

SCHROEDER ENDS LIFE AS WIFE DID

Retired Broker and Brewer Kills Himself With Gas.

THIRD SUICIDE IN FAMILY

Arkovy, His Son-in-Law, Took Poison in London.

Robert Schroeder, a wealthy retired broker and brewer of 46 West Sixty-ninth street, killed himself this morning by inhaling gas. His body was found in the bathroom, where his wife committed suicide by the same means three years ago. His son-in-law killed himself by poison in London last April.

Mr. Schroeder had brought a fur rug and several pillows from the parlor on the ground floor, and from another room a small gas radiator, in which the gas was turned on. The door and windows

of the room were fastened. After a maid of the household, Gertrude De Bruzin, called Mr. Schroeder for breakfast, Mrs. Arkovy found her father's body, and called the police. Dr. Drury of 112 West Sixty-ninth street said the broker had been dead for an hour.

Mrs. Elsa Arkovy, Mr. Schroeder's daughter, was the only member of the family at home to-day. Friends of the Schroeders recalled the circumstances under which Mrs. Schroeder took her life three years ago. She had surrendered all her interest in life because of her daughter's marriage to Richard Arkovy, a Hungarian, who called himself von Arkovy and a baron. Arkovy killed himself by poison in the Carlton Hotel in London on April 18.

Mother's Suicide Followed Girl's Elopement.

It was soon after her daughter's marriage that Mrs. Schroeder, who had tried to prevent the match, committed suicide. The marriage was accomplished through an elopement. Elsa Schroeder had met Arkovy in a vaudeville theatre when she was a young girl and he was a cigar store clerk.

Mrs. Arkovy had an allowance from her father while he continued to recognize Arkovy. The "Baron" and his wife went back and forth between Paris, London and New York until Mrs. Arkovy came back to New York in December, 1911, and declared that her husband had spent some \$200,000 of her money and that she had been told he was the son of a Budapest dentist. She had never seen his castles in Hungary. Later there were statements to the effect that Arkovy had been a jockey in Berlin.

Robert Thompson, a friend of the family whose home is at the Hotel Plaza, said to-day that Mrs. Arkovy was under the care of a physician, who

told her she must not delay her sailing for the baths in Germany, as she had planned. Mrs. Arkovy consequently will sail to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson said he was not prepared to say that Mrs. Schroeder did not commit suicide in the same room under very similar circumstances to those accompanying Mr. Schroeder's death. He said that he did not believe that Mr. Schroeder was despondent because of the approaching anniversary of the date on which his wife took her life, as much as he was concerned over recent financial troubles he had got into through real estate speculation in the Bronx.

A mortgage, Mr. Thompson said, had recently been foreclosed on property owned by Mr. Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder was to have sailed with his daughter for Germany to-morrow.

The police said that from information given to them they were convinced that Mr. Schroeder had committed suicide because he was weary of life as a result of his troubles. It was said at the Schroeder home to-day that Arkovy had spent \$200,000 of his wife's money before he died. The Schroeders have always attributed Arkovy's death to an overdose of morphine.

