

INTERIOR MIRROR AIDS IN DRIVING

Dual Rear Mirror is Latest Wrinkle; Two Occupants in Front Can See

In these days of congested traffic, not only in the business thoroughfares, but on the highways, the attention of the careful driver is constantly riveted on the road. Along with this necessity comes the need of increased vigilance in keeping a watchful eye on traffic coming up in the rear.

Perhaps no device for automobiles has combined to such a high degree, the elements of safety and convenience as the rear view mirror. Its efficiency is even more appreciated after a person has driven a car equipped with a mirror and then one not so equipped.

The most popular mirror is fastened over the windshield and enables the driver to obtain a clear view of the road for a long distance to the rear at a glance, and with perfect ease and safety. The driver can tell instantly the condition of traffic behind him and give his driving signals accordingly.

Inasmuch as the great number of minor traffic collisions are due to sudden stops and failure of the driver to signal, or oncoming cars failing to observe the signal, the mirror is invaluable in enabling the driver of the car equipped with such a device to instantly tell whether or not his signal has been observed by the driver of the car behind.

One of the latest type mirrors, shown in the mirror department of the Western Auto Supply company is a dual mirror. Two mirrors are mounted on one bracket, one for each occupant of the front seat, both for the use of the driver. Each mirror can be adjusted independently of the other, either high or low, for persons of varying heights, up and down and from side to side to change the scope of vision.

The big advantage of the dual mirror over the single type is that it furnished individual mirrors to occupants of the front seat and reflects the road at the side as well as the highway in the rear.

It is a valuable addition to the car when two people drive the same machine. Seldom can two drivers use the same mirror adjustment and the two mirrors, set to meet individual requirements, do away with the readjustment nuisance each time drivers are changed.

PHILLIPS BACK AGAIN

W. L. Phillips, manager of the Valley Motor company, has returned to his desk after an attack of influenza.

Tipping a Crime in Russia But Continues Nevertheless

MOSCOW—Tipping in Soviet Russia is a punishable offense. The few Americans who have found their way to this revolutionary land have been astonished to find that the Bolsheviks look upon any kind of gratuity as a "bribe."

One of the most frequent signs in the Moscow restaurants is, "Don't degrade your fellow-man by offering him a tip; tipping is a form of bribery." Another is, "A bribe is punishable as a criminal offense; therefore don't attempt to give tips."

Despite warnings, however, tourists soon find hotel employes, waiters and public servants show a surprisingly readiness to accept "tips," particularly if no one is looking.

As the Bolsheviks regard tipping as a species of "bribery," so they regard the white apron, laundered shirt and stiff collar usually worn by waiters as "degrading." Therefore in order to give complete "equality" to this class of workers, they have ordered them to wear natty blue blouses, with army style collar and no tie.

Desolate Island of West Coast Feared by Yachters

SAN PEDRO—Desolate and wind-swept San Nicolas, one of a chain of islands lying off the coast of southern California, has become a spot shunned by most yachtsmen.

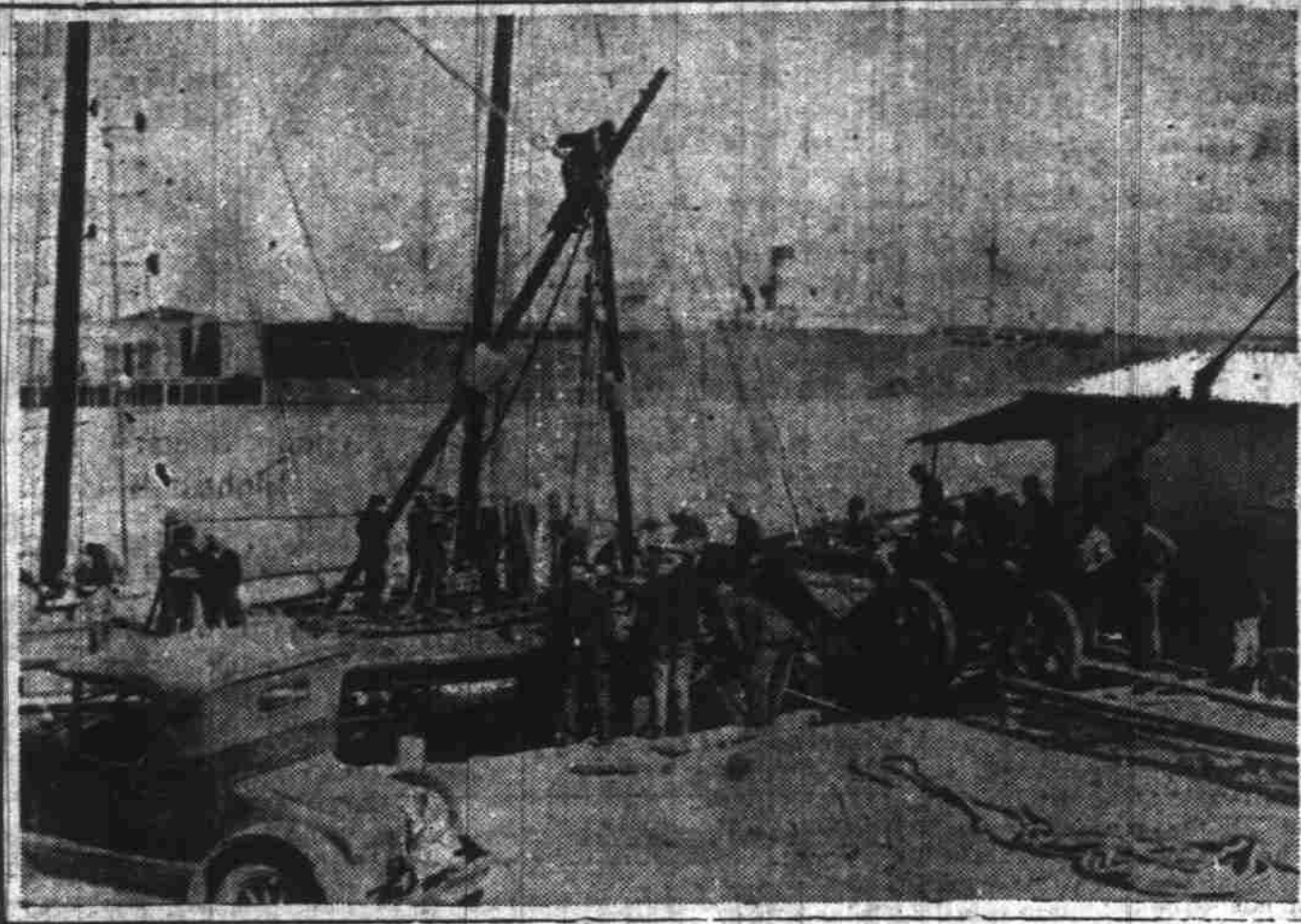
Old-time mariners who gather on the docks of this harbor city to swap yarns seldom fail to speak of barren San Nicolas. It is inhabited only by a man named MacArthur and his wife, who care for 2,000 sheep owned by a cattle company which leases the island from the government.

Howling offshore winds and great seas, against which little progress can be made by the small craft, often are encountered by those who try to reach the island.

Should the mariner overcome these elements, another obstacle has to be overcome before a landing can be made. Virtually impassible kelp beds almost surround the island and extend from a quarter of a mile to three miles offshore. They may be negotiated only by extremely small craft.

The wise man always throws himself on the side of his assailants. It is more to his interest than theirs to find his weak point.

Bootlegger Loses Liquor; Coast Guard Recovers It



There was much mental anguish about the municipal dock at Savannah, Georgia, recently, when it became known that a truck carrying 200 cases of liquor had dropped through a hole in the wharf, sinking its cargo beneath the waves. Later the Coast Guard service dragged the river and recovered every bottle of the forbidden beverage. Photo shows how railway steam crane was used to recover the truck. Two captured rum runners are shown at the wharf, next the Coast Guard cutter, Yanacraw.

Death Valley Scott Deserts Gold Nuggets for Fruit

TONOPAH, Nev.—Walter Scott, better known as "Death Valley Scotty," is becoming almost as famous for the products of his Rancho Inferno, near Grapevine canyon in Death Valley, California as he was a few years ago for the gold nuggets he displayed so lavishly and made such a mystery of.

John G. Kirchen, Nevada mining man, has visited Scotty's ranch "down in the bottom of the world."

"Scotty," said Kirchen, "is as much a mystery as ever. He is producing huge quantities of figs, apples, pears, peaches and grapes, the latter of unsurpassing quality. He treated us royally, talked a lot and told us nothing."

Scotty still insists he has the richest gold mine in the world somewhere in the recesses of the sinister valley. When he attracted such wide attention with his nuggets, he never revealed their origin.

"It's too hot and too much work to dig gold," he now contends. "It's lots more fun to raise peaches and look after my string of 60 mules."

Scotty's ranch has amazed old timers. The land had been considered irredeemable.

Credit Exchange to Sum Up Growth in Business

CHICAGO—Five years of progressive effort in the extension of America's export business will be summed up in reports of the fifth annual meeting here January 26 of the American Manufacturers' Foreign Credit Insurance Exchange, a cooperative organization of 1,100 firms and corporations in thirty-four states.

These members have pooled their credit information on 250,000 foreign buyers of American products, the index to this vast amount of business information providing a basis upon which the exchange issues insurance policies upon exports of its members.

Almost \$100,000,000 of such

insurance has been written, covering exports to ninety-one countries in every part of the world and every line of American exports.

The actual loss on the first \$75,000,000 of insurance written was slightly in excess of \$550,000 or approximately three-fourths of one per cent. Officers estimate that at least \$200,000,000 more of American export business was done on the basis of information supplied by the pooled ratings.

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MORE MEN USED IN OAKLAND COMPANY

Working Force to Be Augmented by About 600 Men; Peak Reached

The force of 3,000 employees now engaged in production and administrative work at the Oakland Motor Car company to produce the Oakland and Pontiac Sixes is gradually being augmented. A. J. Brandt, vice president in charge of operations states that within the next two months this force will be increased by approximately 600, bringing the number of employees up to the highest peak in the history of the company — equally only in the boom year of 1919.

That this number of employees can build the number of cars of both lines scheduled for this year illustrates, according to Mr. Brandt, the great strides that have been made in production efficiency.

"Manufacturing equipment is being improved so rapidly that it has the practical effect of increasing the potential capacity of every motor car plant by a significant percentage each year," he states. "Every time a factory set-up is laid out for a new model, it is found that considerably less space is required for the same sequence

of operations than for cars built in former years.

"The removal of all body-building activities to the Fisher Body corporation plant within a few blocks from the factory has given much space in the Oakland plants. Conveyor systems, more efficient

arrangement of production machinery and more effective use of man power has enabled us to turn out more automobiles in a given space than ever before."

EILEEN PLUNKET SUCCESS
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