

BARS DR. HOLMES AS SCHOOL TALKER

Censor Decides That Clergyman's Americanism Is Open to Question.

DR. MELISH PROTESTS

Brooklyn Minister to Take Place of Speaker Placed Under Ban.

FREE SPEECH THE ISSUE

Community Church Pastor Says He Is in Fight to the Finish.

The Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community Church, has been barred by the Board of Education from speaking to-night at a meeting of the Brooklyn Civic Forum in Public School 84, Glenmore and Stone avenues, Brooklyn.

The Rev. John Howard Melish of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, who has been substituted for Dr. Holmes on the programme, resents so strongly the exclusion of Dr. Holmes that he intends to make free speech the topic of his talk and to speak his mind about what he calls the "remarkable censorship" exercised by the Board of Education.

The man who invited Dr. Holmes to talk at the school is Nathan H. Seidman, president of the Brooklyn Civic Forum. The subject was to be "The Collapse of Civilization: Can It Be Saved?" Under a rule of the Board of Education its director of community centres, Dr. Eugene C. Gibney, passes upon the desirability of all speakers in the public forums held in the schools. Dr. Gibney notified Mr. Seidman that Dr. Holmes was taboo. Mr. Seidman says he was informed that the Board of Education regarded Dr. Holmes as "not sufficiently American."

Ban on Dr. Holmes Stands.

After talking this action Dr. Gibney went to Washington, where he is now. Mr. Seidman telephoned William McCandrew, associate superintendent of schools, to see what could be done. He learned that nothing could be done; the Holmes prohibition stood. Mr. Seidman then persuaded Dr. Melish to take the other clergyman's place.

"The fact is," Mr. McCandrew said yesterday to THE NEW YORK HERALD, "that we do not feel sure that Dr. Holmes is working for the same thing we are, namely, the upholding of the American form of government and the teaching of true American patriotism."

Here is the view of William E. Grady of Brooklyn, a member of the Board of Education: "I should not be surprised if the action of the board is based on Dr. Holmes's general attitude and the fact that he was responsible, had to be ousted from the High School of Commerce because of the type of speakers who appeared there."

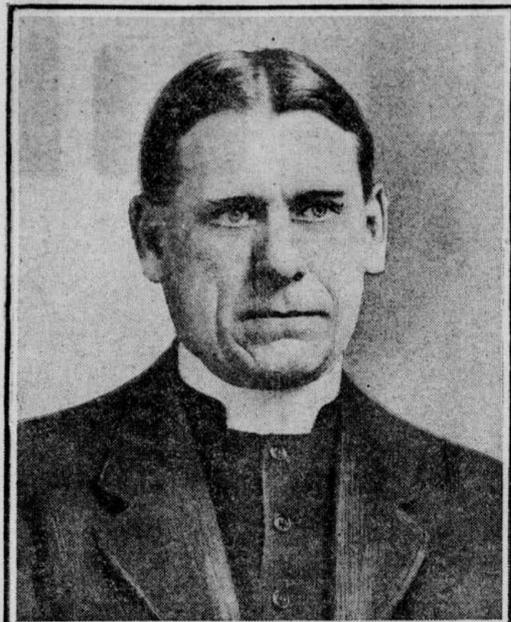
The Community Forum was held in February last by the Board of Education. Superintendent Ettlinger charged two of the speakers, Dr. Richmond and Lincoln Steffens, both of whom extolled Bolshevism, with un-Americanism, and intimated that the forum and Dr. Holmes's Community Church were definitely linked, although the schools cannot be used for sectarian purposes. Dr. Holmes is an avowed Socialist.

Last night Dr. Melish characterized the barring of Dr. Holmes from Public School 84 as "extraordinary," and said, "This is a new kind of censorship. In my talk to-morrow night I shall have to enter a protest and pay my respects to the Board of Education. I shall try to indicate what free speech means to America, the country where every man has the right to speak his mind within the law."

Dr. Melish's church is on Brooklyn Heights and his parishioners include many of the best known families of Brooklyn.

Fight to Finish, Says Clergyman. Dr. Holmes said last night that the action of the board was the "action of

DR. DRURY DELAYS GIVING DECISION ON TRINITY OFFER



THE REV. DR. SAMUEL SMITH DRURY.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, COSSOOD, N. H., April 23.—The Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Drury, head of St. Paul's School, received formal notification of his election to the rectorship of Trinity Church, New York, to-day when a committee of the vestrymen of the church called upon him at St. Paul's rectory. After the conference Dr. Drury said that he had not formally accepted the offer of the rectorship, it being understood by the committee that he should have a reasonable time to consider the offer. Dr. Drury said he was deeply

sensible of the great honor paid to him in his election to succeed Bishop-elect William T. Manning, but that there were some things that had to be taken into consideration before making a final decision. He expects to give his answer within a short time. The general feeling here is that Dr. Drury will accept, but it is believed his decision is due to the time of departure. His attachment to St. Paul's School is so great that it is thought he will wish to stay here the remainder of the school year, which will end in June.

men who are ignorant enough to assume that they have all truth, arrogant enough to assert that they have all virtues and ungenerous enough to deny to others rights they wantonly exercise themselves.

"There is a standard of orthodoxy established in our schools for outside speakers as well as teachers," he said, "and those who cannot or will not conform must be silent. So far as the Board of Superintendents has power to control the situation no man shall be allowed to address his fellow citizens unless he agrees with the board."

Dr. Holmes declared that he is "in the fight to the finish" against what he regards as tyranny on the part of the board, authority as that expressed by the board. Mr. Seidman, who invited Mr. Holmes, said that while the policy of the abridgment of free speech might have been essential in war time it does violence to American ideals and institutions in times of peace. Dr. Holmes, in his opinion, is not known as a radical, but is moderate in his views. "He represents the spirit of Christian ideals as very few in the pulpit do at present," he concluded.

CRAFTS NOT A GUEST OF BLUE LAW FOES

Reformer Declines Invitation to Banquet to-morrow.

The committee in charge of the anti-blue law banquet to be held to-morrow night at the Hotel Commodore announced yesterday that the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts had written a 3,000 word letter declining the invitation to attend. Dr. Crafts is superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, but the committee invited him under the impression that he was head of the Lord's Day Alliance, hoping that he might "absorb the point of view of the blue law opponents."

Dr. Crafts suggested that the committee invite Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, secretary of the alliance, or the Rev. Robert Watson, who is both a director of America, the country where every man has the right to speak his mind within the law."

The reply to Dr. Crafts was given out by Henry Ellrell, secretary of the committee in charge of the banquet.

THREE KILLED HERE IN MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Samuel Silberstein Crushed by Car Which Strikes Him on Sidewalk.

Samuel Silberstein of 199 Powell street, Brooklyn, was killed and his wife and eight-year-old daughter badly injured last night when an automobile leaped the curb at Belmont avenue and Watkins street, Brownsville, and struck them. The accident, which occurred when the streets were crowded with Saturday night shoppers, was followed by threats against the life of the driver of the machine, Sidney Schwartz, 19, of 474 Van Buren street. Policemen guarded him until he had been locked up on a charge of homicide.

Silberstein was dead before the arrival of an ambulance. His wife, Mrs. Ida Silberstein, 23, was found suffering from internal injuries, fractures of the ribs and left leg and cuts, while the girl, Shirley, was unconscious from internal injuries. They were taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where it was said they might die.

Witnesses said the automobile mounted to the sidewalk and was upon the Silbersteins before they heard the horn. Silberstein was caught up by the fender and carried along for twenty feet before he was flung through the window framework of the store. His wife and child were jammed between the side of the hood and the window.

Schwartz said he had turned toward the curb to avoid running down several women who were standing in his path. He declared he could not understand how the wheels slipped over the curb. Two other deaths resulted yesterday from automobile accidents. Miss Eloise Amberg, 32, who lived in Whittier Hall, 1230 Amsterdam avenue, was injured mortally at Broadway and 120th street when she was run down by a motor truck driven by Fred Whittman of 123 Hallock street. As she crossed the thoroughfare she held an umbrella before her, and according to persons who witnessed the accident, could not see the machine as it approached her. She died at Knickerbocker Hospital.

William Worden, 8, of 3111 Chauncey street, Brooklyn, was struck by an automobile in front of his home. He died a few hours later in Bushwick Hospital. Vincent Quinn of 381 Van Brunt street, driver of the automobile, was not arrested. An automobile driven by Romeo Ajello, salesman, of 421 Clinton street, Brooklyn, ran down and killed Miss Helen Cunningham, a school teacher, 43 years, of 162 West Eighth street, at Broadway and Eighth street last night. Ajello stopped the machine and lifted the woman into it and then rushed her to Dr. Stern's sanitarium, West End avenue and Seventy-seventh street. She was dead when the physician examined her.

BRONX WEDDINGS BOOM.

Twenty-three Couples Get Licenses; Twenty Couples Too Young.

A sudden marriage boom took place in The Bronx yesterday and the procession of the wedded and those about to be wedded moved rapidly through the Marriage License Bureau office for three hours. Twenty couples were turned away because they were of too tender years. Thomas McCabe, Deputy City Clerk, married ten of the thirty-three couples who obtained licenses. Many of the others said they were going to have the knot tied and begin their honeymoon to-day. The day's business was the largest of the month.

SUBWAY IS FLOODED BY BURSTING MAIN

Traffic Halted Between Bridge and 14th Street, on Lexington Line.

Lexington avenue subway trains between Fourteenth street and Brooklyn Bridge stopped from 9 until 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning because of the bursting of a thirty-six inch water main near Bleecker and Lafayette streets, which filled four thoroughfares to the curb level and poured into the Bleecker street station of the subway.

Thousands were delayed getting to work and passengers of two trains stalled near the flooded area got wet feet. An express train stopped near Bleecker street, and the other, a local, near the Spring street station. The lights went out as soon as the water struck the rails. The depth of the water along the track bed was about four inches.

Boards were laid along the rails, but most of the passengers had to go home for dry clothing. Pedestrian traffic in Broadway, Bleecker, Lafayette and Crosby streets was halted by the water. The main which broke, just north of the Bleecker street crossing in Lafayette street, carries 15,000,000 gallons a day. The water ran over the curbs onto the sidewalks for a considerable distance in these streets, in some cases getting into stores.

The flood started at 8:30 o'clock and at 9:05 the automatic signal was thrown, giving notice to all stations of the Lexington avenue subway to suspend traffic and accept no more tickets. The tump was relieved partly by shuttle trains between Fourteenth street and Grand Central. Service was resumed between Fourteenth street and the bridge about 10:30, and at 11:38 it was announced that traffic was normal.

CHURCH AVE. LINE RESUMES.

No Transfers Will Be Issued for Intersecting Lines.

Public Service Commissioner Barrett issued an order yesterday permitting the operation of the Church avenue trolley cars in Brooklyn without the necessity of giving transfers to intersecting lines. Prior to the passage of the Clayton act by the last Legislature this was impossible. Lindley M. Garrison, receiver, therefore, refused under an order of the court to resume operation of the Church avenue line after the strike in August. He contended the operation was too expensive.

Prior to the strike the Church avenue line carried 1,000,000 passengers a month, 600,000 of them using transfers to other lines for a long haul.

WAR VETERANS REVIEWED.

Grig-Gen. Charles Johnstone Armstrong of the Canadian forces, commanding the district of Montreal, last night reviewed the Thirteenth Coast Defence Regiment at its army in Brooklyn. The occasion was termed "American war veterans' night" in honor of all the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the civil, Spanish American and world wars.

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