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MARC JOHN REISEGER, M. Am. Soc. C. E.*

DIED MAY 26TH, 1900.

Marc J. Reiseger was born October 31st, 1861, near Groningen, The Netherlands, where he attended the public schools, going from the high school there to a college at Delft. After concluding his college career, he entered the employ of the Government as Engineer in Charge of Railroad Bridges, the railroads in that country being owned by the Government.

On May 1st, 1887, Mr. Reiseger left his native land for the United States. For a time he worked as a common laborer on the County Court House in Cheboygan, Mich., his object being to acquire a knowledge of American architecture, etc. He next went to Grand Rapids, Mich., and entered the office of a prominent architect there. In 1888 he left Grand Rapids for Muskegon, Mich., where he had been offered a similar position, which he subsequently resigned for the purpose of opening an office for himself in the same city. The business was eminently satisfactory. Among the more prominent buildings designed by him and erected under his supervision are the North Muskegon School House, the Fox Cracker Factory and the Chase Piano Factory.

In April, 1890, he took up his residence in Greenville, Mich., with the intention of engaging in manufacturing there, but in 1891 he returned to Muskegon. In 1893 he entered the United States Engineering Office in Grand Rapids, and in 1894 secured a position with Keepers and Thatcher Wynkoop, better known as the Detroit Bridge and Iron Works of Detroit, Mich., which firm subsequently became Keepers and Thatcher. While in their employ he was Engineer in charge of bridges built at Albion and Tecumseh, Mich., and Paterson, N. J. He was also for a time in the Company's office in Little Rock, Ark., on which occasion he prepared the plans for the bridge erected by them at Topeka. In April, 1899, Mr. Reiseger returned to Grand Rapids, and organized the Grand Rapids Bridge Company, of which he became President and General Manager on its incorporation, January 31st, 1900. In addition to many smaller bridges, the Grand Rapids Bridge Company built the metal-concrete bridge at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Reiseger was elected a Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers on December 7th, 1898.

Early in 1900 Mr. Reiseger's health began to fail, as a result of too close application to business, and on May 26th, 1900, he died at his residence, 241 North Prospect Street, Grand Rapids, Mich., of tuberculosis-meningitis.

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