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How the Non-Graduate Views the University

AMONG the many letters I have received as a result of these informal talks is one that warms my heart especially, because it shows so plainly the loyalty of our non-graduates.

Non-graduates, of course, are of various kinds. Some are men who hoped to receive a degree, but who, for various reasons—sometimes their own fault—failed to complete their courses.

But the man I refer to is of another kind. He represents the large number of men who come to New York University—especially in the School of Commerce—in order to supplement their previous education with specialized training in some one field, and do not plan to obtain a degree.

This man's letter reads in part as follows:

When I was 25 years old I enrolled in your School of Commerce on Washington Square as a special student of accounting and kindred subjects. Up to that time it was rather difficult for me to make any headway. I was handicapped by my lack of education. From the first evening I attended a class I was changed.

To make a long story short, when my opportunity came, which was shortly after I left New York University, the knowledge I had acquired enabled me to grasp it. How well I have succeeded is clearly exemplified in an article which appeared in Forbes Magazine, of which I am pleased to send you a copy.

The letter was accompanied by a substantial check, about which he says:

"I wish I could send you a check for a thousand times as much, because I realize that I owe a great deal to the university, and any amount I might send you would hardly express my appreciation and gratitude."

New York University is proud of men like this. According to the testimony of our professors, they are frequently among the most alert and responsive of all students. They appreciate keenly the value of university training because their business experience has shown the handicaps imposed by lack of it. They bring to their studies the ripened maturity of experience and the eagerness of a conscious need.

Perhaps the most gratifying fact is that these men, although not technically classed as graduates, often have in marked degree the enthusiasm and loyalty for New York University that are characteristic of our alumni body. May we have more students like the writer of this letter and may we be able to help them as we have helped him.

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More Building Indictments Will Be Asked

New Grand Jury Hearing Lockwood Evidence To Be Called On for Bills Against Labor Heads, Employers

Plots Laid to Hundreds Old Charges May Be Re-visited: Urtmeyer to Hear Union Reform Today

Several hundred more indictments and reindictments against employers and a number naming union labor leaders in the building and allied industries and trades are to be asked of the new grand jury empaneled to hear evidence brought to light by the investigations of the Lockwood legislative committee, it was learned yesterday from authoritative sources.

Completion of the grand jury, which is composed of twenty-three members, was effected yesterday by Samuel Urtmeyer, volunteer chief counsel of the Lockwood committee, which is to resume its hearings tomorrow.

Trade Charges Ready Charges of conspiracy to restrain trade are to be laid before the grand jury against the employers involved, it is expected, while allegations of coercion and extortion will furnish the principal basis for the action against the labor leaders concerned.

One method of procedure which committee members say is likely to be followed is that where previous indictments have resulted only in the imposition of fines in the state or Federal courts, new prosecution of the employers or labor leaders will be launched in the judicial branch other than that which contained itself with mere fines in the case. To instance: An employer or labor leader who is charged with a fine instead of a jail sentence in previous proceedings, say, in the Federal court, is likely to find a new action on the same charges started against him in the state court.

Supported by Prosecutors This measure is said to have the strong support of district attorneys throughout New York State, although opposed by judges on the ground that it would inure upon the prerogatives of the bench.

Mr. Urtmeyer yesterday completed the greatest snarl of recreating the legal snarl which is to assist him in the committee and grand jury work. Four of his assistants were announced as Abraham Brothman, general counsel for the United States Shipping Board; Ferdinand Pecora, Chief Assistant District Attorney of New York County; Timothy N. Pfeiffer, who has been associated with him in the past in Lockwood committee work; and Stanley Richter, Mr. Urtmeyer's son-in-law. Mr. Pecora will act as trial counsel.

One method of procedure of the committee tomorrow will be devoted chiefly to hearing from landlords, building owners' associations and Real Estate Board representatives as to why they believe the emergency rent laws should not be extended for at least one more year, a request which the committee is planning to make of the Legislature. After they have finished discussing the matter tenants and their representatives will present the other point of view, which Mr. Urtmeyer is known to favor most strongly.

Another offshoot of the committee's labors—the efforts of Mr. Urtmeyer to settle the differences of the employers and union workers through an arbitration plan submitted by him—had a development yesterday, when the Building Trades Council held a meeting and

voted to send a letter to the Building Trades Employers Association reaffirming the council's decision to support the plan.

The letter, which was signed by Charles Burns, secretary of the council, and addressed to Samuel B. Donnell, secretary of the employers' association, was in reply to a communication from the employers, formulated after they received the Urtmeyer plan, suggesting an arbitration proposal of their own. The letter reads as follows: "We can only echo everything you have said regarding the mistaken attitude of the public toward your association and the council. This has been brought about by the circulation of charges which have no basis in fact. Criminals and individuals have violated laws, but so far as your association and the council is concerned nothing has been done which is illegal or morally wrong."

"However, as you say the public has a different impression, and we agree with you that everything possible must be done to indicate that both parties are open and aboveboard with each other and with the public. Because of this we have accepted the proposal of Samuel Urtmeyer, as counsel for the Lockwood committee. He has been instrumental in uncovering abuses and he stands out in the public eye as representative of that public.

"In our opinion nothing can be more effective in getting the good will and confidence of the public than the acceptance of the proposal made by its representative.

"We, therefore, respectfully urge the representatives of your association to meet with the representatives of the council to discuss and consider the proposal made by Mr. Urtmeyer."

This morning the sub-committee representing the building trades union workers in negotiating with Mr. Urtmeyer as to the "eighteen points" in the memorandum of reforms of industrial practices demanded by him will meet at his home, 2 East Fifty-fourth Street, for further discussions of the "points" not already agreed to by the union.

One unsettled "point" on which the Lockwood committee is insistent is the demand that the unions adopt a rule providing that no union official convicted of coercion or extortion may again be eligible to hold office in his organization. If this is accepted, it was reported, the committee will recommend the revocation of authority heads previously convicted in connection with its exposures.

German Shippers Scorn New Flag of Republic

Declare They Will Fly Old Kaiser Emblem When They Reach the Open Sea

HAMBURG, Jan. 3.—The Associated Press.—Dissemination to the new black, red and gold merchant flag of Germany, which became the official flag on January 1, was scented today when a majority of the German boats showed only the customs flag. Others departing from the port refused to fly either the old or the new emblem. One of the boats belonging to the Hirsch shipping interests left the harbor displaying a Christmas tree where the new flag should have been.

The shippers who refuse today carrying the republican flag declared that they would insist on the old German flag in international waters and foreign ports.

Twenty-three American ships were among the 135 arriving in port during December. The total incoming tonnage was 873,389. Twenty-six American vessels were among the 790 outgoing vessels in December, which had an aggregate tonnage of 877,950.

John Kendrick Bangs In Critical Condition

Author Suffers Relapse After Operation for Acute Intestinal Trouble

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 3.—Suffering a relapse during the night, John Kendrick Bangs, the author, who was operated on for acute intestinal trouble Sunday, was reported as in a "very critical" condition tonight at the hospital.

Dr. Bangs returned to his Venetian home after a tour through the devastated parts of Europe in October. According to Dr. W. Blair Stewart, the author's physician, the report of the trip were too much for him. Dr. Stewart has been treating Mr. Bangs for the last ten days, and when he did not respond to the treatment a consultation was held. An immediate operation was deemed necessary.

Hylan Tactics Hold Up Pay of Transit Clerks

Mayor Jests as Estimate Board Refuses \$113,138 Due for Wages of Workers Getting Under \$2,000 a Year

M'Aneeny Charges Trick Commissioner Will Urge Court to Force Payment Needed by 900 Employees

The obstructive attitude of the new Hylan administration toward the Transit Commission was emphasized yesterday at the first meeting of the new Board of Estimate, when that body refused to appropriate \$113,138 requested by the commission to meet the salaries of its employees and other expenses for the latter part of last year. The board refused to make the appropriation until the commission submits a schedule showing where the money appropriated since last May has gone and whether the commission has increased some salaries 50 per cent, as charged by the Comptroller's office. The excuse made was that the board objected to paying out money "in kind."

The action of the Board of Estimate was followed by an announcement by George McAneny, chairman of the Transit Commission, that counsel of the commission would apply to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for a mandamus directing the board to act upon the salary requisition at the earliest possible moment. The papers would be ready today, he said.

Mr. McAneny charged that the city administration had taken unjust advantage of concessions which the Corporation Counsel solicited, pending the city's appeal to the Court of Appeals on the question of the constitutionality of the transit commission act. He said that the talk about wholesale increases of salaries was absolutely without foundation, a fact which might readily have been verified by the Board of Estimate chosen to do so.

Board's Needs Ignored "The commission finds it difficult to reconcile the action of the Board of Estimate with the general understanding reached in connection with the pending court proceedings," said Chairman McAneny. "The decision of the lower courts in the actions brought by the city's law department upheld the commission's status. The Appellate Division by a unanimous vote confirmed the decisions of the lower courts and ordered the board of Estimate to pay the commission's requisitions. Pending the city's appeal to the Court of Appeals, which is now awaiting decision, it was stipulated under agreement of the Appellate Division that sufficient sums should be allowed for the commission's pay rolls and other needs."

It had been expected that the case before the Court of Appeals would be argued in October and that the main issue would be settled by the time Counsel of the commission and the Corporation Counsel consented to a month's delay with the understanding, of course, that constant work would continue to be done. The Board of Estimate has taken advantage of this delay, conceded as a matter of courtesy to its own representative, to repudiate the arrangement made with the court and to penalize the commission's employees without the slightest excuse either in justice or in common sense."

Chairman McAneny pointed out that the attitude of the city would in no way impair the work of the commission. The salaries of the commission's and of the secretary and counsel, he said, were paid by the state. The real sufferers, he said, were the employees, whose salaries average less

than \$2,000 annually. Most of them have been in the service for years and many are young women clerks who receive from \$60 to \$75 a month.

Hylan Has His Say When the matter came up in the Board of Estimate, Murray Hulbert, President of the Board of Aldermen, declared the Legislature had empowered one of its own commissions to give salary increases, but deprived the city of that power between budget-making times.

"It's only a matter of time, if they're allowed to get away with this now," said Mayor Hylan. "It is only a question of time when they'll pass laws holding up the taxpayer and taking money out of his pocket."

"If more the application be denied," said Borough President Riegelmann of Brooklyn. "We will straighten out these babies."

William M. C. Mayer, Assistant Corporation Counsel, stated the balance from the appropriations of the year was \$42,327, and said the Corporation Counsel recommended \$30,000 of that amount be allowed, as a stipulation had been signed for that amount. He declared the Transit Commission had refused any information as to how it had spent previous appropriations, but asked the board to appropriate the money blindfolded. He said the Court of Appeals would meet next Tuesday and predicted that the court would at least declare unconstitutional that part of the transit law concerning the appropriation of money without schedule.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig declared that Duncan McInnes, chief accountant of the Finance Department, had said that the Transit Commission had increased some salaries 50 per cent, and that was the reason the commission didn't have enough money to get through the year.

William Fullen, of counsel for the Transit Commission, pleaded that at least enough money to pay the employees for the latter half of December be appropriated.

Fullen put up a portion of the money they grabbed and put in their own pockets," Mayor Hylan remarked, presumably referring to the dividends paid by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, although he did not elucidate.

"But how are the employees going to be paid?" inquired Borough President Henry Bruckner of the Bronx.

Mayor Jests Over Wages "It's too bad this has to happen," replied the Mayor. "But it can't be helped. Can't the employees who got the 50 per cent, pay the money back? I'm not going to stand for increases in salaries."

A vote taken on the Riegelmann motion stood 10 to 6 for its adoption. Comptroller Craig voted against it on the ground that the law had to be followed as it had been held constitutional by the Appellate Division. The Comptroller moved for a reconsideration of the motion, and this was lost by the same vote. Borough President Miller of Manhattan joined with the Comptroller in voting against the Riegelmann motion.

The 1922 Board of Estimate presented a solid Democratic front at its first meeting yesterday. There were four new faces on it, Aldermanic President Hulbert, Julius Milner, Borough

President of Manhattan, Matthew J. Cahill, Borough President of Richmond, and Benjamin Marvin, Commissioner of Public Works of Queens, who acted for Borough President Connolly.

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, who called upon Mayor Hylan, attended the meeting of the board and sat beside the Mayor. He addressed the board briefly at the close of the meeting.

Juror Gets Cold Feet, So Court Is Adjourned

The chill air in the Supreme Court room in which Justice Ford sat yesterday caused the justice to announce an adjournment of this morning after delivering a few remarks that raised the temperature a bit.

A juror selected to hear a case complained that his feet were "almost frozen."

"I'll warrant that the Mayor's and the Borough President's offices are comfortable this morning," said Justice Ford. "I've stood this thing for fifteen years and will not stand it any longer. Jurors perform services of a not-working character. They ought not to be forced to endanger their lives coming here. The same is true as to witnesses and principals, and of course, as to the jury."

Justice Ford paced back and forth to keep his feet warm. George Lyon, his clerk, got a thermometer, and after waiting for it to fluctuate announced the mercury did not touch 60. Then the justice adjourned court.

To Unveil Roosevelt Tablet Bronze Memorial to Mark Old Police Headquarters Room

A bronze tablet honoring Theodore Roosevelt will be unveiled Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the third floor room that had been occupied by Colonel Roosevelt in old Police Headquarters, 300 Mulberry street.

Mayor Hylan, city officials and citizens have announced their intention of attending when the tablet is unveiled by Police Commissioners Linnick, who is chairman of the committee. The Police Band and Police Glee Club will play band and police glee club will sing.

The tablet, which was designed by James E. Francis, is the gift of a committee of citizens who were friends of Roosevelt.

Hungarian Royalists Active BUDAPEST, Jan. 3.—Activity among the Royalist supporters of former Emperor Charles is reported to be increasing, and twenty members of the Chamber of Deputies are said to have followed Count Jula Andrássy in his opposition to President Count Horthy. The party has been reorganized and has adopted a platform demanding that only a native Hungarian king be elected to the throne.

Prince Sava, of Bourbon de Parme, brother of former Empress Zita, is reported to be in Rome, with others, endeavoring to arrange for Charles and Zita to leave Madeira and settle in Italy.

British Election Soon Forecast by Coalition Press

Regardless of Outcome of Irish Treaty, Lloyd George. It Is Believed, Will Put Program Before Voters

From The Tribune's European Bureau. Copyright, 1922, New York Tribune Inc. LONDON, Jan. 3.—A general election in England, confidently predicted as imminent many times during the last eighteen months, now appears a matter of the near future, the Coalition newspapers placing the date at about six weeks hence. This time there is a more substantial basis for the forecast—the Irish question.

While the consensus of British official opinion is that the Daily Express eventually will ratify the peace treaty, it is certain that should the treaty be rejected Premier Lloyd George would not face a new Irish war without seeking fresh support. Should the treaty be approved, however, the constitutional changes entailed would be of great legal authorities, including the Lord Chancellor, it is said, favor obtaining a mandate from the country before Parliament passes any act giving sanction to the settlement.

Much will depend on the outcome of the Gauges conference, for, while the Irish issue would be Lloyd George's main plank in an election, it would prove a strong argument if he could present a definite plan for the economic rehabilitation of Europe and the diminution of unemployment.

The British part in the settlements at Washington would be another plank. If the Gauges economy committee succeeds in effecting any noticeable tax reforms, and this is freely predicted, it would add vastly to the strength of the coalition.

While competent observers hold that there is no prospect of the defeat of Lloyd George, especially in view of the Irish settlement, it now begins to appear doubtful whether his projected new party will be organized in time to participate in the election.

Much interest centers in the rally of the Coalition Liberals on January 21, when Lloyd George is expected to outline his plans.

Should the Gauges conference prove inconclusive it is said the Premier might allow the present Parliament to run more than its legal life, which ends in December, 1922, and devote his time to the House of Lords reform bill he found a propitious moment to introduce. This, however, is not the view of the Coalitionists, who maintain that the election will hinge on the Irish issue.

"The Evening Standard," a Coalition supporter, today goes so far as to speculate on the personal of the new cabinet, asserting that David Law will return to public life and Balfour return.

Rob Chicago Loop Theater CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The Columbia Theater, in the heart of the Loop district, was robbed today of \$2,000 by two men, who bound the cashier, C. C. Boyd, took the keys to the safe and escaped, according to the story told by Boyd to the police.

Lieutenant Michael Grady, of the police force, declared there were circumstances in Boyd's story and were being held for questioning.

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