

NO BIDS ON SUBWAYS.

INTER-MET. STAYS OUT.

Will Make New Offer to Rapid Transit Commission Instead.

In place of bids for the construction and operation of the proposed new subways in Lexington avenue, in Seventh and Eighth avenues and in Jerome avenue under the terms of the advertised contracts, the Interborough-Metropolitan company will send to the Rapid Transit Commission to-day a formal statement of reasons why no offer to construct and operate these subways under the conditions of the contracts can be made.

The decision of the Interborough directors to make such a statement, embodying a proposition which the Rapid Transit Commission may feel bound to reject, was reached yesterday after a series of meetings and conferences lasting several days. The directors have agreed, it is said, that the conditions of subway construction imposed by the Rapid Transit Commission under the Elsborg law were too severe to permit of the employment of the company's capital or any private capital in such an undertaking, but they disagreed for a long time as to the policy of making a complete statement to the commission and the public regarding modifications of the advertised contracts which the company could accept.

August Belmont and his associates in the company's directorate, according to information obtained yesterday from a trustworthy source, have appreciated the importance of extending the present subway system north from 42d street in Lexington avenue and south from 42d street in Broadway, so as to make practically an East Side subway and a West Side subway, doubling the capacity of the present subway and cutting down the time of transit between the Battery and the Bronx on both the East Side and the West Side. At the same time they have felt that the company should have the right to give such benefits to the travelling public of the city on terms which would be reasonable.

The statement which will be submitted to the Rapid Transit Commission to-day is expected to make the company's position entirely clear. Theodore P. Shonts, president of the company, said yesterday that such a statement had been prepared. That was all he would say about it. He was asked if the company would make any bid in connection with the statement, and he replied that it would not be courteous to the commission to give information to the public before the commission received it. Mr. Shonts was asked if he expected that the commission would be able to accept any offer of the company to build and operate extensions of the present subway, and declined to answer.

At the office of the Rapid Transit Commission it was said there was a practical certainty that the Interborough would have no rival in bidding for subway extensions under the advertised contracts. Nobody with financial backing, except the Interborough, it was said, had been making a study of the conditions such as any bidder must make. The only question to be settled to-day, therefore, was whether the Interborough would or would not bid.

As there will be no subway bids under the advertised contracts for the Rapid Transit Commission to open to-day, it will be easy for the commission to make answer to the injunction order issued by Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court late yesterday afternoon. The order is for a temporary injunction restraining the commission from opening subway bids and awarding contracts to-day. A motion to make the injunction permanent is to be argued in Special Term, Part 1, on Monday.

The Lexington avenue route, as laid out by the Rapid Transit Commission, was to run down Lexington avenue from the Harlem River to 42d street, connecting there with the present subway, through 36th and 26th streets to Broadway, and down Broadway to City Hall Park, running to Battery Park through Church and Vesey streets.

The Seventh and Eighth avenue line was to run from the Bronx to the Battery, using Eighth avenue to 42d street and Seventh avenue below that point to Hudson street.

The temporary injunction was obtained by the law firm of Zabriske, Murray & Burrell, of No. 49 Wall street, representing some of the Broadway and Fifth avenue merchants who are opposed to the construction of a subway on the cut and cover plan in front of their places of business. These merchants have a lively memory of the conditions which paralyzed business for years in Elm street, in Fourth avenue and in 42d street, while the construction of the present subway was in progress.

The restraining order applies only to that part of the line known as the Lexington avenue route, between 36th street and 14th street, in Fifth avenue and Broadway. Among the plaintiffs in the application are W. J. Sloane, the Gorham Company, Alfred G. Evans, Edwin H. Weatheres, Arnold, Constable & Co., Atken, Son & Co., Baumgarten & Co. and Benjamin Altman.

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TO DECIDE ON CHANGES.

Clearing House Association to Vote on Amendments.

At the next meeting of the Clearing House Association, May 12, the members will be asked to act upon the following amendments to the association's constitution: 1. Banks acting as redeeming agents for other institutions not members of this association, shall keep and maintain in their own vaults a cash reserve of not less than equal to the highest percentage of reserve required by law of any member of this association.

GET CONTROL OF BAHIA UTILITIES.

New York Interests Extend Operations to the Brazilian City, with New Concessions.

New York interests, closely allied with the same who control the Havana, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro and other West Indian, Central and South American electric traction and lighting properties, have completed financial arrangements in Europe for the construction and operation of street railways in Bahia, one of the principal cities of Brazil, the population being 250,000. A lighting monopoly has been taken over and extensive water power rights have also been acquired. The development of the Bahia projects will entail an expenditure of nearly \$10,000,000.

DIES ON OPERATING TABLE.

H. S. Whiting, a Real Estate Dealer, Succumbs to Fatty Degeneration of Organs.

Holland S. Whiting, a large real estate dealer, died suddenly yesterday afternoon while undergoing an operation at the home of Dr. John A. Wyeth, at No. 24 Lexington avenue. His death was due to fatty degeneration, according to the physicians, who performed an autopsy on the body. Mr. Whiting had been acquainted with Dr. Wyeth for some time, and they had frequently met at the Union League Club, where the former lived. Mr. Whiting was forty-five years old and an alumnus of Yale.

PRIZE FOR AIRSHIPS.

Rules Governing Contest for Flying Machines at Jamestown.

Many entries have been made for the competition at Jamestown for flying machines of the heavier-than-air type which begin to be built. A special committee of the Aero Club of America, appointed for the purpose, has formulated provisional rules to govern the contests, for which "The Scientific American" has offered a trophy. This offer is to remain open to the inventors throughout the world. Should it be won by a representative of a foreign aeronautic club, this club, if it is a member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, may become the custodian of the trophy; but the future competition, even if held abroad, which is unlikely, must be conducted under the same rules and conditions prescribed by the Aero Club of America in the competitions held here. The rules governing the competition are as follows:

DARKNESS IN SPOTS.

PRETTY BIG ONES, TOO.

Because the Gas Lamplighters Struck.

Greater New York was dark in spots, and many of them very large spots, last night, owing to a complaint of the lamplighters employed by the Weisbach Lighting Company, which has a contract for lighting the streets where there are no electric lights. Four hundred men belonging to the Lamplighters' Union of New York laid down their lights and quit work for recognition of the union, which has only recently been formed, and against the alleged discharge of men by the company for belonging to the union.

CORNELL RAPS JUDGES.

Says Too Many Sentences Are Suspended—Has Case in Point.

Magistrate Cornell found occasion yesterday again to criticize the higher courts for suspending sentences and fixing light fines in criminal cases. Two men, who gave their names as John Farrell and Patrick Kane, were arraigned before him as suspicious persons.

BURGULARS IN AUTOMOBILE.

Rob Dwelling at Springfield, Long Island, Getting Big Booty.

The automobile burglar has returned to Long Island. The home of William H. Nostrand, who lives at Springfield, was robbed of silverware, table linen, gold watches, money and oil paintings late Tuesday night by men in an automobile.

HONOR JUDGE SCUDDER.

Masons of Staten Island Give a Dinner to Him—Reception at Stapleton.

Supreme Court Judge Townsend Scudder, Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity of the State of New York, was the guest at a dinner last night given by the Masons of Staten Island. Judge Scudder has been holding court at Richmond for three weeks, and the session closed yesterday. After the dinner Judge Scudder left for Jamestown, Va., to be present at the opening of the exposition on Friday.

EASIER TO GET RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

At a meeting of the Chase National Bank directors yesterday James J. Hill said that the railway throughout the country were now receiving new equipment much faster than recently recorded, and that the car and locomotive building companies were in far better shape to make deliveries than they were a few months ago.

BROOKLYN BOY WINS BROWN DEBATE.

Providence, April 24—Oscar Maddans, of Brooklyn, class of '07, won the first award of \$40 in the Brown University debate held last evening.

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Meetings.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE, Thursday, May 2nd, 1907, at 19 W. 44th St., 8 P. M. R. A. H. DAYTON, Secretary.

FRIEND FOR HAMMOND.

J. W. Davis Says Typewriter Man Is Sane—Examination Adjourned.

James W. Davis, who said he was a director of the Hammond Typewriter Company, appeared at Bellevue Hospital yesterday when an examination was made into the sanity of James Bartlett Hammond, president of the company, who was committed to Bellevue on Tuesday for examination as to the idea of having the restriction now existing in dress lest such a thing as this should happen to him. He has always been more or less eccentric, but his eccentricities have been exaggerated. There will be other alienists and other lawyers here to-morrow to look into this matter.

METZ WOULD HAVE CITY PREPARED.

Wants Power to Sell Bonds at Interest Above 4 Per Cent.

Controller Metz, in explaining his effort to have repealed the restriction which compels the city to sell bonds at an interest bearing rate of not above 4 per cent, says that the city may not be compelled to pay 4 1/2 per cent, but that if it cannot get the money cheaper, it ought to be free to do the best it can.

COMMENTS MAY KILL "THE CRESCENT."

Editorial comments in the last issue of "The Crescent," the monthly magazine of the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, may lead to the suspension of its publication, according to reports which W. D. Walker, the editor, will neither confirm nor deny.

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BELASCO THEATRE. Evening, 8:15. David Belasco presents THE ROSE THE RANCHO. MADISON SQ. THEATRE. Evening, 8:15. Last Mat. Sat. 2:15. CARLOTTA NILSSON IN THE 3 OF US.

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IRVING P. THEATRE. To-night and Sat. 8:30. Irving P. presents "The Millionaire" and "The Benefactor".

EMPIRE THEATRE. Broadway and 40th Street. To-night and Sat. 8:30. Ethel Barrymore. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

LYCEUM THEATRE. 40th St. and Broadway. To-night and Sat. 8:30. Mr. Davis says Typewriter Man is Sane. Examination adjourned.

GARRICK THEATRE. 25th St. near Broadway. To-night and Sat. 8:30. Wm. Collier. CAUGHT IN THE RAIN.

THE BOYS OF CO. B. A Laughing Success at the Lyceum.

SAVOY 34th St. and Broadway. To-night and Sat. 8:30. MAN OF THE HOUR. The Boys of Co. B.

NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE. 42d St. West of Broadway. To-night and Sat. 8:30. THE GRAND MOGUL.

BROADWAY THEATRE. Broadway and 41st St. To-night and Sat. 8:30. ANNA HELD.

LIBERTY THEATRE. 42d St. West of Broadway. To-night and Sat. 8:30. ELEANOR ROBSON.

WALLACK'S THEATRE. Broadway and 30th St. To-night and Sat. 8:30. GRACE GEORGE.

HIPPODROME 6TH AVENUE. To-night and Sat. 8:30. PIONEER DAYS.

PRINCESS. To-night and Sat. 8:30. LYRIC. To-night and Sat. 8:30.

CASINO. Broadway and 30th St. To-night and Sat. 8:30. MAJESTIC. Broadway and 30th St. To-night and Sat. 8:30.

BIJOU. Broadway and 30th St. To-night and Sat. 8:30. MME. NAZIMOVA.

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