

### L. I. R. R. to Get More Steel Cars, Lengthen Platform at Kew Gardens

At the request of the Transit Commission, the Long Island Railroad has agreed to purchase forty additional steel cars to the end that all Long Island Railroad trains in the electric service might be operated at a maximum length of eleven cars.

The railroad agreed further, at the request of the Commission, to extend the westbound platform of the Kew Gardens station to accommodate eleven-car trains.

The railroad company also agreed to schedule an additional train stop at the Kew Gardens station westbound in the interval between 7:58 and 8:33 a. m., and an additional train leaving Pennsylvania station in the interval between 10:18 and 11:36 p. m., to stop at Kew Gardens.

These agreements were made at a public hearing in the Commission's office, 270 Madison avenue, Manhattan, yesterday.

The Commission is seeking also to have the railroad company equip its trains in the electrical service with an interlocking device so that no train can be operated while a door is open.

The Long Island Railroad requested that the matter of installing these devices be taken up in a conference between the commission and the railroad company engineers. The conference will be held some time before next Thursday, January 17, on which date the engineers are expected to report.

The hearing was adjourned until next Thursday for the purpose of receiving this report.

Commissioner Lockwood presided at the hearing yesterday.

### AUTOIST NABBED IN CHASE OVER QUEENSBORO SPAN

Charging they had pursued his car for nearly a mile over the Queensboro Bridge toward Long Island City after it had struck and damaged two other cars including their own, two motorcycle patrolmen in civilian clothes last night arrested William Leavy, twenty-four, a salesman, said to live at 35-19 147th street, Flushing.

Leavy was taken to the Hunter's Point police station on charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident, made on the complaint of Motorcycle Patrolman Edward F. Feeney, one of the two patrolmen in one of the damaged cars.

The patrolmen said they lost sight of the other car which had been damaged prior to the instant when they charged. Leavy's car struck theirs, the officers said, failed to stop until they caught up to him opposite Crescent street, Long Island City, after a race from the middle of the bridge.

### DRIVER HURT AS CAR HITS "L" PILLAR

John Enright, thirty-four, 538 East Eighty-eighth street, Manhattan, suffered injuries to his nose when the auto he was driving struck an "L" pillar on Bridge Plaza South, near Jackson avenue, Long Island City. The car was wrecked.

Enright's face struck the steering wheel. He was attended by Ambulance Surgeon Steindler of St. John's Hospital.

### 8 SMALL HOMES PLANNED FOR WHITESTONE AREA

Plans for eight two-story one-family frame homes costing \$40,000, to be erected on the north side of Fifteenth street, Whitestone, 100 feet west of Seventh avenue, have been filed with Queens Building Bureau by the Whiteside Building Corporation.

A two-story brick store and apartment building will be built at Grand and National avenues, Corona, by the Evrose Building Corporation, Brooklyn. It will cost \$20,000.

Jerome Ryan will build a one-story brick show room at a cost of \$10,000 on the east side of Northern boulevard, Bayside, 150 feet east of 208th street.

### FLUSHING 'Y' THEFT CASE IS ADJOURNED

Heavily guarded, Joseph Richetsky, thirty-one, 101 Forty-fourth street, Astoria, who escaped from the Flushing Magistrate's Court by leaping from a second-story window in November, 1927, was arraigned in the same court yesterday charged with grand larceny.

According to the complaint, he stole a watch and chain and checks from a locker in the Flushing Y. M. C. A.

Magistrate Frank Giorgio held him without bail until January 17, when he asked that the case be adjourned because his counsel, Dana Wallace, is engaged today at Queens County Court.

### HARVEY DEFENDS CLARK CANDIDACY FOR ALDERMAN

#### De Bragga Announces Assembly District Heads Have Agreed on Choice.

The candidacy of Major John Holley Clark of Flushing as successor to Borough President George U. Harvey in the Board of Aldermen was strenuously defended yesterday by the Borough President and George Ehrmann, secretary to the Borough President, who is also chairman of the Republican district captains of the Fourth Assembly District.

County Leader Joseph H. De Bragga announced that he is unqualifiedly in favor of Major Clark to succeed Harvey and that Major Clark's name was decided upon at a conference between former Magistrate John Kochendorfer and Mrs. Ebbie Winslow, Republican leaders of the fourth Assembly District.

Members of the Republican organization today accepted as certain that the name of Major Clark will be designated to fill the vacancy despite the charges of Harry Styles, Jamaica Republican, against Major Clark's party affiliation.

Borough President Harvey said that Major Clark is one of the most loyal Republicans he has ever known and that Major Clark is a Republican by inheritance, education and conviction.

"The only time I differed with Major Clark was when I accused him once of being a little too partisan," said the Borough President. "He is a 100 per cent Republican every day of the year and I wish there were others like him."

Frederick C. Sasse, Borough Secretary, said that any one who questions Major Clark's Republicanism does not know very much about Fourth Assembly District politics.

Mr. Sasse pointed out that Major Clark has been a member of the Republican County Committee and was president of the Third Ward Republican Club.

Mr. Ehrmann declared there is no better Republican in Queens than Major Clark and he belittled the allegations that Major Clark is not an enrolled Republican.

Applied to finished concrete in the form of a fine spray, an asphalt emulsion is said to result in better curing of the material.

### Wife Gets Bulk of Harms Estate In Astoria, More Than \$40,000

The estate of Gustave L. Harms, 186 Thirty-seventh street (Eighth avenue), Astoria, painter and decorator and pioneer resident of the Steinway section of Astoria, who died December 23, is evaluated at "more than \$40,000" in his will, just filed with Surrogate Daniel Noble.

The will directs the establishment of a \$33,000 trust fund, and the payment of the income from \$27,000 of the fund to his wife, Esther Margaret Harms, who is also left a cash bequest of \$1,000. Mrs. Harms is to receive at least \$1,455 annually, the will stipulates.

The income from the remaining \$6,000 is to be paid to a sister-in-law, Adelheid Thomsen, who also receives a cash bequest of \$1,000 and the privilege of living at the Thirty-seventh street address rent-free during the rest of her life.

Bequest of \$1,000 each are also provided for the grandchildren, Arthur and Alice Harms, 40-27 166th street, Flushing; Clarence and Adelaide Hilbrandt, 186 Thirty-seventh street, Astoria; and Madeline and Katherine Harms, 46-62 156th street, Flushing.

The rest of the estate is to be divided among the sons, Gustave Harms, 40-27 166th street, Flushing, and Frederick Harms, 46-62 156th street, Flushing, and the daughter, Mathilda Hilbrandt, 186 Thirty-seventh street, Astoria.

### AUTOMOBILES HIT 3 PERSONS ON NORTH SHORE

Peter Blain, forty-two, 42-37 206th street, Bayside, suffered a fracture of the left leg while crossing Northern boulevard, Bayside, at 206th street, when he was hit by an auto operated by Martin Tipper, Shoreline, Manhasset.

He was attended by Dr. Colesard of Flushing Hospital and removed to Metropolitan Hospital.

Mathilda Scheu, twenty, of 1814 Woodbine street, Ridgewood, was knocked down by an automobile last night while crossing Grand avenue at Seventy-second street (Lexington avenue), Maspeth, and suffered lacerations of the face, both legs and the fingers of the right hand.

She was attended by Dr. Geisler of Wyckoff Heights Hospital and taken home.

The car which injured her was operated by Samuel Landberg of 1215 President street, Brooklyn, according to Henry Biermann, sixty-five, 165 Forty-first avenue (Gunther street), Corona, was struck by an auto while crossing Roosevelt avenue at 111th street, Corona. He refused medical aid.

Daniel A. Coin, 1 Benham street, Elmhurst, operated the machine, the police report.

### BAYSIDE CLERGYMAN AT RICKARD FUNERAL

The Rev. Charles Hynes of Bayside, a family friend of Mrs. G. H. (Tex) Rickard, who is a Catholic, was among the clergymen who officiated at the funeral services held for the late housing promoter in Madison Garden yesterday.

### DE BRAGGA URGED TO OPPOSE NEW LAW FOR VOTERS

#### Woodside Man Sees Danger From "Floaters" if Measure Passes.

Arthur F. Nelson, of 43-27 Fifty-seventh street, Woodside, has written to Joseph H. De Bragga, Republican leader in Queens, asking him to use his influence against Assemblyman Postbauer's bill now before the Assembly in Albany whereby a voter need only have lived thirty days in his county of residence before an election instead of four months as at present.

The letter of Mr. Nelson, who is vice-president of the Woodside Republican Club, says:

"A bill, which provides that a voter must have resided in the county in which he wishes to vote for the last thirty days preceding the election, instead of four months as required under the present statute, has been presented by Assemblyman Postbauer."

"Admitting that in some cases the present law prevents well-meaning citizens from voting, due to having changed their residence within the four months as prescribed, it is advisable to ascertain, if possible, the motive for the proposed legislation, and also the situation which will be created by amending the law and requiring only thirty days' residence in the county before an otherwise qualified voter can participate in a county election."

"New York City has been treated, in the recent past, to some very enlightening examples of what can be accomplished by a 'floating' voting element, who establish residence in strategic districts, just within the legal time limit, and participate in local elections to the benefit of local corrupt politicians, and the detriment of the permanent resident in the locality."

"This proposed amendment should be opposed by our members in the Assembly, and I respectfully urge you to use your utmost influence to that effect."

### DECLARE BUILDING MATERIAL SLOWS STATE ST. TRAFFIC

Travelers riding between Bayside and Flushing have been occasioned delay caused by blocking of State street at various points where apartment houses are under construction.

It is frequently noted that trucks containing building materials occupy so much space in the street that it is impossible for buses to pass until these materials are unloaded and the trucks moved out.

This often requires from five to ten minutes, and as a result, the buses or cars who are anxious to get to their destinations are compelled to wait through the period of time mentioned.

It has been suggested that the superintendent of the respective buildings under construction endeavor to eliminate this inconvenience to the commuters by allowing ample space in the street for buses to pass while the trucks are there. It has also been suggested that the placement of building material, especially to occupy considerably more space than is usually permitted, be made difficult.

Frequently, materials such as brick and cement blocks, fall over the path of vehicles and remain there until they are crushed. Commuters get the benefit of a sufficient number of jolts to reduce these materials to rubble, apparently no effort is made to remove these obstacles.

### CORONA GROUP FIGHTS DUMPING OF OLD AUTOS

Acting on the many complaints received regarding dumping of cinders and old cars at 111th street and Roosevelt avenue, Corona, the East Corona Property Owners' Association has voted to send a request to the officials of the service station at that location that the practice be discontinued.

Residents in the vicinity contend that the dumping of cinders and old cars create an unsightly condition and that it constitutes a violation of the city ordinances.

No promise of relief for express service on the Corona-Flushing line was held out by the officials of the section, the secretary reported in reading a communication from the Transit Commission which stated that no express service on the third track could be given immediately because of the lack of signals and the expense which would be incurred in installing them.

In reply to a letter which had been sent to the officials of the I. R. T., complaining of the skipping of the 111th street station by trains during rush hours, the transit company has asked the commuters to report the number of train and time when it skipped the station so that verification might be made to determine whether that particular train was authorized to omit the station stop.

Action was also taken to request the Transit Commission to order express service on the Second avenue "L" trains of the Corona-Flushing line from Fifty-seventh street, Manhattan, to City Hall.

### AUTOPSY CLEARS LONG ISLAND CITY DEATH MYSTERY

Following an autopsy performed by Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Thomas A. Gonzales at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, detectives in command of Deputy Inspector John J. Gallagher closed the investigation into the death of James McDonough, forty, 58-69 Collins avenue, Maspeth, who was found dead in a rooming house at 30 East street (East avenue), Hunter's Point.

Dr. Gonzales gave the cause of McDonough's death as gas poisoning. McDonough's brother, Fred, who was asleep in the same room with McDonough and three other persons, who were not affected by gas fumes, said that he found the dead man lying on the floor with his head near a detached rubber hose which had been connected with a heater. The gas was turned on, he said.

Detectives of the Hunter's Point and new Queens homicide squad, together with Assistant District Attorney Thornton, launched an investigation immediately after the discovery of McDonough's death. A number of empty pint bottles were strewn around the room and Detectives John Werts and Anthony Sadio, Jr., were told a drinking party had been in progress in the room since Monday night.

A few hours later Plainclothesmen Timothy Grady and William Gahan of the Sixteenth Inspection Division raided an alleged speakeasy at 65 Eleventh street, where, it was said, members of the party declared they had obtained liquor.

McDonough was married and had one child.

### MASPETH MAN JAILED ON WIFE'S CHARGE

Vincent Clarkowski, thirty-three, of 145 Clinton avenue, Maspeth, is beginning a six month term in the workhouse today for non-support.

Warrant Officer John J. Finnegan of the Ridgewood Magistrate's Court arrested him on complaint of his wife, Anna, who said that the defendant had abandoned her and their children, Frank, thirteen, and Irene, seven.

Finnegan went to the Nichols Copper Company plant, Laurel Hill, where Clarkowski was employed and took him into custody.

In Ridgewood Court yesterday Magistrate Doyle ordered the defendant to put up a bond of \$750 to assure payments of \$25 weekly for the maintenance of his family. When the bond was not forthcoming, the man followed.

### Corona Civics Appeal to Public To Aid Families in Dire Need

The welfare committee of Corona Community Council is making a special appeal to residents of Corona for individual contributions to help two cases calling for special need at the present time.

One case is a widow, who is maintaining six children. One son has been discharged recently from a hospital after a serious illness and must be sent away to a health resort. Compensation is pending but has been delayed, and the mother and herself in extreme want.

The other case is a widow who is very ill at the present time and is four months in arrears for rent.

Checks may be made payable to Mrs. Thomas Healy, Roosevelt avenue and 108th street, Corona, or to welfare fund of Corona Community Council, Mrs. Katherine Volp, secretary, 43-14 Junction boulevard, Corona.

Contributions already received are the Mothers' Club of P. S. 19, Corona, \$10; James C. MacDevitt, \$5; P. Billone, \$2; A. Friend, \$1; and miscellaneous, \$5.75.

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