

Joseph S. Nevitt

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Nevitt. Suddenly on Sunday, November 11, 1917 at 2:10 a.m. at Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Joseph S. Nevitt, beloved son of Charles F. and Frances Nevitt, 331 7th street s.e., aged 21 years 11 months. Funeral Tuesday, November 13 at 2:30 p.m. from H. Padgett's undertaking establishment, 11th street s.e. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

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Dead Man's Curve A Serious Menace

Fatal Accidents on Washington-Baltimore Boulevard Make Problem

The Killed And Injured

How to eliminate the menace of "Dead Man's Curve" on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard today was a problem which confronted District and Maryland officials. Within twenty-four hours two Washington men have been killed, three badly hurt and five more slightly injured in automobile and motorcycle accidents at this deadly part of the road.

The Killed and Injured

Those who were killed are Joseph Nevitt, 313 7th street northwest; Louis Montgomery Oxford, colored chauffeur, 1745 Kalorama road northwest.

The seriously injured are Richard Daniels, an attorney living at 1033 Newton street northwest; Robert D. Ramsey of 1422 Massachusetts avenue northwest and Edward Van Tassel, 15 I street northeast.

Other Accidents Recently

This part of the Washington boulevard has had a bad name for some time, and besides the accidents of the last few hours, three people have been killed and five others injured on the ill-fated road within the last two weeks.

Early yesterday morning a machine driven by Jacob Mindel, a paper-hanger of 608 7th street southwest, crashed into a telephone pole. Oxford, the colored chauffeur, who was in the rear seat of the car, was killed instantly.

Before the wreckage of the car was moved, a motorcycle ridden by Nevitt and Van Tassel, rounded the curve and in a second was piled up in the heap of wreckage. Nevitt's skull was crushed and he died a short time afterward in Franklin Hospital, Baltimore. Van Tassel suffered a broken ankle. He was taken to the same hospital.

An automobile driven by Robert D. Ramsey then crashed into the debris. The machine was thrown down the embankment alongside the road. Daniels was sitting in the tonneau and was hurled down the embankment with the machine. He also was taken to Franklin Hospital, where it was said his chances of recovery were slender.

Describes the Accident

Robert D. Ramsey, a special agent of the Department of Justice, living at 1422 Massachusetts avenue northwest, who was in the car with Daniels, discussing the accident today, said:

“We were driving at a moderate rate of speed when the rear wheel of our car struck the wreck of the Mendel machine. It upset our car and threw us all down the embankment. I was driving the car and Daniels was in the rear.”

Other occupants of the car were Miss Ellen Hayes of 3432 Ashley terrace northwest, Miss Marjorie Cohen of 2146 Wyoming avenue northwest, Miss Indie Robeson of 1887 Monroe street northwest and Sergt. A. Davis of the ordnance department.