

Robert L. Dorsey

(- 10 Dec 1921)

Dorsey. On December 10, 1921, Robert L., beloved husband of Mary E. Dorsey, aged 23 years. Funeral from W.W. Deal's funeral parlors, 816 H st. n.e., on Monday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Man and Wife Kill Selves With Gas Bodies Found on Bed in Sealed Room – Jet Replaced by Tube

Lying side by side, Robert L. Dorsey, twenty-three years old, and Marly L. Dorsey, his wife, thirty, were found dead in their room from fumes of illuminating gas Saturday afternoon by Mrs. W.P. O'Connor of 1115 K street, in whose home the couple lived.

Cracks both in the windows and doors had been stopped up and a gas jet had been replaced with a tube, which ran over a dresser to the bed. Mrs. O'Conner broke upon the door, after detecting the fumes of gas on the third floor, and notified the police. Dr. Bowen, responding to a call made to Emergency Hospital, pronounced both dead on arrival.

At the bottom of the door was Dorsey's raincoat. The key had been tied to the door knob and a cap was placed over it. Dorsey was in his underclothes and his wife was clothed in a kimono. Her right arm was beneath her head, which rested partially on his arm and partially on his shoulder.

Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of suicide.

According to residents of the house Mrs. Dorsey a few days ago mentioned to a friend that "Robert had written to his mother to get money and if he did not get it, everything is all off."

Both bodies were removed to Deal's undertaking establishment, at 816 H street northeast.

Dorsey is the son of Mrs. Nellie Dorsey of 1006 I street. Police were unable to trace relatives of the wife.

Dorsey was formerly an automobile hacker. The couple had been married four years.