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OVERCROWDING IN SUBWAY WILL BE PROSECUTED NOW BY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Commissioner Eustis Will Recommend Immediate Action Against Interborough.

TO FORCE OBEDIENCE.

Traffic Expert Reported Too Many Short Trains and Straphangers.

As the result of the report of the Public Service Commission traffic expert this afternoon, showing the overcrowding of the Interborough subway cars, Commissioner Eustis, who was hearing the complaint of the Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association, said he would recommend to the commission that it instruct its counsel to proceed against the Interborough and prosecute it.

"Don't put the recommendation in until we have time to make answer and look into it," pleaded James L. Quackenbush, attorney for the Interborough.

"I consider that no delay should be tolerated in proceeding against you," replied Mr. Eustis. "This disobeying our rules must stop. We must enforce them."

Must Obey Rules.

"We intend to obey your rules," answered Mr. Quackenbush.

"We will take means to see that you are forced to obey them," reorted the Commissioner.

Traffic Engineer Connette was on the stand showing the result of his investigation of the commissions order to provide a seat for every passenger in the fifteen-minute period, exclusive of the rush hours. His report contained the information that there was a constant overcrowding. In one 24-hour period it was brought out that there was a violation of the rule in twenty-five half hours.

"You must take into account the unusual conditions that prevailed during that time," interrupted Manager Frank Hedley.

"The only condition was that you reduced the service and put on short trains," declared the Commissioner with heat.

More figures were read and the Commissioner's face became red with anger.

Minimum Service.

"The report shows that last Sunday evening when a large number of people wanted to travel the Interborough reduced its service to a minimum, doesn't it?" asked Commissioner Eustis.

"It does," said Mr. Connette.

"We will not tolerate such conduct," said the Commissioner, turning to Mr. Quackenbush. "You cannot go on like this. Why do you think we make these rules? Do you suppose we are going to let you have short trains to suit your convenience and whim? I will take this matter up right away with the other Commissioners."

WOLF CATCHER ABERNATHY RESIGNS UNDER CHARGES.

Accusations Against Roosevelt's Hunting Friend and Appointee Not Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Jack Abernathy, the wolf catcher of Oklahoma, and hunting companion of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, resigned this afternoon as United States Marshal, after a session of about twenty minutes at the Department of Justice.

"I asked them to fire me, but they wouldn't," said Abernathy, "so I went downstairs and resigned. The charges against me were absolutely false, but I was just tired of the whole business and kicked out."

Abernathy was appointed to office by Col. Roosevelt. The charges, which were not of a criminal nature, were not made public.

New Wireless Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A new world's wireless record has been made on board the United States revenue cutter Bear. While stationed at Point Narrow, it was reported to-day, messages were received on the ship from stations on the Japanese coast, 5,200 miles away. The previous record was 4,800 miles.

MANIAC SHOOTS MAN ON "L;" WAVES GUN IN BAKESHOP

Arthur S. Lichtman, Fresco Painter, Had Been Around for Days With Pistol.

MADE THREATS TO KILL.

Had a Grudge Against Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Appel, Who Befriended Him.

The insane man who early to-day shot Albert Balk, a watchman employed by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, in a "dead" car at the Ninety-ninth street station of the Second avenue line, is a prisoner at Bellevue Hospital.

He is Arthur S. Lichtman, a fresco painter. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital shortly before dawn, after he had threatened to shoot up John Nolan's bakeshop at Ninety-seventh street and Columbus avenue.

Lichtman, who has been in two hospitals for consumptives—one in Denver and the other at Bedford Station, N. Y.—has been around the city since Saturday morning, with a loaded .38-calibre revolver always in his possession.

Some time last night he slipped past the ticket-chopper at the Ninety-ninth street station on the Second avenue "L" and sneaked into one of the "dead" cars. Balk was going through the darkened cars when he came across Lichtman, who shot him and fled.

In the overcoat, which the man had left behind, were found a number of letters and cards bearing addresses. One of them had the address of Mr. and Mrs. Appel. A passport issued to Lichtman when he left Russia was also found in his coat pocket.

It was about 5 o'clock this morning when men at work in John Nolan's bakery at Ninety-seventh street and Columbus avenue saw a young man, bareheaded and wearing a thin summer suit, walked down the stairs from the street.

"I'm hungry—won't you give me something to eat?" the stranger asked.

The men handed him a loaf of bread, which he ate.

Waves Gun at Bakers.

The foreman filled a bag with rolls and handed it to the stranger, who started to walk out of the shop. As he reached the door he stopped, took out a revolver, loaded the weapon and turned back and flourished the gun at the bakers.

Every man in the place fled to the street yelling "Police!" Policeman Privyl, of the West One Hundred street station, responded, ran downstairs and disarmed the stranger.

An ambulance came from J. Hood Wright Hospital. Dr. Brewer said the man was insane and took him to Bellevue Hospital.

He had a number of crayon sketches to which he had signed his initials. On a blank card was written the address "766 Van Nest avenue." Another card found in one of his pockets read: "S. Arthur Lichtman, Denver, phone Champa 1453."

Says He Is Dangerous.

When an Evening World reporter called at Mr. Appel home he was met by Mrs. Appel.

"Get out man," she exclaimed when she was asked whether she knew Lichtman. "He is dangerous and will kill somebody yet. All of Saturday and Sunday he kept coming in and out here, asking for money and threatening to kill us. He made our acquaintance through the United Hebrew Charities, for which I do volunteer work, and we befriended him."

Detectives came to the Appel home while The Evening World reporter was there. They hastened to Bellevue Hospital and awaited Lichtman.

World Building Turkish Baths always open. Bath with private room, $1. Barber and Manicure. Chiropodist in attendance. 60 Park Row.

FULTON MARKET FIRE THREATENS WHOLE BUILDING

Noted Character at Famous Mart Burns to Death in Flames.

CAUGHT IN THE TOWER.

Unable to Escape When Blaze Destroys Side of Ancient Structure.

Fire wiped out a whole tier of stalls in Fulton Market this afternoon, with the loss of one life and a property damage which mounts well up toward $30,000.

The lone victim was Old Billy, a character who was almost as much a part of the famous old market as its abiding smell of fish and its squat slate roof. He burned to death in the sleeping quarters which he had occupied ever since the present structure was built.

For a while it looked as if the building, which occupies the whole block bounded by Fulton and Beekman streets and South and Front streets, would go. The old brick fish market across Beekman street, where much of New York's fresh sea food is handled, was in danger, too.

Deputy Chief Binns's men, after an hour of the hardest kind of work, licked the blaze to a standstill and finally doused it out. But when they went through the entire south front of the two wide story brick building was a shell clear up to the roof rafters, and nearly every one of the fifty firms doing business in the main structure had suffered by fire or smoke or water.

The blaze started just before 12 o'clock in the establishment known as Barney's stalls, near the southeast corner. The owner of the booths, Barney Behrens, a veteran marketman, and his helper, J. Avery, had gone out of the little glass walled cuddy hole of an office, leaving a gas stove burning. They heard a crash presently and looked around to see the whole interior of the office in flames.

Hydrants Frozen.

They ran to the nearest hydrants, but found every one of them frozen. In the fire buckets and the fire barrels there was only ice, and there were no patent extinguishers handy. So after spending several precious minutes trying to find some sort of hand apparatus Behrens ran into the street and turned in an alarm.

In the mean time the flames had burst out of his office and were spreading with amazing rapidity, north and south. In a minute or two they burned through the ceiling into a big loft overhead. This loft was packed with inflammable material and full of cross-draughts besides. The fire was sucked upward into a conical tower at the corner an dthe tower very soon became a spouting funnel of flame and smoke.

The firemen had been on the job for nearly half an hour and were wondering at the stubbornness of the fire when somebody discovered that it was being fed by a six-inch gas main which had burst.

Once Deputy Chief Binns got the gas turned off his men began to make headway. The fire was pretty well under control when P. Murphy, one of the marketmen who had just seen his booths go up in smoke, ran up to a policeman to inquire if anybody had seen Old Billy. Nobody had, seemingly.

Died in Sleep.

Under Murphy's direction Laddermen David Dunleavy and Joe Orr of Truck 15 mounted into the burned-out tower, and on the top floor they found what was left of Old Billy. He had been burned to death as he slept on his cot.

He had been a general handy man around the place for more years than anybody could remember, doing errands for the market people and taking his pay in small coins, food and a warm place to sleep. Strangely enough, his own name was Fulton, too. His only known relative, a sister, lives in Paterson, N. J. He always claimed to be a descendant of Robert Fulton, the inventor.

While the ruins were being dampened down the losers began to take inventories of the damage. Chief Binns estimated that one-eighth of the floor space had been burned over. The southern tier of stalls running the length of the building and extending back to the first wide cross aisle, had been wiped out, while nearly every firm doing business on the main floor had had its stock more or less injured.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7 10; sets, 4.33. Moon sets... 3.36

THE TIDES.

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	Low Water. P.M.
Sandy Hook	10.18	11.35	4.25	5.50
Governor's Island	11.11	11.48	5.00	6.10
Hell Gate	1.01	1.38	6.55	7.45

SARAH BERNHARDT IN AUTO COLLISION, BUT ISN'T INJURED

Actress's Car on Way to Matinee Hits Lunch Cart Near Broadway.

SHE PLAYS AS USUAL.

Mrs. Maurice Grau, Who Was With Her, Is Slightly Hurt.

Sarah Bernhardt, the world's greatest actress, narrowly escaped injury this afternoon in a collision between an automobile in which she was riding and a stationary lunch wagon in Sixty-fifth street, near Broadway.

Mrs. Maurice Grau, who was one of the party in the automobile, was so bruised and unnerved by the shock that it became necessary to send her to her apartments in the Hotel Savoy.

The accident did not disconcert the aged but perpetually young actress. Of course, she was excited, but excitement is nourishment to her and she appeared this afternoon in a performance of "l'Aiglon" at the Globe Theatre with her customary poise and enthusiasm.

Three Others in Car.

The distinguished actress is living at the Hotel Marie Antoinette during her engagement in New York. She travels between the hotel and the theatre in a big limousine car, provided by her manager, Mr. Conner.

The car called for Mme. Bernhardt shortly after noon. With her, when she entered the limousine, were E. J. Sullivan of Mr. Conner's staff, Miss Seylor, who has been Mme. Bernhardt's companion for nineteen years, and Mrs. Grau, the widow of the manager who first arranged a Bernhardt tour in this country.

Passing through Sixty-fifth street the limousine skidded on the icy pavement and smashed side on into the plebeian lunch wagon. The tool box of the Bernhardt car and the fender were crushed. The lunch wagon was converted into a miscellaneous collection of cook, doughnuts, sandwiches, eggs, coffee and assorted eatables.

Was Ready for the Crash.

The occupants of the limousine were thrown off their balance. Mme. Bernhardt intuitively anticipated the collision the moment the car began to skid. She placed her thick muff alongside her face and so protected herself from injury as she was thrown against the side of the car. Mrs. Gran was not so fortunate.

Mme Bernhardt and the members of her party alighted and waded through the snow to the sidewalk. A car was called for Mrs. Grau, and then the actress and her manager and companion entered the damaged limousine, which was intact as to machinery and brakes, and proceeded to the theatre.

"Ah! so," remarked Mme. Bernhardt with a laugh as she left the scene of the accident, "we strike ze lunch wagon. Oh, la, la, la, la. Such is life in New York."

JACKSONVILLE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds; purse $400; selling; seven furlongs—Thrifty, 109 (McTaggart), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1, won by a length; Fort Worth, 107 (Sweeney), 5 to 1, 3 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Eva, 104 (Ross), 40 to 1, 15 to 1 and 7 to 1, third. Time, 1.01 3-5. Borrower, Tippo, Double Five, Thrift, Quincy Belle, Edna Collins, Golden, Morning Song, Zoot Cornish also ran and finished as named.

SECOND RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; purse $400; six furlongs—Mapleton, 109 (Wilson), 11 to 5, 6 to 10 and 2 to 5, won by two lengths; Allonby, 105 (Lang), 8 to 1, 3 to 1 and even, second; Pedigree, 109 (McTaggart), 20 to 1, 7 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1.15 3-5. Andy Ginter, Woolspun, Louis Reil, Heart Pang and Lucerne also ran and finished as named.

THIRD RACE—Purse $400; two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs—The Nigger, 105 (McCahey), 3 to 2, 1 to 4 and out, won by two lengths; Ellis, 110 (Wilson), 4 to 5, 1 to 5 and out, second; Ivabel, 97 (Davies), 20 to 1, 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, third. Time, 1.08. Sand Hill, Bertie, Harvest Moon, Grenola, Heatherbloom also ran and finished as named.

One of the Tiny Twins Dead.

Tony Herman, a day and a half old, one of the tiny twin babies taken to Bellevue Hospital last night by Dr Hopkins in his overcoat pockets, died this morning. The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herman, of No. 167 Second street.

Three Witnesses on Stand To-Day At Legislative Graft Hearing

$44,000 BANK THIEF SURRENDERS AND CONFESSES CRIME

Paying Teller Hall of Greenwich Branch Pleads Guilty and Awaits Sentence.

Walter A. Hall of No. 8 Grant street, Tompkinsville, paying teller of the Herald Square Branch of the Greenwich Bank, who ran away last summer with $44,000 of the bank's money, walked into the District-Attorney's office to-day and surrendered himself to Mr. Whitman. He was at once taken before Judge Crain in the Court of General Sessions and pleaded guilty to the indictment which was found against him soon after his disappearance.

Hall was accompanied by State Senator Howard Bain of Staten Island, his counsel. Hall, who is only twenty-four years old, seemed entirely self-possessed.

Mr. Bain said the young man had been stealing small amounts from the bank for a year or more. Believing he would soon be discovered he took "a big bunch" and went to Canada. He has been travelling since July in the Canadian Northwest. Some of the money he stole he returned to the bank.

He came back to Staten Island last Friday, and after a talk with his wife concluded that the life of a fugitive was not worth living and arranged with Mr. Bain to surrender.

At the time of the disappearance of Hall, President Duncan of the bank deprecated stories that the bank had been robbed of any considerable amount and said that the disappearance of the young teller was due to a sunstroke and he would doubtless soon be back.

To the Grand Jury the real amount of the stealing was told and an indictment for grand larceny has been waiting for the young man since the middle of July.

After he had pleaded guilty Detective Lieut. Ravens took Hall to the Tombs. He will be sentenced on Friday.

WHO Gave the order at Ward's Island not to weigh incoming meats? WHY?

HAMMERSTEIN, SAILING, SAYS HE HAS 'NEW CARUSOS'

And Other Tetrazzinis, Discovered in the Big Artistic Pond He Is Fishing.

Oscar Hammerstein's famous "topper" marked its wearer as he sailed for London on the White Star liner Majestic to-day.

"I am going to London for a week to consult with my architect," he said. "The new opera house there is well under way, the walls are above ground and I expect to have the opening in October next."

"I intend to return to England again in January. Am I going to make that my residence? Yes, unless one can be in two places at the same time.

"If New York had wanted my opera it would have shown its appreciation of it. The Metropolitan has a paid subscription of seven to eight hundred thousand dollars; I had only $200,000. I paid my artists the highest salaries and gave the public the best of opera. If anything, it should have been the other way around.

"Who will open the Opera House in London—Tetrazzini? Well, hardly, after what has occurred. I have discovered new Tetrazzinis and Caruses who will sing for me. There are always good artistic fish to be caught in the big artistic pond, and I know how to look for them."

"What was the real reason for the barring of the performance at Auburn from Chicago? Mr. Hammerstein was asked.

The impresario dropped his voice. "It has been kept a secret," he said. "But I will tell it to you. The Best Trust was behind it. They endeavored to compel me to do something dishonest. And one, in customers' lists of costume designers for good people of the trust. It is a well known fact that at the Chicago Studio, West Damen avenue."

SUSPENDER BUCKLE SAVED.

Milkman, Mistaken for Burglar, Narrowly Escapes Death.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 7.—Thomas Dewey, a driver for the Hunt Milk Company, was mistaken for a burglar and shot early today as he was delivering milk at the home of George C. [illegible]

The bullet did not kill Dewey's friend, but it did save Dewey's life.

BELMONT GETS ANGRY AT GRAFT HEARING; REFUSES TO ANSWER

Banker Takes Stand at His Own Request This Afternoon and Again Flatly Contradicts Frank K. Sturgis.

BANK LOSES LEDGER OF BOOKMAKERS' ACCOUNT.

John A. Coakley, Treasurer of Westchester Racing Association, Testifies that Maurice Minton, Amasa Thornton and Others Got Thousands of Dollars.

August Belmont became very angry late this afternoon while under examination before the legislative Graft-hunting committee, and refused to answer any more questions. He said he had told all he knew about the expenditures by the jockey club in relation to racing bills and that the intention seemed to be to create a false impression with regard to his connection with racing.

The reappearance of Mr. Belmont on the stand caused considerable surprise, because former Judge M. Linn Bruce, counsel to the committee, said earlier in the day that Mr. Belmont would not be called until he had an opportunity to follow up a new lead which might disclose the beneficiaries of the fund alleged to have been expended in the effort to defeat the anti-race track gambling bill during the session of the Legislature in 1908.

Mr. Bruce said at that time that Mr. Belmont would not go on the stand until to-morrow, but when the banker phoned a request to be called this afternoon the committee's counsel consented.

Before Mr. Belmont was called the fact was disclosed by H. N. Kirkland, cashier of the Mutual Bank, that the ledgers containing the account of the Metropolitan Turf Association from February to June 11, 1908—the day the anti-gambling bills were passed—had been strangely lost. Mr. Kirkland said they had probably been carried out with waste paper.

It was also shown before Mr. Belmont testified that the Westchester Racing Association had paid out $29,305 for legal services in 1908. The amount in 1907 was only $18,627. There were no legal expenses in 1909. About $17,000 of the money paid for legal expenses was really used in promoting publicity. These bills were paid on the order of Mr. Belmont.

Belmont on the Stand.

When Mr. Belmont appeared in the committee room he was at once called.

"You have sent a request to the committee, Mr. Belmont," said Judge Bruce, "to be called to the stand again."

"Yes," replied the banker. "I would like to have my letter go upon the record."

"Just read it Mr. Belmont and it will become a part of the record.

Mr. Belmont read the letter addressed to the counsel of the committee and published a few days ago. In this letter Mr. Belmont declared that the payments to Coyne and others were proper and that the aforementioned plan upon it was most unfair.

"Mr. Belmont," asked Mr. Bruce, "do you recall what legislation was pending in 1907 affecting racing?"

"No, I do not."

Q. I refer to the Cassidy-Lansing bill. Didn't it propose to amend the law with reference to the penalty for bookmaking? A. I think that was it.

Q. What was the attitude of the jockey club as to that measure? A. It was against it.

Q. Do you remember the fate of the bill? A. No, I do not.

Q. Do you recall that the bill died in committee? A. Yes.

Q. Now, Mr. Belmont, do you recall what legislation was introduced in 1907? A. Yes! it was practically the same as the Agnew-Hart bill.

Q. Who had charge of the expenditures of funds in opposition to these bills in 1906 and 1907? A. Why, Judge Coyne, I think.

Q. Do you recall who employed Judge Coyne? A. No, I do not.

Q. When Mr. Sturgis was questioned on this point he said: "The legal business of the Jockey Club was always conducted by Mr. Belmont." Is that correct? A. I cannot tell you why he said that.

Q. Is it a fact? A. No, sir.

Q. Who did employ Judge Coyne, Mr. Sturgis said it was on the recommendation of Speaker Wadsworth that Coyne was employed. A. No, I presume it was Congressman Wadsworth.

Q. Did Mr. Wadsworth speak to you about it? A. I don't recall. I got a letter from him in 1905. That referred to his employment by corporations in which I was interested.

Q. What did Judge Coyne do for the $10,000 he received? A. I understood he attended to various sessions of the committees and arranged hearings and brought about the attendance.

Q. Who actually retained him? A. I don't know.

Q. Did you? A. No.

Q. Who did he represent? A. He represented the combined racing interests. The payment was made long after.

Q. Do you remember when he was retained? A. No; I was not very active at that time.

Q. Do you know what he did for that large fee in addition to what his bills state? A. No. I was not following things closely.

Q. Did he report to you? A. No. I presume he reported to our counsel.

Q. Prior to 1908, the Jockey Club handled all matters for the racing associations, did it not? A. No, not [illegible]. Those things were done in [illegible].

As to Change of Methods.

Q. It seems from the evidence here [illegible] there was at least a change. The racing associations looked after [illegible] and the Jockey Club [illegible] its share?" A. No. I [illegible] quite true.

Q. [illegible] struggle was asked in re[illegible] change of policy he said