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## AN APPEAL TO CERTAIN CAR OWNERS

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As soon as any Group of People start out to invest their money, in a Country that is in its infancy, they must realize that they have assumed a part of the Responsibility to help develop the Civilization of said Country into its proper form.

They must understand that Civilization comes in various ways, and in what ever position one may place himself, he is responsible for his own Civilization, and said Civilization will only prove as a perfect factor when it can be measured up with those of the others Countries of the World.

And our reason for such a statement is, that there are many who think that the Civilization of a country depends on its citizens only, but it is to the contrary, one does not have to be a citizen of a Country for him to help develop its Civilization, but as long as he is living in said Country, holding a Legal Status, he should make it his binding duty to put sufficient Intelligence in his undertaking so that the Civilization of said Country, would not only be a credit to himself but to generations.

As above stated Civilization comes in various ways, and one of the most striking thing that develop Civilization is Intelligent labor, and from personal observation, we have discovered that away from taking their hard earn own money and investing in the Touring Cars, there is not one bit of intelligence manifested in the jitney business by the car owners in the Republic of Panama, excepting a few who are still alive to a good Civilization.

Our reason for the above statement is that a few years ago certain car owners started out to sleep at the Dock, overnight for Boats, and by practicing such a bad habit, they not only ruined themselves, but they have practiced hundred of other chauffeurs in said habit, and the Union contended that such habit is far from being consistent with a good civilization, and if they does not stop said habit, it will not only ruin the majority of the present chauffeurs, but those who are coming behind.

It look so shameful for one to go down the Dock, to see such good looking chauffeurs, some of them even do as much as to take off their shirt, and stay in their Mariners just as if they were in their homes, waiting 23 hours sometimes before the Boat arrived, and even many times when the boat arrived they are never able to get any of the passengers, some of them look so stiff, after staying all night at said Dock, that even when they are in their 25, and 30, they general looks like 60, and the Union is aware of the fact that said car owners are to be blame for such.

Because it is a fact that these car

owners drives th cars in th day, and soon as the night men comes out at six, in the evening, if there it a Boat expected the next evening, these car owners generally tell the night men to go and park for said Boat, and the poor chauffeurs who thinks it the only way to keep his job, have to do what their boss say, and by so doing when some of them takes the cars they were never able to make anything, because according to the above mentioned instruction, they go right down the Dock at the same time, and the Union contended all this is not right, it is inhuman, and it will not help the good Civilization to which the Republic of Panama is striving to acquire.

And therefore the Union has taken this medium to ask those car owners who are taking part in such habit, to act intelligently and cut out same, as the Union are determined that with the coming of the New Year, 1928, no one o fits members should be seen sleeping at said Docks, and we trust that said car owners will read this bit information, and realize that they are the only set of laboring men, not only in the Republic of Panama, but throughout the world, who are taking part in such inhuman habit, and we hope if any one should question them about civilization, they would not tell them that they were born in a civilized country until they shall have cut out same.

A few questions we will like to ask to these car owners, do you think if a Boat is coming to the Port of Balboa at 11 p. m. with 500 passengers, and they want to go sight-seeing, do you think the car owners from Colon, or Jamaica are going to bring over their cars to take said passengers?

Don't you know no one else could get same beside you? if not why should you go there, o send your chauffeurs there the evening before? Do you think you will get rich by doing same, don't you know when you sleep at the Dock it is even hard to get a little water to wash your face? Don't you know slavery is over? Don't you know all those who do not sleep at the dock living just as comfortable as you, or even more? Don't you know each and every one of us will die, and Tourist will still be coming? Don't you think it better for the chauffeurs to put your cars in the Garage after they finish work? If you do not know all the above mentioned facts.

The Union is asking you to consider them over, and see for yourselves, that you are doing more harm to yourself, then what good, and when a Boat is coming in the following day tell your chauffeurs who works at night to put your cars in the Garage after they finish, and

### ABOUT BEING A GOOD SPORT.

"I don't know anything about ari, but I know what I like."

This bromide fits perfectly the present writer with reference to mixing alcohol and gasoline for use in the motors of automobiles. We do not operate a motor car and hardly know a carburetor from a brake. We cannot say whether an additional of alcohol will improve the fuel used in the operation of automobiles or whether it will be the opposite, with additional damage to the motors.

This is a rank outsider's view of the controversy over the question which is now occupying the attention of the public to no inconsiderable extent. So far the greatest concern has been shown for the owners and operators of motor vehicles, the dealers in cars and spare parts and the people who produce alcohol, and not least of all, the people who are to enjoy the monopoly of the manufacture of the new fuel. The innocent bystander as the public may be represented has been left out of the picture.

Where will he and she get off?

It seems to be admitted that the new arrangement will increase the cost of operation of motor vehicles. Possibly the people who can afford to own their own cars can also afford the increased cost of operation, but that does not change the principles involved, which seem to be the establishment of a monopoly for the benefit of a few at the expense of the majority. The majority is often wrong and it may be the case. But it seems certain that increased cost of operation will have to be reflected in the price charged the non-owning public for its transportation. If there is no increase in tariff rates, then the drivers of vehicles for hire will have to seek other employment.

These men, generally referred to as "jitney drivers," have been asked to be "good sports," in this case meaning that they should submit to

you get up in the morning fresh and nice and go to work and you will make what coming to you just the same, and you and your chauffeurs will live much longer, hoping that you will adhere to this appeal from the Union, so that with the coming of the New Year we can start with a better Principle.

Wishing you a happy and a Prosperous New Year.

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## Green Recommends Favorable Action On Panamans Kick

WASHINGTON, December 15. (AP)—President Green of the Pan-American Federation of Labor sent letters to President Coolidge, Senators Borah and Porter calling their attention to the Pan-American Labor Congress resolution regarding the pending United States—Panama treaty and protesting that the Panamanians are not protected against foreign labor influx. The letter contains the text of the resolution and concludes: "I hope the recommendations will meet with your approval and favorable action, and that you give the matter your best consideration." There was also enclosed the text of the Panama Labor Federation opinion on the proposed treaty. (From The Star and Herald)

this new arrangement without protest. This proposal has been made by the people who are sure to benefit by the new arrangement. This seems a little like offering to make a wager with a man on a sure thing and then when he hesitates, asking him to take the losing side and be a "good sport." This isn't a "sporting proposition."—with the drivers of vehicles for hire, it is a question of earning a living for themselves and the people dependent upon them for support. It is a bit like asking them to wager their bread and butter against what seemed to be assured profits for the monopolists.

But why shouldn't the latter only this question to their own side of the question? They tell that in a great many countries this new mixture of motor fuel has been wonderfully successful. In fact it is better than unadulterated gasoline. If that is the case why do they insist on having a monopoly? that is protected by law? What would we think of the Duke of Balboa, who advertises that Balboa is "the best beer brewed," if he asked for a monopoly on the production and sale of beer in the Republic?

Hence, if this new motor fuel is so much better than plain gasoline, why not let the fact be demonstrated in open competition. That is a "sporting proposition" for the monopolists to consider. It is not asking half as much of them as they have asked of the members of the the people who have to hire their transportation.

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