

**Other Possible Mechanical Adjuncts**

A further use of mechanical tools to expedite and economize in rail renewals for 1922, is contemplated by the use of pneumatic power wrench for loosening bolts on rail removed and tightening bolts on new rail, as laid. Also the use of power drills in bonding new rails laid in automatic electric signal territory. It is deemed possible to accomplish this by utiliz-

ing a portable air compressor mounted on trucks and self-propelling, of the type usually assigned to section gangs for mechanical tamping of ties. The substitution of this device would release approximately 20 men for other work.

It is expected that this plan will be followed on more than one division of the Eastern Lines in this present year.

## Help Find Morris C. Sparks, Former Employee, Who Has Been Missing Since December 9

**M**MORRIS C. SPARKS, age thirty-five, six feet in height, weight one hundred and sixty-five pounds, dark hair and eyes, was last seen about six o'clock on the morning of December 9, 1921, in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was employed as superintendent of the Vang Construction Co. in the construction of the 16th Street Bridge.

Mr. Sparks was clad in working clothes, consisting of a dark grey suit, knee high arctics, slouch hat, long heavy brown overcoat. No money was in these clothes, as money was found in pocketbook in his good clothes. He had been up several times during the night looking after the completion of an important piece of work which he proposed to have done in time for the morning shift. At about 6.00 o'clock that morning the work was finished and he said goodnight to the night superintendent and returned to his house boat about one hundred feet away where he changed his clothes and put on his working clothes, and it is supposed that he was preparing himself for meeting the day shift and giving them instructions as to how to proceed with the day's work.

He was First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 313th Infantry, and was gassed in a battle in France. Upon his return to this country, he suffered from nervousness and depression, resulting from being gassed, and it is possible that he suffered from temporary loss of memory, and in this condition wandered off. He can be identified by tatoo marks—an Elk head on the right arm and a truss span bridge on the left arm.

Prior to going to Pittsburgh to take charge of the construction of the 16th Street Bridge, Mr. Sparks was in charge of the work on our Bridge 19-95 over the Big Miami River at Lawrenceburg for the Vang Construction Company. This bridge was

completed and the plant and organization moved to Pittsburgh for use on the 16th Street Bridge. Prior to going in the army for service in the World War, he spent 10 years in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company—Engineering and Maintenance Departments—on construction and maintenance work.

Search is being made for him through the Veterans' Bureau of the Government, by the Elks and through other agencies.

The Vang Construction Company has offered a reward of \$500.00 for any information which will lead to locating him.

Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his brother, E. R. Sparks, care Chief Engineer, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, 1302 Baltimore and Ohio Building, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. William P. Sullivan, Secretary, B. P. O. Elks No. 470, Frostburg, Md.; or The Vang Construction Co., Cumberland, Md.



The missing former employe, Morris C. Sparks

## In the Realm of the Riddle

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- 3—A distinguishing feature or quality;
- 4—The material fundamental part of a road, especially of a railroad;
- 5—A famous river of Italy on which Rome is situated;
- 6—In music, a direction to repeat a measure thrice;
- 7—A letter.

### A Rhomboid

(See above example).

- Across, from left to right:
- 1—The capital of France;
  - 2—A fine clay from which melting pots are made;
  - 3—The Pope's triple crown;
  - 4—Little;
  - 5—Distinct.
- Down, from top to bottom:
- 1—A letter;
  - 2—In proximity to;
  - 3—A muroid rodent;
  - 4—The principal goddess of Egyptian mythology;
  - 5—A rascal;
  - 6—Uttered through the mouth;
  - 7—A small side room in an ancient Roman house;
  - 8—A Chinese measure and weight;
  - 9—A letter.

## The Money to Buy a Home Is Not Missed

WHEELING, W. VA.  
November 21, 1921.

MR. W. J. DUDLEY, Superintendent, Relief Department, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 19; also release of deed of trust given by myself and wife to secure a loan from your department.

In the past eight years I have purchased two homes with money borrowed from the Relief Department; both have now been repaid in full and I have a clear title for the property. Will say that I think the Baltimore and Ohio Relief Department's plan for assisting employes in purchasing homes is the best plan, as the loan is paid in monthly installments by deduction from wages, the same as paying rent, and is hardly missed.

I desire to take this means of thanking the Relief Department for so materially assisting me in purchasing and paying for a home.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) CURTIS HIGINBOTHAM,  
Conductor, Fairmont, W. Va.