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**Coney Draws 500,000 Sight-
seers and Day Passes With
Only One Boy Lost.**

250,000 AT ROCKAWAYS

**The Concessionaires Do a Record
Business—Staten Island
Lures 125,000.**

More than 500,000 persons visited Coney Island yesterday and last night. But, while the Boardwalk was lined with strollers and the streets jammed with sightseers afoot and in automobiles, a comparatively small number appeared on the beach during the afternoon. Few dared to venture into the surf.

Despite the huge crowds no disorders occurred and there were no accidents. The only case beyond the usual routine to occupy the attention of the police

was that of Paul Palys, 15 years old, of 77 Mills Road, New Bedford, Mass.

Young Palys was one of a group of fifty boys who came to New York last Sunday as guests of The New Bedford Times. The boys were in charge of John Mackay, circulation manager of that paper, and spent two days sight-seeing here. They returned by boat yesterday afternoon. That is—all but Palys.

Palys became so interested in the variety of attractions at Steeplechase Park that he strayed from the rest of the party and not until long after they had left for New York did he realize they had gone. He went to the police, and they turned him over to the Children's Society, officials of which got in touch with his parents.

250,000 at the Rockaways.

A crowd of 250,000, one of the largest in the history of the resorts, spent yesterday at the Rockaways. It was the conclusion of three days of almost unparalleled business activity on the strip of coast between Far Rockaway and Rockaway Point, and the faces of Boardwalk concessionaires and real estate agents wore smiles. Edgemere had one of the biggest days of bungalow renting in its history.

About 125,000 surged over Staten Island yesterday, swamping the ferries

and the rapid transit lines and bringing a land office business to the concessionaires at the beaches. South Beach, Woodland Beach, Midland Beach and New Dorp Beach were all jammed and about 100 hardy bathers entered the water. Although a strong sea breeze was blowing the bathers said the water was comfortable.