

William O. White

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Decapitated By Train

William O. White Killed on Pennsylvania R.R. Tracks

William O. White was decapitated by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad near the east end of the navy yard tunnel last night. His body was found by Richard Dougherty, a track walker, while making his regular midnight tour of the tracks. The police were summoned and the body was removed to the morgue.

It was not until about noon today that the dead man was identified. Nobody witnessed the accident, and it is not known what train inflicted the fatal injuries. Although the victim was beheaded his face was not badly scarred.

The deceased was about 40 years old, and lived at 1006 14th street southeast. He was a brother of the saloonkeeper, "Reddy" White, who killed his wife and committed suicide on N street about twelve years ago. White's failure to return home last night was not reported to the police this morning. He was married, but had no children.

In the pockets of the dead man's clothes the superintendent of the morgue found some political documents, a bottle that had contained whisky and a pipe. Coroner Nevitt made an investigation of the affair and deemed an inquest unnecessary. A certificate of accidental death was given and the body turned over to relatives for burial.