

INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY PLANNED

CANADA - SOUTH AMERICA

Project Urged; Annual Meeting Legislative Committee American Motorists Widely Favored

An Inter-American Highway, running from Canada through the United States, Central American States and the States of South America, was urged recently at the annual meeting of the Legislative Committee of the American Motorists' association. A resolution, endorsed by the association and other national motoring organizations, was passed by Congress on May 28, and marks the first step in a plan to link the two continents in the Western Hemisphere by a gigantic highway.

The resolution authorizes the department of state and the national highway commission of the department of agriculture to gather data on the proposed undertaking with an idea of submitting this country's views to the Latin and South American countries and Canada. The views are to be submitted at the Pan-American Congress of highways which will be held at Rio de Janeiro in July, 1929.

Biggest Step
"The construction of an Inter-American Highway, or a Pan-American Highway as originally proposed under the McLeod bill, will mark the biggest step that the countries of the Western Hemisphere have ever taken in international good will," in the opinion of St. Mayer, vice president of the American Motorists' association and president of the Automobile club of Illinois.

The idea has already been endorsed by the Sixth International Conference of American States which recommended, at its meeting in Havana last year, the consideration and adoption of agreements that will be conducive to the construction of such a highway as is proposed under the resolution. Vice President Mayer points out, "American motorists will welcome the day when they may make an Inter-American tour in comfort. It will be conducive to good will among the nations of America and will be an economic factor of vast proportions."

To Distribute Bulletin
As a means of fostering the idea, 5,000 copies of the House resolution, printed in Spanish and English, outlining the project, are to be distributed, the association announces. More than 1,000 copies are being mailed this month to Latin-American countries by the Pan-American Union. Motoring clubs and the motorist, desiring the plan, can secure same by writing either the Pan-American Union, the House Committee of Foreign Affairs or the American Motorists' association, all of Washington.

BAMBOO BLINDS OF RARE VALUE SHOWN

IN THE FIELD MUSEUM

Once Belonged to Famed Manchu Emperors of China and Are Unique in Style and Technique

Some remarkable and highly artistic bamboo blinds, made exclusively for the palace of the Manchu emperors in Peking, China, and believed to be the only ones ever brought out of that country, are now on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, acting director. Because of their rarity and the fact that they could not be duplicated they are regarded as priceless by museum authorities.

Are Unique
The blinds are unique in technique. They are decorated with elaborate pictures formed by strips of silk of various colors wrapped around the narrow bamboo rods, less than one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness. Part of the color and design of these pictures is formed by the natural grain of the wood itself, which is the spotted variety of bamboo, and is left bare in such places as the design requires. Great skill was necessary in matching the tiny strips of wood, and the pictures achieved are of high order, as distinct and striking as a fine oil painting. One of the blinds pictures a lotus pond, with cranes in the water, and clouds and bats above; another "silk-and-wood painting" is of a phoenix, with peonies and butterflies; and a third depicts a mountain landscape with trees, a pavilion and a bridge.

Secured by Curator
Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology, obtained these blinds while he was in China as leader of an expedition sponsored by Captain Marshall Field. They are about 150 years old. The display has been placed in Stanley Field hall of the museum. In the same exhibit is included an unusual piece of eighteenth century cut velvet, representing a lost Chinese art. This is a long strip of crimson velvet in which, by a process of cutting parts of the nap according to the design, and by weaving in gold thread, a picture is produced of the Eight Immortal Genii of Chinese religious beliefs, surrounding the God of Longevity.

FATHER OF CHARLES GLASS DIES AT 85

Aged Resident of Waukegan Passes at Highland Park Hospital Saturday

Lieb Glass, aged and highly respected resident of Waukegan and father of two merchants, Sam Glass of Waukegan and Charles Glass of Highwood, died in the Highland Park hospital at 2:40 o'clock Saturday morning after an extended illness due to his advanced age. He was 85 years of age.

The deceased bore the distinction of having been the first immigrant to be admitted to the United States when the barrier was lifted after the World war. His daughter, now Mrs. Ida Gatalis of Chicago, having been married only one week, accompanied him to the United States from their native land in Lithuania in 1920.

After setting foot on American soil, Mr. Glass and his daughter went direct to Waukegan. His wife passed away in Lithuania during the World war.

The deceased during his residence in Waukegan formed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, especially among the Jewish folk in the city and his death will bring sorrow to many. Although he left his native land to come to America in the last years of his life he grew to love the land of his adoption.

Funeral services were held from 3556 West Roosevelt road, Chicago, at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Interment was in Waldheim cemetery in Chicago.

R. & O. train escaped today the other day in West Virginia when a land slide struck it. We know a lot of candidates who won't be that lucky next November.

Henry Ford broke all records in London by making a speech just thirty-one words long. Evidently Henry doesn't believe in mass production when it comes to after dinner remarks.

C. P. JAEGER DIES MONDAY IN CHICAGO

Funeral Held Yesterday Afternoon; Burial in Memorial Park

Mr. Charles P. Jaeger, of 213 Bronson avenue, President of the Utility Machine Co., Chicago, died Monday morning at the Grant hospital, Chicago, following an illness of anemia.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the family residence at two thirty o'clock, the Rev. Frank Fitt officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Jaeger leaves two sons, Harold and Charles P., Jr., and a daughter, Elizabeth.

Mr. Jaeger has been a resident here for a number of years and was loved by all who knew him.

The sympathy of the community is extended Mrs. Jaeger and family in their sorrow.

GIRLS CHOIR HOLDS ENJOYABLE MEETING

The Girls' Choir of St. Johns Evangelical church was entertained at the home of Sophie Zinglar, Deerfield Road, on Thursday evening, Aug. 30.

A short business meeting was held. The vice-president, Miss Catherine Zimmer presided. The minutes were read by Evelyn Smith, secretary.

Several items of business were transacted and plans for the meetings of the coming year were discussed. Miss Zimmer then gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the E.L.T.S. she attended at Elmhurst together with Lucille Barber. Following this report an interesting contest was enjoyed in which Florence Zimmert and Gladys Sieverth were the winners. Birthday gifts were presented to Evelyn Smith and Helene Borchardt. The girls participated in a number of songs.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and her mother.

STRANGE BELIEFS ATTACHED TO AGATE

FROM ANCIENT PERSIANS

Thought Precious Stone Could Stop Hurricanes; Other Odd Folklore From Foreign Lands About It

One of the most interesting folklores surround various gems, jewels and semi-precious stones, is that connected with agate. In ancient Persia the Magi believed that agates could stop a storm or hurricane. The stones were thrown into a boiling cauldron, and if they turned the water cold this was regarded as proof of their magic power. To be really efficacious the stones had to be fastened with lion's hair, the Magi said; hyena's hair they rejected as a producer of family discord. An agate containing but one color was believed by the Magi to render an athlete invincible.

Other Strange Beliefs

These and many other strange beliefs are told in an illustrated leaflet on agate recently published by Field Museum of Natural History. The leaflet is divided into two parts: one discussing the physical properties and origin of agate, by Dr. Oliver C. Farrington, curator of geology; the other upon its folklore and archaeology, by Borthold Laufer, curator of anthropology. Dr. Farrington, in addition to discussing the formation, occurrence and properties of agate, describes the methods of artificially coloring the stones, developed chiefly in Germany; the cutting and polishing of them, also principally a German art, and the use of them in engraving, which has come down to us from early times, and was principally cultivated by the Greeks and Romans. Dr. Laufer relates that in ancient Crete certain varieties of agate were held sacred, and regarded as capable of healing wounds inflicted by spiders and scorpions. This theory was credited by the ancient scholar, Pliny, because scorpions in Sicily, where many agates are found, really do lose their venom. Among the Mohammedans of India there was long a widespread belief that agate had the power of stopping the flow of blood, presumably because of its blood-red color.

First to Use Jewels

The Sumerians, earliest inhabitants of Mesopotamia, were the first nation in history, so far as is known, to recognize the ornamental value of semi-precious stones, and to understand and practise the art of stone-cutting for the purpose of making cylinder seals, signet rings, beads and other jewelry. Dr. Laufer declares. Great quantities of beads of agate, carnelian and lapis lazuli have been excavated from the ruins of the ancient Sumerian city of Kish by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, under the auspices of Captain Marshall Field, which has been operating during the past five years. Some of these are now on exhibition at Field Museum. Other interesting examples of agate are on view in the H. N. Higinbotham hall of gems and jewelry, and in the mineral collections in the department of geology at the museum.

The free traders would never be satisfied with the elastic tariff provision unless it was only able to stretch down, and never up.

HOW TRAFFIC WEARS DOWN ROAD SURFACE

Traffic averaging 600 vehicles a day will wear down a gravel surface eight inches thick to a thickness of three inches in five years, according to information received by the highway department of the Chicago Motor club, based on the view of highway engineers. Part of this road wear is the result of rolling down and part actual abrasion.

The bulletin points out that a gravel road, even if it is a very good one, is an expensive proposition.

Another angle on the subject of roads comes from automobile operating experience, and actual studies of the comparative rate of tire wear on gravel and asphalt streets. It is estimated that \$2,190 per year per mile would be saved to the community if the average small town would replace graveled surfaces with asphalt.

There has been a big increase in bank robbery according to reports. Of course this will eventually be blamed on the tariff. If it were not for the tariff the people wouldn't be prosperous. If the people were not prosperous the banks wouldn't be full of money, and consequently would not be worth robbing. This is a perfectly logical free trade argument for reducing the tariff.

U. S. SOILS NEED MORE FERTILIZER IS CLAIM

Seventeen millions tons of fertilizer are needed on the soils of the United States to bring them to proper yielding capacity. Against an estimated need of 25,000,000 tons, only about 8,000,000 tons are used, says Farm and Fireside after a survey in which statistics and figures from state experimental stations bore out the lack of fertilizer.

"A survey by experts," says the magazine, "shows that on an average of \$3.50 invested for fertilizer for wheat a return of \$13.50—ten extra dollars—has been made. The question concerns not alone the fertilizer makers but the bank accounts and homes of farmers. This is true not alone in regions where commercial fertilizers now are commonly used but in other sections where they are needed. That means it is true nearly everywhere."

The first meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Civic club of Ravinia was held Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Gillen of S. Green Bay road. Extensive plans for a very profitable and interesting year were discussed.

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