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## CROWDS PACK SUBWAY TO GO TO THEATRES

Sardine Life Led By New York Playgoers Is Alarming, According to Nelson P. Lewis, Who is Studying Problem.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The "sardine" life led by playgoers who nightly struggle their way in crowded subways to the Great White Way is graphically described and characterized as "almost alarming" in a report issued by Nelson P. Lewis, formerly chief engineer of the City Board of Estimate and Apportionment, recently retained to study the problem.

When smiling Broadway managers hang out the "Standing Room Only" sign, as they frequently are doing nowadays, it means not even standing room in the subways, the report discloses, with sometimes as many as 900 passengers over a capacity load trying to get on every train leaving through each of the five tunnels that lead away from Times Square.

Failure of the city to limit the number of public halls in any given area, as is done in London and other old world cities, is blamed by the report for the condition.

"Between 38th and 51st streets and between 51st and 57th streets," says the report, "there are no less than 78 theaters. Their combined seating capacity is 95,000. Forty-four of them, with a capacity of 56,000, are within a circle having a radius of 1,000 feet from the center of Broadway and 42nd street.

"Assume for a moment that of these 56,000 amusement-seekers, 35,000 come from the Times Square station between 8:00 and 8:30. From this station Interborough and Brooklyn Rapid Transit trains run both north and south, while a shuttle train runs to the Grand Central station and the east side Interborough line. If these 35,000 people were equally distributed between these five routes, it would mean that 7,000 people would have to be accommodated by each.

Now if two-thirds of this total arrived between 8:00 and 8:15 and one-third between 8:15 and 8:30, it would mean that 4,700 people would arrive from each of these five directions in the latter quarter of an hour.

"The performances are over very nearly at the same time, and the period during which the crowds wish to reach the subway trains is considerably shorter. Let us assume, however, that they will be obliged to occupy the same half hour in dispersing. A ten-car train, loaded to capacity, holds about 1,300, while with all the standing room occupied to the limit of decency, it will hold 1,000. If, then, such ten-car trains left in each of these five directions every three minutes, it would mean that 940 passengers would try to crowd into these trains without regard to the number already on them.

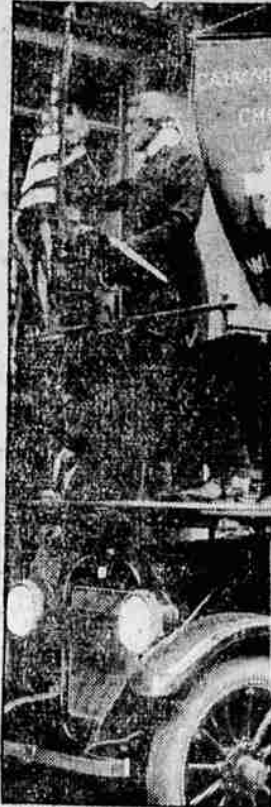
"The conditions are actually even worse than this, as the shuttle trains while they start from Times Square station and may be available for the theater crowd, are generally made up of less than one-half the number of cars assumed for the other trains.

"To visualize this problem a little more clearly, attention is called to the fact that the 95,000 people attending the 78 places of entertainment, when all seats are occupied, is more than equivalent to the combined population of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, the Pelhams, Bronxville, Tuckahoe and Scarsdale. It is also more than the total population, men, women and children, of Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, Nanley, Glen Ridge, Cedar Grove, Caldwell, Essex Falls, Verona, and the remainder of the Borough of Caldwell.

"Another comparison is that the number exceeds the total population of Orange, East Orange and South Orange and is almost equivalent to the total population of Passaic, Clifton and Little Falls."

**A Farmer Cured of Rheumatism**  
"A man living on a farm near here came in a short time ago completely doubled up with rheumatism. I handed him a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and told him to use it freely," says C. P. Bayler, Patten Mills, N. Y. "A few days later he walked into the store as straight as a string and handed me a dollar saying, give me another bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment; I want it in the house all the time for it cured me."—Adv.

## He Invented It



Dr. John Roach Stratton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York, breaks into the news probably more frequently than any clergyman in America. This time it is through his new invention, a portable pulpit that fits over the hood of his auto. Dr. Stratton is shown here in his new device.

## VETS BENEFIT BY PROVISIONS OF RELIEF ACT

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Numerous benefits not before within the reach of disabled ex-service men were granted in the new veteran relief act passed during the last days of the 67th Congress, says the United States Veterans' Bureau.

Many of the provisions of the new law are sponsored by veterans' organizations. One of the most important, it is said by the Veterans' Bureau, provides, in effect:

1. That every officer and enlisted man or any person in the active service under the War and Navy departments, who was discharged or resigned prior to the establishment of the Veterans' Bureau, August 9, 1921, and every such person in the active service on or before November 11, 1918, who, on or after August 9, 1921, was discharged or resigned, shall be conclusively held to have been in sound condition when entering the service, except as to such disabilities as were noted of record when or prior to the time he entered the service.

2. That an ex-service man who is shown to have a mental disease or an active tubercular disease of 10 per cent or more, and such showing was made upon examination by a medical officer of the Veterans' Bureau or other qualified physicians, within three years after separating from the service, shall be considered to have acquired his disability in service or to have suffered an aggravation of pre-existent tubercular or mental disability. In addition to extending this period from two years

to three years in mental and tubercular cases, the provision eliminates the qualification that the tubercular condition must be pulmonary to entitle one to the benefits of the presumption.

There is also a provision extending the time in which a certificate of disability may be obtained by providing the time in which a certificate of disability may be obtained by providing that such certificate may be obtained prior to March 4, 1924, and that such certificate, except in case of fraud, shall be incontestable evidence that the injury for which it is issued was suffered in or aggravated by the military service.

Another provision of the new act which is applicable also to veterans other than World War veterans, provides that when a veteran of any war dies after his discharge or resignation from the service and does not leave sufficient estate to meet the expenses of burial and transportation of the body the Veterans Bureau will pay for a flag to drape the casket, and also for burial expenses not exceeding \$100, the flag, after burial, to become the property of the next of kin of the deceased. If death occurs while such person is receiving governmental medical, surgical or hospital treatment or vocational training, the bureau will pay, in addition to burial expenses, actual and necessary cost of transportation of the body to a place of burial within the continental limits of the United States. This provision of the new act extends the funeral expenses to a larger class of veterans than was previously provided for.

There is another provision in the act which is of interest to the Spanish War veterans, as well as to veterans of the Philippine insurrection and Boxer rebellion. It extends all hospital facilities under the control and jurisdiction of the bureau so that they are available for these veterans suffering from neuro-psychiatric or tubercular ailments.

A provision is also made that payments of premiums on yearly renev-

able term insurance and converted insurance may be deemed not to have lapsed in the cases of those persons, who, while mentally incompetent and for whom no legal guardian had been appointed, have heretofore allowed or may hereafter so suffering during the period for which they have been or may hereafter be so rated.

**SCOUTS TO GIVE AID**  
(By Associated Press)  
MISSOULA, Mont., April 25.—In line with the multiple activities that Boy Scouts are engaging in is the announcement of C. A. Jakways, Montana game warden, that a number of Missoula scouts will be deputized to serve without pay to help state officers in the protection and conservation of other states have found scout aid valuable in reporting cases of trespass and violations of the game laws.

A drive to bring down the price of gas seems afoot. What is needed is a walk.

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## OPENING SNOW BLOCADE

(By Associated Press)  
ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 25.—Steamshovels and other road equipment are opening a way through a blockade of snow that bars Snoqualmie Pass in the winter and will have the road clear sometime in May. Approximately ten miles of the highway along the summit, from a point about a mile west of Hyak will have to be cleared.

Road crews are at work, using graders hauled by caterpillar tractors to smoothen the rough places in the road, though Kittitas county highways are reported generally in good condition.

As if a specter were pursuing him, he raced up the drive, only to find a woman with raven tresses seated on the veranda.

## HAS LABOR DAY

(By Associated Press)  
TUCSON, Ariz., April 25.—Donning overalls and middie, the entire student body and faculty of the University of Arizona observed their first "student body labor day" recently by toiling for eight hours with spirit and enthusiasm upon projected improvements upon the campus. Faculty and students were divided into 12 gangs and assigned to their various tasks promptly at 8 a. m. The noon-day meal was prepared and served on the campus. When the tired army of laborers laid down their tools at 5 p. m., work had been performed having an economic value of \$4,000, but this was not to be compared with the resulting solidification of student spirit and amplification of morale. President Marvin declared.

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## APPLE HATS DISTRIBUTED

(By Associated Press)  
WENATCHEE, Wash., Apr. 25.—Twenty-five thousand apple hats distributed by order of King Apple will help to finance the fourth annual Apple Blossom festival at Wenatchee May 4 and 5. Supplies of these hats are being sent to Seattle, Spokane, and other places.  
Having the appearance of a crown and decorated with pictures of various kinds of fruit of which the apple occupies the position of honor, the headgear will be the official token.

"Woman prefers death to life in a small town." At that she may meet a lot of small-town people in either of the places to which she may be going.

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