

Peter R. Pullman

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The Washington Post, March 29, 1901, p. 2

Neighbors At Outs

Contractor Pullman Says Mary O'Donnell Has Threatened Him

Mary O'Donnell, a middle-aged woman, is held at the House of Detention by direction of the authorities of the Fifth precinct police station charged with threats. Peter R. Pullman, a contractor, who lives at 55 Ivy street, next door to Miss O'Donnell, is complainant in the case. Some weeks ago the woman was before the court in connection with a similar affair, and was released on a plea being made by her counsel that she would be restrained from further trouble.

Last Saturday night Mr. Pullman told the police that the woman had poured a quantity of coal oil over his porch, and he was afraid she was going to set the place on fire. This trouble was followed on succeeding days by squabbles between the neighbors until on Wednesday, when Miss O'Donnell, it is alleged, dumped a quantity of hot ashes on Pullman from her second-story window. They also had words over other difficulties, and it was during this passage that the woman is accused of threatening her neighbor.

The Evening Star, December 10, 1929, p. 3

Old Arlington House Lock Is Given To U.S.

Charles Lee Frank, Collector, Presents Historic Hardware to War Department

Incidental to the proposed restoration of Arlington House, Charles Lee Frank, landscape painter and antique collector, of Washington has presented the War Department with a large lock once attached to an original door of the old mansion.

Following the partial demolishment of the home during the post-Civil War period, a Virginia family living in the vicinity of Arlington came into possession of the discarded lock. From this family the late P.R. Pullman, contractor and art collector of Washington, purchased the lock, placing it in the armory collection of his son, former District Police Maj. Raymond Pullman. On the death of his son Mr. Pullman sold the collection, including the Arlington lock, to the C.G. Sloan Co. of Washington.

When offered for sale at a recent auction of the Sloan company, Mr. Frank, aware of its historical value, purchased the lock and presented it to Gen. L.H. Bash of the War Department, director of the Arlington restoration committee.

Pullman. Saturday, November 10, 1923, at 3 a.m., at his home, 55 Ivy st. s.e., Peter R. Pullman, beloved husband of Lillie A. Pullman, father of the late Maj. Raymond W. Pullman. Funeral services at his late residence, 55 Ivy st. s.e., at 3 p.m. Monday, November 12. Friends invited. Interment private.

Pullman. Special communication of Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F.A.A.M., is called at 2:15 p.m. Monday, November 12, to attend the funeral of Brother Peter R. Pullman. By order of the master.

Isaac B. Field, Secy.

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P.R. Pullman Dies Grieving For Son

Father of Late Police Head Never Recovered From Blow of Latter's Death

Never having recovered from the shock received at the time of the death of his son, Maj. Raymond A. Pullman, superintendent of police, Peter R. Pullman, well known in Masonic and business circles, died at his home, 55 Ivey street southeast this morning about 3 o'clock.

The deceased, a native of Mount Erin, Fairfax county, Va., was born December 19, 1857. He was educated at St. John's College, Alexandria, and Bethlehem Military Academy, Warrenton, Va. January 26, 1881, he was married in Fairfax county, his wife being Miss Lillie A. Rose before marriage.

Maj Raymond A. Pullman was their only child, and the grief-stricken father never recovered from the effect of his son's death. The family moved to this city nearly 40 years ago and have lived here since that time.

"Pete" Pullman as the deceased was familiarly called, was a member of Hiram chapter, No. 10, R.A.M.; Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F.A.A.M., and Kallipolis Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home of the deceased at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, and interment will be in Congressional cemetery.