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NEGRO CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED AND ADMITS MURDER

New York, Oct. 19—Geo. Bishop, 23, a negro chauffeur, confessed, today, the police allege, that he murdered Mrs. Margaret Bell, 78, a widow, in her home at 53 Fort Green Place Brooklyn last night, and very seriously injured her maid, Mary Hogan, 50 because Mrs. Bell refused to lend him five dollars. Then he ransacked the house looking for money but failed to find any although $450 was found on Mrs. Bell's body at the hospital where she died.

Bishop said that his wife was formerly employed by Mrs. Bell and that he had been in the habit of borrowing money from her occasionally. Last night, he said, he went there and asked for five dollars. He was drunk at the time and the aged woman ordered him from the house. He had a hammer with him he said, and he struck Mrs. Bell on the head, knocking her unconscious. Mary Hogan heard the disturbance and rushed into the room. Bishop said he struck her down and after making a vain search for money fled to his home where he was arrested.

Bishop told the police he threw the hammer into a subway excavation.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC RALLY TOMORROW

There will be a big Democratic rally tomorrow night at Schwaebischer Maennerchor hall on French St. The principal speaker will Dr. Emil Schneider, a noted orator of New Jersey, whose address is sure to be worth hearing. John L. Sachs of the German-American speaking bureau of New York will also be heard.

Former Mayor Edward T. Buckingham will preside over the meeting. During the evening speeches will be made by Hon. Jeremiah Donovan, candidate for Congressman from the Fourth district and Lynn W. Wilson, candidate for Representative from this city.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance.

CARNEGIE DENIES TAKING UP ABODE IN SCOTLAND

New York, Oct. 19.—Positive denial that he intended to make his permanent residence in Scotland was made by Andrew Carnegie, who arrived here, today, on the Baltic accompanied by Mrs. Carnegie.

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CUMMINGS.—In this city, Oct. 18, 1912, Julia A., daughter of Jeremiah and the late Mary Cummings.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her father, No. 508 South avenue, on Monday, Oct. 21, at 8.30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m.

—Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. a*

ANDERSON.—In this city, Oct. 18, 1912, Karl Anderson, aged 21 years, 11 months.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Martin Thompson, No. 1026 Reservoir avenue, on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:30 p. m.

—Interment at Park cemetery. a*p

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600 DEAD BY MANILA TYPHOON

Manila, Oct. 19.—Government authorities, today, admitted they have few details of the damage done by the typhoon which swept the Visayas group of islands and that the estimate of 400 killed was too low.

Latest advices placed the death list at 600 on the islands of Cebu, Leyte, and Samara.

WASP'S VICTORY IS CELEBRATED

Centenary of Notable Sea Fight of 1812 War, in Which British Warship Frolic Was Shot to Pieces

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 19.—The one hundredth anniversary of the victory of the American sloop of war Wasp over the British warship Frolic on October 18, 1812, was celebrated at the New Century club here yesterday afternoon by the Delaware Society, Daughters of the War of 1812. Commodore Jacob Jones, who was then a captain, commanded the Wasp. He was a Delawarean.

The principal address was by Judge Henry C. Conrad of Georgetown, associate justice of the Delaware Supreme court and a noted authority on historical matters.

In his address Justice Conrad told the story of the battle between the Wasp and the Frolic at sea north of Bermuda, the result of which, when the British vessel was boarded by Lieutenant B. Tole of the Wasp, he described as follows:

"He was much surprised at not seeing a single man alive on the Frolic's deck except the seaman at the wheel and three officers. The deck was slippery with blood and strewed with dead bodies. As he went forward the captain of the Frolic and two other officers who were standing on the quarterdeck threw down their swords and made an inclination of their bodies as a sign of submission.

"Possession was taken of the Frolic 43 minutes after the commencement of action. She presented a most shocking spectacle. Her berth deck was crowded with dead, wounded and dying. Not above 20 of her crew escaped unhurt."

CITY COURT CASES

Although presented with a pretty picture of a saloon-keper's strict adherence to the law, marred by but one unintentional infraction due to the potency of frequent libations and a coincident visit on the part of officers to his saloon after midnight, Judge Frank L. Wilder, in City Court today, refusing to entertain a plea on the part of defendant's attorney Senator Frederick A. Bartlett for clemency in the case of Andrew Grace, a saloon keeper on Cresent avenue, who pleaded guilty to keeping open after hours, imposed a fine of $25 and contrary to customary precedent in such cases also imposed a fine of $2 dollars and costs, amounting to $15.97, upon Michael Schmidt, the bartender. David Razenbak, with Schmidt was charged with frequenting the saloon. Razenbak forfeited his bail of $15 by non-appearance in court today.

George Lemak and Steve Dosbol, charged with assault upon John Naw, 1 Carpathian court, with intent to kill, were again remanded that the authorities may secure one of the principal witnesses said to have fled the state after threats by a gang on Spruce street had intimidated him.

The cases of Tony Bernardo and Fred Romano, charged with the theft of cartridges from Sea Breeze Island were nolled upon lack of evidence.

The case against Joseph Corbally, arrested for highway robbery upon Elm street, was also dismissed, after two witnesses had informed the prosecutor that Corbally was not the man who was seen in the locality prior to the attack upon the victim who had positively identified him.

Samuel Lebovich, 42 Ridge avenue, charged with assault by throwing coal at a pedestrian on Main street, was discharged by the prosecutor prior to opening of court.

AMBUSHED AND KILLED BY ESCAPED CONVICTS

Craig, Col., Oct. 19.—Escaped convicts from the Rawlins penitentiary are believed to have ambushed and shot to death Michael Flynn, a rancher, whose body, riddled with bullets, all of which hit him in the back, was found today on the Colorado side of the Colorado-Utah state line. Flynn left his home, yesterday to go to Vernal, Utah, for supplies.

The section in which the body was found is only a short distance from the notorious "Hole in the wall."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

"Did Jesus Come to Prepare Individuals for Heaven, or to Establish a Kingdom?" This is the question propounded for Dr. Swain to discuss tomorrow at the South church at 5 p. m. Miss Marguerite Bishop will assist the choir in an excellent musical program. The social teachings of Jesus which lie at the very foundation of life are bringing forth some letters of deep appreciation and many expressions of surprise at the depth and richness of Christ's teachings. These services are under the auspices of the Women's Vesper Institute Committee.

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POWERS AGAIN IN CUSTODY ON FRAUD WARRANT

Alleged to Have Misapplied Funds of Henry L. Blakeman Estate

Apprehended On Bench Warrant Issued In Brooklyn, N. Y.—Held Pending Requisition.

Through information furnished the Brooklyn police by the Bridgeport authorities, William L. Powers, former conservator for the estate of Henry L. Blakeman and a resident of Bridgeport has been taken into custody upon a bench warrant issued in Brooklyn, N. Y., charging him with the embezzlement of $1,287.

This arrest is but one of a series of startling episodes which have marked the attempts of the police here to secure the custody of Powers, who as conservator of Blakeman estate, was removed at the instigation of the heirs in favor of Attorney C. M. Newman in 1910, and has since failed, it is alleged to make any accounting of the moneys which it is alleged have been fraudulently sequestered.

Two warrants charging him with embezzlement had previously been served upon him, one issued by the Bridgeport prosecutor and the other issued in New York at the request of Detective Edward Cronan, both of which were dismissed when he was arraigned in court. The latter resulted in a sensational suit for $20,000 for false arrest being filed by Powers against Detective Cronan, still pending in the New York court.

Information leading to a knowledge of his whereabouts reached Bridgeport a few days ago, and a bench warrant for his apprehension upon the embezzlement charge was secured in Brooklyn. When arrested by Detective Frank of Brooklyn police headquarters yesterday, Powers is said to have been held without bail subject to requisition papers from Connecticut.

Governor Baldwin was applied to today and it is said the papers will be made out in due course and the prisoner brought to Bridgeport for trial.

ROUTING THE TURKS

Successes By Balkan Allies Generally Reported in Despatches All Along the Line.

London, Oct. 19.—Successes by the Balkan allies against Turkey were indicated by all despatches from the near east, today.

Most advices were from anti-Turkish sources, it is true, and it was thought likely they exaggerated the advantages the allies were said to have gained. Also, though there has been considerable sanguinary skirmishing, nothing of the proportions of a real battle has occurred. Still, military experts expressed surprise that the Turks, after taking the initiative in declaring war, should show so little energy in opposing the enemy's advance into the Sultan's territories. Reports of the Bulgarians' capture of Mustapha Pasha on the Turkish side of the frontier were generally accepted as true. A strong detachment of Servians, it was learned from reliable sources, was marching across the Sanjak of Novibazar—Turkish soil—to aid the Montenegrins who have invaded northern Albania. The Greek invasion of Turkey was said thus far to have been unopposed.

That the Servians have captured Pristina, as reported, is doubted, however, for the simple reason that it is almost impossible that they have been able, even by forced marches, to penetrate so far into Turkey from the frontier.

Desperate fighting was reported between Turkish troops and the combined Bulgarian and Servian forces advancing on Uskubu. Of its result nothing had been learned. The Turks were said to be holding out against the Montenegrins at Scutari and to have captured the town of Blajevo just within the Servian frontier.

Nazim Pasha, Turkish minister of war, started for the front, today, according to a message from Constantinople, accompanied by a big retinue of foreign military observers and war correspondents.

The Turkish war office has issued an indignant denial of the report that it is planning to use typhoid and cholera germs against the enemy. The Turkish surgeons are simply provided with serums for inoculation of their own troops against disease. The war office charged that the alleged falsehood was deliberately given circulation by the Greek government.

The capture of Mustapha Pasha by Bulgarian troops, was confirmed, this afternoon. The town was occupied following a sharp skirmish.

International tension was somewhat relieved, today, by an official statement from Foreign Minister Sazonoff of Russia, to the effect that the Czar has received satisfactory assurances of Austria-Hungaria in the Balkans and that Russia consequently does not expect to be involved.

TURKISH MASSACRES.

Belgrade, Oct. 19.—Turkish irregulars have invaded Servia, southwest of Krushevatz, and massacred the inhabitants of three villages, sparing neither men nor women, old or young, according to a report current here, today.

CAPTURING TURKS.

Budapest, Oct. 19.—Bulgarian troops have occupied the Turkish frontier town of Mustapha Pasha on the Oriental Railroad, capturing several hundred Turks.

FIERCE BATTLE ON.

Constantinople, Oct. 19.—General Essad Pasha has repulsed the Montenegrins near Scutari, it was officially announced here, today. Turkish troops have met the advancing Greeks near Miluna and a fierce battle was in progress at latest accounts.

PLOT AGAINST RUSSIA.

Vienna, Oct. 19.—The revolutionary plot against the Russian government reported from Warsaw is not confined to Holland, according to advices from Russia, today, but has ramifications all over the Czar's European territories. The conspirators, it was said, plan a widespread uprising against Nicholas' rule the moment Russia attempts to take a hand in the Balkan situation. The plotters feel sure there will be trouble between Russia and Austria, ultimately, and believe they can overturn the Czar's government.

SNEAK THIEF IN OFFICE.

The office of Dr. E. B. Griffith, a dentist in the Sanford Building at the corner of Main and Cannon streets, is reported as having been entered this morging by a sneak thief who snatching a ladies hand bag from a table in the reception office left for parts unknown. It is said that no articles of intrinsic value were contained in the bag.

RECORD RALLY IN 3RD DISTRICT

Rakoczy Hall Filled to Overflowing with Enthusiastic Hungarian Voters

Roomy Structure Too Small to Provide Accommodations for Big Outpouring — Great Interest Diplayed—Rousing Welcome to Candidate Newman.

By big odds the most enthusiastic rally that has been held this year in the Third district was held in Rakoczy hall, Bostwick avenue, last evening, when many of the local candidates and several visiting speakers addressed an unusually large gathering, principally of the Hungarian voters of that section.

Preceded by a brilliant parade, in which several hundred joined, the rally attracted to the spacious hall so many that despite its ample accommodations—for it is one of the largest halls in the city—there were as many standing as were in the entire gathering at the recent rally under Republican auspices in honor of Congressman Hill.

Headed by the West End Hungarian band, and illumined by torches of red fire, the parade passed through the principal thoroughfares of the West End prior to the opening of the meeting. There was an automobile procession in the rear of the marchers. The machines carried the speakers and candidates, and several out of town guests specially bidden to the rally.

John B. Callahan, Democratic candidate for alderman in the Third district called the meeting to order. Among the speakers were Major John H. McMurray and Lynn W. Wilson, candidates for Representatives; Senator Jeremiah Donovan, candidate for Congresman; Former Mayor E. T. Buckingham, Dr. Michael Linger, of New York, Adalbert Pernyi of New York, and Julian Tcenci, national organizer of Hungarian Democratic clubs. The three last named spoke in Hungarian, and they received rousing receptions.

An unexpected feature of the evening was the arrival, from the 21st District Senatorial convention, of Attorney Christian M. Newman, the candidate of the convention. When he was introduced with an appropriate speech, he was given a reception that left no doubt of the popularity of the action of the convention.

Just prior to adjournment former Mayor Buckingham took the floor a second time and called on the gathering to give three cheers for the entire Democratic ticket. The manner in which the response was made left no doubt as to the ardor of the auditors.

Barge Captain's Wife Cut Up High Jinks

Put Local Photo Plant Out of Business When Red Liquor Began to Work

Mary Agnes McCormack, of New York city the wife of a barge captain, hailing from Pawtucket, R. I., and bound from Maine to Bridgeport, is a gentle appearing woman. She was such when she entered the photographic studio of Fisher and Caswell, in Fairfield avenue last night with a male companion and asked to have their photographs taken in placid repose. It was not until the junior partner had entered the dark room to develope the negative that the intent effect of alcoholic stimulant got in its work with the result that Mary Agnes pranced around the studio overturning the camera, kicking pictures from the wall and finally demolishing the $60 plate glass front of the store by repeated blows of her foot. When the photographer rushed from the dark room to restrain her he was received upon the point of a hat pin. When placed under arrest she was giving the assembled crowd in the street a good exhibition of the famous dancer Lole Fuller in action. When informed by the husband that Mrs. McCormack had previously borne a good reputation and that his barge was leaving port today Judge Wilder imposed a nominal fine of $3, which was paid by her better half.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits with an aggregate value of $77,860 were issued during the past week as follows:

Thomas Manion, one family frame dwelling, west side of Wayne St.

Andrew Larsen, three family frame dwelling, south side of State St.

Charles Nothnagle, frame store, north side of Spring St.

Elizabeth Liptak, one story frame addition to three family dwelling, south side of Jane St.

Zurana Balogh, three family frame dwelling, south side of Smith St.

American Graphophone Co., two story brick factory building, south side of Railroa davenue.

Cecilia M. Eckler, two family frame dwelling, south side of Harral avenue.

C. Bjorklund, two family frame dwelling, south side of Brewster St.

Mrs. E. J. Emmons, three story frame and stucco store and tenement building, East Main and Arctic Sts.

C. E. Weeks, frame garage, south side of Calhoun Place, near Vine St.

John Lukas, frame veranda, south side of Deacon St.

Mrs. Annie Gorman et al., addition for tenements to store building, south side of State St.

H. A. Bishop, sklight on roof rear of 997 Main St.

Wm. F. Chatlos, four two family frame dwellings, east side of Whitney St.

Burroughs F. Perry, two family frame dwelling east side of Grove St.

Whipple & Choate, brick and steel factory north side of South avenue.

Cornwall & Patterson, brick addition to factory, north side of Fairfield avenue.

John Ssizmas, two family frame dwelling south side Davis St.

S. Zimmer, addition to front of present building for a store, south side of Golden Hill St.

F. C. Sanford, frame shed, Dewey St.

Police Hold Costly Vestment for Claimant

A vestment, of pure white silk, striped with blue and fringed with long tassels, and evidently of oriental manufacture and great value was found wrapped in paper beneath the stoop of a drug store at the corner of Pembroke and Steuben streets early this morning. Taken to the second precinct station it was curiously admired and later said to be one of the sacred vestments belonging to the Orthodox Rabinnical service.

It is held awaiting a claimant, and an investigation is being conducted by the police to ascertain if the alters of any of the local synagogues could have been desecrated by thieving vandals in search of silver.

BRYAN ISSUES PANIC PRIMER

His Monologue Shows Fallacy of Republican Predictions If Wilson Is Elected

Urbana, O., Oct. 19.—Starting here, today, on a two days tour of Ohio, in behalf of Gov. Wilson, William Jennings Bryan recited a "panic primer" which he said shows the fallacy of Republican predictions of a panic if Wilson is elected. It was in the form of a political monologue with questions and answers. In part, Bryan's "panic primer" was as follows:

Q—How long since the party first came into power? A—52 years.

Q—How many panics have we had in that time? A—Three.

Q—When did they come? A—In 1873, 1893 and 1907.

Q—Who was President in 1873? A—U. S. Grant.

Q—To what party did he belong? A—Republican party.

Q—What party had control of the Senate at that time? A—Republican party.

Q—What did the Democrats have to do with the panic of 1893? A—Nothing except that they suffered from the panic in common with others.

Q—Who was President when the panic of 1907 came? A—Theodore Roosevelt.

Q—To what party did he then belong? A—Republican party.

Q—What party had control of the Senate and House? A—Republican party.

Q—What did the Democrats have to do with that panic? A—Nothing except that they suffered from it in common with others.

Q—Is it possible that two of the three panics came under Republican Presidents and with Republicans in control of both the Senate and House? A—Yes.

Q—Why do the Republican speakers ignore these two panics? A—Because neither of these panics can be charged to the Democrats and a reference to them would rob Republican threats of disaster.

Q—Who was President when the panic of 1893 came? A—Grover Cleveland.

Q—To what party did he belong? A—He was elected by the Democratic party in 1892. But he helped to elect a Republican to succeed himself in 1894.

Q—How soon after his election did the panic come? A—So soon that it came under Republican laws, not a single Republican tariff or monetary law having been repealed before it came.

WOULD-BE-ASSASSIN SCARE FAILS TO DISCONCERT BRYAN

Newcastle, Ind., Oct. 19.—Many, today, are discussing an incident in connection with the visit of William J. Bryan here, when, for a moment it was believed that the act of the would-be assassin of Col. Roosevelt was being repeated. As Bryan entered an automobile there was a report similar to that of a revolver. Excitement was high until it was discovered that a red fire candle held by a boy had exploded within a few feet of the Commoner. Bryan was the coolest one in the throng.

COL. ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY TO BE KEPT BY PROGRESSIVE WOMEN AS FOUNDERS DAY

New York, Oct. 19.—Sunday, Oct. 27, the birthday of Col. Roosevelt, will be observed by women of the progressive party as Founder's Day. It is the plan of the women to observe both Sunday and the Saturday before, the latter to be given up entirely to the work of raising funds for the party. This will be done by selling badges. All of the noted women members of the party will be on the streets with a "supply of badges.

OBITUARY

The funeral of John J. Mahoney was held this morning at 8:30 from his late residence 51 West avenue and half hour later from Sacred Heart church where Rev. Father Mooney conducted a requiem mass. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends and also a beautiful display of floral offerings from family and friends. There was a delegation from Bridgeport Loyal Order of Moose 289 who acted as bearers. The bearers were Edwin C. Thompson, Wm. Anderson, Joseph Healy of the order of Moose and William Donlin, Joseph Cullen, Patrick M. Flynn and James Garthan. The interment was in the family plot at St. Michael's.

Father Dunne was for a period of years first assistant at St. Mary's church, this city, being acting pastor while the late rector of St. Mary's, Rev. John F. Rogers, was in Europe for his health.

Motorcycle Couple Wed In New Haven

New Haven, Oct. 19—A marriage license was issued here, today, to Henry C. Wing, 26, of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Marian Petrick, 24, of the same city. The couple came here on a motorcycle and it is presumed they were married shortly after the license was issued.

Middletown, Oct. 19—The motor cycle couple from Massachusetts who secured a marriage license in New Haven, today, were here, yesterday, but were unable to get a license because the bride said she was but 20 years old. On applying to the town clerk here, the prospective groom gave his name as Henry C. Wing, a machinist of Greenfield, Mass., and the bride gave her name as Marian Petrick, also of Greenfield. When the clerk found the girl was only 20 he refused to grant the license, saying she would have to secure the consent of her parents. She said she was an orphan and it was suggested that the judge of probate be appointed her guardian. When the couple left the town hall they mounted their machine and left at full speed.

Weather Indications

New Haven, Oct. 19—Forecast: clody and colder, tonight, with local rains near the coast. Sunday fair and colder. Moderate to brisk southwesterly winds.

The disturbance from the northwest is now central over Ontario. It is producing unsettled weather with showers and unusually high temperatures for thes eason of the year in the eastern portion of the lake region and New England. The gulf disturbance is now central over Alabama. It is producing general rain in southern sections over the Mississippi river. An area of high pressure central over Nebraska is producing cool, pleasant weather in the western sections.

Conditions favor for this vicinity, unsettled, showery weather probably fololwed on Sunday by clearing and colder.

WALL STREET TODAY

New York, Oct. 19—Opening—Early trading was without importance.

11 a. m.—A beter tone prevailed in the late forenoon.

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And from any, in any style, skirt at $3.50

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CORONER'S INQUEST ON R. R. WRECK

(Continued from First Page.)

The feasibility of a train control device and its practical application to the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, was the one matter of discussion at the hearing on the Saugatuck wreck, before Coroner John J. Phelan yesterday afternoon. Evidence was submitted which tended to show that the railroad has not been willing to give an official test to a train control system that is said to have been recommended by the Interstate Commerce commission. Jacob A. Cantur, president of the Electricl Automatic Safety and Train Control Co., which is marketing the device, read letters indicating what effort his company had made to interest the railroad in the device. He read extracts from the Interstate Commerce commission, which recommended the device as practical and told of repeated efforts that were made to interest the railroad to the extent that the road officials give serious consideration of the system.

Fred Lacroix, inventor of the device was on hand to explain its working. He was subjected to much examination by Signal Engineer C. H. Morrison of the road, E. G. Buckland, vice president and attorney for the road, and Coroner Phelan. Maps, charts and drawings were on hand with which to explain it. The road, through its signal engineer, put forth evidence that it was not ready to adopt the control system in question, because that system was not developed to perfection, and did not fill all the requirements of an automatic stop. Mr. Morrison tried to show that the device would not shut off the steam when the brakes are applied, that it would not work when the train was running backward or when on a reverse track. The inventor claimed that these were trivial objections.

Attorney E. G. Buckland, attorney for the railroad, endeavored to show that the Interstate Commerce Commission has not recommended the control system manufactured by the company, represented by the witness. He read reports and statements of the commission. Witness contended that the reports were prepared before the final or supplementary tests. The supplementary tests were reported in a supplementary report, but there was no supplement to the introduction of the report. The report in question was that of the Block Signal and Train Control Board made to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Attorney for the railroad tried to show how there is as yet no safety device

Mr. Lacroix said that there was no question in his mind but what the control system he represents would apply the brakes of a train, no matter at what speed the train was going. He told of tests that were made on the Staten Island railroad, between Grassmere and Grant city on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He said the government made tests lasting six weeks to two months, this first time resulted in finding a few defects out of 690 tests. After that there were other tests and no defects were found. These tests were attended by government inspectors.

Mr. Lacroix is the inventor of the mechanism which makes up the control system he and his company are furnishing other railroads with. He told how his device would make a train stop by having a third rail shoe which causes an electrical circuit and causes the air-brakes to be applied. He testified that a train going at the rate of 60 miles an hour could thus be stopped within 1,500 or 2,000 feet from the time the brakes are put on. In the tests that were made on the Staten Island road the train was not always stopped to a standstill because this would cause the passengers to rush out and see what the trouble was. He had in some of the tests made complete standstills so as to prove that the system could bring a train to a complete stop. Under cross-examination witness said that his system did not work when the signals were set at safety, indicating a clear road.

Mr. Lacroix was then questioned by Signal Engineer C. H. Morrison of the road. He asked witness what would happen to his system if a short circuit occurred between the contact posts in the third rail and the rail shoe and witness replied the result would be to apply the circuit brakes. There was a good deal of technical questions to which the witness answered. Engineer Morrison managed to secure from the witness admission to one possibility of his apparatus failing to work on account of a high resistance circuit. Witness claimed however, that this possibility was a remote one and that such a thing couldn't happen once in one million times. Witness was asked if he thought his questioner, the road signal engineer, would be right in recommending the system to the railroad, knowing of the particular fault which was pointed out. Witness answered this question by asking if the signal engineer of the railroad expected 100 per cent. efficiency in any system, whether signal, block or safety system. He admitted that his system was not 100 per cent. perfect, but that it is the nearest perfect of any system that has been devised or ever will be devised.

The discussion at this point got a bit informal. Questions were asked by the road officials, the witnesses and the coroner. Signal Engineer Morrison said that to equip the road with the system in question would mean that the road would have to rebuilt 21 bridges on its road, as part of the new apparatus would make that necessary.

J. E. Van Benshoten, chief train despatcher, testified before the hearing adjourned. He told of giving the order for train 53 (the Boston express) to cross from tracke three to track one at Bridgeport and back again at Westport. This message was given at 4:10. The first section of the train passed Bridgeport at 4:18 and the message was sent at 4:10. The first section passed Westport at 4:33 and the second section at 4:44. A chart showed just when the trains passed each station. Witness said he did not keep a record of the speed of trains. Coroner Phelan wanted to know if there is anyone supposed to make a report if a train is running too fast. The witness said that there was no one to make report of that.

Witness said that it was not possible for a train to run ahead of its schedule, as it could not get into the block. Figures were introduced to show the relative speed of the two sections of the train. The first section was going 46 1-5 miles an hour and the second section, was going 49½ miles an hour on slowdown, and when under way at 50 miles an hour. The despatcher said that the Springfield express had to make the Westport crossover daily for two weeks, because of a work train at Stamford.

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