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In 1926, the time of its completion the Delaware River Bridge was considered “The World’s Greatest Suspension Bridge” (American Cable Company, Inc., 1926). The reasons for this appellation was that its main span between the towers was 1750 feet (533.4 meters), longest of its kind in the world at that time (the total length of the bridge is 9573 feet, 2,917.86 meters), and that there are only two main cables (each 30 inches in diameter) carrying the suspended structure, a feat that the cable manufacturer American Cable Company, Inc. noted as especially worthy of recognition. There were 25,100 miles of wire used in constructing the enormous cables. Previous suspension bridges such as the Manhattan (main cables 20 ½ inches in diameter) or Brooklyn (main cables 15 ¾ inches in diameter) bridges had four main cables carrying the suspended structure. The