

THROUGH ROADS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

When the Lincoln highway was laid out across the continent 12 years ago, motor vehicle traffic was not a problem. Heavy through passenger traffic was then foreseen by but a few and interurban freight transportation was a dream.

But the founders of the Lincoln highway, with a vision of the present marvelous development of highway transportation, endeavored to set an example in the routing of the Lincoln highway by leading it around or near, instead of through large centers along the line.

This policy, far from meeting with the approval of the authorities or the business men of the communities near the projected route, raised a storm of disapproval.

Every community between New York and San Francisco near the line selected for the first transcontinental highway fought with avidity to have the route marked to follow through its main streets—through the heart of its downtown district.

In later years, as realignment on the route became possible and the original location was slightly revised here and there in the process of shortening, many communities originally incorporated on the route were by-passed, and in each instance the association's board was deluged with protestations, visited by committees and strongly censured when it held to its original policy of missing every community possible.

It is difficult to estimate to what extent the progress of improvement on the Lincoln highway has been delayed in some States through the antagonism or apathy developed in certain influential centers of population because the route did not exactly bisect the business communities of such centers and pass the doors of the business establishments.

It is interesting to note how the passage of years and the development of American highways and highway transport have changed the municipal attitude toward through-route construction and alignment. There is hardly a metropolitan center along the Lincoln highway now which is not making a strenuous effort to provide adequate by-passes for the tremendous volume of travel which it is now recognized should not be allowed to add to the growing congestion of busy business streets.

City planning commissioners everywhere are urging the opening and broadening of through arteries traversing the edges rather than the centers of metropolitan areas. American cities have had a tendency to centralize along a first main business street and later along a few such streets. Few of them are laid out with an eye toward decentralization of traffic and a great problem lies before American communities in taking steps now to take care of the still greater coming traffic.

HAVE GOOD REASON FOR THEIR NUDITY

Clothes Fatal to Residents of Tropical Jungles.

Bushnegro children of the Dutch colony of Suriname (South America) go totally unclothed until they are seven or eight years old. Then a solitary cotton string is tied about their waists—to get them used to clothes—such is the theory.

An adult is fully dressed if he wears a bit of bright cloth slightly smaller than a pocket handkerchief, though each man has a more pretentious toga of pied cotton cloth to wear on visits to Paramaribo, the capital. But this is discarded at the first opportunity.

Long ages have taught the Bushnegros that one of the surest ways to commit suicide in the jungle is to wear clothes, John W. Vandercook writes, in Harper's Magazine.

This is not an exaggeration. A young English mercenary soldier, who spent five years in Suriname in the latter part of the Eighteenth century, boasted in the book he subsequently wrote that he was the only man in his regiment who never suffered a serious illness.

Their experience was superlatively trying. The troops had been imported by the Dutch government to help put down one of the slave rebellions that subsequently resulted in the formation of the Independent Bushnegro society. Their equipment was inadequate and their search for the elusive rebels took them into the most unhealthy districts of the colony.

Nearly all of the soldiers died. But Capt. John Stedman, the author, soon observed that the Suriname negroes were never ill and he asked the reason why. Then he adopted as best he could the negro mode of life. He left off nearly all his clothes, he accustomed himself to going barefoot, he bathed four or five times a day in the river, heedless of sharks, and he drank quantities of water without being too particular as to its purity. So he lived to tell his tale, a story crammed with admiration and affection for the negroes who were technically his enemies.

Stedman's adopted way of life is in detail the practice of all present-day Bushnegros. They know that in a tropical climate the body must perspire continually and without interruption. They replace this evaporation by drinking incredible quantities of water. They bathe in the river never less than five times a day. They vigorously clean their teeth several times daily with sand and granulated tobacco. When the sun comes out after rain it promptly dries their naked skin.

Clothes, under these circumstances, white travelers learn to their distress, produce a soggy steam bath that is an almost certain guarantee of virulent pneumonia, or, at best, of a severe cold. Even the missionaries who have invaded one Bushnegro village learned by continued disaster to their little flock that there was no place to insist upon the Nordic morality of calico.

Yet you will find few persons in Suriname, or any other tropical country, who are willing to relinquish the stubborn theory that the nakedness of forest peoples is anything but positive proof of a state of pitiable barbarism.

World's Large Cities

The following cities reported at the last official censuses—1919 to 1923—as having more than 1,000,000 population: London (county), 4,483,249; London (greater), 7,476,108; Berlin, 1,902,509; Berlin (greater), 3,808,770; Paris, 2,902,509; Vienna, 1,866,147; Moscow, 1,511,045; Leningrad, 1,067,325; Glasgow, 1,034,174. Several other cities had close to 1,000,000 each, and perhaps exceed that number now. These were Hamburg (985,770 in 1919); Warsaw (936,046 in 1921); Budapest (928,906 in 1920), and Birmingham (919,438 in 1921). Constantinople was formerly considered to have a population in excess of 1,000,000, but has lost considerably in late years, and after a canvass in 1924 was reported to have 880,998.

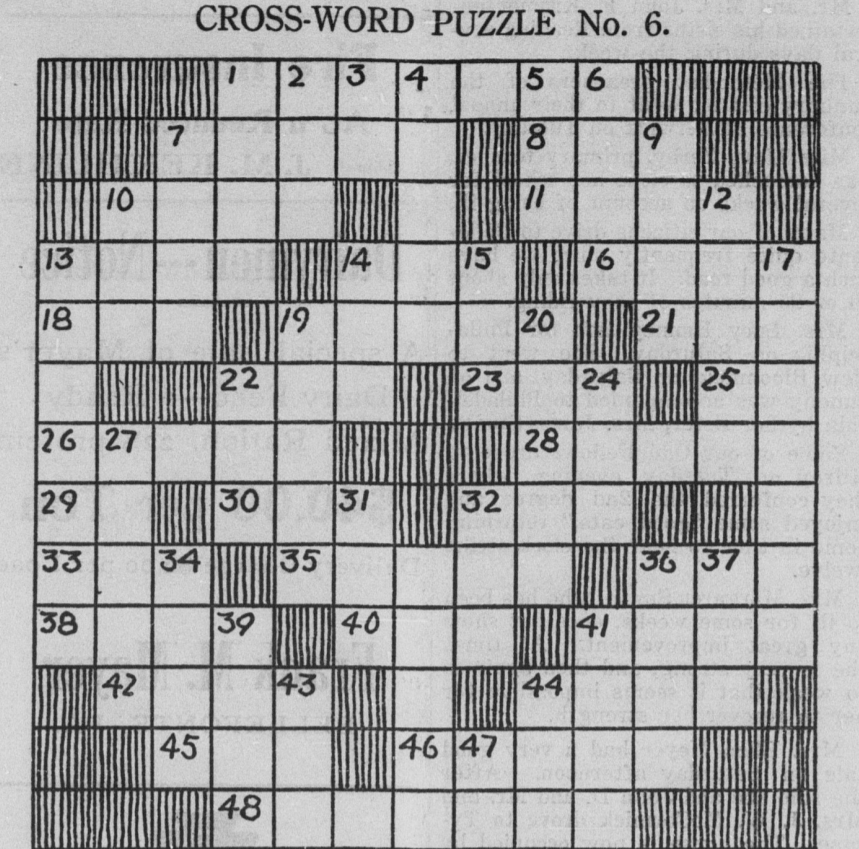
Fatal Dust Explosions

Dust explosions caused a loss of 133 lives, injury to 130 employees and a property damage amounting to more than \$12,000,000 in the period from 1919 to 1925. More than one-fourth of the loss in life and more than one-half of the property damage occurred in grain elevators, however, which has led the dust-explosion experts of the United States Department of Agriculture to turn their attention primarily to the elimination of the dust-explosion hazard in the grain-handling industry.

World's Food Consumption

A German scientist, Rubner, de Jares that Americans are the greatest food consumers in the world. According to his figures, Americans devour 3,808 caloric units daily; England, 2,997; France, 2,973; Austrians, 2,825; Germans, 2,770; South Americans, 2,764; Russians, 2,696; Italians, 2,612, and the Japanese, 2,553. Rubner places the English at the head of the meat consumers of Europe and the Italians last.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill all the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill all the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.



- Horizontal.**
1—One who travels to a holy place as a devotee
7—A tooth
10—A sphere
13—To plunge
16—To thrive
19—An appointment to meet
21—Young sheep
22—Part of "to be"
23—To lift with a lever
25—Each (abbr.)
28—Periods of time
29—Printing measure
30—Set up (abbr.)
32—Donkey
35—An appointed place of meeting
36—Pine tree
38—Flaky precipitation
40—Affirmative answer
41—Established price
42—Implement
45—Cow's ululation
46—To elevate
- Vertical.**
1—The counting of heads
2—Sick
4—Thick brown sauce for meats
5—Frozen water
6—Canal around a castle
7—Grain steeped in water
9—Woody plant
10—To prohibit
12—More recent of origin
13—Paternal parents
14—Native metal
15—Viper
17—A scale
19—Same as 20 vertical
20—Same as 19 horizontal
22—To mimic
24—Alternative answer
27—Concerning
32—Beast of burden
34—Fate
36—Price of transportation
37—Impersonal possessive pronoun
39—Lumber
41—To ascend
43—Having little altitude
44—To affect with pain
47—Commercial announcement
- Solution will appear in next issue.

An Eventful Day in New Orleans.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans! The pavements were lined with Pierrots and Peter Pans, pirates and pixies, Pandoras and princesses, harlequins and heroes, tourists and spectators from every State in the Union. For that one day all business had been suspended, banks and schools and offices and factories had been closed.

From the mayor to the little pickaninies in their shacks beside the levee, everyone was out to play. In the balconies of the great clubs, up above the packed laughing street, this year's debutantes were thinking about the mysterious summons that had bid them to some masked ball that night. Tony, the iceman, drove proudly by in his truck, gay with bunting and ribbons. Beside him sat two hundred pounds of Mamma, who today was Cleopatra, Serpent of the Nile, while behind her swarmed six little Tonies and "Tonietts decked bravely out as cowboys, policemen, and miniature trained nurses, down even to the baby, in the full regalia, we blush to admit it, of Madame Du Barry, favorite of Louis XV.

From the dawn of the Shrove Tuesday till that morning when the bells of Ash Wednesday should call to early mass, all of fairyland had been let loose on St. Charles and Canal Streets, where dwarfs chatted amiably with dragons, Pierrettes with Santa Clauses and where great cats and pop-eyed dogs consumed candy fluff and all-day suckers above the heads of the maskers.

That morning Rex, the King of the Carnival, had made gorgeous entry at the head of his parade, looking for all the world like the King on a pack of cards, with his square cut beard, his gold doublet and hose and his scepter and crown of real jewels. Down Canal Street and up St. Charles he had taken his time-honored route to the City Hall, where the mayor had duly presented him with the keys of the city.—From Everybody's Magazine for March.

Solution of Cross-word Puzzle No. 4.



tion of a stiff nail-brush. To prevent them is a more simple matter. Obtain a small quantity of alcohol and rub the woodwork well with it, then remove surplus with a flannel rag. You can scratch as much as you will and no marks will result, neither will the match light.

35-Mile Auto Speed Limit for U. S. Urged.

Thirty-five miles an hour is speedy enough for any automobile driver, in the opinion of the committee appointed by Secretary of Commerce Hoover to draft model traffic laws for adoption throughout the United States.

In its report, the Committee on Uniformity of Laws and Regulations offered provisions of a fifteen-mile limit when approaching within fifty feet of a grade crossing where the driver's view was obstructed, when within the same distance of a highway intersection, when passing around curves or on grades where there was not an unobstructed view for 200 feet ahead, and in a business district; a twenty-mile limit when approaching within and a thirty-five-mile limit under all conditions.

The committee was appointed in order to clear up the confusion arising from conflicting laws in various States and municipalities.

The committee has prepared a motor vehicle code consisting of three model acts; a uniform motor vehicle registration and certification of title act; a uniform operators' and chauffeurs' license act, and a uniform act regulating the operation of vehicles on the highways.—Exchange.

Bobbed Heads Best for Factory Girls.

Bobbed hair has cut the toll of industrial accidents among women workers in factories in the United States 15 per cent. in the last three years according to a statement issued recently.

ed in industrial work in factories and shops in this country, 95 per cent., or 1,900,000 have bobbed hair.

—An authority on English says that when compound words become common through general usage the hyphen should be dropped. We have decided to eliminate it from holdup, bootlegger, guntoter, cakeeater and exwife. These have become common enough.

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