

MOTIVE FOR ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

May Be Work of Someone Disappointed in Suit Against Railroad for Damages

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WOODBURY, N. J., Nov. 12.—After an all-day search, Harry Curtis, detective for the Pennsylvania Railroad, who was investigating the attempt to wreck the north-bound Cape May express, near Woodbury Heights, last night, returned to Camden to-night without having solved the mystery.

Detective Curtis said "I believe it to be the work of some one actuated by revenge, the motive being disappointment in a law suit for damages. I did not get the slightest clue to the perpetrator. The work was evidently done by one man. The tie was the smallest one in the pile from which it was taken. The two other pieces of lumber could have easily been handled by one man.

"The tie and pieces of lumber placed on the track were not fastened or wedged in any manner and could not have wrecked the train."

The woods were searched by a posse. The investigation will be continued so long as there is a chance of solving the mystery. If anyone is suspected it is alone on the part of the railroad people.

When the locomotive first struck the planks the train hands thought the engine had "lifted" them from a small crossing a few hundred yards below, but the few planks that comprise that crossing were intact this morning.

The theory that it might have been the purpose to wreck the pay train is exploded in the minds of many by the fact that this would not have been a suitable place, being near the junction of three roads, and within a few hundred feet of a tower, where a telegraph operator is on duty day and night.

The fact that it was the same train that killed Mrs. Mary E. Pancoast, last Monday evening, as she was on her way home in Woodbury Heights, is looked upon as merely coincident.

