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NEW YORK, Sept. 14 .- As a city of travel New York leads the world. Within the limits of the greater city the travel every year by cars, cabs, autos and other means totals a mere trifle of three billions of miles, enough to equal 120,000 trips around the world each year, 333 every day, or about 14 trips every hour. Some idea of this enormous travel may be gained from the fact that if one individual had to do all of it the would have to move at the rate of nearly 6,000 miles a minute to accomplish the task. Tremendous as is this total of travel in the city alone, it shrinks into insignificance when compared with the travel originating and terminating here. While absolute figures are impossible to obtain, the returns from only a part of the steamship and railway lines reaching the city show that 100,000,000,000 miles, equal to more than 5,000,000, round trips to the sun, does not exceed the total of individual journeys beginning or ending here. More than 16,000 persons travel daily between New York and Philadelphia and between this city and Boston 5,000. More than 2,000 people find it necessary to make the trip to or from Chicago every day while twice that unmber travel between here and Buffalo every twenty-four hours. And all these figures are for through travel and do not take into consideration the millions of miles of local travel along these lines. It is no uncommon thing for transatiantic steamship lines to bring in 5,000 persons in one day. In fact, considering all these items, the total of 100,000,000,000 miles s probably too small. What the handing of these travelers means may be seen from the fact that at the Grand Central Station this week 700 men have been employed to do nothing but handle baggage. During the week at this one point alone more than 100,000 pieces

have been handled, running as high

sometimes as 25,000 in one day.

Will the tunnels be safe? That is the question which many New Yorkers are asking today concerning the great tubes being run under the North and East rivers. Unfortunately the discovery of alarming structural weaknesses ir the tunnel from the Battery to Brook-You won't have that that experience if lyn has postponed a practical answer to this question and given pessimists ground for argument. While it was promised that this tunnel would be opened by the end of next month, New Yorkers who now travel on the surface of the river by ferry will have to wait until next summer at least before trayelling under it. Ever since the era of unnel construction opened in this city, here have not been wanting those to assert that they would never be foolhardy enough to risk their lives in the tubes. Riding complacently on the ferry boats far above the course of these tunnels they have pointed triumphantly to the "geysers" in the rivers as the masses of water lifted above the surface by Toilet Articles. the compressed air escaping from the tubes far below are called. Now it has leaked out that the Brooklyn tunnel from the Battery will have to be practically made over, although completed, except for a few details. The engineers in charge of the construction have been extremely reticent, but it has been learned that orders have already been ssued for lining more than 2,000 feet of each tube with concrete. No sconer was the work finished and the interior air pressure removed than joints in the big pipes began to leak and plates to start. While the engineers believe that safety can be achieved by the concrete lining, others hold that it will be necessary either to envelope the present steel tubes in others, an enormously expensive job, or to abandon the work. Meanwhile New York's first taste of tunnel travel is indefinitely postponed.

> The eleventh assembly district, in some respects one of the most corrupt in New York, promises to produce a real old-fashioned New York fight for its Tammany leadership. While Governor Hughes continues to preach good government and clean politics, "the leventh" is in a fair way to show that it does not know much about either, Not since the years when the Tammany tiger roared corruptly unrestrained has there been such a situation in New York and one as typical of the worst side of

of Tammany because the famous the number of cars in use in proportion "The" didn't obey all of Murphy's orto the population. The Californian city New York Leads World in Dis- Boss Plunket, newly arisen from the chines in use in the United States, howfor re-election in the heart of Tammany's domain. But now that "little Boss kett has returned to life. In the camelected. The "reasons" in question begin stock market recently. with 860 street cleaners and 400 police men and run down through 11 janitors and 2 bridge keepers. Certain unkind persons say that "reason" in this case simply means "job" and fear that with

> "eleventh once more." great majority of these cars of course the voyage.

the city's politics. Boss "The" Mc are found in the city of Greater New Manus, of the eleventh district having York, but in spite of this fact this city incurred the displeasure of Boss Murphy takes second place to Los Angeles in ders at Albany, is now confronted by leading all others. Of the 230,000 mapolitical grave to which he was con- ever, New York has nearly 20 per cent signed by Tammany three years ago of the total with its 47,000 cars. New after a record in the legislature so bad Jersey comes next with about 32,000; that the organization really could not Massachusetts is third with 25,000, stand for it. At that time on account while next in order comes Texas with of his record a republican defeated him 17,000. Pennsylvania with 16,000 and California with 11,000. In this state at least the tendency is toward medium McManus, commonly called "The" is in priced and medium powered cars as comdisgrace with "big Bosa Murphy," Plun- pared with the most expensive machines. But even so, that the auto is a luxury, paign which he has just opened, typical which many owners cannot really afford of the days gone by, he asserts that was shown by the manner in which there are 1785 reasons why he should be new machines were sold for almost any

A record likely to stand for a good many years was established by the transatlantic liner Kroonland this week when after a seven-days' voyage from this number skillfully given away the other side she reached port with Plunkett may be elected and later just seven more passengers than when bring a Republican leader to the famous she started; an average increase of one a day. The officers of the ship are trying to decide whether to change her According to the latest figures just name to the "Croon-land" and get a prepared at Albany, New York state pet stork, or stop calling at ports of continues to lead all others in the num- Holland, the country in which this bird ber of automobiles in use within its abounds. The ship's doctor who was borders. While the number of acci- kept prettry busy with the seven badents lately may have caused some peo- bles during the voyage asserts that the ple to suspect this, it nevertheless comes ship was followed by a flock of storks as a surprise to find that the Empire which overtook her at the rate of one State has in use within its borders a day. Previous to this voyage the 46,974 cars of which the value may be record was held jointly by five other roughly placed at \$100,000,000. The steamships at three arrivals each during

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