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Road Expenditures Increase

"Rapid increase in total expenditures for roads and bridges, growth of building and maintenance activities under State supervision, and a sharp decrease in the proportion of contributions in the form of statute labor mark the development of highway work in the United States during the past 12 years," says a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture.

"The total length of public roads in the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities was about 2,452,000 miles on January 1, 1916. Of this, about 277,000 miles, or 11.3 per cent, were improved with some form of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads has been increasing at the rate of about 16,000 miles a year, and in 1915 approximately one-half of this increase was made under the supervision of State highway departments. In addition these departments supervised the maintenance of nearly 52,000 miles of main and trunk line roads.

"The increase in expenditures for road and bridge work in the United States has been from approximately \$80,000,000 per year in 1904 to about \$282,000,000 in 1915, an increase of more than 250 per cent. The expenditure of State funds during this same period increased from about \$2,550,000 to more than \$53,000,000. In

addition, more than \$27,000,000 of local funds was spent under State supervision in 1915, bringing the total road and bridge expenditures managed by the States to \$80,514,699. This amount is greater than the total expenditures for roads and bridges from all sources in 1904."

Highway Day

One day has been set apart in the State Centennial celebration at Indianapolis in recognition of the part highways played in the development of Indiana. It is a strange coincidence that October 12 has been selected, for this is the day on which Columbus discovered America and opened up a new route of travel. Millions since then have crossed from Europe to make America their home.

One need not be a deep student of history to know that civilization follows trails and roads. The development of a country depends entirely upon transportation. If a farmer by reason of bad roads cannot market his crops, all his hard work is set at naught. If an industry cannot market its output, it is forced to close its forges.

The development of roads in Indiana was one of the powerful agencies in the development of its resources. The Old National Road, running through Richmond, was one of the big highways that brought settlers to the west. Many a district in Indiana was settled quickly because pioneers were able to reach the state over this road.

Dr. I. S. Harold is responsible for the state celebration on October 12. Committees have been active all over the state arranging for large turn-outs of automobiles to travel along the historic highways to Indianapolis. Wayne county, being the western gateway through which the National Road enters Indiana will take a prominent part in the day.

Famous Dancer Returns to U. S.



MISS MARGARET LADD ENL. ART. SERVICE.

Extensive ranches, sombreros and six-shooters are so deeply associated with Texas in the average mind, that it is hard to realize the Lone Star state has produced some geniuses of the finer arts. It remained for Miss Margaret Ladd, born on a Texan ranch, to attain the distinction of being the first American girl to occupy the position of premier danseuse at the famous Opera Comique, in Paris. Miss Ladd went to Paris six years ago and rapidly climbed the ladder of fame. She has never danced in this country, but is arranging a tour for the coming winter. The picture shows Miss Ladd in a pose from her "Bacchanalia" dance.

The "Crevice"

"There's a man outside who wishes to speak to you, sir. Says his name is Hicks, but won't tell his business."

Blaine looked up from his paper.

"Never heard of him. What sort of a man, Marsh?"

"Old, white-haired, carries himself like an old family servant of some sort. Looks as if he'd been crying. He's trembling so he can scarcely stand, and seems deeply affected by something. Says he has a message for you, and must see you personally."

"Very well. Show him in."

"Thank you for receiving me, sir." A quavering old voice sounded from the doorway a moment later, and Blaine turned in his chair to face the aged, erect, black-clad figure which stood there.

"Come in, Hicks." The detective's voice was kindly. "Sit down here, and tell me what I can do for you."

"I bring you a message, sir." The man tottered to the chair and sank into it. "A message from the dead."

Blaine leaned forward suddenly.

"You were—"

"Mr. Rockmore's valet, sir, and his father's before him. I loved him as if he were my own son, if you will pardon the liberty I taken in saying so, and when he came to this country I accompanied him. He was always good to me, sir, a kind young master and a real friend. It was I who found him this morning."

His voice broke, and he bowed his head upon his wrinkled hands. No tears came—but the thin shoulders shook, and a dry sob tore its way from the gaunt throat.

Blaine waited until the paroxysm had ceased, and then urged, gently: "Go on, Hicks. You have something to tell me."

"Yes, sir. The coroner and the press call it accidental death, but I—may God forgive me for saying it—I know better! He left word where none could find it but me, that you knew the truth, and he bade me give you—this!"

He produced a large, square envelope from an inner pocket, and extended it in his trembling hand to the detective. Without glancing at it, Blaine laid it on the desk before him.

"Where did you discover this?"

"There is a flat, oblong casket of old silver, shaped somewhat like a humidor—a family relic, sir—which stands upon the center-table in the den. Whenever Mr. Rockmore had any message to leave for me in writing, concerning his confidential business, which he did not wish the other servants to have access to, he always slipped it into the casket. After the coroner had come and gone this morning, and some of the excitement had died down, I went back to the den, to straighten it. I don't know why, but somehow I half suspected the truth. Perhaps it was the expression of his face—so peaceful and resigned, with all the hard sneering lines the years had brought gone from it, so that he looked almost like a boy again, the bonny boy who used to ride helter-skelter on his pony through the lanes of Staffordshire, long ago."

The aged man spoke half to himself and seemed to have fallen into a reverie, which Blaine made no attempt to break in upon. At length he roused himself with a little start, and went on.

"At any rate, when I had the room in order, and was standing by the table taking a last look about, my hand rested on the casket, and quite without thinking, sir, I raised the lid. There within it lay a sealed envelope with my name on it! Inside was a certified check for two thousand pounds made out to me—he didn't forget me, even at the last—and that letter for you, together with a little note asking me to—take him home. Is it true, sir, that you do know the whole truth?"

"I think I do," Blaine responded gravely. "I did the best I could for your late master, Hicks, all that I could do which was compatible with my duty, and now my lips are sealed. I cannot betray his confidence. You intend to accompany the body to England?"

"Of course, sir," the old man said simply. "It was his last request of me, who have never refused him anything in all his life. When I have seen him laid beside the others of the House of Stafford, I will go back to the castle, to his father, and end my days there. My course is nearly run, and this great new country has no place in it for the aged. I—I will go now, sir. I have much to attend to, and my master is lying alone."

When the old servant had taken his departure, Henry Blaine picked up the envelope. It was addressed in a firm, unshaken hand, and with a last touch of the sardonic humor characteristic of the dead man, it had been stamped with the seal of the renowned and honored House of Stafford.

The detective broke the seal, and lifting the flap, drew out the folded letter page and became immediately absorbed in its contents. He read:

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"THE WOMAN WHO DID NOT CARE"

Buda Godman, accused by E. R. West as girl who lured him into a \$15,000 blackmail conspiracy. She is held under \$2,500 bond as a witness.



TAKE OUT PAPERS FOR FOREIGNERS

Representing the State Democratic committee, Harry E. Raitano and Vincent H. Mercurio of Indianapolis, are in Richmond helping foreigners who are in sympathy with the party take out their first naturalization papers so they may vote in the fall election.

"Foreigners are almost without exception for Wilson," said Mercurio. "They say conditions are good, and that they are willing to let well enough alone."

DROP ROAD PETITIONS

Upon the motion of the South Side Improvement association, county commissioners yesterday dismissed the John Niewoehner and Adolph Blackwedel petitions for improvement of south end streets and roads. Remonstrances were filed against the petitions a week ago.

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HELMS JUDGES CORN

Joe Helms, Wayne county's corn king, will leave tomorrow for Hartford City where he will judge the grain, vegetables and fruit at the annual fall festival and home-coming. Next Monday Mr. Helms will go to Montgomery county where he will judge the five-acre contest. This will require about two weeks.

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STUMP COUNTRY FOR CANDIDATE

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The women who embarked on this unique trip are representatives of social prestige, wealth and influence. The names of many of them are household words throughout the country.

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