every indication points to the fact that fear of arrest in connection with the disappearance of his wife is thought to be the motive for Fett's act.

"When we heard the shot as we were entering the door we thought Fett might have mistaken us for a burglar and had shot at us," said the officers.

"We had no warrant and knew that he could shoot us if he wished. We talked to the chief, he told us to enter the house. We did and found the body," declared Detective Buchholz.

The investigation now centers on the efforts to clear up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Fett's wife.

A peculiar incident is that one whole outfit of Fett's clothing was found wet. The theory is advanced that he waded into the river last night and may have attempted to take his life by drowning.

MARY NOTSON IS QUEEN

Willamette University Senior to Rule May Festivities.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Mary Notson, a senior of Heppner, Or., won out over the other two nominees in yesterday's May Queen election. As a result, Miss Notson will rule over the three days' festivities during the junior week-end of May 6, 7 and 8. She is a member of the Delta Phi sorority and president of the Adalante Literary society.

Charlotte Crisman of Salem, and Elyll McClure of Portland, the defeated candidates in the election, will act as maids of honor during the May-day festival. The former is a member of the Beta Chi sorority and of the Adalante Literary society, while Miss McClure is president of the Latusanna Hall club, and member of the Christomathean society.

BORROR APPEALS HEARD

State Superintendent of Schools Reviews Whipping Case

SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, today heard testimony with relation to the sufficiency of appeal of Mrs. Teulah Borrer, ex-teacher in Washington county, who was dismissed from the schools there because she was alleged to have whipped one of her girls pupils.

Testimony placed before the state superintendent indicated that Mrs. Borrer whipped the child last December, with the result that she was discharged summarily from service by the board of directors of the school district.

The state superintendent said he had the testimony under advisement and that a decision probably would not be forthcoming for several days.

PRESENCE HELD UNLIKELY

Harding Is Expected to Decline Invitation to Eugene.


EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—It is doubtful if President Harding will be able to come to Eugene for the state convention of the American Legion, owing to the great press of business, according to a letter received yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce from E. J. Adams, secretary to Senator Stanfield.

Mr. Adams acknowledges receipt of the telegrams from the Chamber and the local post of the Legion asking Senator Stanfield to transmit the invitation and says the president has been apprised of the wishes of the Legion members and Chamber of Commerce.

Eugene Plans Dedication.

EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—A committee from the Eugene chamber of commerce has been appointed to act with a like committee from the University of Oregon to arrange for a formal dedication of the woman's building at the university early in May. President Bowen of the chamber has named Carl G. Washburne, Dr. J. M. Miller and Dean H. Walker.

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COLLEGE ROMANCE ENDS

DIVORCE GIVEN IN MILEHAM- DIGGLES CASE.

Ex-Soldier-Student Who Marries Reluctant Bride Gets Decree in Idaho Court.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 25.—(Special.)—The well-known Mileham-Diggles romance, which created so much interest through the northwest about a year ago, came to an end here today when Horace Mileham was granted a divorce from his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Diggles.

Mr. Mileham, ex-soldier at the University of Idaho, married Miss Diggles shortly after he returned from the service. The marriage occurred at Farmington, Utah. From there the girl went to Berkeley, where she entered the University of California and was pledged by a prominent sorority, and Mileham returned to the Idaho university.

Several months later, after his wife had refused his repeated requests to come to Moscow and join him, Mileham attempted suicide by shooting himself in the chest, the bullet narrowly missing his heart. The girl stoutly maintained to investigators that she had not married Mileham, until she was confronted with the marriage license and other evidence. It is said that shortly after the trouble took place the wife left Berkeley and registered at the Uni-

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meetings as an evangelist at Baker, Or., when summoned to his bedside. The parents reside at La Grande.

Rev. Mr. Smith had been prominent in the Oregon national guard, serving the regiment as chaplain. He assisted in the organization of the present McMinnville company and he was a member of the Masonic lodge here. He took an active interest in civic affairs of the city and was an active member of McMinnville Commercial club.

Strike May Close Camp.

SEASIDE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The threatened railroad strike will probably close the Crown-Willamette camp near Seaside April 1 as a logging company does not wish to have a lot of fallen timber on the grounds in case of a tie-up of the

at Warrenton. Two big logging trains effort to get their logs into the water are being run every day.

NOTE: Today starts the second week of this splendid production. Just ask anyone who has seen the amazing shipwreck and the many other thrilling scenes. We'll stand by their judgment. Go on, ask 'em. Then, there's Knowles and the Picture Players in their best score so far.

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