

## Raymond Wellington Pullman

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### **Pick New Police Head**

**Commissioners' Choice Falls on Raymond W. Pullman**

**Assumes Office on April 1**

**Sylvester Then to Be Retired With Pension of \$100 a Month**

**Latter Is Practically Exonerated of Charges Made Against Him and**

**Later Withdrawn by Representative Park.**

**New Superintendent Is Native of Washington and Only 31 Years Old.**

**Is Newspaper Man.**

Raymond W. Pullman, newspaper correspondent, yesterday was appointed major and superintendent of the police department to succeed Supt. Richard Sylvester on April 1. The commissioners authorized Sylvester's retirement with pension of \$100 a month.



MAJ. RAYMOND W. PULLMAN.

Although never actively engaged in police administration, Mr. Pullman has been a student of police systems of the United States for many years, and keeps in touch with the New York department at all times through the reports of that organization.

Supt. Sylvester, in his letter of resignation to the commissioners said:

“Being advised by my physicians, and being myself aware that the condition of my health forbids my longer continuance in the office of major and superintendent of police, with justice to its demands and duties, I have the honor to request retirement therefrom at the close of the current month.”

### *Practically Exonerate Sylvester's*

The commissioners practically exonerated Supt. Sylvester of the charges filed by Representative Park, of Georgia, in a statement issued yesterday. They said:

“The preliminary examination made of the charges filed against Maj. Sylvester by Representative Park, which were withdrawn yesterday by their author, while indicating minor derelictions that might have resulted in some disciplinary measures, did not, so far as the examination extended, present a sufficiently strong case to require the commissioners to proceed with a trial. The charges having been withdrawn, Maj. Sylvester is retired upon his own request.

“The board of commissioners takes this occasion to express the thanks of the community to Maj. Sylvester for his long and able service to the District of Columbia.”

### *Leader in Sunday School Work*

Mr. Pullman has been a leader in the Sunday school work of the Reformed Lutheran Church and in the activities of the Y.M.C.A. He is a great admirer of Bill Sunday and is interested in the scheme to bring the evangelist to Washington for a long series of sermons.

“In selecting Mr. Pullman to be major and superintendent of police the commissioners were actuated by a knowledge of his exceptional qualifications for the place.” said Commissioner Brownlow yesterday.

“Mr. Pullman has lived in Washington practically all his life, was educated in the Eastern and the Business high schools, was four years in the Washington in the Washington High School Cadets, serving as captain, and since leaving school has had a varied experience in journalism and in the forest service.

#### *Student of Police Affairs*

“For many years he has taken an active interest in the police administration in Washington, and aside from that has made an exhaustive study of police matters in many other American cities. He has been a deep student of all the varied and complex problems that are so intimately connected with the police. A man of the highest character, of demonstrated executive ability, and broad social vision. I feel that the people of Washington are to be congratulated upon securing the services of such a man for this position.”

Mr. Pullman is a native of Virginia and was born on a farm in Fairfax county on November 25, 1883. He had lived in Washington all but the first two years of his life, however, and was educated in the local public schools, attending both the Eastern and the Business high schools. During his graduating year at the latter institution he was captain of Company E, of the high school cadet regiment, and was also editor-in-chief of the school magazine and of the first issue of the students' yearbook.

#### *Teacher in City's Night Schools*

After graduation from the high school in 1903 he was appointed a teacher in the public night schools of Washington, serving in this position for two years, and at the time also taking an interest in the settlement work at the Neighborhood House.

During the fall of 1904 Mr. Pullman entered the business and advertising office of a local printing establishment and resigned in the early part of 1905 to take up newspaper work on The Washington Post. He has served in the local newspaper field since that time, with the exception of a little more than two and a half years, while he was in charge of publicity in the United States forest service under Gifford Pinchot and while he served for a short time in charge of publicity for the White House Conference on Care of Dependent Children a few months before the close of the Roosevelt administration.

#### *Writer on Scientific Inquiries*

Mr. Pullman has specialized in writing on the government's scientific investigations, and is the author of a syndicate letter bearing on the work of all the departments, which is published in a number of large papers throughout the United States. He also covers the Capitol and White House news for the Detroit Times and is Washington correspondent of the Survey, a social service magazine of New York. He has traveled extensively in all parts of the United States, and has given special study to problems of government, sociology, and economics.

#### *Not an Applicant, He Says*

“In 1905, owing to my connection with The Washington Post, I became interested more or less in police administration,” said Mr. Pullman yesterday. “True, I never did what reporters call 'police' which means attending to all the news connected with the police department, but I sometimes was sent out on police stories, and always found such work very interesting.

“I have not been an applicant for the position as major and superintendent of police, and before I can discuss fully what changes will eventually take place I will have to look over the situation. I have long been a friend of Maj. Sylvester, and I wish him every success in private life.”

The atmosphere and the knowing nods exchanged here and there in and about the municipal building point to a radical change in the administration methods in vogue at present in the police department. There is no denying the prospect that some of the police captains will be transferred to other posts.

One of the oldest police officials in service said:

#### *On Eve of Important Changes*

"There's bound to be change in order of things in the police department. The days of sinecure positions and assignments are about over. There will, unless I miss my guess, be many a transfer for the good of the service, and the police captain with the sinecure will have his work cut out for him, and not necessarily in the precinct where he is stationed at present. There is a situation in existence here which prevails in no other city that I know of. Some of the police captains have seen duty in their precincts year after year. Never has there been such a suggestion, in some cases, of as much as a transfer of other fields. True, they grow to know every inch of their territory, but a man is bound to become mechanical with the same environment year after year. They say a new broom sweeps clean, and I think the incoming superintendent of police, with his knowledge of sociology, will see the folly of allowing a man to become too accustomed to his surroundings."

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#### **Maj. Pullman Head of Police For One Year Superintendent Is Congratulated on First Anniversary -- Has Made Many Changes**

Maj. Raymond W. Pullman is today observing the completion of his first year as superintendent of Washington's police department. The occasion was not overlooked by his friends, many of whom called at his office to extend congratulations. The District Commissioners also were among those to proffer felicitations. During his term of office Maj. Pullman has inaugurated many changes in the administrative machinery of the department.

He has planned and put in operation a course in first-aid work, revived revolver practice, worked out a new system of reports on every assignment given in the detective bureau and revived the weekly conferences with commanding officers of precincts.

Under his direction the department has given increased attention to traffic problems, while every man on the force has been permitted to confer with the head of the department concerning any matter of interest which he might wish to lay before the major and superintendent.

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#### **Maj. Pullman Is 33 Today Superintendent of Police Will Celebrate Occasion With His Parents**

Superintendent of Police Pullman will celebrate his thirty-third birthday anniversary today. The occasion will be observed with a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Pullman, his parents, with whom he resides.

Maj. Pullman assumed the duties of his office on April 1, 1915, and since his induction into office has brought about many reforms and improvements in the service.

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**Mr. Eno Host at Reception**

**Maj. Pullman and Mrs. Spingard Are Chief Guests**

William P. Eno, director of the Home Defense League, was host at a reception at his home, 1771 N street northwest, last night, in honor of Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, chief of police, and Mrs. Arthur Spingard, director of women's work of the police department. The reception was to introduce Mrs. Spingard and her aids to the men and women of Washington who are interested in local welfare problems.

Among the guests were Judge Anne Selleps, first woman judge of the District Juvenile Court, and Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, first woman head of the District playgrounds department. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw made a brief address on the recognition of women, Mrs. Frances M. Ehle assisted Mr. Eno in receiving the guests.

**Pullman.** Raymond Wellington Pullman, born November 25, 1883, died February 22, 1920. Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., February 24 at the Church of the Reformation, B street between 2d and 3d street southeast. The body will arrive at the church about 1 p.m.

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**Major Pullman No Better**

**Physicians Unable to Give Encouragement in Case of Police Chief**

Surgeons attending Major Pullman, superintendent of police, who is at his home, 55 Ivy street s.e., suffering from double pneumonia, were unable to give an encouraging report as to the patients condition today. It was said that his temperature was high and that his heart action was not so good.

A call for additional physicians was sent this afternoon when Major Pullman's condition became worse.

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**Maj. Pullman Making Fight For His Life**

**Responds to Powerful Stimulants After End Believed Only Few Minutes Off**

Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police, suffering from an attack of double pneumonia, last night was still making a fight for recovery. Several times during the day his attendants thought Maj. Pullman could live but a few minutes. He responded, however, to the powerful stimulants administered by attending physicians.

At noon yesterday the patient's condition was such that he told one of the surgeons he felt that he had lost his fight against death.

For a few minutes it appeared to the surgeons that the end was not far off. Not only were the patient's lungs affected, but his heart action was weak and his breathing labored.

Early last night the patient's color was somewhat improved and he seemed to be a trifle stronger, and shortly before midnight it was said he had lost practically no ground since late afternoon.

Police surgeons who have been in attendance since it became known that Maj. Pullman was suffering from pneumonia, spent the greater part of yesterday at the Pullman home. It was arranged that one or more of them would be on hand throughout last night.

*The Evening Star, February 23, 1920*

## **Raymond W. Pullman**

Death has taken, in Raymond W. Pullman, one of the younger Washingtonians of exceptional usefulness in the community and of unusual promise for future value to the District. A resident here since infancy, he was thoroughly identified with Washington, knew it well, and loved it. After an active career in newspaper work, in the course of which he contributed to The Star's columns, he was appointed by the District Commissioners as chief of police, to which office he devoted himself with characteristic vigor and thoroughness. Maj. Pullman's selection to head the local police department was a departure from the ordinary course. It was justified, however, by his faithful and intelligent discharge of duty and by his adoption of progressive methods. He had difficulties, as has every man in such a position. But he met them courageously and solved them and Washington had confidence in his integrity and his capacity in every crisis. His death is a shocking loss. He fought bravely for his life, and his final message was characteristic of his devotion to a high ideal of conduct which he had unvaryingly observed in his comparatively short span of years.

*The Evening Star, February 23, 1920*

### **Maj. Ray Pullman Falls Victim to Double Pneumonia Youngest Police Chief Loses in Desperate Fight for Life**

Maj. Raymond Wellington Pullman, youngest police chief in the history of Washington, lost a vigorous fight with double pneumonia and died at 8:05 o'clock last night.

Death came suddenly. It was preceded by two days of intense anxiety. Maj. Pullman had rallied during Sunday, and attending physicians were optimistic an hour before the end. A clot of blood formed in the lungs shortly before 8 o'clock, suffocation ensued and he died within fifteen minutes.

#### *Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon*

Six police captains will act as pallbearers at the funeral, which will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Church of the Reformation, on B street between 2d and 3d streets southeast.

Maj. Pullman will be buried in uniform. Although the body will be placed in the church at 1 o'clock, the services will not commence until two hours later. During the interval, friends of the late police chief will be allowed to view the body.

Services will be conducted by Rev. John Weidley, pastor, assisted by Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant. Policemen will form the official escort of the body during the procession from the church to the Congressional Cemetery, where interment will be made.

Officers and members of the Home Defense League have been requested to attend the services by Director Odell S. Smith.

The pallbearers will be Capts. Flathers, Williams, Hartley, Lord, Judge and Falvey.

At his deathbed were his parents, a few friends and Drs. Wilbur H.R. Brandenburg and Henry F. Sawtelle. Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle, head of the women's bureau of the police department, was at his home, 55 Ivy street southeast at the time.

#### *Was Ill Eight Days*

During the severe weather of Saturday week. Maj. Pullman took a trip to New York city and suffered a cold, which eventually led to death. On Monday, following his return, he was confined at his home with influenza. Later in the week, double pneumonia developed.

At noon, Saturday, Maj. Pullman told the physicians at his bedside that he believed he could not hold out much longer. Dr. James Kilroy informed him that all outside assistance had been given and that the fight rested with himself.

Throughout Saturday night and Sunday he battled with death. His only losing fight, it was said, while he was a police chief, was his last one.

Commissioner Brownlow was immediately informed of Maj. Pullman's death. Less than an hour had elapsed before he was at the District building, straightening the details of the administration for the carrying on of police business.

#### *Took Up Duties April, 1915*

At the age of thirty-two, Maj. Pullman was appointed chief of police. He assumed office on April 1, 1915, succeeding Maj. Richard Sylvester, coming direct from newspaper work.

During his tenure of office, some of the most difficult problems in Washington's history of police administration confronted the youngest police chief.

War came, bringing its problematic issues of public protection during the absence of fighting men. The only triple murder in the history of Washington was committed, and cleared up, although it involved possible complications with China. A madman murdered a girl, terrorized Washington and was captured by the police, under Maj. Pullman's guidance, in a week's time. Radicalism broke out, the assassination of a high cabinet official was attempted. Race hostility spurted into a flame and was smothered. Prohibition came and brought in its wake bootleggers and lawbreakers to be accounted for.

#### *Was Growing in Popularity*

Criticism at times poured from all sides on the head of the police department. He passed through it all, maintained his position, and was in the prime of his administration, with a growing popularity, when death came.

National attention was attracted when Dr. Theodore T. Wong and two assistants, representing the official educational delegation from China to the United States, were murdered in January 1919, Maj. Pullman sent detectives to New York, brought back the murderer, and worked for several days before securing a confession. The confession and evidence gathered by the police department secured conviction. During this work Maj. Pullman was assured of the cooperation of the Chinese legation, thus avoiding the think ice of international complications.

The vigorous attacks of the police department upon the bootlegging traffic brought praise from many quarters and blame from a few. Some criticism was made for the placing of too many policemen on the "bootleg cordon" around the city of Washington.

It became known at a later date, although it was not generally circulated, that the strength of the "bootleg cordon" and anti-whisky runners' guard was exaggerated and that the numbers were overestimated, Maj. Pullman did not deny the reports, but it was declared at the time, by men in positions to know, that no serious defect was felt by the placement of the guards on the roads leading to the District. The criticism could have been swept aside in an instant, it was declared, by the production of actual statistics showing the number guarding the District line.

#### *First Woman Policeman*

It was under the administration of Maj. Pullman that Washington saw the first women policemen. Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle was placed in charge of a bureau for the particular attention to the prevention of crime among the sex. The idea since has been followed in many large cities throughout the country.

The automobile also came into its greatest prominence as an aid to police work during the recent administration. During the race riots and the chase for the "maniac" streets were combed by automobiles. Under Howard Fisk and automobile auxiliary of the police department was organized, and from the police headquarters machines were directed to every section of the city on the slightest disturbance, from the centralization points at the various points.

Maj. Pullman entered police work with a theoretic knowledge of police administration. During his term he added practice to theory, and took up the scientific study of social conditions.

#### *Home Defense League*

Crime prevention formed one of the basic topics of his work. This was principally evidence in the formation of the Home Defense League for the auxiliary protection of the city during the war. This branch was also called into service during emergencies following the war, and it was under this branch that the automobile squadron of the police department was organized.

During pressing emergencies he was at the scene of trouble. He worked often until midnight and 1 o'clock in the morning and followed up with an early appearance at police headquarters.

For his men and the public evidence of his thoughtfulness, was brought to the front several times. When Congress was considering a raise in pay for the policemen, it was Maj. Pullman who was its strongest supporter.

#### *Came Here When Two Years Old*

Although born in Virginia, Maj. Pullman lived practically all of his life in Washington, his parents having removed to this city from their farm in Fairfax county when he was two years old.

He was graduated from Business High School in 1903, having been captain of Company E of the High School Cadets, editor of the Business High School paper and publisher of the first issue of the Orange and Blue, the school's annual. After graduation he was for a time a teacher in the public night schools and served about two years as a teacher in the Jefferson and Greenleaf schools.

His first business experience was in the advertising and business office of a local printing company, where he remained about six months, leaving to take a position as a reporter on a Washington paper.

Later he was chief of publicity and in charge of the office of information of the forest service under Gifford Pinchet. He handled the publicity for the White House conference on the care of dependent children during the last Roosevelt administration; directed a syndicate letter describing the duties and manner of administering governmental departments, and was Washington correspondent for several large out-of-town newspapers.

#### *Appointment a Surprise*

Maj. Pullman's appointment to the position of superintendent of police came as a complete surprise to members of the force, his name not having been mentioned in connecting with the position until his name had been decided upon by the District Commissioners as successor to Maj. Richard Sylvester, retired.

It was urged by disappointed candidates for the position that Maj. Pullman's lack of police experience would militate against him, not knowing he had long displayed an interest in civic and police affairs and had studied police systems of this and other countries, and today his superior officers look upon him as having made an excellent commanding officer.

In his administration he succeeded in largely increasing the size of the force which, it is stated, was the smallest of any large city in the world. He also succeeded in getting increased pay for members of the force.

Having served as captain of high school cadets, Maj. Pullman possessed knowledge of the military side of life which enabled him to take an active part in military matters while the war with Germany was in progress. He held frequent conferences with men high up in war counsels and, it is stated, valuable suggestions he made were adopted, one of them being the protection of the District water supply.

#### *Studied Traffic Problems*

Early in his police administration Maj. Pullman gave increased interest to traffic problems, working to reduce street accidents, and succeeded in interesting his entire command in such problems. He revised the practice of holding frequent meetings of his officers, and made effective numerous changes in administrative methods.

Maj. Pullman also revived target practice in the department, anxious to have every member of the force able to take care of himself in cases of emergency, planned a course of instruction in first aid work and imparted information on methods of having his men keep physically fit.

It is believed no other police official in this or any other country gave so much time to his official duties as did Maj. Pullman. He was constantly in communication with officials of the department, seldom relinquishing his work until long after midnight and frequently answering calls after retiring. On occasions of public functions, big fires or interesting investigations of police problems, he was much in evidence, working with his men and taking part in the work of questioning prisoners in more important cases.

#### *Fought "Dry" Law Violators*

Maj. Pullman waged a relentless war on violators of the liquor and gambling laws, and appointed a vice squad to look after instances of immorality. The work of this squad was supplemented by the woman's bureau, a branch of the service which has operated in an effort to protect young girls and women.

Throughout the period of the war with Germany, Maj. Pullman, it is stated, taxed his physical condition to the limit. He was up early and late, and, it is stated, spent as much time assisting agents of the federal government as he did to his own department. It is thought his strenuous work during that period, coupled with the fact that he has since enjoyed no lengthy vacation, made it easier for his last attack of illness to gain so strong a hold on him and preventing him from making a successful fight against it.

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#### **Mr. Brownlow's Tribute to Raymond W. Pullman**

"If there ever was a man who sought to serve wholeheartedly his community it was Raymond W. Pullman."

This was the tribute paid the superintendent of police today by Louis Brownlow, chairman of the board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brownlow, who counted Maj. Pullman as one of his closest personal friends as well as an associate official, said he was too grief-stricken to express properly his high regard for the former head of the police department.

"I have never known a man in public life," said the Commissioner, "who was as sincere and conscientious in the conduct of his office as was Maj. Pullman."

#### *On Duty Day and Night*

"During the long months in which the United States was at war Maj. Pullman, regardless of his own comfort, worked night and day with his men in protecting government officials, guarding federal property and in performing countless other tasks incident to the war."

"It is doubtful if the head of any police department ever faced in five years problems such as were placed upon the police department of the National Capital during the war and in the days that have followed. And through this trying period Raymond Pullman directed his men in a way that will stand out in the history of the Washington police."

"His death is a distinct loss to the police department and to the city, which he served so faithfully."

### *Message to the Police*

The following message from Commissioner Brownlow to the members of the force was printed in the morning police bulletin:

"It is my sad duty to announce the death of Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, who for nearly five years has commanded the metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia."

"A courageous officer and efficient administrator, a loyal friend and a Christian gentleman, has gone to his reward."

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### **Words of Sympathy From Other Cities**

The first message of sympathy received from an outside police department came from Chief F.C. Roach of Jacksonville, Fla., an officer of the International Association of Police Chiefs, of which Maj. Pullman was third vice president. It read: "Please tender to the bereaved family and the city of Washington my sincere sympathy at the death of Maj. Pullman, whose death is recorded in a morning paper. See that a floral offering is purchased in the name of the International Association of Police Chiefs."

Commissioner Brownlow received the following message from F.H. Bugher, former deputy police commissioner of New York:

"I was shocked to hear of Maj. Pullman's death. Please express to his relatives my deep sympathy for them in their great sorrow. The citizens of Washington have lost an honorable and fearless public official. Please advise time and date of funeral."

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### **High Tribute Is Paid By Attorney Laskey**

Tribute to Maj. Pullman was paid by John E. Laskey, United States district attorney, whose work brought him a close touch with the late superintendent of police.

"Mr. Pullman was an energetic, progressive and clean public official," Mr. Laskey said. "His devotion to duty cost him his life, and I am in a position to know that his administration of his important office was highly efficient."

"The community which he served so well has suffered a distinct loss in his untimely death."

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### **Faithful, Efficient, Says Mr. MacFarland**

"No one ever served the National Capital more faithfully," declared Henry B.F. Macfarland, former District Commissioner, speaking of Maj. Pullman. "He was a most conscientious, energetic and effective superintendent of police. His death is a great loss to the community."

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### **Throngs Attend Funeral Services For Maj. Pullman D.C. and National Officials Pay Tribute to Memory of Police Chief**

With scores of local and national government officials, representatives of local organizations and officials of leading associations of the city, together with hundreds of friends in attendance, funeral services for Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, chief of police, are being held this afternoon at the Church of the

Reformation, on B street between 2d and 3d streets southeast, under the auspices of the police department. It was in this church that Maj. Pullman was once Sunday school superintendent.

Six police captains are pallbearers. A police detail in charge of Inspector Francis E. Cross is in charge. The detail consists of four captains, two lieutenants, eight sergeants and 120 privates. Rev. John Weidley is officiating at the services, assisted by Rev. Charles Wood pastor of the Church of the Covenant.

At a meeting of Kallipolis Grotto yesterday afternoon a message of condolence to the family was adopted and a floral tribute sent. Maj. Pullman's father, P.R. Pullman, is past monarch of the grotto.

#### *Quartet Sings at Services*

In compliance with a request made by Maj. Pullman when he realized that death was coming, the funeral services included singing by James K. Young, Milton J. Fillius, Ambrose Durkin and Edward L. Hutchinson. Durkin and Young are employes of the police department, the latter acting as special personal clerk to Maj. Pullman during several years past.

Hundreds of messages and scores of floral contributions were received at the Pullman residence yesterday and today.

Among the messages was a telegram from the President of the United States. It was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Pullman, and read: "The news of your son's death came as a shock to me, and Mrs. Wilson and I unite in assuring you of our deep sympathy in your great loss."

Commissioner Brownlow today received a telegram from Richard Sylvester, former superintendent of police, whom Maj. Pullman succeeded in office.

Maj. Sylvester asked Mr. Brownlow to express his feeling of sympathy at the death of the young police chief. He is now at Wilmington, Del.

Another message was from Mgr. C.F. Thomas, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, who wrote of Maj. Pullman as an upright man as well as a capable police official.

Other letters of sympathy were received by the Commissioners from Italian Consul Salvatore Floria, Representative Anderson H. Walters of Pennsylvania and A. Brylawski, local theater man.

#### *Came to Pay Last Honor*

During the two hours from 1 o'clock until the opening of services, while the body was lying in state in the church, the pews were filled with friends and admirers of the late police chief, who came to pay last respects.

A wire reached this city last night from Boston expressing the with which the news of the death of Maj. Pullman was heard by high officials of motion picture companies. William A. Brady, president of the National Association of the Motion Picture Business, declared that the death of Maj. Pullman, "ended a career which was essentially and typically American."

Mr. Brady appointed the following committee to attend the funeral today: Adolph Zukas, Lewis Selsznick, Harry M. Crandall, John C. Flinn, Charles C. Pittijohn, Oscar A. Price, Frank B. Wilson, Frederick H. Elliott and Jack S. Connolly.

District building employees were notified this morning that in case any one wished to attend the funeral leave of absence would be granted from 2 o'clock on. Officials of the departments of the District government met at the church at 2 o'clock and attended the funeral in a body.

#### *Flags at Half-Staff*

At the request of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, flags on business houses throughout the city were at half-staff this afternoon as a tribute to the memory of Maj. Pullman. The

association also sent a huge floral piece as a tribute. A meeting of the board of governors on Thursday is expected to take additional action.

The District of Columbia Police Court adjourned shortly after noon today out of respect to the memory of Maj. Pullman.

The Associated Charities is represented at the funeral by Dr. George M. Kober, George H. Wilson and Secretary Walter S. Ufford.

The active pallbearers are Capts. Flather, Williams, Lord, Falvey, Hartley and Judge. The honorary pallbearers include: Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of the Interior Lane, Judge F.L. Siddons, Commissioners Brownlow and Kutz, Maj. Oliver P. Newman, Ben L. Prince, Robert W. Woolley, Conrade H. Syme, John E. Laskey, Paul Wooton, Ralph Burton, Charles F. Nesbit, A. Bruce Bielaski, Odell S. Smith, William P. Eno, Roland S. Robbins, John Roole, Capt. Charles A. Jones, Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, Frederick Bugher of New York, William S. Eynon and T.C. Dulin.

Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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### **Garrison Pays Tribute to Pullman as Comrade**

The advisory council of the President's Own Garrison, No. 104, Army and Navy Union, of which Maj. Raymond W. Pullman was an honorary member, met last night at the garrison in G.A.R. Hall and adopted resolutions to the memory of Comrade Pullman. Tribute to his fidelity to duty, patriotism, loyalty and stanch friendship was paid, emphasis being laid upon the fact that "Comrade Pullman, like a soldier, died in the line of duty, deserving of all the honors and commendation as representative citizen, and who by his unceasing efforts contributed to the peace and good order of the National Capital in the war period, holding in check, through his police, the nation's enemies resident here or in the city." The advisory council consists of Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, Capt. William J. Peak and Lieut. W.B. Doron, U.S.A.

### *Resolutions on Death of Maj. Pullman Voted*

Resolutions of condolence and sympathy for the parents of the late Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, were adopted at a meeting of present and former police reporters of local papers, held yesterday afternoon at the police headquarters press room.

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the parents of Maj. Pullman and a copy to the District Commissioners, with the request that it be filed with the municipal records as a portion of Maj. Pullman's administration documents.

Attendants at this meeting had been in close personal touch with the chief of police during emergencies. A floral tribute to the memory of Maj. Pullman was ordered. E.C.R. Humphries of The Star presided and offered the resolutions which were adopted. Capt. J. Walter Mitchell of the Herald acted as secretary. Among those attending were: B.N. Timmons of the Post, E.J. Duffy of the Times, R.H. May of the Herald, V.F. Callahan of the Times, F.L. Sartwell of the Post, James Norbert Doyle of the Times, Daniel S. Ring of The Star, Robert L. Pritchard of the Times, Philip A. Orme of the Post, James F. Ring of the Herald and Gorman M. Hendricks of the Post.

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### **Police Court Adjourns As Mark of Respect**

On motion of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given at 12:30 today the United States branch of the Police Court was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Maj. Pullman, late superintendent of police, and the court officials and attaches are attending the funeral in a body, having met at 2d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Mr. Given, in making the motion, said:

"It seems to me that it is no more than proper that as an evidence of the honor and respect in which we held the late superintendent of police that this court should adjourn.

"Although we may have differed as to his administrative policy in some points, his work as the head of the police department stood out eminently as a guiding hand of a Christian gentleman, who advocated justice and right, administering the duties of his office without fear or favor, and to the best interests of the community. I feel that in the death of Raymond Pullman the community has sustained a serious loss and the police department a more serious loss.

"As a police official his services to the community were equally valuable as if he had sacrificed his life on the battlefield."

Judge McMahon in ordering the adjournment of the court said: "I agree with the assistant district attorney in all that he has said. Maj. Pullman was a capable official and a true friend. He rendered to the city a service that will brighten the pages of the history of the police department. I feel that he gave up his life in the incessant discharge of his duty as he saw it."

Shortly after the adjournment of the United States branch, Judge Hardison adjourned the District branch. He declared that he wished to take this action as a tribute to the memory of a man who stood high in the regard of the community and whose character as a man of integrity, fidelity to duty and diligence as a police chief was known throughout the city.

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### **Tribute to Maj. Pullman**

Memorial exercises for the late Raymond Pullman, superintendent of police, were held by the faculty and alumni of Business High School yesterday afternoon. The meeting was attended by the upper classes. Brief talks were made by Allan Davis, principal who presided; Arthur C. Houghton, vice president of the alumni association; Dr. A.L. Howard, for the faculty; William Weston and Mrs. Arthur Houghton. Maj. Pullman was a member of the class of 1902 and captain of Company E cadets in his senior year.

*The Evening Star, May 8, 1920, p. 5*

### **Pullman Memorial Services Tomorrow**

#### **Messrs. Baker and Brownlow and Justice Siddons Will Speak at Church of Reformation**

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War; Louis Brownlow, Commissioner of the District and Justice Frederick L. Siddons of the District Supreme Court will be the principal speakers at a memorial service for the late Maj. Raymond W Pullman, superintendent of police, to be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Church of the Reformation, 2 and B streets southeast.

Music will be provided by the quartet which sang at Maj. Pullman's funeral. It is composed of James K. Young, Milton Fillius, Edward Hutchinson and Ambrose Dunkin. Byron E. Blodgett will be at the organ. Rev. Dr. Charles Wood of the Church of the Covenant will pronounce the invocation and Rev. Dr. John Weidley, pastor of the Church of the Reformation will speak briefly.

The Sunday school of the Church of the Reformation, of which Maj. Pullman was superintendent for a number of years preceding his appointment as police chief, will honor his memory at 9:30 o'clock in the morning by the unveiling of a portrait which will hang in the Sunday school room. The unveiling exercises will be in connection with Mothers' day and Maj. Pullman's mother will be an honored guest of the school. A class of boys will be formally named the Raymond W. Pullman class.

Officials of the United States and District governments will attend the afternoon service, as will a delegation from the police department.

The public is invited to both the morning and afternoon services.

*The Evening Star, March 17, 1921, p. 15*

### **Wants Pullman Honor**

#### **Mrs. Rhodes Proposes Playground at House of Detention**

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of playgrounds, in planning to ask the new board of Commissioners for authority to establish a playground at the house of detention, 15th street and Ohio avenue, and call it the Pullman playground, in memory of the former superintendent of police.

Mrs. Rhodes, it is stated, desires the new grounds named after Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, because it was at his suggestion that playground equipment was first installed at the former house of detention on M street.

Mrs. Rhodes also expects to confer with Supt. Of Schools Ballou this afternoon on the question of establishing playgrounds during the summer months at those public schools where vacation coaching classes are held.

The supervisor announced that the Parent-Teacher Association of the Brightwood Park School has obtained permission from a private individual to have the playground department use a tract of land near that school. Mrs. Rhodes said she intends to lay off a baseball diamond and space for other athletics on the site offered.

*History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., p. 114*

Major and Superintendent of Police, advising the Lodge of the arrest of ----, colored, whom they had every reason to believe was the murderer of Past Master Charles A. Stockett. A wire reached this city last night from Boston expressing the regret with which the news of the death of Maj. Pullman was heard by high officials of motion picture companies. William A. Brady, president of the National Association of the Motion Picture Business declared that the death of Maj. Pullman "ended a career which was essentially and typically American."

Mr. Brady appointed the following committee to attend the funeral today: Adolph Zuker, Lewis Selznick, Harry m. Crandall, John C. Flinn, Charles C. Pittijohn, Oscar A. Price, Frank R. Wilson, Frederick H. Elliott and Jack S. Connolly.

District building employees were notified this morning that in case any one wished to attend the funeral, leave of absence would be granted from 2 o'clock on. Officials of the departments of the District government met at the church at 2 o'clock and attended the funeral in a body.