

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PLEASES ST. LOUIS

Business Men's Protests Are Changed to Praise.

PLAN WORKS FROM START

Drivers Merely Required to Obey Policemen's Orders—No Special Ordinance Needed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—(Special.)

The one-way traffic system, which at present applies to eight streets in the congested downtown district of St. Louis, was first inaugurated in 1915, when drastic traffic regulations became necessary in view of the ever-growing number of vehicles on the downtown streets.

The first experiment in the way of one-way traffic was made on Sixth and Seventh streets, both of which run parallel with single street car lines. Sixth street is a narrow, north and south street, and the car line runs in a southerly direction. Seventh street is of about the same width as Sixth street, and the car line, however, going in a northerly direction.

The first step in the inauguration of the one-way traffic system was the adoption of rules establishing a "southbound traffic only" on Sixth street and a "northbound traffic only" on Seventh street. The idea was to have all vehicles move in the same direction as the street cars. Moving vehicles were to go on the "dead line" of the cars, while parking was allowed on the other side, where street car passengers are received or discharged.

Interruption Is Avoided. "Thus," a portion of the traffic regulations of St. Louis reads, "vehicular traffic is not interrupted by stopping while street cars take on and discharge passengers, and the latter are not endangered by moving vehicles. In parking at an angle, autos are required to bank in toward the top, when down, overhangs the walk, while if headed in, the tops of the larger machines would not clear the street cars."

Previous to the inauguration of the one-way traffic system, traffic jams were frequently and almost daily observable on Sixth and Seventh streets, on account of wagons being on the car tracks in an opposite direction to the cars. Because of the crowded condition of both sides of the streets, these wagons were unable to turn aside to make way for an approaching car.

These delays and tieups were completely eliminated through the one-way traffic system, and the result of one year's experiment on Sixth and Seventh streets was the extension of the same system to Eighth and Ninth streets, both of which also are running parallel, with single-track car lines.

About a year and a half ago the one-way traffic system again was extended, and this time to four east-and-west streets, namely, Olive street, between Third and Fourth streets, Elm street, between Third and Fourth streets, St. Charles street, between Third and Fourth streets, and Locust street, between Third and Fourth streets.

These streets have no car lines, but have been provided with one-way traffic, alternately, because of the frequent tieups of traffic, and the number of automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles going and coming from the large hotels, houses and warehouses near the river front.

When the first plans for the one-way traffic system were made, the frequent tieups of traffic, and the number of automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles going and coming from the large hotels, houses and warehouses near the river front, were the chief reasons for its adoption.

It was feared by the business men that the inauguration of a one-way traffic system in front of their establishments would result in a reduction of business more than 20 percent.

Protests Change to Praise. In spite of numerous protests on the part of these merchants and commercial organizations, the new regulations were placed into operation and vigorously enforced. After several months of one-way traffic on Sixth and Seventh streets, merchants on these streets ceased to protest and instead praised the new plan as a great asset to the city. Figures, compiled by the department of streets and sewers at the close of the first year of one-way traffic, showed that the traffic on Sixth and Seventh streets, instead of suffering a reduction, had increased more than 20 percent.

The extension of the system to Eighth and Ninth streets, which was ordered, and hardly met any opposition on the part of the storekeepers.

The entire one-way system in St. Louis today is being operated to the fullest satisfaction of the authorities as well as that of the public and business men.

Something may be added regarding the means of enforcing the one-way traffic system in St. Louis. There is no ordinance or law authorizing one-way traffic on city streets. The rules are enforced, however, under a general traffic ordinance, which provides that "drivers shall at all times promptly obey all reasonable directions of a police officer engaged in directing traffic, as to stopping, starting, approaching or departing from any place; the manner of taking up or setting down passengers, loading or unloading goods, in any place."

Orders Must Be Obeyed. If, for instance, a vehicle is driven on a one-way traffic street in the wrong direction, and the driver later is approached by a traffic policeman and requested to change his route, he must obey the order of the policeman or face prosecution under the above-mentioned ordinance. He cannot be prosecuted for violating the one-way traffic system, which is not covered by ordinance or law.

Large and easily visible signs, indicating with arrows the direction of the traffic on one-way streets, are attached to trolley-support wires and on other conspicuous places everywhere on and over one-way streets and especially at intersections.

Charles M. Talbert, director of streets and sewers of the city of St. Louis and an authority in the matter of traffic regulations, is of the opinion that one-way traffic can only succeed if all angles of the traffic situation have been studied thoroughly.

"You must study the subject intensively," he said, "in order to be able to answer the arguments of storekeepers and other merchants, who in almost every case are afraid of one-way traffic until they are convinced by experiment that the system is to their own benefit."

ELEGANT REVIEWS FRESH CONFIDENCE

Internal Politics Regarded Definitely Stabilized.

FINANCES IS NEXT STEP

Money Is Still Forthcoming for Firm Investments—Lowering of Exchange Is Sought.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—France will begin the new year with far greater confidence than the last. This is in spite of formidable handicaps such as the balance of trade running against her at the rate of about 1,500,000,000 francs a month, about 50 percent depreciation of the exchange value of the franc and the consequent difficulty of procuring raw materials and machines, urgently needed for reconstruction.

France's renewed confidence has been derived directly from the result of the recent elections. These have been regarded here as having definitely stabilized internal politics, ended all danger of revolutionary agitation for some time to come and brought about a better attitude toward capital and labor toward the immense effort before France.

Money has been forthcoming for investment in anything that promises stability. While investments in short-term treasury bonds have been continuing at the rate of nearly 2,000,000,000 francs a month, there is plenty of money for industrial and commercial enterprises.

Victims' Losses Overestimated. The 4,000,000,000 franc loan to provide immediate resources for indemnifying victims of the invasion was overestimated before the official opening of the subscription. Important banks and industrial companies have lately increased their capital and the subscription, which formerly stood at 500,000,000,000 francs.

Transactions on the Paris bourse which still have been confined to cash deals have exceeded in certain respects records of pre-war trading when futures entered largely into the totals. The upward movement of all industrial shares which began before the signature of the treaty of Versailles has been unshaken by successive liquidations. This is regarded by keen observers here as a sure sign of economic recovery.

Employers say the labor situation has been improved and that the last strikes developed symptoms that the workers themselves were becoming weary of long-continued disturbances of business, industry and transportation. They see a tendency against the frivolous strikes and an indication that only real grievances will induce the wage earners to quit work hereafter.

Financial Stability Sought. Decentralization of capital and industry was seen in the establishment in Normandy of textile industries to replace those in the occupied territory destroyed by the war. This has been greatly extended by development of waterpower in the region of the Alps and the center and west of France. Industrial leaders say that no particular region of France hereafter will monopolize any industry and declare that this decentralization will be a most difficult result in a more equitable recovery of all parts of the country.

Powerful financial groups have headed a movement to transfer important industries from the coal region to southeastern France where water power soon will be available. Other groups are being formed to develop manufacturing centers near the coast so as to reduce the cost of transporting raw materials. Industrial leaders declared that this activity on the part of capital, supported by the recovery of labor from the depression, has been regarded as one of the weakest points in French conditions. It has been pointed out that France has been twice over at present high prices for supplies she needs and that is what the present low value of the franc means. The French government has begun studying a complete renovation of her financial policy with a view to making such provisions to meet her obligations as will give greatest stability to her currency and abroad.

Interior Loan Proposed. Details of the new financial policy have not yet been disclosed but it has been understood that it comprises, firstly, a large interior loan to take up all short-term bonds and floating debt; and secondly, important increases in all taxes to bring the revenues up to the annual budget estimated to require 20,000,000,000 to 25,000,000,000 francs. It was not expected that any internal financial arrangement could exert more than a moderate influence on the value of the franc abroad and this may be said to be the object of the greatest anxiety.

The building trades have not shown any disposition to undertake important work while obliged to pay three times the normal prices for materials. The result is that reconstruction work has been held up, although considerable progress has been reported from some sections of the invaded regions. This progress, although slow, was not regarded by business men as sufficient to warrant the expectation that France would be enabled at an early date to resume her exports on a scale sufficient materially to affect the exchange rates. The French still count on some sort of international arrangement that will increase the value of the franc.

"With capital and labor both ready to do their bit," said Raoul Peret, chairman of the appropriation committee of the chamber of deputies, to the Associated Press, "all that remains to enable us to get firmly on our feet is for the world to give our money something like an equal show in all markets."

French observers regard it as extremely important that France should be enabled to purchase raw materials on an equitable basis. They say this

is shown by the fact that before the war three-fifths of her exported goods were manufactured objects and that this proportion must be increased in the future to make up for the loss of the market for wines and spirits in America and Russia which formerly constituted the important share of the total of French exports.

Revenue from tourist checks was a potent aid in maintaining the equilibrium of the franc until the war has not yet given the expected help. Indications are seen of an influx of foreign visitors early in the new year, but present disposition in official circles seems to wait for its development but to take measures to improve all needs independently of this source of income.

Economists and financiers who have weighed all the elements of the situation admit that France still is in a most difficult situation, but indications of great improvement before the end of another year.

Mother of Churchman Dies. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nancy Mackey, mother of several churchmen of national prominence in the Christian church, died in Butte last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Groom, whose husband formerly was a minister in the Butte Christian church. George W. Muckley, Kansas City, Mo., national secretary of the church extension society; the Rev. E. S. Muckley, Portland, Or., of the national benevolent association; Henry A. Muckley, former assistant superintendent of public schools in Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. O. K. Muckley, Fort Wayne, Ind., are sons.

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Register of \$418.

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