WIFE OF BRUNO STEINDEL KILLS SELF IN LAKE; GREIVED OVER WAR TAINT ON HUSBAND.

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GREWED OVER WAR Taint on Husband.

Mrs. Midolde Steindel, wife of Bruno Steindel, former cellist of the Chicago Symphony orchestra, who died in 1918 after being accused of pro-German activities, committed suicide Saturday night by leaping into Lake Michigan, from the foot of Fairwell avenue. Mrs. Steindel was an accom plished musician and had acted as an accom panist for her husband.

The police found Mrs. Steindel's automobile yesterday morning with lights still ablaze. Her expensive fur coat, which she had cast off before jumping into the lake, lay on the dashboard. The body was recovered after a search. A short note, written on a piece of brown wrapping paper, was found in the tonneau of the car.

"PREFER DEATH TO ASYLUM." "I am going to end it all—they have been unable to unweave me—I prefer death to an asylum," the note read.

Members of the family said Mrs. Steindel had acted "quarrel" since her husband resigned from the orchestra. The recent illness of Mrs. Steindel's 13-year-old daughter, Eleanor, and her husband and great mental suffering.

The girl has been sick for more than a year and at one time was considered despaired of by her father. Recently she has improved and is expected to recover.

Mrs. Steindel was reached in Baltimore last night by telephone. He replied he would leave at once for Chicago.

Mrs. Steindel is now first cellist of the Chicago Opera company.

LEFT HOME ON FRIDAY.

According to information obtained by the police Mrs. Steindel left her home, 1228 Morse Avenue, Fairview, telling the servants that she would be away for several days. She took a few belongings in a small bag.

She visited at the home of a cousin, Mrs. William Rich, 2421 Park place, Evanston, and remained overnight. The next day she complained of a terrible headache.

She told to Mrs. Hilt: "I can't stand it! I can't stand it!"

Mrs. Steindel left the Rich home in her automobile.

WOMAN DISCOVERS BODY.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Bismarck Selzer, 1030 Pratt house rapid. A year ago Mrs. Steindel, who was 48 years old, was placed in a mental hospital in Milwaukee. After she had dropped many notes from the hospital's window begging her relatives to take her from the place she was returned home. For a time her condition improved, and she was declared to be well. For the last two weeks, however, she had walked through the streets of Rogers Park singing and talking to herself.

Her mother, Mrs. Ethel Stump, and an aunt, Mrs. Phillip Hilt, lived at the home of Mrs. Steindel.

Her husband, after resigning from the symphony orchestra, gave many concerts in Chicago for the benefit of German war orphans despite protests made by American Legion posts.