

Traction Bonds Off 106 Million In Ten Months

Receiver Hedges Tells Credit Men of Shrinkage; 1918 Drop 100 Million; Cannot Find "Trust"

Hylan Attacks Hughes

Says Committee He Heads Is "Greatest Joke Ever Perpetrated on the Public"

Mayor Hylan's stand on the traction question was criticised as a da capo piece for an eight-cent fare by Job E. Hedges, receiver for the New York Railway Company, speaking last night at the 25th annual dinner of the New York Credit Men's Association at the Hotel Astor.

Mr. Hedges declared that the values of local traction securities had declined more than \$106,000,000 between January 2 and November 10, 1919, and that there was a \$100,000,000 shrinkage in the previous year. He said he had been looking without success for a traction trust since March 21, although he had never known of a "real viable trust in the hands of a receiver."

"I speak tenderly, because I may be indicted," said Mr. Hedges. "There was recently launched here an organization to invest in the conditions under which the city is suffering. It hired as counsel Charles E. Hughes. It was not met, and the official declaration that it was a combination to injure and enforce an increased fare—a statement meaning that no public opinion can or shall prevail unless it proceeds from an official body—has been made."

"The great difficulty with this problem is that for a year and a half public opinion has not been expressed. Why, for example, have you men of faith and credit been virtually silent on this question for so long?"

"I took pains to do so," he said, "but the loss of traction values consequent upon a refusal of the Mayor to recognize facts as part of a program, would the following shrinkage in values by virtue of the non-expression of the thinking people of this city: Interborough, 50 per cent; and 7 per cent notes, \$50,000,000; Interborough lateral bonds, \$2,000,000; Manhattan Railway Company stocks and bonds, \$23,700,000; New York Railway Company two issues of bonds, \$10,000,000; Brooklyn Rapid Transit bonds and notes, \$2,471,000. These, he said, were shrinkages from January 2 to November 10."

**Dangerous to Fool With Facts**  
"Facts are dangerous to fool with if you have never had an intimate acquaintance with them. When one accepts another's theory for facts, his mind is likely to be confused in logical sequence. This shrinkage in value has come about in order that a foolish theory may be maintained by a man who is a thinking man who is mentally dormant."

"It is my aim that government functions shall not be fogged by the industry of men charged with creating public opinion."

"I recently suggested in a lawful manner by letter to a superior officer that I thought his lawful duties were, and my letter was sent to the District Attorney with the suggestion that I be indicted for trying to have an effect on his official mind."

Mr. Hedges would make no comment last night on the attack made against him and the committee by Mayor Hylan yesterday.

Mayor's statement follows:  
"The Merchants' Association has always been and is now in sympathy with the public utility corporations. The object of the committee appointed by the Merchants' Association, called the Citizens' Transit Committee, is evidently to force public officials, if possible, to favor increased fares."

"This committee should be called the Interborough and B. M. T. Traction Committee instead of the Citizens' Traction Committee."

**Board of Estimate Innocent**  
"I understand that the desire of the Merchants' Association is to have the people get the impression that this committee is acting for the citizens of the city."

"Neither the Mayor nor the members of the Board of Estimate have made any suggestions in regard to the maintenance of the fare. It is the selection of Charles Evans Hughes as chief counsel does not surprise me. He is very well versed in transit matters."

When Mr. Hylan was in Albany during the last session of the Legislature and argued for the passage of the Carson-Martin bill, the purpose of which was to boost street car fares in the city? This is the same Mr. Hughes who as referee in the gas case recommended higher gas rates.

**"Greatest Joke," Says Hylan**  
"I had concluded that the traction crowd had resorted to almost every scheme that human ingenuity could devise to drive, force or coerce public officials to favor an increased fare, but this latest scheme called the Citizens' Traction Committee, is the greatest joke ever perpetrated on the public."

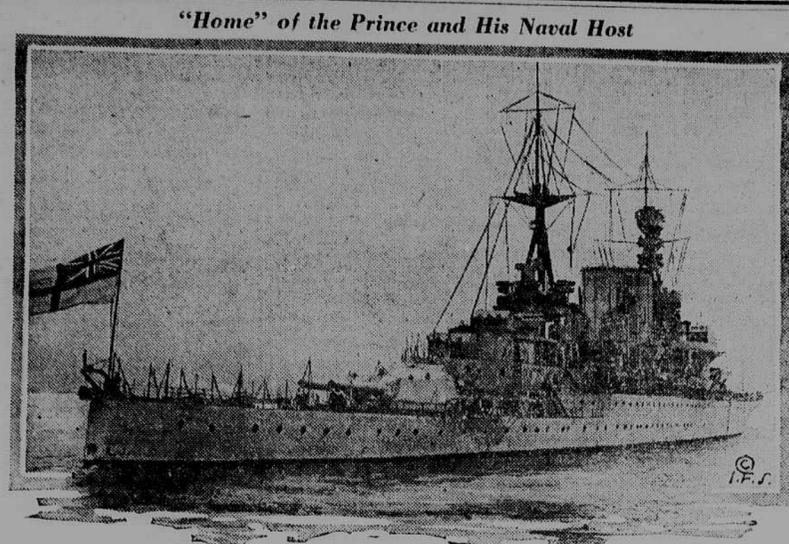
It is understood that Mr. Hughes will begin his investigation by asking if he can organize a staff. A meeting of Mr. Hughes and the executive committee of the Citizens' Transit Committee will be held within the next few days.

**Fined \$2 for Posting Bill**  
Magistrate Warns Next Offender Faces Jail Sentence  
Harry Mack, thirty-two years old, of 2371 Second Avenue, was fined \$2 by Magistrate Ten Eyck in Night Court last night for posting a United Fifth Avenue fund bill on a fence at 559 Fifth Avenue.

Policeman John Donan, who hailed Mack to court, said the Fifth Avenue Merchants' Association had requested the police to strictly enforce the law against billposting. Donan had charged Mack with violation of a city ordinance.

Magistrate Ten Eyck said that such offenders in the future should be charged with a violation of section 121 of the Penal Code, which provides a maximum penalty of \$250 fine and six months in jail.

**Chicago Drops Charges**  
Against Alleged Poisoner  
CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The three indictments against Jean Cronos, formerly chef at the University Club, accused of having poisoned soup served at a banquet for the late Archbishop Mundelein in 1916, have been stricken from court records, it became known today. The state reserved the right to reopen the case should Cronos be captured. He has been missing since February 1, 1916.



British battle cruiser Renown, home of the Prince of Wales during his visit to New York, and Captain Ernest A. Taylor, commander. The Renown is anchored opposite Eighty-sixth Street in the Hudson River.

Prince Visits President at White House

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The diplomatic corps greeted him at a reception given by Viscount Grey, the British Ambassador.

The prince will conclude his visit in Washington to-morrow with a call on Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President, who has been unable to attend the functions given in the royal visitor's honor because of illness, and then he will go to Annapolis to see the Naval Academy and review the midshipmen.

Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, who has been at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., recuperating from a recent illness, arrived in Washington during the day to greet the prince. The Premier attended the dinner at the British Embassy to-night and the reception which followed.

**Alexandra in Radio Thanks President**  
Grateful to Mr. Wilson for His Reception of Prince Edward; Albert Sends Message, Too

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Wilson, in a cablegram to-day to Queen Mother Alexandra of England, was happy to say that his health is steadily improving. His message was in reply to one from the Queen thanking him for receiving her grandson, the Prince of Wales, and expressing the hope that his rest would give him "fresh strength and health for the future." The President also received and replied to a cablegram from King Albert of the Belgians, who had just arrived at Brussels.

**Messages Exchanged**  
Queen Alexandra's message and the President's reply follow:  
"President Wilson, Washington.  
"I do hope with all my heart that you are feeling stronger now, and that the rest after your wonderful work for the benefit of the whole world has given you fresh strength and health for the future. I am so glad you were able to spare a moment to see my precious grandson, and, with kindest remembrances to your wife."

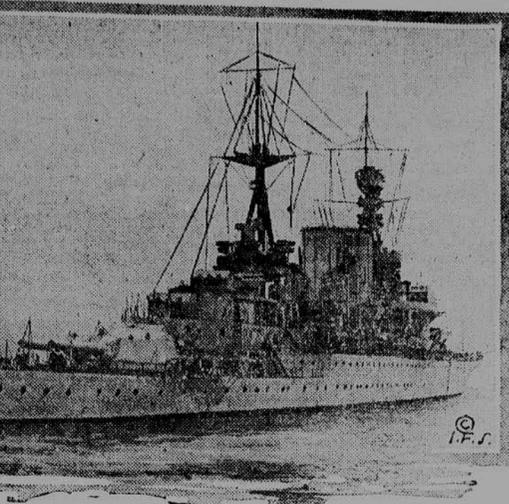
"Her Majesty Queen Alexandra."  
"Your majesty's message gave Mrs. Wilson and me a great deal of pleasure. The welcome accorded your grandson here is from the heart. I am happy to say I am steadily improving, and Mrs. Wilson and I shall always have to renew the friendship so delightfully begun. We unite in the most cordial messages and in thanking you for your thought of us."  
"WOODROW WILSON."  
King Albert's Message  
The cablegrams exchanged between the President and King Albert follow:  
"The President, Washington.  
"Having safely reached our destination, a delightful voyage on board the George Washington, I want to extend to you a last expression of my deep gratitude for the American hospitality and of my heartfelt wishes for your health. The Queen joins me in sending to you and Mrs. Wilson our most sincere greetings. ALBERT."  
"To His Majesty the King of the Belgians."  
"Heartiest felicitations to you and the Queen and your people on your safe return. It was a genuine pleasure to receive you here and to have you feel the sincere friendship of the American people. Mrs. Wilson joins in most cordial messages to you and her majesty."  
"WOODROW WILSON."

Secretary Daniels received the following message to-day from King Albert, dispatched upon his arrival at Brest:  
"Leaving the George Washington, I wish to express once more to you my heartfelt thanks for the hospitality extended to the Queen, my son and myself while on board the splendid ship, and to state again my deep admiration for the officers and men of the glorious United States navy."

**"Children of Crucible" To Visit Prince Here**  
Representatives of thirty of the racial, national and religious groups that the late Colonel Roosevelt called the "children of the crucible" will go aboard the British warship Renown Tuesday afternoon to show the Prince of Wales the elements of Americanism. The visit was arranged by the Inter-Racial Council, of 120 Broadway.

"The reception is intended to present to the visiting prince," said T. Coleman du Pont, chairman of the council, "a cross section of American life, showing that practically all the races of the world are represented here."  
"We want Prince Edward to see America as it really is. His acquaintance with America will not be complete unless he has an opportunity to visualize the homogeneity of our national life, despite the diversity of racial origin."  
The groups to be represented are the Armenian, Belgian, British, Carpatho-Russian, Canadian, Chinese,

"Home" of the Prince and His Naval Host



Captain Ernest A. Taylor, commander of the British battle cruiser Renown, is shown in uniform. He is the naval host for the Prince of Wales during his visit to New York.

Czecho-Slovak, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Greek, French, Finnish, Italian, Hispanic, Lithuanian, Lettish, Jugo-Slavic, Jewish, Japanese, Magyar, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Rumanian, Ukrainian, Syrian, Swiss, Swedish and Russian.

**Albert Greatly Impressed By American Industry**  
BRUSSELS, Nov. 13.—King Albert, who returned here to-day from his American visit, had a long farrowed chat with newspaper correspondents. He keenly appreciated, he said, the sincerity of American friendship for Belgium. He had been greatly impressed by the development of American industry and spoke with enthusiasm of the philanthropic spirit of the American construction, the architecture, the American skyscrapers, railway stations and hotels, suggested that Europe might learn much from America respecting the construction of the latter.

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**Raided Film Broker Sues for \$2,000,000**  
Rochester Man Brings Action Against Famous Players-Lasky and Others

ROCHESTER, Nov. 13.—As a consequence of the arrest of Eugene Westcott, manager of the Rochester Film Exchange, for the alleged theft of two million dollars' worth of films, a suit for \$2,000,000 has been filed against the famous Players-Lasky Corporation, Irving I. Brown, a detective, and the National Association of the Moving Picture Industry, Inc., of Philadelphia and New York.

**Restoration of Hapsburg Monarchy Is Predicted**  
PRAGUE, Nov. 13.—The establishment of a Hapsburg monarchy in Hungary is inevitable, Dr. Eduard Benes, Czecho-Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared in an address here on the peace treaty and the foreign policy of Czecho-Slovakia.

**Crisis With Dutch Denied**  
PARIS, Nov. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Alarmed reports of high tension and possible rupture of diplomatic relations between Belgium and Holland, which have been current for the last few days in Brussels and in diplomatic and Peace Conference circles here, have their source in the interior politics of Belgium, and are fostered by the political party favoring an erratic policy toward Holland, according to a member of the Belgian peace delegation in Paris.

**Ryan Answers Charges On Aircraft Production**  
Assails House Members as Unfair in Insinuations Contained in Baker Telegram

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Denial of accusations contained in a telegram sent to Secretary Baker by Representatives Frear, Wisconsin, and Magee, New York, majority members of the Subcommittee on Aircraft Production, was made today by John D. Ryan, of New York, former Second Assistant Secretary of War, who had charge of aircraft production during the war.

**Germany's Potato and Beet Crop Reported Far Short**  
BERLIN, Nov. 13.—Germany's potato and beet crop is represented in gloomy terms by the Deutsche Tageszeitung as a result of investigations in various parts of the country. A million tons of potatoes, it says, will be lacking in East Prussia, and the beet crop amounts to only 75 per cent of last year's, owing to bad weather and the scarcity of workers. The outlook in West Prussia is equally black. In Silesia the greater part of the beets are lost.

**Martins Ferry Steel Strikers Vote to Return**  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 13.—Striking steel workers of an independent mill at Martins Ferry, Ohio, opposite Wheeling, W. Va., voted to return to work to-day, according to advices from the union. The vote was taken by 350 strikers, and 212 were in attendance, all of whom, with one exception, voted to go back to the mills the first of next week. This is the first break in the ranks of local strikers since the walk-out was called.

**French Foreign Policy Governs Vatican Issue, Says Briand**  
PARIS, Nov. 13.—Aristide Briand, former Premier, answering during the course of a political meeting a query relative to what he thought of a resumption of relations with the Vatican, said the question was one which concerned France's international relations and that the only settlement possible was one compatible with the country's foreign policy.

**Bulgarians Will Sign Treaty**  
PARIS, Nov. 13.—The peace conference has received information from Sofia that the Bulgarian government has decided to accept and sign the peace treaty as presented to the Bulgarian delegation.

**Wilson's To-Night Lessons**  
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1,200 Hotel Men Gather at Annual Convention Dinner

Managers From California to Maine Hear Anti-Saloon League Chief Denounced by Judge-Elect Haskell

Estate Too Small To Educate Boys

Loyal S. Smith Planned Residence as Scholarship Endowment

Bare liquid treasures of a dozen private cellars were brought to light last night in order that the thirty-third annual dinner of the New York State Hotel Association might go on record as an oasis in a drear desert of drought.

The banquet was staged in the ballroom of the Commodore. Twelve hundred hotel owners and managers from Canada to California crowded the hall. At one table were a band of hotel men from Buffalo, gathered to do homage to Elmore C. Green, of the Franquist Hotel of that city, the newly-elected president of the association. There were fifty hotel men of Chicago at a table dedicated to "Uncle Ben" Branham, of the Hotel Bulletin, doyen of all Windy City hosts, thirty-one of whom came on with Mr. Branham in a special car. New England had a table of its own, and so did Nassau County.

**Many Prominent Guests**  
Out-of-town men prominent among the guests included J. P. A. O'Connor of the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia; David B. Brown of the Adelphia in the Quaker City; John Davidson of the Windsor, Montreal; Charles S. Averill of the Bancroft, Worcester, Mass.; and E. M. Statter, of the Statler chain of hostels. One guest who was given an especially fervent welcome was Edward M. Tierney, Jr., son of the manager of the Ansonia, of New York. Mr. Tierney has just returned from France, where he was on service with the A. E. F., and last night's affair was his first ceremonial dinner since he landed.

Elmore C. Green, the new state president, introduced Edward M. Tierney, the retiring head of the state association, who was toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Tierney, in an eloquent speech visualized the "old guard" of hotel men, mentioning by name many famous restaurateurs of bygone days, including Breslin, Hitchcock, Martin and Jacques. His message, he declared, was to beware of the professional reformer and the paid hypocrite, who threaten the personal liberties of the American citizen, and he called upon the hotel men to actively repulse their attack, lest other liberties be denied the individual.

**Haskell Received Warmly**  
Reuben L. Haskell, elected to the Kings County Bench recently on a wet ticket, handled the Anti-Saloon League without gloves, and was given a warm reception. He referred to William B. Anderson, head of the Anti-Saloon League, as "an uneducated idiot," declaring that he declined to name him, as he was already getting far too much publicity. Judge Haskell reviewed his fight in the primaries and at the polls, and said he had refused to meet Anderson in public debate because he felt that Anderson's platform and his views were so diametrically opposed, that he could not stand on the same platform with the Anti-Saloon League's spokes-

**Service for Slain Policeman**  
2,000 Attend Funeral of John J. McCormick

More than 2,000 civilians and a police detachment commanded by Inspector Cornelius Cahalane and Captain William J. McGrath attended the funeral yesterday of John J. McCormick, the young patrolman who was killed by a negro Monday night at Lenox Avenue and 136th Street. The cortege left the murdered policeman's home at 578 East 141st Street, escorted by Inspector Cahalane's detachment and the police band. A requiem mass was sung at St. Luke's Church, Alexander Avenue and 134th Street, by Mr. Daniel McEckin, the rector. The Rev. John J. Grogan, a police chaplain, paid tribute to the slain patrolman.

Mrs. McCormick and her three small children accompanied the body to Springfield, Mass., the former home of the family, for interment.

**Polish Convention Demands Treaty Ratification at Once**  
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Rivals for Girl Fight Death Duel With Knives

Paterson Men Select Lonely Mountain to Settle Quarrel; One a Fugitive

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 13.—In one of the loneliest spots on Garret Mountain, on October 27, two Italians fought a duel for the affections of a pretty girl. One of the duellists was killed, the police admitted to-day, and the other is now a fugitive from justice. The slain woman is under arrest as a material witness.

She is Frances Genaro, twenty-six years old. She admits, the police say, that Salvatore Nobile, thirty-two, a former service man, and Salvatore Guerrieri, thirty-one, were rival suitors for her hand. She told the police they agreed to settle the question with knives. They selected Garret Mountain, realizing there would be little chance of interference with their plan. Nobile, his heart pierced by the knife of his rival, was found dying the next day and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died, steadfastly refusing, the police say, to reveal the name of his rival. The girl, questioned by the police, revealed his name.

**Woman Goes to Prison For Holdup in Apartment**  
A woman known only by the admittance of her name as "Miss Churchill" was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the penitentiary yesterday on a complaint of a man whose identity was concealed behind the name "Turner," because of a robbery committed by a man who was not known by a real name.

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42d St. Merchants Discuss Plans to Improve Section

Hope to Make Thoroughfare Best Lighted in World; Seek to End "L" Spur and Subway Shuttle

Members of the newly organized Forty-second Street Property Owners and Merchants' Association had luncheon with some of the city's officials and officials-elect at the Hotel Commodore yesterday and planned a big future for the "World's Greatest Thoroughfare."

A. E. Thorne, president of the Oceanic Investing Company, and president of the Forty-second Street Association, who presided, made suggestions. The city officials made promises, and the other diners sat back in their chairs and became enthusiastic over the many projects discussed.

If only part of the program which was mapped out materialized, Forty-second Street will have the best lighting system of any street in the world. The elevated railway spur between Third and Park Avenues will be torn down, the subway shuttle system will be eliminated to provide for a better underground transportation system, a branch postoffice will be established at the Public Library, parades will be prohibited on Fifth Avenue, and a more suitable plan for the subway will come to pass.

Public Service Commissioner DeLaney talked about the subway shuttle, explaining that the city's contract which calls for extension of the Steinway Tube line to Times Square must be carried out, unless some one can persuade traction officials of a more suitable plan.

Police Commissioner Enright discussed the question of barring parades from Fifth Avenue, pointing out that, as it no longer is a residential street, Riverside Drive would be a more suitable place for parades. It was declared that the score of other material benefits will come to pass.

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