

BLAMED FOR COLLAPSE

Jury Calls Brewery Architect and City Inspection Incompetent.

The jury of experts, composed, with the exception of its foreman, S. Osmond Peil, a real estate man, of architects and builders, which spent four hours last Tuesday afternoon...

Rudolph P. Miller, of No. 141 East 40th street, who was Flanagan, Nay & Co.'s member of the board of survey, said he thought the collapse due to "inadequate and possibly careless shoring..."

At 10:20 o'clock the jury retired, and after the twelve men had argued heatedly for an hour they reported to Coroner Acritelli that they had been unable to decide on the cause of the collapse.

"We concur," said Flanagan, Nay & Co. for failure to employ a competent architect and superintendent. We also criticize the Bureau of Buildings for passing imperfect plans and for incompetent inspection."

Coroner Acritelli and the various counsel thanked the members of the jury for their high minded efforts in serving at night.

Members of the jury all signed their presentment. Those who had been arrested were released from custody by order of the Coroner.

P. R. R. MUST PAY \$298,000. Court Decides It Is Indebted to State for That Amount.

Trenton, Feb. 24.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be compelled to pay the state \$298,000 in taxes assessed for the year 1907, in accordance with the provisions of the Perkins act, from which it claimed exemption.

The Pennsylvania Railroad systems, deeming the Perkins act to be unconstitutional, applied to the Chief Justice for a writ of certiorari to review the assessment, which writ was allowed upon condition that the railroad pay to the state an amount equal to the amount they had previously paid under the acts in operation previous to the Perkins act.

The state held that the condition thus imposed by the Chief Justice required the payment of \$298,000, whereas the railroads contended that there was nothing due.

The Pennsylvania company, pursuant to an act relative to transit duties, passed in 1889, paid to the state, in quarterly payments, from 1893 to 1885 a tax of one-half of 1 per cent upon the costs of its respective works.

On April 15, 1884, five days after the railroad tax act went into effect, it paid the first quarterly payment due March 31, 1884.

The railroad company contended that that payment, as well as the three subsequent quarterly payments made for the year 1884, was not paid at all under the transit duty act of 1889, but really anticipated the tax that was assessed and levied in December, 1884, pursuant to the provisions of the act of 1884, payable in January, 1885.

ELECTRICIANS ASK REINSTATEMENT. If General Arbitration Board Refuses Union Men Say They Will Go to Court.

The New York Electrical Workers' Union, an incorporated body which, its officers say, was once in the General Arbitration Board of the Building Trades Employers' Association and the unions, but no longer is recognized by the board, made an announcement yesterday that it had applied for reinstatement and that if the application was refused it would apply to the Supreme Court of this state for an order to be reinstated.

New York Electrical Workers' Union was formed under the arbitration plan about three years ago, when Electrical Workers' Union No. 3 was ruled out of the General Arbitration Board for violation of the arbitration agreement by striking, and became the only union of electrical workers recognized under the arbitration plan.

Later an agreement was made between the Electrical Contractors' Association and the officers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, by which No. 3 and the new union were to come together under an international charter, the chartering unit to be recognized as the legitimate union under the arbitration plan.

Meanwhile the New York Electrical Workers' Union made a demand for higher wages, and pending negotiations the amalgamated union was recognized. There was litigation over the funds of the New York Electrical Workers' Union and it was finally put in the hands of a receiver.

"PLAIN DEALER" GETS SECOND ORDER. Justice Carr Directs Police of Ulster County to Show Cause.

A second order, instructing the police of Ulster County to show cause why they should not be restrained from interfering with the publication of "The Plain Dealer," of Kingston, was issued by Justice Carr, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday.

The original order was obtained from Justice Marean last Friday. The next day D. M. De Witt and his brother, W. C. De Witt, visited Justice Marean at his home on behalf of the Citizens' Committee of Kingston and pointed out to him paragraphs in the files of the paper which, they said, were having the effect of breaking up the homes of their townsmen.

Justice Marean thereupon vacated his order. The argument will be heard on Wednesday.

OKLAHOMA PROSECUTES ROAD. Alleges Illegal Combination Between Rock Island and Frisco Systems.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 24.—Governor Haskell sent a communication to Attorney General West to-night ordering him to institute proceedings to dissolve an alleged merger between the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the St. Louis & San Francisco railroads in Oklahoma. The letter recites that the interests of the two roads are pooled and are under the same management and that they are in every sense competitive lines.

The Governor's letter states that the people of the state should have the benefit of the competition of the parallel lines. The letter demands that the proceedings ask a complete dissolution of the alleged combination and the perpetual maintenance of the two systems as distinct and separate roads.

TO INCREASE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION. Washington, Feb. 24.—The membership of the Philippine Commission will be increased by one if a bill passed by the Senate today becomes a law.

The bill explained that this increase in membership was necessary to make the number nine, which would render it easier to keep a quorum at Manila.

FIRE ENGINE SMASHED.

Biggest Machine in City Crushes Driver's Leg and Kills Horse.

While making a run to a fire at 7th street and Third avenue last night Engine 33, the largest engine in the department, was badly damaged and the driver, Michael Corbett, was seriously injured. One of the horses is dead.

At 7th street the wagon was running in the streetcar tracks, when the horse nearest the elevated railroad pillars made a sudden swerve to the east. Corbett jerked the horse back, and in so doing the animal bumped squarely into an elevated pillar. Lieutenant Conway was thrown from his place on the side of the engine.

Wobbling and zigzagging across the street, still at heading speed, the engine was drawn by the two remaining horses. They were beyond control and plunging wildly, and threw the heavy engine against another elevated railroad pillar with a crash that could be heard for blocks.

When the engine came to a stop Corbett was thrown between the engine and the pillar. His left leg was broken and his left foot was crushed.

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CURE FOR SCHOOL EVIL. J. E. Swanstrom Has Scheme to End Salary War.

J. Edward Swanstrom, former President of Brooklyn, has written an open letter on the effect that the struggle of the women teachers for their equal pay bill has had on the educational system of the city, as shown in the animosities that have existed in the teaching staff and the deficient school work reflected in the pupils, and calls attention to the hardships on taxpayers which the passage of the bill would incur at the present time.

He recommends dividing the elementary and high school years into two six-year periods, the first period being taught only by women teachers, which he believes will serve as a basis for preserving the principle for which the teachers are contending at present, and at the same time safeguard the interest of the taxpayers by imposing no excessive increase on the educational budget.

Mr. Swanstrom is not opposed to the principle of equal pay, but declares "we should go slow in incurring further burdensome obligations, particularly if they be of such a nature as to fall directly upon the taxpayer, as would be the case if the equal pay bill in its present form were enacted by the Legislature."

"The exclusion of men from class teaching in the first six years," says Mr. Swanstrom, "will not only result in more efficient work in these grades, but will keep the salary schedule within reasonable bounds. The economy of this arrangement as compared with the proposition involved in the teachers' bill will be seen at a glance."

"The effect of this bill will be to increase the maximum salary to which over ten thousand women teachers are entitled, namely, \$1,200, to the maximum paid to the hundred or more men teachers in the first and sixth years, namely, \$2,100. In other words, if the bill should become a law 50 per cent of the teaching force would have their salaries increased to correspond with the higher salaries paid to 5 per cent of the force. At a time like this, when economy is the order of the day, such wholesale increases in salaries would hardly seem to be justified."

"Under the six and six plan the last two years of the present elementary course would become merged with the high school, making the latter a six years' course. This period I would subdivide into equal periods of three years each. The first year would be termed the lower, or junior, high school, and the second the upper, or senior, high school."

"In the elementary course the salary of each teacher should range from \$70 to \$1,200, according to experience. The increment for successful work would be \$5 a year for twelve years. The difference between a salary of a teacher of a girls' class and the salary of a teacher of a boys' class of corresponding grade should not be more than \$100."

"Heads of departments in elementary schools should receive a first year salary of \$1,800, with an annual increment of \$150 for four years, until a maximum of \$2,400 is reached."

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ROGERS, PEET & COMPANY.

Don't think there's any interruption in our sale of men's suits because of the little splash of the boys' sale yesterday. The values and the sizes being still there, the sale goes sailing on.

\$15, \$20 and \$25 are the bargain prices for practically all our Winter suits and a few from last Summer.

There are still several hundred suits at each price.

Winter overcoats are most all reduced to \$15 and \$20.

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Public Notices.

PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ACT... TO AMEND CHAPTER SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO DONATE TO A COMMITTEE WITH THE GREAT MONUMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MONUMENT OF GENERAL GRANT AT BAYVIEW PARK...'

PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ACT... TO AMEND THE GREATER NEW YORK CHARTER IN RELATION TO ADDITIONAL POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS... Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at the Mayor's Office in the City Hall, in the City of New York, on Thursday, February 25, 1908, at eleven o'clock A. M.

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PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ACT... TO AMEND THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 226 of the Laws of 1907, relative to the Public Administrator of the City of New York, that the Public Administrator during the year 1907 has been published in the City Record and three copies of the same have been mailed January 21, 1908.

PROPOSALS FOR ENVELOPE ADDRESSING MACHINES. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., February 24, 1908. Sealed proposals, plainly marked 'ENVELOPE ADDRESSING MACHINES', for the purchase of one complete outfit for the mechanical addressing of envelopes, to be delivered at the Department with 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 6, 1908, and then opened. Blank forms, specifications and other information furnished upon application to the Bureau, First Service, Washington, D. C. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed 'Proposals for Envelope Addressing System,' and addressed to JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR PIECE GOODS.—DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMERCE, QUARTERS, NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1908. Sealed proposals, plainly marked 'PIECE GOODS', for the purchase of piece goods, to be received at the Department with 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 6, 1908, and then opened. Blank forms, specifications and other information furnished upon application to the Bureau, First Service, Washington, D. C. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed 'Proposals for Piece Goods,' and addressed to JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR ROADS, WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1908. Sealed proposals for construction of roads, to be received at the Department with 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 6, 1908, and then opened. Blank forms, specifications and other information furnished upon application to the Bureau, First Service, Washington, D. C. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed 'Proposals for Roads,' and addressed to WILLIAM E. HORTON, Capt. Q. M.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, ROOM F-7, ARMY BUILDING, NEW YORK, N. Y., February 22, 1908.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., March 2, 1908, for the purchase of one complete outfit for the mechanical addressing of envelopes, to be delivered at the Department with 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 6, 1908, and then opened. Blank forms, specifications and other information furnished upon application to the Bureau, First Service, Washington, D. C. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed 'Proposals for Envelope Addressing System,' and addressed to JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY SUPPLIES.—Office of Assistant Purchasing Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, New York, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1908. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., March 2, 1908, for the purchase of miscellaneous supplies, to be delivered at the Department with 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 6, 1908, and then opened. Blank forms, specifications and other information furnished upon application to the Bureau, First Service, Washington, D. C. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed 'Proposals for Miscellaneous Railway Supplies,' and addressed to JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

It was decided to have a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall on April 29 and a parade of Catholic societies on May 2. This parade will be an enormous one, it is said, and a priest at the Archbishop's house told a Tribune reporter last night that he was taking her down to see her physician.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—Robert Patterson, president of the Philadelphia Transportation and Light-Engineering Company and one of the largest dealers in bar and river sand in the East, died at his home at Morton, near here, to-day, aged eighty-three years. Mr. Patterson was one of the originators of the harbor light-house industry and a pioneer in the sand business. His barges plied between New York, Baltimore, Washington and this city, and during the Civil War he offered all of them to the government.

MRS. LAMONT'S GEM BAILS CHAUFFEUR. Mrs. Julia K. Lamont, of No. 2 West 53d street, widow of Daniel Lamont, Secretary of War in President Cleveland's second term, appeared in the West Side police court yesterday to give \$100 bail for her chauffeur, Frank Taylor, who was arrested for speeding Mrs. Lamont's automobile while he was taking her down to see her physician. Mrs. Lamont gave a diamond ring, which she said was worth \$1,000, as bail for Taylor.

Stern Brothers Dressmaking and Ladies' Tailoring Dep'ts (On the Third Floor) Orders will be accepted Until February 29th At Special Concessions from Regular Prices Tailored Walking Gowns, of choice materials. \$56.00 West Twenty-third Street

Amusements. HIPPODROME 6th Ave. 42nd St. Daily Mats. 2. Best Seats \$1. Evgs. 9. 25c to \$10. THREE BIG SHOWS IN ONE. BATTLE OF PORT ARTHUR 1,000 PEOPLE. 100 HORSES. Realistically represented on world's biggest stage. Musical Melodrama—Lady Mac's Garden Party. ALL BIG ACTS. CIRCUS NEW 4 Seasons—200 Ballet—Winter Carnival. Seasoning—DROWNING BARRERS—Illustration. CASINO—Last Week, Evgs. 8 Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. SAM BERNARD, NEARBY. OLGA NETHERSOLE Supported by FRANK MILLS. TO-NIGHT—SAFRO. To-morrow, Mat. CARMEN. LYRIC. Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Saturday at 2. SOUTHERN LORD DUNDREARY Saturday Night, Feb. 25. 8.15. HAZEL HAZEL. Next Week—Mr. Solheim in 'IF I WERE KING'. Next Week—SAFRO. To-morrow, Mat. CARMEN. MAJESTIC Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Thurs. and Sat. 2.15. In Bandanna Land. HACKBET, Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Thurs. and Sat. 2.15. JOHN NASON THE WITCHING HOUR Fields' LEW FIELDS—Girl Behind the Counter. Herald Sq. Evgs. 8.15. Mat. To-morrow, 2.15.

MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE 25th Street, 4th Ave. To-morrow (Wed.) 8.15. Evgs. 8.15. TETRAZZINI, Miss Trentini, Giacomini, M. M. Emma, Mugugno, Dugli, Venturini, Musical Director, Camparini. FEB. 27 at 7.45—PELLAS ET MELISANDE. (LUCY GARLAND, Miss Trentini, Giacomini, M. M. Emma, Mugugno, Dugli, Venturini, Musical Director, Camparini.) FEB. 28 at 7.45—PELLAS ET MELISANDE. (LUCY GARLAND, Miss Trentini, Giacomini, M. M. Emma, Mugugno, Dugli, Venturini, Musical Director, Camparini.) FEB. 29 at 7.45—PELLAS ET MELISANDE. (LUCY GARLAND, Miss Trentini, Giacomini, M. M. Emma, Mugugno, Dugli, Venturini, Musical Director, Camparini.) FEB. 30 at 7.45—PELLAS ET MELISANDE. (LUCY GARLAND, Miss Trentini, Giacomini, M. M. Emma, Mugugno, Dugli, Venturini, Musical Director, Camparini.)

THE TRIBUNE ALMANAC FOR 1908 On Sale at all Newsstands Price 25 Cents

Amusements. EMPIRE THEATRE, Broadway & 40th St. Evgs. 8.20. Mat. Thurs. and Sat. 2.15. MAUDE ADAMS THE JESTERS LAST IN THE GREATEST WEEKLY TRAGEDY. Wm. H. Crane in 'THE BOYS'. SEATS THURSDAY, FATHER & THE BOYS. HUDSON 44th St. near Broadway. Evgs. 8.20. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. OTIS SKINNER In a play after Helms, by Paul M. Potter. THE HONOR OF FAMILY GARRICK 30th St. near Broadway. Evgs. 8.30. LAST WEEK, EDNA WALLACE. HOPPER EDNA WALLACE. COHAN'S FROM BOSTON. NEXT MONDAY, NAT. C. GOODWIN. SAVOY 34th St. near Broadway. Evgs. 8.10. Mats. Thurs. and Sat. 2.10. NEW YORK'S HIGHEST LAUGHING SUCCESS. 20 DAYS IN THE SHADE POTTER. THE RISING OF THE MOON. CRITERION 23rd St. near Broadway. Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND. KNUCKERBROOKER Broadway and 28th Street. Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. and Saturday, 2.15. VICTOR MOORE IN GEO. M. COHAN'S THE TALK OF NEW YORK.

THE BIG 4 FOLLOW THE CROWD BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway and 41st St. Evgs. 8.20. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. A WALTZ DREAM (Ein Walztraum) Music by OSCAR STRAUSS. NEW YORK THEA. Broadway and 45th St. Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. SOUL KISS GENEE LIBERTY THEATRE, 42d Street. Evgs. 8.20. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. MABEL TALIAFERRO POLLY THE MERRY WIDOW NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE, 42d Street. Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.15. THE MERRY WIDOW ASTOR TO-MORROW TO-NIGHT SOMETHING NEW. PAID IN FULL EDEN WORLD IN WAX. GYPSY MUSIC. GARDEN 27th St. Opens This Sat. Night. GRESSY & DAYNE

AMUSEMENTS. JOE WEBER'S MUSIC HALL, Broadway, 20th St. BUKLESQUE OF THE MERRY WIDOW. HANMERSTEIN'S THE STAR BOAT, With Taylor Grayville & Co. TO-DAY MENDELSSOHN HALL AT 3 JAN SICKSZ MASON & HANGLIN PIANO. MADISON SQ. THEATRE Katherine Gray in 'The Worth of a Woman'. COLONIAL Geo. Evans, Fannie Lloyd. ALHAMBRA Jessie Hayward & Co. DEWEY CALIFORNIA GIRLS GERMAN THEATRE, Irving Pl. Evgs. 2.15. BLANEY'S THEATRE, Irving Pl. Evgs. 8.15. EDNA MAY SPOONER IN MORMON WIFE. BIJOU Evgs. and Sat. 2.15. ASTOR TO-MORROW TO-NIGHT SOMETHING NEW. PAID IN FULL EDEN WORLD IN WAX. GYPSY MUSIC. GARDEN 27th St. Opens This Sat. Night. GRESSY & DAYNE

AMUSEMENTS. HENRY MILLER IN THE GREAT DIVIDE. WALLACK'S Evgs. and Sat. 2.15. A KNIGHT FOR ICE SKATING St. Nicholas Rink, 3rd Avenue. HOCKEY TO-NIGHT: Wanderers vs. St. Nicholas.