

Borough of The Bronx, May 16th, 1917.

Board of Directors,
The Bronx Board of Trade.
Gentlemen:-

The Civic Bureau herewith submits the following report.

ADDITION TO FORDHAM HOSPITAL.

With regard to the appropriation of \$360,000 for the construction of an additional wing to Fordham Hospital, we were advised by the Borough President Mathewson that the total debt margin for any municipal purpose at the present time was about \$12,000,000 and that the Board of Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals have made application for \$2,192,500 for various construction work, including the appropriation for the wing to Fordham Hospital. From these figures it can be very readily seen that it would be impossible to appropriate \$2,000,000 for one department alone and the Corporate Stock Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate has therefore decided not to make at present any of the appropriations asked for as above, excepting \$10,000 needed for the Outpatient Department of Gouverneur Hospital and \$30,000 for the construction of an additional Roof Ward to Fordham Hospital.

The Fire Insurance Companies operating in the territory east of the Bronx River have been ordered to reduce fire insurance rates in that section by the State Superintendent of Insurance.

THE ORPHANS DAY AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY will repeat their annual custom of inviting over 2,000 children from every Borough to an Outing at College Point on June 5th, and if any of our members are in a position to donate the use of motor trucks on that day for the purpose of conveying the children, the Bureau will be glad to notify the Association having this matter in charge.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. have established safety zones at the following locations:- Third Avenue from 137th Street to 139th Street, on the westerly side of Westchester Avenue at its intersection

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with Prospect Avenue.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT have rounded up the Street Hawkers at 149th Street and Third Avenue. This situation was complained of by one of the Board members, who is now entirely satisfied with the result of our work.

MILITARY TRAINING COURSE.

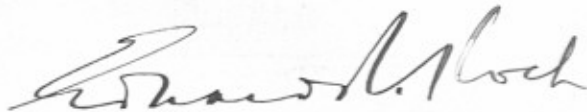
As an outgrowth of the Military Training Lectures conducted by the Board of Trade, a large number of those who took the lectures are now meeting in the old armory building at Bathgate Avenue and 176th Street, every Tuesday and Friday night at eight o'clock, and are receiving further instructions in active field service.

Arrangements have been made whereby Fort Schuyler will be used as a training camp for week ends and possibly a summer training camp.

As Chairman of the Civic Bureau, I have sent a letter to each member of the Bureau requesting them to outline a plan of campaign for Bureau work. ~~As members of the Bureau,~~ We will be only too pleased to receive any suggestions along this line from any one else.

We are still working on several matters which at present have reached no definite conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman, Civic Bureau.