

MILITARY ROADS URGED BY LEAGUE

Convention Called Here for Next Month to Take Up Defense Problems.

HIGHWAYS ARE FIRST NEED

L. J. Simpson, President of Pacific Coast Defense League, Explains Important Scope of Big Convention Programme in May.

Since its greatest activity to date has been in the direction of a comprehensive system of military highways for the defense of the Pacific Coast, the Pacific Coast Defense League which

of lighter construction which will serve the purposes of rural mail delivery and light auto truck travel, but which would never carry the heavy traffic of modern motor transportation. "Such a system of military highways would have to be planned as carefully as the grade of a railroad, with due regard for grades and curves and other points which might lessen their effectiveness in any great work of transportation.

Greater Food Production. "One of the things that would immediately result from their construction would be a far greater production of foodstuff, as thousands of acres now given over to browsing cattle or not producing at all, would become gardens as soon as it could be demonstrated that foods produced could be brought to the market economically.

"In our journey through Central and Eastern Oregon we find that the great need today, as for years back, is better roads, a need which through the possibilities of greater food production and military security gives ample support to the aims of the Pacific Coast Defense League.

"The same situation prevails in other states of the Pacific and the plan would link all with the development which California has under way and which is projected in Washington."

NO VISITORS TO FORD PLANT

Under Recent Government Ruling, Factory Is Closed to Public.

DETROIT, Mich., April 20.—The Ford

WOMEN IN GARAGE

Covey Motor Car Company Is First to Employ Them.

AND THEY MAKE GOOD, TOO

They Are Paid Same Wages as Their Men Predecessors and They Earn It, Declares Manager Crittenden, After Careful Test.

Scope again for women's rights. Women can vote in Oregon, they can sit on juries, though they don't have to, they can run elevators, and now they can work in garages, and are doing it. Probably all the automobile concerns in Portland will come to it sooner or later as the men are called away to the Army, but the Covey Motor Car Company is the first big firm to employ women in its garage.

Three weeks ago last Thursday Mr.

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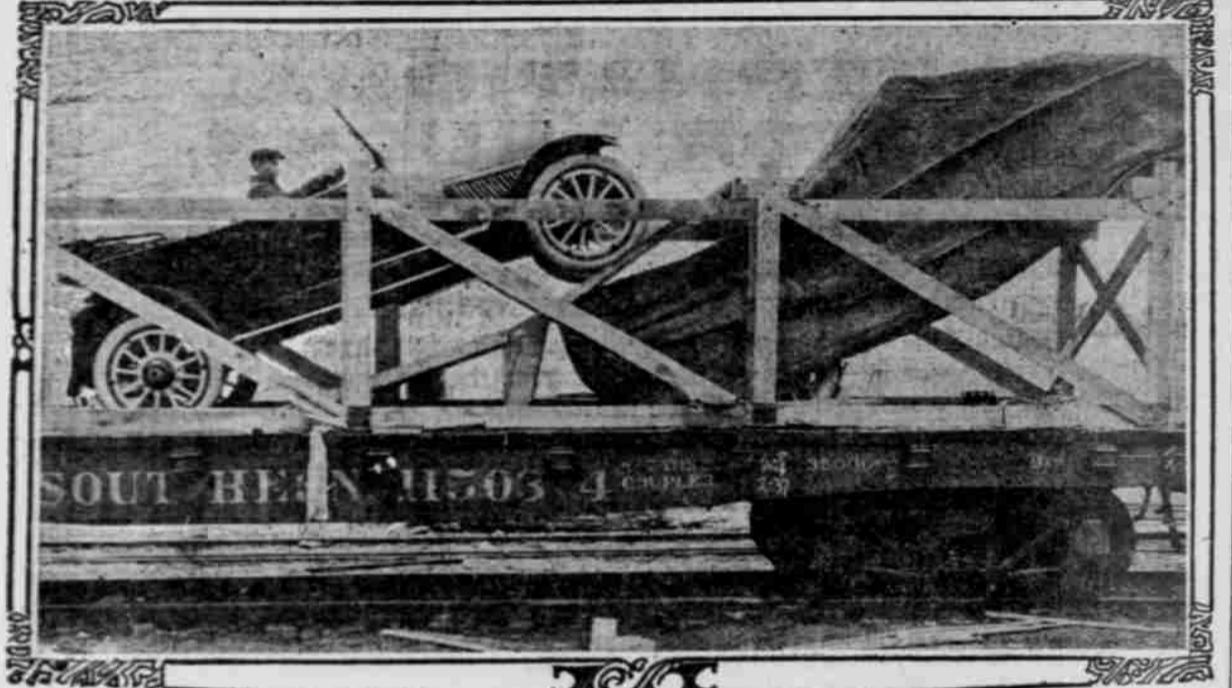


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meets in convention in Portland May 24 and 25, will devote a great portion of its programme at that gathering to the study and discussion of allied problems which must be considered in an adequate system of defense for the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The Portland Chamber of Commerce is making the arrangements.

The big thought to be driven home to delegates and the public at large through this convention is the absolute necessity for a comprehensive system of defense for the Pacific Coast, according to L. J. Simpson, president of the league, who on a tour of Eastern Oregon recently traveled over roads which would form part of the military defense highway.

Government Asked to Take Part. "We expect Washington to take a hand in this meeting," said Mr. Simpson. "We have turned the whole programme over to the Government's military authorities and expect several speakers who will represent the Government in the discussions.

"We will take up those matters that would demand immediate attention in the event of military activities along the Coast. By that I mean the relation of an adequate system of defense to the production of war necessities and the handling of a system of defense in time of hostilities on the Pacific.

"The programme will cover the system of military highways to which the league first gave its attention, and marine bases and the general fortification of the Pacific Coast.

"One of the principal discussions will be on the system of proposed National military highways because we believe that this is the first step towards the realization of any of the other plans, such as the aero patrol, the mobilization of heavy armament and other projects to give the greatest security.

Military Highways Needed. "We realize today in our work of spruce production for the Government, in the handling of foodstuffs and other war supplies that a system of military highways is the first requirement, for without dependable, constant transportation none of the other projects can find their place.

"It is expected through this meeting of education to bring to the attention of the public the importance of the Baker-Poindexter bill, which calls for an estimate and survey of this proposed military highway system.

"The Mayors and Governors of every city and state of the Pacific Coast will be urged to attend and also to appoint as many delegates as they can interest in the projects. From early returns to invitations it is expected that the convention will be well attended.

"I believe that once the public realizes the importance of this work, there will be strong public sentiment for a system of military highways. We know that the greatest work of the European war has depended not on guns, on fortifications, on battleships and the marvels of modern invention, but on good roads, roads able to transport the mobile batteries of great caliber which never could have been moved over roads unable to bear their weight.

"We realize today that batteries of such heavy guns which could be moved from point to point are greater security than hundreds of forts along the Pacific, especially in view of the fact of the great number of places where landings could be effected in the shoreline of the Coast.

Motor Company closed its doors to all visitors today. For a number of years the huge Highland plant was the mecca for all people coming to Detroit. And due to this fact it was the privilege of the Ford organization to maintain a courtesy department, which furnished guides, who were familiar with all phases of the industry, to anyone and everyone that desired to go through their immense plant. The records of the company show that people from all parts of the world visited the factory.

The officials of the company expressed their regret that it was necessary to discontinue this courtesy, but as it is a rigid rule by the Government, it is entirely beyond the powers of the Ford Motor Company.

When You Tow. When you are towing another car, or being towed, take special care to warn pedestrians who might fall up see the tow rope and pass between the cars, says Milostones. If the cars are stopped in the dark, additional caution must be exercised to avoid accident. The courts have held that the motorist is bound to warn pedestrians under such circumstances.

Gasoline Licenses in England. The new series of gasoline licenses used in England will cover a six month supply of fuel. The licenses are in the form of a book of vouchers, each voucher entitling the holder to one gallon of gasoline. Should the motorist want 20 gallons he must deliver to the garage man 20 vouchers.

Covey put three young women to work in the garage. They were Norma and Carrie Dorsey and Annie Anderson. They donned men's jumpers and overalls and got busy at once, cleaning automobiles, shifting them on the freight elevators from one floor to another, greasing them and doing general garage work.

They not only have been busy ever since, but they have been busy so effectively that Jack Crittenden, sales manager for Mr. Covey, who is in charge of things while Mr. Covey is visiting the Cadillac and Dodge factories in Detroit, trying to get more cars, says their employment is a proved success.

"We pay them the same wages that we paid men doing the same work," said Mr. Crittenden. "And they earn it. They are bright, intelligent, efficient, and they take a real interest in their work."

"About the only concession made to them because they are women is that we do not have them wash cars. That would be a little too hard, perhaps, though if men continue to become scarcer and scarcer, it may even come to that.

"They do the chamois work in cleaning cars, however, wash windows, wipe off the dust, see that the cars are greased and otherwise ready for service, and do general garage work."

Earns \$468 in 26 Days. In the first 26 days Jordan & Buckley cleaned up \$468 with a motor truck in their express business. They are located in Salem, N. J. The Maxwell truck is used by this firm.

TRUCK PRODUCTION BIG

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is to be speeded up still further so that one complete truck will be turned out every seven minutes.

Some of the biggest mercantile companies in the East use fleets composed exclusively of International trucks. L. E. Diers, general manager of the Portland branch of the International Harvester Company, says one company in

Chicago alone has a fleet of 600 Internationals. The International truck comes in four sizes, 3-ton, 1-ton, 1 1/2-ton and 2-ton, and in seven different styles. The first International in Portland was bought about two years ago by the Wilhelm Transfer Company, and it and another one added later have per-

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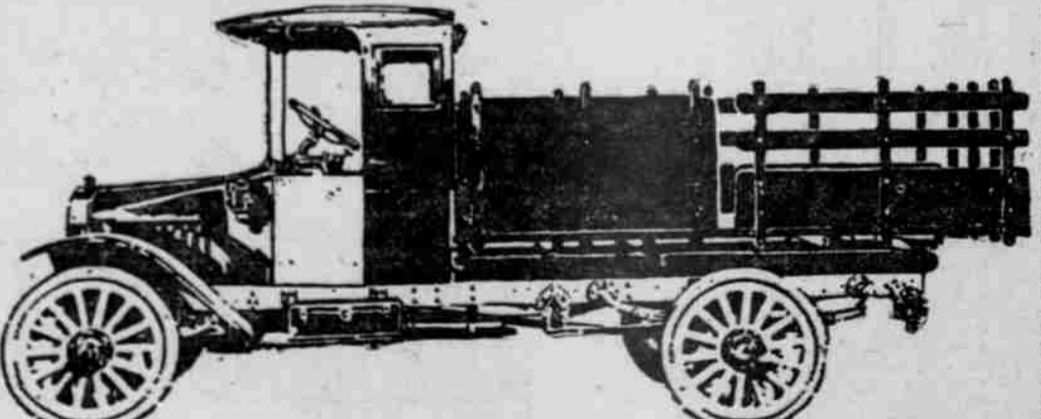
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