

## **Benjamin J. Beal**

**(1868 - 12 Feb 1923)**

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**Beal.** Monday, February 12, 1923, Benjamin J. Beal. Remains resting at the S.H. Hines Co.'s funeral home, 2901 14th st. n.w. Funeral services Saturday, February 17, at 2 pm., from the S.H. Hines Company funeral home, 2901 14th st. n.w. Relatives and friends invited.

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### **B.J. Beal, Telegrapher, Victim of Influenza**

B.J. Beal, affectionately known to telegraphers all over the country as ""Big Ben"" Beal, an expert in his profession and known to many newspaper correspondents, editors and members of Congress for a quarter of a century, died yesterday at George Washington University Hospital, following a brief illness from influenza.

Mr. Beal never recovered from the shock of the death of his son, Joseph Wade Beal, who was a victim of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster last year. The young man was first violinist in the orchestra of the theater when his life was crushed out. Mr. Beal was a lover of the violin and in his son he realized in part, at least, an ambition that his boy should become an expert with that instrument.

Mr. Beal was a native of Greensboro, N.C. Before locating in this city Mr. Beal was an operator on the Pennsylvania railroad, later connecting himself with the Postal Telegraph service. During his professional career in this city he has handled the press wires of some of the big metropolitan papers. During the international conference on limitation of armament Mr. Beal was in charge of the wire service operated from the Continental Memorial Hall.

Mr. Beal is survived by his wife Mrs. Blanche Beal, and a son, Raymond Beal. No arrangements have been announced for the funeral.

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### **Rites For B.J. Beal**

#### **Veteran Telegrapher's Funeral Service to Be Held Saturday**

Funeral services for B.J. Beal, veteran telegraph operator, known as "Big Ben" all over the country, who died Monday, are to be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Hines' chapel, 14th and Harvard streets. Dr. James Shera Montgomery is to officiate. Interment is to be at Congressional cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Blanche Beal, and a son, Raymond Beal, he is survived by an aunt, Mrs. M.C. Beal of Rocky Mount, N.C.; two brothers, Claude and Walter Beal, of Greensboro, N.C., and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Carpenter, of Red Oak, N.C.