

NEW STEEPLCHASE TO COST \$1,000,000

Tilyou Plans Amusement Palace and Pavilion of Fun for Coney Island.

FIREPROOF PARK THIS TIME

Steel and Concrete Buildings Will Replace Those Destroyed by Fire Last Summer.

George C. Tilyou announced yesterday what he intends to do toward rebuilding Steeplechase Park, his amusement resort in Coney Island, which was destroyed by the fire of last July. According to the statement from his office plans have been completed, some contracts have been let, and already foundation work has begun for a steel-and-concrete "million-dollar combination amusement palace and pavillon of fun" on the site of the old Steeplechase. The new Steeplechase is not only to be a fireproof structure, but is expected to set the pace for all-year-round amusement and recreation resorts on the Island.

A contract was let by Mr. Tilyou a few days ago to the P. J. Carlin Construction Company for the construction of the "Pavillon of Fun," which is to be 700 feet long and 300 feet wide, constructed of steel and glass. The building of this pavillon will take precedence over the erection of the "Pleasure Palace," fronting on Surf Avenue, so as to hasten the restoration of Steeplechase in all its essential parts and attractions for the opening of the next season. Though the "Pavillon of Fun," completed and equipped, will cost \$450,000, it will be the lesser part of the new Steeplechase scheme.

The "Palace of Amusement," which is to cost nearly \$600,000, is to be built of steel, concrete, and glass, in French Renaissance style, all the exterior surfaces to be faced with cream glazed terra cotta, and the roofs with a moss green Spanish tile. Over the main entrance, which will be wide enough to permit three Mardi Gras processions to enter abreast, will be a central dome, 135 feet high, with a rotunda 65 feet by 65 feet. Among the main attractions of this building will be a great ballroom finished in Louis XIV. style, with dull gold decorations, having a floor space of 40,000 square feet, surrounded by a 15-foot promenade; a Palm Garden café, finished in German style, with dark oak paneling and beamed ceiling; an observation restaurant on the second floor, with the three side walls made of movable glass sections, offering a grand stand view to all the amusements in the Pavillon. On the third floor, on both sides of the rotunda, are to be fifty sleeping rooms, with all modern conveniences. As this "Palace" is not likely to be completed during the coming Summer, Mr. Tilyou has determined that the unoccupied space which is to be located shall be devoted to "country fair" amusements and tent booths.

The "Pavillon of Fun" will be entirely surrounded by a balcony 25 feet wide and

12 feet above the floor, on the inner side of which will be seats for spectators, and on the outer side a raised automobile track, where the finest makes of machines will speed. The Pavillon is to contain, moreover, a great ballroom stage, 200 feet by 50 feet, in the south end of the building. Another improvement which Mr. Tilyou has planned will be a new race course for the Steeplechase horses. This course will be 3,100 feet in length, as compared with the 1,100 feet of the old course. Among the new attractions, introduced in addition to such of the old fun-makers as will be retained, are the Shoo Fly, the Pit, the Jungle, Human Niagara, Rope Bridge, the Neptune, Archimedes's Wonder, and Job's Educator.

A decorated garden, 500 feet long and 30 feet wide, between Tilyou's Walk and the Pavillon, will be another new feature. This space last year was occupied by cheap shows. The tracks of the miniature railway, which describe a wide course through the park, will extend through this garden, which is also to be arranged as a resting space for patrons.