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Repeal Is New Factor in Traffic Problems $\boldsymbol{T}$ is still a great deal too early to get a fair slant on Fall the effects of repeal of the 18 th a amendment
Enough eime has passed, however, to makee at least one
thing pretty clear. Repeal has unquestionably added to the difficuities of an already tangled automobile traffic
pituation.
The traffic commissioner of a representative met topolitan, police department, pointing oto the fact that
this years. tranffic fatalitites are substantially hifher than
last year's, asserts bluntly that the most significant
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1933.

It is not only the fact that drunken drivers
on the road that complicates matters-although
pourse, is the worst part of it.
FURTHERMORE, financial difficulties having caused there are fewer "beat" patrolmen on the scene to collar
such men and lug them off to the police station to sober And there is stitl another angle to it. There is more
night life now in the average city. More people are on night iife now in the average city. More peopli, are on
Che streets after midnimgt than used to be the case-and
pot all of them are cold sober. Empty roads on the edge. of town are more danger-
ous mow, along about eim the morning, than they used
to be: exhilarated revellers, homeward bound, zip along to be, exhilarated reveliers, homeward bound, zip along
such bouneards at breakneck speed and ail too often
reap the literal reward on such speed
broken necks.
$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{LL} \text { in all, the evidence is pretty strong to show that introduced an ominous new factor into }}$ Qhe traffic problem. What needs in the face of this new factor hot at all clear. That there is hardly a city in Amer-
loe which has enough traffic policemen goes almost without saying:
more hard boiled attitude toward traffic law violators is Most of all, however, we need $a$ new sense of in-
dividuat repposibility. The man who is driving a car cevolver.


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