

## Emma F. McLeod

( - 23 Oct 1912)

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**McLeod.** Suddenly on Wednesday, October 23, 1912, Emma E. McLeod (nee Schmidt) beloved wife of David Hazen McLeod. Funeral from John T. Wright's undertaking parlors, 1337 10th street n.w. at 2 p.m., Friday, October 25.

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### **Mother's Suicide Due To Death Of Her Babe**

#### **Coroner Decides Mrs. Emma E. McLeod Intentionally Inhaled Illuminating Gas**

Despondent because of the death of her infant child two months ago, Mrs. Emma E. McLeod, twenty-five years old, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas in her apartment at 124-1/2 Thomas street northwest last night or early today.

The fact that Mrs. McLeod had taken her life was discovered shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Alma E. Schmidt, her sister, who resides across the street, went to the McLeod apartments, which is on the second floor, last night. She was unable to gain admittance. Believing that her sister was out for a time she returned to her home.

#### *Door Broken Open*

About 9:30 o'clock this morning Mrs. Schmidt again went to the apartment. She was again unsuccessful in her efforts to gain admittance. Policeman Antonelli of the eighth precinct was called and he broke open the door.

In the kitchen of the apartment, which was filled with gas, the body of Mrs. McLeod was found. She had apparently been dead several hours. A gas tube was attached to an open jet and another jet was found open.

#### *Coroner's Decision*

Coroner Nevitt was notified and after an investigation gave a certificate of death by inhaling illuminating gas with suicidal intent. Mrs. McLeod is survived by her husband, a contractor, who is out of the city on business, and her sister, Mrs. Schmidt.