

CONEY'S LIGHTS OUT.

For 12 Minutes Crowd Gropes About While Policemen Shout Reassuringly.

For twelve minutes last night all Coney Island, with the exception of the two rapid transit stations and one restaurant, was in total darkness as a result of the cutting off of the electric power.

Luna Park, Steeplechase Park, scores of moving picture houses, twenty scenic railways, a hundred restaurants, and saloons, and every other place where the public is welcomed, for a consideration, was in black darkness. The street lights also went out as did the lights in the Police Station and the Coney Island Emergency Hospital.

There were 200,000 persons on the island when the electric lights went out, and of this number it is estimated that about 50,000 were in Luna and Steeplechase Parks. Thousands of others were riding on the scenic railways or merry-go-rounds, while other thousands crowded the moving picture places, the dance halls, the saloons, and the restaurants.

It was 9:32 o'clock when the hundreds of thousands of lights that illuminate Coney Island by night suddenly ceased to shine. There was excitement everywhere but no panics, and when the lights failed to return in a minute or so every policeman in Coney Island became a shouter for the purpose of allaying the fears of the people and to let pickpockets and other objectionable characters know that they were still on their jobs.

Capt. Murphy of the Coney Island Station, ordered all of the plain-clothes men to mingle in the crowds and watch for pickpockets. So far as the police reports indicated at midnight no pickpockets were found doing business in the dark. In the confusion women lost their escorts and many children were missed by their parents or friends, the result being that the police station, after the twelve minutes of darkness ended, was crowded with lost youngsters waiting to be claimed by troubled men and women.

Several women who lost their escorts altogether in the darkness appealed to the police for car fare home. The police gave it to them.

In Henderson's Music Hall the actors who were on the stage at the time the lights went out continued their act by candle light. The cutting off of the electric power stopped every boat, every wooden horse, every elephant, and every other thing that is used in the scenic railways, and persons in the boats or on the wooden animals had to remain wherever they happened to be until the power was restored.

The Edison Company refused to make a statement in regard to its investigation of the trouble with the lights.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATION HERE.

Representatives from Many Cities Will See New York Collections.

On Tuesday the American Association of Museums will begin its sessions in this city. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in the American Museum of Natural History. The second session will be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Wednesday, and on the following day in the Brooklyn Institute. On Friday the association will visit the Zoological and Botanical Gardens in the Bronx.

The object of the association is to promote the welfare of museums. The association includes representatives of every museum in this country. The President is Edward S. Morse of the Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass. The Council includes William J. Holland of the Carnegie Museum, James E. Talmage of the Detroit Museum, Dr. Frederic A. Lucas of the American Museum of Natural History, Frederick J. V. Skiff of the Field Museum, Chicago; Henry R. Howland of the Buffalo Society of Natural History, and Henry W. Kent of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

DYING MAN PUT IN CELL.

Laborer, Struck by Auto, Arrested on Charge of Intoxication.

James Bradley, 36 years old, a laborer, who gave his address as 253 Newell Street, Brooklyn, when he was arrested on Saturday night, charged with intoxication, died in Gouverneur Hospital last night of a fractured skull. Bradley was struck by an automobile on Saturday night at Norfolk and Delancey Streets. He was taken to the Clinton Street Station, where it was found he had a cut on his chin, but the police say the man declared he did not need medical attention.

He was put in a cell and early yesterday he complained of pains. Dr. Markley was summoned from Gouverneur Hospital. The ambulance surgeon diagnosed the injury as a possible fracture of the skull, and removed Bradley to the hospital.