

EDITION

TRAGIC SUICIDE OF EUGENE L. SCHAEFER

Shoots Himself in the Head at Bishop Scott Academy.

Despondency Over Dismissal Said to Be the Cause.

THE LETTER SCHAEFER LEFT TO HIS WIFE

My Dearest Janet: You have always been kind and good, and noble and true. The terrible wrong done me by a conscienceless school board has left me sick and heartbroken - brain maddened. Good-bye, dear.

"Mr. Inglis! Mr. Schaefer is lying in a faint in his chair in the school room, and he has a red rose in his mouth!" was the statement made by one of the scholars of the Bishop Scott Academy at Nineteenth and Couch streets, this morning, to Assistant Master Inglis, which furnished the first indication of a tragedy which has upset that institution and other Portland circles today.

Inglis, believing that his co-worker was fainting, hurried to give him water, and discovered to his horror that the "red rose" was a stream of blood, and that where a few moments before had sat a sentient being now lay a mass of inanimate clay.

Story of the Tragedy.

The story of the tragedy as related by the officers of the academy is as follows:

Promptly at 8:30, as was his custom, Mr. Schaefer appeared in the school room, where A. E. Bernays was in charge of the students, and with a brief "good morning" opened the cupboard where his books and bell were kept and prepared to commence the duties of the day.

Mr. Bernays volunteered some little joke, but it was not responded to, and, thinking that his co-worker was tired and despondent, he left the room. Schaefer, then, without a word to the boys under his charge, applied himself to writing a letter, thus spending the time till 8:55, when he dismissed his class to chapel by a system of bells in use in the institution.

One member of the class, however, named Lavette, who is excused from attending chapel for religious reasons, remained, and he was sent into the hall to listen for the ring of the telephone, thus leaving Schaefer alone with full opportunity to accomplish his design.

Just at this time the voices of the boys in chapel rose full and strong, and as no report was heard, it is supposed that it was then the shot was fired which snuffed out a life and has caused consternation in the circles of the school.

Letter to His Wife.

When the body was found as indicated, it was sitting in the chair behind the desk; the head lying over the right shoulder.

der. Blood was oozing from the mouth, the face was badly powder burned and the mustache badly singed with the flash of the revolver.

Before the dead man lay a sealed letter addressed to his wife at his residence, 655 Flanders street, and on the desk and the floor were gouts of blood, showing that after he fired the fatal shot he had fallen forward on the desk and then leaned back in the chair with the last muscular contractions before the spark of life left the body, while lying in the lap of the corpse was the revolver which had done the fatal work.

After a brief examination, the news of the tragedy was telephoned to the Coroner, and the body was removed to Holman's undertaking rooms.

Reason for Suicide.

The cause of the suicide was due to despondency growing out of his dismissal as head master of the academy. He had been employed in the academy for several years, coming to Portland 12 years ago from Pennsylvania.

At a meeting of the school trustees of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon last Thursday night, the board decided that it could no longer afford to pay Professor Schaefer's salary, that his work should be given into other hands of the faculty simply as a stroke of economy. The academy has not been a financial success, and it was found necessary to reduce the faculty.

Secretary Kellock's Statement.

In accordance with the instructions of the board, Secretary John K. Kellock sent Professor Schaefer a letter last Saturday giving the board's reasons for no longer continuing him as an instructor. These statements are given out by Secretary Kellock, who also says that Schaefer was a most capable man, that his work was always satisfactory and that therefore no complaints were heard against his efficiency.

On Saturday, after the receipt of the letter of dismissal, Schaefer called upon Mr. Kellock and perhaps some of the trustees, and asked that the matter be reconsidered. He received no encouragement, as it was shown to him that it was absolutely necessary to reduce the expenses of the institution. Schaefer took it very much to heart. His salary was \$1000 a year.

Mrs. Schaefer Interviewed.

When the news of the suicide was gently broken to Mrs. Schaefer at her residence 655 Flanders, she could hardly believe the facts. She could not apparently realize the exact position in which she is placed. While well nigh prostrated over the news which stunned her and benumbed her senses the poor woman

THE BIG BOSS TRYING THE GAD ON OREGON.



Mr. Hanna has been interviewed on the Oregon situation. He says it is necessary for the "ship subsidy" and OTHER interests (?) for Oregon to keep within the fold.

bears up bravely. When seen this afternoon Mrs. Schaefer said:

"My husband's full name was Eugene Lucien Schaefer, and he was born at Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1846.

"He has been very melancholy for some time, but never threatened suicide or acted as if he contemplated any such act. He has been troubled greatly with a gripe and I can only account for his act by a sudden fit of temporary aberration of mind."

"But how do you account for his having the revolver?" was asked.

"I can not account for that, as he had not been in the habit of carrying a pistol and I thought it was in the bureau drawer in the pastebord box in which it was when he purchased it. He bought the weapon back in Pennsylvania during the time there were so many strikes and riots, but has not carried it out here."

"How about his letter of dismissal by the school board?"

"If you can call the letter such, it arrived Saturday morning just as my husband started to leave the house. He came in and showing it to me started to hurriedly leave the house. I was frightened and ran after him. I brought him back and consoled him as best I could, telling him that he would only have to wait a year when we would be all right again. I think now he probably suddenly resolved to commit suicide when he started to hurry away."

Expected to Be Principal.

"My poor husband's mind was in no condition to receive the shock conveyed in Secretary Kellock's letter. He was verbally promised the principalship of the academy five weeks ago vice Professor A. C. Newell, and the first intimation that he was not only dropped from his present chair but that he was also to lose the principalship was conveyed in the letter mentioned. It seemed to entirely upset him and I presume his mind suddenly gave way under the fearful strain, because I know that he had engagements with several gentlemen interested in the academy. Notwithstanding the fact that my husband had been dropped for lack of funds, Mr. Kellock explained that preparations were being made to present Professor Schaefer with a testimonial."

Out of consideration of the widow's present plight the Coroner will not require her attendance at the inquest which will be held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The body, as it reposes in Holman's undertaking parlors gives no indication as to the cause of death. The muzzle of the revolver, which is an old-fashioned 32-caliber army weapon, was fired into the mouth. The examining physician finds that the bullet passed directly through the brain and is imbedded in the tissues directly next to the skull. Death was instantaneous.

The letter left to Mrs. Schaefer appears at the beginning of the account. It bore no signature, probably on account of haste. It was read at the inquest this afternoon.

MUST SETTLE THE CLAIM

Important Judgment Against the N. P. Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The Federal Court of Appeals today affirmed a judgment in favor of the widow and her son, against the Northern Pacific railway, allowing \$4,000 damages for the death of J. H. Adams, of Spokane. Adams was killed on November 13, by being thrown from the platform while the train was rounding a curve. He was riding on a

IN A HELL OF FLAME

Hundreds Killed in a Southern Mine—Only One Man Saved.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 19.—At least 150 lives were lost here this morning as the result of an explosion of gas in the Fraterville and Tipton mines in the Coal Creek district. Of all the men at work in the mines at the time of the explosion it is believed every one perished except John Morgan, who was blown out of the mouth of the mine. The mines are now burning, smoke and flames are gushing

from the entrances and the air shafts in the mountain side.

NASHVILLE, May 19.—Three unidentified dead have been taken out. The explosion took place in the Fraterville mine but practically closed the Tipton. The entrance to the Fraterville mine is completely closed. A rescue party attempted to get in but were unable to do so. There is little doubt that every soul in the mine is lost.

MINERS HOPEFUL

Believe Victory Will Be Theirs.

Bituminous Miners May Join the Strikers.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) HAZLETON, Pa., May 19.—The possibility of the 302,000 bituminous miners of the country joining the ranks of the 157,000 anthracite men, continues to buoy up hope among many classes in this region that the fight will be short and victory their reward. President Mitchell expressed himself this morning as being more than satisfied with the situation. The exodus of foreign miners to the east and west in search of employment, or to their native lands continues. Thousands of additional clerks and other employees were suspended this morning by the railroad and coal companies.

GRAVE CHARGES

Made Against Officers of the Army.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, May 19.—The most sensational testimony yet heard by the Senate Philippines committee was given at this morning's session by Richard O'Brien, formerly a corporal of the Twenty-sixth Volunteers. He charged the violation of a Filipino woman by American officers at San Joaquin, and also claimed that dum-dum bullets were used. He also testified that he saw Captain McDonald, Lieutenant Blummer, and Major Cook drink to excess in a convent at Igarroa, the officers named despoiling to their underclothing and forcing the women to dance with them. At Lanong, the witness said, peaceful natives were fired upon and a woman and two children, one at the breast, were permitted to perish in a burning house.

CLOUDS OF ASHES

Vomited From Pelee's Deadly Crater.

The Volcanic Rumbles Continue in Full Strength.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PARIS, May 19.—The Minister of the Colonies today received a dispatch from the acting Governor of Martinique, announcing the arrival of supplies from the United States. He adds that at the time the dispatch was sent the volcano was vomiting a great quantity of ashes on the communities on the southern part of the island and violent explosions were heard in Le Carbet. The Ministry of the Colonies says the local administration is satisfied that sufficient supplies are arriving at Martinique to ensure that there shall be no further danger of famine in the stricken island.

A TRUE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—President Roosevelt issued an official statement today that a report as to the true condition of affairs at Martinique and St. Vincent will be made public as soon as received from the army and navy officials now on relief duty in the West Indies. He adds that until further information is received it is deemed best that the receipt of subscriptions be suspended.

ST. VINCENT'S DEAD.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, May 19.—The United States Consul at Barbadoes wired the State Department this morning as follows: "Sixteen hundred deaths on St. Vincent. Four thousand destitute. Their immediate wants supplied. Aid will be needed for six months. This is authentic."

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Wheat, \$1.14.
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TOURISTS LOST IN KILLARNEY

SWEPT BY A HURRICANE

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) KILLARNEY, Ireland, May 18.—A party of 12 persons lost their lives by the wrecking of their boat during the storm on this lake yesterday. The party consisted of nine tourists and four boatmen.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) BOMBAY, May 18.—The Province of Seinde, British India, has been visited by a destructive hurricane. Many lives have been lost, and houses, bridges and embankments have been destroyed all over the province.

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