

**NEW LAMP SIGNALS
URGED FOR STREETS**

**Fifth Avenue System Should
Have Lights at Each Corner,**
Says G. B. Leighton.

George B. Leighton, president of the Long Star Shipbuilding Company, who for several years was a member of the safety plans committee of the American Railway Association, with which he made a study of traffic, offered suggestions yesterday for the improvement of the light tower system by which vehicular traffic is handled in Fifth Avenue and in the Broadway theater district. Mr. Leighton urges that whole areas be controlled through one central station, so all side streets would receive signals

Just as the main arteries do now. "The present system," Mr. Leighton said, "is a great improvement over the old method of handling traffic, but some further improvements are possible, particularly for control of traffic on cross streets and for unification. "The present signal towers are too far apart—about half a mile. That is too far for a driver at the far end of the control block to pay close attention to without great inconvenience and possibility of mistake. As the result of that condition it is quite easy for a driver to disregard a signal unintentionally, particularly if he is moving rapidly and crossing an intersecting street at what might easily be a very disastrous moment. "A second objection is that the man driving a car along a cross street has no way of knowing what is going on in the main artery of traffic which he is about to enter. "It appears that if, instead of the long control blocks created by the present system of lights, a system of lights were erected at each intersection it would be much more serviceable and would increase the safety of the public.

Such lights need not be placed in the middle of the street, as are the present towers, which obstruct traffic to some extent, but should be placed on the lamp posts at corners, similar to the police box lights, so staggered out that the light is visible both in the main artery and in the side street. The light should be properly hooded, so that the signal seen on the side street is always the reverse of that seen in the main thoroughfare. "Thus, a driver would have continually at convenient distance a signal for his guidance, and all streets would be served. Such a plan would do away at once with the practice, sometimes seen in a long control block, of speeding to beat the change of signal. "In this manner an entire area—say, from Twenty-third to Fifty-ninth street and from Fourth to Seventh avenue—could be controlled from a central station. It would be possible even to operate that control by clock work, just as an electric sign is worked, though it could be equipped also with hand levers on a switchboard. A small or large area could either worked together or separately.

"I believe that this method of handling traffic would have the advantage also of economy, in that it would permit of the use of a much smaller number of traffic policemen. With a traffic control light at each corner there could be no conceivable use for a policeman stationed at every corner. "The size of the lights could be reduced materially under this plan. It appears that two lights and a bell might be an improvement over the present three light system. A bell which could be heard easily for 200 feet would take the place of the present warning light, ringing, say, ten seconds before a change of signal. A bell would be less confusing than so many lights and could serve its warning of a change in traffic movement without the necessity of a driver having to divert his attention from his work in order to watch for a warning light. "No new or untried devices are introduced. It is simply the adaptation of devices and practice already well known in somewhat similar work. "Such a system would be controlling all traffic continually, not at long distance or in an inharmonious way."

B. Altman & Co.

IMPORTANT NEW YEAR SALES
to begin to-morrow (Tuesday)

**A New Purchase of
Women's
Coats and Wraps**
all fur-trimmed and richly silk-lined throughout; the assortment including many extremely handsome black garments, some with collar of black fox, others with collar and cuffs of karakul; every garment offering extraordinary value at

\$84.00
(Third Floor)

Silk Jersey Petticoats
(in black and colors) at these low prices:
Regular size \$5.25
Extra size 6.90
(Second Floor)

**Misses' and Children's
American-made Underwear**
in new, dainty styles, carefully made at very special prices

Misses' Underwear
Nightrobs . . . \$1.25, 1.45, 1.85
Chemises 95c., 1.45
Step-in Drawers 1.45
Petticoats 1.45, 1.65

Children's Underwear
Nightrobs \$1.10, 1.35
Combinations 1.45
Princess Slips . . . 1.35, 1.45, 1.85
Drawers (sizes 2 to 12 yrs.) 48c., 75c., 95c.
(Second Floor)

All-white Lingerie Fabrics
(the Annual Sale); featuring, for this week, the following items, at very special prices:

38-inch Nainsook
per box of 10 yards . . . \$3.50, 4.50
39-inch Nainsook
per box of 10 yards 3.95
36-inch Longcloth
per length of 10 yards . . . \$2.10, 2.90
(First Floor)

Price Advantages
that are out of the ordinary will be obtainable in the great Yearly Sales of
Household Linens
and
Bed Furnishings
in all of which the qualities will be high and the quotations low

Specials for the current week
In the Linen Department
All-linen Table Cloths
each . . . \$5.25, 6.50, 8.00, 9.75
All-linen Table Napkins
per dozen . . \$3.90, 5.50, 6.75, 9.75
All-linen Room Towels
per dozen \$7.50, 9.00, 10.50, 11.50
Linen-and-cotton Room Towels
per dozen . . \$4.00, 4.75, 5.50
Bath Towels
per dozen . . \$3.50, 5.00, 6.50
All-linen Sheets (hemstitched)
per pair . . \$10.50, 14.50, 19.50
All-linen Pillow Cases (hemstitched)
per pair . . \$2.25, 2.75, 3.25
Madeira Hand-embroidered Linens
Tea Napkins . per dozen \$8.50, 10.75
Luncheon Sets (13 pieces), set 5.75, 7.50

In the Blanket Department
All-wool Blankets
White, per pair \$11.75, 14.50, 17.50, 23.50
Plaid per pair 7.50
Comfortables
Figured silkoline, cotton-filled, each \$3.75
Figured cambric (one side bordered), wool-filled each \$6.50
Plain-colored dotted tussah, wool-filled, each \$10.75

Bedspreads
Crochet each \$2.35
Crinkled Dimity (hemmed)
Size 2 x2 3/4 yards each \$2.15
Size 2 1/2 x2 3/4 yards each 2.75
Satin-finish (scalloped)
Size 2 x2 3/4 yards each \$5.25
Size 2 1/2 x2 3/4 yards each 6.25
(Fourth Floor, Madison Avenue section)

Also Furs and Fur Garments; Women's American-made Underwear; and Silks, Velvets, etc.

Madison Avenue-Fifth Avenue, New York
Thirty-fourth Street **Thirty-fifth Street**

26 West 39th St. **Lane Bryant** 21 West 38th St.
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Begins Tuesday, 9 A. M.

WINTER APPAREL

for Stout Women—39 to 56 Bust

Effecting great reductions in all departments—Everything stout women wear, at prices that have been tremendously reduced.

Entire Suit Stock Reduced



All regular Lane Bryant slenderizing models in the season's newest materials, Normandy, Veldyne, Yalama, Duvet de Laine, Suede Velour and Tricotine. Many trimmed with Australian Opossum, Kolinsky Squirrel, Persian Lamb, Beaver, Nutria and Wolf; shawl and convertible collars. Many beautifully stitched and hand embroidered; also strictly tailored models.

Formerly sold from \$54.50 to \$169.50

35.00 55.00 75.00 98.50

Blouses

Fine quality Voile, trimmed with Val. and Filet lace. Long or short sleeves. Formerly to \$4.95
Creme de Chine and Net Waists. Tailored, plaited and with drawn work. Formerly to \$10.00
Georgette and Creme de Chine Blouses and Overblouses. Daintily trimmed. Formerly to \$14.50

Skirts

Striped and Plaid Sport Skirts in a variety of contrasting colors. Formerly to \$18.50
Tricotine and Serge Skirts in plain tailored models. Black and Navy. Formerly to \$18.50
Prunella Cloth Skirts in box and side pleats. Contrasting color combinations. Formerly to \$24.50

Sweaters

Lightweight Mohair Sweaters. Tomato, Brown, Tan, Black, Peach. Formerly to \$14.50
Fibre Silk Sweaters, new honeycomb weave. Henna, Jade, White, Navy, Black. Formerly to \$19.50
Pure Silk Sweaters, in fancy weave, Tuxedo model, tie sash. Formerly to \$35.00

Coats



All this season's Winter models of Bokara, Marvella, Delysia, Panvelaine, Pollyanna, Cordona, Suedine, Chamoistyne, and Normandy. Many have large fur convertible collars of Mole, Beaver, Seal, Nutria. Some hand embroidered, neatly silk stitched, and with slenderizing panels.

Formerly \$74.50 to \$135.00

59.50 79.50 98.50

Dresses

Tricotine, Creme de Chine, Creme Satin, Canton Crepe, trimmed with the newest embroideries. Many plain tailored. Formerly to \$59.50
Street and Afternoon Dresses of Beaded Georgette, Lace, Canton Crepe, Roshanara Crepe Formerly to \$98.50
Afternoon and Evening Dresses of Flowered Chiffon, Crepe Roma, Net, Lace. Formerly to \$110.00



34.50

54.50

75.00

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High Grade Fur Coats made of the Finest Selected Skins. Extra Sizes, 39 to 56 Bust.

Hudson Seal Coats, 45 inches long, self trimmed. Formerly \$580.00 380.00
Hudson Seal Coats, 45 in. long, beaver, skunk, squirrel trim'd. Formerly \$595.00 417.50
Hudson Seal Coat Wrap, 45 inches long. Formerly \$795.00 585.00
Squirrel Wrap and Coat, both are of finest quality. Formerly \$795.00 650.00
Mole Dolman, well matched skins, 45 inches long. Formerly \$589.00 450.00
Natural Raccoon Coat, 47 inches long, ideal for auto wear. Formerly \$445.00 315.00
Alaska Seal Coats, 45 inches long, Kolinsky trimmed. Formerly \$925.00 695.00

Many other Fur Coats and Fur Scarfs proportionately reduced