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Haights Run Bridge Erected For City of Pittsburgh

The Haights Run bridge is one of a number of reinforced concrete bridges erected for the city of Pittsburgh and spans a deep ravine at the western approach to Highland Park. It is 327' long and 65' 6" wide. The height of the structure from the floor to the bottom of the ravine is 80'. It consists of two parallel, three-centered arches, 216' long, 13' thick at springing line, 5' 6" at crown and 13' wide; each arch is reinforced with five members made of four angles, 6" x 6" x 34", spaced with radial lattice bars. The remaining length is made up of two closed abutments which contain the arch supports and columns for supporting the floor.

The floor is of slab and girder construction and is divided into a central roadway 36' wide and two sidewalks 14' 9" wide.

FALSEWORK USED

On account of the character of the soil and the great weight of the arches it was found necessary to carry the falsework foundations to rock about 20' below the surface of the ground. The piles used in these foundations were capped with 12-in. x 12-in. oak timbers.

The specifications required each of the arches to be poured in nine sections, each to be the full width of the arch and from 25' to 33' long with a 4-ft. key separating each pair of sections. The falsework was therefore designed by the contractor as towers composed of four to six 12-in. x 12-in. posts carried to within 3' of the intrados of the arch.

RELIEVING WEDGES

Each tower is securely braced within itself and tied to the adjoining ones. The posts are capped transversely with oak caps which serve as a base for the wedges. On account of the weight of the arches and the distance between the posts it was found necessary to use 8-in. I-beams to carry the lagging. To allow for contraction of length due to settlement of the arch, the ends of I-beams were carried on the lower flanges of 10-in. channels set back to back, separated by 2-in. wedges.

The sand, gravel and cement brought in railroad cars were dropped into bins under the tracks and fed by gravity into a Ransome¹ and a Hains' mixer and the concrete was distributed by chutes from two towers 6' apart and 160' high.

Two light cableways, one over the center line of each arch, were used to erect the falsework and structural reinforcement.

The work under contract provides for the bridge complete except the paving and railings.

¹Ransome Concrete Machy. Co., Dunellen, ²Hains Concrete Mixer Co., Washington, D. C.

The quantities are about as fol-

8,300 cu. yds. concrete, 800,000 lbs. reinforcing material and 3,000 cu. yds. earth and rock excavation.

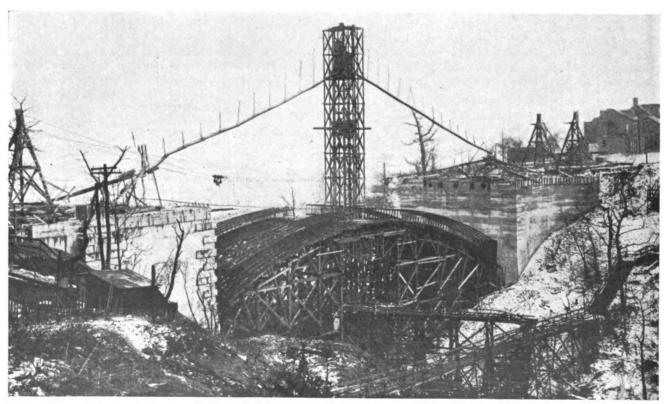
The contract was awarded to the Cummings Structural Concrete Co., Pittsburgh, for about \$109,000.

The bridge was designed by the Bur. of Construction of Pittsburgh, Robert Swan, Dir. of Public Works; N. S. Sprague, Supt. of Public Works; T. J. Wilkerson, Div. Engr.

A. E. Sortore, Asst. Engr, had direct charge of the construction for the city.

It is the duty of the concrete inspector to see that the ingredients composing concrete or cement work are up to the standard required by the specifications. He must watch the mixing of cement or concrete work and see that the proper mixture is always obtained, as to cement. sand, aggregate and water.

The foreman on reinforced concrete construction should be required to mark in ink upon the plans the date and hour when each part of the work is concreted. This must be attended to every time concreting is done, and it must not be put off until some convenient time and then filled in from memory. The reason is obvious.



HAIGHTS RUN BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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