

## SHARK CAUGHT AT KEYPORT.

**Capt. T. V. Cottrell Has Him on Exhibition Near Drawbridge.**

Capt. Thomas V. Cottrell of Keyport was returning from a fishing trip accompanied by Richard Lee, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and when near W. R. Latham's dock, which extends into Matawan Creek near the mouth, he saw the fin of a shark a short distance in front of him. Throwing out one end of his gill net he circled about in his power boat and soon had the shark entangled in the net. After striking a blow and stunning the shark, he and Mr. Lee pulled him to the gunwale of the boat, when he hit him on the head with a piece of iron and drew him aboard the boat, where he died shortly after.

Taking the shark to his fish house at the drawbridge along the road between Cliffwood and Keyport he embedded him in ice and as the word of the capture was passed around people flocked in large numbers to get a view of the shark. Capt. Cottrell's fish net had been broken by the shark and to recompense him for his time and trouble to repair it he decided to place it on exhibition at ten cents per head and probably 300 persons took advantage of this offer yesterday, with Eugene Stout in the chair.

The shark was about seven feet long and weighed about 200 pounds. He is said to be of the diamond tooth or blue-nose species and at the time was working out of the creek, with about half tide and falling. In his mouth were two rows of teeth, one row being about half an inch behind the other, and the points of them about the size of a needle and as sharp. His mouth was about eight inches wide and it was held open with a stick about five inches long. It is not believed that he is the shark that caused the death of Stanley Fisher and Lester Stowell in Matawan Creek and injured Joseph Dunn last week, but was one of a number that have been in Raritan Bay for several days. Two more sharks were killed at Belford and two at Tottenville the past week.

## Capt. Cottrell Entitled to Reward.

Friday was a day of great activity along Matawan Creek, searching parties being engaged during the day and into the night for the sharks reported by several persons to have been seen in various parts of the stream. Big hooks were baited and thrown into the creek and men with guns and spears were patrolling in boats and watching from the banks, but nothing resulted. Three fishermen of Galilee--Eugene, Ham and Milton West--came in their power boat to the mouth of the creek and fished with deep sea lines upon which hung seven hooks, baited with frost fish, from the mouth of the creek. Acting Mayor Henderson had offered a reward of \$100 which these men and others were trying to earn, but their efforts were fruitless and it looks as if Capt. Thomas V. Cottrell of Keyport will get the reward by his capture last night.

## SHARK'S VICTIM FOUND.

### Body of Stillwell Boy Came to Surface Last Friday Morning.

The body of Lester Stillwell, who was killed by a shark Wednesday afternoon of last week, was found at 5:15 a. m. last Friday morning by Harry Van Clief, an engineer on the New Jersey Central Railroad, and William B. Clayton, Jr., who were on the Matawan Creek bank when it arose to the surface. The body was taken in charge by Arrowsmith Bros., undertakers, after the consent for removal was obtained from Dr. Harry Neffie, the County Physician.

Undertaker W. E. Arrowsmith in examining the body said that the left abdomen and left shoulder were eaten away and the right breast was torn open. The left ankle had also been chewed off and the flesh between the hip and thigh mangled. The intestines were also torn open. The face, however, was not disfigured.

The body was about 250 feet up the creek from where the boy was attacked and disappeared.

The funeral services were held at the home of the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stillwell, on Church Street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Leon Chamberlain officiated and interment was made in Rome Hill Cemetery. Miss Lillian Bolte and Koert C. Wyckoff sang "Surrender All" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and the services were very largely attended. Besides the parents, the deceased is survived by two brothers and two sisters - Harry, Russell, Annie and Jennie. The bearers were John Larkin, Anthony Hubblin, Daniel Morgan, Albert O'Hara, Charles Van Brunt and Clarence Bean.