

ALL INTERBOROUGH PLAN BELMONT, RYAN AGREE.

Stockholders to Receive "Equal Participation" in Deal. With the first break in the official silence which has surrounded the Belmont Interborough purchase of the Ryan control of the Metropolitan system came the intimation yesterday that the Interborough would have to buy out not only Mr. Ryan but his associates and any other stockholders of the Metropolitan who wished to sell. Refusing to confirm the announcement of the sale of its stock holdings, Mr. Ryan officially declared for "equal participation" on the part of every other stockholder. Mr. Belmont officially expressed his acquiescence in those conditions. The following official announcement was made for Mr. Ryan: Before leaving this morning to spend the Christmas holidays in the South, Mr. Ryan said he had no statement to make concerning Interborough-Metropolitan matters, except that no plan involving either the Metropolitan Street Railway Company or the Metropolitan Securities Company would be consummated without affording every stockholder equal participation. The statement was shown to August Belmont. He gave out the following: When shown Mr. Ryan's statement Mr. Belmont confirmed it, but refused to discuss the matter further. Aside from this meagre announcement, every one concerned in the transaction kept silent. Only four men in all Wall Street, it was said, knew every detail of the negotiations—August Belmont and Thomas F. Ryan and their lawyers, Paul D. Cravath and Joseph S. Auerbach. The financing of the merger, which the Ryan statement announced, was the chief subject of interest in financial circles. It is generally believed that a holding company will be formed which may in its operations interfere sadly with many of the present Metropolitan arrangements. The breaking of many leases, it is believed, will be made necessary by the reorganization which the Belmont régime will put into effect. It is generally conceded that a cut in the dividend on Metropolitan Street Railway to 5 per cent will be made, but Wall Street thinks that the Interborough's guarantee of 5 per cent should be preferred to the Metropolitan Securities Company's 7 per cent guarantee. Further conferences were held yesterday morning. Mr. Belmont and Mr. Ryan and their lawyers held a meeting at which, it was believed, final details of the purchase of the Ryan stock were completed. At this meeting, it was reported, J. Pierpont Morgan was present. Mr. Ryan went to his home, in Virginia, for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Belmont is to go to North Carolina on Tuesday. STOCKS SHOW UNSETTLED CONDITIONS. The stocks of the various interests showed the effect of the unsettled conditions. Interborough opened at 235, but went to 237 1/2, closing at 236 1/2. Metropolitan Street Railway opened at 128 and fell promptly to 126 1/2, closing at 127 1/2. Metropolitan Securities was weak. It opened at 82 1/2 and sold down to 79 1/2. Third Avenue stock furnished the surprise. Beginning at 124 1/2, it made a swift rise to 140. Before the close it fell off to 138. The effect of the consolidation of all city transit systems in Mr. Belmont's hands will not mean that the Interborough will discontinue its subway plans, it was said yesterday. The plans may be changed considerably, however. As practically the only possible bidder on subway routes, Mr. Belmont will be able to build subways where they will not "interfere" with his present lines—perhaps even where they might not relieve the present congestion on those lines to any appreciable extent. The Belmont people are quite willing to carry out the plans they submitted to the Rapid Transit Commission. Particularly if they can get the contracts they will be glad to build the Lexington-ave. line north to connect with the present subway at 42d-st., and the subway south through 7th-ave. to the Battery; this route is an important one, because it will connect the present subway with the new Pennsylvania terminal and the North River tunnels. It is expected that the 82d-st. subway will not be built for many years to come at least. An East Side subway has been the demand of that congested section of the city for several years. The consolidation seems to have killed all prospect of it. Some of those interested in the proper extension of transit facilities are wondering if the Interborough will revive now the elevated subway and surface lines which were abandoned in 1897. The Belmont people are quite willing to carry out the plans they submitted to the Rapid Transit Commission. 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CHRISTMAS DINNERS At Principal Restaurants and Hotels—A Feature That Is Popular.

Christmas Dinner \$1.25. ST. DENIS HOTEL. BROADWAY & 11TH ST. from 5:30 P. M. Cape Cod oysters. Choice Nine Potatoes. Green turtle soup. Cream of celery. Celery. Cucumber. Radishes. Pimientos. Supreme of sea bass. Potatoes Parisienne. Broiled Spanish mackerel. Vanilleme. Potatoes. Fried. Sliced cucumbers.

Heumann's Harlem Casino, 124th St. & 7th Ave. CHRISTMAS DINNER, 11.00. 1-2 and 3-5 o'clock. MENU. Russard Bay Oysters on Half Shell. Blue Point Oyster Cocktail. Mock Turtle Soup à l'Anglaise. Conchomme Notre Dame. Queen Olives. Radishes. Gherkins, etc. Oregon Salmon. Sauce Genevoise. Filet of Beef. Jolynville. Parisian Potatoes. Croquettes of Game with Truffles. Sweetbread Sauce. Fresh Mushrooms. Filet de Bœuf à la Montebello. Mashed Potatoes. Baked Sweet Potatoes. Brussels Sprouts. Cauliflower. Cream Sauce. Sorbet Benedictine. Roast Vermont Turkey. Cranberry Sauce. Roast Boston Goose. Baked Apples. Roast Prime Ribs of Beef. Lettuce Mayonnaise. English Plum Pudding. Homemade Mince Pie. Risquid Torte à la Cream. Café Noir. Musto by the Hungarian Orchestra. Harlem Casino, December 20th, 1905.

WESTMINSTER HOTEL, 16TH ST. & IRVING PL., Will Serve a Special CHRISTMAS DINNER. \$2. Minut. Blue Point Oyster Cocktail. Cream of Chicken. Mince Pie. Virginia Ham. Fried Spring Chicken à la Maryland. Broiled Tenderloin of Beef with fresh mushrooms. Baked Sweetbread with cream. Neapolitan Apple Fritters glacés au rhum. Funck au Kirsch. Vermont Turkey, chestnut dressing, cranberry sauce. Ribs of Prime Beef, dish gravy. Breast of Roast Duck, fried hominy, red currant jelly. Waldorf salad. Chicken Mayonnaise. Bermuda, Mashed and Sweet Potatoes. Cauliflower, cream sauce. String Beans, Hollandaise Sauce. Honey-suckle Pudding. Steamed Tomatoes. Carolina Rice. Brussels Sprouts. English Plum Pudding, hard and brandy sauce. Apple Pie. Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie. Chocolate Ecclair. Madeira Wine Jelly. Assorted Cakes. Vanilla Ice Cream. Fancy Fruit Pie. Mixed Nuts Layer Raisins Bonbons Assorted Fruit. Rognonets of American Dairy Cheese. Bénédictine Water Crackers. Coffee. Golden Russet Cider. Monday, December 25, 1905.

NOTICE—B. ALTMAN & CO. WILL CLOSE THEIR STORE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AT FIVE P. M., BEGINNING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

B. Altman & Co. Commencing TUESDAY, December 26th, will hold an Important Sale of WHITE SILKS comprising White Satin Brocades, Crêpe de Chine, Louisines, Lining and Dress Taffetas, Washable Silks, including Japanese Habutai, Liberty Satin, Satin Messalines, Peau de Cygne, and other White Silks. 25,000 yards, regular prices, 75c. to \$2.50 per yard, will be offered for sale, commencing TUESDAY, December 26th, at 57c., 67c., 78c., 88c. and \$1.15 per Yard. (Counters Rear of Rotunda on First Floor.) B. Altman & Co. announce for Tuesday, December 26th, OPENING OF EMBROIDERIES for Spring and Summer, 1906. Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, New York.

HAD EIGHT RIBS BROKEN.

Injuries of Dead Insane Patient Attributed to Fall. After making an autopsy at the Morgue yesterday on the body of Jacob Morris, sixty-seven years old, of No. 355 Canal-st., a patient in the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, who died in that institution on Friday, and whose corpse, with eight ribs broken, an eye blackened and many bruises, was taken to the Morgue Friday night. Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon declared it to be his opinion that the dead man's injuries could not have been self-inflicted. As to how they were inflicted he declined to express an opinion, saying that it would require an inquest and a rigid investigation to determine that. Dr. Smith, representing Dr. E. C. Dent, superintendent of the hospital, watched the autopsy, and said afterward that he believed the bruises on Morris's eye, arms and hip were inflicted in a quarrel with another patient on December 18. Morris was a very violent patient, he said. He was admitted to the hospital on November 30. As for the broken ribs, five on the right side and three on the left, he said that, owing to his age, the man's bones had become chalky, and might easily have been broken in such an accident as falling out of bed. Dr. O'Hanlon found an accumulation of pus between the first and second ribs on the left side. He said he believed the man died primarily from pneumonia and general paresis, which is common among insane persons, but he thought the injuries might have contributed to his death.

DALY HELD FOR TRIAL.

Actor and Manager to Face a Court of Record. The examination of Arnold Daly, the actor, for his part in the production of G. Bernard Shaw's play "Mrs. Warren's Profession" was continued yesterday before Magistrate Whitman in the Tombs court. The defense to-day waived further examination, counsel saying: "There is no doubt that this matter will eventually have to be passed upon by a court of record, and in waiving examination we will endeavor to obtain a trial by jury. Magistrate Whitman replied: "As far as Mr. Daly and Mr. Gumperts (the business manager) are concerned I have decided to hold them for a misdemeanor, although in my opinion there are many plays infinitely more reprehensible and dangerous to the public morals." The two men were held for trial in the Court of Special Sessions in \$100 bail each. The magistrate said he did not think that the ends of justice would be affected in any way by not holding the others mentioned in the complaint, as the question concerning the character of the play will be passed upon by a court of record at the trial and jury trial. Bail for the two men was furnished by Michael A. Rofano, deputy superintendent of the Tombs court. Counsel for the defense, after the hearing, said that an effort would be made to have the case transferred from Special Sessions to General Sessions so that the defendants could be tried by a jury. "Through a mistake Mr. Daly and the other defendants went to the Jefferson Market court before they discovered the examination was to be held in the Tombs court," said counsel. Herne and Miss Mary Shaw went to several courts through the rain before they found the right one. The other defendants are George Farren, John Findlay, Fred Tyler and "John Doe."

Broadway Central Hotel.

BROADWAY, OPPOSITE BOND ST. Christmas Dinner \$1.00, from 1 to 3, 5 to 8 P. M. Blue Point Oyster Cocktail. Cream of Chicken. Mince Pie. Virginia Ham. Fried Spring Chicken à la Maryland. Broiled Tenderloin of Beef with fresh mushrooms. Baked Sweetbread with cream. Neapolitan Apple Fritters glacés au rhum. Funck au Kirsch. Vermont Turkey, chestnut dressing, cranberry sauce. Ribs of Prime Beef, dish gravy. Breast of Roast Duck, fried hominy, red currant jelly. Waldorf salad. Chicken Mayonnaise. Bermuda, Mashed and Sweet Potatoes. Cauliflower, cream sauce. String Beans, Hollandaise Sauce. Honey-suckle Pudding. Steamed Tomatoes. Carolina Rice. Brussels Sprouts. English Plum Pudding, hard and brandy sauce. Apple Pie. Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie. Chocolate Ecclair. Madeira Wine Jelly. Assorted Cakes. Vanilla Ice Cream. Fancy Fruit Pie. Mixed Nuts Layer Raisins Bonbons Assorted Fruit. Rognonets of American Dairy Cheese. Bénédictine Water Crackers. Coffee. Golden Russet Cider. Monday, December 25, 1905.

THORNES ESCAPE DEATH.

Coachman for New-Rochelle Men Fataally Hurt in Runaway. In a runaway accident which occurred yesterday in New-Rochelle Thomas W. Thorne, broker, and his brother, Newberry Thorne, yachtman, were thrown from a carriage and barely escaped death. Michael Cudahy, their coachman, who clung to the reins in his efforts to save his employers, was fractured skull in the New-Rochelle Hospital. Cudahy has been employed by the Thorne family for thirty years, and is said to be the richest coachman along the Sound. He owns half a horse and the entire police force was on the watch for him. He was arrested by Detectives Coleman and Keegan as he was leaving the office of the lawyer who had changed his appearance by shaving his black moustache and putting on new clothing.

FIVE TIMES IN PERIL.

Tenants Defeat Repeated Attempts of Incendiary. For the fifth time in four weeks, an attempt was made, early yesterday morning, to set fire to the three-story house at No. 27 West 17th-st. The house is occupied on the ground floor by George Andrews, the housekeeper, on the second floor by the Chelsea Wheelmen, and on the upper floor by several roomers. The first incendiary attempt upon the house occurred three weeks ago Monday. Kerosene or naphtha was found sprinkled on the walls and set on fire, but in the morning, although the attempt was made early in the morning, when most of the tenants were asleep, some one discovered the flames before they had spread. The second attempt was discovered upon the two succeeding Mondays. Another attempt was made Tuesday when naphtha was found to have been sprinkled on the walls. After the fourth attempt the housekeeper obtained a hose and had it in readiness. With it the tenants extinguished the fire yesterday morning.

THE BIRDS HAD FLOWN.

Police Raid on Alleged Women's Poolroom Profitless. The police raided an alleged poolroom and gambling house in West 42d-st. late yesterday which they believe was patronized exclusively by women. Two prisoners were taken, but no women were found. The house visited by the police is a five-story tenement house, and on the top floor a woman, said to be a Mrs. Garland, lived with her son, fourteen years old. Since early in the present month handsomely dressed women have been seen going into the house early in the afternoon, where they would remain until almost midnight. Captain Daly was told of the state of affairs, and yesterday, after a dozen women had gone into the house, the police went up to the roof and entered the flat by means of the fire escape. A man and young Garland were found there. A roulette wheel and a Klondike game were in the flat, as were alleged, and racing sheets and charts, which the police say were used for yesterday's races. These had been partially destroyed by fire. The man said he was Thomas Allison, a waiter, and that he boarded with Mrs. Garland. A charge of violation of that section of the Penal Code which relates to having gambling paraphernalia in one's possession was made against Allison. The boy was taken to the Gerry Society rooms because the police did not believe the surroundings were conducive to his moral advancement. The police believe the women escaped over the roof while they were in the lower stairway.

SECOND MURDER ARREST.

One Man Had Been Sentenced to Death for Crime. Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 23.—Sabina Perriello was arrested to-day charged with the murder of Angelo Solomita, for whose death another Italian, Ciriaco Capobianco, was recently convicted and sentenced to hang. Perriello's arrest was brought about by a statement made under oath by the convicted man just before he received his sentence, in which Capobianco said that Perriello instigated the crime. Capobianco said that he never had any quarrel with Solomita, but that he was for a long time on the influence of Perriello, and that when the latter gave him liquor and a revolver and told him to go and kill Solomita he did so. On the day that the convicted man made his confession, Perriello disappeared from town. Detective Coleman followed him to New-York, but lost trace of him there. The news spread through the Italian colony in that city that Perriello was in the city, and the police force was on the watch for him. He was arrested by Detectives Coleman and Keegan as he was leaving the office of the lawyer who had changed his appearance by shaving his black moustache and putting on new clothing.

CAPTAINS MUST LEARN COMPASS.

Magnetic Variations Said to Have Been Responsible for Lake Wrecks. [By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Lack of knowledge of the compass is said to have been responsible for many wrecks on the upper lake last season. In the iron ore regions of Lake Superior there are places where the compass deflects 1 1/2 points, and the sailor not skillful enough to make allowances for these variations and correct his course accordingly not infrequently lands on the rocks. The Pittsburg Steamship Company has issued an order to its seventy lake captains requiring them to attend a school of instruction in the use of the compass and course correction this winter. Fires Through Door at Thieves. Aged Contractor Routs Burglars and Wants to Kill One That Was Captured. [By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Beaver Falls, Penn., Dec. 23.—A stranger, giving the name of Martin Critzman, was captured about 2 o'clock this morning by John Moffatt while trying with two other men to break into Moffatt's house on 11th-st. Moffatt is a contractor, seventy-five years old, and almost blind. He took a revolver and, going to the door, which the marauders were trying to break in, opened fire and drove one into the woodshed. The two others got away. Moffatt was so enraged that he wanted to kill the captured man after the police arrived. A crowd attempted to take the burglar away from the police on the way to the station house.

WANTED RUSSIAN BLOOD.

Maniac's Kind Intention Thwarted by Intended Victim's Wife. Mrs. Platt Brush, of Dix Hills, near Huntington, Long Island, saved her husband from the knife of a maniac who not only wanted to kill him, but also to burn the house and barn. Brush held the man at the porch of his home when a wild-eyed man approached, drew a knife and announced: "I am a Russian soldier. I want blood. Tell me, are you a revolutionist?" "Just wait till I ask my wife," said Brush. Mrs. Brush appeared upon the threshold, and the maniac said: "This is my house, and I want you to move out at once for I am going to burn the building." "Very well," said Mrs. Brush, quietly. "I will go for moving vans at once. Don't do anything till I return with them. It will take but a few minutes." So coolly did the woman make the proposal that the lunatic was lulled into a belief that his orders were about to be carried out. Brush held the man in conversation until his wife returned, accompanied by her two brothers, to whose home, not far distant, she had run as soon as a corner of the house hid her from view. Fresh symptoms of a desire for blood were manifesting themselves when Mrs. Brush and her brothers appeared. The maniac pronounced him insane, and he was taken to Kings Park and placed in the State Hospital for the Insane. He gave his name as Joseph Brooks, of Deer Park. It was learned that he was sent to jail for assaulting a woman about a year ago and was recently released from the Central Jail Hospital.

BROKERS HOLD HIGH CARNIVAL.

Christmas Revel of Stock Exchange Delights Gallery—Employes' Fund Distributed. The members of the New-York Stock Exchange held their Christmas revel yesterday to the great delight of a large throng, composed largely of women, which filled the galleries and applauded the antics of the brokers. The celebration, though lively, was very short. A huge pushball, which gyrated round the floor and had its ups and downs, much like some stocks in the last month or two, furnished most of the amusement. The exchange floor was handsomely decorated. All around the walls were great masses of evergreens and huge red Christmas bells. The galleries and the trading desks were draped with evergreen. Over built, where the 7th Regiment Band played, almost hidden in a bower of green. The fun began promptly after the market closed. The members pelted every one in sight with confetti and festoons of ticker tape were thrown around the floor. The pushball, unlabeled this year, was surrounded by crowds of laughing, struggling brokers, who made fierce charges on the inoffensive ball than the proper "bear raids." No casualties were reported, though there was much suffering as to clothes. The horseplay lasted about a half hour. Then there was distribution of the fund for the Christmas employees, collected from the brokers. This fund, it was said, amounted to about \$10,000. It has been a prosperous year for the brokers. The Consolidated Exchange had a band and a night's joy in various antics, but there is likely to be a larger celebration there next Saturday. The Cotton Exchange, which was closed yesterday, and the Produce Exchange will also hold celebrations then.

MILLION FOR COAL MINERS.

Pittsburg Companies Give Employees Extra Pay as Christmas Gift. [By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—Nearly \$1,000,000 is being paid to the coal miners in the Pittsburgh district. All employees of the Pittsburg Coal Company to-day received special Christmas pay and over \$250,000 was distributed. The Pittsburg-Buffalo Company and the various other big companies decided to surprise their miners with a special holiday envelope. All the big industrial plants of Pittsburgh paid off to-day. The total payrolls will aggregate nearly \$10,000,000. NO EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE. Plans for Rapid Transit from Jersey to Manhattan Will Be Executed. Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation of New-Jersey, made a statement in Newark yesterday regarding the effect of the big traction deal in Manhattan on the plans of his company with regard to its proposed New York terminal of a high speed electric road. He said that if the deal actually was consummated it could have nothing but a beneficial effect on the Public Service plans. In his statement he says: "The Public Service has contracts with the Thomas N. Ryan interests concerning the high speed transit from this city to New-York that must be executed on this part of those interests, no matter who may be in control. Mr. McCarter would not say that the merger would have any effect on the differences existing between the McCaDoa and the Public Service tunnel interests. He intimated, however, that his company would be able to reach Manhattan through the McCaDoa tunnel at an early date.

GETS STAY IN PERJURY CASE.

Charles L. Cohn, of the firm of Goldfogle, Cohn & Lind, attorneys, obtained yesterday from Recorder Gott a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of the people against Isaac Bloom, who was charged with the crime of perjury in a case in which he sued the Metropolitan Street Railway for alleged damages and was awarded \$10,000. The defendant was admitted to \$10,000 bail pending the appeal.

MRS. EVERETT COLBY HELPS HOSPITAL.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 23 (Special).—Mrs. Everett Colby, wife of the State Senator-elect from Essex County, who has sent to the New-Jersey Orthopedic Hospital and Dispensary a check for \$5,000, to be applied as the management of the institution see fit. Mrs. Colby has always taken much interest in the hospital and has helped it in more than one occasion.

STANDARD ROPE AND TWINE.

Holders of bonds of the Standard Rope and Twine Company have been informed that a plan of reorganization has been formulated, and that to share in their first mortgage bonds must be deposited with the Equitable Trust Company and their income bonds with the Colonial Trust Company on or before December 27, 1905. A majority of both issues has already been deposited, sustained by being thrown into the plan under foreclosure proceedings makes prompt action necessary.

CAB DRIVER GETS \$5,000.

James J. Dunn, a cab driver, of No. 311 West 63d-st., on the argument of his counsel, G. Washburne Smith, yesterday received a favorable decision by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which affirmed his judgment for \$5,000 in an injury to his cab in a collision with a trolley car in West 63d-st.

BLACKMAILERS GET THIRTY DAYS.

Flushing Pair Punished for Attempted Extortion from Malcolm Littlejohn. Foster J. Maynard, a son of Dr. F. J. Maynard, and Harry B. Hart, both of Flushing, were sentenced to the Queens County Jail for thirty days yesterday by Judge Humphrey, in the County Court at Long Island City, on charges that they had attempted extortion from Malcolm Littlejohn, a nephew of the late Bishop A. N. Littlejohn, of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Maynard and Hart were employed about the grounds of the Flushing Country Club, last summer, and, late in the fall, both were discharged. Last week Mr. Littlejohn received a letter demanding \$500 for suppressing the details of an affair that took place, it was stated, in the Country Club house, one night last June. Subsequently the demand was renewed. Mr. Littlejohn turned the documents over to Assistant District Attorney Joseph Fitch. A decoy letter was prepared and mailed, and when a letter carrying the demand was received, the two men were present. Maynard claimed the letter was with him, and both were placed under arrest. After pleading guilty to the indictment the two men were sentenced to thirty days in jail. The judge made it clear that the charges they had made were false, and that they had conspired to get the money from Littlejohn, believing that he was the cause of their discharge from the Country Club.

TO STRIP MOUNT KEARSARGE.

Warner, N. H., Dec. 23.—A Connecticut concern, whose name is withheld, has just purchased from C. H. Holden, of Wellsfield, Vt., three thousand acres of standing timber on the side of Mount Kearsarge, for \$400,000. It is estimated that twenty million feet of saw timber will be cut from it this spring, denuding the entire mountain.

LEHIGH BUYS HARLEM SITE.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad is the real buyer, it was learned yesterday, of a tract of about six acres at 149th-st. and the Harlem River. It was reported sold to the Pioneer Realty Company. The railroad will use the land for freight purposes. The property was bought about five years ago by the Subway Construction Company for \$45,000.

BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS. BROWN'S BRONCHIAL REMEDY. Contains nothing injurious. Relieves bronchial irritation. Cures sore throat. In bottle only.

JUDGE SEABURY SAYS BILL WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED.

Judge Samuel Seabury announced yesterday that a bill will soon be introduced in the legislature calling for a strict and thorough investigation of the merger plan by which August Belmont obtains control of all the streetcar lines of Manhattan and The Bronx. The investigation will also aim to expose the relations between the city government and the streetcar lines. Judge Seabury is a Municipal Ownership man, having run for the office of justice of the Supreme Court on the ticket of the league this fall, and he believes that the realization of the merger fulfills the predictions of his colleagues and sustains their contention that the operation of these transportation lines by private interests places the passengers in the hands of a monopoly. Judge Seabury said yesterday: "This gigantic traction deal emphasizes the necessity of a legislative investigation to show the relation between the city government and the transportation lines by private interests places the passengers in the hands of a monopoly. Ryan and Belmont should be compelled to tell just what consideration was given in this deal. This transfer should be probed to the bottom, and the relation, past and present, between the city government and the transportation lines exposed. I can state positively that measure looking to that end will be introduced in Albany early in the coming session."

RECEIPTS OF WATER DEPARTMENT.

Increase of \$74,897.92 Over Last Year Shown by Register's Report. The showing made by the Water Register's Bureau under Joseph W. Savage is gratifying to Water Commissioner Oakley. The receipts of the office bid fair to exceed those of any preceding year. In a preliminary report made yesterday, Mr. Savage says: "The receipts of this office for the year ended December 31, 1904, exceed the receipts for the year ended December 31, 1903, by \$70,282.53. The total receipts up to December 21, 1904, were \$4,955,739.93, and for the same period of 1905 were \$5,030,627.85, showing an increase of \$74,887.92. For the year 1903 the cost of this bureau amounted to \$158,962.85, while for the year ended December 31, 1904, the cost was but \$121,675.43; so that while this bureau shows an increase in receipts of \$50,252.33 for 1904 over 1903, the cost of its maintenance was reduced by \$37,287.42, as compared with that year."

CHRISTMAS INCREASE FOR MILL HANDS.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 23.—Welcome holiday news came to about 2,000 mill operatives here to-day when notices of a 10 per cent increase in wages were posted in the local woolen mills. The mills affected are the Hockanum, with 500 hands; the Spring-Field Manufacturing Company, with 600; the New-England Company, with 400; the Rock Manufacturing Company, with 400; the American Mills Company, with 400; and the J. J. Regan Manufacturing Company, with 400.

SOCIALISTS TO CALL MASS MEETINGS.

The New-York and other sections of the Socialist Labor party are to receive a call from its national executive committee for mass meetings in the different cities on January 22 in support of the Russian revolutionists, the call to be issued at the request of the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels, Belgium. The latter urges the holding of demonstrations by the Socialists in Europe, America and elsewhere on January 22, being the first anniversary of the massacre of the St. Petersburg petitioners who were led by Father Gapon and were attacked by the Russian soldiers.