

## Thomas Irving Owens

### ( – 6 Feb 1916)

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**Owens.** Suddenly, on Sunday, February 6, 1916, at 1 a.m., T. Irving Owens, devoted son of the late Little B. and James F. Owens. Funeral services at Congressional Chapel, 2 o'clock, Tuesday, February 8.

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#### **Irving Owens Is Killed, Two Others Are Injured Edwin C. Holle Charged With Manslaughter as Result of Auto Accident Near Bladensburg**

Irving Owens, twenty-four years old, who was in charge of the soda fountain at the lounge, Poli's Theater, was instantly killed about 3 o'clock yesterday morning in an automobile accident on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard near Bladensburg, Md., and Edwin C. Holle, twenty-one years old, Norfolk, Va., and Hubert A. Moore, twenty-nine years old, Mebane, N.C. were injured. Moore's skull was fractured and it is feared he cannot recover. Holle received a number of cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries. The automobile belonged to Holle and was being operated by him at the time the accident happened.

#### *Holle Charged With Manslaughter*

Magistrate Robert E. Joyce, Mount Rainier, issued warrants charging Holle with manslaughter and violations of several sections of the law governing the handling of automobiles and placed them in the hands of Constable Thomas H. Garrison for service. Early this morning it was reported at Casualty Hospital, where the two injured men were being treated, that Holle might be moved, with safety, but when Detective Burlingame, and Constable Garrison reached the hospital his condition was such that the physicians would not consent to his being discharged.

Before closing the lounge Saturday night Owens told the cashier that he was going on an automobile trip to Baltimore to have a good time, and it was some time after midnight when the three men got started in a machine belonging to Holle. Near Bladensburg, it is stated, Holle neglected to make a quick turn when a curve was reached, and the car crashed into a tree and was demolished.

#### *Arrangements Made for Inquest*

Owens' body was taken to an undertaking establishment in Bladensburg, and arrangements were made to hold an inquest tonight. Holle and Moore were brought to the city and taken to Casualty Hospital in the ambulance of that institution. The police patrol of the ninth precinct also was sent to Maryland.

Owens was a native of this city, and had resided here most of his life. His mother, who was a resident of South Washington, died about three weeks ago. His wife, Mrs. Lillian Owens, is a resident of Huntington, W. Va.

Moore was in the employ of the Lorillard Tobacco Company, and Holle was employed by the American Tobacco Company. They met Owens at his place of employment, and the trip to Baltimore was arranged a couple of hours before the start was made.