

## DISCREDITED IS THE STORY TOLD BY TRACTION MAN

Witnesses at the Probe of the South Bend Wreck Show That the Conductor's Tale is in Error.

### COMMISSION SEEKS TO FIX THE BLAME

State Investigators Strenuously Score the Traction Officials for Loose Management Policy.

Michigan City, Ind., June 25.—The Indiana railroad commission, in session here yesterday for the purpose of probing Saturday night's wreck on the South Shore road near Chesterton, succeeded in breaking down a part of the vital story told by Conductor Kinney. Although protecting the railroad company to an extent, the commission did much in the way of criticism during the probe, and it is said that the board will recommend some drastic changes in the operation of the line which has come into prominence because of its disaster and its excessive speed.

Conductor Kinney was removed from the hospital to the company's general offices and for two hours was given a rigid examination. He did not make much of an impression upon the board, it is reported here tonight, while the late Motorman Reed was pictured by the commission as having been a railroad man of more experience than was Kinney. The most damaging bit of evidence against Kinney's story was given by Albert Zink, a stenographer at the Ford & Johnson Chair company in this city. Kinney testified to the efforts he made to stop the car after realizing that the siding of Wilson, where the cars were to meet, had been passed. He told of giving the emergency call three distinct times and also of having attempted to get through the crowded car to inform the motorman of what he had done.

#### Disputes Conductor's Story.

Zink was next placed on the stand. Chairman W. J. Wood conducted the examination. The purpose in calling Zink was to batter down the conductor's story. Zink testified that he was a passenger on Kinney's car and that the car stopped at Dune Park, a station 250 feet east of Wilson's siding, between that point where the cars were to pass and the scene of the wreck. Zink said one man got off the east-bound car at that point. Zink also said he was sitting in the last seat near the rear door and that to his knowledge Kinney did not run through the car at any time just previous to the crash.

General Manager H. U. Wallace was asked about the construction of the interurban cars, their equipment, also that of the line, the system of operating the cars and was asked if he thought that the various systems employed were the best for the safe operation of the line. He replied that they are considered the best of the kind, but that the company is considering various methods for further bettering the road.

Didn't Know President.

Mr. Wallace was asked the names of the directors of the road. He said he did not know who they were.

"Who is the president?" Mr. Wood inquired.

"I don't know; the president recently resigned. Don't know whether we have one or not."

"Well, then," said Chairman Wood, "the vice president must be acting in that capacity."

The commissioners dwelt upon the uncertainty of the telephone system to dispatch trains, and it is reported that they criticized it considerably. They also laid special stress upon the great speed of the cars, which is estimated at times to reach fifty miles an hour, and asked if the crews were not under too great a strain because of that speed.

The testimony of Paul Wilson, an official, who was riding with Motorman Reed on the fatal night, was limited yesterday because of the young man's condition.

### NAME RICHMOND PLACE TO HOLD THE CONVENTION

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said, because they made frequent changes and handicapped the companies holding them. He thought the better plan was to make a franchise

run just as long as the holding company lived up to its promises.

B. B. Johnson, a member of the board of public works of Richmond, disagreed with Mr. Garrard in a number of points. He denied that it was the cities having municipal ownership that objected to a public utilities commission. The element opposed to such a commission he said was the corporations themselves. As to the cause of duplication in public utilities, he said, this was due to abuse of franchise privileges which forced the people to establish competition to bring the offending corporation to time.

#### Corporations and the Lawmakers.

Mr. Johnson declared that the reason the public utilities commission bill was not passed by the legislature was because the original bill had been so encumbered with appendages obtained by the corporations. He was convinced he said, that the corporations holding public utilities franchises had obtained control of a large portion of the lawmakers of the state. Terre Haute had three times gone to the legislature to get relief from the water company that is oppressing its citizens, yet each time its plea was in vain. He said an Indianapolis corporation magnate had assured him that the public utilities bill in its final form was drafted to conserve the interests of the corporations and not the citizens of the municipalities.

Mr. Johnson and Mayor Becker of Hammond objected to the commission having complete control of franchises. They said the commission's authority should be limited to the settlement of disputes arising from overcharging and poor service.

#### Disposal of Garbage.

Major Robert L. Johnson of Aurora and W. P. O'Neal, member of the board of public works of Richmond, discussed the question of garbage disposal. It was the consensus of opinion that the ideal garbage disposal plan was a system whereby closed cans are provided for each house in a city, collected daily and taken to the crematory and reduction plant, the cans sterilized by steam and returned. H. H. Thompson, city engineer of Logansport and A. P. Melton city engineer of Gary, discussed the question of sewage disposal, both saying that a sewage purification plant was the proper solution of the disposal question. Reporting from the legal section, Arthur D. Cunningham of Lafayette in answer to a query, said he was strongly in favor of school trustees being under the direction of the city council in the matter of estimates and tax levy.

### SIGEL GIRL WAS KILLED BY LEON IN JEALOUS RAGE

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world-wide search for Leon Ling developed when the police were told that Ling was seen in Chinatown Sunday, June 13. This information was given to detectives on Capt. Galvin's staff. It was in effect that Ling was at 18 Pell street, where the Gee-Gong-Tong society, known as the Chinese freemasons, headquarters. According to the deport, Ling was given \$400 by brothers of the society that night.

### Baseball Results

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburg	40	13	.755
Chicago	35	19	.648
New York	28	22	.560
Cincinnati	29	26	.527
Philadelphia	24	28	.462
St. Louis	23	32	.418
Brooklyn	20	33	.377
Boston	13	33	.250

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Detroit	38	19	.667
Philadelphia	31	23	.574
Boston	32	24	.571
Cleveland	30	25	.545
New York	25	28	.472
Chicago	24	29	.453
Washington	19	34	.358
St. Louis	19	36	.345

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Milwaukee	23	29	.554
Minneapolis	34	31	.523
Indianapolis	35	32	.522
Columbus	34	32	.515
Louisville	33	32	.508
Kansas City	29	32	.475
St. Paul	26	32	.448
Toledo	28	35	.444

#### RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.			
Cincinnati-Chicago—Wet grounds.			
Brooklyn 6; Philadelphia 3.			
Pittsburg 3; St. Louis 2.			
New York 7-12; Boston 4-5.			
American League.			
Philadelphia 5; New York 3.			
Boston 5; Washington 1.			
Detroit 2; St. Louis 1.			
Cleveland 8; Chicago 1.			
American Association.			
Kansas City 5; Columbus 1.			
Minneapolis 4; Louisville 1.			
Milwaukee 6; Toledo 2.			
Indianapolis 8-0; St. Paul 4-1.			

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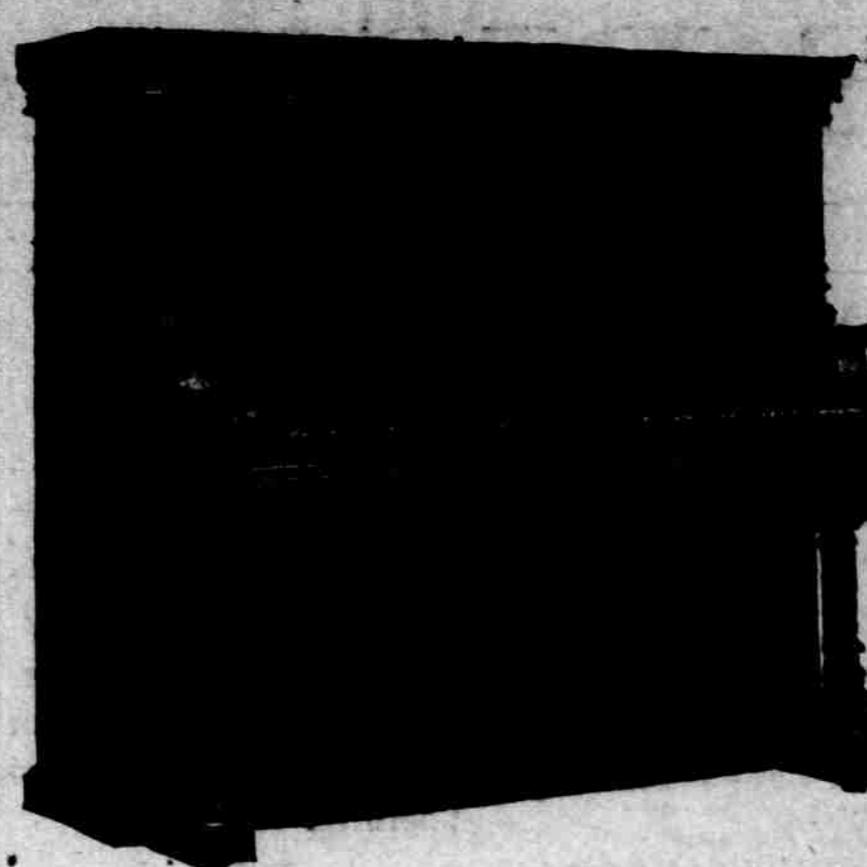
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### VISITED RICHMOND

Prof. Jerome McNeal of Tallahassee, Florida, where he has been teaching school during the past year, stopped in this city last evening while enroute to Chicago to attend the summer school of Chicago University. He visited his father, James McNeal and other relatives.

There is no record to show just the name of the man who is to receive the \$100,000.



# BOYS AND GIRLS

## Would You Like to Get This Piano For Some Friend?

Then form a club and help yourself or neighborhood friend by gathering up all Piano Certificates you can.

You can easily visit the people in your neighborhood who trade at our store, and we are sure they will be more than glad to help yourself or friend and give you their piano certificates when you tell them that you are working and hustling for yourself or little friend. If you meet anyone who does not trade at this store, she surely has not heard about the magnificent piano we are going to give away.

You must tell her all about it and have her come here to do her trading. Be sure to call at every house in your neighborhood and collect every certificate you can. Remember that other boys and girls from other parts of the city and neighborhoods are working to get the piano for themselves or some little friend and that we give this Piano Free to the one who has the most votes.

## The People's Store

### FAMILY TROUBLE GIVEN AN AIRING

Relatives of Everett Bradley Tell Chief That He Has Left the Fold.

#### IS HE BACK WITH WIFEY?

WHEN BROTHER OF 18 YEARS OLD HUSBAND SO INFORMED STAUBACH, THE CHIEF ANSWERED "WELL WHAT OF IT?"

Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and the whole family joined in the effort to settle the matrimonial difficulties of Everett and Cora Bradley. The place chosen was the office of the superintendent of police and the hour was 9 o'clock last night, when the clouds above were pouring forth their lamentations. While the rain was coming down in torrents the assemblage came trooping into headquarters.

And amid such a setting, what is regarding as one of the concluding chapters of the romance, was written. "Everett's gone again" said a brother of the sixteen year old husband, to the chief. "Well, what of that?" asked Staubach undismayed. "Well we want him back." And then it was the chief lost patience. The brother said Everett had left home again and he supposed to return to his bride. The brother wanted police assistance to locate Everett, but this was denied although he was told a policeman would be sent if one were needed.

They Came En Massa. It was only a short time afterward that the Bradleys' and Taylors' entered headquarters en masse. Mrs. Bradley was named Taylor before she went to Kentucky. Everett's father was present and also Prosecutor Ladd. The state's attorney asked the boy if he preferred remaining with his wife to staying at home with mamma. He said he did. Then the senior Bradley took the floor. The mother of Everett is in ill health and worry over her son's conduct has depressed her greatly. "Would you rather live with that woman and be the cause of your mother's death, than come back home?" the father asked his son in a choking voice. The boy said he would, and thereupon the parental manifesto was pronounced and the son forbidden ever again to darken the door of his father's home. Then meeting was out.

This morning young Bradley was back to see the chief. He wanted to know how he could get his clothes, if he couldn't go home after them. Staubach is not a Chinaman and didn't try to solve the puzzle.

#### CONTRACT AWARDED

Cambridge City, Ind., June 25.—Wesley Cornell & Sons of this place have been awarded the contract to erect a new brick school building in Jefferson township. The building will be one of the most modern township schools in the state and will be put up at a cost of \$6,000. Working & Keagy of Hagerstown will have the contract for all the frame work.

There is no record to show just the name of the man who is to receive the \$100,000.

### HUNT MISSING GIRL

"Heart Broken Mother" at Cambridge City Makes a Pitiful Appeal.

#### A PROBABLE ELOPEMENT

The Indianapolis police department has been asked to help locate Goldie Frances Winder, a fifteen year old Cambridge City girl, who is believed to have run away from home for the purpose of marrying a young man named John Skeens.

Mrs. Winder appealed to the police in the name of "a broken-hearted mother" and asked Chief Metzger to put all the official machinery in motion