

ALL HYLAN PLEDGES TO SCHOOLS BROKEN

Mayor's Record of Neglect and Vain Promises Is Bared by Curran.

BUILDINGS IN DECAY

126,105 Pupils on Part Time; Progress of 400,000 Is Retarded.

Herewith is published the second of a series of articles dealing with the conduct of the departments of the city government under the Hylan administration. These articles will be published daily during this week. The article to be published to-morrow will deal with the Hylan administration's record as regards New York city's piers and docks.

The first of a series of posters under the caption "Broken Promises" has been burgoned recently in conspicuous spots throughout the city. This is what it tells the world:

In 1917 Mayor Hylan said: "A seat for every pupil is what we guarantee."

"HIS RECORD."

1918—Children on part time... 39,243

1919—Children on part time... 52,092

1920—Children on part time... 82,511

1921—Children on part time... 126,105

During his campaign for election in the fall of 1917 Mr. Hylan had much to promise concerning the city's schools. On September 21 of that year he said: "The most important function of our municipal government is the free and liberal extension of our public school system, upon which rests the liberty of our country."

On October 5: "Our boys and girls must have the best possible education and under decent and honest conditions."

On November 5, the day before election: "Work will be begun at once on new schools to provide seats for the 39,693 children who are now on part time. All money needed for new schools will be provided."

How have these pre-election pledges been redeemed?

The NEW YORK HERALD on June 13 last said: "Action that past time has more than doubled. About \$4,000,000 is required annually to keep the 725 school buildings in repair and in proper condition. In the last three years the amounts actually appropriated have been \$1,482,051.02, \$1,237,524.23 and \$1,321,439.45. School buildings are deteriorating at three times the rate they are being repaired."

A cut of \$27,000,000 in the present year's school budget was made by the Administration. The new \$52,000,000 school building programme, to make up for the new cuts and almost cessation of new building during the Hylan regime, is being pointed to as indicating the Mayor's tardy intention to keep his 1917 promise, but meantime, through lack of money for maintenance, the present school plant is rapidly deteriorating."

Curran Bares Neglect.

Arraigning the Hylan Administration for its neglect of the schools, Mayor Henry H. Curran, Republican coalition candidate for Mayor, citing what he said were official figures, said on October 11 last in a Brooklyn address:

"Mayor Hylan cannot dodge or deny the fact that there are more than 125,000 school children on part time; 96,000 more than four years ago."

"He cannot dodge or deny the fact there are 170,000 school children on a make-shift, double session programme which is nothing more nor less than the old carried-over session plan, denounced so loudly by the Mayor himself four years ago."

"He cannot dodge or deny the fact that as many as 600,000 children are in crowded rooms which prevent the teacher from giving the individual child all the attention it should receive."

"He cannot dodge or deny the fact that his own School Board's own progress statistics, which are just published, show that more than 400,000 New York school children are not making the progress for their ages which they should make."

"He cannot dodge or deny the fact that there are 186,757 school children crowded into seats beyond the legal limits of the sittings of the schools."

"He cannot dodge or deny the fact that his own departments helped to place

violations on 456 of the city's 695 school buildings and that among the violations which numbered 7,300 altogether, are such violations as fire traps, filthy old toilets, broken windows, drab class rooms, flimsy and dangerous staircases, dilapidated buildings and so on."

Referring to Mayor Hylan's promise to abolish the Gary system because it was designed "by the moneybunch" to fit school children for nothing better than the mills and factories, the speaker added: "If anybody is sending the children of New York to the mills and factories it is Mayor Hylan, because he has not given the children the ordinary education they have a right to expect."

What is the testimony of Auning S. Prall, President of the Board of Education? When he appeared last September before the Meyer committee he said that though the Gary plan, which Mayor Hylan denounced as a "capitalistic device," had been totally eliminated from the schools, there had been substituted in its place what the witness called the Bettenger plan. This he admitted to be practically identical with the Gary plan. Mr. Prall asserted when Senator Charles C. Rockwood, counsel to the committee, defined the difference as "about the same as between tweedles and tweedledum."

It was further elicited there had been \$10,000,000 available for specific school improvements, including new buildings and additions, when Hylan entered office. It had been left over from the Mitchell administration. Contracts for which it provided, however, were rescinded and the funds diverted by the Hylan administration, and in the process a year's time was lost. Only half a dozen new schools were opened in 1918, 1919 and 1920. These, with the twelve new schools opened this fall, provide only 19,000 seats. Mr. Prall admitted that the system, as it now operates, is inadequate and inefficient. The school officials simply have to do the best they can, he said, under existing handicaps.

Testimony showed further that school violations of Fire Department regulations had been piling up year by year, but that the first appropriation made by the Hylan administration for their correction was made on April 1, 1921, when \$20,000 was set aside for that purpose. The estimated cost of safeguarding stairways, providing extinguishers, fireproofing closets and taking other necessary precautions against fire disaster is placed at \$4,500,000.

Fifty fires traced directly to this negligence were described in records taken from the Department of Education files and submitted to the Meyer committee. If there were to be a fire disaster in one of the schools, it was shown, responsibility for the disaster would be placed on the shoulders of the Hylan administration. Mr. Prall said the board had begged repeatedly and vainly for appropriations for this purpose from the Hylan Board of Estimate. Of the sixteen votes which that body casts when all its members are present Mayor Hylan casts three and his associate, Comptroller Charles C. Rockwood, casts three. The other voting members are the President of the Board of Aldermen and the respective Borough Presidents.

Testimony as to Fires.

Maurice Deutsch, architect and engineer, who made a study of the school buildings in relation to fire prevention, was another witness before the Meyer committee. It was he who placed the cost of new stairways without enclosures, as required by the Fire Department, which is a distinct violation. Then there are inside wooden stairways that must be replaced. The rule calling for enclosed stairways on each floor with fire and smoke proof partitions are generally violated. Stairway terminals are not clear; there are many such violations. Closets in open corridors. Boiler rooms have only one exit. Coat rooms are in halls and passageways. Children congregate in corridors, and there are fires on record where boys have thrown matches in these closets, causing fires.

"Movable chairs are used in auditoriums. There are wooden doors along the line of exit stairways; ceilings of boiler rooms are not fireproof; attics in non-fireproof buildings are not equipped with fireproofs as the law distinctly requires."

The witness went into detail regarding other violations of the fire rules. There are at least 100 violations of the rules regarding fire alarms. There is general carelessness in the schools in fireproofing of storerooms and hanging clothing in exposed closets. Mr. Deutsch read a list of about fifty fires which have occurred in the schools all due to lack of proper fireproofing. In each of these instances there had been from one to fourteen notices from the Fire Department demanding correction of the conditions which actually started the fires.

When Mr. Deutsch was asked, "Did you ever discuss this with Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of Buildings?" he replied: "Yes, he agrees with me."

It has been shown that even when money was available there has been inexcusable delay in starting construction upon new school structures. Mr. Prall, president of the Board of Education, said this was due to "delays in the Board of Estimate, delays in approving sites, delays where estimates of cost have been lower than bids."

The history of the new high school now approaching completion in Elmhurst, Queens, was cited as typical of what happens when the city starts to build a school. "That job was pending 356 days after everything had been set

Addresses by Jerome and Nominees To-day

WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME, who has taken the stump again after an absence of sixteen years in order to arouse the voters of New York city to the necessity of defeating Tammany Hall, will speak at two meetings to-night, as follows: 8:30 P. M.—Nible's Garden, Third avenue and 17th street. 10:00 P. M.—Metropolitan Baptist Church, 123th street and Seventh avenue.

Borough President Henry H. Curran, Republican-coalition candidate for Mayor, will speak at the following meetings: 12:30 P. M.—Earl Hall, Columbia University. 2:00 P. M.—Bronx Woman's Club, 180th street and Jerome avenue. Evening: Republican Club, 82 Macdougall street. Lenox Assembly Room, 256 Second street. Fourteenth Assembly District Republican Club, 224 East Seventy-second street.

Hamilton Community Council, 502 West 145th street. Metropolitan Baptist Church, 123th street and Seventh avenue. Nible's Garden, 17th street and Third avenue. Tremont Republican Club, 800 Tremont avenue.

Senator Charles C. Rockwood and Vincent Gilroy, candidate for Comptroller and President of the Board of Aldermen respectively, are scheduled to speak at all of the above meetings.

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BABY DESERTED IN HOTEL.

Year-Old-Boy Left in Room by Man and Woman.

A year-old boy was found last night in a room in the Hotel Scarborough, 205 West Forty-third street. Clerks there said the child was brought to the house early in the afternoon by a man and woman who registered as "John Smith and wife of Albany." The couple left the hotel a few hours later and at 11 o'clock last night had not been seen.

The child was turned over to the police of the West Forty-seventh street station and by them sent to the rooms of the children's society. He was dressed in white cotton clothes and had laced tan shoes. A nursing bottle filled with milk was found beside him on the floor.

JUSTICE SQUIERS IN HOSPITAL.

Supreme Court Justice A. L. Squiers of the Second Judicial district is a patient at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn, suffering from appendicitis. He sustained severe pains last Saturday. Dr. Henry R. Tarbox directed his removal to the hospital, where he was operated upon. Justice Squiers was resting well last night.

MAYOR SAYS L. R. T. WANTED HIM OUSTED

Tells Two Audiences Action Followed His Refusal to Help Boost Fare.

DENIAL IS REITERATED

Company Tried to Find Legal Way to Remove Him, He Declares.

Mayor Hylan told two audiences last night that the Interborough Rapid Transit Company sought his removal in 1919 and that the reason was that he would not countenance an increase in fare. The Mayor's statement was made in connection with a reiteration of his denial that when the late Theodore P. Shontz, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, went to his office two years ago to discuss higher fares it was at the Mayor's invitation.

Mayor Hylan spoke at Turn Hall, Lexington avenue and Eighty-fifth street; before the Marquette Club at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria and before an entertainment under auspices of the House of the Good Shepherd at the Hotel Commodore. He was greeted by crowded halls and with considerable enthusiasm at all three places.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN VOTERS RALLY TO HYLAN'S SUPPORT

'Time Has Come to Assure Ourselves the Political Influence Due Us,' Says Appeal—Mayor Speaks to Women of Steuben Society.

Mayor Hylan spoke last night in Turn Hall, Eighty-fifth street and Lexington avenue, at a meeting held under the auspices of the ladies unit of the Steuben Society, where campaign literature printed in German urging "Herr Hylan's" reelection was distributed before and during the meeting. Here is a translation of the appeal issued on paper bearing the imprint of The Vigilant Citizens' Alliance, 126 East Fifty-ninth street.

"To Our Fellow Citizens: "The magnificent respect accorded to the German ship Bayern on the part of the city—the impressive words of the head of the city (the Mayor) at the reception of the officers of the ship in City Hall, with which the Mayor particularly recalled that the world was over; that we all are children of God and wish to live in peace—all these happy and inspiring events of the last days have brought us again straight to the knowledge that Mayor Hylan is the right man in the right place."

"The Vigilant Citizens Alliance, which entered the campaign for 'Herr Hylan's' reelection, turns to the citizens of German extraction with the appeal

(for them) to regard the exercise of their franchise as a duty. We need not be mere spectators. We must participate in the fight. "In the past we Americans of German blood have neglected much—to the harm of the common weal. "Fellow citizens! To vote we must register. That registration takes place during the week of October 10 to 15, inclusive. Here is a question of exercising all our influence so that our friends and acquaintances—every enfranchised American man, every enfranchised American woman of German extraction be enrolled on the lists of voters, for whoever is not registered cannot vote."

"Fellow citizens of German extraction! The time has come when we must think in all seriousness how to assure ourselves the political influence which is due us in consideration of our numerical strength. Therefore: "Register, enroll in the lists of Democratic voters, and vote for Hylan and all other Democratic candidates."

"The Committee "CHARLES A. OBERWAHLER, "GUSTAV KOTENBERG, "DR. F. M. SCHLEIF."

the board, who were instructed early this year by the Mayor to investigate continuously to ascertain accurately what the departments would need when budget time came. In nearly every instance these experts cut the personal service requests of the department heads. The increases in the proposed budget represent part or approximate restoration of the requests these department heads made. Increases in many appropriations for administrative divisions of departments are slight, but the money goes to clerical, engineering and labor divisions.

Some of the major increases are as follows: "Water, Gas and Electricity, \$311,382; President of the Borough of Brooklyn, \$406,184; Plant and Structures, \$373,337; President of the Borough of Manhattan, \$363,507; President of the Borough of The Bronx, \$320,044; Fire Department, \$140,874; Docks, \$121,076; President of the Borough of Richmond, \$90,220; Police Department, \$66,825; Corrections Department, \$59,551; Health, \$27,517."

SCOTT TO SERVE RED CROSS.

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