

GETS BIG BRONX TRACT SYNDICATE BUYS LAND.

Lord Alverstone Sells 107 Acres of "World's Fair Site."

A tract of 107 acres in the Bronx, forming part of about eight hundred acres which were bought by the East Bay Land Company about 1890 as a suitable site for the World's Fair, which Chicago captured, was sold yesterday to a syndicate. The selling company has been referred to frequently in real estate circles as Lord Alverstone's company, as he is its principal stockholder. The president of the company is Charles H. Patrick.

The syndicate that takes over the property includes ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant, C. K. G. Billings and Anthony N. Brady. The land is valued at about \$1,200,000. It has a frontage of more than four thousand feet on the East River at Hunt's Point.

For some months this section of the Bronx has been attracting wide attention in real estate circles, owing to the large demand for properties there for dwellings and factories, and because of many projects which have been carried out or are being planned for the improvement of sites there. At the northerly end of Hunt's Point section many blocks of apartment and dwelling houses have been built.

The American Banknote Company purchased recently several blocks of land there as a site for a building, to bring together under one roof all its printing establishments now scattered throughout the greater city, and for groups of dwellings to be occupied by its employees.

The value of the district as a factory center remained unknown except to a few real estate experts until a few years ago. It especially appeals, it is said, to large manufacturing concerns desirous of getting larger homes on land within the city because of the docking facilities on the East River at Hunt's Point, and the freight terminal facilities. The frontage of the tract sold yesterday by Lord Alverstone's company will be improved with piers.

From what could be learned last night, Lord Alverstone's company gets a handsome profit on its investment. There were two factors, it was said, which induced the purchase of the land in 1890. At that time it was thought that New York would be able to get the World's Fair. Various organizations of other cities which were striving to get the fair asserted that there were no suitable sites for it in this city. No time was lost after that in bringing under one ownership this tract of more than eight hundred acres, and the East Bay Land Company became the owner.

That company realized that even if the movement to have the fair held here did not succeed, indications pointed to the fact that the future of the Bronx would well repay any investment there. Jacob Leitner appeared for the company in the sale. All the land fronting on the East River is to be bulkheaded by the new owner and the remainder is to be laid out to make it much more attractive to manufacturing interests, and thus expedite the changing of the district into a greater factory center. The deal will result, it was said, in making Messrs. Kings and Brady large factors in the development of the Bronx.

The East Bay Land Company sold some years ago parts of the original 800-acre tract to Charles E. Gates & Co., the Rock Plaster Company and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and some other concerns. Hunt's Point avenue extends directly through the center of the tract sold yesterday, and if 157th street extended across the city in a straight line it would bisect the property.

Lord Alverstone is the Lord Chief Justice of Great Britain and has occupied that high office since 1900. He has represented England in many important international affairs. He shared with Sir Charles Russell the duty of prosecuting the British case in the Behring Sea arbitration, and he presided over the proceedings in the Alaskan boundary dispute.

MRS. BIANCHI'S SUIT UP. Seeks to Have Mortgage Annulled Which She Gave to Save Husband.

Charging that she had been forced into executing a mortgage by a threat that her husband, Captain Alexander Bianchi, would be detained in jail, Mrs. Martha G. D. Bianchi yesterday brought suit in the Supreme Court against Miss Charlotte T. Terry and her attorney, Maurice Leon, of No. 60 Wall street, to have set aside and annulled a mortgage and deed to property at Amherst, Mass. At the time of the alleged coercion, March 25, 1907, Captain Bianchi held a \$300 bond in civil action brought by Miss Terry to recover \$300, the balance of a loan of \$7,100 made to the captain by her.

Captain Bianchi was an officer in the Russian army, and lived with his wife at No. 24 Gramercy Park. Mrs. Bianchi inherited the property in dispute from her grandfather, M. A. Dickinson, who, like her father, Edward Dickinson, was a lawyer and treasurer of Amherst College. The property adjoined the campus of Amherst College.

Mrs. Bianchi is well known as the author of many descriptions of New England life and customs. The plaintiff testified yesterday that she was summoned to a conference with Maurice Leon, and signed the mortgage at the Gilsey House, without being made aware that her husband's bail had been fixed at \$500, and believing she had taken the only possible course to release Captain Bianchi.

The defense made a general denial of the charges. Several witnesses testified to the high standing and character of the Dickinson family.

INNOCENT, BUT GOES TO PRISON. New Trial Saves Vandeville Performer from Fifteen-Year Sentence.

Through the efforts of several well known theatrical managers and agents, William Robinson, of the negro vaudeville team of Cooper and Robinson, was brought from Sing Sing prison yesterday and acquitted by a jury in General Sessions of the charge of robbery, for which he was serving a term. Judge Malone, who granted the motion for a new trial, instructed the District Attorney to investigate thoroughly the testimony of Hyman Sussman, a tailor, of No. 55 West 21st street, who accused the negro with threatening him with a revolver in his store, taking \$2. Jacob Phillips, who was the principal witness for Sussman, will also receive the attention of the District Attorney. Judge Malone at a previous trial sentenced Robinson to not more than fifteen years and not less than eleven. In disposing of the case yesterday, Judge Malone remarked: "The evidence that robbery has been committed here and a terrible wrong has been narrowly averted." He then directed the jury to consider carefully the testimony of the complainant and his witness. The jury returned less than fifteen minutes.

HUDSON GRAND JURY HANDS IN BILLS. Slayer of Joseph Marshall Indicted for Manslaughter and Bailed.

The Hudson County Grand Jury handed in a batch of twenty-five indictments yesterday afternoon to Justice Swaine. One of the indictments was against Joseph Marshall, who shot and killed Joseph Marshall during a quarrel at a Democratic primary in Jersey City. The indictment was for manslaughter. Counselor Simpson inquired if there was an indictment, and was informed by Justice Swaine that there was one for manslaughter. Application for a writ of habeas corpus was made for his release on bail. The bond was fixed at \$500, and ex-Councilor Joseph Dennis McLaughlin qualified and Connolly was released.

An indictment for arson was found against Ivan Reitan, who is alleged to have set fire to the home of General William P. Heintzelman, in Jersey City.

FIRE IN GILSEY HOUSE.

Christmas Shoppers See Blaze on Sixth Floor of Hotel.

The famous old Gilsey House, at Broadway and 28th street, has had many narrow escapes from joining the "has-beens," but never closer than the one yesterday morning, when fire was discovered on the sixth floor and for a time threatened the whole structure. The fire, which started in a room occupied by the hotel valet, was discovered by Patrolman Diehl, of the Tenderloin station, and had obtained good headway. For a time the fire was much excitement among the "Great White Way."

As soon as the fire was discovered the manager ordered Miss Annie Sullivan, the telephone operator, to warn all the guests, but to tell them that there was no danger. Miss Sullivan stuck to her task, and as a result there was no panic. The fire was confined to the sixth floor, although several of the guests on other floors suffered from water. One of the heaviest sufferers from the fire was "Bob" Monroe, a playwright, who lost several valuable manuscripts. "Al" Smith, a veteran sporting man, lost his collection of portraits of famous prizefighters, actresses, "The Lion and the Dogs," Miss Amelia Summerville, widow of the magician; Miss Amelia Summerville and Miss Fannie Rice also suffered losses because of the water.

When the fire was discovered Broadway was crowded with Christmas shoppers, and the police reserves were plenty and worked for a time. Police lines were formed a block away from the hotel on all sides, and finally order was restored. Several horse burst during the fire and many persons were drenched.

The Gilsey House, which is at present in the hands of a receiver, Statehold Douglas, of the firm of Douglas & Arnold, 250 Broadway, has had many ups and downs. In the early history of the house it was the show place of the city. Many notable persons have been its guests.

MARINE DEPUTY LATEST. City at Request of Federal Authorities Puts New Title on Payroll.

A new title, that of "Marine Deputy Chief of the Fire Department," will be on the city's payroll soon. The United States authorities demanded that the title be changed from "fire deputy" to "marine deputy." The title in charge of the city's fireboats should have a rank corresponding to that of marine master. President McGowan of the board told the aldermen yesterday about the wishes of the federal authorities and the necessary resolution was passed.

Another resolution adopted requests the Board of Estimate to make an appropriation to fix the salary of the captain of attendants in the Court of General Sessions at \$2,000 a year.

The grade of hostler in the Street Cleaning Department was established by resolution.

Alderman Mulcahy introduced a resolution to change the name of Seventh avenue from 110th street to the Harlem River to Jefferson Boulevard. A petition to this effect has been on file with the board for some time, presented by the Women's Democratic Club. If the request is allowed the club purposes to erect a statue of Thomas Jefferson on the new boulevard. On objection of Alderman Mark, who represents a part of the district, the resolution was put over.

Deputy Commissioner Loughman, of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity discussed a communication from the Commissioner asking for a \$10,000 appropriation to purchase a new main shut off, and a resolution to that effect was adopted.

SAYS VICE IS LICENSED. Frederick H. Whiting Tells Legislators About Inferior Courts.

Frederick H. Whiting, secretary of the Committee of Fourteen, organized four years ago to suppress disorderly houses, testified yesterday before the legislative committee that is investigating the courts of inferior criminal jurisdiction. He told of a case where a prisoner forfeited his bail on May 1 and received a suspended sentence on May 5. Mr. Whiting said it made little difference whether a man showed up on trial day as far as the bond was concerned. The witness said that he saw one man who had run from May to October, 1905, without a license.

After testifying to delays in the courts and relating more cases where sentence had been suspended after bail bonds had been declared forfeited because of the prisoner's non-appearance, Mr. Whiting said: "The substance of all it is that we are simply licensing resorts in New York. There is no record to tell how many times a carter has been made of inmates in any houses. It is my opinion that the records of such places should be carefully kept."

The witness said that one of the problems was the danger of driving victors of the social law into the streets. He said he believed that charges for violations of the social law should be tried before three magistrates to be selected from the police court bench by the Mayor.

Magistrate Corrigan and Joseph C. Graveur, probation officer of the Court of Special Sessions, were the other witnesses. The hearing will go on this morning.

TO SUE ROADS FOR FOREST FIRE LOSS. Forest, Fish and Game Council Will Begin Actions Under Orders from Whipple.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Actions to recover from railroad companies damages for the destruction by forest fires of timber and property of the state are to be begun by John K. Ward, general counsel to the State Forest, Fish and Game Commission. In a letter to-day to Commissioner James S. Whipple Mr. Ward says that so many actions will be necessary that "it will take some time to complete the proceedings."

Mr. Ward received earlier in the day the following letter from Mr. Whipple: "I see no reason why railroad companies which, through negligence in caring for the right of way as prescribed by law, have caused forest fires, should be exempt from the payment of damages for the loss of timber and property of the state should not pay for it the same as an individual would have to in the case of a forest fire. Therefore, I hereby direct that actions be brought against all railroad companies in such cases to recover for damages sustained by the state in that way."

CITY COURT TO GET FURNITURE. Aldermen on Plea of Chief Judge O'Dwyer Vote \$10,000 for Fixing Up Rooms.

To get a resolution for \$10,000 in revenue bonds for the immediate furnishing of the two new stories of the City Court Building through the Board of Aldermen yesterday Chief Judge O'Dwyer, of the City Court, had to explain the needs of the case. Through President Ahearn asked that he be allowed to buy the needed furnishings without the formality of advertising for bids. There was objection to this, but the resolution was passed. "If you don't make it possible to have those rooms ready on January 1 you will have three judges at \$12,000 a year, three stenographers at \$3,000 a year, three clerks at \$2,000 a year, and eight attendants at \$1,500 a year, idle but being paid," said Judge O'Dwyer to the Aldermen.

Both Board President Ahearn and Judge O'Dwyer explained that the City Court had fallen almost two years behind its calendar.

SANTA CLAUS RUSHED NEW CHRISTMAS RECORD.

New York City Never Before Saw Such a Holiday Business.

With eleven additional collecting wagons, including four big furniture vans, one hundred vehicles to aid the carriers in distributing mail and 750 additional carriers on duty, the postoffice is doing the greatest holiday business in its history. Night and day the employees, now numbering more than thirty-five hundred men, are toiling. There was crowding and confusion in the lobbies of the general postoffice and in the forty stations scattered all over the city for more than eight times the usual work done.

Assistant Postmaster Murphy said yesterday that in no former holiday season had the rush begun so early. He attributed to the postmaster's request to the public that Christmas packages be mailed early. Mr. Murphy said there would be no slackening of the big emergency fund would enable the postmaster to add to the number of employees and the hauling power of the department whenever necessary.

Four stamp slot machines on the main floor of the general postoffice relieved the clerks to some extent, but there was an relief for the clerks outside. The money order department apparently was doing the biggest business in its history, and more registered letters were being sent out than ever before. To facilitate the work, men were stationed in the lobby to direct persons to the least congested windows. The same practice was followed in the main Brooklyn office.

"The most striking feature of the work this year," Mr. Murphy said, "is the tremendous volume of picture postcards being sent out. Millions! Yes, many millions. Every man, woman and child in this borough seems to be sending out several of these cards to relatives or friends, and this additional business is a great work demander. It has increased the pieces to be handled at least twenty-fold."

On Christmas Day there will be one delivery in the wholesale business districts at 8 a. m. In the residential sections there will be the usual two holiday deliveries, carriers by the usual two routes aided by the four furniture vans, each capable of carrying four times the number of sacks put in an ordinary mail delivery wagon, will continue right up to the last minute of the rush to collect packages. The wagons used to collect all packages and letters to the railroads have had all their wheels changed since last Friday, and more wagons have been added by the contractor every day.

"Greatest business we have ever had," was the word passed out by the express company managers yesterday. They also had an early start. Postal packages and the Red Cross Christmas stamp, in the lobby of the general postoffice a Red Cross employe had a booth for the sale of these stamps. Christmas shopping gave evidence on every hand of the country's prosperity. There was not a store with holiday goods for sale that was not crowded with hawking carts, and hawkers without carts. The restriction placed on the hawkers is removed for one month from December 21, but they must get the permit of the property owner and the storekeeper before they can continue selling in any one place. They never get these permits.

"We've got to do up our moving as much as possible," a patrolman said yesterday, "but if we do arrest them the magistrates won't hold them. And the poor fellows should be allowed to make a few dollars around Christmas, anyway. But they have no right in Nassau, Fulton or Chambers street nor in Broadway, where the restriction has been raised, but what's the use?"

Some sections of Nassau street yesterday resembled Hester street at its busiest time. John street was lined east of Nassau, and Ann street was a seething pushcart territory. Grand, Canal and the streets running north and south of the Market street and the railroad tracks. If there was poverty in that crowded district it was not flaunted on the streets.

The manager of one of the great department stores said that it was a record season. Day after day showed, he said, that more business was being done than ever before. "The record days began a week ago," he said. "Since then we have made comparisons right along, with the same showing. It is not a cheap rush. People have the money and are spending it right royally. Nor is there much shopping, as shopping. The customer knows what he or she wants, and pays the price, without scurrying around among the stores."

That was the report in every store. In the toy shops there was hardly standing room. The demand was largely for mechanical toys. These were Teddy bears that could dance, walk, gallop and be used for riding, and lions that roared and staked majestically. Electric trains were a big item, and the toys of all sorts. The dolls came back to favor, but it must be of the mechanical variety to make a real hit. Next to the toy shops the greatest crowds were at the Christmas card counters.

While the sale of holly, mistletoe and Christmas trees has been large, there has been a falling off since the insurance underwriters' decision that fires originating from the trees would not come under the ordinary policies. There are special policies covering losses from this source, and many have been taken out, but it is not generally known that they are necessary.

Over in Brooklyn there will be a sad Christmas for more than three hundred and fifty employees of the bureau of public buildings and offices, who are to be laid off until the next year because of lack of funds. As twenty-five women and fifty men will not be taken back.

NAVY YARD'S CHRISTMAS. Feasts for Sailors and Marines—Notes of the Station.

Christmas week will see the navy yard in Brooklyn almost a deserted village, although there will be feasting on the slips on Christmas Day. The battleship New Hampshire, which has her full complement of nearly 500 men on board, will be the scene of the greatest destruction of good things to eat, although the Chester, of nearly 300, the Albatross, of nearly 200, and the 150 or so on board the supply ship Celtic, to say nothing of the receiving ship Hancock's 600, will all do their share.

Uncle Sam is not overgenerous in the way of extra supplies, although some are allowed under the regulations, and the mess cooks, through the departments from the routine bill of fare. The marines in the barracks, facing Flushing avenue, will have their share of Christmas cheer in the shape of a big dinner. Those officers at the station who have not accepted invitations outside will celebrate the day in their homes in "Officers Row."

Christmas services were held last Sunday morning in the library on Cob Dock by the Rev. Dr. Walter G. Isaacs, chaplain, with a special programme of music, was given by a quartet from the Marine band. The big room was fittingly decorated with flags and Christmas greenery. Father McDonald, the Catholic chaplain, will hold his service on Christmas morning.

The yard during Christmas week will be a dull place, as most of the clerical force in the various bureaus and many of the workmen in the shops have been saving time due them. This time, unless it is utilized before December 31, will lapse, as it cannot be carried over into next year. As a result, there will be a general exodus from the offices and shops.

This condition was so pronounced years ago that Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles (retired), who was at one time head of the construction and repair bureau, recommended that the yard be closed for the last fifteen days of the year. This was not acted on, and the annual closing of time allowances is still a feature of the holiday season.

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METZ SLEEPS 3 HOURS

Controller Usually Rests Between 4 and 7 in the Morning, He Says.

Controller Metz's sleeping hours are at last a matter of official record. "When do you sleep?" was the question put to him by Assemblyman Lee, of the joint legislative investigating committee, one day this week at the City Hall.

"Between 4 and 7 in the morning, usually. Not much more than that," replied the Controller. "Are you engaged in private business at the present time?" asked Senator Saxe.

"I have a few spare hours after 6 o'clock that I devote to my personal business." "What experience have you had in administrative and financial matters?" was the next question.

"Well," said the Controller wearily, "I have got about a thousand people on my own personal payrolls throughout the country. I have thirteen branch houses and my main business. I have a factory in Newark and two mills in Worcester, Mass. I own the village of Stonefield, practically. I am president of five corporations, all the stock of which belongs to me. I built up a business from \$3 a week as a boy of 15, when I went to work, to pretty well up in the millions. I have offices all over the United States and two in Europe. I used to go to Europe twice a year, but now only once in two years."

"I am in the Controller's office from 9 to 6, and then go uptown to my own business. I have plenty to do. I resigned from various banks and institutions when I took office. I have some time to devote to the Controller's office. I don't need the money, and get some pleasure out of it."

MAY KILL FRANCHISES. Reduction of Fare from Yonkers to New York Postponed.

The troubles of the Yonkers Railroad Company under the administration of Leslie Sutherland, as receiver, came to a head early yesterday morning, when, acting under an order from Justice Morschauser of the Supreme Court, operation of cars on the Elm and Walnut street line and on the South Broadway spur of the Kingsbridge line was discontinued. At the same time the reduction of the fare to New York from 15 cents to 10 cents was indefinitely postponed, as the whole question will be reviewed in the courts, and action for the reduction of the fare to 5 cents may precede any adjustment of the situation.

The Kingsbridge, or South Broadway, line, which runs to the subway terminal at Van Cortlandt Park, partly over the tracks of the Union Railway (the Huckleberry line), will use the single track in New Main street, where three other lines operate for a quarter of a mile. The Elm and Walnut street line, opened by the receiver after the tracks had been lying idle for months under the old administration, will also cease operation.

The Democratic majority in the Common Council has steadily refused to consider the compromise arrangements which Mr. Sutherland has made with Frederick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Union Railway. The franchise for these lines was granted to the Yonkers Railroad, then controlled and operated by the Union Railway, on condition that an 8-cent fare should be maintained from all parts of Yonkers to New York, by means of the transfer to the subway for three cents, and the adoption of a transfer system between all Yonkers lines and those connecting with the Union Railway, in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, The Bronx and other parts of Westchester County.

Mr. Whitridge ceased honoring such transfers, under the authority of the court, and the Interborough had previously refused to arrange for transfers between the subway and the Yonkers cars. Mr. Sutherland sold subway tickets for three cents at a loss of two cents, but soon had to give it up. The indignation in Yonkers increased when the Union Railway refused to allow the Yonkers cars to run on the tracks beyond the city line. This action involved a change of cars at the city line and the payment of two fares to the subway terminal, or a 15-cent fare to New York.

Mr. Sutherland arranged with Mr. Whitridge for the use of the Union Railway tracks on the South Broadway and Mount Vernon avenues lines, making a 15-cent fare to New York, with transfer arrangements to Mount Vernon, but this compromise offer was rejected by the Common Council, and an ordinance was adopted requiring the abandonment of the two lines.

OBITUARY. BISHOP JOHN S. MICHAUD.

The death of the Right Rev. John Stephen Michaud, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vt., occurred yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital from Bright's disease. The bishop arrived on Monday on the steamer America from France, where he went two months ago in a vain search for health. All during the return voyage Bishop Michaud was ill, and when the steamer docked was so weak that he was hurried immediately to the hospital, accompanied by his secretary, the Rev. W. A. Plamondon, and his physician, Dr. D. A. Shea, of Burlington.

The death of Bishop Michaud was peculiarly pathetic inasmuch as the sick man had fought with all his strength to live until he reached his home. He became desperately ill in France and, realizing that the end was near, he made known to those with him that he wished to be at home. The trip to this country was a rough one, and the steamer was a full day and a half late.

Bishop Michaud was born on November 24, 1843, in Burlington, Vt., and studied at Montreal College and later at Holy Cross College, in Worcester, Mass., from which he was graduated in 1870. He then took up the study of theology at St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy, N. Y., and was ordained priest on June 7, 1873. On June 29, 1872, he was consecrated bishop.

EDSON G. DAVIDGE, for many years prominent in the affairs of the United States Leather Company, died at his home, in Middletown, N. Y., last night, from Bright's disease.

THOMAS F. SMITH, head of the grain brokerage firm of Thomas F. Smith & Co., died suddenly yesterday in St. James's Hospital, Newark, N. J., of pleuro-pneumonia.

JOHN WOOD, for many years treasurer of the Max Huncke Chemical Company, of Brooklyn, died yesterday at his home, No. 163 West 140th street, after a long illness. Mr. Wood was born in Poughkeepsie sixty-seven years ago. During the Civil War he served for five years in the United States navy. He was commander, and for the last few years had been adjutant, of Lincoln Post, G. A. R. He leaves his wife, one son and a daughter. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Washington, N. J., Dec. 22.—Dr. Charles E. Smith, Mayor of this city, lost the sight of one eye and was partially blinded in the other this morning, when Mrs. Alice Castner, one of his patients, visited his office and threw carbolic acid over his face and head, according to the story told by Dr. Smith, his wife and Miss Alberta Shroppe, the doctor's stenographer. Before throwing the acid, Dr. Smith says, Mrs. Castner threatened to shoot him, but he disarmed her. Dr. Smith believes the woman is insane.

Mrs. Castner is a widow, thirty-five years old. Dr. Smith had treated her for nervous trouble and rheumatism. Last night Mrs. Castner summoned Dr. Frederick La Rivé, and, he declares, she told him that she was coming to Washington to-day to kill either herself or Dr. Smith. The latter was warned by Dr. La Rivé.

When Mrs. Castner called upon him this morning Dr. Smith says she aimed a revolver at him. He wrenched the weapon from her but she refused to leave the house, he says, until he returned the revolver. Dr. Smith then left the room for a moment, and on his return, he says, the woman threw the acid which had been on a shelf in his office. Mrs. Castner hurried from the house, entered her carriage and was driven to her farm.

Dr. Smith said to-night that Mrs. Castner attempted to throw carbolic acid over him when he was paying a professional visit at her home two months ago. Some of the acid was spilled on his neck, he said, and burned it severely.

BOY'S FOOT CRUSHED IN SUBWAY. Crowd on Way to Business in Panic as Buries from Pain.

A cry of pain from William McDowell, a clerk of No. 11 West 128th street, as his foot was crushed between two subway cars at the 73d street station, caused a panic among the passengers on the express train and the platform. The accident happened during the morning rush hours, and the guards had to fight hard to prevent many persons being hurt. It was fully ten minutes before the crowd was assured that there was no danger. Young McDowell was one of many jammed on a platform of a southbound express. The entrance of another flood of humanity as the gates were opened crowded McDowell over to the door leading from one car to the other across the platform. His foot slipped between the two bumpers, and before he could get it out the doors had been closed and the train starting caused the bumpers to come together, crushing his foot between them.

He was hurried to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was said there was little hope of saving the foot as nearly every bone had been broken.

NEW SMELTING COMPANY ACTIVE. Negotiations Already Under Way with Dissatisfied Mine Owners for Contracts.

It was stated yesterday that the International Smelting and Refining Company, which was incorporated in New Jersey on Monday with \$200,000 capital, had already entered into negotiations for contracts with large silver, lead and copper mine owners who are dissatisfied with their present smelting arrangements. The charges for smelting and refining by the new company, it is stated, will be much lower than now exist.

John D. Ryan left here yesterday for the West for the purpose, it was said, of looking over the territory best suited for the erection of smelting and refining plants. The statement was made that the new company would be a going concern at the start and that the stockholders would include many Western mine owners. It is expected that the officers and directors will be announced in a few days.

PHONE BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED.

A total of approximately \$1,000,000 subscription has been received for the \$3,000,000 5 per cent 45-year first mortgage bonds offered by the Higginson & Co. on a 4.50 per cent income basis. The bulk of subscriptions was received in Chicago and Boston.

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