

## PLACING THE BLAME

Solutions Being Sought For Safer Highways—Henry Voices Sentiments

### SAFETY FIRST

The Good Roads Association has completed its sessions at Niagara Falls, Ont. The highway ministers of the Dominion were on hand to discuss "ways and means" of not only improving but making our highways safe.

The President, Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways for Ontario, said in opening:

**A MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM**  
"I think we are all agreed that the greatest and most difficult problem which we have to face to-day is to see that the awful toll of needlessly wasted life is reduced to a minimum. No greater or more necessary work can be undertaken than that of forcing the users of the highways to realize the need of a careful and cautious consideration of the rights and lives of others. So I hope that 'Safety First' will be the keynote of this convention."

Hon. Mr. Perron, Minister of Roads for Quebec, added his approval. "We have been building roads for the people for many years," he pointed out, "we have erected safety signs; we have done what we could to make those highways safe, but it appears that we have been unable, in any of the provinces, to make the people understand that life must be protected and that a license to operate an automobile is not a license to kill other people. I feel the situation very strongly. It has become a national duty for us to stop the needless waste of life which has been going on for the past three years, and which, for the most part, has been due to recklessness on the part of drivers and to their bad behavior on the roads."

O. S. Hess, from Michigan, said: "In our state, we have done everything we could think of to reduce the casualties, but we have accomplished

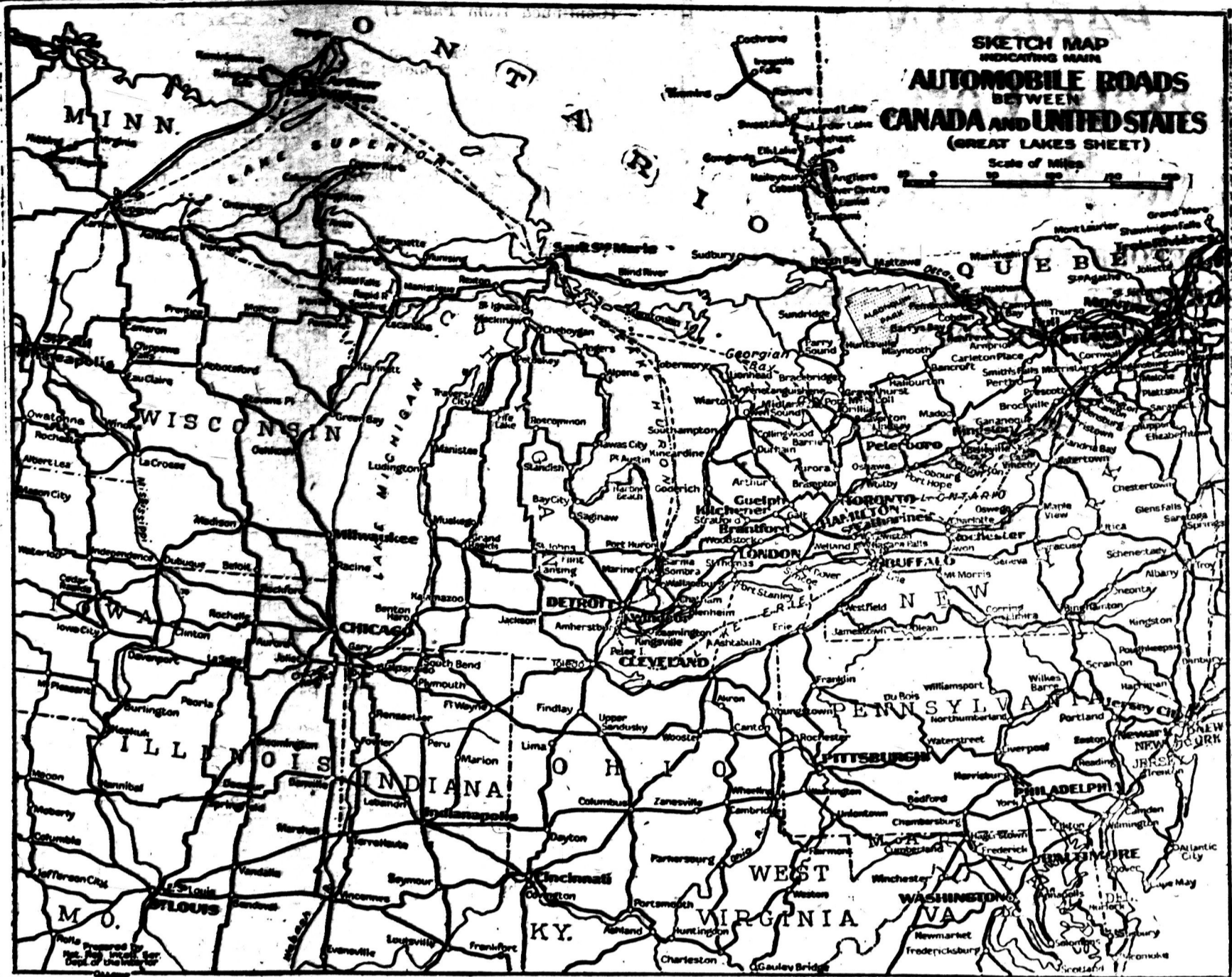
little. We have erected guard railings, we have placed thousands of road signs, we have cut out the sharp curves and the corners, we have spent millions, but in spite of all we could do, there has been no falling off in accidents. It is all due to the man behind the wheel. I think if I give you a definition of a man, it will explain much. A man is a creature who can see a pretty ankle three blocks distant but who cannot see a locomotive the size of a school house, reinforced with a flock of freight cars even when it is almost on top of him."

**WAIT ANOTHER YEAR**  
Numerous suggestions for eliminating or reducing to a minimum the terrible toll of deaths from automobile accidents were presented, and while there was naturally a divergence of opinion on many points, all were agreed that the appalling loss of life was preventable, even under the present congested condition of highways and city streets.

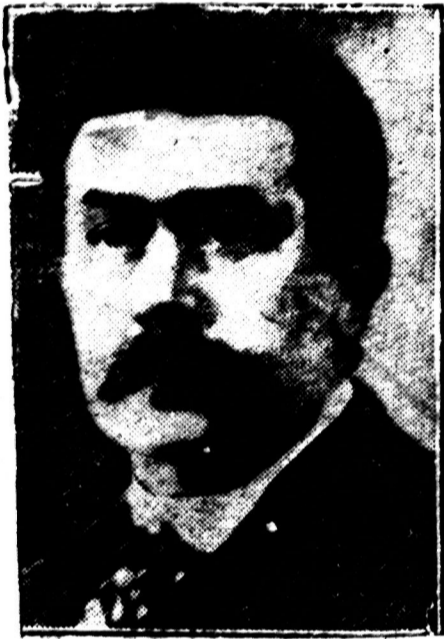
The whole matter of Safety First was finally referred to the next inter-provincial Conference for consideration and action.

**TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY**  
Federal aid is sought to assist in bridging the gap from the Soo to Nipigon in the trans-Canada Highway scheme. The highway when completed would be a national asset; therefore the Federal Government should assist. Further, an impetus to provincial roadway construction would follow the marking out of the Lake Superior link. If the whole of the Trans-Canada Highway were clearly designated, the various provinces would be able to build their connecting links with the assurance that they were properly placed as feeders.

## Trunk Roads and International Highways



**CANADA'S LINKS WITH OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR**  
The Department of Natural Resources and Intelligence Service, Ottawa, deserves great credit for the publishing of the above map. This map, according to Director Lynch "is probably the most comprehensive map of its kind available and was published primarily for distribution in the United States, for the assistance of travellers who might be planning trips to this country. A limited number could be supplied from our stocks while they last, without charge, upon application to this office. We are also always open to suggestions for the improvement of these sheets." Boosting motor tourist business to Canada assumes more and more importance and the Federal Government certainly appears to be alive to the situation.



**Paul Painlevé**  
French minister of war, recently welcomed the American Legion to France in the name of his government.

### Tariff Boosted By Australia

#### Canadian Auto Industry Will Be Affected

Auto trade from Canada to Australia has averaged seven and a half millions for the past two years. The new tariff has increased a duty of 7 1/2 per cent to 12 1/2 per cent, on unassembled chassis, and from 12 1/2 to 20 1/2 per cent on assembled chassis.

**U. S. RATE HIGHER.**  
Similarly the U.S. rate on un-assembled chassis is raised from 12 1/2 to 17 1/2 per cent, and the assembled now pays 25 per cent. English-made un-assembled chassis pay nothing and assembled chassis now pay 5 per cent.

The Minister of Customs, Hon. H. E. Pratten, in introducing the new tariff in the House of Representatives at Canberra, said that during the last financial year the value of imported motor-car chassis was \$61,250,000, of which United States' share was \$37,500,000; United Kingdom, \$15,000,000, and Canada \$5,000,000.

**INTRA-EMPIRE TRADE.**  
It is not expected that these figures will be reached during the coming year.

The Minister said he hoped the new tariff might cause a good deal of the trade in motor cars to shift from the United States to Britain and cause a stimulus in intra-Empire economic development. The new schedules were effective to-day. The increased revenue from it, it is expected, will be \$2,500,000 which will go toward the roads development scheme.

### Girls Paddle Canoe from New York City

Two girls, Lillian Reiten and Envie Lester, of New York City, arrived in Montreal recently in a frail canvas-covered canoe named "Will o' the Wisp" on their way to Quebec. The girls, accompanied by a collie dog and camping paraphernalia left their home about two weeks ago and paddled from the Hudson River through Champlain Canal to the Richelieu River, arriving in Montreal in excellent condition having enjoyed the experiences.

He (proudly)—"That is the best painting I have ever done." She—"Well, don't let that discourage you."

### Stork Calling at Belgium Palace

#### Royal Artillery Stand by For 121 Gun Salute

Brussels, Belgium.—King Albert will be the godfather of a grandson who will assume the title of Count of Hainaut should the stork which is hovering lower and lower over the royal palace at Laeken, where Crown Princess Astrid is residing, bring a boy to the royal family.

Cardinal Vanrooy, successor to the late Cardinal Mercier at Malines, will perform the religious ceremony at the christening at St. James' Chapel, adjacent to the royal palace. Burgomaster Adolphe Max and Minister of Justice Paul Hymans will attend to the civil ceremony, inscribing the name of the heir to the throne on the records at Brussels City Hall.

Should a princess be born to Princess Astrid and Crown Prince Leopold—of which possibility only whispers are heard—either Queen Elizabeth, Princess Marie Jose or Princess Clementine Napoleon Bonaparte will act as godmother.

The entire kingdom is expecting an heir and not an heiress to be born to Crown Princess, who recently returned to Laeken after a holiday spent in the country. All the artillery preparations have been made for the firing of a salute of 121 guns. The birth of a princess only calls for a 21-gun salute, while a male heir is entitled to 100 more.

### Lord and Lady Willingdon Pay Visit to Calgary

Calgary, Alta.—Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Willingdon paid Calgary an unofficial visit on Thursday and Friday last week.

The man after a woman's heart may not want it.

### Tornado Wrecks Western States

#### St. Louis is Heaviest Loser With Property Damage of 75 Million

#### NINETY MILE GALE

St. Louis.—Six square miles of fair St. Louis has been desolated by a wicked tornado.

It is estimated that 2,500 homes were either wrecked or damaged while the streets and boulevards were clogged with fallen telegraph poles and hundreds of the city's most beautiful trees. Trolley wires torn from their supports spat blue flame as they met the car tracks, and the shouts of policemen kept terrified people from injury or death from the live wires.

#### SERVICES DEMORIALIZED

With telephone service demoralized, it took the city several minutes to learn what had happened. The news of the tornado was flashed over the city by radio and others in parts of the city unvisited by the storm.

The twister was accompanied by terrific rain, which added to the desolation. Houses and factories were crumpled in many places like toys.

The first flashes that reached Fire and Police Headquarters set up a general mobilization of every available policeman and fireman. The storm area was quickly blocked against the curious by a hastily formed cordon. Behind the cordon were hastily organized units of relief, and men began digging into heaps of stone and brick to look for persons they believed were buried.

#### DEATH TOLL HEAVY

It is probable that the death list will run well over 60, while the estimate of the injured ran 1,000 or more. The West Side, a section of houses

of moderately wealthy St. Louisans, lay covered with a blanket of uprooted trees, torn timber and bricks, out of which crept injured men, women and children, black and grimy as though emerging from a coal mine.

#### TURN TO RELIEF WORK

Every city department turned to relief work, while army kitchens from Jefferson Barracks were sent to two general relief headquarters established in the district. The Red Cross sprang into action, and 100 automobiles were patrolling the streets to pick up stray sufferers. The organization established a first aid station where the less seriously injured were taken care of.

The lists of dead and injured grew as police, firemen, physicians, nurses, welfare workers and volunteers began restoring order. The storm revived memories of the worst storm catastrophe in the city, that of May 27, 1896, which killed a total of 140 persons.

#### SHOOT ALL LOOTERS

Every available policeman was brought to the area, and Police Chief Gerk immediately issued an order to "shoot all looters," ending with the grim admonition to "make Coroner's cases of them."

As the agencies of rescue and succor were getting into motion, the city was again enveloped by a weird, greenish light which sent terror to the hearts of the storm sufferers. This shortly turned to a pinkish hue, and torrents of rain ushered in the darkness, which was unrelieved by the thousands of street lamps broken and useless.

Illinois, Arkansas, and Oklahoma were also in the storm area and death and havoc is reported from all these States.

A man in Chicago has not spoken to his wife in three years. This would seem to shatter the idea that men are becoming feminized.

### Order of 20,000 Women Now Includes Two Men

Detroit, Mich.—The Daughters of Scotia, which has just closed its twenty-ninth annual convention here, reported a membership of 20,000 women of Scottish nativity or descent.

Ten persons started the society in New Haven, Conn., in 1898, pledging its members "to keep in ever loving remembrance our native land, to assist the Clans, and to bring our members, mothers, sisters and daughters of Scotch descent together for aid and lang syne."

Two men have membership in the Daughters of Scotia. One is George Drummond Bone of New Haven, who with his wife helped form the organization. The other is Col. Walter Scott of New York, Past Royal Chief of the Order of Scottish clans.

### Starting Incident in Australian House

Canberra, Australia, Sept. 28.—A startling incident, of a tragic nature, occurred in the House of Representatives to-day. While ministers of the Government were speaking regretfully of the death of Walter Gale, late clerk in the House, his successor, J. MacGregor, suddenly collapsed and was removed in an unconscious state, and died shortly afterwards.

### Elk for British Columbia

The Department of the Interior at Ottawa has granted the application of the Province of British Columbia for elk to be used in restocking areas between the Okanagan and Kettle valleys. Twenty-five animals from the herd in Buffalo National Park at Wainwright, Alberta, were shipped to Cookson, B.C., and released. The Wainwright herd numbers approximately 400 animals.

### Oil Traces Led Kyle to Wreckage

#### Old Glory's Wing Found Near Spot Where SOS Sent

St. Johns, Nfld.—Traces of oil on the surface of the ocean were the signs that led Captain Ben Tavenor of the steamer Kyle, to discover and salvage the remnants of the ill-fated monoplane Old Glory which he landed here recently. Setting out on his search when the Kyle was commissioned by the agents of William Randolph Hearst to search for the Old Glory and her occupants, Bertand, Hill and Payne, Captain Tavenor decided that his first objective would be the spot where the distress calls were broadcast, believing that if the plane crashed or made a forced landing in the water the gasoline and oil would remain for many days to mark the approximate spot.

He soon found the trail of oil and gasoline that showed the drift of the wreckage and following this direction he came upon the wing and part of the landing gear on September 12, three days after starting out on the search. The wreckage consists of 34 feet of battered wing containing three gas tanks, all of which contained gas when picked up, fuel gauges, feed pipes and speaking tubes, also one wheel and part of the landing gear.

#### Distress Signals from Jap Vessel

Seattle, Wash.—Distress signals from a vessel believed to be the Yoshida Maru Number 1, were picked up recently by the Seattle Harbor radio station. The nature of the trouble was not known. The ship's position was given as latitude 48.16 north, longitude 141.42 west, and no report has since been received.

### What a Train Wreck Looks Like



**EIGHT MEN NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH**  
When a heavily laden freight crashed into a fruit train at Vineland station recently eight men standing on the station platform had to run for their lives. The freight telescoped a coach and two express cars of a fruit train. The photos above show, RIGHT, the engine of the wrecked freight. LEFT, the wrecked fruit platform and store house with the engine of the freight buried in the debris.