

George Edward Loveless

(1869 – 14 Aug 1923)

Loveless. Tuesday, August 14, 1923, at his residence, 3327 Brothers pl. S.E., George Edward Loveless, aged 52, beloved husband of Flossie C. Loveless (nee Henderson). Funeral from his late residence Saturday, August 18, at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

Loveless. Members of Mt. Vernon Council, No. 10, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will assemble Sat. afternoon, Aug. 18, 1923, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother George E. Loveless from the late residence, 3327 Brothers pl. s.e., Congress Heights, D.C. By direction of council.

Edwin C. Crouch, Councillor

Attest: John E. Smallwood, Rec. Secy.

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Police Declare Auto Killed Man

Identify Dead Watchman as Victim of Speeding Car.

Murder Theory Backed

Identification by three members of the ninth precinct police station of George Edwin Loveless, fifty-six-year-old watchman on a dredge near the Benning bridge, as the man who was knocked down Sunday night by a speeding automobile resulted in the release today of John Robertson, held by the police for investigation since the death of Loveless yesterday afternoon.

Loveless died at his home, 3327 Brothers place southeast, maintaining to the last that he had been attacked and beaten while returning from work Sunday night by two men who hit him with a blunt instrument.

Saw Auto Hit Man

Chauffeur Worrell of the ninth precinct, however, said that he saw an automobile hit Loveless. And Policeman Perkins of the same precinct identified the watchman as the man whom he and Policeman Parker took to the station house after the accident and gave first-aid treatment.

Loveless, according to the police who identified him, was picked up on the Benning bridge and taken to the ninth precinct, where a three-inch gash in his head was dressed, and released under the belief that his injuries were not serious. In the meantime Chauffeur Worrell was chasing the speeding machine that struck the man, but failed to overtake it.

Shortly after 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning Loveless arrived at the home of his sister, Mrs Lucius Bee, 1401 K street southeast. Mrs. Bee called Dr. A.N Meloy, 3224 6th street southeast, who treated him. Dr. Meloy called a private ambulance and Loveless was taken to his home.

Believes in Murder Theory

Dr. Meloy expressed the opinion that the location of the injuries tended to strongly substantiate and confirm the story of Loveless.

This morning another angle entered. Mrs. Bee, the sister of the deceased, notified Capt. Stoll at the ninth precinct that it was her firm opinion that her brother had been murdered by thugs -- not struck by an automobile.

Dr. Meloy expressed the belief that an automobile traveling at an excessive rate of speed could not cause so few and such a type of injuries as those sustained by Loveless, namely bruises on the legs and cuts on the side of the head, and nothing else.

Inquest To Be Held

An inquest is to be held this afternoon. Robertson has been ordered to appear at the inquest.

Despite all this, a city-wide search was started today for the automobile which Chauffeur Worrell says he saw hit a man.

Loveless is survived by a widow, Mrs. Flossie C. Loveless, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Jack O'Leary and Misses Elsie and Amy Loveless.

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Decide Watchman Killed By Autoist

Jurymen Scout Victim's Statement of Hold-Up -- Police Saw Car Strike Him

Ignoring statements attributed to George Edward Loveless of 3327 Brothers place southeast, who died Tuesday afternoon, after declaring that the injuries to his head -- which caused death -- were received from one of two men who assaulted him on Benning bridge at midnight Sunday, a coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict of death from an automobile collision, the operator of the vehicle and the vehicle being not known at this time.

John Robertson, who, with Loveless, was a watchman on a dredge near Benning bridge and who was taken to the inquest for developments, was released from police surveillance after the verdict. He had been arrested following the initial statements attributed to Loveless, naming him as one of the two men who held him up on the bridge.

Mrs. Lucius Bee, a sister of Loveless, to whose home he made his way at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning, after the accident, testified that he said he had come there from Benning Bridge. In reality he had been taken to the ninth precinct station and given first aid before he went to his sister's home. Death was caused from a fracture of the skull, according to the findings of Dr. Herbert E. Martyn, deputy coroner, at an autopsy yesterday.

Chauffeur Worrell of the ninth precinct said that at the time when Loveless said he was held up on the bridge, he was driving the patrol wagon toward that spot en route to a call from Benning, and that he saw an automobile strike a man, and continue on its way. He chased the automobile only to lose it, while two other policemen were picking up Loveless. A search for this automobile is being continued by the police today.