

INTERBORO HEADS WILL ACCEPT NEW SUBWAY OFFER

Directors Believed to Have Indorsed Proposition at Secret Meeting To-Day.

CITY GUARANTEES 15.7%.

"Stand Patters" in Directorate Said to Be Causing Delay in Acceptance.

At a hastily called special session, the directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, lease of the present subway, to-day considered a definite, detailed proposition submitted to them by J. P. Morgan & Co., Samuel Rea, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Seth Low, acting as negotiators between the city and the Interborough, and when the session adjourned at noon to meet Monday, there was every indication that the Interborough would resume its position as a bidder for the operation of the "R" system as outlined by the Public Service Commission and the Board of Estimate.

The directors went into session at No. 125 Broadway at 12:30 o'clock. Present at the meeting were August Belmont, who had been the chief opponent of further dealing with the city, and Andrew Freedman, who was prominent in the former negotiations. J. J. Bowring, also one of the active figures in the negotiations, was with the board. The directors did not take time to act upon the matter placed before them as the result of yesterday's conference at the Downtown Association. Some of the directors left the session after an hour and they said that President Shonts would have to do the talking.

But there was an atmosphere of accomplishment about the Interborough office that told what the directors refused to tell and gave plain indication that the voice of Morgan & Co. is not totally without influence at the Interborough domicile. Mr. Shonts said: "SHONT'S SAYS THEY ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSITION."

"I was in hopes that I could say something definite to you to-day, but I cannot. All that I can say is THAT WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE PROPOSITION AS IT IS PRESENTED TO US THROUGH THE NEGOTIATORS."

For the first time, therefore, comes the official statement that the Interborough has been asked to pass upon a definite proposition, made by the officials, through the negotiating financiers.

"Will the settlement come in a week?" Mr. Shonts was asked.

"Monday or Tuesday," he replied. "Will one more session finish it?"

"I think so."

August Belmont remained behind the other directors for a long talk with Mr. Shonts. When he left he refused to make any statement.

The directors have until Tuesday to make their reply to the city. Even if the session of to-day reached a positive agreement, which is generally believed, the usual policy of the financial group would be to withhold the announcement until the dead-line fixed by the conference committee is reached.

COMMON STOCK SHOWS ACTIVITY IN STOCK EXCHANGE.

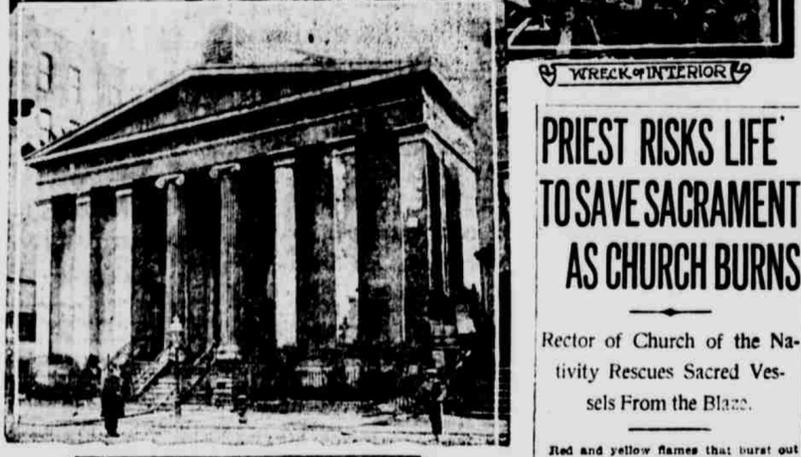
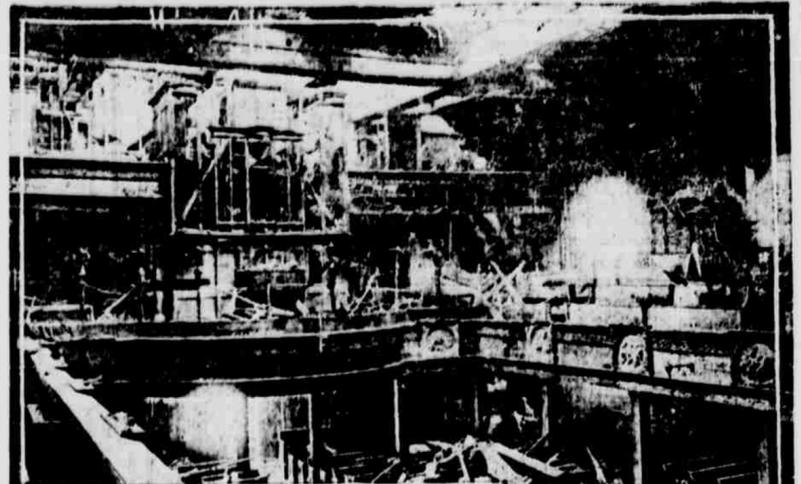
Wall street did not know of the meeting until The Evening World told the story. The trading was without any knowledge of the action of the board, and Interborough common went up from 17-1/2 to 18-1/2, while the preferred took a jump from 56-1/4 to 58.

There was unusual interest and activity in the stock and the reports of the session of directors served to increase it to a feverish state for an otherwise quiet street.

The proposition before the directors was formally agreed upon yesterday afternoon at the big conference at the Downtown Association at which the city, the Public Service Commission, J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Pennsylvania Railroad was represented and to which President Shonts was called. When the session adjourned the question was for the first time put squarely up to the directors of the Interborough, and there only remained the winning of the "stand pat" element of that board to complete the deal.

When President Shonts came to his office at 10 o'clock he was accompanied by Andrew Freedman, one of the directors of the Interborough, who has been

Ruins of Famous Church of Nativity, Showing Damage Done by Fire To-Day



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Red and yellow flames that burst out of the windows and through the roof of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity at Nos. 44 and 46 Second avenue threatened early to-day to destroy the historic structure that for more than seventy-five years has been a landmark.

The dramatic feature of the fire was the dash into the church, at the peak of its life, of the Rev. Father D. J. Kelly, the pastor, and his equally perilous return, bringing with him the sacred vessels and the Blessed Sacrament from the high altar.

The damage to the church is extensive, although the flames did not reach the altar. The pipe organ was burned, with the balcony and choir loft the old entrance is in ruins, the roof was practically destroyed, and all the handsome interior decorations show the effects of smoke, heat and water.

The blaze afforded the unique spectacle of a building being fought by the aid of the building's own electric lights. The old church has no steeple, but in its cock-loft is a ponderous bell, presented some years ago by P. H. Sullivan, a brother of Timothy D. Sullivan.

Fearing that the weakened supports of the calling would let the heavy bell come crashing through on the heads of its men, Chief Kenyon kept them outside, turned on the electric lights and fought the fire through the windows and big holes that were hastily chopped in the roof.

The fire was discovered by Patrolman Kotschou of the Fifth street station, who saw smoke issuing from the building and was alarmed by a sudden report that blew out many windows and sent tongues of flame licking through the apertures. He called Policeman Brown to send in an alarm and then ran to the rectory next door, where he awakened the pastor and his assistant, the Rev. Father William R. Creedon. Father Kelly, who was much concerned for the safety of the sacred vessels, threw a great coat over his night clothes and ran quickly into the smoke-filled church, returning with the vessels in his arms.

Hatfield Chief Scully awakened the alarm and found the neighboring tenement houses on Second and Third streets threatened by the flames. Thirty-six frightened families came streaming from the big double-decker next door to the church, and the rectory and the De La Salle Institute, at No. 46 Second street, were also endangered.

Father Christian Brothers, in charge of Brother Philip, did yeoman service in assisting the firemen and helping to allay the fears of the frightened people. Chief Kenyon, who followed close after Scully, immediately turned in a second and third alarm.

The damage to the church is estimated at \$25,000. There was trouble at the church yesterday with escaping gas, and Sexton T. J. Meagher and a crew from the Consolidated Gas Company went through looking for the leak.

The Church of the Nativity has been an east side landmark for seventy-five years or more. Originally it was a flourishing Presbyterian church, but early in 1837 Bishop Hughes acquired it at public auction and had it re-consecrated. The first high mass was said in it on June 8, 1842, by Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick of Boston, assisted by Bishop John Conroy of Albany. The first Catholic pastor was the Rev. Andrew Byrne. Until the uptown movement carried away many of the old-time parishioners, the church was the home of many prominent people.

In 1900 the Church of the Nativity witnessed the funeral of the Rev. Father William Everett, who had been its pastor ever since 1855. He was ordained by Archbishop Hughes just two years before taking charge of the old parish. By his will he left the parish a sum sufficient to pay off every outstanding obligation.

\$10,111 COLLECTED BY EVENING WORLD FOR WALSH FAMILY

Fund for Widow and Children of Equitable Fire Hero Closed To-Day.

HELP FROM BENEFITS.

Special Performance of "The Talker" Adds \$418, Fox's Vaudeville Show \$610.

Table listing contributions to the fund for the Walsh family, including names like William Fox Bennett, Henry B. Harris Bennett, and various other donors.

GRAND TOTAL \$10,111.00

The Evening World's Relief Fund for the widow and children of the late Battalion Chief Walsh was closed to-day with total contributions of \$10,111.02. This amount may be slightly increased by contributions now on the way.

The net receipts of the performance of "The Talker," at the Harris Theatre yesterday afternoon, amounted to \$418. This amount has been credited to the fund.

Owing to delay on the part of box office men of the Harris Theatre in accounting for benefit tickets sent to them, the statement of the benefit given on the New York Roof Thursday night was not turned over to The Evening World until this afternoon. After deducting expenses of orchestra, stage hands, ushers and other house employees, the William Fox Amusement Company had to the credit of the Walsh Fund \$610.05.

The \$10,000 fund collected by The Evening World, Robert H. Mainzer and Captain McGeen and Fire Commissioner Johnson will form a reserve fund for the Walsh family. The Equitable Life Assurance Society has paid off the mortgage on the home and the Fire Department will contribute to Mrs. Walsh and her children a small pension.

Among letters received with contributions to-day was the following: "Enclosed please find our check for \$25 for the fund for the Walsh family. We are proud to contribute to the relief of the family." J. O. KELLY, Treasurer.

\$35.95 RECEIVED FOR COULITZKA FAMILY.

The Evening World acknowledges receipt of additional contributions for the family of John Coultzka of No. 57 Broome street, whose destination was such that the baby froze to death on its mother's breast. The fund now amounts to \$35.95, as follows:

Table listing contributions for the Coultzka family, including names like Anna L. Beattie, Cash, and others.

TOTAL \$35.95. "M. R. F." also sends \$1 to Joseph Bracken of No. 58 Osborne street, and \$1 Hyman Sadofsky, No. 57 Hart avenue.

HELLO GIRLS HERE SLOW AT ANSWERING CALLS.

New York Telephone Force Three Seconds Behind Operators in Cities Up the State.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—A comparison of the speed of telephone operators in answering calls on some of the larger exchanges in the state has been made by inspectors for the Public Service Commission. The average time taken by operators to answer is shown as follows:

Table showing average time taken by operators to answer calls in various cities like New York, Buffalo, and Albany.

The inspectors report that they found the service to be much faster in cities than in small places, as a result of the public demand for speed where business is urgent. They also report that the tests in New York city were made in the holiday season and were taken at the most favorable hour, which complaints were made. They say that these tests show a slow service and are probably unfavorable as compared with the general service throughout the city.

ALLOWED 12-YEAR-OLDS TO BOX; MUST EXPLAIN.

Officials of Grogan A. C. of Watervliet Are Summoned Before Boxing Commission.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The promoters of the Grogan Athletic Club of Watervliet have been summoned to appear before the New York State Athletic Commission in New York on Jan. 24 to answer charges by N. J. Walker of Troy, Secretary of the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, that the club managers were putting on bouts between boys as young as twelve years of age and that many of the affairs in which these youths participated were brutal. Gov. Dix was so informed to-day in a letter from Charles J. Harvey of New York, secretary to the commission.

The original complaint was filed with the Governor, who forwarded it to the commission with a request that it go into the matter thoroughly and report its findings to him. The inspector delegated to represent the commission at this club has been asked to submit his report upon the affair.

TREATY OF PEACE ON BETWEEN TAFT AND THE COLONEL

Roosevelt Will Repeat "Take Him or Take Me" Declaration to Convention of 1908.

(Special to The Evening World)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Secretary of War Stimson has proved to be an ambassador of peace if the insular interpretation of the cessation of hostilities in the Taft and Roosevelt camps may be accepted as correct. The newspapers of ten days ago told of the open visit of Mr. Stimson to Oyster Bay and his subsequent statement, received with some incredulity at the time, that his visit called for no sacrifice of loyalty to either man. He had talked politics with the Colonel, he admitted, but he could not "discuss the interview."

The political wisecracks now say a reflection of the trip in the sudden ending of the agitation of a Roosevelt-Taft misunderstanding. They go further and claim that an agreement exists between the President and the Colonel, which will limit the Republican convention to the same proposition that confronted the party four years ago, when Roosevelt challenged his opponents with the declaration: "Take Taft or take me."

ROOSEVELT'S ALDINE CLUB DECLARATION STILL STANDS.

Roosevelt has passed this word along, according to the same authority, but with the variation that La Follette, Cummins and other ambitious candidates cannot use him to build up a Taft opposition. In other words, Roosevelt is in the position made clear in his Aldine Club speech: "I won't see myself up so that I can't accept the nomination if it comes to me. Roosevelt is not a candidate in the sense of seeking the nomination. He has given Taft a free field, and if Taft can win—why, well, it won't be La Follette or Cummins."

Roosevelt will not make a single speech between now and the Republican convention. More than two hundred invitations to speak in various parts of the country have come to the Colonel in the past three weeks, but he has turned down every one, insisting that any speech he might make would be more or less of a political nature and would be open to misinterpretation.

TAFT IS TO DO THE TALKING TILL CONVENTION.

Taft is to do all the speaking, Roosevelt is to remain the silent, "except in so far as he cares to discuss questions of a national character in his capacity as contributing editor. This is the Roosevelt programme as Taft and his friends have been given to understand, probably through Secretary Stimson.

The Western progressives—the La Follette men and the supporters of G. C. Cummins—have not been kept in the dark as to the Colonel's purpose, and the Taft leaders have gained new confidence in their ability to control the convention. A clear understanding now exists between Taft and Roosevelt.

Senator Cummins in the Race for the Presidency.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, Progressive Republican, to-day announced his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination in a statement in which he says that if the Republicans of Iowa believe him a fit man to urge before the Chicago Convention he will accept their decision.

PAYNE WHITNEY AND BARGER WIN AT RACQUETS TO-DAY.

At the New York Racquet and Tennis Club this afternoon Payne Whitney and Milton Barger of New York defeated R. K. Cassatt and Walter Thayer of Philadelphia in the final doubles of the Inter-city racquet match. The scores were 15 to 7, 15 to 10 and 15 to 7.

FIGHTING IN QUAYAQUIL.

Heavy Losses on Both Sides in Clash of Loyalists and Rebels. QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 20.—Fighting occurred in the streets here last evening and was kept up all night between adherents of Gen. Leonidas Plaza and supporters of Gen. Alfaro. The followers of Plaza were defeated. The losses of both parties were severe. There is a panic in the city, as the inhabitants fear an attack by the Quitto troops. It is thought probable that Gen. Andrade is advancing with his army.

47 REBELS KILLED IN FIGHT. Mexican Troops Rout a Force of Zapata's Men.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20.—In an all-night battle near Puebla between 600 Zapata sympathizers and a force of Federal troops forty-seven revolutionists were killed and many wounded before they broke and fled early to-day.

Fishing Fleet in New Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The fleet of American fishing schooners recently released from the ice floes of Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, were reported to-day to be in a still more perilous position in the Gulf of St. Lawrence owing to a change in the direction of the wind, which threatens to drive the ice in the open gulf against the craft. Two revenue cutters conveying their men are also in danger.

YOUTHFUL BRIDE HAS DISAPPEARED

Mrs. Betty Wright Lester, Kept From Husband, Escapes Guardians and Flees.

Mrs. Betty Wright Lester, the beautiful seventeen-year-old girl who, following her clandestine marriage at the City Hall to young William C. Lester of West One Hundred and Eighth street and West End avenue, was forcibly taken from her youthful husband's side by her mother, is now missing from her home at One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street and Broadway. To-day lawyers acting in behalf of Mrs. Wright, a wealthy widow, interested in the police in the case of the missing girl. Inspector Hughes told the lawyers he would send out a general alarm for her.

Miss Wright disappeared last Thursday. Up to that day her mother and governess, Mrs. Gray, watched the young woman night and day, for she had defiantly said she would run away from home. She declared she did not wish to rejoin her husband, but desired to be relieved of the restraint under which she was placed.

Thursday afternoon the girl was left alone for a few hours. She packed a dress suit case with clothing and quickly left the house. She summoned a cab and was driven to a point down town. There she alighted and was lost. Lester declares he has no knowledge of where his young wife is.

ROBBED OF YEAR OF HIS LIBERTY, WANTS TO FORGET

(Continued from First Page.) records in the Krueger case, a young woman placed an advertisement in a newspaper, requesting employment. In answer she received an anonymous letter, making an improper proposal. Comstock received the letter and investigated the case. He had the young woman insert a personal notice in the newspapers, saying she would meet the writer of the letter on the corner of Twelfth street and Fourth avenue the following afternoon.

By chance Krueger came by the corner at the appointed hour on his way to the Bowery Savings Bank. He happened to hesitate for a moment, and the girl, thinking he was the man who had written the letter, smiled at him. She was an extremely pretty girl, and almost unconsciously Krueger smiled back.

The girl spoke to Krueger. She was not the type of girl who would speak in an unconventional manner to a man on the street, so Krueger thought perhaps she had mistaken him for some one else. The girl questioned him about the letter and he denied writing it. He showed her his bank-book to prove his identity and then left her.

A month later he was arrested at his home and charged with sending an improper letter through the mail. He laughed at the charge at first and was not worried over it. His attorney didn't seem to think the case against his client serious, and when it came up for trial was taken by storm at the vigorous attack of the United States District Attorney. The case apparently was so strong that the jury scarcely left the box to return a verdict of guilty.

It wasn't until Krueger was in a cell in the Federal prison that he realized the seriousness of the matter, and then he collapsed and was in the hospital for two months.

His freedom was gained by the persistent devotion of his wife and sister, who had implicit faith in him. They have traveled miles, night and day, to meet various officials and Senators in their endeavor to win not only the pardon, but the vindication of their loved one—and they have been successful.

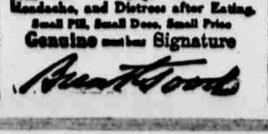
Bank Reserve \$36,002,000.

The statement of Clearing House banks for the week shows that the banks held \$36,002,000 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$1,847,000 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

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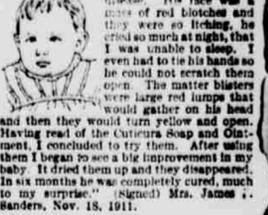
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811 First Ave., New York City.—"When my baby was two weeks old he started to get blotches on his face and could not sleep at all. My nurse said it was a skin disease. His face was a mass of red blotches and they were so itching, he cried so much at night, that I was unable to sleep. I even had to tie his hands so he could not scratch them. The matter blisters were large red lumps that would gather on his head and then they would turn yellow and open. Having read of the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, I concluded to try them. After using them I began to see a big improvement in my baby. It dried them up and they disappeared. In six months he was completely cured, much to my surprise." (Signed) Mrs. James J. Sanders, Nov. 18, 1911.

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