

# TRAGEDY AT UNIVERSITY LAID TO INSANITY

Marshall B. Halle, of State University, kills Prof. M. Goode Homes, Then Suicide, Insane Fit Thought, Long Grudge Existed Between the Two Men.

Columbia, May 6.—Prof. M. Goode Homes, head of the department of engineering of the University of South Carolina, was shot and killed by Benjamin Halle, superintendent of grounds of the university who a few minutes later killed himself by firing a shot into his brain. The double tragedy occurred in the treasurer's office of the university shortly after ten o'clock this morning.

There were no eye witnesses, but Dr. William S. Currell, president and Dr. Leonard T. Baker, dean, saw the superintendent brandishing a revolver and both were ordered from the office by Halle, a shot being fired over the head of Dean Baker and the weapon being pointed at President Currell although he was not fired upon. The action against the two officers of the university was taken after Prof. Homes had been slain and it is believed that Halle killed himself a few minutes after warning President Currell not to enter the room.

**Sends Out Girl**  
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room with Prof. Homes, to the president's office, telling her that Dr. Currell wished to see her.

Dean Baker, who was in a class room on another floor of the building heard shots and started to enter the treasurer's office to investigate. He was warned by Halle to keep out, the superintendent firing a shot over his head. The dean did not see Prof. Homes, believed now to have already been slain in an adjoining room to the main office of the treasurer. Dean Baker withdrew and as he did so President Currell came from his office to investigate. Dean Baker warned the president not to enter the room, telling him that Halle was in there in a crazed condition and firing a pistol. Dr. Currell, however, entered the room to be met with a warning from Halle to keep out, the superintendent pointing his revolver at the president with the statement: "You are responsible for this." The president left the room.

In the meantime police had been summoned and investigation revealed Homes was shot five times, one that of Halle in the other.

**Shot Five Times**  
Holmes was shot five times, one bullet penetrating the heart while Halle was shot only once, the bullet entering the brain and causing instant death.

An official statement issued by President Currell says that there had been bitter feeling between the two men for some time, growing out of a conflict of duties at the university. This feeling has practically existed for a year.

**Professor Homes**  
Professor Homes was born in 1883 in Boydton, Va., and was educated at the University of Virginia and the United States Military academy at West Point. He has held many important engineering assignments and stood high in his profession. He is survived by a wife and four small children. Professor Homes has been a member of the University of South Carolina faculty since 1909.

Superintendent Halle came to the University of South Carolina in 1912 from Camden where he was chief of police. He was first marshal and then superintendent of grounds. He was about 44 years of age and is survived by his wife, a son and daughter.

**Temporary Insanity**  
Columbia, May 6.—At the inquest conducted by Coroner J. B. Scott, of Richland county, tonight, the jury found that Prof. M. Goode Homes was slain by Benjamin Halle, while the latter was temporarily insane and that Halle died by his own hand.

A letter found in a pocket of Halle's coat was read, written by Halle, showing that the cause of the tragedy was the differences between the two men growing out of building operations at the university. It was not clear whether this letter was written before or after Halle shot Homes.

Bitter feeling has existed between the two men, it seems, for six months or more. It began shortly after several anonymous letters were written to members of the board of trustees criticizing Prof. Homes' position in connection with the letting of contracts for certain minor repairs at the university. These letters and the charges made were investigated by a sub-committee of the board of trustees and Professor Homes exonerated of all blame. Superintendent Halle also conducted an investigation and this developed the feeling to which the letter left today evidently refers.

Columbia, May 6.—M. Goode Homes professor of engineering at the University of South Carolina, was shot to death at ten o'clock this morning in the office of Treasurer Huggins of the university, by Ben Halle, marshal of the institution. Mr. Halle then turned the weapon on himself and fired a bullet into his own brain.

Professor Homes was shot five times. There were no eye witnesses to the shooting. Several were in the offices at the time just prior to the shooting. Miss Sawyer, a stenographer, was asked by Mr. Halle to leave when Mr. Halle entered the office. This left the two men between whom there had been sharp bitterness, alone. Immediately several shots were fired. President Currell rushed in, but was ordered to stay out by Mr. Halle, who pointed the weapon at the president of the university as he did so.

Dean L. T. Baker rushed in and was ordered to stay out, and a bullet was fired in his direction by Mr. Halle.

**Dead Bodies Found**  
Peace officers were called and when the doors were opened the dead bodies of both Halle and Professor Homes were found on the floor.

**Premeditated Killing**  
A letter was found in Mr. Halle's pockets in which it appears that Mr. Halle had premeditated the killing. He refers to the ill feeling which had de-

veloped between him and Professor Homes, which matter had been precipitated by the investigation of certain charges of petty graft brought against Professor Homes, but who was fully exonerated by the board of trustees.

One portion of the letter in Mr. Halle's pocket said two officers of the university offered yesterday to make new affidavits "giving me justice. I told them it was too late I was afraid." The letter also expressed the hope that "I have a friend that will demand a fair, honest and thorough investigation and let the truth be known."

**Anonymous Letters**

There had been a long standing controversy between Professor Homes and Mr. Halle relative to Professor Homes' participation in the awarding of contracts for certain minor repairs to buildings at the university. About six months ago certain anonymous letters were received by members of the board of trustees, impugning the integrity of Professor Homes in the awarding of building contracts. These anonymous letters were investigated and found to be trivial. The matter was brought to the attention of the board of trustees of the university and the board's sub-committee found Professor Homes not at fault at all.

It appears that Mr. Halle was instructed by the president of the university to investigate the authenticity of these anonymous letters, which he did. A feeling of animosity arose between Professor Homes and Mr. Halle relative to these charges.

The board of trustees through its sub-committee investigated the charges and found Professor Homes blameless. Professor Homes was of the opinion that Mr. Halle had a personal grievance against him. Mr. Halle likewise thought that Professor Homes was attempting to persecute him. Both men were thus under the delusion that each was persecuting the other. This

according to W. J. Cormack, member of the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina, who in conjunction with W. M. Wenter, of Columbia and B. A. Hagood, of Charleston investigated the charges, which, Mr. Cormack believes, were the cause of today's tragedy.

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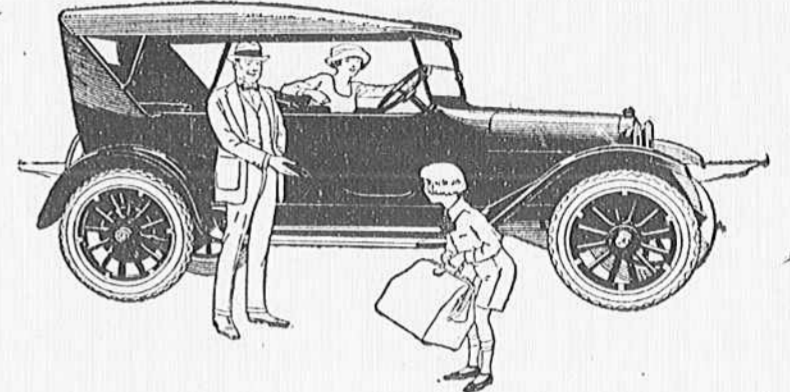
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