

# RAILROADS: MODEL SHOW

## Train, Trolley and Marine Miniatures To Be Shown in Hoboken Terminal

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**T**HE New York Society of Model Engineers, one of the largest and best known of the model-building organizations, will open its club rooms to the public for its twenty-sixth annual show and exhibition next Friday to Feb. 26, inclusive.

The society's rooms are in the upper ferry concourse of the Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken. A highlight of the show for rail fans will be the operation of the society's famous Union Connecting Railroad, one of the largest O-gauge model railroads in the country. There will also be HO and TT gauge layouts as well as trolley and marine models on display. Camera fans will be welcome and will have the opportunity to photograph the models.

Admission to the show is 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The hours will be 5:30 to 10 P. M. weekdays, 1 to 10 P. M. Saturdays and holidays, and 1 to 6 P. M. on Sundays.

### CUT IN FARES

A slashing reduction in round-trip week-end coach fares from New York to points on the New Haven's State of Maine route is now in effect. Places so affected include Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill, in Massachusetts; Dover, N. H., and Biddeford and Portland in Maine. The fares also apply from Stamford, Bridgeport and New Haven.

As an indication of the saving, the new week-end rate to Portland is \$11, tax included; the regular thirty-day round-trip fare is \$22.70. Half fare applies to children between 5 and 12. Tickets are restricted to one train going and returning—the State of Maine, which leaves New York at 10:15 P. M. Friday and Saturday and departs from Portland at 9:45 P. M. Sunday. Lincoln's Birthday week-enders will be permitted to return on Monday night, Feb. 13.

### FERRY FINALE

Plans are being worked out for the joint Erie and Lackawanna terminal operation in Hoboken, an operation which will mean the end of the Erie's Jersey City-Chambers Street ferry service. The Erie will make the move to Hoboken in two steps. By July 1 all Erie main-line through trains are expected to be using the Hoboken station. The second step will involve commuter trains and will get under way about Nov. 1. The two railroads will spend more than \$2,000,000 for track connections. The Erie's main line will join the Lackawanna's Boonton branch just east of County Road in Jersey City, where the two lines are about 150 feet apart. The Erie's northern line commuters appar-

### SEABOARD'S NEW LOUNGES

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad exhibited in Pennsylvania Station last week two new passenger cars—a sleeping car with a sun lounge, and a coach car with a center lounge arrangement. The lounge in the middle of the coach helps to eliminate the long tubular appearance of the car interior. In the lounge coach passengers will relax in upholstered furniture heretofore found only in Pullman lounges. They will also be permitted to smoke right in the middle of their own air-conditioned car. Use of bright colors and of lighter and lighter-looking chairs in the Pullman Sun Lounge relieves this car of the crowded appearance peculiar to its kind and gives a feeling of welcome spaciousness. Some of these cars are already in operation on Seaboard's New York-Florida trains.

### DOUBLE-DECKERS

Down the peninsula from San Francisco through Burlingame, San Mateo, Menlo Park and Palo Alto, the Southern Pacific runs a busy commuter service to San Jose. Last summer ten double-deck coaches were placed in service on the run; now twenty-one more have been ordered from A. C. F. Industries. These cars are of a type seldom seen in commuter travel. Entrance doors are in the center of the car; washroom facilities include electric razor outlets and there are foam-rubber seats, tinted windows, electric water coolers, and plenty of space for passengers' parcels. The cars are air-conditioned and have a total seating capacity of 145.

### NOTES

The Boston & Maine has ordered thirty-four more Budd R. D. C. cars, which will bring its total to 101, more than any other railroad. . . . A new western-style depot is being built by the Northern Pacific at its Gardiner, Mont., gateway to Yellowstone. . . . G. M.'s Aerotrain will leave Chicago March 1 on the Santa Fé on a special railfan trip to Los Angeles, sponsored by Trains Magazine. The story of American railroad men in the Military Railway Service is told by Carl R. Gray Jr. in a book entitled "Railroading in Eighteen Counties" (Scribner, \$5). . . . Seaboard's Silver Meteor now carries through coaches to Sarasota, Bradenton and Venice in Florida.