

PROPS IN SUBWAY SHELL MAY END BROADWAY PERIL

Weak Braces Menace Five Points—Patching Will Begin To-day.

EXPERTS INVESTIGATE SYSTEM FOR FLAWS

P. S. Commission Puts 8-Mile Limit on Traffic Where Steel Has Not Been Placed.

Work will be started this morning to rid Broadway of the danger spots in the subway construction which have been called to the attention of the Public Service Commission by Nelson P. Lewis, chief engineer of the Board of Estimate and a member of Mayor Mitchell's advisory committee.

Mr. Lewis' report told that in five places between Twenty-sixth and Thirty-fourth Streets the bracing beneath Broadway appeared insufficient to bear the weight of vehicular traffic. The sending of his suggestions to the commission followed Monday's interchange of letters between Chairman Edward E. McCall and Mayor Mitchell, the latter writing that there still existed "a grave danger."

Yesterday Mr. McCall telephoned to the Mayor urging greater co-operation toward making the needed improvements, that traffic might be restored to those sections from which it has been prohibited since shortly after Saturday's cave-in. Then there came a meeting of the Mayor's and the commission's engineers, and another tour of the construction under Broadway.

Experts Seek Subway Flaws.

The men were accompanied by Edmund S. Davis and Henry H. Quimby, chief engineers of the Boston and Philadelphia subways, who arrived in this city yesterday upon the invitation of the commission for a committee of three to investigate the entire system now being built, and devise a remedy for slides such as caused the recent disasters on Broadway and Seventh Avenue.

Difficulty has been experienced in finding a third man. The original choice was D. C. Jackling, who telegraphed Secretary Travis H. Whitney yesterday that business would prevent him from coming to this city before November 1. Then John Hayes Hammond was chosen, but when he, too, found it impossible to attend the inspection, he suggested B. B. Thayer, former president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. The latter is expected to reply to-day.

This committee's inspection will be thorough, and not only will include the parts of the subway which have been reported as dangerous, but the entire system. The report of the findings will not be made for a week.

Mr. Lewis' memorandum concerning the timber supports on Broadway stated that there were signs of movement near Twenty-sixth Street, and urged that although four braces already had been put in, "the best at this point is not to improve." It pointed out that between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Streets the earth was backed by sheeting blocked against posts, but that the rangers of the sheeting were not posted.

At Twenty-eighth Street he explained that the three-by-ten inch plank did not give sufficient stiffness to the structure, and that the posting was inadequate on both sides of Broadway; just north of Twenty-ninth Street the bracing was described as insufficient. The method of securing braces at Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-fourth Streets, and that longitudinal traffic can also be permitted north and south on Broadway between Thirty-first and Thirty-fourth Streets, such traffic, of course, not to include exceptionally heavy or heavily loaded vehicles.

Traffic Over Subways. After this report had been submitted the Public Service Commission, at its noon meeting, adopted this resolution: "Resolved, That the resolution of September 26, with respect to traffic, be rescinded. That all traffic over subway decking, where steel has not been placed, be restricted to eight miles an hour. That vehicles with or without loads weighing over ten tons be prohibited on such decking, except at crossings and to points of destination within a block. That there be extended herefrom street cars and vehicles of subway contractors over

the lines of their own work. That the Commissioner of Police be requested to have such regulations observed. That the secretary be authorized to transmit to the Commissioner from time to time lists of streets affected thereby."

Commissioner Woods yesterday issued a set of modified traffic regulations, closing, by order of the Mayor, Broadway from the north side of Twenty-sixth Street to the south side of Thirty-first Street, and from the north side of Thirty-fourth to the south side of Thirty-ninth. This only affects north and south traffic.

Orders were also given to open Twenty-eighth Street to cross-town traffic and Seventh Avenue, above Twenty-seventh Street, to both cross-town and north and south traffic. With the exception of the actual cave-in and on Broadway from Twenty-sixth to Thirty-first Street, and from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-ninth Street, only two corners are closed to vehicular traffic. Twenty-seventh Street was expected to be ready before morning, and Twenty-ninth Street will probably be opened this morning.

Commissioner Woods asserted that shoppers need have no fear of the insecurity of Broadway, which has been rumored as the sidewalk has been secured and there has never been any question of the security of any buildings.

Through traffic on Seventh Avenue, west of the cave-in, is currently according to Secretary Whitney, will be resumed by the end of this week. He declared that a delay had been experienced in completing the cribwork because of the delay of laborers made necessary by the Broadway accident.

Thousands of curious persons, eager to view the excavation whose timbers fell to the bottom of Saturday night, flocked up and down Broadway yesterday. Frequent blasts to remove large rocks were made there yesterday afternoon. Pedestrians were allowed to pass the scene of the cave-in on the east side, but patrolmen stationed there must not allow them to remain in one spot. On the west side the sidewalks have not been repaired, and pedestrians are forced either to cross the street or detour through Seventh Avenue.

The Knickerbocker Theatre is still forced to use a temporary entrance on Thirty-eighth Street, but the main doorway on Broadway will be opened in a few days. Patrons of the Casino are permitted to enter on Broadway.

Engineers' Report To-day.

Members of the Mayor's committee formed to advise the executive that he might better direct public safety split into three divisions yesterday, and made separate investigations of the city's new subways. E. P. Goodrich, at the head of one group, inspected Seventh Avenue at various points; Amos L. Schaeffer and a party looked at the construction of the lower West Side and on Vesey and William streets, and J. W. F. Bennett and other engineers investigated in the Bronx. The engineers will make their reports to-day.

Commissioner Higwood explained yesterday that the calling in of outside engineers did not reflect upon the merits of those employed by the commission. He said that to prevent further accidents the best men in the country had been obtained to devise measures. Former Commissioner William R. Willcox also praised the commission's engineers.

"I am at the most expert," he declared, "because they have had most experience in this line of work. I am not trying to minimize the seriousness of the two accidents, but it is marvelous that so few have occurred. It may have been that not sufficient strength of support was installed, but there is no evidence of that at present."

Mr. Willcox ridiculed the idea of open cut construction as impossible and impracticable, although cheaper than the covered cut method, as has been used on Broadway and Seventh Avenue. His view, however, was not taken by Chief Engineer Stanley of the United States Realty and Improvement Company, in whose work the two accidents have occurred. He urged block by block open cut construction, which he said was slower but safer.

W. S. Lindner, foreman of Coroner Feinberg's jury to investigate last Wednesday's cave-in on Seventh Avenue, said yesterday that it was due to the absence of diagonal or horizontal supports between pillars. The lack of strong bracing, he declared unofficially, had caused Saturday's accident.

ROBS AND DESERTS GIRL; KILLS HIMSELF

His Body in Morgue Leads to Story of Woman's Betrayal.

After bringing an eighteen-year-old girl from Saco, Me., to New York on the promise that he would marry her, Ralph E. Seavey, a married man, robbed and deserted her and then ended his life with poison. The story became known yesterday when Seavey's body was identified at the Morgue by his brother.

Seavey and the girl with whom he eloped had known each other about two years. Seavey soon got her under his influence. He told her he had been married, but was divorced, and she believed he would marry her.

The girl ran away from her school on September 17, taking all her money and jewelry. The couple boarded an express train at Portland that night, and as soon as they arrived here went to a Brooklyn rooming house.

Seavey continued to live with the girl until a week ago to-day. Then he disappeared, taking her money and valuables and leaving her penniless. Until last Friday the girl remained in her room, too frightened to call for aid.

At last hunger drove her to confide in the landlady, and a letter was written to her brother who tried to find her in New York. When Seavey's body was found only 13 cents was in his pockets.

Hans Schmidt Gets Reprive.

Albany, Sept. 28.—Hans Schmidt, the New York priest convicted of the murder of Anna Amuller in 1913, was granted to-day an extension of time to October 25 to prepare his appeal by the Court of Appeals. Alphonse G. Koebler was assigned to act as his counsel and was directed to file a brief before October 11.

A "Home Hotel" of superior apartment. The spacious dining rooms and 400 sleeping rooms have been reopened after an expenditure of an enormous sum in remodeling, redecorating and refurbishing.

Cuisine and service of the highest standard. Average charge per entree thirty-five cents. Restaurant prices fifty per cent less than elsewhere.

RATES Room with use of Bath... \$1.00 Room with Private Bath... 1.50 Parlor, Bedroom and Bath... 2.50

HOTEL NEIDERLAND 5th Ave. & 50th Street.

ODELL GIRL FOUND IN EAST SIDE FLAT

Fled to Wed Joe Beamisch, Chauffeur, Held on Abduction Charge.

MARRIAGE STOPPED AT SIGHT OF POLICE

Pair Frightened by Newspapers—Mother Welcomes Child, Who Insists on Wedding.

Marion Odell, fifteen, a distant relative of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, who, like Pierrette, stole quietly from her home, 123 East 121st Street, last Wednesday night to marry her sweetheart, Joseph Beamisch, a chauffeur, was found yesterday at 31 Stuyvesant Street, where the couple had hired a room as man and wife.

They were taken to the third branch detective bureau and questioned. Beamisch said he engaged the lodging Thursday, had visited Marion there at intervals, but denied that he had occupied the room with the girl. Marion refused to say anything except that she was determined to marry the chauffeur. While the interrogation continued she clung to his sleeve.

Beamisch, who lived at 1994 Lexington Avenue, was held on a charge of abduction. Marion was carried off in tears to the Children's Society waiting still that she would marry her sweetheart. There Mrs. May V. Odell, who has been prostrated since her child's disappearance, hastened to meet her, and mother and daughter became reconciled.

Marion then told her story. She was afraid her mother would not permit the marriage and would send her away from home. She determined therefore to elope, but the newspaper stories so terrified them that they were afraid to go to the marriage bureau. Once they did venture out, but the sight of two patrolmen sent them back to the room again to hide.

Marion insisted she would marry Beamisch, and Mrs. Odell said in reply that she did not wish to do any harm, but did not imply that she would consent. Marion, she said, had confessed her sorrow for running away, and was readily forgiven.

Girl Lived All Alone.

Soon after the girl's disappearance the mother engaged a private detective, Mrs. Sue Williams, to find Marion. Quite by accident she saw the two on Broadway and followed them to the Stuyvesant Street house last Sunday. Mrs. Williams then communicated her suspicions to the police, and went to the place yesterday with Detective Morgan and found Marion alone in a front room. Beamisch came in a few moments later.

Marion said a friend of her father had telephoned to her mother in the morning to ask that she give her consent and witness the marriage. An aunt, Mrs. Estelle McDaniel, answered the call, and agreed to meet the two at Third Avenue and Eighth Street. Mrs. McDaniel then notified the Old Branch Bureau, and, with an officer, went to the rendezvous, but the couple were not there.

Mrs. Irene Johnson, the landlady of 31 Stuyvesant Street, said the two had taken a room there last Wednesday. "The girl," she said, "appeared to be pleased with the room. They told me they were Mr. and Mrs. Somebody; I can't recall the name, and as she wore a wedding ring I believed them. Evidently the name was fictitious. The girl seldom left the room, even making the bed and allowing none but Beamisch to enter. He came to see her sometimes in the evenings and brought her food."

"Once she sent the man who works about the house to get her things to eat. She told me she was all right, but after a few days she looked thin and drawn. Monday night Mrs. Williams came and I took her to the room. We talked with the girl for a time. She denied that Beamisch had occupied the room with her. Then Mrs. Williams called again with a Central Office man, and that's all I know about it."

Beamisch will be arraigned to-day either at Harlem or Essex Market Court charged with abduction, and Marion will be forced to testify before him.

When Marion Odell disappeared a general alarm was sent throughout the country, her picture was given to the police of nearby towns and every effort was made to identify her. The girl's family were sure she was confined somewhere in the city, but Mrs. Johnson scoffed at this, saying that the girl had been free to come and go as she pleased.

Farm Hand Drops Dead in Field.

Newton, N. J., Sept. 28.—Stricken with heart disease while he was working in a field on the farm of John Sheels, of Montague Township, to-day, John Titaworth, seventy, died before a physician could be called. He had worked in this neighborhood for thirty years.



MISS MARION ODELL.

CEREAL CO. CANNOT FIX RETAIL PRICES

U. S. Court Hands Down Important Decision in Kellogg Cornflake Case.

Washington, Sept. 28.—No longer will rate processors be prevented by price agreements from selling toasted cornflakes below the figures which the manufacturer wishes to be maintained as the retail price. Under a decree entered to-day by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, by agreement between the government and the Kellogg Toasted Cornflake Company, the company agreed to give up its former policy of selling to retailers with the distinct understanding that the fixed retail price must be maintained and no packages sold at cut rates.

The decree declared that the plan of selling toasted cornflakes used by the Kellogg company was in violation of the act of Congress against unlawful restraints and monopolies.

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\$500,000 FRAUD BY FILM PIRATES

Government Raid Reveals \$500,000 Profits Made from Bogus Reels.

DEALER TAKEN ON COPYRIGHT CHARGE

Chaplin Pictures Filched from Originals, Says Prosecutor, and Sold Over Country.

Film frauds aggregating more than \$500,000 and bringing profits of \$50,000 to the film "pirates" who are alleged to have violated the United States copyright law were brought to light yesterday in the arrest by the Federal authorities of Abraham George Levi, in business at 145 West Forty-fifth Street as the Chaplin Film Company.

Charged with reproducing and selling duplicates of standard copyright films, he was arraigned before Commissioner Clarence S. Houghton and released on a bond of \$1,000 for a hearing October 12.

Levi was taken at the instance of Assistant United States Attorney Harold A. Content for pirating the film known as "The Champion" in which Charlie Chaplin is seen as a prize-fighter. This film is owned and copyrighted by the Essanay Company, of Chicago. Duplicates of several films copyrighted by the Keystone Film Company have also been seized by the authorities.

Levi's scheme, according to Mr. Content, was to obtain by subterfuge, usually by representing that he was with great profit to the counterfeiter and great loss to the owners, despite the fact that the owners were supposed to be protected by copyright.

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SALUTE TO WIFE WRECKS AIRCRAFT

Aviator Smashes Into the Grandstand—Accidents and Fire at Fair.

CROWD HELPLESS AS BUILDING BURNS

Man at Tri-State Exhibit Has Foot Crushed in Machine—May Not Live.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28.—An aviator injured, a fire and a man's leg crushed in machinery was the total of accidents which caused consternation at the Tri-State Fair here this afternoon. The injured aviator is "Art" Smith, who had been making ascensions with his monoplane. Late this afternoon he was about to make his drive, and usually travels about one hundred feet before rising into the air. Some distance from the grandstand he saw his wife and waved to her. As he did so he lost control of his machine, and it crashed into the grandstand. Smith machine was demolished, and Smith was cut and bruised about the head, face and body. It is thought he is internally injured. At the time the machine was traveling at about forty miles an hour.

During the afternoon there is a daylight display of fireworks. It is thought that sparks set fire to the Speed Building, causing a loss of about \$10,000. There were five horses in the place, and they were rescued. There was no fire department on the grounds, and a small hose had to be used until the Trenton

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