

CITY PLANNING IS SAFETY DRIVE AID

INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS

Engineering Achievements Are Helping and Installation of Proper Signal Light Systems Also

City planning is now recognized as a vital element in reducing accidents, says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club. Engineers are building safety into modern highways by super-elevating curves, by painting black lines down the middle of the roadway, and by avoiding grade crossings wherever possible. Our cities should emulate the example of the highway builders.

The accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club has made a study of traffic in cities ranging from a population of 5,000 to cities of more than a million population, and from this survey has evolved some general recommendations. It is essential, says a bulletin issued by the accident prevention department, that each city study its own problems, and no general rules can be made that will apply to all cities. There are, however, a few fundamental principles that can be applied to cities regardless of size.

Congestion Relieved

Congestion will be relieved in most cities if an effort is made to deliver freight in the early morning hours. In the larger cities the problem of congestion would be lessened if office buildings could provide a room where deliveries for the various tenants could be received. This would eliminate the congestion caused by trucks that must stand on the streets until the driver has delivered all his merchandise.

Another problem is that which is caused by the increase in apartment house building. Apartment houses are for the most part situated on narrow residential streets, and when there are apartment houses on both sides of the street, the cars of the tenants parked in front of these buildings leave only a narrow lane for passing vehicles. It is seldom that these cars are left standing with lights, and in many instances they are left standing out all night. The building of garages in apartment buildings would eliminate this source of congestion and danger.

Waste on Stop Lights

The investigation also discloses the fact that tax payers' money frequently is spent with a reckless abandon on automatic stop lights. There is no question but that automatic signal lights are useful and are especially helpful to the pedestrian. A good thing can be overdone, and when we find cities paying more than two thousand dollars for the installation of lights at one intersection, it is time to inquire if the tax payers might not receive as much benefit from a less expensive light signal. In some circumstances such an expense is essential, in others it is a wasteful use of the tax payers' money. More simplicity in automatic signals will save money and make for greater efficiency.

Should Be Standardized

In addition to this, signals should be standardized throughout the country. In some places we now "go" on the orange light, "stop" on the green, and "go" on the red. Other signals which are more logical in their operation tell the motorist to be ready for a change of signals on the orange, "go" on the green, and "stop" on the red. When we standardize our lights we shall further the cause of safety, and when we simplify them we shall be able to buy more lights on the money saved and in this way add to the safety of our streets.

One Black Mark

Prof: "To have and to hold is a motto."
Stude: "How about a plate of hot soup?"

NO FASCISM TO BE TOLERATED IN U. S.

Introduction of Foreign Form of Government Barred; Keep Them Out

The United States will not tolerate the introduction of any European form of government into America and this is true of fascism as well as communism, says the National Republic, in its current issue, dealing with the reported plan to establish recreational centers among the Italian supporters of fascism in the United States. The editorial, under the caption "The Fascist Peril" says:

"Italian fascism is a reaction from communism. Autocracy always treads on the heels of anarchy, and Mussolini was made dictator of Italy to rescue the country from the demoralization of bolshevism. While this dictatorship has resulted in the restoration of order, prosperity and efficiency in Italy, it has been accompanied by violence and rigid repression. The growth of Mussolini's power has practically paralyzed popular control of government, and the groundwork has been put in for a reaction to bolshevism which could easily be accomplished if Mussolini should die or be overthrown and the new 'man of the hour' be a communist instead of a fascist. Americans have had no special concern in this situation while fascism confined itself to Italy. As in the case of bolshevism, however, a movement to extend fascism to other countries seems to be developing. A recently announced plan of fascist government is to establish recreational centers for Italians in the United States. Real Americans will not tolerate the introduction into the United States of any European form of absolute government out of harmony with American principles, whether that be bolshevism or fascism."

HENRY CLAY OPPOSED FOREIGN ALLIANCES

Was Pioneer Irreconcilable of America, Though Great Pacificator Also

Although Henry Clay is best known to Americans as the "great pacificator" his last warning counsel to Americans was beware of foreign en-

tanglements and alliances, according to Frank P. Litschert, who writes in the National Republic under the title, "Henry Clay, the Hated and Beloved." Clay's warning came at the time Louis Kossuth, Hungarian patriot, came to America to secure aid for the people of Hungary. The article continues:

"Henry Clay had been one of the great advocates of South American independence and Kossuth naturally turned to him. Clay assured him of his lively sympathy with Hungary's aspirations for freedom but added: 'You must allow me to protest against the policy you propose for us.' Speaking of the conditions in Europe, Clay added:

"They give us an impressive warning not to rely on others for the vindication of our principles, but to look to ourselves, and to cherish with more care than ever, the security of our institutions and the preservation of our policies and principles. Far better it is for ourselves, for Hungary, and for the cause of liberty, that adhering to our wise pacific system, and avoiding the distant wars of Europe, we should keep our lamp burning brightly on this western shore, as a light to all nations, than to hazard its utter extinction amid the ruins of fallen and falling republics in Europe."

Clay added that "after abandoning our ancient policy of amity and non-intervention in the affairs of other nations" the American republic would have justified European powers "in abandoning the terms of forbearance and non-interference" which they had so far preserved toward the United States. Clay saw clearly, in other words, that our mixing in the affairs of the Eastern Hemisphere "would justify the nations of Europe in demanding the right to interfere in the western part of the world, so scrapping the Monroe doctrine."

SUCKERS ALWAYS COME BACK, BELIEF

Once a Man Is Inoculated With the Something-For-Nothing Bug He's Lost

Merle Thorpe in Nation's Business Magazine writes:

It's a trade axiom in the highest circles of confidence men that after a victim has been cheated out of ten or twenty thousand dollars, if he is still able to raise money, he comes back and tries it again, whether it be a fake pool room, a foot race or a very private stock ticker that was used as a means.

Only five years ago Americans sent something like a billion good dollars abroad and took German marks in exchange, beginning at 10 cents a mark and coming back again and again for more until the mark was selling for nothing a million. Good-bye to a billion good dollars.

Recently in the mail there came a cordial invitation by way of Houston, Texas, to begin to send the next billion and receive in return "2,000 per cent to 20,000 per cent profit on German pre-war bonds." Only a ten-dollar bill to start. Of course they will be bought. You don't find a 20,000 per cent profit every day. And nine out of ten of the "investors" will have been burned in the mark speculation. The confidence men know their clientele. "The sucker always comes back."

HE CAN NAME HIM

The Jones' have another baby. They can't think of any name, so I see why not write to the man who thinks up those trick names for Pullman cars?

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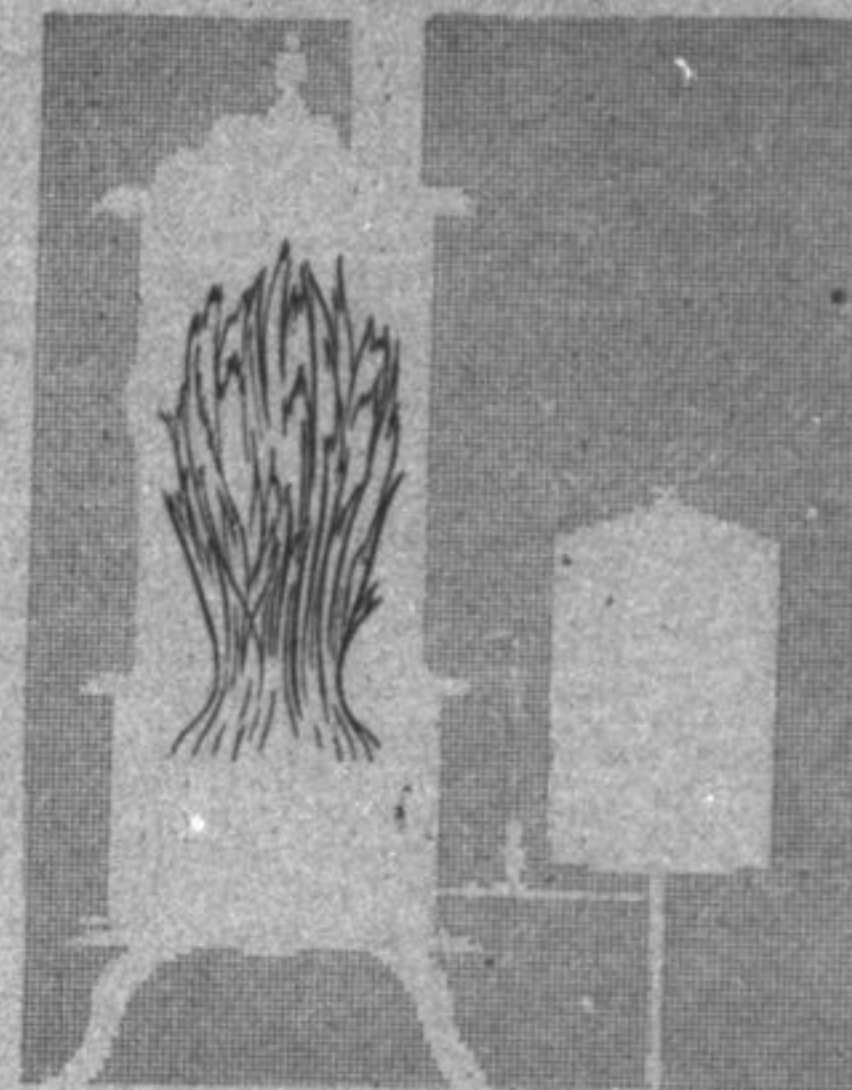
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