



Travel & Transport Topics

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Members of the Tin Can Tourists of the World, an organization of auto camping tourists, who returned from Florida to points in the middle west, report that Indiana roads are in the best shape of any roads they traveled. The Hoosier state is famous for its gravel roads which are kept in an excellent state of repair. Indiana is adding hundreds of miles of concrete and brick highways.



Battered and literally cut to ribbons. Thus might be described millions of auto tires now in service. A big majority of these will be replaced early this spring. Thousands of car owners have had tires laid aside for future delivery, according to reports from tire dealers. When everyone starts buying new tires a shortage of standard makes is expected this spring on account of production having been about one-fifth of normal since last summer.

The extent of the business, practice or profession of automobile theft in the cities of the state of New York is indicated by the statement compiled by the information bureau of the state conference of mayors of New York. During 1920, a total of 7,005 automobiles were stolen in the cities alone. Of this number 3,394 were recovered by the police.

The cost of hauling to and from railroad stations forms a large part of the nation's transportation bill and is considered by experts as the weak point in the transportation system of the United States. Store-door delivery service is considered the only means of relief from the excessive cost of terminal hauling. The motor truck promises to play an important part in the establishment of a store-door delivery.

New York Letter



NEW YORK, April 28.—There are handicaps when it comes to prosecuting deaf mutes for slander. Albert De Mentone discovered them when he tried to have three men arrested the other night for "talking about" him and his wife with their fingers on a subway train. They went cheerfully with him to the police station, where they explained in writing that they were talking in Latin and that probably confused Mr. De Mentone. Their accuser admitted the difficulty of proving his charge since there were no available witnesses who understood the sign language—to say nothing of Latin. He declared, however, that he and his wife did understand it and that the youths had spoken of his wife as a "swell kid," which he insisted was not Latin at all. The station desk man urged all parties to "forget it," because of the congested condition of the courts, which they reluctantly agreed to do.

Restaurant owners believe there should be limits to amiability or dignity vanishes. Consequently, they are posting on their walls, signs reading as tactfully as possible, suggesting that while it may be quite the thing

to carry one's lunch, the restaurant is not the place to which to carry it. Some little headway was gained by the lunch-carrying movement last winter, but the carriers found that they missed their coffee and they did not want it later; they wanted it along with their sandwiches. So recently it has become no strange thing to see one come into a lunch room, order a cup of coffee, and pull forth the sandwiches from pockets to eat with the lone cup of coffee. "They seem the slowest eaters we have, too," one proprietor said. "And it makes me nervous to see a table and a half an hour taken up for a five-cent cup of coffee." The signs are the result.

The first tourist hotel for women in the country has been opened. It is near the main entrance of Yellowstone park, at Livingstone, Mont., and is the enterprise of the Young Women's Christian association. Although it is still pretty chilly weather over the country, the offices of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., here in New York, is already busy getting out the posters which are to declare the existence and attractions of the hostelry all along the roads to the great park. The hotel faces the mountains of the park and is said to have wonderful outlooks on all sides. But no man can enjoy its benefits, unless he is a very little man, indeed, say about two years old. Women alone, and women with small children are to be the only guests accepted. The rates will be kept as reasonable as possible in order to help the money-less-money-earning sex who still yearn to travel. Only a few years ago any kind of hotel which was maintained for women was a distinct novelty. The next thing, there will be observation cars for us alone, maybe.

No mere burglar alarm on his safe would satisfy Eugene Grebert, ga-

rage owner. "Why have a bell that only gives notice to someone to come with a gun?" argued Mr. Grebert. "Why not have the gun itself for an alarm." Finding no negative response, he perfected and rigged up a charge of buckshot which would be released on the opening of the safe door. In consequence, poor Joseph Schmidt is in the hospital under a charge of burglary because he appeared at the hospital, asking for treatment for buckshot wounds. It's very hard on routine burglars when novelties of that kind are introduced.

New York had more or less of a blow when Albert, Prince of Monaco, "the man who owns the bank at Monte Carlo," arrived in town. Despite any reports to the contrary, all of us, in our hearts, expected a dashing, interestingly wicked-looking person, whose conversation would be concerned with the great subject of life—chance! And behold! Here is a pleasant, quiet, studious, serious, elderly gentleman in our midst, whose chief concern in life is to learn what sort of things abound in the bottom of the sea—not pirate treasures—but little fishes and gentle things like that. In spite of a general moral outlook, I couldn't help being disappointed.

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ASKS INDEPENDENCE WITH OR WITHOUT PROTECTION

Manila, P. I. — The people of the Philippines want independence in whatever form they can get it. Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, declared in an address before that body.

"Let the Americans in the Philippines and those in the United States know that the people of the Philippines covet their freedom, liberty and political emancipation so much that they will not hesitate to receive from the Congress of the United States complete and absolute independence without protection," Quezon said. "If the United States, dictated by its own interests, decides to extend protection to the Philippines, well and good. We would accept that as a solution of our problems. If not, let us have absolute independence in whatever form we can get it."

President Quezon declared that if the question were put before the Filipinos for a vote, 98 per cent would favor absolute independence.



Manuel L. Quezon, President Philippine Senate

A TEST OF FAITH

(Chattanooga News.)

We have frequent occasion to protest against the efforts of Japan to impose her dominion upon unwilling peoples, yet we have thus far failed to exemplify the ideals which we recommend to Japan. If we should withdraw our sovereignty from the Philippines, in accordance with our repeated promises, we could the more consistently ask Japan to follow a similar course toward Shantung, Manchuria and Siberia. Our plea would have a great deal more force if we could make it with clean hands. To say that the Philippines are not ready for independence is merely to express an arbitrary, gratuitous opinion. It is perfectly easy to create conditions—in one's own mind—that no people ever could comply with. Our delay about respecting our own pledge is a reflection on our national good faith and a constant invitation to international complications in the far east.

INDEPENDENCE OF PHILIPPINES

(Atascadero (Cal.) News.)

The Philippines should be given absolute independence, which is their natural right, even if we are well aware that they have not yet reached the full stature of Americanism. We ourselves have not reached it so long as we insist upon governing other peoples against their will.



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