

### ENTRY BLANKS OUT

#### War Not Expected to Reduce Indianapolis Contestants.

### STARTERS ARE INCREASED

#### Speed Trials to Determine Final Field to Be Held Ten Days Ahead of Race—Motor Dimensions Cut Down a Third.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The 1915 racing campaign of the Indianapolis motor speedway is open, 609 entry blanks for the next 500-mile race, May 29, having been distributed this week among manufacturers and private owners here and abroad. Despite the

sidecar. A bill is now being prepared to present to the next Legislature amending the motor vehicle law to define a motorcycle as "a vehicle with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, with the driver seated astride."

It is the purpose of the legal action committee of the F. A. M. to defend the rights of motorcyclists. The committee has no sympathy with the reckless rider or the law violator, its sole purpose being to see that the motorcyclist gets a square deal.

### NEW MOBILETTE IS ANNOUNCED

#### "Sociable" Seating and Full Equipment Included in \$380 Model.

Woods Mobilette Company announces a new model with "sociable" seating, at \$380 f. o. b. factory, fully equipped with top, windshield, headlight and prest-o-lite tank.

This new model will be in addition to the two models at present being manufactured, one of which is a tandem-seated pleasure car and the other a delivery car. All three models are built on the same chassis, 36-inch tread and 194-inch wheel base.

The manufacturers of Woods Mobilette claim "thorough standardization" as the important feature of their product. Features of construction of Woods Mobilette include a four-cylinder

### ROAD MAY BE SHUT

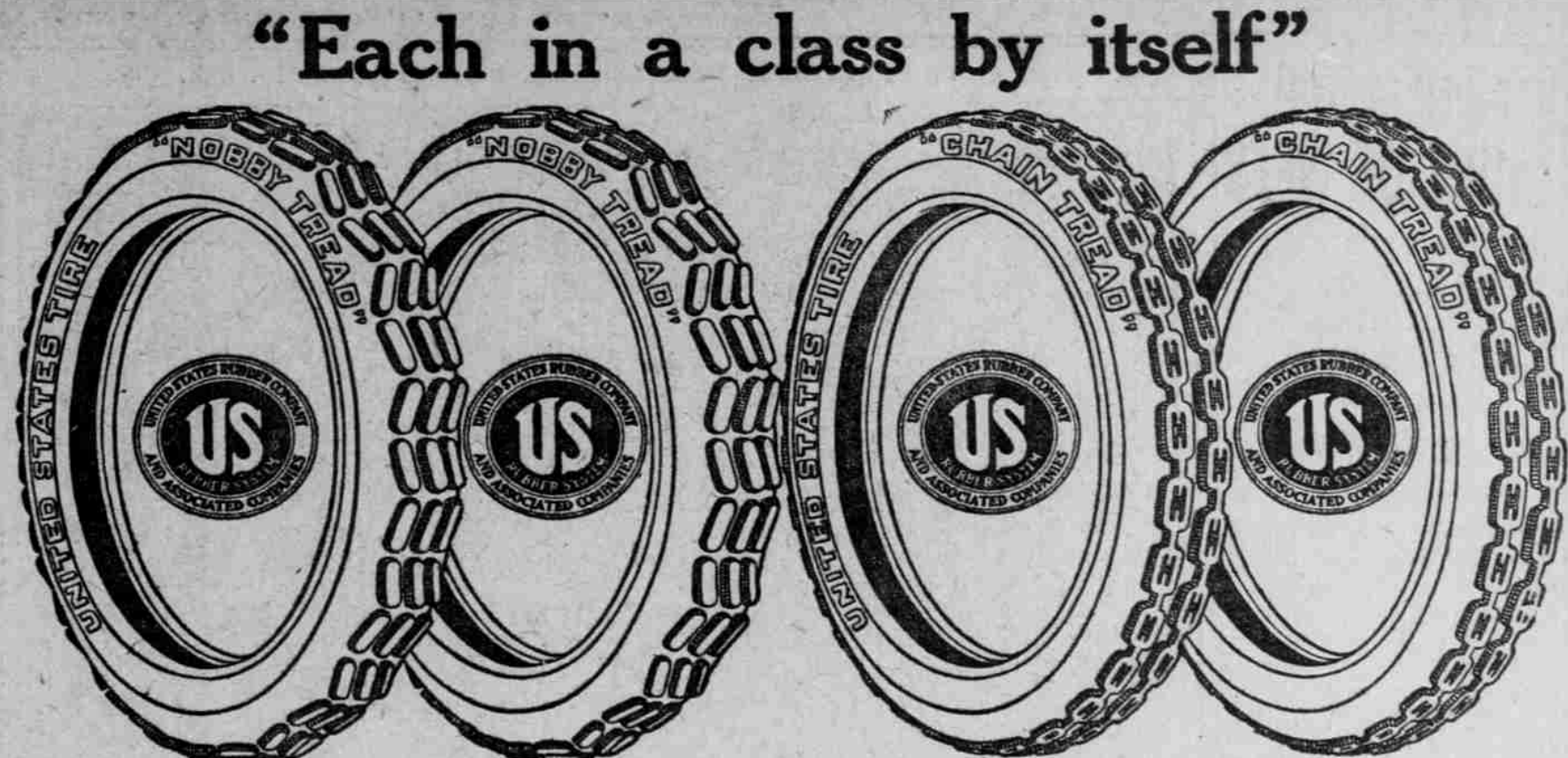
#### Future of Latourell Falls Highway in Doubt.

### ROUTE HAS GOOD SCENERY

#### Despite Steep Grade and Almost Impassable Condition in Winter Many Motorists Oppose Abandoning Way.

Just now some motorists are wondering what is to become of the Latourell Falls road, which goes from the top of the Columbia bluffs to the new Columbia River Highway.

While no motorist has ever been particularly fond of the 25 per cent grade



## "Nobby Tread" "Chain Tread"

### Our Challenge Anti-Skid Tires

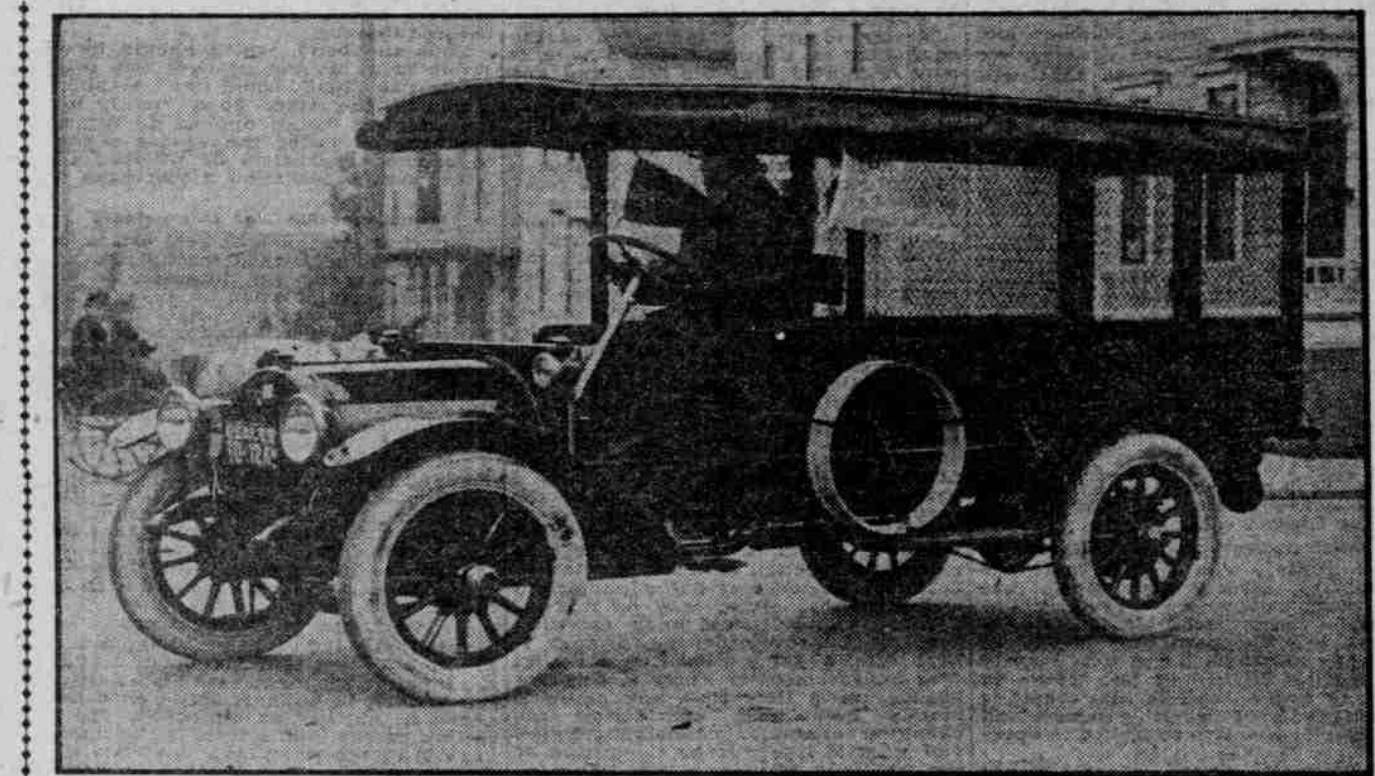
We challenge any competitor's tire to show the same combination of real anti-skid protection and low cost per mile that is given by either "Nobby Tread" Tires or "Chain Tread" Tires.

## United States Tires

Made by the

### Largest Rubber Company in the World

THE NEW MODEL BUICK TRUCK WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH THE VALVE-IN-HEAD MOTOR, A BUICK FEATURE.



The Model C Buick truck rated as a three-quarter ton carrier. Some time ago the Buick makers adopted the valve-in-head motor as the type which they considered ideal for four or six-cylinder plant, as they have found them to give continuous power impulses, resulting in extreme flexibility.

The 1915 model truck is now equipped with this same motor and has been found successful. Two years ago the Buick plant built a couple of trucks for its own use around the factory and placed the touring car type of motor in them. This resulted in the building of more trucks with this type of motive power.

This truck is now capable of doing tricks which many touring cars will not do. By way of demonstrating, it was driven up Fourteenth street and turned into Hall street. It took the hill to beyond the hairpin curve before the motor refused to respond.

WAR, no scarcity of entries is expected. Italy alone being counted on to produce at least six nominations.

Specifications for the contest have been much changed from years previous, the chief revisions being the reduction of motor dimensions by one-third, or from 450 to 300 cubic inches, and the raising of the speed minimum to 80 miles. With smaller machines better results are expected. This is the fundamental motive of the racing game.

The number of starters has been raised to 33, as compared with 30 of other years. This is the full capacity allotted the track under the rulings of the American Automobile Association, which specifies a limit of one car to every 400 feet of track.

Speed trials to be held. Speed trials to determine the final field will be held 10 days ahead of the race, in the inverse order of entry, the fastest 23 being eligible. In the event of more than three cars of one make to enter, the fastest three will be admitted. This is to eliminate the speedway from controversies between factories and private owners desiring to enter cars of the same make, in excess of the American Automobile Association maximum.

Cars will line up for the start in the order of the time made in the speed trials, the fastest car starting in first position, next the pole. Racing numbers will be issued on the same plan, the fastest car receiving No. 1. This is to avoid the possibility of a spill during the flying start, when a slow machine in front would be in the way.

The color of the cars will be according to international usage, i. e., Germany white, Belgium yellow, France blue, Italy red, and America red and white. In previous years, individual combinations have been employed, at times to the great amusement of the spectators.

Axes Must Be New. Regulations as to the physical condition of drivers and the mechanical soundness of cars will be more rigidly enforced than ever before. The front axles of all machines must thus be entirely new two days before the race. This is to guard against possibility of accident, due to crystallization or other defect. Any car spilling an excess of oil on the track will, for like reasons, be disqualified.

The Dawson-Gilhooley accident of last year has caused chain-driven cars to be barred from the track unless the chains are adequately, though not necessarily, fully enclosed. Gilhooley came to grief because a bursted tire caught between his chain and gears, rendering his car beyond control.

Prizes remain substantially the same, \$50,000 being split ten ways among the winners, with \$20,000 first money. The intermediate trophies, however, including the G. & J. trophy, the Remy cup and brassard, the Prest-o-Lite trophy and the Wheeler-Schebler cup, will not be withheld if their winner fails to go the entire distance of 500 miles, as formerly, but will be awarded regardless of their owner's status at the finish. This, it is thought, will speed up the race a great deal.

License Fee Abolished. Motorcyclists everywhere are interested in a recent decision of the Secretary of State in Connecticut, under which motorcycles carrying a sidecar will not hereafter, be forced to pay an extra fee of \$5.

In Connecticut the registration fee for solo motorcycles is \$2 and the operator's license fee is \$2. In addition to this sidecar operators were required to pay a second registration fee of \$5 and carry license tags on the sidecar the same as required by automobiles. The motorcyclists felt that this was unfair. Legal action Chairman W. M. Johnson, of the Federation of American Motorcyclists prepared a brief of legal questions involved and presented it to Secretary of State Phillips, of Connecticut.

After going over the matter the secretary decided to suspend any further attempt to enforce the regulations as to the additional license fee for the

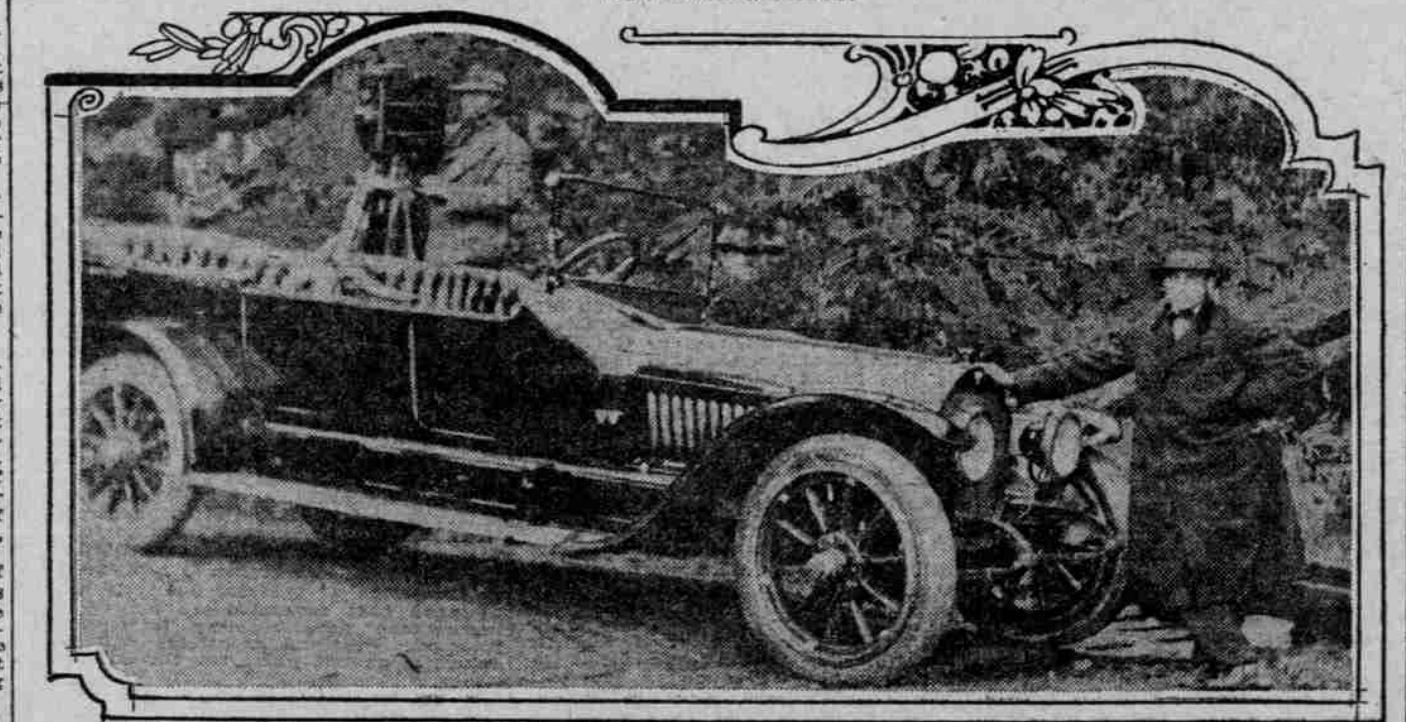
der water-cooled engine, 2 1/2-inch bore by 4-inch stroke, providing an extraordinary high power for the weight. The construction includes shaft drive (no belts or chains), sliding gear type transmission, cone clutch, full floating rear axle and irreversible steering gear.

The frame being of the "over-and-under" type, provides a low center of gravity and great safety, while the long wheel base, long springs and light unsprung weight afford exceptionally easy riding qualities.

### Horsethief Is Outwitted.

Though starting in pursuit 48 hours after a horse thief had escaped, three motorcyclists of Hannibal, Mo., had no difficulty in overtaking the culprit and regaining the outfit he had taken. A man rented a horse and buggy, promising to return by noon the following day. He failed to show up, however, so the three cyclists started on his trail. They followed him to Quincy, Ill., through Meyers and Hamilton, and finally overtook him just beyond Keokuk, Ia.

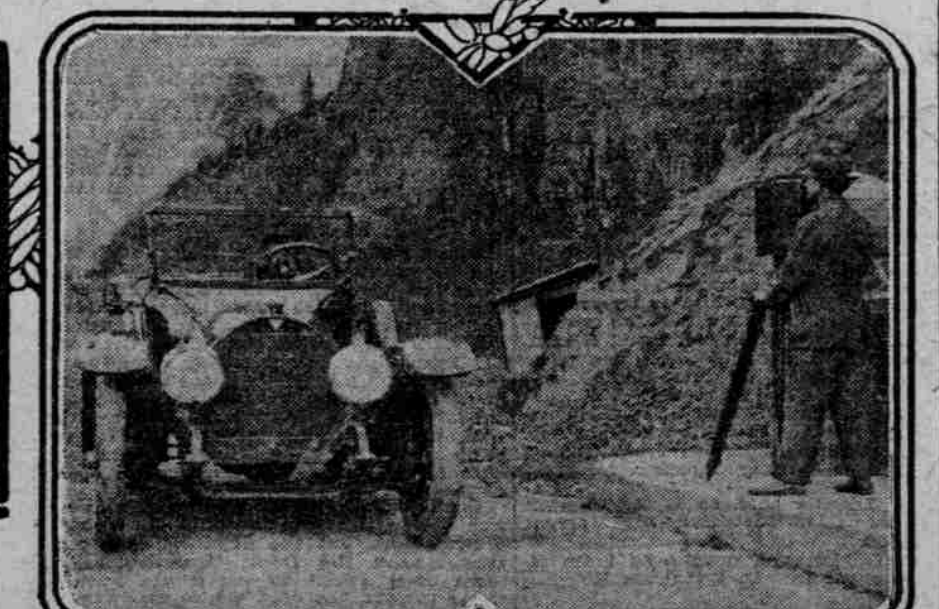
### F. J. SILL, J. WEBB AND THE HUDSON BIG SIX TAKING MOTION PICTURES ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY.



The Hudson and Movie Men at Latourell



Cameraman Sill on an 800 ft. Ledge.



At Shepperd's Dell

### CARBURETOR MAY WIN

#### CHANCE SEEN FOR OREGON WOLF IV WITH MASTERS PRODUCT.

#### Credit for 63-Mile Speed of Eastern Boat Given to Equipment That Brought Higher Efficiency.

Ted Grabe, factory representative of the Master carburetor, is going after John Wolff, owner of the Oregon Wolf IV, with the idea of getting him to use the Masters model and go after the Oregon Kid, which has trounced him pretty thoroughly.

The Oregon Kid II has not had decisive victories and Grabe thinks that he can help Wolff get away with the race. Many of the big men have taken

on his model and say that the Master has given them as high as 14 per cent more speed and proportionately greater mileage.

The Disturber IV, an Eastern boat, recently held a pace of 63 miles an hour over a 24-mile course. The Master is taking much of the credit for that race, as the new principles involved in that carburetor is said to have given it the additional revolutions which won that race.

Grabe also points out the economy and the fact that it will burn practically any kind of motor fuel. Recent demonstrations showed it giving full power using 2-cent "topplings."

The Government recently adopted the carburetor as standard equipment on the Glenn Martin type of aeroplanes. There is absolutely no adjustment on any kind of carburetor, which makes it ideal for aerial work.

Motorcycle Notes. With 16 charter members, a motorcycle club has been organized at

Sac City, Ia. They expect to have sufficient membership to join the F. A. M. by the first of the year.

The Federal Motorcycle Club, of Savannah, Ga., is planning a cross-country run for the near future.

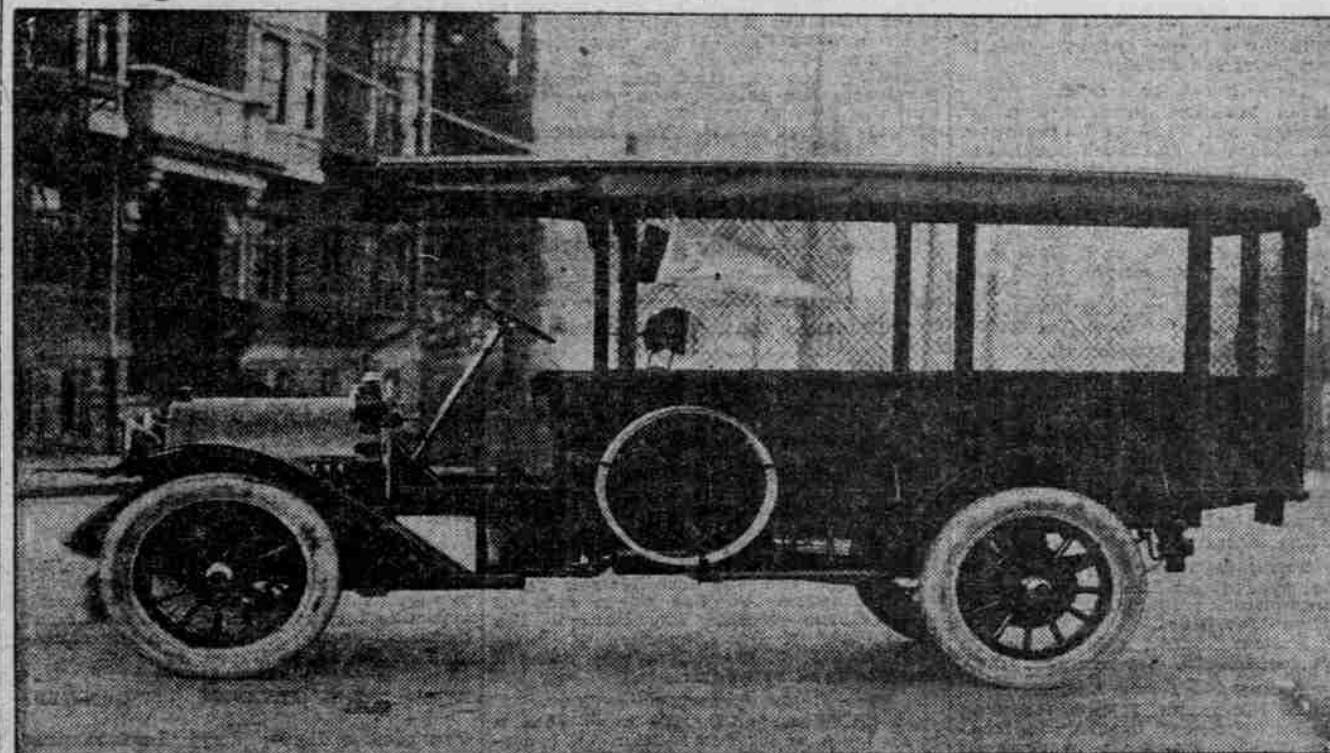
Motorcyclists of Johannesburg, South Africa, recently collected over \$100 for the Governor-General's war fund by carrying passengers to Boosias Camp at a shilling a head.

Another grandmother who enjoys the healthful recreation of side-car riding is Grandmother Caldwell, of Cisco, Tex. Her daughter pilots the motorcycle.

S. D. Burchenal, president of the Riverside Motorcycle Club, of New York City, has just completed a 2600-mile motorcycle trip through Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and New York. Burchenal is a contractor, and says he covered 14,000 miles on his two-wheeler during 1913.

## The 1915 Buick Truck

Model C-4 Capacity 3-4 Ton



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