

DRAWBRIDGE NOT RELIABLE

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 6.—The investigation into the Thoroughfare disaster was continued until Wednesday by Coroner Gaskill after an interesting hearing, at which testimony was given tending to show that the drawbridge, if not absolutely responsible for the wreck, is not a reliable and safe carrier for the rapidly running electric trains.

Apparently the rail was displaced, and the quarrel between Stewart, the bridgeward, and Captain Kessler, of the yacht Sinbad, was of such a nature that in the opinion of some of those who heard the testimony, it left Stewart in an excited state of mind at the time he set the draw. The passengers in the ill-fated train were penned in after the cars plunged into the water, the doors being locked, and all chance of escape was cut off except through the door of the reach coach, which was opened by the trainmen.

Braces on portions of the bridge, the testimony showed, were spiked and not bolted, and the springing planks had drawn the spike from the railings.

The signal apparatus, from the testimony, seems easily to get out of order and was not found to be in perfect working order when inspected. A feature of the investigation related to the absence of steel guard rails on the trestling, which it has been held would have kept the train from running into the water. Superintendent D. H. Lovell said that no guard rails were needed, and that in bridge building they are considered an element of danger, but members of the jury seemed to think the absence of the rails in this case furnished a "horrible example."

Regarding the failure of the loose rail on the draw to properly fall into position, E. B. Temple, chief engineer, declared that had it not been in place the motorman could have seen it. Harry P. Leonard, of Wayne, engineer of bridges on the Pennsylvania system, declared the drawbridge the acme of bridge builder's art. It was designed to safely carry two locomotives weighing up to 125 tons at the rate of 60 miles an hour. He had no theory as to the cause of the accident.

Assistant Engineer Parker, of the United Railways of New Jersey, explained the interlocking rail system, and suggested that the missing part of the cowcatcher might have caught the mitered end of the rail and caused the accident, but later admitted it was not probable under the conditions. Alfred H. Rudd, of Media, assistant signal engineer, declared he never found an interlocking rail system on a drawbridge that could be depended on. Automatics, he held, had a tendency to make the bridgeward careless.

Lloyd Byers, an electrician, testified that not only in hot weather, but at other times, the rail had to be hammered into place by Stewart, the bridgeward.

"Nearly every time the draw was opened and closed that rail refused to settle into the iron shoe or gutter which held it flush with the rail on the stationary part of the bridge," said Byers.

"It rested on the edge or corner of the shoe, and Stewart had to keep a piece of iron pipe lying beside it on the bridge to hammer it down. Whether the rail was crooked or merely shifted I don't know, but I do know it jammed sometimes as much as half an inch. The defect never interfered with the semaphore, which would still show a right of way."

Byers' testimony was the most damaging heard yet, from the Pennsylvania's point of view, as it tended to confirm the theory held all day by Coroner Gaskill that a misplaced rail was responsible for the deaths of the 57 passengers who were drowned in the waters of the Thoroughfare.

Mitchell Day in Coal Regions. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 29.—Mitchell day was observed here by the United Mine Workers of America. There was a general suspension at all the mines throughout the Wyoming region. John Mitchell, president of the Miners' Union, who delivered an address at Coal-dale, Pa., was not able to reach here. Secretary W. B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, was the principal speaker of the day. Fully 10,000 people turned out in a parade.

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GOES TO JAIL WITHOUT BAIL

Reading, Pa., Nov. 5.—The announcement that F. Herbert Le Sueur, prominent clubman and treasurer of the Kaaterskill Brick Paving company, and assistant treasurer of the Mount Gretna Brick company, the Mid-dletown Brick company and the Reading Shale Brick company, all subsidiaries of the United States Brick company, of which he also assistant treasurer, with offices in the Colonial Trust building in this city, had been arrested on the charge of embezzlement, created a great stir in local financial circles.

The amount of money involved is said to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and the complainant in the case is Detective Martz, who made the arrest. It is understood, at the instance of a high official of the company, to whose notice alleged discrepancies in the accounts of the accused were brought some time ago.

When arrested Le Sueur took the matter calmly, and appeared unconcerned when, after waiting three hours in a vain attempt to secure \$10,000 bail, he was taken to prison.

After a hearing lasting nearly three hours Le Sueur was held for court by Magistrate Bruce, and, being unable to secure bail, was recommitted to prison. He was held on three charges, two of embezzlement and one of falsifying accounts.

During the hearing witnesses for the prosecution testified that they had found a number of instances in which the accused man had changed figures in the books; that he had apparently taken money from all the companies, and, by a system of borrowing from one to balance the accounts of the other, had endeavored to cover up his peculations. It was further alleged that in addition to juggling with the figures he had speculated and lost in the stock market.

During the entire hearing Le Sueur maintained a calm demeanor and, having no opportunity to tell his side of the story to the magistrate, declined to make a statement. His attorneys, by their cross-examinations, however, made it clear what the line of defense will be.

They maintain that the companies have a made a practice of "kiting" checks, and that Le Sueur, being treasurer, was made the catspaw. The further contention will be made that most of the big companies have been run largely on wind for some time, and that the working capital is too small to meet operating expenses; hence it has been the practice for some time to borrow from the various subsidiary companies to make up the pay roll.

They further declare that much is done without the knowledge of the directors, and in order to bring out this feature of the case they will apply for a habeas corpus hearing.

Le Sueur is about 32 years of age. He came to Reading 18 months ago from New York, where he was employed as an expert accountant by a big auditing house. His recommendations were of the best, and his affable manner won him many friends during his brief residence here. His wife was prostrated by the news of his arrest.

PREACHER MUST DIE

John G. Rawlings Convicted of a Conspiracy to Murder.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decision of the Georgia supreme court in the case of John G. Rawlings, under conviction in Lowndes county, of that state, on the charge of murder, the effect of the decision being to compel the execution of Rawlings unless his lawyers succeed in finding other means of securing a stay of proceedings. Rawlings, who is a white man and a preacher, was charged with employing negroes to murder a family of neighbors. Two children were decoyed out of the house and shot, but the other members of the family saved their lives by remaining within the shelter of their home.

Aaron Hostetter Accused of Violating Anti-Corruption Act.

York, Pa., Nov. 6.—Aaron Hostetter, postmaster at Hanover, and H. M. Stokes, a resident of the same place, were arrested charged with violating the anti-corruption act. Both are Republicans. Edward Young, a Democrat, of Hanover, is the prosecutor. The defendants entered bail for a hearing next Saturday.

—A breezy girl can generally manage to take the wind out of a fellow's sails.

—When the deaf mate makes a fortune it again proves that silence is golden.

SWITCHMEN MAY STRIKE

Demands For Increase of Wages and Shorter Hours Refused.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 6.—The switchmen employed by the Lackawanna between Hoboken and Buffalo received the final answer of the company to their demands for an increase in wages with shorter hours. Although both sides refuse to give the contents of the answer it is almost an assured fact that the demands have been refused. In this event, a strike of all the switchmen on the system is likely to be declared.

Acting for General Superintendent Clarke, Division Superintendent Rine handed the answer of the company to the grievance committee of the switchmen. Later an interview was granted the committee by Mr. Clarke, who positively stated that the answer was final. The letter has been sent to Grand Master Hawley, in Chicago.

Big Strike Is Probable.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Unless some sort of a compromise is reached before Wednesday night members of the Switchmen's Union of North America employed on 23 of the railroads entering Chicago will probably go on strike to compel the railroads to accede to the demands presented by the men two weeks ago. The railroads say that they will not grant more than two cents an hour in crease. The original demand of the switchmen was for an eight-hour day and an increase of 10 cents an hour. Although the demand for an eight-hour has been dropped, the men still demand a 10 cent increase.

WIFE MURDERER A SUICIDE

Dr. Matthews, Convicted Poisoner, Blows Out His Brains.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6.—In a cheap lodging house on East Baltimore street, Dr. J. Baxter Matthews, of Greensboro, N. C., blew out his brains with a shot from a 32-calibre revolver.

Dr. Matthews was convicted March 9, 1906, at Greensboro, N. C., of the poisoning of his wife, December 1, 1905. He had been out of custody under bail pending the decision of his appeal for a new trial, which was denied him, and relatives and bondsmen have been searching for him for some weeks that he might be taken before the court to be re-sentenced. In the absence of any definite reason for his taking his life it is supposed that he did so rather than serve the sentence, said to be 20 years in the penitentiary, to be imposed upon him. At the lodging house where he ended his life he gave the name of E. J. Graham.

Immediately after his conviction, which was of murder in the second degree, Dr. Matthews became a patient at Mount Hope Retreat, near this city, and was there under treatment for the morphine and liquor habits for some months, finally being discharged as cured.

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