

## BIG CHANGE IN TRAFFIC RULES RECOMMENDED

'Flat-to-Curb' Parking Indorsed by Joint Committee.

### RELIEF NEED SHOWN

Flat-to-the-curb parking throughout the city, elimination of practically all left-hand turns in the congested district and possible change of the downtown parking limit from one and one-half hours to one hour or less were important changes in the traffic code discussed at a conference of the board of public safety with five members of the city council and a committee from the Indianapolis chapter of the American Association of Engineers at the city hall last night.

It was decided that the traffic ordinance, standing as it does with numerous changes and omissions, is confusing, should be repealed and an entirely new ordinance embodying all of the old provisions desired and the changes which may be decided upon as advantageous should be passed by the council. William H. Bailey, president of the board of safety, was instructed to draw an ordinance embodying the old and new provisions and present it for consideration at another conference to be held next Thursday evening.

In general, the men at last night's meeting were in favor of eliminating flat-to-the-curb parking on downtown streets, notwithstanding the belief that angle parking should be kept on Washington street, because of its width and head-on parking in the Circle because of the one-way traffic rule in force there. There was practically no objection to eliminating congestion producing angle parking from the narrower streets, it was reported.

The "no-left-turn" rule also found favor, but it was said that the city councilmen do not favor rejection of the downtown parking limit.

The conference took up the reports of the two committees of which Mayor May-Lewis Shanks had recommended several new and some of the engineering association committee with the purpose of taking from each these features which would properly dovetail.

President Ernest Kingstone of the board of safety, said that the board has decided no no to consider further the recommendation that Madison street and Carroll street be made one-way streets from the business district to Fall Creek. The board has been informed, he said, that in other cities the establishment of one-way thoroughfares has resulted in the tripling of their traffic loads. Madison street, he said, is a two-way street and it is recognized that it is difficult to cross them and if the north and south traffic were to be materially increased the two highways would amount practically to solid walls which cross-town traffic could scarcely penetrate in rush hours, Mr. Kingstone said.

The proposal, however, was kindly disposed toward a rule requiring all east and west traffic to come to a full stop before crossing Capitol avenue, Illinois and Madison streets between Georgia street and Maple road boulevard, except at points controlled by traffic policemen. The intersections in these limits are those at which most of the accidents occur, according to the board of safety's report.

Concerning the conference were Lloyd D. Claycombe, John E. King, Ira L. Bramblett, Ben H. Thompson and Heydon W. Buchanan. Engineers attending were Le Grand Marvin, L. E. Ratcliffe, E. W. McCullough, A. T. Keough and S. F. Ferguson.

### PREDICT 'BONUS' BILL'S PASSAGE AFTER CAUCUS

Leaders Put Aside Opposition of Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

#### THE ROW BEGINS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Republican plan lines will be broad and Republicans will be defeated in the next election if a sales tax is levied by Congress to pay a soldier "bonus," Representative Frear of Wisconsin, declared in a speech in the House today.

Frear charged that sales tax legislation was to be "jammed through the House under a gag rule."

Representative Oldfield, Democrat, of Alaska, who is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he was "surprised that the Republicans had unitied on a plan to impose a sales tax."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Congress today cleared the way for the "bonus" bill.

Passage of the bill within two months was predicted, following a caucus of House Republicans at which a resolution was unanimously passed calling upon the Ways and Means Committee to report out the "bonus" and keep it before the House until passed.

#### WAIVE SECRETARY'S OPPOSITION

Both Senate and House Republican leaders have agreed an opposition of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to the bill and are disregarding his claims that the Treasury cannot afford it.

The only delay now is in considering how to raise the money. The Ways and Means Committee will take up consideration of the revenue phase in brief hearings to be started Tuesday. These probably will be concluded by the latter part of next week and it was believed the committee can agree on a revenue plan and report the "bonus" to the House within two weeks from today.

#### SALES TAX TO OPEN FIGHT.

There were signs of a stiff fight should the "bonus" measure be postponed with a sales tax attached, as now appears likely. None of the sales tax opponents, however, has indicated he will vote against the "bonus" because of a sales tax.

There was a movement to reduce the amount of cash a veteran can get under the "bonus" and make the insurance, home and farm aid options more desirable.

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### Robbers Torture Maid, but Fail to Get Jewelry

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—A tale of fiendish torture was related to the police today by Caroline Chin, a maid, following her return to consciousness after having been bound and gashed by two robbers who entered the apartment of George Caesar, an oil man, forcing her to tell where valuable jewels were hidden. The robbers escaped the flesh of her back with a potato grater and poured salt into the wounds. She refused to tell and lapsed into unconsciousness.

### ITALIANS MAY HAVE MAJORITY IN PAPAL VOTE

Conclave to Be Held Feb. 2 Within Sealed Vatican.

ROME, Jan. 27.—The secret conclave which will elect a successor to Pope Benedict XV will be Italian, by a small majority, according to indications today. Twenty-six foreign cardinals and twenty-eight Italians are expected to be ready for the election Feb. 2.

Cardinals from Bulgaria, Lucia, and Vienna, and the cardinal of Cardinal of Belgium who stopped off at Milan, was expected today.

The fifty-four cardinals, expected to be here when the walling up ceremony takes place, will be closed within the apartments on the first three floors of the Vatican early next Thursday. A vote will be taken the same day, but the cardinals will not be able to leave the Vatican until a decision is reached. A two-thirds' majority is required to elect a new Pope.

Predictions as to Benedict's successor have narrowed to Cardinal Gaspari, Merrit, Del Val, Mercier and Lefontaine.

Each cardinal will take with him into the Vatican before the walls and doors are sealed, one priest and one servant. In addition there will be with him a notary, who will effect papal, particularly in the American Senate, thus perhaps precluding American ratification of other treaties growing out of the conference.

It is privately stated by some spokesmen of the Chinese delegation that the Chinese delegation is not settled now, China probably will refuse to sign any agreements resulting from the conference.

The compromise plan which is under consideration in Peking was not proposed by President Harding in his conference Wednesday with Minister Sze, one of the delegates at the conference, but was suggested before by Americans, acting informally.

The main points of the plan are:

### ARMS PARLEY MAY SEE FINISH OF VERSAILLES

China Indicates Purpose to Refuse to Sign Terms of Pact.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—China today stood at the cross roads in the Washington conference, possibly with the fate of the parley depending upon the choice she makes.

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