HYLAN SUGGESTS CITY OWNED BUSES

Washington Heights Demands Added Traffic Service for That Section.

FEWER CARS ON BRIDGES

Board of Estimate Informed Why Deficit Appears in Toll Revenue.

Transportation problems involving the congestion in traffic in the city occupied the greater part of the time spent by the Board of Estimate at its meeting yesterday. While discussing the proposed new franchises for the Fifth Avenue Coach Company Mayor Hylan asked a body of citizens from Washington Heights how they would like to have the city operate buses for them in that section of the city. Later he vented his feeling on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company when it was shown that that company is operating fewer cars over the bridges than were run several years ago.

The fact that the injunction obtained by Frank Moss prevented the board from holding a public hearing on the bus franchises did not deter the members from talking at length on the proposition. It finally was decided to have the Corporation Counsel determine what could be done to bring the matter before the board for settlement and it was ordered on the calendar for February 8.

"For a question against which an injunction has been issued I never heard so much talk," remarked Borough President Dowling as he brought the debate to a close.

The Fifth Avenue Coach Company is operating the lines up Riverside Drive and through Washington Heights under a temporary permit, which will expire on March 15. Mr. Moss, who objects to the terms of the proposed franchise, said he would have no objection to an extension of the permit while the question of a permanent arrangement was being settled.

Controlled by Interborough.

A delegation from Washington Heights insisted upon telling the members of the board how important the additional transportation facilities were to them. In reply to a question Mayor Hylan was informed that the Interborough Rapid Transit Company owned a controlling interest in the Fifth Avenue Coach Company. Then he remarked to one of the Washington Heights delegation:

"Have you any objection to having the city operate bus lines up there?"

To which the reply was that the delegation did not care who operated them so long as they got them to ride in. It was declared that congestion in traffic there was greater even than in Brooklyn, at which the Mayor shook his head in dissent.

"I favor municipal operation if it could beat this proposition," said another speaker, "but I defy any one to show that a better proposition can be offered both from the standpoint of service and monetary return."

"You wouldn't want one company to have a monopoly on the streets of the city, would you?" inquired the Mayor.

"If we had a Public Service Commission that was interested in the people's rights we might get that body to do its duty and compel the B. R. T. to run more trains for passengers and provide more tolls for the city," declared Mayor Hylan. "Why was there a deficiency? Why hasn't the B. R. T. paid tolls since 1913? Where was Wallstein? Why did he let a deficiency develop in city funds?" inquired the Mayor in rapid fire style.

The transportation matter came up just before the meeting of the Board of Estimate adjourned, when Commissioner Delaney of the Department of Plant and Structures, reported that current tolls for the operation of cars across the bridges were not sufficient to keep the department on a self-sustaining basis and that the reason was that fewer cars were being operated.

Mayor Becomes Interested.

This statement immediately caught the attention of Mayor Hylan, who has displayed great interest in B. R. T. affairs since his inauguration.

"Do you mean to say there are fewer cars used than there were formerly?" asked the Mayor, and when the Commissioner replied that such was the fact he exclaimed: "Well, that's the reason why people are dumped out of cars at the Brooklyn end and jammed into already crowded cars to go across the bridge."

The B. R. T.'s litigation over its contention that bridge tolls paid by it should be credited against certain franchise taxes also was pointed out as one reason for decreased revenue.

"Revenue is decreasing because congestion is increasing; is that not so, Mr. Commissioner?" inquired the Mayor.

Chief Engineer Byrne explained that three years ago a connection had been completed between the Centre street loop and Brooklyn Bridge, but that the B. R. T. refused to use it because the corporation would not pay the interest on approximately $800,000, the cost of construction, and about $1,000,000 for land taken.

In reply to a question from President Riegelmann of Brooklyn, who with Mayor Hylan appeared to be surprised at this information, Engineer Byrne said that by using this connection a loop could be operated between Brooklyn Bridge and Williamsburg Bridge, but explained some physical difficulties due to differences in car weight and size between the cars operated on the Centre street loop and the Brooklyn Bridge trains.

Asks Reports on Decrease.

Mayor Hylan asked for full reports on the decrease in the number of cars operated and also the litigation and the physical connection with Brooklyn Bridge.

President Riegelmann moved that the members of the board, under the guidance of engineers of the Plant and Structures Department, make a trip through the connection between the Centre street loop and Brooklyn Bridge. President Dowling, who is familiar with this connection matter, brought a laugh by inquiring if it was intended to have the engineers take the members "by the hand and lead them through."

That there has been a decrease in its traffic over Brooklyn Bridge in the last three years was admitted freely at the office of the B. R. T. yesterday afternoon. This was explained as due to the increased use by the public of the Williamsburg Bridge routes, largely because of the benefits of transfers to Manhattan lines which are obtained there.

Surface cars in sufficient number to accommodate traffic are operated, it was stated. As for the elevated trains over Brooklyn Bridge, for which the B. R. T. pays the municipality a toll of 5 cents per car each way, with a minimum guarantee of about $91,000 annually, it was said that traffic over the Brooklyn Bridge elevated does not justify the operation of enough cars to make up this minimum; that if traffic conditions justified the B. R. T. could run more trains and still not pay the city any more money than it does now, as it has to pay the minimum anyhow. The tolls equal 10 per cent. of the fares collected at Park row, it was said.

Company officials asserted that in the last three years average traffic over Brooklyn Bridge elevated trains has decreased from 200,000 to 160,000 daily, while over the Williamsburg Bridge the average daily traffic has increased in that period from 72,000 to 216,000. They said that over Williamsburg Bridge there are being operated more trains than are being run over any other tracks in the world where operation is controlled by signals and that the traffic over this bridge on two tracks exceeds that handled over the four tracks of the Interborough at Grand Central Station. The B. R. T. pays no car tolls on elevated traffic over Williamsburg Bridge, as operation there is on the "dual contract" basis.

RETAIL TRADE IS HIT HARD BY FUEL ORDER

Business Slackers in East, but Activity Prevails West of the Mississippi.

The trade reviews of the week say that general business conditions in the districts east and west of the Mississippi River are almost opposite. The slowing up of production in the East, due to the Fuel Administration's shutdown order and the consequent loss of purchasing power as a result of the curtailment of wages, caused the slogan "business as usual" to be abandoned. This contrasts with activity in the Western district.

In Canada road salesmen have returned to their routes and a heavy spring and summer trade is generally expected despite the fact that merchants are buying conservatively.

Dun's Review will say: "The diminution of the purchasing power in the East through the closing of shops and factories on specified days and the consequent loss to wage earners has already begun to manifest itself in some retail branches, and though consumers are buying heavily in the aggregate final distribution is more and more along conservative lines and transactions are not at the maximum.

"With commodity price advances continuing to predominate, however, bank clearings surpass the remarkable figures of 1917, the week's gain at outside centres being 12 per cent. and at all points, New York included, 10.7 per cent. Yet there is clearly more caution in trade and industry, and speculative excesses remain conspicuous only by their absence.

"Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to measure fully the influence on iron and steel conditions of the Fuel Administration's closing down order, but estimates indicate that an already restricted production was further reduced by 10 to 15 per cent. With the plants so largely engaged on Government work and with the numerous exemptions granted, the great basic industry was less affected than others by the official edict, though it curtailed new business in steel to a minimum and fresh storms and severe cold have combined to aggravate the freight blockade."

Bradstreet's will say: "Notwithstanding the various cross currents, and taking the country as a whole, new business is of fairly large volume, particularly in respect to demand for staples. Incidentally, extremely cold weather over an extended area has stimulated retail trade in heavy wearing apparel.

"Even at the larger primary markets east of the Mississippi River road orders have been sufficient to rob representation of its full force, and in the zone west of the Mississippi and in the South there seems to be a strong tendency to buy liberally for nearby and distant shipment. Indeed, country merchants in the section mentioned are practically bare of stocks, and they appear to be apprehensive regarding probable future supplies of goods, this sentiment accounting for rather heavy fall buying."

FORBES SECURITIES ADVISER.

Two Others Will Help Pass on Proposed New Issues.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Allen B. Forbes of New York, member of the bond selling firm of Harris, Forbes & Co., has been appointed chairman of a board of three advisers to the Federal Reserve Board, to pass on applications for approval of securities issues.

As soon as the two other members are appointed the board will devise a plan for investigating the necessity for proposed private security issues and make individual recommendations on each to the Federal Reserve Board, which will have final jurisdiction. It is understood that one of the members will be from Chicago and one from the West.

The Federal Reserve Board still is considering whether to subdivide the country into districts for administration of the voluntary securities regulation plan.

NEW JOB FOR F. R. WILSON.

Made Publicity Director for Third Liberty Loan Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Frank R. Wilson, now Assistant Secretary of the Federal Farm Loan Board, has been chosen publicity director for the Third Liberty loan campaign, to succeed Oscar A. Price, who is private secretary to Secretary McAdoo as Director-General of Railroads.

Mr. Wilson formerly was editor and owner of the Sioux City (Iowa) *News* and for the last year and a half has been connected with the Federal Farm Loan Board. He acted as an advance representative for Secretary McAdoo on his Liberty bond speaking tours, and also preceded the Farm Loan Board when it toured the country before the organization of the land banks. The date of the campaign has not yet been announced.

LITTLE FOOD SCOUTS MIRRORED IN FILMS

Kids See Just How They Get Away With Calories.

The darkened interior of the Broadway Theatre, with its bright square of flickering film up front, concealed the excited wigglings of twenty-five food scouts from Public School 40, but the sound of their voices in a chorus of awed "Gee's" was unmistakable. The diet squad saw itself, its platters and its eating methods displayed on the screen. If ever they had doubts about the public importance of the voluntary dieting they have undertaken the film effectually blotted them out. Certainly it takes an extraordinary kid to get in the movies. Yet there they were, at their benches, arm and elbow stoking furiously. "Jimminy," said the scouts, "aren't we great!"

The lunch yesterday was entirely forgotten in this new interest, but the official tabulation shows that the kids fed on fish chowder, whole wheat bread, nut butter, brown betty and dates. Brown betty has molasses in it and apples. Mrs. Loretta Hawkins Munn, who has been interviewing mothers of the diet squad, reported that the boys are eating better at home and have made noticeable physical improvement.

LABOR TAKES GRIP ON HYLAN'S REGIME

Organizes League to Obtain the "Reforms" It Sought in Supporting Mayor.

OPPOSED TO HIGHBROWS

Approves Enright Appointment and Sees Hope for Men Down in the Ranks.

Organized labor in this city, having by its own statement elected Mayor Hylan, now proposes to fasten a firm grip on the Mayor's raiment and shake him until his promised labor programme is put through. Representatives of 700,000 workmen in the city met in the Aldermanic Chamber yesterday and perfected an organization which was formed last September to take up the cudgels for Mr. Hylan. The Labor League of New York City is the title to be adopted by a special committee.

The conference was called under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor, James B. Holland president. After a careful laying of ground wires of approbation intended to reach Mayor Hylan's office the delegates discovered a number of grievances that already have arisen. They spent an hour and a half detailing them, appointed a committee to put the programme in shape and decided to meet again on February 8 to put the final polish on the club they are preparing to use in the Mayor's chambers.

President Holland moved the adoption of a resolution commending Mayor Hylan on the appointment of a man from the ranks to the Police Commissionership.

"I believe the Mayor sees along great, practical and progressive lines," he said. "We worked to defeat Mitchel, and we succeeded. We believe we have got a better administration—even if it isn't a highbrow one. It let a highbrow go a few days ago, and I think it was a good thing. The man from the ranks ought to get more consideration, and we propose to see that he will get it from this administration."

Will Act on All Grievances.

The Labor League is to be the melting pot for all grievances of any union in the city Peter J. Brady said:

"I have seen labor lose out before the Board of Estimate too many times when it had a good complaint simply because it didn't know how to present the case in a clear, forceful manner," Mr. Brady added. "We do not expect the impossible from this administration, but we do expect certain things."

The programme tentatively adopted at the meeting consisted of some thirty articles, and additions will be made. The chief complaint was directed by delegates against the working conditions in factories and shops, the general lack of observance of the prevailing wage law, the absence of a labor representative from the school board and the difficulties experienced by the electrical workers in getting paid for city contract work.

A demand was made that the $63,000 appropriation for improving industrial hygienic conditions be spent at once and that a careful watch be kept to see that no part of the funds goes to any other purpose. The appropriation also provides $22,000 for salaries of factory inspectors. Delegate Abrahamson of the Umbrella Makers Union said that shop conditions in his trade were so bad workers were contracting disease and dying.

Programme for "Reforms."

The chief items on the "reform" calendar presented were:

Municipal ownership of all systems of transportation and the elimination of exorbitant salaries to favored transit officers.

Reorganization of the Public Service Commission, one member to be elected from each borough.

A paid and elected Board of Education, a labor member on the board, and a liberal school building programme.

Public markets, wholesale and retail; enforcement of the tenement house law; enforcement of the eight hour law; pension system for city employees.

A minimum salary of $1,000 for all city employees except minors; elimination of charity and settlement work.

Freedom of speech and of the labor press properly regulated; elimination of all employment agencies except those that make no charge for services; an order for the police to discontinue wire tapping; police control of detective agencies; free medical clinics for school children and a declaration that no one shall profit from the war.

GREAT PROFIT IN GASOLENE.

Retail Price 7 to 10 Cents Above Refining Cost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Gasolene production costs, showing that retail prices are from 7 to 10 cents above the refining cost, were made public to-day by the Federal Trade Commission after an investigation directed by Victor Murdock. The cost of producing gasolene was found to be lowest in California, 13.52 cents. The retail price in San Francisco was given as 20.5 cents.

The highest production cost was in New Jersey and Eastern territory, amounting to 17.642 cents, while in New York the retail price was 26 cents. Other figures given were Gulf Coast, 15.4682; Fort Worth, retail price, 26 cents; Oklahoma, 14.46706; Oklahoma City retail price, 24 cents; Indiana and north Mississippi Valley, 13.675 cents; Chicago, retail price, 21 cents.

The commission said it used the market price of crude oil in computing the refining cost, but added that as most important refineries also are interested in oil wells and pipe lines, it follows that refining costs contain an element of profit on the production and transportation of crude oil.

C. C. N. Y. TO ECONOMIZE.

Saturday and Sunday Closing Ordered Until March 24.

President Sidney E. Mezes of the College of the City of New York has ordered all college buildings closed on Saturday and Sunday from to-day until March 24 in the interests of fuel saving. As a public building the college does not come under the Fuel Administration's closing edict, but the authorities felt that the City College should bear its share in the nationwide movement. It was decided to close on Saturday and Sunday instead of Monday, since this would require the least change in the college schedule of recitations, Saturday being a light day.

The order has resulted in the cancellation of the basketball schedule, the dropping of the senior play and the shifting of Prof. Baldwin's Sunday organ recitals to Monday.

During the spring recess between terms the buildings will be partially heated. The order does not apply to buildings used by the Signal Corps detachment receiving training in telegraphy, or to the parts of the building used by the exemption boards.

B. R. T. ASKS U. S. AID IN MEETING NOTES

Col. Williams Says Appeal Was Made for $57,000,000 Due in July.

DECISION IS AWAITED

Stockholders at Annual Meeting Criticise Crowded Conditions on System.

Col. Timothy S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, quizzed by stockholders at the annual meeting yesterday, disclosed the fact that his company had appealed to Washington for aid in meeting $57,000,000 notes which mature next July. This is the first time that a public utility corporation which is not within the scope of the Government's rail programme has taken up with the Government the matter of financing.

Whether meeting these notes will be undertaken by the Government or privately in some way is an unsettled question, according to Col. Williams, and the solution of the problem awaits the formulation of a definite policy in Washington. After consultation with the Federal Reserve Board the company's officials were directed to take up the matter with officials of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In reply to a stockholder's inquiry Col. Williams said: "I want to express full confidence that whether such financing is undertaken by the Government or privately the maturity of these notes will be taken care of without any question. The Government authorities have asked the company's officials to take no definite step in regard to the note matter until they (the Government authorities) arrive at a decision."

Covered Subway Improvements.

These notes were sold six years ago to provide for subway improvements, and the business local to the Broadway subway is the first real new business to come to the company since the operation of the dual system began. Col. Williams pointed out that other new lines which have been placed in operation either took the place of previously existing surface lines or afforded new facilities to the same traffic. Calling operation of the new subway "very satisfactory despite the incomplete status of its equipment and stations," he told of $3,000 receipts for the day last Thursday on account of new business.

Stockholders present at the meeting repeatedly and unfavorably criticised crowded conditions on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit lines, but Col. Williams promised little relief until the dual system is completed. Then, he said, there will be five B. R. T. gateways between Brooklyn and lower Manhattan, and traffic can be carried comfortably. He pointed out that under the dual system contracts it never was intended to put so much traffic on the Williamsburg Bridge as now prevailed. Daily traffic over the two tracks of that bridge at present amounts to 216,000 passengers, which, according to Col. Williams, is 29,000 greater than the combined daily passenger traffic in and out of the Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan, the Grand Central Terminal and the Flatbush avenue station of the Long Island Railroad.

Stockholders reelected the following directors for a term of three years: J. C. Brady, J. N. Wallace, W. G. Oakman, Eugene N. Foss and Bernard Gallagher.

Earned 6.82 P. C. on Capital.

An income statement distributed at the meeting showed that Brooklyn Rapid Rapid Transit in the calendar year 1917 earned a surplus after charges of $5,079,308, an increase of $53,325 over the preceding year. Statisticians figure this equivalent to 6.82 per cent. on $74,455,159 capital stock, compared with 6.76 per cent.

Here is the income statement for 1917 in tabular form:

	1917.	Increase.
Total operating rev.	$30,055,287	$1,304,290
Net operating rev.	12,878,492	364,388
Balance after taxes.	10,618,110	337,934
Gross income	11,072,297	340,946
Charges	5,942,989	287,621
Surplus after charges.	5,079,308	53,325

Stock books of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company showed an increase in the number of shareholders. The number is now 9,652, compared with 9,178 in June, 1917, and 9,038 in June, 1916.

DENIES RED CROSS OUSTED HIM IN 1916

E. A. Morree Says He Resigned to Escape Society Women and Pink Teas.

The District Attorney's investigation into the Fusion slush fund yesterday elicited the assertion from Edward A. Morree, manager of the Press Service Company, 30 East Forty-second street, which handled the publication of several bulletins and booklets for the Mitchel campaign committee, that he severed his connection with the American Red Cross because he grew tired of pink teas and society women.

Mr. Morree told Edwin P. Kilroe, Assistant District Attorney, that two years ago this spring he became a director of the Atlantic Division of the Red Cross, having charge of all the national society's work in the Atlantic States. A year ago last December, he said, he resigned.

"We have an anonymous communication here saying you were dismissed from the Red Cross," suggested Mr. Kilroe. Mr. Morree answered: "That is false—absolutely. Now if it would add anything to the sum of your information I could show you that is not true. I was dissatisfied with the way the Red Cross was being managed on the question of centralized management, and I am proud to state that after my resignation every suggestion I made as to organization was followed out.

"And, besides, I grew tired of chasing around to pink teas with society ladies and wanted to get out and do a real man's work."

Mr. Morree said he received $4,000 a year and travelling expenses from the Red Cross. He had been connected with charitable and philanthropic work for upward of ten years, he said, formerly having been publicity manager for the State Charities Aid Association.

Mrs. Helen Hartley financed the pamphlet he wrote on the charity situation in this city for campaign purposes, Morree said. He asserted further that he himself had received no money from the fusion committee, but said his company—the Press Service Company—had been paid $8,765.80 in seven payments. The largest single payment was $1,100 from the committee on education.

176 Promoted in Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Daniels to-day announced promotion of 176 enlisted men of the navy to be temporary warrant officers.

CITY SERIAL BONDS FAVORED BY TRAVIS

Comptroller Finds Them Better Than Sinking Funds.

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—The serial bond method for financing municipalities rather than the sinking fund system now in vogue in the State and many local governments is preferred by State Comptroller Travis. The Comptroller to-night expressed the opinion that while both methods have their benefits, experience and investigations of his office convinced him that the serial bond method under certain restrictions has the advantage.

"I have reached this conclusion," he explained, "because the uncertainties of calculation which have so unfortunately affected the sinking funds of many of our municipalities in the past are at once eliminated, while the amount required to pay each year can easily be obtained without calculation.

"Furthermore, the fact that the same administration which incurs a debt must at once begin, within one year, to make provisions for its reimbursement necessarily and strongly tends toward responsibility and prudence in the contraction of that debt."

Owing to the frequent changes in public officials a chance for political manipulation of the funds is not so liable to occur if serial bonds are issued.

As to the enormous savings some authorities claim for the serial bond method there seems to be some doubt when all elements are taken into the calculation. In a comparison of the two methods the advantages seem to be in favor of the sinking fund method for the first sixteen years, after which the advantage appears to be in favor of the serial bond method. The difference in favor of each method, however, if compound interest to maturity, at the same rate the debt bears, is added, will exactly equal.

MAYOR HYLAN CHIEF PERSONAGE AT BALL

Social Function His First Since Election.

Mayor Hylan appeared last night at his first social function since he became Mayor. It was a ball given by the Twentieth Assembly District Regular Democratic Organization in honor of its leader, William F. Delaney. Mr. Delaney's photograph was on the cover of the eighty-three page (all but three filled with advertisements) programme, but the Mayor proved to be much more the guest of honor. The ball was given in the huge Arcadia Hall, Halsey street, near Broadway, Williamsburg, which is not far from Mayor Hylan's home.

The Mayor and Mrs. Hylan were announced to lead the grand march, but Mrs. Hylan was detained at home with a cold. The Mayor reached the hall at 9:45 o'clock, attired in evening dress, mother of pearl buttons and all, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Detective Sergeant Irving O'Hara. John McKeon, chief clerk of the Magistrates' Court; Francis P. Bents and others took them in tow on arrival and toured them around the hall. So great was the interest of the dancers in the new Mayor that it took him thirty-two minutes to pass a given table as they went through the boxes of the balcony. Said the various citizens of Williamsburg as he passed, "That's he!" and nary a "That's him!"

The Mayor did not dance of course. But he was cheery.

Chamberlain on Defence Board.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 25.—W. E. Chamberlain, a member of the board of directors of the National Hardwood Lumber Association, announced to-night that he had accepted a position on the board of Council of National Defence. Mr. Chamberlain will advice and consult with the purchasers of hardwood lumber for the Italian, French and English Governments, and will help expedite orders for the United States Government. The chairman of the board is R. H. Downman of Washington.

SUNDAY SERVICES BY CITY PASTORS

Special Music to Be Feature of Several Prominent Church Programmes.

THE CHRISTO LEALYAN COTERIE, 552 Riverside Drive—A new religious movement called the Christo Lealyan Coterie is holding meetings every Sunday at 3 P. M. As often as possible on Friday evenings a special friendly session is held.

CHURCH OF THE BELOVED DISCIPLE, East Eighty-ninth street—The rector will preach in the morning and the Rev. R. Everett Carr in the evening. Matthews's cantata, "The Conversion," will be rendered by the choir, accompanied by harp, violin, 'cello and organ, at the popular vesper service at 4 P. M.

CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, Seventh avenue at 128th street—Dr. Allan MacRossie will give an address on "The Message from the Front" at the evening service. At the morning service the pastor, Dr. Morgan, will preach from the theme "Inasmuch."

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN Church, corner Fifty-fifth street—Dr. Jowett will preach at 11 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. and will conduct the midweek service in the chapel on Wednesday evening at 8:15.

COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, Fifth avenue at Forty-eighth street—Service 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The Rev. Arthur Frederick Mabon will preach in the morning. Evening service, special music, selections from Gounod.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH—The subject of the lesson-sermon to-morrow will be "Truth."

MRS. E. F. CHAPIN, Hotel Biltmore—Sunday's subject is "A Passion for Perfection" and the one following is "This Fleshly Garment."

SCHOOL OF THE BUILDERS, Cort Theatre—Mrs. Behrend will lecture at 4 P. M. Her subject will be "The Master Thinker" (Mental Science). T. Troward.

PROF. EVERSON, Casino Theatre—Night subject, "Setting Up an Image to the Papacy in Our Country." This is the closing lecture on the "United States in Prophecy."

On account of the fuel order the lecture ordinarily given on Tuesday will be delivered on Monday. The subject for next Monday is "Christ's Prediction Concerning World Famine and Its Fulfilment in Our Time."

UNITY SOCIETY, 25 West Seventy-second street—Mrs. Van Marter's subject will be "The Lost Word Found" for the morning service and in the evening Miss Katharine Eggleston wil speak on "Mathematical Prayer."

CHURCH OF THE DIVINE PATERNITY, Central Park West at Seventy-sixth street—the pastor, Frank Oliver Hall, D. D., will preach at 11 A. M. on "Youth." Music by the quartet. Evening service suspended during coal famine.

ST. AGNES'S CHAPEL, West Ninety-second street—The Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger will preach at the 11 and 4 o'clock services. The Rev. G. C. M. Tower at 8 o'clock.

BROADWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner 114th street—The Rev. Dr. Buchanan's subject at 11 o'clock will be "Now." The Sunday school and Sunday morning service are held at the church; weekday meetings, at the pastor's invitation, will be held at his home, owing to fuel scarcity.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Madison avenue at Fifty-seventh street—The first musicale, ninth season, will be given Sunday at 4:30. The choir of three quartets and orchestra will give a varied programme of the best religious selections.

DR. P. W. SEARS, Criterion Theatre—"Was Jesus a God or Man?" will be the subject of to-morrow's lecture.

MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH, Fifth avenue at Twenty-ninth street—Dr. Burrell's subjects for to-morrow are: Morning, "Our Schoolmaster"; evening, "The Women of the Red Cross."

MARRIED BY CONTRACT.

Novel Document Formally Entered in Office of County Clerk.

Amadee James Dubuc, giving his address as the College of the City of New York, and Frances Fisher Boyd, who lives in 14 West Twelfth street, filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday a contract of marriage, in which the principals agreed "to forever after: during their joint and natural lives, be husband and wife, and keep and perform all the duties and obligations of the marriage relation, but that there exists no legal impediment to such marriage relations."

Witnesses to the contract, which was sworn to before Supreme Court Justice Hendrick, were Gardner King Byers of Suffern and John H. Corwin, 11 Philipse road, Yonkers.

RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS. RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

"CONCERTED DISCUSSION" SUNDAY, JAN. 27

ON

1—Ratification by the New York State Legislature of the National Prohibition Amendment.

2—Passage of the War Emergency Prohibition Bill Unless Congress or the President Give It to the Whole Country Before the Legislature Acts.

On next Sunday, January 27, in approximately 5,000 pulpits of various denominations and creeds in New York City and State, the pastors will bring before their respective congregations the issues involved in the present legislative program of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, above set out, and request their members to write at once to their respective Senators, Assemblymen and Congressmen, urging prompt action upon these questions.

This "CONCERTED DISCUSSION" plan is part of the answer of the organized moral forces to the propaganda work of the brewers and liquor traffic generally. It is essentially democratic. It proposes that the people tell their representatives what they desire upon this particular question.

The response already received by the Anti-Saloon League indicates that this year the "Concerted Discussion" will be a success far beyond last year when 3,000 pastors cooperated. It is not confined to Protestants, but both Jews and Catholics will be represented. The first man in New York City to advise the League of his intention to participate was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue.

The Anti-Saloon League is a non-partisan, non-sectarian agency of the churches and temperance forces. It is supported entirely by voluntary offerings. Its annual report is published in its own paper, sent to contributors and furnished to every newspaper in the State of New York.

This notice is paid for by friends of the cause. If you want to make possible the publication of further information, and to furnish funds to be used in getting the facts to the people of the State so that they can ask their representatives for action on this question, send a check, or a subscription which may be paid quarterly to the Anti-Saloon League, 156 Fifth avenue.

Contributions of $4.00 a year or more carry with them without extra charge a year's subscription to the American Issue, New York edition, the official organ of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, and those of $12.00 a year ($1 a month) or more also carry the National edition of the American Issue, which prints the national news the State paper has not room for.

UNION PREACHERS' MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, At Marble Collegiate Church at 11 o'Clock.

In connection with the "Concerted Discussion" demonstration, the regular annual Union Meeting of the ministers of New York City and vicinity will be held at 11 o'clock, Monday morning, in the auditorium of the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street.

The address of the morning will be made by Rev. P. A. Baker, D.D., General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America. The State Superintendent, William H. Anderson, will report on the Albany situation. Every pastor is invited to bring one influential layman who is especially interested in the temperance movement.

Rensselaer Advances Graduation.

TROY, Jan. 25.—Speeding up for the war the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute trustees to-day decided to graduate its senior class in May instead of June. The succeeding class will be kept in continuous session throughout the summer and prepared for graduation about January 1, 1919, a gain of six months.

RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAPTIST.

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