UNION SERVICES HELD

ORTHODOX AND REFORM JEWS UNITE IN GIVING THANKS.

Rabbi Simon Delivered Stirring Address—Rabbis Stern and Loeb Conduct Ritualistic Exercises.

The joint Thanksgiving service of the congregations of the Adath Israel and Washington Hebrew congregations was held in the Temple on 8th street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was attended by a gathering that comfortably filled the edifice. The beautiful service prescribed by the Hebrew rituals for Thanksgiving ceremonies was conducted by Rev. Dr. Louis Stern, and Rev. Dr. Loeb conducted the religious exercises.

The quartet of the Temple sang the anthems and hymns appropriate to the day in an exquisite manner.

At the close of the religious exercises the Rev. Dr. Abram Simon of the 8th street synagogue delivered the address of the day. Dr. Simon said.

"My lines have fallen in pleasant places—yea I have a goodly heritage." So sang the pilgrim Jew as he reached the happy and sacred soil of Jerusalem once again. The exile was forgotten in the intense joy of the new home. Gratitude washed away the lines of grief and seems of suffering. In similar words, the pilgrim fathers sang their psalm of praise when their feet trod the free soil at Plymouth. The ocean was behind them—forgotten, for a while, were the tyranny and persecution, and thanksgiving for reaching and winning the new land became pivotal of their entire future career. The sense of gratitude became a matter of record and of custom and of law.

Sentiment of Gratitude.

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul. Man never rises so high in the spiritual scale as when he bends low in humility and appreciation to the source of all blessings. No true or brave man ever loses his independence by ascribing or feeling his dependence upon God. On the contrary, such a feeling becomes a well-spring of more intense and invigorating energy, ambition and character. It alone saves man from the gutters of base ingratitude and impudent insolence and unbridled selfishness. It gives wings to the soul, and bases the struggle for the material things of life upon an idealistic foundation. Let not man say, 'My strength and the power of mine arm hath gotten me this wealth.' Prosperity oft blunts the keen edge of appreciation and induces a false pride and a stultifying and stunting conscience.

"Since a nation is but an individual writ large, gratitude becomes a part of civic life and responsibility. Our lines have fallen in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage, is signally true of our country and history. If by comparison the sense of appreciation becomes whetted, the American ought to be the most grateful individual under the sun. The Thanksgiving day comes with an annual and steadily increasing reason for gratitude.

Lack of National Conscience.

"Our trouble lies in a lamentable lack of national conscience. We have lost our moral sensitiveness. We forget that speculation is peculation. We are suffering from the bad citizenship of good men. The ones 'whose lines have fallen in pleasant places and have a goodly heritage' are the most guilty. They have kept away from the policeman's club, have practiced a negative morality and saved themselves from being caught. But the poorer man, whose lines have fallen in the gutters and whose heritage is one of depravity and disease, for which he cannot be blamed, is usually the unfortunate man who crowds the prisons and swells the inmates of the penitentiaries.

"Oh, our cowardice and our slow justice and our blunt conscience! Where is the patriotism of daily honesty and of common decency? Where is the courage to do right? Our patriotism is fireworks, either of the skyrocket or spit-devil character! Yet even here we have reasons for gratitude. The year has witnessed a remarkable demonstration of the contagion of fine example. The President has set in motion concentric circles of ever-widening reform and enthusiasm. Young men have felt the touch of his strong hand and felt the flame of his burning soul. The triumph of the people last month was the most splendid proof that the heart of American manhood is sound and whole.

"The honor for having forced Russia and Japan to an amicable settlement furnishes ground for our pride and gratitude. America has won the fear and the respect of the world. She has become the peacemaker and the apostle of justice to the nations. Yet our joy is not unalloyed. The voice of our brothers in Russia whose lives have not fallen in pleasant places is a grief and a pang to our souls. What an opportunity was placed in the hands of our government that has all along torn to shreds the sophistry of diplomacy and the red tape of political entanglement! How proud we would have become, with what addition joy we would have sung our psalm of gratitude, could our nation, through its President, have said to Russia, 'Thus far shalt thou come and here shall the proud waves of thy bigotry be stayed!' But it was not to be. European nations can threaten Turkey into submission where a paltry few dollars was in question, but where thousands of lives were under consideration the bogey of international policy was forced forward.

Not a Jewish Question.

"The world must understand that the persecution of the Jew in Russia has ceased being a Jewish question. It is a problem in Christian morals. It is a universal question. Christianity cannot be asked to shoulder responsibility for those who rise not equal to her teachings, but her voice ought to be heard authoritatively through Rome and the constituted authorities of Protestant Europe.

"At any rate, the voice of our brothers cries unto us. Let our prosperity not chill our hearts. Let us give—give freely. We have a goodly heritage of financial prosperity, social happiness and political peace. Each year brings increased recognition and justification for this great national feast. May its blessings develop corresponding duties and intensify our national conscience. Praise and glory unto God, the giver of all good. Our heritage forever!"

The address was listened to with close attention, and at its conclusion Rabbi Loeb offered prayer. "America" was sung by the congregation, and the service closed with benediction by Rev. Dr. Stern. Seated in front of the altar during the services, in addition to the officiating rabbis, were Mr. Simon Oppenheimer, secretary of the Adath Israel Congregation; Mr. I. S. Blout, president of the Washington Congregation, and Mr. Fishel, vice president of the Washington Congregation.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Conditions Reported Satisfactory by the Dun Agencies.

NEW YORK, December 1.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate that the general business situation is most satisfactory and commercial payments remarkably prompt, in view of the high rates that have been prevailing for money. Despite the backward season retail trade is good at Boston and prospects for Christmas business are especially bright.

Dry goods jobbers report trade holding up very well, lumber in good demand, but Maine spruce mills are closing. Philadelphia receives favorable reports from traveling salesmen, textile plants are well employed, demand for lumber continues beyond precedent, general wholesale trade increased, but payments are irregular. Iron and steel conditions continue satisfactory at Pittsburg, but stocks of glass are accumulating, which tends to weaken the tone. General merchandise is active.

Wholesale trade at Baltimore is seasonably quiet, holiday demand for liquors is very heavy and collections are satisfactory. Warm weather has affected shoe trade at Louisville, but advance sales of dry goods are very heavy. Mill supplies are in good demand at Atlanta and payments fair.

Wholesale lines are active at St. Louis. Lead makes new record prices for recent years. Movement of merchandise at New Orleans is in excess of the same time last year. There is a seasonable movement in jobbing lines at Kansas City.

Mills and foundries work full time at Cleveland, but retail trade is delayed by weather. Business is satisfactory in most lines at Cincinnati. Colder weather and holiday trade increased retail business at Chicago, and outdoor work has not diminished. Sales exceed last year's at Minneapolis, and every available freight car in the northwest is in use.

Dry goods jobbing sales at St. Paul compare favorably with previous years for November. General trade at San Francisco is well maintained and exports are heavy.

Bank exchanges are the largest on record, average daily figures for November for all leading cities in the United States exceeding $500,000,000 for the first time, 4 per cent greater than for November last year, the high-water mark up to that time. For this week, covering only five days, total exchanges at all leading cities in the United States are $2,408,755,612.

Alleged Deserter Captured.

Jacob Guy Young, an alleged deserter from the battleship Iowa, was captured about 2 o'clock this morning at the Homeward Bound Mission. He had engaged lodgings at the place and was in bed when taken into custody. His reason for deserting, it is said, was because he had been made one of the ship's cooks, and did not like the job.

Ambassador and Mrs. White gave a dinner at Rome yesterday in honor of Thanksgiving to the personnel of the embassy and also to Sir George Trevelyn, the former secretary for Scotland and the author of "The American Revolution."

COLORED PEOPLE'S APPEAL.

Ask President and Congress for Guarantee of Vested Rights.

Prof. Charles F. La Fon, national president of the Afro-American National League of the United States of America, has arrived in the city with a petition, in which, it is claimed, that the rights of the negro race are not enforced by the law. This petition, which will be presented to the President and Congress, is signed by numerous voters, taxpayers, business and professional men and workingmen of the colored race. It appeals to Congress for what is set forth as "justice and the enforcement of the law of this republic."

The petition recites: "We ask that you will enact such laws at this session of Congress that will give us full protection of the law—that will protect our life and property and grant to us the rights and privileges enjoyed by all other citizens of this country. We further appeal to have the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution enforced at once by wise legislation."

It is claimed that "the disfranchisement of our people, the Jim Crow car system, peonage slavery and contract slavery, lynch law and mob violence, the burning of our people, the driving away of our race from their homes and their property, and no protection or redress before the law, is unjust to our oppressed brothers and sisters in the south."

The petition also has a special appeal to the President, which states: "We appeal to you for consideration and ask you to have inserted in your coming message to the Congress a few words in regard to the sad condition which now exists in our country."

Did Not Get His Dinner.

When Joseph Gillan was before Judge Mullowny in the Police Court yesterday he begged to be allowed to go home to eat turkey. His honor was lenient on the holiday and took the bond of Gillan to let him get home for the dinner. But Gillan was back in the dock again this morning with a decidedly changed appearance. His coat was bloody and his face was much larger than its normal size.

"Did you get that turkey?" asked Judge Mullowny, recognizing the man, changed though he was in appearance.

"No, sir, but I got this one," he said, pointing to his face.

"You got something else, principally," was the comment. "For the next four months you will be an abstainer, while at work on the farm."

Held for Grand Jury.

Samuel Ward, alias Waugh, arrested Wednesday by Policemen Cole and Fletcher of the tenth precinct, was before Judge Kimball in the Police Court this morning on a charge of robbing Katherine B. Baird, near 9th and Flint streets northwest February 6 last. After the evidence had been heard he was held for the action of the grand jury. In default of bond for $1,000 he was committed to jail. He was also arraigned before Judge Mullowny for carrying concealed weapons and was sent to jail for three months on that information.

Spanish War Veterans' Concert.

The name of Mrs. Kitty Thompson Berry was inadvertently omitted from the program in The Star yesterday of the Military Band concert and entertainment for the benefit of the Spanish War Veterans to be given next Sunday evening at the National Theater. Mrs. Berry will sing "The Lord is My Life," by Allitsen. Following the bugle call, "Boots and Saddles," Mr. Philip Scantling will sing a tenor solo. Prof. Harry Wheaton Howard will appear as accompanist and Prof. Bischoff will accompany the soprano solo of Mrs. Inez Seymour McConnell as a personal compliment to her. At a meeting of the general officers of the Army and Navy Union last night that organization decided to attend the concert in a body. Commander-in-chief J. Edwin Browne will be accompanied by his staff in full uniform.

Jury Fails to Agree.

After being in consultation for about thirty hours and not reaching an agreement, Justice Barnard, in Circuit Court No. 1, discharged the jury from further consideration of the case of Mildred Henderson, administratrix of the estate of Stephen J. Henderson, deceased, against the Pintsch Compressing Company. Mrs. Henderson sued to recover damages in the sum of $10,000 because of the death of Stephen J. Henderson, which, she contends, was the result of an explosion at the plant of the defendant.

Arranging for Night Work at G. P. O.

Public Printer Stillings and Mr. Ricketts, foreman of printing, were engaged today in arranging the details for the forces of printers and others for night work during the approaching sessions of Congress. These night forces will include those for the Congressional Record and bill room. They will begin night work next Monday. A number of appointments will be made, it is said.

Home for Bolivian Legation.

Mrs. Catherine L. Shehan, by deed placed on record today, conveyed title to the premises at the southeast corner of 16th and R streets, known as lot 31 and part of lot 30, square 193, to Ignacio Calderon, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Bolivia to the United States. The property was bought for a home for the minister and his legation. The consideration was $37,000.