

## Lawrence N. Ricker ( - 18 Apr 1915)

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**Ricker.** Suddenly on Sunday, April 18, 1915 at 1:30 p.m., Lawrence Warden Ricker, beloved husband of Viola C. Ricker (nee Schneider) and son of Lawrence and Isabella Ricker, aged 24 years 11 months, drowned at Chain Bridge. Funeral on Wednesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. from his late residence, 709 7th street northeast, thence to Epiphany Church. Interment at Congressional Cemetery (Brooklyn and New York papers please copy).

*The Washington Post, April 19, 1915, p. 9*

### **Drowned Near Chain Bridge**

#### **Lawrence Ricker Loses Life in Potomac When Canoe Overturns**

Within a short distance of a dozen rowboats and canoes filled with men and women, many of the men being expert swimmers, a canoe occupied by Lawrence Ricker, 29 years old, 709 Seventh street northeast, employed by the Wells-Fargo Express Company, and George G. Coper, 607 K street northeast, was overturned, throwing the two men into the river near Chain Bridge.

Ricker, who could not swim, was drowned. When he fell into the water he sank and did not come to the surface. Cooper swam ashore. None of the persons in the boats nearby was aware that a man had been drowned within a short distance of them until Cooper managed to get ashore. The body had not been recovered late last night. The harbor patrol is searching for it.

*The Washington Post, April 20, 1915, p. 16*

### **Police News Notes**

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The body of Lawrence Ricker, 29 years old, 709 Seventh street northeast, drowned near Chain Bridge Sunday afternoon, when his boat overturned, had not been recovered last night by the harbor police patrol, who had been dragging the river.

*The Washington Post, April 26, 1915, p. 10*

### **Police News Notes**

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The body of Lawrence Riker, 29 years old, who lived at 709 Seventh street northeast, and who was drowned Sunday a week ago near the Chain bridge, in the Potomac River, when the boat he was fishing from turned over, was found yesterday a short distance from where he fell in.

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