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A news dispatch says that the Russians have occupied Van. Heretofore the Russians have mostly occupied the rear.

The Boston Transcript says that Russia may be able to come back but if she runs much farther she will need a guide.

The lynching of Leo Frank is a disgrace to the state of Georgia. Every state has men within its borders, persons who when blinded by prejudice and distorted by hate do not hesitate to take the law into their own hands. This spirit is more manifest in the south than in the north as is proved by the frequency of its manifestation there, but it exists to a less alarming degree even in New England. From this distance it would look as if the penal authorities of Georgia were largely responsible for this great shame to the state of Georgia. Apparently no attempt was made to protect Frank, even though it was well known that a plan was on foot to lynch Frank. Of course it is well known in Marietta and vicinity who were the chief participants in the lynching of Frank. Any newspaper man of a few years experience knows that their identity cannot be hidden. It remains to be seen whether Georgia will lift the stain on Georgia honor by punishing these men. We doubt its being done.

IS FOR TEAMS ALSO

Traffic Law Is Not Made For Motor Cars Only.

Editor of The Banner:—The article published in a recent issue of The Banner regarding the speeding of automobiles and the enforcement of the traffic rules, was so pointedly aimed at motor cars and their drivers that I think many readers will have failed to realize that such rules as are made to control the traffic must apply equally to all vehicles. The attention of drivers of horse drawn vehicles should be carefully attracted to these rules and the fact that they apply to them as well as to motorists made very clear.

Observation indicates that except in the one item of speed, horse drawn vehicles break the traffic rules ten times to once that a motor car breaks them. To offset the danger to the public from the speeding of motor cars we have the constantly recurring runaway team or horse and carriage, nearly always caused by the horse or team having been left unattended, which negligence on the part of the driver is as much of a crime as driving a motor car a little above the speed limit, and fraught with much more danger to the public.

This is not a defense of reckless driving of motor cars, as no one has less sympathy with heedless drivers than the writer, but is an endeavor to head off a silly crusade against motor car drivers that might result in eighty-five or so harmless, law abiding, citizens being hauled into court and fined for some insignificant infraction of the automobile law, while law breaking of sorts certainly as bad and some much worse is going on every day with no one giving it a thought.

The motor car has become such a general utility and those using it constitute so large and varied a portion of the public, that it can not much longer be used as "The Goat" for periodical crusades of the police department without anything resulting but the motorist quietly paying up.

If these crusades resulted in the apprehending and punishment of serious offenders among motor car drivers instead of the filing of a long line of mostly reasonable drivers for something like the falling to blow the horn when the car was probably rounding a corner at six miles per hour with no one within 150 feet of it, they might be worth while.

I would like to see our police force make a series of arrests of motorists who really are driving recklessly, who drive past persons, particularly children, at speed and without warning. There is also an opportunity to see that all cars are properly registered with the secretary of state as an extra large number are usually operated here without proper registration.

If our officers can do some real work as outlined above, much credit will be due them, but if they start the old stunt of trying to see how easy a lot of money can be collected by fining a row of law abiding men who happen to be driving motor cars under a law, the last letter of which, cannot be obeyed we have a right to be heartily ashamed of them.

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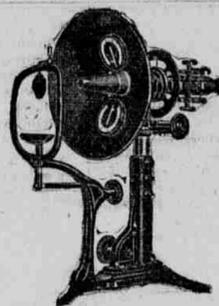
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