Alvin Joseph Scala

(-8 Jul 1913)

Scala. Suddenly Tuesday, July 8, 1913 at 8 p.m., Alvin J. Scala, son of F.W. and Katherine Scala, 320 12th street s.e. Funeral from late residence at 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, thence to St. Peter's Church, 2nd and C streets s.e. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

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Body Badly Mangled

Conductor Scala Falls to His Death From Cabin John Car

Edward J. Scala, twenty-four years old, conductor on the Cabin John line, met his death shortly after 8 o'clock last night when he lost his footing and slipped from the running board of a rapidly-moving westbound car, on Cabin John road near McCoy station. The conductor's body was badly mangled.

Conductor Scala had a new motorman on his car last night and about the time the car reached Foxhall road he went to the front platform and suggested that faster speed should be made, the police were told, and when he turned to return to the rear end of the car he missed his footing and fell.

Scala was unconscious when picked up and taken to Georgetown University Hospital. He died before reaching the hospital. Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the morgue tomorrow morning. Scala resided at 320 12th street southeast.

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Death Held Accidental

Coroner's Jury Gives Finding in Case of Alvin J. Scala

A verdict of accidental death was reached by a coroner's jury at an inquest held at the morgue today to investigate the death of Alvin J. Scala, conductor in the employ of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, who was killed on the Cabin John line Tuesday night.

Testimony given at the inquest was to the effect that Scala possibly missed his footing on the running board of his car and was struck by a trolley pole. While finding that Scala's death was the result of an accident the jury added that the close proximity of the trolley poles to the tracks on that line is a menace to the conductors.