DEFECTIVE RAIL REPORTED HOURS AHEAD OF WRECK

Engineer Felt Jar at Woodlawn Curve and Told His Superior.

TOOK CURVE AT SPEED.

Commuters Testify That Fatal Train Exceeded Sixty Miles an Hour.

Assistant District-Attorney Smyth, who is prosecuting Vice-President and General Manager Alfred H. Smith, of the New York Central Railroad, on a charge of manslaughter in the second degree, delved further to-day into the tangle of expert testimony, blue prints, diagrams and exhibits with which he hopes to fasten definitely on the railroad official the responsibility for the Woodlawn train wreck, that killed twenty-three persons.

The trial reached its fifth day before Supreme Court Justice Kellogg and a jury.

Benjamin J. Buell, foreman of the wrecking crew of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, testified that the force with which the wrecked express left the fatal curve was such as to tear the heads off the spikes that were supposed to hold the rails in place.

Earlier Train Was Jarred.

It was followed on the stand by Frank Biehl, engineer, of an electric motor train which had passed over the Woodlawn curve on the morning preceding the wreck. He declared that at a point where the rail snapped and wrecked the Brewster's express he felt a distinct shock.

According to Mr. Smyth, this showed that a flaw existed in the rail, despite the assertions of the defense to the contrary.

Biehl's first trip on an electric motor car was made two days before the accident, which put him in the same class as Rogers, who drove the wrecked train. Biehl scored another point for the prosecution's theory that excessive speed caused the wreck when he said that it was hard for an engineer to gauge his speed correctly.

"We would underestimate his speed on an electric engine," said Biehl.

Biehl said he had reported the oscillation he noticed at the curve nine hours before the wreck to the division superintendent. Nothing, however, was done about it so far as he knew.

William C. Myers, a travelling engineer for the General Electric Company, was then called. Myers was in Biehl's cab on the trip of which the engineer had testified. Myers said he noticed a strange lurching of the locomotive as they ran round the Woodlawn curve.

"At what speed were you travelling?" asked Mr. Smyth.

"I should estimate it at least sixty miles an hour," replied the witness. On a previous trip, at the same speed, Myers said, the locomotive had negotiated the curve smoothly. Engineers did not usually reduce speed for the curve, according to this witness.

Guiseppe Matzo, a section foreman who examined the track at the curve a short time before the wreck, said he found it in good shape then. He only examined the west rail.

Belden Bacon, an attorney and a commuter on the Central, who said he timed trains when he travelled, as an amusement, was then put on the stand.

Beyond Mile a Minute.

He said that after the train left Mott Haven he noticed its terrific speed. It dashed by Fordham at a rate of at least sixty-five miles an hour. This speed was maintained under the bridge and upon the curve. He sat in the forward smoker, playing whist, he said. The wreck came while his partner was dealing, so he didn't feel any need of concentrating his attention on the game.

Another commuter, Edward M. Henry, chemist, of Pleasantville, N. Y., testified that he also timed train speed as a bit. He corroborated Mr. Bacon's testimony in every detail. The train picked up speed at Mott Haven Junction. He said that it went so fast that he lost sight of the other stations passed.

"What was its speed, in your judgment?" asked Mr. Smyth.

"Seventy miles an hour," replied the witness unhesitatingly.

George H. Tappin, a tailor, also of Pleasantville, N. Y., joined the other witnesses in characterizing the speed of the train as "terrific." He estimated the pace at eighty miles an hour.

Chappaqua resident, John M. Havard, also noticed the speed prior to the wreck. Between sixty and seventy miles, he thought it was. Edmund L. Garner, a bank clerk, testified to the same effect.

Half a dozen other commuters testified that they became alarmed at the train's speed. They estimated it at from sixty to eighty miles an hour.

William V. Potter, chief engineer of the railroad department of the General Electric Company, under whose supervision the Central's electric locomotives were made, was then called. Mr. Nicoll objected vigorously, but Justice Kellogg told the District-Attorney to question his expert.

Mr. Potter led the jury through mazes of braking power and air pressure.

George W. Kittridge, chief engineer of the Central, was asked by Mr. Smyth if tests ever had been made of the spikes holding down the rails of the Woodlawn curve. So far as he knew there had not been.

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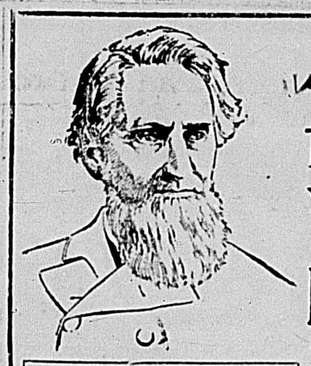

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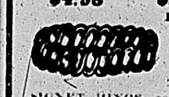

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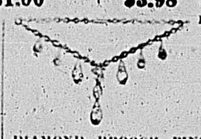

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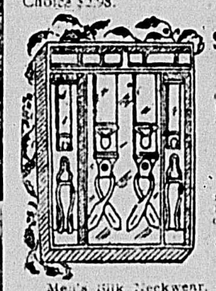

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