

HYLAN CHALLENGED BY W. L. ETINGER IN SCHOOL ROW

Demands That Mayor Name "Rockefeller Ring" to Prove His Charges.

Superintendent of Schools William L. Ettinger yesterday threw down the gauntlet to Mayor Hylan on the subject of New York public schools.

In a letter referring to the Mayor's letter congratulating President George A. Ryan of the Board of Education on his report that more than 16,000 sittings in new school buildings had been "lost" through improper use by the school administration of the new accommodations, Dr. Ettinger declared President Ryan's conclusions "are as inaccurate as one could reasonably expect of an inexperienced or intellectually dishonest investigator." He also challenged the Mayor to name the "Rockefeller manipulators and takers" mentioned in his letter to President Ryan.

He said, in part: "If you honestly believe that those in high administrative positions in the Board of Education are really part of what you are fond of calling the 'Gary-Rockefeller ring,' and if you really believe, as you recently stated, that superintendents, principals and teachers are in a conspiracy to prevent children from progressing through the grades, why not drag these violators of a sacred trust into the spotlight of publicity by naming them, so that they may be assured not only of your revilements, but of the scorn of every decent parent in the community?"

"Why not 'show up' these malefactors by specific mention rather than life their infamy behind vague general statements which, when off-repeated, appeal to judicious minds, not as charges to be taken seriously but as demagogic shibboleths?"

DR. HAMILTON SWORN IN; THE BRONX CELEBRATES

Ceremony Made an Impressive Democratic Jollification.

The administration of the oath of office to Dr. James A. Hamilton, Secretary of State-elect, was made a Bronx festival last night. The ceremony was in the auditorium of Morris High School and the audience packed the assembly room and overflowed into Boston Road.

Surrogate George M. S. Schulz administered the oath. Sheriff Edward J. Flynn presided. After an invocation by Father Dennis J. Carroll, Supreme Court Justice Francis Martin talked upon Democratic principles. He reviewed the rise of Dr. Hamilton in public life, paying a high tribute to the foresight of the late Arthur H. Hays Sulzberger, who managed Murphy, who first nominated Dr. Hamilton for office. Commissioner Hamilton's campaign, spoke on "Women in Politics," and County Judge Louis D. Gibbs spoke on "Party Responsibility." The Rev. William H. Kephart and Rabbi Morris Holt of the Temple Adath Israel, also took part in the program.

The Police Band and the Police Octet entertained between addresses.

WORKED ON SHORE. (From the Washington Star.)

"Do you remember how our profiteering old friend Captain Chex, when he was a boy, wanted to run away and be a pirate?"

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THE NEW PLAYS

Billie Burke Looks Her Prettiest In "Rose Briar"

BY CHARLES DARNTON

A MAN who won't even glance at her when that bare-legged charmer Florence O'Denishawn dances right up to him in a cabaret must indeed be in a very bad way so far as sex attraction is concerned. Yet Booth Tarkington apparently expects us to believe in this, and he goes gloomily through "Rose Briar" at the Empire Theatre except when Billie Burke brightens him with her sunny charms.

It is easy enough to accept Miss Burke as a cabaret singer, even though she comes from one of the author's best families, for she looks her prettiest and has a kind heart. But the moody chap who hangs around looking for a little human sympathy is such a poor excuse for a regular man that we don't know quite what to make of him. It seems he was in the tile business when he married, but gave it up because his rich wife preferred to have him waste all his time with her. He is glad because he feels she doesn't love him as he loves her, and so he eases his aching heart by confiding in the cabaret girl.

Please don't think there is anything wrong. Mr. Tarkington arranges the matter so perfectly that there isn't even a telephone number out of the way. But the money-laden wife rather fancies another man who

seems to have time enough to get married, and so she engages the cabaret girl to come to her country house with the charming idea of causing a scandal that will result in divorce. She even has a newspaper woman there, if you please, to put the matter in writing without the slightest delay.

At this amazing point the play becomes a comedy of very bad manners, with the cabaret girl mocking the baby-talk of the wife and both of them otherwise behaving in the worst possible taste. It's all too silly for words, and ends, of course, with the wife's renewal of interest in her husband and the romantic attachment of the other man and the cabaret singer.

Happily, Miss Burke's charm is irresistible. Frank Conroy manages to give sincerity to the penative husband. As the other man Allan Dinehart follows the wife with a hmg-doe

air until he is free to devote himself to the cabaret girl. Julia Hoyt is handsome and amusing as the wife, and Miss O'Denishawn with her dancing gives a touch of the "Follies" to Mr. Ziegfeld's exceedingly attractive production.

French Miracle Play Staged With Beauty

THE Garrick Theatre is not unlike a cathedral with the setting for "The Tidings Brought to Mary" and its procession of nuns. The long-drawn medieval mystery by that modern French poet, Paul Claudel, has been staged with beauty by the Theatre Guild, but this is the most that can be said for it.

Fatiance is rewarded with little drama, while the poetry, judging by Louise Morgan Silla's translation, is scarcely inspiring.

The altar rites are more impressive than the occasional spiritual quality of the play. Much that is uninteresting is told before the miracle is worked. In the happiness of her approaching marriage the saint-like Violaine feels such compassion for a sinner whom she doesn't love that she kisses him farewell. He is a leper and she goes blind with the disease. Meanwhile, a jealous sister, Mara, who the man who turned from Violaine, and a year or two later brings to the outcast a dead child. Pressing the infant to her breast, Violaine restores his life.

Jeanne de Casalis and Mary Fowler play the sisters well, Miss Fowler giving a notably vivid impersonation of Mara. Helen Westley has an effective moment as the mother. The men are less able, though Percy Warran does fairly interesting work.

THOUSANDS IN JERSEY RALLY FOR PROHIBITION

Will Protest on Jan. 15 Efforts to Make State "Wet as the Atlantic."

As a protest against efforts to make New Jersey "as wet as the Atlantic Ocean," thousands are expected to attend a rally of the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League at Trenton, Jan. 15. The meeting will commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of Prohibition and will mark the first organized effort of the churches of the State to prevent any modification of the liquor laws. The call for the rally has been signed by more than 500 clergymen and others. The objects stated are:

"To organize for the enforcement of the Prohibition laws and for their maintenance unimpaired."

TWELVE DEER KILLED BY HUNTERS IN JERSEY

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