

## BIG CHANGE IN TRAFFIC RULES RECOMMENDED

'Flat-to-Curb' Parking In-  
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### 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 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was decided that the traffic ordinance, standing as it does with numerous amendments that make it confusing, should be repealed and an entirely new ordinance embodying all of the old provisions desired and the changes which may be decided upon as advantageous should be passed by the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 T. Bailey, attorney for the board of safety, was instructed to draw an ordinance embodying the old and new provisions and present it for consideration at an emergency session to be held next Thursday evening.

In general, the men at last night's meeting were in favor of extending flat-to-the-curb parking to downtown streets, and expressing 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 the city. 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 council did not favor reduction of the downtown parking limit.

The conference took up the report of the two committees of which Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank asked recommendations several weeks ago and of the engineering association committee on the purpose of taking from each of these features which would properly detail.

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maid, following her return to con-  
sciousness after having been bound  
and gagged by two robbers who en-  
tered the apartment of George Cesar  
in an effort to force her to tell where  
valuable jewelry was hidden. The rob-  
bers scraped the flesh off 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  
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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 Dubois, Maurin, Lucon and  
Vidali arrived yesterday and Cardinal  
Merello, who stopped off at Milan,  
was expected today.

The fifty-four cardinals, expected to  
be here when the conclave opens, takes place, will be closed within the  
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stood at the cross roads in the Wash-  
ington conference, possibly with the  
fate of the parley depending upon the  
course she chooses.

The Shantung question which has  
proved probably to be the most difficult  
of the present international meeting was  
partly blocking a speedy conclusion of  
the conference. This problem holds a  
pivotal position; upon it, to a degree,  
rests the success or failure of the great  
conference.

A compromise plan which would settle  
this question between Japan and China  
has been prepared and submitted to the  
two countries and the powers hangs fire on  
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cultural crisis was placed today on  
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by witnesses appearing before the  
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J. N. Hagan, former secretary of  
agriculture for North Dakota, testi-  
fied that conditions are so bad that  
the farmers are facing "suicide or  
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1. That China purchase the Shantung  
Railroad, the crux of the question, by  
means of deferred payments (now stated  
to extend over twelve years, with an op-  
tion to buy outright within five years).

2. That China appoint a Japanese traf-  
fic manager of the road and there be a  
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3. That the Chinese object to the Japanese traffic  
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Drops Injunction Appeal to  
Appeal Conflicting Legal  
Action.

The petition for a temporary injunc-  
tion restraining Secretary of State Ed  
Jackson, Prosecuting Attorney William  
P. Evans and other officials from the en-  
forcement of the law requiring truck  
owners to have license plates on their  
trucks was dismissed in Room 5 of the  
Superior Court today, when attorneys  
representing William S. Frye moved to  
withdraw the suit pending before Special  
Judge Edward W. Felt.

In announcing the withdrawal of the  
suit, Attorneys Fred Masters and U. Z.  
Wiley, representing Mr. Frye, stated they  
were taking this course because an appeal  
would not be necessary in case Judge  
Felt rendered a decision against their  
client. Mr. Masters said the State attor-  
ney general had dismissed a similar suit  
filed at Danville and he was taking the  
same course here.

Mr. Masters explained there was a  
criminal suit on the same questions, the  
right to levy a license tax against trucks,  
now pending in Supreme Court in which  
Leslie Baldwin of Indianapolis had ap-  
pealed from a fine of \$10 assessed in the  
city court of Indianapolis and since this  
is a criminal case, he said, it will take  
precedence over the civil suit and result  
in an earlier decision. Baldwin was fined  
for operating a motor truck without a  
license.

Judge Felt had just begun to an-  
nounce his decision when the motion to  
dismiss was made. After the action had  
been taken, Judge Felt said he would  
have dismissed the motion for a perma-  
nent injunction restraining the offi-  
cials from enforcing the collection of the  
truck license.

"I feel the law needs some amend-  
ments," said Judge Felt after the hear-  
ing. "While this is true, I do not be-  
lieve the objection to the law as it now  
stands is of such a character as to jus-  
tify a trial court in holding the