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**HITS COMPULSORY AUTO INSURANCE PLAN WIDELY CONDEMNED**

**Committee of Nine Declares It Only Palliative; Against Penalizing Few For Fault of Many**

For several months past, a "Committee of Nine" has been making an intensive study of the problem presented by proposed and pending legislation for compulsory automobile insurance or security. This committee represents the stock casualty insurance companies and agents that insure the automobile liability hazard; and its report, with supplementary memorandum, has just been issued setting forth the attitude of those companies and agents on this very important problem. The gist of the report is as follows:

**Only a Palliative**

"Compulsory automobile insurance or security would be only a palliative. The true remedy is accident prevention. Automobile accidents can be largely reduced. The way thereto has been clearly blazed in the report of the first National Conference on Street and Highway Safety (Secretary Hoover's Conference), recently published. Legislation to carry out the recommendations of that conference should be given primary consideration.

"In any event, no measure for compulsory automobile security should be enacted until after adequate measures for accident prevention have been put into effect.

"The problem of securing financial responsibility for automobile accidents can be solved only by uniform state laws. Confusion and disorder would be the result if the various states should each go its own way with legislation now proposed or pending.

**Not Benefited**

"The large majority of those injured in automobile accidents would in no way or degree be benefited by compulsory security. Even of those sought to be benefited, many would in practice fail to secure the protection intended.

"But while benefiting very few of the public, a compulsory security law would burden and penalize the immense multitude of motorists, because of the faults of a relatively few of them, would increase the cost of insurance, and cause a large and wasteful increase in public expenditures, litigation, court congestion and jury duty.

"Compulsory security would be objectionable in principle. Consequently it should not be resorted to unless, after a trial of adequate measures for accident prevention, its necessity be conclusively demonstrated; and, if then resorted to, an option among all practicable methods of providing the security should be allowed.

**Serious Question**

"There is no question about the need for protecting the public against the automobile menace. But there is a serious question, whether compulsory automobile security would be a true remedy or a burdensome and wasteful penance."

The chairman of this committee of nine on "Financial Responsibility for Automobile Accidents" is Edson S. Lott, president, United States Casualty company; and its secretary is F. Robertson Jones, 80 Maiden Lane, New York City.

**FARE COLLECTING IN OUTSKIRTS FAVORED Motor Club Urges Plan As Aid In Reducing Congestion Of Traffic**

The Chicago Motor club in its recommendations presented to the National Conference on street and highway safety in Washington has advocated the outskirts plan of fare collection on street cars so as to facilitate loading in congested areas. This means getting the passengers on the car in the congested area without them stopping to pay fare, paying as they get off in the outlying districts, and reversing the process for the passengers coming in to the congested area from outlying districts.

It is claimed by the club that this will speed up traffic and get the congestion off the street quickly.

Other suggestions made to the national conference are contained in a pamphlet which has just been compiled by the club. Copies will be sent free to interested persons.

**IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS**

English schools employ about 36,000 "uncertified" teachers and about 13,000 "supplementary" teachers. These teachers do not receive as high salary as teachers who hold certificates. They may do any work expected of a regularly certified teacher, but can not become principals.

**SCHOOL JOURNEYS**

School journeys for pupils, under the care of teachers of the London schools, are valuable from an educational point of view, and the number has greatly increased. They are carefully planned and carried out and last usually from a week to a fortnight.

**PERSHING MEMORIAL PROGRAM BROADCAST Plan to Put on Air Speeches and Music of Big Legion Event May 10**

For once the ban on the broadcasting of performances at the Keith-Albee theatres in New York, will be lifted—for the American Legion. Legion officials have obtained the sanction of E. F. Albee to broadcast the great bill to be given at the Hippodrome in connection with the American Legion's national testimonial to General John J. Pershing on the evening of May 10.

The show will be broadcast by a country-wide tieup or radio stations to be effected by stations WEAF and WJZ, the two most powerful in the east, and representing the only corporations through which a linking of other stations covering the entire country is possible.

The feature of the testimonial will be the presentation of a bronze relief bust of himself to the A. E. F. commander.

Zoe Akins and other prominent theatrical people will contribute elaborate tableaux, among them two striking picturizations of the American Legion's national \$5,000,000 endowment fund project for the relief of the orphaned children of the World War and disabled veterans. One hundred musical, dramatic, motion picture and vaudeville stars will take part in the show.

Final negotiations for the testimonial to General Pershing on May 10, the anniversary of his having taken command of the A. E. F., were closed recently at a conference of American Legion officials, including James A. Drain, national commander, Samuel Aronowitz, commander of the department of New York, and Robert Patterson, commander of New York county.

The plan originated with Robert Redmond and Jerry LeForest, both disabled veterans of National Vaudeville Artists' Post of the Legion in New York.

**AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY COMPETITION National Contest for School Children on Defense of Constitution**

The subject of the American Legion National Essay contest for 1925 for American school children was announced by national headquarters of the Legion at Washington recently.

It is: "Why has the American Legion, an organization of veterans of the World War, dedicated itself, first of all, to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America?"

The contest, which closes June 1, 1925, is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, inclusive.

Prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 for first, second and third places, respectively, have been offered. The cash prizes shall be used only for scholarships in recognized colleges to be chosen by the winners. Medals are also given to the winners.

State and county school officials will co-operate with the Legion in conducting the contest.

**SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

An industrial school for wayward and delinquent girls is to be established in the state of Wyoming. Such girls are now sent to Colorado institutions, but the arrangement has proved unsatisfactory, and it has been decided to locate the school in Sheridan county. The affairs of the institution will be under the control of the state board of charities and reform.

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