OFFICIAL TRIES TO PUT WRECK UP TO WILGUS

Head of Management of New York Central Cries "Not Guilty."

ACCEPTED NEW SYSTEM.

H. H. Smith Declares that No Reason Was Known for Reconstructing the Roadbed.

The Railroad Commission to-day, continuing its investigation of the New York Central electric train wreck, called A. H. Smith, the head of the management of the New York Central. He ranks next below President Newman.

Mr. Smith testified that he came to the road in 1902 from the Lake Shore where he had filled the position of general superintendent. He was made general manager in 1903. He had risen to his position from telegraph operator.

Mr. Smith said that he had made an examination of the tracks.

"Have you come to any conclusion?" asked Mr. Hedges.

"Yes, a sort of a conclusion, but nothing definite," relied Mr. Smith.

Q. Was there a particular inspection with the idea of using electric motors before the system was installed? A. There was no assumption that any changes would be necessary.

Q. Were the rails tested by the use of the motors elsewhere than at Schenectady? A. I believe there were tests made.

Did Not Know Results.

Q. Did you know the results of the experiments at Schenectady? A. No, I did not.

Q. Did you inquire? A. No, not particularly.

Q. Did you think that the tracks were safe? A. Mr. Hedges, I think it only fair to let me say this: This railroad track, and especially the Harlem division, was in existence before the electric service was thought of. It had carried steam locomotives with no trouble. There was no reason to believe it was necessary to reconstruct the railroad. It was to me simply a change of motive power. If there was anything wrong with the roadbed—if it was not strong enough to meet the new requirements I should have been notified. It was up to me to go and interfere."

Avoided Responsibility.

Mr. Smith was plainly on the defensive. He repulsed any attempt on the part of Mr. Hedges to place any responsibility on his shoulders.

"The new system was turned over to you as ready to work, and you then tried out the electric locomotives?" asked Mr. Hedges.

"Yes. I told Mr McCormick to take them out and test them rigorously. They were tried out in twos and threes and they were reported satisfactory.

Q. Who should have told you if the conditions for electric locomotion required a change in the track?

A. The people who designed the locomotive and the commission which has this in charge. There was no man on that commission who knew all about both the tracks and the new motors.

The mill referred to by Mr. Smith is W. J. Wilgus, the Vice-President. Mr. Smith testified that the company regarded the new electric motor in no other light than a new locomotive.

The commission said Mr. Smith was requested to design an electric locomotive to run on the tracks of the New York Central. The company did not have in mind a rebuilding of the whole road.

Mr. Smith said that unless explicit directions to the contrary are given engineers do not slow down on curves when making up lost time unless they consider the speed at which they are travelling too fast for safety on a curve. The time schedule of the wrecked train called for fifty-seven miles an hour. The witness stoutly said that the clocks in the switch towers and the watches of employees keep perfect time. A variation of thirty seconds in a week causes a clock to be discarded.

An experienced engineer, Mr. Smith said, by a glance of his eyes at the surroundings can tell within five miles an hour of how fast his engine is moving. He admitted that but one experimental train had been run across the curve where the wreck occurred and that was drawn by a single motor.

The commission and the experts went to Mott Haven yards at the conclusion of Mr. Smith's testimony. The inquiry will be resumed Monday morning.

SHIPS THREATENED BY WATERSPOUTS.

Steamer Maine Reports Hundreds of Gyrating Water Streams Near the Nantucket Shoals.

Hundreds of waterspouts were counted in the vicinity of Nantucket Shoals yesterday by the officers of the steamer Maine, which arrived to-day from London. None of them assumed very large proportions, however, and so far as known no damage was done.

The Maine encountered most peculiar weather conditions when she was approaching the shoals. The wind was strong from the north-northwest, but far up in the sky the clouds were spreading in all directions. Suddenly waterspouts began to form and within a few minutes scores of the towering pillars of water were to be seen on all sides of the steamer.

In many cases the spouts collapsed before the formation was complete and the sea at their bases was churned to foam as they fell. The spouts continued to form and spread until late in the evening.

Friday, the Thirteenth

By THOMAS W. LAWSON.

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CHILDREN'S DOMET FLANNEL PETTICOATS, with waists, sizes 1 to 4 years 25c
CHILDREN'S LITTLE GINGHAM DRESSES, sizes 6 months to 4 years 25c
(Second Floor.)

Women's Ready-to-Wear Hats. A large assortment of styles in the latest trimmed and ready-to-wear hats. Made on the best wire frames of fine braids. Valued at $1.50 to $1.98 ..... 95c (Main Floor.)

Solid Oak Chiffoniers. 5 large, deep drawers, each fitted with lock and key, large size, double top gallery back. Special ..... $4.75 (Fifth Floor.)

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Imported Hosiery For Men, Women and Children; Men's are full fashioned, black half hose, with split sole, embroidered instep, and fancy effect; Women's are full fashioned cotton hose, black or split sole; Children's are fast black (Hermsdorf dye). Pair ..... 17c (Main Floor.)

Handkerchiefs For Men, Women and Children; Men's are hemstitched, large, soft finish handkerchiefs in plain white or colored borders; Women's are plain hemstitched, in wide and narrow hems and some with embroidered corner; Children's are white hemstitched, with colored borders. Each ..... 4½c (Main Floor.)

Boys' Canvas Leggings. Sizes 6 to 12; colors are brown, green and tan; lined throughout; never before offered for less than 50c; pair ..... 9c (Third Floor.)

Tea or Coffee Pots. 2-quart Gray Enamelled Tea or Coffee Pots; very superior bargains at this price ..... 15c (Basement.)

Women's Knit Vests. Swiss ribbed Cotton Vests, with low neck and short sleeves, or no sleeves. Each ..... 8c (Main Floor.)

Women's $4 "Walk-Overs." Samples; 10 styles to select from; sizes 4 A and B. Also women's $3.50 and $4.00 trade-mark Shoes and Oxfords, largely patent kid and patent coltskin; sizes 2 to 8; widths A to E. Pair ..... $1.89 (Third Floor.)

Men's Spring Top Coats. Black Thibet or Vicuna fabrics; 40 or 42 inches long; handsome felled collars and hand-padded shoulders; Italian lining and silk sewed throughout; sizes 34 to 44; $15 coats for ..... $9.80 (Third Floor.)

Wash Boilers. Solid copper - bottom Wash Boilers, No. 7; regular price 89c. ..... 49c (Basement.)

Boys' Spring Suits. Suits, with extra pair of pants; worth $3; double-breasted coats, with belt, 1 pair of Knickerbocker pants and a pair of plain pants; sizes 7 to 16 ..... $1.89 (Third Floor.)

Ironing Boards. Heavily Padded, Covered Folding Ironing Boards, value $1.39, at ..... 79c (Basement.)

Weighing Scales. Family Weighing Scales, with enamelled dial and heavy tin scoop ..... 79c (Basement.)

Decorated Chinaware. Decorated Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Cold Meat Platters, large Salad Bowls, Japanese Footed Almond Dishes, fancy Glass Oil and Vinegar Bottles, large Imported Tea Cups and Saucers. Made to sell up to 25c. ..... 10c (Basement.)

Decorated Dinner Sets. 100 pieces, regular price $10 to $15; choice patterns; the finest quality of imported and domestic ware; the best values we have offered in some time. $6.98 ..... (Basement.)

Clothes Dryer. Folding Clothes Dryer, 4 feet high, 3-fold, at ..... 24c (Basement.)

Market Baskets. Imported Market Baskets, in oval, two-colored straws, with extra strong handles ..... 15c (Basement.)

Table Glassware. 7-piece Bohemian Liquor Sets, Glass Punch Sets consisting of large bowl on revolving stand, six cups to match and six gold plated hooks and also Bohemian Fruit Comports ..... 98c (Basement.)

Girls' Shoes. Button or lace in style, made of fine Vici Kidskin, sizes 11 to 2; patent tips; regular price $1.60 a pair; special selling price for Friday, pair ..... 69c (Third Floor.)

Muslin Night Gowns. Muslin Gowns, full widths; yokes made of cluster tucks ..... 33c (Second Floor.)

Women's Drawers. Made of excellent quality muslin, with full ruffles and deep hems. Pair ..... 15c (Second Floor.)

Tape Girdles. Closely boned, some with hose supporters attached; excellent for misses and persons with slight figures. Sizes 18 to 21 inches. Regular price, 50c ..... 39c (Second Floor.)

Corset Covers. Cambric Corset Covers with round necks, trimmed with several rows of lace insertions and ribbon beading. Regular price, 29c. ..... 15c (Second Floor.)

White Lawn Waists. Embroidered fronts and baby tucks, others with lace yokes and panels of embroidery; ¾ sleeves, lace trimmed collars and cuffs. Regular prices, $1.39 & $1.69.. 98c (Second Floor.)

Purest Candies. Fruit Fudge, fresh from our Candy Kitchen. Made from only the purest ingredients and filled with choice fruit and figs, giving a delicious flavor. Pound ..... 8c (Main Floor.)

Torchon Laces. Have pretty insertions to match; large assortment from which to choose; dainty patterns; 5c. quality; a yard ..... 2½c (Main Floor.)

Boys' $3 Spring Reefers Tan and Gray; nobby reefers for the young chaps; the latest styles and fabrics; coats have embroidered emblems on sleeves and are double breasted. Sizes 2½ to 10. $2.98 (Third Floor.)

Feather Dusters. Good quality Turkey Feather Dusters, Specially priced at ..... 19c (Basement.)

Folding Wash Benches Folding Wash Benches; large enough to hold two big tubs. Special price, one day only ..... 21c (Basement.)

Toilet Soaps. Armour's Milady Toilet Soaps; Violet, Lilac, Heliotrope, Rose, &c. Made to sell at 5c. a cake. To-morrow 3 cakes for ..... 8c (Main Floor.)

Gilt Photo Frames. Large sizes and Florentine styles; square or oval shapes. Regular price 50c. To-morrow ..... 29c (Main Floor.)

Lace Veils. Black, white, brown and other desirable shades and tints; 3-inch border; 1½ yards long, to-morrow ..... 48c (Main Floor.)

Women's Neckwear. Fancy stocks, tailor-made stocks, lace stocks, embroidery turnovers and embroidered linen collars; all sizes; regular price 25c ..... 10c (Main Floor.)

Embroideries. New Corset Cover Embroideries, with or without beading tops; a large variety of patterns to select from; regular price 29c, yard ..... 19c (Main Floor.)

Knitted Waists. Boys' and girls' warm Knitted Waists, made with reinforced shoulder bands and buttons, very strong and serviceable.. 9c (Main Floor.)

Women's Knit Underwear. Women's Fine Imported Combination Suits, made of very fine yarn, high or low necks; with or without sleeves; tight-fitting vests or umbrella pants, $ for $1 or each ..... 35c (Main Floor.)

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Folding Go-Carts. All-steel gears and rubber tired wheels; light weight; compact and durable. Regular price $2. To-morrow ..... $1.39 (Third Floor.)

Men's Sweaters. All wool; single and double roll collars; Sweaters that were originally made to sell for $1. Special Friday price ..... 29c (Third Floor.)

Suit Cases. A small lot of odds and ends slightly shop worn; just as good as new; worth up to $2. To-morrow ..... 50c (Third Floor.)

Wall Paper. 5,000 rolls of 18c to 25c floral papers, stripes, two tones and tapestries. Roll ..... 12½c (Fourth Floor.)

Boys' Corduroy Pants. Regular 50c. pants and the bloomer style so popular. Cut very full, taped seams and thoroughly well sewn. Sizes 4 to 14. Pair ..... 33c (Third Floor.)

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Boys' $3 Suits. Double-breasted Suits, with knicker-bocker trousers. A large variety of styles and immense stocks to select from. Sizes 3 to 16 years. Special ..... $1.75 (Third Floor.)

Shirting Madras. Mill lengths, 2 to 10 yards; 32 inches wide, in checks, plaids, stripes and plain colors. 19c. goods. yard ..... 10c (Main Floor.)

Fine Woven Tissue. Mill lengths, woven, checks and stripes, with beautiful dots and figures. Lengths 2 to 10 yards; regular price, 19c. Yard ..... 12½c (Main Floor.)

Jacquard Suitings. Linen finish mill lengths in fancy weaves, all plain shades, suitable for waists and suits. Lengths 2 to 10 yards; 15c. goods; yard ..... 8c (Main Floor.)

Sash Curtain Laces. Beautiful Colonial and floral effects; excellent quality nets that will wear well; single and double border styles; yard ..... 19c (Fourth Floor.)

Scotch Lace Curtains. Made of the finest yarns, all double thread nets; 2½ yards long; 54 inches wide; pretty Brussels, Irish Point and Real Lace Effects. Regular price, $2.48; pair ..... $1.49 (Fourth Floor.)

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Girls' Dresses. Prettily made of sheer white lawn and fine Chambray. The lawn dresses have full bertha, trimmed with lace insertion; new, full skirts; 6-inch hems. The chambray dresses are in the popular sailor suits, Duchess and high neck effects, neatly trimmed. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Worth $1.25, at ..... 87c (Second Floor.)

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Golden Wedding Whiskey. A blend of liquors rich, smooth and palatable; regular price is $3.50; special at, per gallon, $2.75; ½ gallon, $1.40; regular $1.00 full quart bottle 78c

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Strong Jean Corsets. White, gore cut, long, deep hips and back, medium busts, closely boned, rust proof wire; up-to-date models, all perfect-fitting corsets; sizes 18 to 30 inches; regular price 50c. ..... 39c (Second Floor.)

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