

A BODY IN THE RIVER

Identified as That of Frank Petitpain, Missing for a Month.

Last evening, while Edward Clark, residing at No. 327 Spain street, and Frank Plaswith, residing at No. 2323 North Peters street, were fishing along the wharf, head of Marigny street, they discovered the body of a white man floating down the river. They secured the body and hauled it to shore and then notified the police, who in turn summoned the coroner.

The police, on making an investigation, discovered that the body tallied with the description of Frank H. Petitpain, who had been missing from his home at No. 936 St. Peter street, between Burgundy and Dauphine street, since the early part of this month.

The relatives of the missing man were notified of the find, and Guy Vincent, a brother-in-law of the missing man, went to see the body, and fully identified the remains as those of his missing relative by the heavy wedding ring he wore on his left hand and his clothing. The body was then taken in charge by Undertaker Markey and conveyed to the residence of the mother-in-law of the deceased, residing on Claiborne, near Gasquet.

The deceased was 27 years of age, and was born in Matamoros, Mexico. He has been employed for a number of years as purser on the Southern Pacific and the Oteri steamships, and was highly esteemed by everyone whom he came in contact with.

Some two months ago he gave up his position on the steamship Clearwater, and on the 2d inst. left his house, presumably to take the steamship Hudson for New York, where he expected to secure a more lucrative position. His family finally became uneasy at not hearing from him and requested the police to look out for him, and were startled at the news of his body being found in the river.

Petitpain married Miss Maud Vinson, of Algiers, and their union was blessed with one child, and according to the statement of the family, the deceased had no reason to commit suicide, as his marital affairs were of the most lovable character. He was subject to severe attacks of nervousness and neuralgia, and he may have had one of those and jumped into the river or accidentally fell overboard while waiting to take the steamship. The body will be buried to-day.

Body Found Frank Petitpain

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