Price P. Haller
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Body Found Floating
Price P. Haller Believed to Have Committed Suicide

The body of a white man found floating in the Potomac near Sheperd's wharf about 10 o'clock this forenoon was identified as that of Price P. Haller, a former machinist in the Navy Yard. Haller was reported to police headquarters as missing from his home, 651 C street southeast, since October 17, at which time he was last seen alive.

The discovery of the body was made by members of the crew of the tugboat, Runaway as she was proceeding up the river and had reached a point near Sheperd's wharf, just below the old magazine.

Lieut. John R. Sutton of the harbor precinct was notified and proceeded down stream on the police steamer Vigilant to overtake the body, which was taken on board and transferred to the morgue. It was examined by Morguemaster William Schoneberger, who found on the man's finger a gold ring with the initials P.P.H. engraved on it. The drowned man also wore a pin of the order of Odd Fellows, and a $1 bill was found in his pocket. These facts were promptly telephoned to police headquarters and resulted in the identification of the remains by Capt. Boardman and his detectives.

Haller's age was given as forty-two years, and when last seen by a fellow-employe in the Navy Yard he appeared to be greatly depressed, saying he was worried over financial matters. A detective said the deceased had borrowed considerable money, according to reports to the police, and being unable to meet the payments the notes went to protest. This matter, it is said, preyed on his mind, and it is believed, drove him finally to end his life.

The body bore the appearance of having been in the water for several days, and was somewhat decomposed.

Haller is represented to have been quite popular among his associates, all of whom are said to feel keenly his death under the circumstances stated.

Coroner Nevitt will view the remains this afternoon and decide whether an inquest will be necessary.