

TAMMANY OFFICIAL BLAMED FOR CRIME

John Kirkland Clark Out With Facts as to System of District Attorney.

'INDICT AND FORGET'

Coalition Candidate Cites Rank Cases of Justice Going Far Astray.

FREEDOM FOR ROBBERS

Break Down of Calendar in New York County Costs Tax- payers \$800 a Day.

Direct responsibility for the crime conditions that prevail in New York county was charged to the District Attorney's office by John Kirkland Clark, the coalition candidate for that office, in a statement issued at his headquarters, 1572 Broadway, last night.

"During the years that Tammany Hall has maintained its grip on the District Attorney's office," said Mr. Clark, "there has been a constant increase in crime, which has kept pace with the constantly increasing luxury in the proper prosecution of offences. The result is that this city to-day not only is the haven for criminals from all over the country, but international crooks have been attracted to this city of relaxed prosecution.

"The motto of the office to-day is: 'Indict and forget.' There are on the calendars at the present time," continued Mr. Clark, "at least a half dozen cases of men who were indicted for crimes, freed on bail and then re-arrested for a second offense of the same crime before being tried for the first.

"I have at hand the case of a man who was indicted, bailed, re-arrested and re-indicted, freed again on bail and re-arrested for the third time for a crime of the same character—the escape burglary. This same offender, by the way, in the last week crashed his automobile into two other cars and built up more trouble for himself. The first indictment in his case was found a year ago.

"Other cases of which I have a record show that indictments have been deferred in prosecution for a year and a half. Among them is one case which has been postponed forty different times.

"As an instance of the laxity in the present office, there is the case of Frank Flannigan, indicted for robbery in the first degree. The jury disagreed when he was tried and his case subsequently was called up on the calendar seventy-five times for retrial. When it finally was moved before a jury the People's main witness, an accomplice, had gone to Cuba. It was attempted to read his previous testimony into the record, whereupon it was discovered that the Assistant District Attorney had moved the wrong indictment. Under the rules this testimony was inadmissible and the court had no alternative other than to direct an acquittal. Ball subsequently was discharged in three other cases of robbery pending against Flannigan.

"The breakdown of the calendar costs the county about \$800 a day," Mr. Clark asserted. The failure in the Elwell case and the scores of unsolved murders must be laid at the door of the District Attorney, he declared.

LUNAR ECLIPSE DRAWS SMALL EARTHLY NOTICE

Shadow on Moon Visible for Hour and 40 Minutes.

No multitudes were looking at the sky last evening to see the earth put a shadow on the moon. Astronomical happenings are not world series, so few folks outdoors knew that our satellite was in eclipse. Between six and seven o'clock the moon was almost totally immersed in the shadow. Only a small segment of her southern limb showed.

Professional observers had their telescopes on the darkened face from the moment the moon rose at 5:55, with the shadow already on her, and kept her in focus until she became chastely pale at 7:24.

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE.

Satie Taise, 23 years old, who is alleged to have admitted robbing Nitara Fasiana of 146 West Sixty-fifth street of \$20 after strangling him in a room at the Hotel Empire, Broadway and Sixty-fifth street, October 5, was held yesterday in West Side court on a charge of murder. He will be examined to-day.

WEIDMAN, WHO KILLED FRIEND, RETURNS HOME

Will Not Be Prosecuted for Death of Geis.

Paul Weidman of Woodmere, president of the Nassau Bus Line, who shot William V. Geis, owner of Hewlett Inn, at Hewlett, L. I., by accident Thursday night, returned home yesterday. Weidman telephoned his wife Saturday night to assure her he had not committed suicide, but said he was a nervous wreck and wanted assurances he would not be prosecuted.

Justice Lewis N. Raisig told Mrs. Weidman that Geis had exonerated her husband before he died and there was nothing to fear. Weidman was inaccessible yesterday and Justice Raisig said he was "too ill to arrest." He said Weidman had spent the time of his disappearance "just wandering around." He promised to attend the inquest Friday.

SIMPLE WAR SHAFTS FAVORED BY CURRAN

No Time for Costly Memorials With So Many Heroes in Dire Need.

Borough President Henry H. Curran, Republican-coalition candidate for Mayor, assisted in laying the cornerstone of a neighborhood war memorial at Pitkin avenue and Grafton street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the citizens memorial committee and the soldiers and sailors memorial committee of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He said he had been glad to come, taking time out of his campaign, because he favored simple memorials rather than costly monuments to-day when the sick and needy soldiers required attention, and because the chairman, Alexander Drescher, was his old colleague in the Board of Aldermen.

"I want to congratulate you on what you are doing," said Major Curran, "but more than that, on the spirit which prompts you to do it in this way. I never had any patience with any of the projects for huge, expensive city wide memorials. Perhaps they will come later, but the time for them is still far away. We can better use the money that would build them for the relief of our sick and wounded veterans. Our first duty is to the sick and wounded of today. Later on, when the war has become a memory, and the gentle mantle of time has softened the edge of its hurts and its anguish, we can build a great memorial that will tower aloft through the generations as a living token of the tenderness of New York's regard for the memory of her sons and daughters who fell in this cause.

"In the meantime you are building in Brooklyn this modest monument to the memory of your own intimate friends and neighbors who fell in the service of our country.

"You are doing this with your own funds, and it springs from a real and intimate regard of what the war meant to you in your own homes. This is the kind of memorial that counts. This is the kind that is real. We have more of them than you think. I have seen the little neighborhood memorials in every part of the city. In my own neighborhood a flag staff in Washington Square bears on its pedestal, in gray letters, the names of the men who were my friends, who lie in France to-day; and there, hard by the Washington Arch, you will see the colors floating from this memorial flagstaff every day of the year.

"In the Bronx, the trees that line the Concourse park, every one of them, a bronze tablet upon which appears the name of a Bronx man who did not come back.

"If you go beyond the boundaries of our wonderful city, you will find in village after village a memorial that has sprung up from the village green. We have very few village greens in New York, but even in the brick and stone that make up the outward, visible garb of our city we find the same spirit beneath, and the little memorials are springing up in one neighborhood after another. They take the form of tablets on the walls at times, and where there is a monument on the ground there is usually very little grass around it. Some of them may seem a poor thing as you look at them, but away beyond and behind the physical discomfort and ugliness in which we live in many parts of New York I know that there shines the spirit of service, of patriotism and regard for those who have gone, which makes possible such a ceremony as this.

"While the unweaving greenery were under way Dr. Leo Greenbaum, a Brownsville physician, circled overhead in an airplane, dropping flowers, and Rabbi Herbert I. Levinsky, pointing at the monument said: 'This gives the answer to the lie of the Ku Klux Klan and Fordism. Patriotism is not confined to any creed.'

District Attorney Harry E. Lewis, Alderman Francis Bent, who represented Mayor Hylan; former Alderman Alexander I. Drescher and Representative Lester D. Volk were other speakers.

"The monument represents a soldier surrounded by winged Victory, contains the names of eighty-two Brownsville men and is inscribed, 'In Memory of Our Glorious Dead.'

GILROY SAYS HYLAN DOESN'T WANT LINES

Mayor's Demand for City Own- ership Not Sincere, Asserts Candidate.

COULD EASILY HAVE IT

Coalition Leader Speaks to Great Crowd at the Dyck- man Oval.

Vincent Gilroy, coalition candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, addressed the big crowd that went to Dyckman Oval yesterday to see Jeff Tesreau's Bears play Nick Altrock's Comedians. He went there hoping Mayor Hylan would follow his usual Sunday campaign programme and drop in on his rounds of the parks to call on the people to keep him in office. But the Mayor did not appear. Mr. Gilroy received a great ovation.

"I'm sorry the Mayor did not appear," he told the crowd. "I wanted to tell him as I shall tell you that the hopes of Charlie Murphy and all his puppets which Police Commissioner Enright has facility with which they can put over blatant misrepresentations and kindle class prejudice.

"You are told by Hiramfield that the Mayor has been maligning by the 'money-bund' and the 'traction ring' because he has saved the five cent fare for the people. Those, I believe, are nearly his exact words. Hiramfield, Hylan and all the rest of them know that Hylan has just as much to do with fare regulations as I have. He would be as impotent as the flourishes and ruffles with which Police Commissioner Enright seek to envelop him.

"I'm really believed in municipal ownership of public utilities and really desired the city administration to have the adjustment of transit tariffs in its control he would long ago have instructed his Corporation Counsel to foreclose the city's liens on the Interborough lines because he and Comptroller Craig had Hiramfield, both these corporations have violated their contracts and are amenable to foreclosure.

"That would do the trick. But the Mayor doesn't want the city to have these lines. Why? Because immediately they would be thrown into bankruptcy and a Federal receiver appointed. And then this receiver would ask the courts to set a ten cent fare or even an eight cent fare that the defunct systems could discharge their financial obligations. If the courts did not make this grant, then the Brooklyn situation would be repeated. In order to save money the receiver would declare certain lines or extensions closed. The city would still have a five cent fare, but just about half or two-thirds of the transit facilities it has now. And you know that you're packed in the subway cars now like cattle.

"The coalition ticket sets forth tomorrow upon a sprinting campaign that will arouse New York as it never has before. You are about to be told facts that will make you demand an accounting from this Hylan administration. You are going to elect to the Mayor's office Henry H. Curran and his entire ticket, and your action in so doing will be your answer to the inquiry: 'Tammany to render the accounting you will demand.'

Last night Mr. Gilroy was the guest of the Joyce Kilmer Council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. This meeting was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 30th street and Broadway. Here, as at Dyckman Oval, the dynamic candidate received a flattering reception. Mr. Gilroy was the first president of the council.

"I fervently pray and sincerely believe that the current conference between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. de Valera will result in peace between the peoples. For 700 years this fight has gone on. There is not an Irishman worthy of the name who does not pray that peace may come to Erin—an honorable peace that all may accept.

"And that will be but the start for Ireland. Having attained her nationhood, she must develop into prosperity and happiness. Such eventually will have wonderful effect upon the relationship between America and the British Empire.

"That done, this association will be called upon to build up the economic prosperity of Ireland and maintain friendly relations between this country and Erin."

FOCH AIDS BUILDING PROJECT.

Village of Belleau to Be Beneficiary of American Fund.

Marshal Foch, who is to arrive here next Saturday, has accepted the honorary chairmanship for France of the American association formed by Mrs. Elizabeth Van Rensselaer Frazer and others to rebuild the village of Belleau with \$300,000 which is to be raised in the United States. Marshal Foch's acceptance was received yesterday by cable at the Hotel Commodore by Major Earl Hamilton Smith, executive secretary of the association.

Among the sponsors of the movement are Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, Senator and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, John W. Weeks, Secretary of War; James M. Beck, Solicitor-General, and Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

HYLAN READS SPEECHES AT JEWISH CEREMONIES

Tells How Wife Helped Him in Struggle for Education.

Mayor John F. Hylan made speeches yesterday at the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of a synagogue on the Grand Concourse, The Bronx, and at the tenth anniversary of the Universal Rebekah Lodge, No. 473, I. O. O. F., in the Hotel Astor.

At each place the Mayor read short speeches, and at the Hotel Astor told of his struggle for an education and how Mrs. Hylan had contributed to it and his success. He said he had tried to serve all creeds and nationalities, and was applauded when he declared that on the day he took office he made up his mind to stop the traction ring from exploiting the people.

"When I took office the schools were \$75,000,000 behind in the building programme, and the pay-as-you-go-law made it impossible to catch up," said Mayor Hylan. "Rapid strides are being made in the construction of schools, and there are seventeen now under construction."

UNTERMYER CALLS KAPLAN 'HOPELESS'

Refuses to Debate on Transit With Senator Because It Would Do No Good.

Samuel Untermyer yesterday refused the invitation of Senator Abraham Kaplan to debate the transit issue.

"Senator Kaplan's interview is on its face so hopelessly uninformed and shows so plainly that he has never even read the commissioner's plan or my plan, or that, if he has read either or both, he does not know what they mean, that I cannot hope to be able to enlighten Senator Kaplan in a single day's debate, and accordingly decline the invitation," said Mr. Untermyer.

"A man who, in the face of the speech delivered by me at the City Club, and the five cent fare, pretends that I am not opposed to an increased fare is more a fit subject for a primary education than for the kind of debate upon which he would like to have me enter. Time is too precious and life is too short for that sort of thing.

"For Mr. Kaplan's enlightenment, I may say that the correspondence between Mayor Hylan and myself between January and June, 1919, demonstrates that I have not only been openly and consistently opposed to any attempt to increase fares, but that I urged the Mayor then, when there was still time for him to act, to see to it that the city's interests were protected, which he failed to do to the great injury of the city.

"Senator Kaplan, having been rewarded by the Mayor for his obstructive performances before the (Lockwood) committee—happily got rid of him by a \$3,000 a year job—I suppose is going to show his appreciation. But he ought to have informed himself of what he was talking about before he began to talk."

"As for the attack made Saturday night by Henry Klein, Deputy Commissioner of Accounts, Mr. Untermyer said: 'Klein's yarns about me or my son holding traction bonds or stock are lies out of the whole cloth and have been repeatedly denied.'

"The Transit Commission had no comment upon Mr. Untermyer's rejoinder offending the constitutionality of his plan to guarantee a five cent fare by city loans to cover operating deficits, but it is understood a statement will be issued this week supporting the commission's position and replying also to other critics of the plan.

Public hearings before the commission were announced to begin early this week, and it is understood, the matter of a five cent definite date and other details will be settled at a conference to-day.

TWO 300 POUND WOMEN ACCUSED OF ASSAULT

Policemen Have Quite a Time Arresting Them.

Mrs. Julius Alper of 30 Madison street street went into the Oak street station last night and the police there that two gigantic women had dashed from a house in 311 Madison avenue late in the afternoon while she was passing with her husband, and had attacked him. They had broom handles, she said, and after they had knocked Alper down and beaten him they picked him up and threw him into the cellar of the house.

Patrolman Flynn and Detective O'Leary went to the house and found Alper in the cellar with a broken nose, a fractured arm and many bruises. Upstairs they found two women who gave their names as Mary Polasky of the Madison street address and Mary Christian of Holiday street, Jersey City, each weighing more than 300 pounds.

The policemen said the women attacked them with broom handles, but that they were finally subdued and arrested. Alper told the police that he knew of no reason why the women should have attacked him. They must have mistaken him for another man, he said. The women were charged with felonious assault.

DRIVE TO CURRAN VICTORY IS PROMISED

Three Weeks Sufficient to In- sure Hylan Defeat, As- serts Lyons.

STRATEGY BOARD MEETS

Active Close of Campaign Ahead for All Fusion Candidates.

Three short, snappy weeks of campaigning—short and then victory. That was the promise of John J. Lyons, campaign manager, made in coalition headquarters last night on the eve of the opening of the drive to elect the Curran-Lockwood-Gilroy ticket.

There was a meeting of the budget committee or board of strategy, of which Charles D. Hilles is chairman, and United States Senator William M. Calder and Joseph M. Price are the other members. In addition to Mr. Lyons, Samuel F. Hynan was there representing Vincent Gilroy, F. J. H. Kracke and others were also present.

"Big Tim" Sullivan used to say that New York is a seven day town," said Mr. Lyons. "He believed in the old town. He figured even a campaign for Mayor ought not to take more than a week. Our campaign opens to-morrow night. We are going to take just three weeks and that is plenty long, enough for New York. No city in the world tears the mask off of insincere-city officials quicker than does New York."

"Our opponents seem to feel they have to hammer things into the people's heads in order to make them believe that Mr. Hylan has been the Mayor of New York. We know who has been Mayor. And all his chasing around into the boroughs where he has never been when he sat in the City Hall isn't going to prove now that Hylan was Mayor. I am proud to be the manager for Henry H. Curran in this kind of a fight. He is the exact opposite of Hylan in everything but the five cent fare. Everybody agrees on that anyhow, and a nickel is a nickel, no matter what way you look at it.

"Mr. Curran will speak each night during the next three weeks. He will talk brass tacks. He is not the kind of a man who likes to throw mud. That's not his make-up."

CURRAN LEAGUE GETS BUSY.

Democratic Voters Open Head- quarters in Fight on Hylan.

The Curran Home Rule League of Democratic Voters opened headquarters at the McAlpin Hotel yesterday. It will organize the Democrats in the city who believe they should vote for good government rather than along political lines. Its slogan will be "For Curran on his record." Against Hylan on his record.

The officers are: John W. A. Kelley, chairman; Dr. Jonathan A. Day, vice-president; Sidney Newborg, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph B. Truesdale, secretary. The borough vice-chairmen are: Manhattan, Robert Grier Monroe and Mrs. Thomas T. Oliver; Brooklyn, Joseph J. Timmes and Mrs. Charles Siebbins; The Bronx, John T. S. Wado and Mrs. Elizabeth Hoagland; Queens, Gordon Gordon and Miss Eliza Macdonald; Richmond, Mrs. William Mason Smith. Harry W. Newburger is chairman of the finance committee.

SHOOTS BOY BROTHER AS HE PLAYS 'HOLDUP'

Lad Runs Away After He Goes to Hospital for Aid.

Harry Sorota, 18, of 413 Cherry street, shot his brother, Rubin, aged 2, at the family home yesterday while impersonating a "holdup man," according to the police, and fled after running to Gouverneur Hospital and asking that aid be sent. He had not returned home last night. The bullet struck Rubin in the right side of the head and the child is not expected to live.

The police said they were told Harry, who served in the navy, had a revolver. He frequently amused the other children by using it to simulate a bandit, the police were told.

Picking up the revolver yesterday, it was alleged, he told Rubin, who was endeavoring to master a harmonica, to "put up his hands," and when the child kept on with the harmonica, pressed the trigger, not suspecting that the weapon was loaded. Meyer, another brother, 8 years old, witnessed the shooting.

TRACKLESS TROLLEYS FILL.

The trackless trolleys on Staten Island put in their first full day of operation yesterday. They were crowded, many taking advantage of the fine weather to try out the new transportation system. Yesterday was the first day fares were charged since the lines opened a week ago Saturday. The cars will be operated except between the hours of 2 A. M. and 5 A. M.

AMERICAN VALUATION HIT BY ECONOMISTS

College Men See Barrier to Payment of Debts.

The National Council of American Importers and Traders has obtained from leading economists of the country expressions of disapproval of the proposed American valuation method of imposing tariff duties.

Prof. Walter F. Willcox of Cornell, Prof. Howard D. Dozier of Dartmouth, Prof. A. Wellington Taylor of New York University, Prof. John B. Clark of Columbia University, Prof. C. O. Rugles of Ohio State University and Prof. Karl F. Geiser of Oberlin College have condemned the proposal for what they believe will be its evil economic effect on American prosperity. Prof. Willcox said:

"The American valuation plan of the pending tariff bill is likely seriously to diminish the foreign trade of the United States and thus to diminish the chance that foreign countries will be able to pay their American debts, governmental and private."

"We cannot induce Europe to buy if we forbid her to pay," Prof. Dozier said. "We cannot collect by making it impossible for her to settle."

ROOSEVELT EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of Roosevelt memorabilia, containing more than 5,000 items, which include several three first editions of the late Col. Roosevelt's writings, is to be opened to the public by the Roosevelt Memorial Association, it was announced yesterday, beginning January 6, which is the third anniversary of Col. Roosevelt's death. The association headquarters are at 1 Madison avenue. The exhibition is to run three months.

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What not to do in October

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INSURANCE authorities estimate that the average estate is dissipated within seven years.

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