

PLUNGED INTO THE RIVER

The Locomotive of a Raritan River Train Passes Through a Draw.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 6.—Part of the train which leaves South Amboy, on the Raritan River Railroad, at 9:15 o'clock every morning, ran into the river at South River this morning. There is a drawbridge which spans the river. John Lott of South River, the bridge tender, had opened the draw in order to allow some craft to pass up the river. Before opening the draw he says he set the danger signals to warn trains that they could not pass.

The train came thundering along, and Engineer Fred Bissett evidently did not notice the signals that the draw was open on account of the dense fog that was prevailing. Tender Lott was nearly terror-stricken when he heard the engine coming toward the drawbridge.

The engine went into the river. It left the tracks so suddenly that it broke from the train and left the cars standing on the track not far from the draw. Conductor Richard Sullivan and Fireman John McGuire were in the cab of the locomotive with the engineer when the engine went into the water. The three men swam out and succeeded in reaching shore in safety. They were but slightly injured. Navigation on the river was stopped on account of the engine being in the way of the passing craft. Had the cars of the train gone into the river there might have been a bad accident. As it was, the passengers in the train were somewhat startled over their narrow escape.

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