

Edwin S. Marlow, Sr.

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E.S. Marlow Dies After Long Illness

Was an Official of Potomac Electric Power Company for Many Years

Had Wide Acquaintance in Engineering Circles

Was Born in This City August 23, 1864, and Educated in the City Schools --

Funeral Wednesday

Edwin S. Marlow, manager of the commercial department of the Potomac Electric Power Company, and one of the prominent businessmen of Washington, died shortly before 7 o'clock this morning after an illness of several months, at his home, 3172 17th street northwest.

Funeral services, arrangements for which have not been completed, are to be held at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith officiating. Interment is to be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Marlow died as a result of complications of the liver. Last January he was operated upon at Garfield Hospital, where he was confined until about the middle of April. For several months he was able to be about and resumed his duties with the electric light company. A recurrence of the complaint, however necessitated his removal to Garfield Hospital early in September for a second operation. At that time it was realized that Mr. Marlow's condition was extremely serious, and that his chances for recovery were practically hopeless. Slightly less than two weeks ago he was removed to his home. He was unconscious all of yesterday.

More Than Thirty Years' Service

For more than thirty years Mr. Marlow had been engaged in the electrical business and he had a country-wide acquaintance of engineering and commercial circles.

He started to work as an office boy and assistant bookkeeper for the United States Electric Light Company, predecessor of the Potomac Electric Power Company, in the days when the opportunities for the sale of electric current were limited. He served in various capacities in the company eventually being made manager and eventually being made manager and treasurer, positions which he held at the time of the consolidation with the Potomac Electric Power Company. Since that time Mr. Marlow had been manager of the company's commercial department.

He held a position that was unique in electrical circles. Serving in a community in which manufacturing plants are practically unknown and in which, therefore, the sale of electricity is necessarily limited, his efforts were directed to the extension of business among other classes of customers and in this work Mr. Marlow was particularly successful.

Promoted Electric Vehicles

Mr. Marlow was to a large degree responsible for the establishment in this city of a section of the Electric Vehicle Association of America, and he served as chairman of the section until recently, when succeeded by R.B. Emerson. Washington is among the foremost cities in point of electric vehicles in use, particularly of the passenger variety, and this record is due to the activities of Mr. Marlow and his associates. He took a leading part in the organization of sociability runs and in numerous other ways gave impetus to the electric automobile in the National Capital. He was chairman of the reception committee of the Electric Vehicle Association and a member of other national committees of the organization.

Mr. Marlow was widely known in illuminating engineering circles of the country. He was a member of the National Electric Light Association and of the Illuminating Engineering Society. He served as chairman of the general convention committee, which had charge of the convention of the Illuminating Engineering Society, held in this city recently.

Member of Many Organizations

He was a member of many local organizations and always was an enthusiastic participant in their activities. He was a member of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, the Rotary Club, Columbia Country Club, Blue Ridge Rod and Gun Club, Temple-Noyes Lodge No. 32, F.A.A.M., and was also a Shriner. Mr. Marlow was a charter member of Temple-Noyes Lodge and one of its most active members.

Mr. Marlow was born in this city August 23, 1864. He was educated in the Washington public schools. He was employed at the Second National Bank for a short time before entering the employ of the United States Electric Light Company. Mr. Marlow was married twice his first wife, who was a Miss Pettit before marriage, having died a number of years ago, leaving a son, Leroy Marlow, who is employed in the office of the Potomac Electric Power Company. Mr. Marlow is survived also by his widow, Mrs. Katherine H. Marlow, who was a Miss Neely before marriage, and two children, Jeanette, aged five, and Edwin S. Marlow, jr., aged three.