

MYSTERY ENGINE TO BE REVEALED

Inventors Claim to Have Great Improvement on Old Type Automobile Engines.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A mystery car will carry the life hopes of two inventors when the barrier is sprung Memorial Day in the 500-mile sweepstakes at Indianapolis and if their words are to be taken at face value, a victory for them will mean the beginning of a thunderbolt on the internal combustion engine industry, automobile, airplane and marine.

Grouped with their assistants in a greasy office in a more greasy shop on the upper west side, two inventors, Ralph Wehr and J. H. Lehman, with great reluctance, partly lifted the veil of the mystery, flatteringly refusing to divulge all the details, even declining at first to talk, explaining that they desired to demonstrate first and tell about it afterwards.

Wehr's invention is the more important of the two. He claims to have perfected the goal of many engineers. He has spent 14 years, days and nights, without previous technical instruction, evolving a motor the generator heat of which will not preclude smooth opening and closing of a valve without exertion of horsepower.

The result is an engine, he says, 25 per cent lighter than the present valve type and at least 100 fewer parts. It was arrived at by engineering calculation and untiring experimenting, he said, using standard metal alloys. The saving in fuel consumed in addition to increased efficiency will be incalculable, they declare.

The other invention concerns a new ignition system—substitution of an alternating current for the direct. Both have labored here together for eight years. Alternating ignition, higher speed, twin spark and working from a single break, eliminating the pitting of the spark points.

Neither Wehr, Lehman, nor I. P. Come, who is managing their affairs, would talk about speed of the racing car they have conceived, but these are reliable reports that it has registered between 110 and 120 miles an hour. It has been tuned up only in the dead of night on lonely roads to aid in keeping the secret. It has 2 5-16 inch base and 4-3-4 stroke.

The car will be the most unusual on the Indianapolis track. It is a single seater and will carry no mechanism, only Frank E. Davidson, a well known dirt track pilot, at the wheel.

COOLIDGE TELLS OF U. S.'S DUTY

Vice-President Addresses Presbyterians in Des Moines on Conditions Confronting Country.

(By Associated Press)
DES MOINES, Ia., May 23.—America can best lead the world internationally by strengthening itself nationally, and international strength must be built fundamentally with the two ingredients with which the Colonists built the republic—religion and education. Vice-President Coolidge told 800 Presbyterian commissioners of the 134th general assembly, and several thousand people who crowded the coliseum to hear his two-hour address here Sunday evening.

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Civilization, the vice president said, makes life harder to live rather than easier, and discounted those Utopians who promise an effortless existence of pleasure if their theories are adopted. In outlining the relations of education to progress, the vice president said:

"Education is for the purpose of teaching men to know their true condition, to understand what freedom is and with what price it is bought, and to comprehend the meaning of civilization."

WEALTH INCREASED.

PORTLAND, May 23.—Industries added \$271,209,811 to the wealth of Oregon in 1919, according to the Fourteenth census of manufacturers issued recently by the Department of Commerce. These figures include amounts paid for wages and salaries, rents and taxes, payments for contract work and value added to materials through manufacture. Salaries and wages alone amounted to \$95,002,555.

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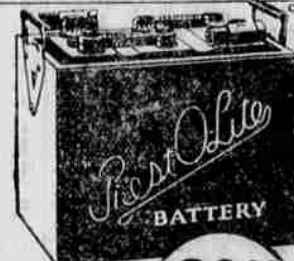
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