

COURT FREES CONEY BEACH.**Appeals Tribunal Holds Occupants Have No Right to the Land.**

There was excitement in Coney Island last night when it became known that the Court of Appeals at Albany had handed down a decision holding that most of the devices erected by amusement men between high and low water marks on the shore at Coney Island must be removed, to leave the beach open for general use by the public. There was one exception made, that of the property of Joseph Huber, for which the State specifically granted the land between high and low water marks in 1897. This property is now part of Steeplechase Park, having been leased by George C. Tilyou.

The decision is likely to have a far-reaching effect on the resort, although last night there was no one who appeared to know specifically what would happen. The probable procedure will be that, as soon as the city officials receive a certified copy of the decision from Albany, an investigation will be made and the concessionaires who are considered to be infringing will be notified.

Bathing beaches will be most affected. In several instances individuals and corporations have fenced off portions of the beach, to which they charge admission, or otherwise restrict free public use. The bathing beach men say they will not know where they stand until they have seen the decision and consulted their lawyers.

Steeplechase Park, which is now being managed by Edward Tilyou, a son of its originator, faces the peculiar situation of having part of its fenced-in beach come under the ban of the decision, and another part, the Huber property exempted. It seems likely now that this leased portion of Steeplechase Park will be the only restricted beach.

DODGE'S AUTO KILLS A BOY.**Motorist Will Bury Lad Who Was Crushed by His Car.**

Philip T. Dodge, Vice President of the New York Club, 20 West Fortieth Street, where he makes his home, and a Director in many corporations, was riding in his automobile to the Larchmont Yacht Club yesterday afternoon, intending to spend the night on his yacht, which is anchored off the club.

Edward Fox of 572 Amsterdam Avenue, the chauffeur, was driving through Tiebout Avenue, the Bronx, and at 188th Street turned out to pass a waste paper cart of the Street Cleaning Department.

Just as the automobile came abreast of the cart eleven-year-old Joseph McMahon, Jr., whose father is janitor of 2,463 Tiebout Avenue, dropped from the back of the cart where he had been "hooking a ride." The youngster fell directly in front of the motor car and the wheels passed over him before Fox could stop the motor. Mr. Dodge jumped out and picked the boy up. He carried him to a nearby drug store and telephoned for Dr. McGovern, from Fordham Hospital. The surgeon found the boy was dead. He was identified by other children, and Mr. Dodge carried the small body to the boy's home.

Mrs. McMahon was overcome with grief. Mr. Dodge explained the accident and offered to defray all expenses of the boy's burial. Then he waited until Coroner Jerome Healy arrived. Coroner Healy held a preliminary hearing, and then paroled Fox in the custody of his employer until today, when an inquest will be held.