

Safety -

As I see it, the present day world is becoming more and more dangerous to live in. The development of this safety sense would enable us all to avoid danger, automatically.

I put this proposition up to the Executive Council of the Safety Council at a luncheon today, asking if they thought there was anything in the idea and whether or no they could give me actual experiences to back up my theory. Their response was interesting. A Mr. Morley, contributed a motto.

"By the printing of my son
Something wicked this way will come." ?

A representative of the Bureau of Mines said that they had much material on the point, but I take it, from what he had in mind, was hunches - not actual physical warnings from acute sense perception. Mr. Hill, of the New York Central Railroad, called the difference between a hunch and the perception or instinct for coming danger. Mr. Hill will arrange a Conference and thinks he will be able to give me useful material.

The General Electric and the New York Edison representatives, both said positively, that their experience convinces them that there was much in the idea and they would be glad to talk with me. One gentleman insisted to me, that this was not the proper approach, but rather that they should be insistent upon presenting conditions which produced accidents, which I should say went without the saying. I told my story of the falling hammer, which the

workman descending the ladder had dodged. His idea, which of course is correct, is that the workman should be taught not to leave the hammer in a dangerous place. True, of course, but having left it, if sorry, how did he dodge in time? The gentleman's idea seemed to be that this instinct of avoiding danger, when it comes might prevent a man taking care to prevent the danger.

On the whole, I thought, that the meeting considered the idea interesting and proper for development.

Mr. Palmer, whom I have known before in safety work, says that he traveled recently with a railroad superintendent, heard him talk to the men and the necessity of cultivating the subconscious as a guard against danger, probably has the same thing in mind that I have. Mr. Palmer will take this up with the man.