

# 740 FT. BRIDGE MOVED 75 FT. TO NEW SITE

### Engineering Calculations So Accurate that Alignment to Car Tracks Is Perfect.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20.—A monster bridge, 740 feet long, with two trestles 150 feet high, and weighing 1,200 tons, was moved bodily the distance of 75 feet here recently, and the workers who rode over the structure in the morning, at its former location, rode over it again in the evening, but in-between times the bridge had shifted position 75 feet.

It was a feat of engineering, but the structure was relocated without a hitch, and engineers' calculations were so perfect that when the bridge was finally set on its new piers it was in perfect alignment in every way with the street railroad tracks at either end.

When the engineers and their "gang" got ready to move the huge structure, they merely cut the trolley feed wires at either end of the bridge, a few Italian laborers pulled up the rails at the bridge ends, and then a huge gong announced "all set" and the moving began.

An improvised railroad was used to rest the bottom girders of the bridge on. Fifteen jackscrews furnished motive power. The bridge was moved about six feet an hour.

Pedestrians were permitted to use the bridge while being moved, and hundreds did so. So smoothly did things go that those who stood on the structure during its progress southward were unable to detect any movement—but she was going, all right, steadily and surely.

They moved the bridge in a day. That, to the ordinary person, would seem to be the big end of the job—moving the bridge. But, in fact, it was merely a minor incident. The real work was getting things ready to move it. Engineers and workmen spent six busy weeks preparing for this great job. Everything was figured out to the most minute fraction of an inch. Then the plans were checked and rechecked to make sure they were correct. One element of uncertainty was whether the track-are would hold up, sink in some unforeseen "soft spot" in the terrain or slide. With a mighty bridge on the move, if these things bobbed up, the bridge might give a quick sidelong flop and collapse. Every inch of ground was tested thoroughly.

The bridge is located in what is known as Jack's Run, in what formerly was old Allegheny City, now a part of Pittsburgh. The structure connects Pittsburgh and the Borough of Bellevue, a suburb.

Several noted engineers were present to watch the moving.

## Bridgeport Man Pays Court Fine for Cider With Kick

Norwalk, Dec. 20.—"Your honor, this man would have frozen to death, had his radiator not been filled with alcohol," declared Prosecutor Edward M. Lockwood to Judge Candee yesterday when George Joyce was arraigned on a charge of driving a motor car on the railroad track here Monday night with his face badly cut up and helpless. He told the court that he had only some drinks of cider, which the court allowed must have had more than the ordinary "kick" Joyce was permitted to pay \$100 and left for his home in Bridgeport.

## Library War Funds Provide Reading Service

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The navy received \$3,000 for its library service, and hospitals \$13,264.01 from the war funds of the American Library Association, according to the report of the treasurer, covering the period January-October, 1922. The American library in Paris was given \$1,000 from these funds and \$212.55 was spent for "preserving war service material."

The war fund of the association, according to the report, is the largest of the various funds, showing \$66,825.24 invested in Liberty bonds, Thrift Stamps, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness and Government of Canada bonds. Total resources of the fund during the first ten months of the year were \$34,931.37 with total expenses of \$29,488.83.

Annual membership dues to the association were more than \$16,000 and life memberships paid over \$500. The sale of publications exceeded \$21,000 with the cost of publication listed as more than \$10,000. The association expended \$727.91 for books for the blind. Salaries amount to \$29,425.24.

## Scientists Explore Rich Gem Fields

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A topaz weighing five pounds, remarkable not only for its size but for its clearness, is among the specimens brought back to Chicago by Dr. Oliver C. Farrington, curator of the Department of Geology of Field Museum, who has just returned from an expedition to Brazil.

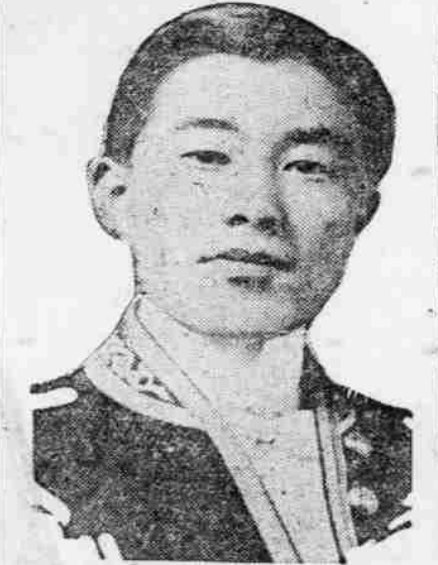
The expedition traveled 2,000 miles through the diamond, gold and precious stone fields of the South American republic, covering more than 300 miles through the mountains of the state of Minas Gerais on mule back. The specimens obtained include gold, diamonds, aquamarines, beryls, emeralds and topazes, besides a number of minerals of the rare earth. Among the specimens Dr. Farrington believes he has one or two minerals hitherto unknown to science.

## Says Italian Railroads Are Sadly Mismanged

Rome, Dec. 20.—Benito Mussolini, Italy's new Prime Minister, who, until nine years ago was known as a Socialist, has begun his term of office by inexorably laying the axe to the root of all public service institutions owned or managed by the state, such as railways, telephones, telegraphs, letter and parcel posts, which show a deficit, and even some others which are more or less successfully run.

The railways in Italy are perhaps the most striking example of the difficulties and weakness of state management. During 17 years of such control, declare Professor Ugo Ansonia, an expert on financial questions, they have ceased to be the largest producers of national profit, and are today virtually owned by the railroad men. Before the war, the state owned 50,000,000 lire a year, which might be taken as interest on the five and a half billion lire which had been spent on constructing them. The deficit in 1921 was over a billion lire, although the price of tickets is now three times what it was, and it is said that the deficit for 1922 will be still greater.

## Baron Hanihara To Be Japanese Envoy



Baron Hanihara, Japanese Foreign Minister, is to be Ambassador to the United States. It has been announced in Tokyo. He succeeds Ambassador Shidehara.

## BRITISH FIND JOBS FOR IDLE WORKERS

### Government Projects Under Way to Solve Problem of Unemployment.

By F. A. WRAY, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

London, Dec. 20.—The British Government is making a drastic attempt to deal with the situation caused by the existence of 1,500,000 unemployed in Britain.

It aims at putting in operation works which, while giving employment and good wages to vast numbers of unemployed, will ultimately prove of remunerative value to the country.

Among the adopted proposals are the making of the new arterial roads throughout the country, in particular one from Manchester to Liverpool, which will employ 20,000 men for many months.

Leads are to be made to towns throughout the country to assist in putting into operation public works of local utility and improvement.

A new system of land drainage is to be put in force in various places which will employ 20,000 men for weeks.

Now afforestation will employ 6,000 workers for five months, and 5,000,000 pounds will be immediately expended on the improvement of the great railroads.

Powerful electric power stations are to be set up throughout the country.

Finally, a guarantee of 50,000,000 pounds will be given to merchants, corporations and banks to speed up the foreign trade of the country.

The Government hopes that initiating these works will set other trades in operation and stimulate the general business condition of the country early in the new year.

## Report New London Concern May Join Merritt-Chapman Co.

New London, Dec. 20.—Merger of the T. A. Scott Co. of this city, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, wrecking company on the Atlantic seaboard, with the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company, the Scott company's principal competitor in business on the Eastern coast, is being effected in New York City, it was learned here on good authority. Captain T. A. Scott, head of the local concern, which was founded by his father in New York City attending to the details of the merger, which will be announced shortly. It is understood that the combination will be arranged for January 1.

The Scott company has a fleet of tugs and wrecking apparatus here and have participated in some of the largest wrecking operations on the coast, having lighted, hoisted and brokenwaters, docks, and wharves in many places. They figured prominently in the preparations incident to the wartime visit of the transoceanic submarine Deutschland to this port some years ago, one of their tugs, which was conveying the German underwater craft out of the harbor being sunk with several casualties as a result of a collision with the submarine.

The Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company have long sought a merger with the local company, it is stated here. No details concerning the financing of the new combine could be learned here, owing to the absence of Captain Scott and the refusal of other officials of the local company to talk.

Spencer Adams, a shortstop, and James Jacobs, an outfielder, the Seattle club, are being considered by major league scouts as probable purchases.

## IF BACK HURTS FLUSH KIDNEYS

Too much meat may form uric acid, which excites the kidneys; they become overworked, get sluggish, ache and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush out the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region; you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to help neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus often ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everyone should take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in correcting kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

## Norwalk Would Keep the 5 Cent Fare

Norwalk, Dec. 20.—After an exhaustive study of the trolley receipts here for the past year Mayor Barton declared that he would urge the continuance of the five-cent fare held in Norwalk at the hearing to be held tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock by the Public Utilities Commission. While the receipts for the year under the five-cent fare test showed a falling off of \$7,000 against those of the year previous the mayor says that taking into consideration the large

## percentage of rainy weather during the past summer he believes that under normal weather conditions the five-cent fare would be a success.

## SEVEN SALOONKEEPERS RAIDED IN ANSONIA

Ansonia, Dec. 20.—Seven saloonkeepers of this city were before Judge M. C. Isbell in the City court yesterday charged with violation of the liquor law as a result of raids by state police headed by Sergeant Virgili. Five of them pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs each and the other cases were continued.

## Ansonia Has Contest for State Senator

Ansonia, Dec. 20.—Frederick M. Drew, Republican candidate for state senator in the Seventeenth district, has decided to contest the seat of Walter B. Johnson, Democrat, of Seymour, who was declared elected by a plurality of 18 votes in the November election. Drew, who is an ex-senator, has retained Judge A. C. Baldwin of Derby, as counsel and will carry the fight to the State Senate Elections committee. Papers

summoning those interested to appear when the Senate is convened at Hartford next month have been served. Ex-Senator Drew had a plurality of 385 votes in the towns outside of Derby, which gave Johnson a plurality of 903 votes. It is claimed by Drew that there were errors in the county in Derby, Ansonia and Seymour. Johnson has secured counsel and will defend his right to the seat, a certificate of election to which has already been granted to him.

**VAN LOON AWARDED BEST BOOK PRIZE**  
Chicago, Dec. 20.—The "Story of

Mankind," by Hendrick Van Loon, has been voted the most important book published in 1921 by the Children's Librarians section of the American Library association. Out of 212 votes received by the chairman of that section, Van Loon's book received 164, with no other book receiving more than 22. In accordance with the vote, Mr. Van Loon was awarded the John Newberry medal, the gift of Frederic C. Melcher, by the Children's Librarians section at Detroit. It is considered probable that the medal will be awarded annually in the future by this section.

# CARLOAD PLAYER-PIANOS

This Carload of Player-Pianos was shipped from the Factory in time to be placed on sale December first. Embargoes and slow moving freight caused delay. The car has just arrived. When you read this advt., the truckmen will be unloading the car.

## ! ARRIVED THIRTY DAYS LATE !

# We purchased these Players to sell at \$600

Have decided not to inventory them January first. THEY MUST BE SOLD THIS WEEK!! If price and easy terms will sell them, they will go quickly. To accomplish this result, we are discarding profit, and have decided to close them out at

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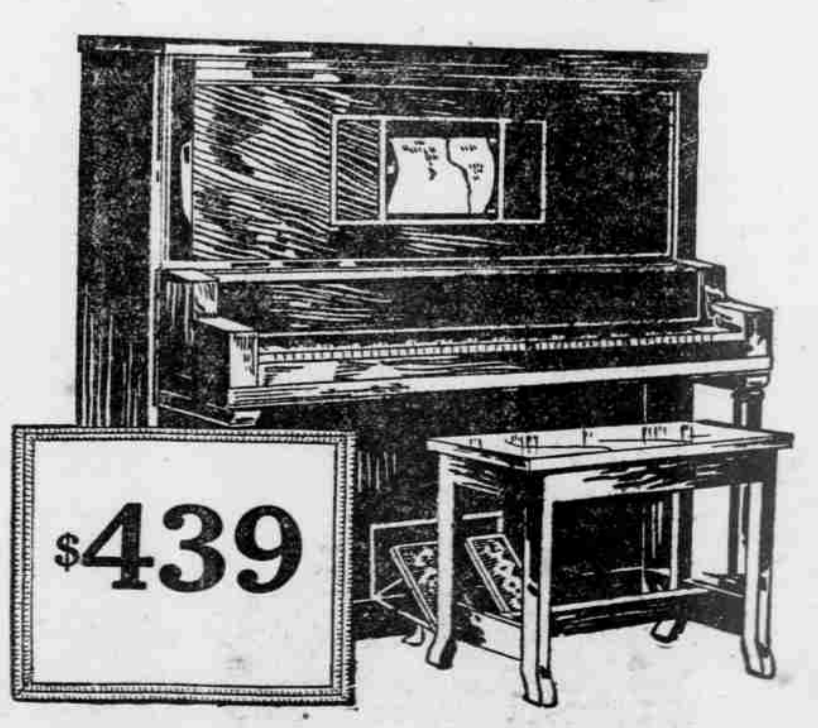
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