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PREFACE

The object of this thesis is to analyze the bridge and to become more familiar with the make-up of the different members, and the general construction of a modern railway bridge.

$$29\frac{5}{8} = 114 - 0\frac{1}{8}$$

1-3

d Pins



3-1 1/2
Pinned End

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The bridge runs over the Saginaw River, connecting East Bay City and West Bay City, its direction being east and West. The bridge contains three simple truss spans and a draw span of the Rim Bearing Swing type.

An inspection was first made of the bridge in which all different parts of the make up of the bridge were measured and many pictures taken. Some of these pictures will be referred to from time to time and they can be found inclosed herewith.

The two trusses on the west side of the draw are of the Through Pratt type, with rivet connected joints, built by the American Bridge Co. in 1905. The draw span was built at the same time and is of the same general construction. The other simple span, on the east side of the draw, is a pin connected truss of the Through Pratt type. It was built by the Detroit Bridge & Iron Works in 1888 and has been moved to its present location from the site for which it was originally built.

The rivet connected simple trusses are made up of seven panels @ 20'-10", having a depth between centers of chords of 30'-00" and a width of 17'-00". These trusses seem to be of heavy construction having end portals made of solid sheets of metal as can be seen from photograph No.1.

The old Pin Connected Pratt truss, shown in Photos Nos. 2 and 3, contains 4 panels at 20'-00", and 2 end panels at 20'-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The depth is 24'-00", center to center of pins, and the width of roadway 17'-00", center to center of

chords. The truss is much lighter than the others and is made of wrought iron.

The draw span is of the Rim Bearing Swing type, containing five panels at $20'-9 \frac{5}{8}"$ on each side of the center, and a center panel of $17'-00"$. The tower is $33'-8"$ from the center of the lower chord up to the center of the pin which holds the eye-bars connecting the tower with the extending truss. The upper and lower chords of this draw span are all parallel as can be seen by photo No. 4.

The dead loads were computed by using the Cambria Handbook in connection with the measurements taken. For the old wrought iron truss a handbook edited in 1886 by the Phoenix Iron Works, Phoenixville, Pa., was secured and used.

For live loads Cooper's E-50 loading was used, altho this bridge should be strong enough to carry E-55 or E-60 to be consistent with modern heavy loadings.

WEIGHTS OF SPANS.

The bridge includes three entirely different spans, for each of which a table such as Plate No. 1 was filled out. This table is made up of the measurements taken on the bridge, and the first calculations to be made. For example: the calculations were made as follows,

We found the member U ₁ U ₂ to be made up of four angles		
$3\frac{1}{2}" \times 3\frac{1}{2}" \times 5/8"$	@ 3.98 sq. in.	= 15.92 sq. in.
and two plates		
$18" \times \frac{1}{4}"$	@ 9.00 sq. in.	= <u>18.00 sq. in.</u>
	Gross Area	33.92 sq. in.

As this member is an upper chord and known to be always in

SPAN C

MEMBER	MAKE UP	LENGTH OF L-PLATE	SIZE OF PLATE	LENGTH C TO C	WIDTH B TO B WEB	GROSS AREA	NET AREA	ESTIMATED WEIGHT	ACTUAL WEIGHT	% DET.	I_{x-1} (Inches) ⁴	I_{x-2} (Inches) ⁴
L ₁ L ₂	4L ² 6x6x $\frac{1}{2}$ "	$\frac{3}{8}$ PL ₃ 2x $\frac{3}{8}$ x14 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	41'-8"	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	23.00	19.20"	3260	3440	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %		
L ₂ L ₃	4L ² 6x6x $\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{1}{2}$ PL ₃ 2x $\frac{1}{2}$ x14 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	20'-10"	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	33.76	28.10"	2390	2443	2.2		
L ₂ L ₄	4L ² 6x6x $\frac{3}{4}$ " 1 PLATE 12x14 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	20'-10"	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	41.56	34.30"	2950	4238	43.5		

SPAN A

Number	Make Up	Loaing	Span Length over c/c	Weight lb/c ft (avg)	Gross Area sq in	Net Distal Area (sq inches)	Estimated Weight #	Actual Weight #	% Dev.	I ₁ (inches ⁴)	I ₂ (inches ⁴)
L ₀ L ₁	2 Eye Bars 6x1 1/8"		20'-0"	16 1/2	19.7	15.5	1360	1644.0	20.9		
L ₁ L ₂	1 Pl. 16-1/2 x 3/8 2 Eye Bars 6x1 1/8 1 Pl. 10 3/4 x 3/4		20'-0"	19 3/4	20.9	13.5	1510	1586.0	21.0		
L ₂ L ₃	2 Eye Bars 6x1 1/2		20'-0"	16 1/2	18.0		1120	1400.0	25.0		
U ₁ U ₂	4 Ls 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 1/2 2 Pls. 16 x 3/8	2 1/2 x 3/8 x 25	20'-0"	13 3/8	25.44		1695	2231.0	31.6	856.0	1275.0
U ₂ U ₃	4 Ls 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 1/2 2 Pls. 16 x 3/8	2 1/2 x 3/8 x 25	20'-0"	13 3/8	29.44		1965	2231.0	31.6	942.0	1553.0

compression, there are no rivet holes to be deducted to get the net area.

The estimated weight is found by multiplying the gross section area, in square feet, by the length, center to center, in feet, the product being multiplied by the weight per cubic foot of steel

$$33.92/144 \times 20.833 \times 490\# = 2400\#.$$

In order to get the actual weight it is found necessary to add the following:-

$$\text{Lattice- 26 bars - } 4\frac{1}{2}" \times \frac{1}{2}" \times 26" @ 16.6\# = 433\#.$$

$$\text{Tie plates- 2 plates- } 21" \times 3/8" \times 1'-10" @ 49\# = 98\#.$$

$$\text{Rivet Heads- 378 (3/4") } @ 22\#/C = \underline{83\#}.$$

$$\text{Weight to be added } 614\#.$$

$$\text{Estimated weight } \underline{2400\#}.$$

$$\text{Actual Weight } 3014\#.$$

The ratio of the amount to be added to the estimated weight is found, in this instance, to be

$$614/2400 = 0.256 = 25.6\%.$$

The moment of inertia is found about the axis parallel and perpendicular to the plates thru the center as follows:-

About axis 1-1 Angles.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1-1} &= I_g + Ad^2. \\ &= 4 \times 4.33 + 3.98 \times (8.02)^2 = 1020. \end{aligned}$$

Plates.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1-1} &= \frac{1}{12} bh^3. \\ &= 2 \times 1/12 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 18^3 = \underline{486.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total } 1506.$$

About axis 2-2

Angles.

$$I_{2-2} = 4 \times 4.33 + 3.98 \times (8.60)^2 = 1198.$$

Plates.

$$I_{2-2} = 2 \times (18 \times \frac{1}{8}) \times (7.25)^2 = \underline{948.}$$

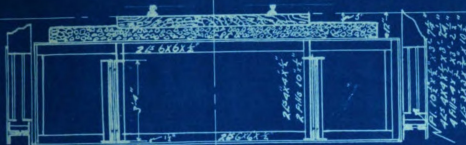
Total 2146.

The moments of inertia about these two axes should be about the same for the best design but on account of making riveted connections with other members this is not always possible.

The above calculations were carried thru for each different member of the truss and the weights of all members totaled. To this sum is added the weights of the sway bracing and the end portals which are also calculated on Plate No. 1. The sum of the weights of the trusses, sway bracing and end portals give the total weight of the bridge above the floor.

The remainder of the dead load is in the floor and in the girders supporting the floor. A section of one is shown on Plate No. 2, on which all of the weights are tabulated for one panel. The weight of the floor is found for the seven panels. On this same plate is summed up the total weight of the span. The weights of the gusset plates were added in the last. This should have been included on Plate No. 1, which gives the total weight of steel above the floor.

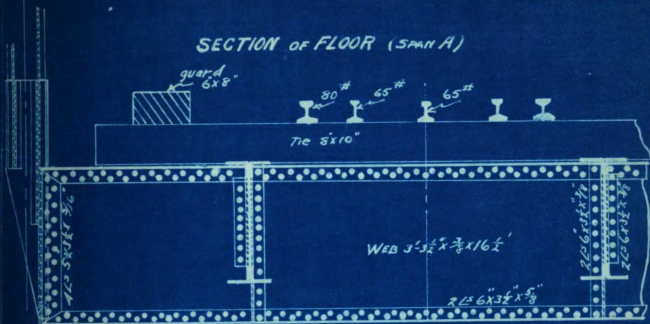
One half of the total weight is placed on each truss and divided among the panel points. The weight of the truss was divided equally between the upper and lower panel points, the weight of the floor taken entirely by the lower panel points. The calculations were made so as to bring the load



WEIGHT OF FLOOR FOR ONE PANEL

4400	Floor Pl. 13'-11" x 3'-3"
544	Spl. Pls. 13'-11" x 3'-3"
8060	19 I Beams 10" @ 30" per ft.
2840	2 Web Pls. 10' x 1/2" x 20'-10" (Girders)
3330	8 Ls 6' x 1/2" x 20'-10" (Flanges)
187	8 Ls 3' x 3/4" x 3'-3" (Stiffeners)
624	2 Ls 7' x 3/4" x 20'-10"
137	4 Ls 4' x 1/2" x 2'-8"
192	8 Fills 7' x 3/4" x 2'-8"
1215	4 Ls 6' x 6' x 15'-6"
1360	Web 5 1/2" x 1/2" x 15'-6"
439	8 Ls 4' x 1/2" x 4'-3 1/2"
119	4 Fills 7' x 1/2" x 2'-6"
170	4 Fills 10' x 1/2" x 2'-6"
259	4 Sp. Pls. 11' x 1/2" x 3'-5 1/2"
8	2 Sp. Pls. 6' x 3/4" x 6'
23884	Total
2470	Rails 3 @ 65. 2 @ 80
23100	Broken stone on floor 184.58 cu ft @ 116
1383	Ties 5' x 8' x 8' @ 40" per cu ft
50837	Total weight of floor for one panel
	7 x 50837 = 355855# for span
	166379 Wt. of 2 Trusses
	522234 Total Wt. of span.
522234	= 261117# to each Truss
2	1002 Pls. for Sway Bracing
	2898 Upper Gusset Pls.
	3676 Lower Gusset Pls.
268693	Weight on each Truss.

SECTION OF FLOOR (SPAN A)



WEIGHT OF FLOOR FOR ONE PANEL

312	#	Web	3'-3 1/2" x 3/4" x 16 1/2"
1236		4Ls	6x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 16 1/2"
112		4Ls	6x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 30"
146		4Ls	6x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 39"
119		4Ls	5x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 39"
89		254	Pilets Heads @ 17.5/100
2514	#	Weight of 1 floor beam	
1500		2 Webs	30" x 3/4" x 20'
2400		3Ls	6x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 20'
180		2Ls	5x3 1/2" x 3/4" x 12 1/2'
326 (avg)		2 Rods	1 1/2" x 1/4" (first panel) 1 1/2" x 1/2" (second) 3/4" x 3/4" (third)
4906	#	Weight of floor girder (1 panel)	
6300		Ties	18 (8x10x14) yellow pine @ 45#/ft.
600		guard-rail	2 (6x8x120')
6900	#	Weight of timber in one panel.	
200		added for rivets in Girders and rod fasteners	
14020	#	Total wt. of floor (one panel)	
2370		5 Steel Rails	
16390	#	16390 x 6 = 98340	floor for six panels
78390			
1110		Wt. added for extra 8 1/2" on each end.	
99450	#	Wt. of floor for Span.	
2514		EXTRA floor Beam on end.	
2350		Pins	
82308		Wt. of 2 Trusses.	
186622	#	Total weight of Span	
186622	#	93311	To each Truss.

on the end panel points equal to one half of that on the other lower panel points as shown under the division of weights on Plate No. 3.

The dead load stresses for span "C" are shown on Plate No. 4. The shear was first found for all panels. This value, when multiplied by the secant of the angle made by the diagonal with the vertical gives the stress in each web member. The shear times the tangent of this angle gives the chord increment which is added to each chord to give the stress in the succeeding one. The stresses were calculated in the above manner and tabulated, for spans "C" and "A", on Plate No. 4.

The dead load stresses for span "B", the swing span, were computed for both swinging and closed position. Plate No. 5 shows the graphical solution by which the stresses were computed when the span was in the swinging position. The results are tabulated on Plate No. 10-b₁.

In order to compute the dead load stresses in the swing span when closed, the reaction at the end must be found from which the stresses can be figured by the ordinary method. This reaction is caused by a force applied at the ends in an upward direction and should be great enough to take out the deflection of the end when swinging or at least enough to counter-act any negative reaction, or tendency to lift off from the support that may be caused by a moving load on the other end. To be on the safe side, about 10,000# should be added to these negative reactions. There did not seem to any provision made for taking care of the negative reactions

DISTRIBUTION OF DEAD LOAD

SPAN A					
Weight of Trusses (in pounds)	Weight of Floor (in pounds)	Total (in pounds)	Weight to One Truss (in pounds)	Load to Upper and Lower Panel Points (Wt. of One Truss / Total Panel Pts. - 1) (in pounds)	Load to Lower Panel Points (Wt. of Floor / Total Upper Panel Points - 1) (in pounds)
84658	101964	186622	93311	3848	8497

SPAN B			
306706	485878	792584	396292
		7303	22085

SPAN C			
181531	363855	537386	268693
		6982	25218

DEAD LOAD STRESSES (SPAN A)

End Panels $\sec \theta = 1.3208$

$\tan \theta = 0.863$

Other Panels $\sec \theta = 1.3018$

$\tan \theta = 0.8333$

Diagonals	Shears (V)	Stresses (Vsec θ)	Verticals	Stress in Verticals	Chord Increment (Vtan θ)	Chord Stress	Chord's
$L_0 U_1$	40482	53470	$L_1 U_1$	12345	34936	34936	$L_0 L_1$ & $L_1 L_2$
$L_2 U_1$	24289	31620	$L_2 U_2$	11944	20961	55897	$U_1 U_2$ & $L_2 L_3$
$L_3 U_2$	8096	10540	$L_3 U_3$	3848	6987	62884	$U_2 U_3$

DEAD LOAD STRESSES (SPAN C)

$\sec \theta = 1.2177$

$\tan \theta = 0.6944$

Diagonals	Shears (V)	Stresses (Vsec θ)	Verticals	Stresses in Verticals	Chord Increment (Vtan θ)	Chord Stress	Chord's
$L_0 U_1$	118146	143866	$L_1 U_1$	32400	82040	82040	$L_0 L_1$ & $L_1 L_2$
$U_1 L_2$	78764	95910	$L_2 U_2$	46364	54693	136733	$U_1 U_2$ & $L_2 L_3$
$L_3 U_2$	39382	47955	$L_3 U_3$	6282	27347	164080	$U_2 U_3$ & $L_3 L_4$

DEAD LOAD STRESSES (SPAN B) (SWING SPAN CLOSED)

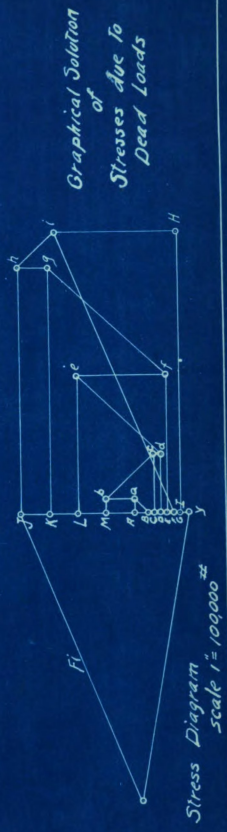
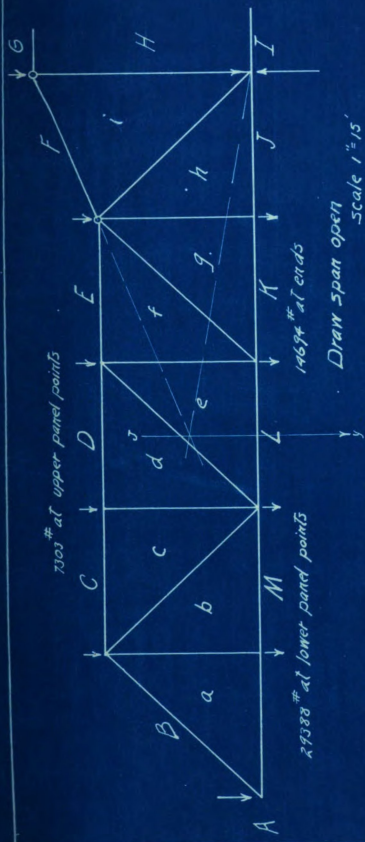
$$\sec \theta = 1.3614$$

$$\tan \theta = 0.9244$$

Diagonals	Shears (V)	Stresses (V sec θ)	Verticals	Stress in Verticals	Moments	Chord Stress	Chords
(kips)	(kips)	(kips)		(kips)	(kip-ft.)	(kips)	
$L_0 U_1$	51.4	70.0	$L_1 U_1$	29.4	1145.0	46.50	$L_0 L_1 + L_1 L_0$
$U_1 L_2$	14.7	20.0	$L_2 U_2$	-7.3	1504.0	61.0	$U_1 U_2 + U_2 U_1$
$L_2 U_3$	-22.0	30.0	$L_3 U_3$	29.3	1014.0	41.2	$L_2 L_3 + U_3 U_4$
$L_3 U_4$	-58.7	80.0	$L_4 U_4$	29.4	564.2	90.0	$U_4 L_5$
$L_5 U_4$	(Sec Chords)				336	13.6	$L_3 L_4 + L_4 L_5$

(SWING SPAN OPEN)

Diagonals	Shears (V)	Stresses (V sec θ)	Verticals	Stress in Verticals	Moments	Chord Stresses	Chords
$L_0 U_1$	14.7	20.0	$L_1 U_1$	29.4	338.0	13.6	$L_0 L_1 + L_1 L_2$
$U_1 L_2$	51.4	70.0	$L_2 U_2$	23.0	1507.0	61.5	$U_1 U_2 + U_2 U_3$
$L_2 U_3$	88.1	120.0	$L_3 U_3$	80.8	3512.0	142.0	$L_2 L_3 + U_3 U_4$
$L_3 U_4$	124.8	169.8	$L_4 U_4$	29.4	6360.0	258.0	$L_3 L_4 + L_4 L_5$
					3764.0	60.0	$U_4 L_5$



Graphical Solution
of
Stresses due to
Dead Loads

in this bridge, because when a load came on one end, the other end was seen to jump up and down considerably so only enough reaction to take out the deflection will be used in our case.

In order to find the force necessary to overcome the deflection, the deflection must first be found. This was done by considering a truss as a simple cantilever beam and the formula used to find the deflection due to each panel point load was

$$f = PL^3(2 - 3k + k^3) / 6 EI.$$

The computations are shown on Plate No. 6.

The live load stresses in web members for span "C" and span "A" are tabulated on Plate No. 7. All stresses were found by placing the wheel loads in that position which would cause the maximum stress.

LIVE LOAD STRESS IN L₀U₁

This is a web member and the criterion is followed out that;- The shear in any panel of a bridge is largest when the load on the panel is equal to the total weight of the live load on the bridge divided by the number of panels, or

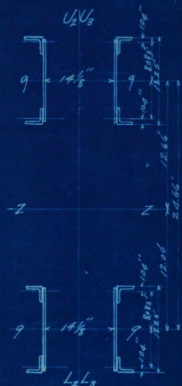
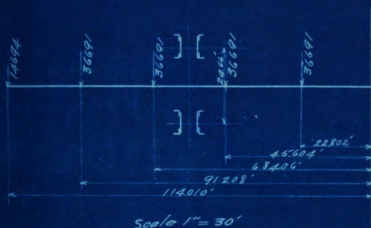
$$V = 1/m \times W$$

where: V = shear.

m = number of panels.

W = total weight of live load.

Wheel No. 2 was placed at the right hand end of the panel or at L_1 and the load on the panel is found to vary from 12.5 to 37.5 kips by moving the wheel a very small distance in either direction. The total load on the bridge is 415 kips and since "n" equals 7, the shear should be

COMPUTATIONS FOR REACTIONS
SWING SPAN. (CLOSED)

$$f = \frac{Pl^3}{6EI} (2 - 3k + k^3)$$

kl = the distance of the load from left end.

f = deflection in inches

P = load in lbs

l = length in inches

E = modulus of elasticity (30,000,000)

I = moment of inertia of section

$$6EI = 6 \times 30,000,000 \times 1126245$$

$$= 202544100000000$$

$$Pl^3 = 36691 \times 2560100000$$

$$= 93932629100000$$

$$E(2 - 3k + k^3) = 2.800$$

$$Pl^3 [E(2 - 3k + k^3)] = 263011361480000$$

$$Pl^3 [E(2 - 3k + k^3)] = 263011361480000$$

$$2Pl^3 \left(\frac{\text{for load at end}}{538247580280000} \right) = \text{Total}$$

$$f = \frac{338247580280000}{202544100000000} = 1.67"$$

Area (top ch) = 26.0 in²

" " (bottom ch) = 26.5 in²

I_y (top ch) = 1125.2 inches⁴

I_y (bottom ch) = 1224.6 "

$$\frac{26.5}{250} = \frac{x}{24.66 - x}$$

$$65.3 - 26.5x = 25x$$

$$x = 12.66"$$

$$(\text{Top ch}) I_x = I_y + Fd^2$$

$$= 1125.2 + 250(12.66 \times 12)$$

$$= 5745.17 \text{ inches}^4$$

$$(\text{Bottom ch}) I_x = 1224.6 + (26.5 \times 12 \times 12)$$

$$= 5507.28 \text{ inches}^4$$

$$\text{Total } I_x = 1125245$$

Then - knowing deflection (f) solve back for the force necessary to raise the end of the bridge to horizontal.

$$f = 1.67 = \frac{338247580280000}{202544100000000} = \frac{P \times 2 \times 25601000000}{202544100000000}$$

$$P = \text{End Reaction} = 66061 \text{ lbs.}$$

WEB STRESSES (Live Load)

Spans A and C

Panel	Wheel at Right End of Panel	Moment at Right Support (kip-foot)	Moment at Right End of Panel (kip-foot)	Shear (kips)	Stress (kips)	Web Member
SPAN A						
L ₀ L ₁	4	24016	600.0	168.0	222.5	L ₀ U ₁
					84.25	U ₁ L ₁
L ₁ L ₂	3	15277.0	287.5	111.5	145.0	U ₁ L ₂
L ₂ L ₃	2	8320.5	100.0	63.5	-63.5	U ₂ L ₂
					+82.5	U ₂ L ₃
L ₃ L ₄	2	5612.5	100.0	32.0	-32.0	U ₃ L ₃
					+41.6	U ₃ L ₄
SPAN C						
L ₀ L ₁	4	33970	600.0	204.0	248.0	L ₀ U ₁
					84.25	U ₁ L ₁
L ₁ L ₂	3	23437	287.5	146.5	178.0	U ₁ L ₂
L ₂ L ₃	3	16233	287.5	97.0	-97.0	L ₂ U ₂
					+118.0	U ₂ L ₃
L ₃ L ₄	2	8745	100.0	58.2	-58.2	L ₃ U ₃
					+70.8	U ₃ L ₄

CHORD STRESSES

DUE TO LIVE LOAD

SPANS A AND C.

Section	Wheel at Section	Length of Train on	Moment at Right Support	Moment at Section	Bending Moment	Stress	Chords
SPAN A							
$U_1 L_1$	4	9.7'	24017	600	3517	796.5	$L_0 L_1 + L_1 L_2$
$U_2 L_2$	6	3.7'	21782	2050	5250	+219.0	$L_2 L_3 + U_1 U_2$
$U_3 L_3$	10	7.7'	23255	5790	5865	+244.0	$L_3 L_4 + U_2 U_3$
	11	15.7	24794	6510	3865	+244.0	$U_3 U_4$
SPAN C							
$U_1 L_1$	4	34	33970	600	4250	+141.5	$L_0 L_1 + L_1 L_2$
$U_2 L_2$	6	27.16	31016	2050	6810	+228	$L_2 L_3 + U_1 U_2$
$U_3 L_3$	9	22.33	28995	4370	8060	+269	$L_3 L_4 + U_2 U_3$
	10	30.33	32350	5790	8060	+269	$U_3 U_4$

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415/7 or 59.3. As this value does not lie between 12.5 and 37.5 the condition mentioned above does not satisfy the criterion. Wheel No. 3 was then tried. The load on the panel varies from 37.5 to 62.5 and the total load is 427.5. We found that $427.5/7 = 61.2$ lies between the required limits, satisfying the criterion and the shear due to this loading is found. Wheel No. 4 also satisfied the criterion but wheel No. 5 did not. The largest shear of those caused by wheels No. 3 and 4 at L_1 was used which gives the stress when multiplied by the secant of the angle, the same as in the case of dead loads. This method was followed out for all of the web members.

For the chord members, the criterion

$$P' = n'/m \times W$$

where P' = sum of loads on left side of panel
thru which section is taken.

n' = number of panels on the left side
of the center of moments.

m = number of panels in truss.

W = total weight on bridge.

was used to find the wheel position which gives the maximum chord stress.

The wheels were moved so as to satisfy this criterion and the stress found by taking moments about the center of moments for each chord.

For L_2L_3 the center of moments is taken at U_2 . Wheel No. 6 was tried at L_2 and found to satisfy the criterion, as P' varies from 112.5 to 128.75 kips and $W = 121$ kips, which falls between the required limits. With this load the mom-

ent about the left support is 31016, which, divided by the length of the span, 145.833', gives the left reaction as 213 kips. The moment about U_2 of this reaction is then

$$213 \times 41.6 = +8900.$$

The moments of the loads on the left about $U_2 = -2050$ and the difference gives the moment about the center of moments which is resisted by L_2L_3 .

$$8900 - 2050 = 6850, \quad 6850/30 = 228 \text{ kips}$$

which is the live load stress for L_2L_3 . This method is used for finding all of the chord stresses. The stress in the verticals is the maximum shear found in the section. The end verticals, as U_1L_1 , were found by placing the wheels so as to satisfy the criterion

$$P = 2 P'$$

where P = the load in both panels, L_0L_3

P' = the load in L_0L_1

and then substituting values in the formula

$$R_b = (M_c - 2 M_b) / P$$

where R_b = reaction at L_1 or the stress in U_1L_1

M_c = moment of the loads about L_2

M_b = moment of the loads about L_1

P = panel length.

The live load stresses in the swing span were found graphically as is shown on Plate No. 11. Stresses were found for all of the chord members and shears for all of the web members for a load of unity at each panel point and the influence line drawn for each member. The loads are then placed so as to cut the maximum ordinates, the sum of these ordinates, each multiplied by its wheel load gives the stress or shear desired. In getting moments and shears for these

diagrams, a book, The Designing of Draw Spans, by Wright was used. As the members in the center panels are very light the case was taken of no shear transferred across the center panel. Coefficients for reactions for this case can be taken from this book, page 111. Take for example member U_1U_2 :- Take center of moments as L_2 . Now for unit load at L_1 the left hand reaction is 0.760. Taking moments about L_2 for a load of unity at L_1

$$M_{L_2} = (0.760 \times 41.66) - (1 \times 20.8) - U_1U_2 \times 24.66$$

$$U_1U_2 = \frac{(0.760 \times 41.66) - 20.8}{24.66} = 0.473$$

which is laid off to some scale under L_1 where the load was. Points are plotted in the same way for a load at each point and a straight line joining each of these points gives the stress influence line for the member U_1U_2 . The same is calculated for each member. The stresses are found and tabulated. The diagrams give shear for the web members, this must be multiplied by the secant of the angle to give the stress. In the panel next to the center there are two diagonal members and the method of moments had to be used. From the shear influence line for this panel it is found that the maximum shear occurs when wheel No. 4 is at L_4 with the wheels moving toward the center. Take moments for loading about the same points "a", the intersection of the other two members, as shown on Plate 10.

By similar triangles

$$cU_5 : U_4c = U_5L_5 : aL_5$$

$$9 : 22.8 = 33.66 : aL_5$$

$aL_5 = 85.5'$ distance to center of moments.

GRAPHICAL SOLUTION OF DRAW SPAN FOR LIVE LOAD

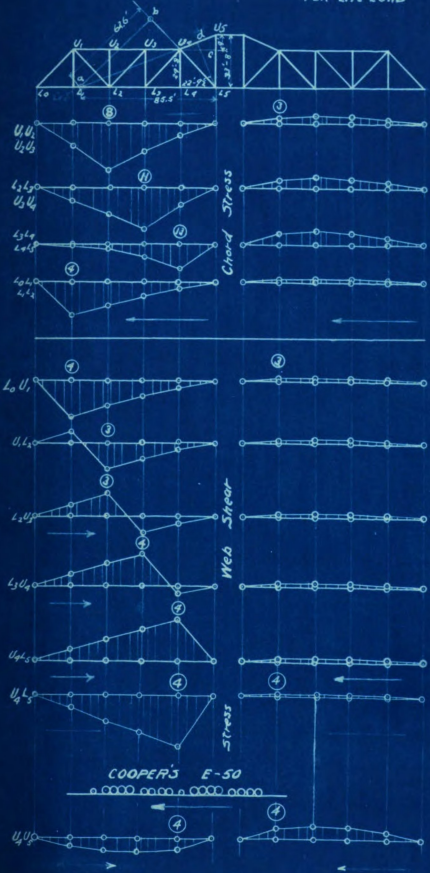


PLATE 9

Scales:
1" = 60'
1" = 2 k

Also

$$\begin{aligned} U_4 L_4 : U_4 L_5 &= ab : aL_5 \\ 24.66 : 33.59 &= ab : 85.5 \end{aligned}$$

$ab = 62.5'$ gives the distance at which

$U_4 L_5$ acts.

With these distances known, an influence line can be drawn for both $U_4 U_5$ and $U_4 L_5$, always taking the moments of the loads to the left of the section.

After all the stresses due to live load, dead load and impact were calculated a stress sheet such as plate 10 was made out for each different span. These stresses were summed up and the unit stress computed. A column of allowable stresses was calculated and placed alongside. These two results were then compared.

This is far from a complete analysis but it has served the purpose for which it was intended, namely to go a little more into construction details than we have had time for in the regular course.

Conclusions

We found that the old truss is stressed in some members nearly to the elastic members. This is not in keeping with the best modern practice. In time a permanent set will probably take place.

The results were not altogether unexpected. It was thought that the bridge was in this condition on account of certain unverified reports that its use was to be discontinued. It has carried heavy loads for some time and will probably continue to do the same in the future, but we would advise replacing the old span with a more modern structure.

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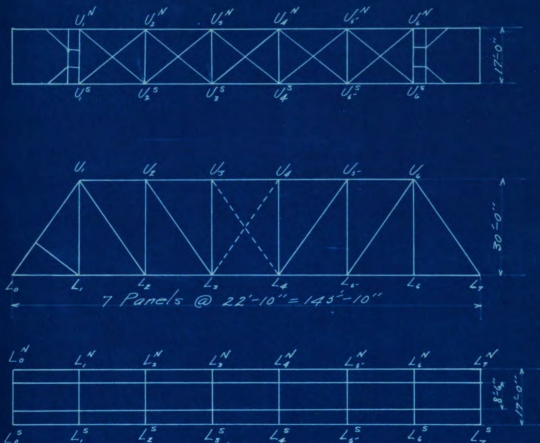
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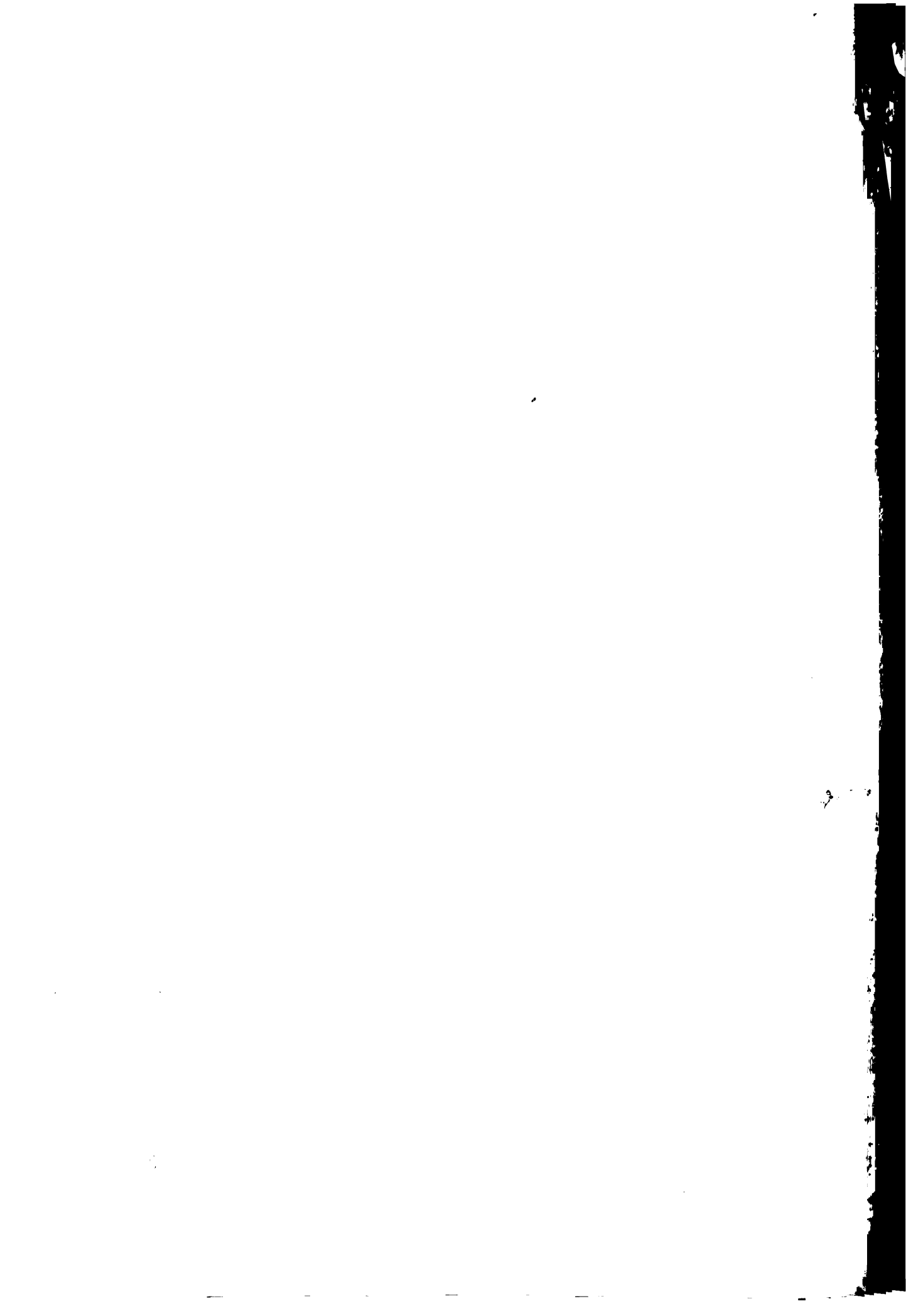
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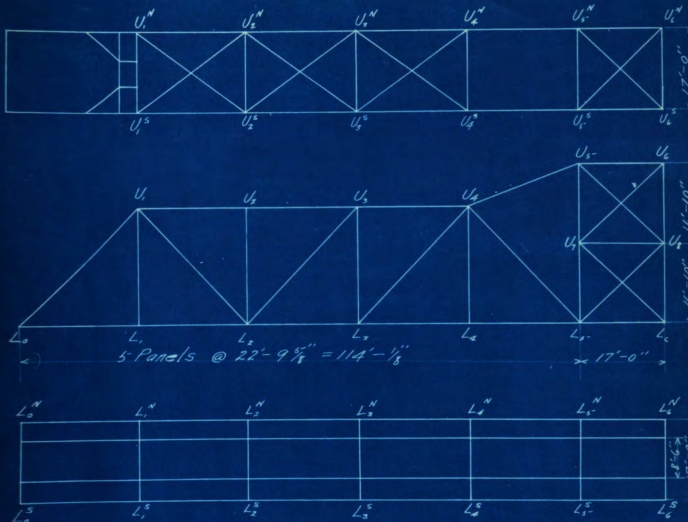
STRESS SHEET SPAN C.



Member	Stress Dead	Stress Live	Stress Impact	Allowable Unit Stress	Stress Unit	Actual Area	(Length) ft	Least R Radius Gy.
L ₀ U ₁	-143.37	-248.0	-168.0	11.3	11.4	59.0 ⁰	192173	44.2
U ₁ L ₂	+95.91	+178.0	+128.0	15.0	16.5 ⁰	24.3		
U ₂ L ₃	+17.96	+118.0	+90.0	15.0	14.8	17.3		
U ₃ L ₄	0	+70.8	+56.6	15.0	16.3	7.8		
L ₀ L ₁	+82.04	+141.5	+97.1	15.0	16.7	19.2		
L ₁ L ₂	+82.04	+141.5	+97.1	15.0	16.7	19.2		
L ₂ L ₃	+36.73	+228.0	+156.8	15.0	18.6	28.1		
L ₃ L ₄	+64.08	+269.0	+186.7	15.0	18.0	34.3		
U ₁ U ₂	-136.73	-228.0	-156.8	13.3	15.4	34.0	75076	44.3
U ₂ U ₃	-164.08	-262.0	-186.7	13.3	15.4	39.9	75076	43.6
U ₃ U ₄	-164.08	-262.0	-186.7	13.3	15.4	39.9	75076	43.6
U ₁ L ₁	+32.40	+84.3	+57.1	15.0	14.8	11.7		
U ₁ L ₂	-46.36	-97.0	-70.0	9.7	10.2	20.6	129600	17.3
U ₃ L ₃	-62.82	-58.2	-43.6	10.1	11.2	14.7	129600	19.6

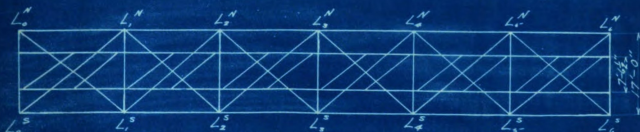
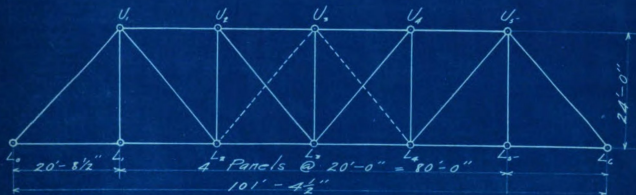
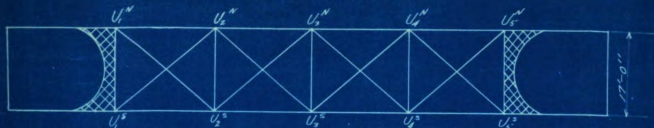


STRESS SHEET SPAN B



Member	Stress Dead	Stress Live	Stress Impact	Allowable Unit Stress	Stress Unit	Actual Area	Length ft	Least $\frac{1}{2}$ Radius Gyr
L ₀ U ₁	-70.0	-183.0	-134.2	11300	11700	36.1	162000	44.0
U ₁ L ₂	-20.0	-103.9	-75.9	11100	11100	18.0	162000	34.8
L ₂ U ₃	+30.0	+68.0	+53.6	15000	10060	15.0		
L ₃ U ₄	+80.0	+139.0	+116.3	15000	13800	24.3		
U ₄ L ₅	-154.5	-212.0	-153.0	12000	11350	45.8	162000	49.3
L ₀ L ₁	+46.5	+123.45	+90.5	15000	13900	18.7		
L ₁ L ₂	+46.5	+123.45	+90.5	15000	13900	18.7		
U ₁ U ₂	-61.0	-161.8	-117.9	13000	13600	25.0	76500	49.0
U ₂ U ₃	-61.0	-161.8	-117.9	13000	13600	25.0	76500	49.0
L ₂ L ₃	+41.2	+150.75	+110.5	15000	14400	21.2		
U ₃ U ₄	-41.2	-150.75	-110.5	11900	10600	28.7	76500	44.8
L ₃ L ₄	-258.0	+72.0	+54.5	11900	9000	28.7	76500	44.8
L ₄ L ₅	-258.0	+72.0	+54.5	11900	9000	28.7	76500	44.8

STRESS SHEET SPAN A



Member	Stress Dead	Stress Live	Stress Impact	Allowable Unit Stress	Stress Unit	Actual Area (sq. in.)	Length ft.	Least Radius Gyr.
$L_0 U_1$	-53.77	-222.5	-161.0	11.15	13.9	31.44	145000	31.2
$U_1 L_2$	+31.62	+145.0	+110.8	15.0	250	11.25		
$U_2 L_5$	+10.54	+82.5	+67.1	15.0	2285	7.00		
$U_3 L_4$	0	+41.6	+35.8	15.0	25.6	3.13		
$L_0 L_1$	+34.94	+146.5	+23.2	15.0	15.15	13.50		
$L_1 L_2$	+34.94	+146.5	+23.2	15.0	15.15	13.50		
$L_3 L_4$	+55.90	+219.0	+61.7	15.0	18.7	18.00		
$U_1 U_2$	-55.90	-219.0	-61.7	12.7	132	25.44	57600	33.6
$U_2 U_3$	-62.88	-244.0	-68.5	13.4	127	29.44	57600	31.9
$U_1 L_1$	+12.35	+84.25	+68.5	15.0	20.4	8.10		
$U_2 L_2$	-11.94	-63.5	-57.6	10.2	1385	9.60	83000	13.25
$U_3 L_3$	-38.5	-32.0	-27.54	10.2	6.6	9.60	83000	13.25
$L_2 L_3$	+55.90	+219.0	+61.7	15.0	18.67	18.00		

Member	Stress Dead	Stress Live	Stress Impact	Allowable Unit Stress	Stress Unit	Actual Area	Length ft	Least L Radius Gyr
$U_1 L_1$	29.4	112.2	81.5	15000	16800	13.3		
$U_2 L_2$	7.3	0	0	15000	600	12.2		
$U_3 L_3$	29.3	77.9	63.0	11000	9700	17.6	88000	18.4
$U_4 L_4$	29.4	112.2	81.5	15000	16800	13.3		

Graphical results from Plate 5

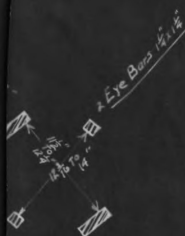
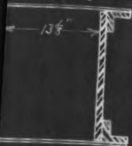
$$\begin{aligned}
 L_0 U_1 &= 20000 \\
 U_1 U_2 &= 60000 \\
 U_2 U_3 &= 60000 \\
 U_3 U_4 &= 145000 \\
 U_4 U_5 &= 320000 \\
 U_1 L_2 &= 70000 \\
 L_2 U_3 &= 120000 \\
 L_3 U_4 &= 167000 \\
 U_4 L_5 &= 55000 \\
 U_1 L_1 &= 30000 \\
 U_1 L_2 &= 8000 \\
 U_3 L_3 &= 95000 \\
 U_4 L_4 &= 30000 \\
 U_3 L_5 &= 128000 \\
 L_0 L_1 &= 15000 \\
 L_1 L_2 &= 16000 \\
 L_2 L_3 &= 143000 \\
 L_3 L_4 &= 258000 \\
 L_4 L_5 &= 258000
 \end{aligned}$$

If this was done, the bridge would be in fair condition, as the remainder has a factor of safety of about 4 throughout.

On account of this bridge being on a branch and not on a main line, Cooper's E-50 loading was used, but a bridge of the present time should be safe under E-55 or E-60 loading when there is any possibility of the heaviest engines of the road passing over it.

There is a rule requiring all trains to cross the bridge a speed not greater than six miles per hour. If this rule is lived up to, it may make the life of the bridge much longer by reducing the stress caused by impact.

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