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TRI-BORO BRIDGE IS UNCALLED FOR, SAYS LINDENTHAL

TRAFFIC DECK FOR CONNECTING RAILROAD SPAN PROPOSED BY DESIGNER.

Noted Engineer Reveals Original Plan to Use Hell Gate Arch for Foot and Vehicular Traffic—Cost \$12,000,000.

To build a new bridge across Hell Gate channel, as proposed by two bills introduced in the Legislature, would be uncalled for and a waste, in the opinion of Gustav Lindenthal, engineer.

When told of renewed agitation for the erection of a tri-borough bridge, Mr. Lindenthal was emphatic in his condemnation of the scheme.

Instead of constructing a new bridge, parallel to the present span of the New York Connecting Railroad, which he designed, Mr. Lindenthal proposes that the existing bridge be used for foot and vehicular traffic by adding an upper deck.

He first conceived the possibility of some future desire for a direct connection between the Bronx and Queens when he drew the plans for the Connecting Railroad.

At that time he got in touch with the president of the North Side Board of Trade and explained the feasibility of utilizing the Hell Gate bridge for public traffic.

Plan Could Be Modified. He said that the bridge, in fact, he thought the road might be somewhat averse to entering into any form of partnership with the city.

The idea was that the original plans be easily modified to provide for additional deck or, comparatively additional spans. He contemplates having the railroad stand the entire cost, simply covering the city an annual rental approximately equal to the additional maintenance, interest and amortization charges.

Mr. Lindenthal never heard from the president of the North Side Board of Trade again and does not know what disposition was made of his advice.

To add an upper deck to the Hell Gate Bridge now presents a somewhat different problem, in the opinion of Mr. Lindenthal, but one that would be cheaper by far than a new bridge.

It would not be possible to utilize the entire length of the structure for double decking.

A new approach from the Bronx for pedestrian and vehicular traffic would have to be constructed from the Southern Boulevard in the Bronx and joining the present Hell Gate Bridge somewhere over Randall's Island.

This structure would be carried over the Bronx Kills by a draw bridge. The most likely point for the juncture with the present span, in Mr. Lindenthal's opinion, would be almost directly over the House of Refuge on Randall's Island.

Cost \$12,000,000. The Connecting Railroad has a long viaduct that swings through Queens to Astoria.

Mr. Lindenthal said that the upper deck could be carried over this to a point in Queens thought suitable and there connected with a new approach.

He estimates the cost of such an upper deck, including the bridge over the Bronx and the approach in Queens, to be about \$12,000,000.

This does not take into account any expenditure that might be found necessary to procure the right of way for the approaches.

The tri-borough project as originally formulated also called for a connection with Manhattan at 125th street. This is practicable in connection with the utilization of the present Hell Gate Bridge, says Mr. Lindenthal.

NO BASIS FOR RUMOR OF TEACHERS' STRIKE

Rumors of a strike among school teachers in the Long Island City public schools Wednesday afternoon were unfounded, investigation disclosed.

The rumors were strongest in the Hunter's Point section, where it was said that the teachers had not received their December pay and had quit their classrooms.

W. L. Cremin, principal of Public School No. 1, the Hunter's Point School, said that the teachers throughout the city had been paid for December and for January as well and that the rumor was groundless.

He thought that perhaps it had had its source in the absence of five teachers through illness, which has necessitated, for some days past, part time work by several classes.

Other school principals joined with Mr. Cremin in exploding the rumor.

DE BRAGGA LEANS TO FUSION DEAL ON PROSECUTOR

"STRAIGHT TICKET" AGITATION FAILS TO BEND REPUBLICAN LEADER.

New County Committee May Indorse District Attorney O'Leary Through County Chairman's Influence—No Fusion Probable on Sheriff.

Joseph H. De Bragga, chairman of the Queens County Republican Committee, has not been greatly impressed by the agitation by some members of his party, principal among whom is Magistrate Kochendorfer, for the nomination only of straight Republicans at the coming primaries.

Those who know the Republican leader are aware that his opinions most generally prevail when submitted to the members of the organization. When Leader De Bragga was asked yesterday what he had to say on the proposition of only straight party nominations, he said:

"I have formed no opinion whatever beyond a personal one, but at the present time my personal opinion is not the opinion of the organization.

"In this matter I will be guided entirely by the vote that will be taken by the Queens County Republican Committee. When the time comes for the making of nominations, the County Committee will consider the matter and a vote will be taken.

"Any attempt to determine what the opinion of the County Committee will be would be of no avail at this time, because we will elect an entirely new County Committee at the primary in April. How many of the present members of the committee will be members then I cannot tell."

The statement by Leader De Bragga indicates that the proposition of fusion candidates by the Republicans is still a possibility.

When District Attorney O'Leary was nominated three years ago, he was endorsed by the County Committee.

His friends now are known to be working with members of the Republican County Committee and it is said that members are favorable to an endorsement of Mr. O'Leary for re-election.

There are very few changes in the personnel of the County Committee from year to year so that most of those who are now members will be returned at the April primary.

Republicans of the organization who visit headquarters in Long Island City say that this proposition of straight nominations or fusion candidates will be most hotly contested until it is finally decided.

There are strong supporters of both propositions. Most of those who are for straight nominations are supporters of some candidate who is anxious to get the nomination for District Attorney.

The general sentiment among Republicans throughout the county is that a straight Republican will be nominated for Sheriff.

AMERICANIZATION TEACHERS WILL SERVE WITHOUT PAY. Rochester, Feb. 19.—About one hundred city teachers in the night school of Americanization, whose classes were ordered dropped by the school board this week on account of lack of funds, resolved at a meeting today to continue their work without pay.

QUEENS G. O. P. SOLONS GRIN AT ANDERSON BOOM

ASSEMBLYMEN CALL DRY LEADER JOKE AS GOVERNOR CANDIDATE.

Pette, Baum and Halpern Ridicule Suggestion That Anti-Saloon League's Head Run on Republican Ticket.

Assemblymen Nicholas M. Pette, Henry Baum and Ralph Halpern of Queens are opposed to William H. Anderson, leader of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, as a nominee for Governor on the Republican ticket.

An Albany correspondent asked each assemblyman these questions: Would you favor William H. Anderson as the Republican nominee for Governor of New York?

Mr. Pette's answers follow: "As for running William H. Anderson for Governor on the Republican ticket, nothing doing. The Republican party disclaims any connection with him at all. I don't feel that he represents even a small minority of the party."

"I consider Anderson as a lobbyist and think the kind of work he is doing here is winning former dries to the cause of the wets. I unreservedly am opposed to the tactics resorted to here by him."

"I think that a liberal interpretation of the Federal Prohibition Amendment, with full recognition of personal liberty, coupled with Americanism, will be the big issue of the State campaign."

"I am not in favor of a plank in favor of prohibition in the State Republican campaign."

Mr. Baum said: "I expressed an opinion as to William H. Anderson being the Republican candidate for Governor, I could be arrested for my thoughts and words."

"There is no question that the liberal interpretation of the Federal prohibition amendment, with full recognition of personal liberty, will be the big issue in the State campaign. It should be referred to the people, without a doubt."

"Outside of that, the enforcement of prohibition with a liberal interpretation is one of the big issues of the campaign."

"I am not in favor of a plank favoring prohibition in the State Republican campaign."

"The idea of William H. Anderson being the candidate of the Republican party for Governor is a joke."

"Whether or not a liberal interpretation of the Federal prohibition amendment will be the big issue in the State campaign depends wholly on conditions as they materialize."

DEPUTY SHERIFFS TO GET BADGES AT COST

Sheriff William N. George announced Wednesday that he is not out to make money out of his appointments of deputy sheriffs. He is going to stick strictly to cost in conferring this particular power upon several hundred residents of the borough.

"I have not made any appointments of deputy sheriffs as yet," said Sheriff George, "although the applications are coming in with every mail. I expect to wait until I get them all in and then I will act. I will endeavor to distribute the appointments as equitably throughout the different sections of the county as possible."

"I can make an announcement, however, and that is that I am going to charge \$3.25 for badges from these deputies, instead of \$5.25. That is exactly what the badges cost and I am not going to make any money out of it."

Sheriff George was reminded that at least one of his predecessors had compelled all of the deputies to take out bonds in a surety company. He was asked if he was going to establish such a regulation.

"I do not expect to," he replied.

Why Depth Fishes Are Black. The depth fishes are all exceedingly ferocious, as shown by their huge, lancet shaped teeth. All of them are inky black—as might be expected from the fact that their abode is one of absolute and everlasting darkness. Some are blind, while others have huge goggling eyes; for amid the darkness phosphorescent lights are carried by many of the abysmal creatures, even by the fishes themselves.

PETTE BILL WOULD CUT L. I. R. R. FARE IN CITY'S LIMITS

ASSEMBLYMAN SAYS PENNY SUBSIDY OVERCHARGES QUEENS RIDERS.

Compares Rates in This Borough With Lower Schedule for Longer Hauls From Manhattan Terminal to New Jersey Towns.

A bill just introduced into the Legislature by Assemblyman Nicholas M. Pette of Queens would force a reduction of fares of the Long Island Railroad on its lines in New York City operating out of the Pennsylvania station in Manhattan in conformity with the lower rate of fare charged by the Pennsylvania Railroad, of which the Long Island Railroad is a subsidiary, on its lines from the Pennsylvania station to New Jersey.

The bill is particularly directed to bring relief to Queens where the residents for several years have been complaining that residents of New Jersey pay a smaller fare for the same Pennsylvania terminal and New Jersey points on a longer haul than do Queens passengers.

Assemblyman Pette introduced his bill Wednesday. In his possession at the time was information forwarded him by John Adikes of Jamaica and prepared by the Jamaica Board of Trade showing the relative fares paid by the Queens residents and the New Jersey residents.

The figures show the rate of fare for the eleven-mile trip between Pennsylvania station and Park place on the New Jersey side.

A single trip costs 37 cents, a round-trip 33 cents, a 60-trip book \$5.60 and a monthly commutation \$5.22.

To show the discrimination against the New York City residents it is pointed out that residents of Flushing, which is only a little more than nine miles from the Pennsylvania station, pay 28 cents a single trip, 44 cents a round-trip, \$9.55 for a 60-trip ticket and \$7.81 for a monthly commutation ticket.

Between College Point and the Pennsylvania terminal, a distance of eleven miles, the charge is 33 cents for a single trip, 66 cents for a round-trip, \$10.95 for a 60-trip ticket and \$8.45 for a monthly commutation ticket.

Residents of Brooklyn, Manor, which is ten miles from the Pennsylvania terminal, pay 28 cents a single trip, 48 cents a round-trip, \$9.53 a 60-trip ticket and \$7.48 for a monthly commutation ticket.

Jamaica residents pay 33 cents a single trip, 59 cents a round-trip, \$12.10 for a 60-trip ticket and \$8.80 for a monthly commutation ticket.

Residents of Queens, Jamaica is eleven and three-tenths miles from the Pennsylvania terminal.

The Assemblyman says that 70 per cent of the residents of Queens depend on the Long Island Railroad for transportation.

He also points out that Queens must bear the burden of an additional 5 per cent war tax for transportation on the company's lines because of the rates, which in nearly all instances are more than 35 cents a single trip.

The Jersey residents do not have to meet this tax. Another argument of the Board of Trade is that whereas the City of New York bore part of the expense of the maintenance of the railroad's grade crossings in Queens, in New Jersey the railroad was forced to tunnel beneath the grade crossings.

Mr. Adikes will go to Albany to support the Pette bill.

FRENCH MEMORIALS TO BE GIVEN AT NEWTOWN

The French certificates for war-behaved Elmhurst, Corona and East Elmhurst families will be presented on the night of February 23, at the Newtown High School under the auspices of the Elmhurst Post of the American Legion.

The Elmhurst Post is making extensive preparations for this ceremony which promises to be a very impressive one.

Several prominent speakers have been invited to attend, among them the chaplain of the Elmhurst Post, who will deliver a sermon.

Dr. George Forbes of Astoria, recent geologist at Roosevelt Hospital, Manhattan; St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, and St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, has been made a member of the American Congress of Internal Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. These two titles are the highest honors that can be conferred upon a physician in this country. It is believed that Dr. Forbes is the only physician in this country to receive them.

Snow Shovelers' Pay Is Held Up By Controller's Objection To Wage Increase Won After Strike

The pay of the emergency snow shovelers for work done in clearing Queens streets on February 7, 8, 9 and 10 is being held up because of the objection of Controller Craig to paying the men at the rate of seventy-five cents an hour, it was learned today.

The men hired for the emergency will be paid tonight for February 3, 4, 5 and 6, when the rate was fifty cents an hour, but their pay for the four succeeding days is not forthcoming.

The Controller's objection is based upon the fact that fifty cents an hour is the proper rate. Replying to this statement, Borough President Connolly in a lengthy letter recites the circumstances that make it necessary for the Borough of Queens to pay seventy-five cents.

He points out that the fifty-cent rate obtains for laborers who merely shovel the snow in piles in the other boroughs, where it is removed by contractors who pay their men as high as a dollar an hour.

In Queens, he explains, the same laborers shovel the snow from the road and into the wagons as well. He points out that Queens is unable to get men for fifty cents an hour, when the men can get a dollar a mile away, from private contractors working in Manhattan. Laborers went on strike in Queens, forcing the payment of the higher scale.

Concluding his letter, the Borough President reminds the Controller that the men are in needy circumstances and should be paid their money as soon as possible.

Should the Controller persist in his attitude, it will be impossible for Queens to obtain enough men to clear the streets should another storm occur.

MISS HUME, DENYING ALL ACCUSATIONS, TO REPLY TONIGHT

Collusion between trustees and librarians of the Queens Borough Public Library is charged in a lengthy statement issued today by Miss Jessie P. Hume, who tonight will submit a written reply to the library board, concluding the long controversy begun by her removal from the office of chief librarian last March.

Her position in the library has been abolished and John T. Atwater has been appointed to fill the post of director, which corresponds to the place formerly held by Miss Hume. The board, at its last meeting, after two turbulent sessions in which partisans and opponents of Miss Hume spoke bitterly, closed the controversy, but gave Miss Hume the privilege of communicating with the board in writing.

Miss Hume, in her statement today which is substantially the same as that which will be submitted to the board tonight, alleges that she and other members of the library staff were hounded because they engaged in war work, and that the statements made at the two public meetings constitute in themselves evidence that there was collusion, if not conspiracy, between trustees and librarians to oust her.

She denies all accusations made against her and alleges that on the part of most of the complainants there was false testimony and the suppression of evidence.

COURT ENDS DISPUTE ON PROPERTY LINE

Justice A. L. Squiers late Wednesday afternoon finished two days' testimony in the action of George T. Foran against James J. McCaffrey.

Both are residents of Seaside. Mr. Foran brought the action against Mr. McCaffrey for \$5,500 damages, which he alleged, resulted from Mr. McCaffrey constructing a frame house on Central avenue between Wainwright and Conway streets, Seaside.

This, according to Mr. Foran, encroached a foot on a five-foot strip of land between the holdings of Mr. Foran and Mr. McCaffrey, the ownership of which is in dispute.

Justice Squiers directed that the owners come to an agreement on a dividing line in the disputed strip and that Mr. McCaffrey be allowed an easement for the strip now covered by the part of his house objected to by Mr. Foran.

Justice Squiers directed that Mr. McCaffrey be allowed the use of this easement as long as the wall of his house lasted.

The list of those whom the War Department believes to be delinquent is to be published, either in whole at Washington, or in sections locally. The purpose of this publication is to inform the alleged deserter, his friends and acquaintances that the charge of desertion stands against him.

A special Washington's Birthday dancing session will be held at the Terrace Garden Dance Palace Monday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. Daniel F. O'Connell, of 408 East Fifty-third street, Manhattan, and Elma Q. Burkard, of 448 Ditmars avenue, Long Island City, won the Florence Walton silver cup in the waltz contest at the dance palace Tuesday evening. Miss Illingworth of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, was the judge.

LOCAL BOARD AIDS WHITESTONE'S WAR ON ALCOHOL PLANT

ADOPTS RESOLUTION FOR RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY FACING FACTORY INVASION.

Estimate Body Will Be Asked to Zone Section As Business District—Hisses For Owners Who Gave Options.

Residents and property owners of Whitestone, Malba and Beechhurst have won the first round in the fight to prevent the location of a plant by the United States Industrial Alcohol Company at Whitestone.

On Wednesday night the Jamaica Local Board at the Town Hall, Flushing, adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of Estimate to remove from an unrestricted to a business district the section in which it is planned to erect the alcohol plant.

The acceptance of the petition by the Board of Estimate will amend the zoning law and will prevent the erection of the alcohol plant or any plant for industrial purposes in the section included in the petition.

The petition and its scope was suggested by Borough President Maurice K. Connolly, who presided at the meeting of the Local Board.

Three hundred persons attended the meeting, which at times was enlivened by catcalls and hisses directed against owners whose property is under option by the alcohol company and who argued against the placing of restrictions.

The petition as it will be presented to the Board of Estimate tomorrow in City Hall, Manhattan, will ask for the placing in a business district of the property 100 feet on either side of Bay-side avenue, from Nineteenth street to a point 100 feet north of the Boulevard. Also Twenty-second street from Eleventh Avenue to the Long Island Railroad.

Considerable property is included in these boundaries, much of which, it is understood, is now under option to the alcohol company.

At the meeting those opposed to the alcohol plant were represented by I. T. Flatto. Clinton T. Roe spoke for the property owners whose land is under option to the alcohol company.

There were loud cheers from the great majority of those present when Joseph Thumm, owner of property under option to the company, arose to announce that his option with the company would expire on March 1, and that he would not renew it, and that the application of the Whitestone people to the alcohol plant.

Mr. Thumm controls a number of bowling alleys. The cheers which greeted Mr. Thumm's announcement were followed by hisses for W. F. Pripplinger, who announced that he wanted to dispose of his property to the alcohol company because he plans going to California to live.

"Go tonight," was the suggestion, shouted at Mr. Pripplinger by several persons.

QUEENS BASEBALL PLANS BEFORE INTER-CITY ASS'N

Amateur and semi-professional baseball teams of this borough will start preparation for the 1920 season at the first regular meeting of the Inter-City Baseball Association in the Pulitzer Building, Manhattan, next Tuesday night.

Among the Queens baseball teams to be represented at the meeting are the Springfield Baseball Club, the Long Island City Baseball Club, Glendale Farmers, Corona Feds, Richmond Hill Baseball Club and the Ridgewood Athletic Club. Ridgewood Lycium Baseball Club, Lincoln Council, Knights of Columbus, College Point Baseball Club.

Indications for a baseball year in Queens this season point to the most successful ever enjoyed by the members of the Inter-City Baseball Association, the controlling body of the game in this borough.

Long Island City fans as usual will be able to enjoy the game at Springfield Oval, Steinway and Jackson avenues, while Ridgewood enthusiasts will gather at Glendale Oval.

The Astoria Glee Club would like to hear from a few more ladies with natural singing voices. The director is Prof. Englishman. Aside from the singing there are many social features connected with the club. The secretary, Mrs. May Gensmers, may be reached by a letter, Astoria Glee Club, Hettinger's Hall.

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