

ROOSEVELT CALLS GROWTH OF QUEENS 'MOST AMAZING THING IN CIVILIZATION'

BOY AT PLAY, HIT BY AUTO, BADLY HURT

Emergency Operation Performed to Remove Blood Clot From Brain

Joseph Catrone, 6-year-old son of a Long Island Railroad collector, is given an even chance to live today at Van Wyck Hospital, Jamaica, where he was taken last night after he was run down by an automobile while playing near his home.

An emergency operation was performed by Dr. Lester Samuels, head of the hospital. The 45-minute operation involved removal of a blood clot pressing on the brain, according to Dr. Samuels.

Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Catrone at 150-44 114th place, Aquebuck.

The youngster, who is in the 1B at Public School 146, Howard Beach, spent the afternoon playing with friends. About 4 o'clock, Joseph asked his mother for some potatoes to roast in the yard at the rear of the house.

Mrs. Catrone told him that he was welcome to enough potatoes for the "gang," but Joseph came back to the house shortly. He said he had changed his mind about the potatoes and was going to show his friends "what a swell wagon you bought me last Saturday."

Joseph had wanted a wagon for some time, his father said last night, and a week ago today, the purchase was made.

Sees Son in Hospital

The next Mrs. Catrone saw her son he was in the hospital, his twisted form unconscious on a cot. News of the accident, which happened at 115th street and North Conduit boulevard, was brought to Mrs. Catrone by her other child, Clorinda, 8, who came running into the house, shouting "Joey's hurt! Joey's hurt!"

Clorinda had been playing a short distance from the boys. She did not see the car, driven by Joseph Fleischman, 41, a B. M. T. conductor, beat down on her brother.

Fleischman, who lives at 128-11 142nd street, South Jamaica, said that Joseph was walking along the side of the road and suddenly darted in front of the car.

Fleischman's machine was tested by Detective William Meyer and found in good working order.

Neither Meyer or Mrs. Catrone said they had been able to find witnesses to the accident and they did not know who took Joseph to the hospital.

Dr. Samuels said he had no record of who brought the child to the institution, but that apparently a passing motorist rushed the boy to the nearest hospital.

The Van Wyck Hospital is a private institution.

THREE HURT IN CRASH ON ROOSEVELT AVE.

Three were injured last night when an automobile collided with a truck at Roosevelt avenue and 108th street, Corona.

They are Eugene McLaughlin, 34, of Brooklyn, driver of the car; Katherine Field, 25, of 41-45 49th street, Woodside, and James Miller, 27, of 21-47 37th street, Long Island City. All were attended for cuts and bruises.

The driver of the truck, Guida Panerri, 28, of 146-12 15th avenue, Whitestone, was not hurt. His vehicle is owned by the Root Fruit Market, 136-10 Roosevelt avenue, Flushing.

A spare wheel from the McLaughlin car broke loose and crashed through the store window of Benjamin Zwine at 39-24 108th street.

CRASH VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL

Injured by an automobile Monday, Alex Oleh, 35, of 109-27 143rd street, South Jamaica, died last night at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Laborer Buried to Waist As Excavation Caves In

Ribs Broken, Doctors Report; Saved by Fellow Workers

Buried to the waist in a 14-foot sewer excavation, Nicholas Caccavello, 25, of 101-12 126th street, Richmond Hill, was extricated by four fellow workers and taken to Mary Immaculate Hospital yesterday afternoon.

The accident took place at 170th street and 144th avenue, Springfield. Physicians said three of Caccavello's ribs were broken.

The victim's wife, formerly Rose Romanelli of 103-38 101st street, Ozone Park, whom he wed July 17

last, visited him at the hospital last night. She said that he told her he lost consciousness when the earth tumbled about him.

The city inspector assigned to the job, Otto Zamow of Hollis, insisted there was no cave-in. He said that Caccavello was installing a 16-foot plank which struck him on the head.

Zamow, husband of Mrs. Catherine Zamow, who is secretary to District Attorney Charles P. Sullivan, declared:

"No dirt touched the man." He admitted, however, that he did not see the accident.

Police listed the cause of Caccavello's injuries as "sand slipping down on the man."

Cops Comb Woods For Mystery Packages

For more than two hours today detectives and police combed the wooded area at Union turnpike and Rocky Hill road, Creedmoor, searching for packages supposed to have been dropped by some men early this morning.

Police were called by a WPA watchman on a local project who saw the men drive up in a car, carry several bundles into the woods and return empty-handed.

The search was prompted by the belief the packages might conceal a crime.

FIREMAN HURT IN ENGINE CRASH

Fireman Thomas Freeman, 46, of 107-50 114th street, Richmond Hill, suffered head injuries last night when an engine and an automobile collided at Union turnpike and Kew Gardens road, Kew Gardens.

Freeman, who is attached to Engine Company 270, Richmond Hill, remained on duty after he was attended by an ambulance doctor.

The driver of the car, Simon White of 139-33 86th street, Richmond Hill, was not injured.

The engine was responding to an alarm from an apartment house at Ascan avenue and Queens boulevard, Forest Hills, where there was a blaze in garbage disposal apparatus. The call was later recorded as "unnecessary."

Ridgewood Man Dies of Gas

Fred Bohn, 44, died of illuminating gas today at his home, 1659 Hancock street, Ridgewood. He was found in his room by Mrs. Emma Lutz with whom he boarded.

She told police she found a hose under his pillow with one end connected to a wall jet.

Mrs. Lutz notified police and Emergency Truck 17 from Ozone Park station was dispatched to the scene. Efforts to revive Bohn were unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead by Ambulance Interne Mailard of Wyckoff Heights Hospital.

Injured Man Arrested As Vagrant

Wandering about with a bandage around his head, Thomas Cooney, 49, who said he has no home, was arrested by Maspeth police last night on a charge of vagrancy.

Dr. Powers of St. John's Hospital treated him for cuts of the chin and forehead. Cooney said he did not know how he received the injuries. He will be arraigned in Ridgewood Court today.

STRIKE VICTIM DIES

READING, Pa. (UP)—M. Earl Schlegel, 25-year-old employee of the Berkshire Knitting Mills, died today in Reading Hospital, the first victim of strike rioting which began Thursday.

Jamaica Day Set Record For Sales, Merchants Say

Annual Bargain Event Draws Shoppers From Three Counties

New sales records for Jamaica Day were set yesterday, Milward Pick, chairman of the Jamaica Day Committee, reported today.

Shoppers from all parts of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk thronged the business district.

The thousands of bargain hunters, brought by bus, trolley, train and automobiles, filled the gaily decorated stores until the 10 p. m. closing time.

Merchants were unanimous in hailing the day as the biggest Ja-

YOUNG BANDITS HOLD UP DINER

'Nervous' Thugs Escape With \$10

Two youthful bandits held up a St. Albans lunch wagon early today and escaped with \$10.

George Peterson, counterman, told Jamaica detectives that he was alone in the diner at 123-13 Merrick road, shortly after 2 a. m. when a youth entered, and holding his hand in his coat pocket as if he concealed a revolver, ordered Peterson not to make an outcry or he would be killed.

Walking rapidly behind the counter he took the money from the cash register while the second thug acted as lookout in front of the place. The pair quickly disappeared.

Peterson informed radio patrolmen that the pair were in their teens and appeared nervous.

Police recalled that about a month ago two youthful robbers held up the Olympic Diner, Jamaica avenue and 168th street, in the heart of Jamaica's business district, in similar fashion and escaped with a small sum.

Eaton Retained By Bleakley

The Republican state organization patched up its differences for the duration of the campaign last night.

Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley, the party's gubernatorial candidate, announced he had persuaded Melvin C. Eaton to withdraw his resignation as state chairman.

Eaton's consent to remain as head of the party removes the threat of a mid-campaign scramble for the post and postpones until after the election the battle looming between J. Russell Sprague, Nassau leader, and Edwin F. Jaekle of Erie for control of the state organization.

ACCUSED COP AWAITS HEARING

Patrolman Michael Ronan, 37, of Jackson Heights, who was arrested yesterday in the Astoria police station after he had gone there to demand the arrest of two other patrolmen, will be given a hearing Friday in Long Island City Court on a disorderly conduct charge.

Magistrate Benjamin Marvin paroled Ronan yesterday in custody of his attorney.

Sergeant John Churchill of the Astoria precinct, who signed the complaint charges, said Ronan came to the station about 6 a. m., argumentative, and after being suspended and ordered "on reserve," tried to leave the station and created a disturbance.

Churchill declared that a police surgeon examined Ronan and reported him "suffering from some intoxicating agent." Ronan was not reported as intoxicated.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

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Joseph P. Ruden of Jamaica, second vice-president. He defeated Michael S. McPhillips of Jackson Heights, the nominating committee choice, Thomas J. Divney of Long Island City and Charles J. W. Meisel of Bayside, who ran alone.

R. Leslie Smith of Woodside, treasurer. He was unopposed, running on all slates.

Bernard J. Ferguson of Flushing, secretary, who also was named on all tickets.

August G. Klages of Long Island City, retiring president, and Gerald T. Grady of Ridgewood, were elected members of the board of managers for one year. They defeated Frank Giorgio Jr. and George Grau, both of Jamaica, who were named on different slates.

PRECEDENT SET BY ELECTION OF BELLUCCI

First to Serve Two Terms as President of Bar Association

Shattering the unwritten rule that a member may serve only once as president, Frank A. Bellucci, stormy petrel of the Queens County Bar Association, last night again was elected president in the election in years.

Bellucci, who was first elected president in 1929, defeated Frederick W. Ritter of Long Island City, former first vice-president, by 196 votes to 160. Ritter ran on the slate named by the nominating committee of the association, which is usually elected, and was also nominated on two independent tickets.

Recently sworn in as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Bellucci, who lives in Douglaston and practices in Corona, was nominated by petition and ran on two more independent slates. His victory is the more unusual because it is a custom of the Bar to advance its officers regularly. The first vice-president is usually assured of the presidency the next year.

Bench Endorsement Issue

While members were unwilling to ascribe a reason for the upset, it was felt that an insurgent had been elected because the judiciary committee should not have endorsed a list of lawyers and jurists for nomination to the Supreme Court Justiceship, which will be left vacant when Justice Burt Jay Humphrey retires Dec. 31.

Bellucci also had charged that the association's endorsement of three judges of the Appellate Division who are up for re-election was not valid. He said there was no quorum when the association took action.

The election was held at the Courthouse in Long Island City. Three hundred and fifty-six votes were cast, compared to about 100 cast in most years.

Five full slates and a number of candidates running alone were in the field. Many candidates, however, were named on more than one slate, but for different offices. Ritter, for instance, ran on the "regular" slate and on two slates nominated by petition, while Bellucci ran on two tickets.

Is a "Fusion Democrat"

Bellucci is an independent Democrat and has been active in politics. He ran in 1934 as Fusion candidate for the Supreme Court and in 1935 as a Democratic candidate for County Judge, but was defeated.

After his first election to the presidency of the Bar Association, he crossed lances with the title and mortgage companies, accusing them of illegal practice of law in competition with lawyers. He also engaged in controversies, later, with the Home Owners Loan Corporation, terming it inefficient.

Born in Italy, he emigrated to this country in 1900; attended Corona and Brooklyn schools, and was admitted to the Bar in 1919.

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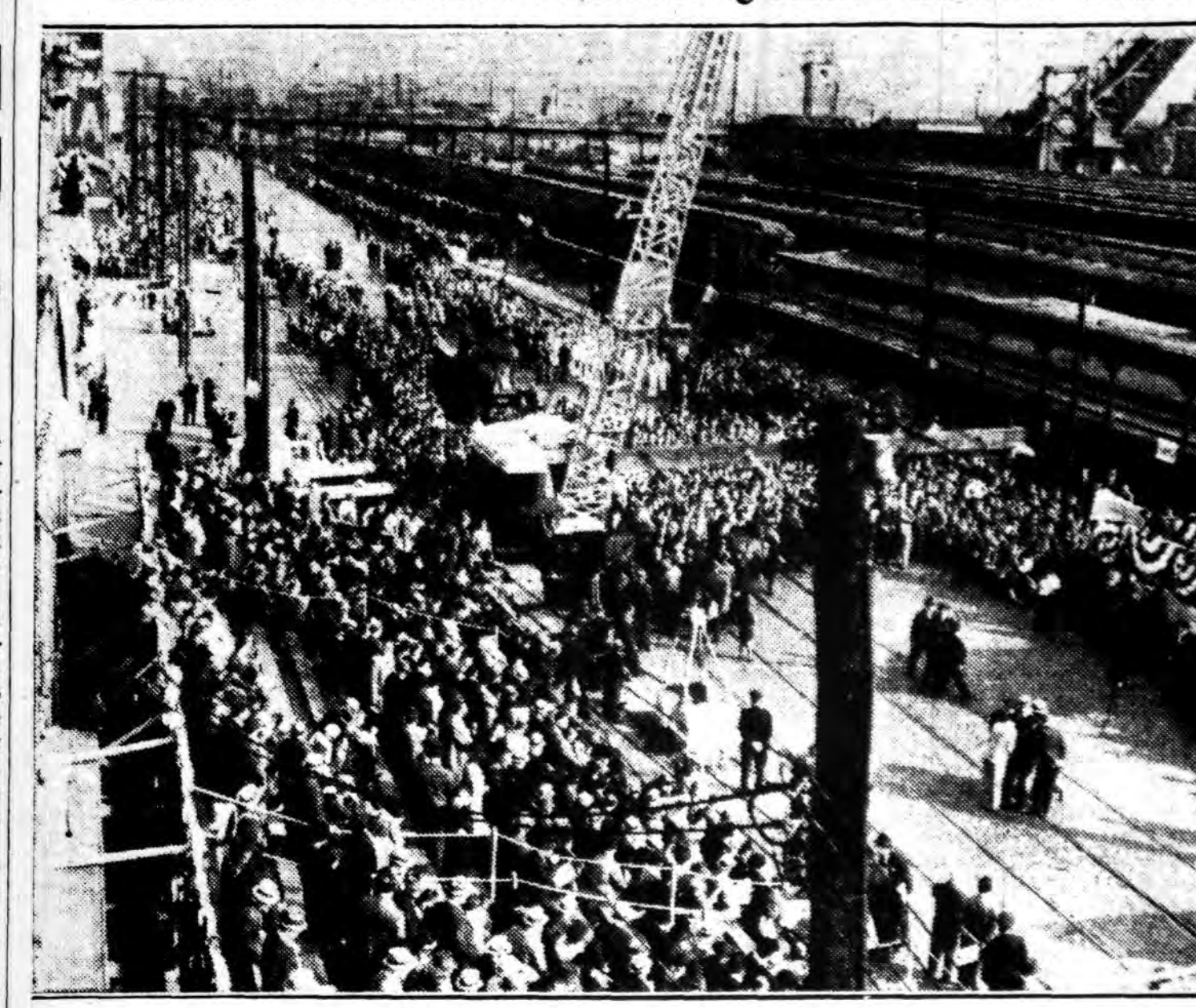
Shapiro Honored

Assistant District Attorney J. Irwin Shapiro of Rockaway Beach, Ben Weichselbaum of Corona and Walter Hogan of Jamaica were chosen members of the board of managers for three years. They defeated Charles Margett of Long Island City, Frank L. Starke of Flushing, Grau, Norman Salt of Far Rockaway, Samuel Rabin of Jamaica and Charles K. Finch of Long Island City.

Walter Adikes of Jamaica and Frank M. Nicolosi of Corona were elected members of the nominating committee. Eugene Edward Fink of Jamaica was the defeated candidate.

After the election, Ritter moved that Bellucci's election be made unanimous. A similar motion was made for Coleman, the first vice-president. Both were carried.

Steamshovel Breaks Ground for Queens-Midtown Tunnel



Set in motion yesterday by a button pressed by President Roosevelt, this huge steamshovel bites into the dirt of Borden avenue, Long Island City, on the spot where borings will be made for the Queens end of the Queens-Midtown Vehicular Tunnel.

BRUNNER WON BY 25,230

Official Figures Increase Majority Over Prial

Official figures released yesterday by the Board of Elections revealed that Sheriff William F. Brunner's majority was 25,230 over former Deputy Comptroller Frank J. Prial in the race for the Democratic aldermanic presidential nomination.

The Board of Elections figures give Brunner a 500 increase over police figures which indicated his plurality as 24,714. The board lists the results by counties as follows:

	Brunner	Prial
Queens	40,696	48,344
Kings	28,267	27,878
Manhattan	36,628	31,664
Bronx	48,523	39,863
Richmond	9,423	10,565

Investigation Ordered In Death of Boy

GARDEN CITY—Police today ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of the death of nine-year-old Harry Hardman of 146 Adams street this village.

The boy died suddenly at his home yesterday before a doctor, summoned by police, arrived at the house.

The boy's father, Harold Hardman, who works in the office of Mike Jacobs, Manhattan boxing promoter, told the officers that his son had been ill for two days, apparently of a minor stomach disorder.

Yesterday afternoon he took a turn for the worse and his mother, after making several attempts to get a doctor in a hurry, called police. Sergeant Nicholas Reuter reached Dr. Rillan T. Jeffrey and sent him to the house.

Before Dr. Jeffrey arrived the boy was dead.

Justice of the Peace George S. Johnson, acting as coroner, was summoned to the house with Detective William Ratchelous. They determined on the autopsy which Dr. Carl Hetschheimer of Hempstead will perform.

Policy Suspect Awaits Hearing

Charged with possessing policy slips, David Murphy, 28, Negro, of 104-18 116th street, Richmond Hill, was held in \$500 bail for hearing Tuesday in Rockaway when arraigned yesterday in Jamaica Court.

He was arrested yesterday by Plainclothesman Fred Schmitt, who said he found seven slips containing 231 numbers in Murphy's possession.

NO 3RD PARTY FOR O'CONNOR

Terrence J. O'Connor, Glendale florist who was defeated for the Democratic assembly nomination in the Sixth District, said last night he would not run on a third party ticket.

O'Connor declared that only if a recount of void and blank ballots established him as a victor in the primary race, would he be a candidate in the November election. He lost to Austin B. Mandel of Forest Hills by 184 votes. Mandel was the party designee. O'Connor secured a court order for a recount of all blank and void ballots.

MIDTOWN TUBE IS DEDICATED BY PRESIDENT

Work on East River Tunnel Will Pick Up Speed on Monday

With ground broken by President Roosevelt, work went forward in high gear today on the \$38,365,000 Queens-Midtown Vehicular Tunnel.

As he surveyed the tunnel site, Mr. Roosevelt declared the development of this borough is one of the most amazing things in modern civilization.

"Let 'er go!" the President cried late yesterday afternoon before a cheering crowd of 25,000 gathered near the foot of Borden avenue, Long Island City, to watch the ceremonies.

He pressed a button and a mammoth steam shovel swung into motion. The machine dug its jaws into a section of the street from which the cobblestones had been removed, lifted a mouthful of brown dirt aloft, and then dumped the scoop into a truck.

While these events were going on, the crowd cheered thunderously, sirens screeched, and the band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner." Several minutes later Mr. Roosevelt was whisked away in his official limousine, and the first visit of a President to Queens in 30 years and the ground-breaking ceremonies for the Queens-Midtown Tunnel were at an end.

Bids To Be Opened

Monday morning work on the Queens construction shaft, which will be dug directly in front of the stand where the president spoke, will be going full blast, and the following day bids will be opened at the offices of the New York City Tunnel Authority for borings under the East River.

The President's address marked the climax of yesterday's ceremonies, which began at 3:30 and ended more than two hours later. Mr. Roosevelt did not arrive at the scene until 5 o'clock, after a trip across the Tri-Boro Bridge from the Polo Grounds, where he saw the Yankees trounce the Giants in the second game of the World Series. It was 5:30 before he began his speech.

While the crowd which saw the President during the ceremonies was limited to 10,000, it was estimated by police that 200,000 lining curbs cheered him in Queens as he sped to and from Borden avenue. Buildings along his route were festooned with bunting. One hundred thousand school children were given a half-holiday.

Speakers who preceded Mr. Roosevelt included Mayor LaGuardia, Senator Robert F. Wagner, PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes, and Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Mayor Points to Fair

Mayor LaGuardia introduced the President with an expression of confidence that Mr. Roosevelt would still be the Chief Executive in 1939 and would be able to touch a button in that year in his official capacity to open the World Fair at Flushing Meadows.

The Mayor then declared that he had been delegated to present to the President a card of membership in the International Union of Operating Engineers. Mr. Roosevelt took the card, "told the friendly crowd he considered it "essential," and then launched into his address.

"I think the Mayor is right," the President said, "I hope the Mayor is right. But even if I am a private citizen, I do hope that arrangements can be made so that I can be in the first car to use the Queens-Midtown Tunnel."

Mr. Roosevelt then described "the epic of Queens."

"It is the most amazing thing in modern civilization," he said. "My life goes back four years more than half a century, and I remember as a boy when we wanted to see green fields we would just take a ride on the ferry to Queens."

Hails Queens Growth

"But Queens has grown since then. Queens has more than a million human beings now, and they deserve good transportation. I believe there are still half a dozen farms here, but their days are numbered."

The President recalled that in 1920 1921, when he was back in Manhattan as a lawyer following service as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the World War, he attended a conference called to discuss the possibility of a vehicular tunnel connecting Queens and Manhattan.

"It is only in the last six months that we have really done things with this project," Mr. Roosevelt said. "I am very proud of what has been done."

He paid tribute to the co-operation given the Federal Government by "the intelligent, pushing, aggressive administration in the City of New York," and congratulated the inhabitants of Queens, Manhattan and the other boroughs that

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Tunnel Sidelights

From the Tri-Boro Bridge to Borden avenue and Front street where the ceremony was held—a distance of about four miles—children lined the streets through which the Presidential car would pass. Each child carried a flag and occasionally one carried in sandwich-man fashion a picture of Mr. Roosevelt with the caption "A Gallant Leader." The children were given a half-holiday from school.

Colonel Starling of the Secret Service, who mingled with the crowds around the speakers' stand, was no stranger in Long Island City. For two weeks the Colonel, posing as a real estate man and building inspector, visited the neighborhood and went through every building near the speakers' stand which might have harbored an assassin.

Precautions taken to guard the President were extraordinary. Three cars with police and G-men standing on the running boards drew up to the stand at one-minute intervals before the President arrived. Each time the crowd thought it was the Presidential car, which was exactly what the G-men hoped for. They looked about as much as if to say "If somebody's going to shoot, do it now."

Speakers had difficulty making themselves heard in spite of the amplifying system. Ferry whistles on the river and noise from the railroad yard in the rear of the speakers' stand, offered tough competition.

Borough President Harvey, aware that he wasn't heard, left the stand and demanded that the men in charge of the amplifying system make the amplifiers louder. The improvements were made in time for the President.

Borough President Levy of Manhattan had a puzzled look on his face when he glanced at a building across the street bearing flags which have never been seen in Manhattan. Pointing to the pennants, he turned to Borough President Harvey and asked: "What are those things, George?" "That's our flag," Harvey replied. "See up there in the corner it says Borough of Queens 1898."