

# TRUCK CONVOY WRECKED UP BY POOR ROADS

## Soldiers Put In Many Weary Days and Nights en Route.

### WEAK BRIDGES A HANDICAP

#### Firestone Representative on Long Cross-Continental Tour Gives Vivid Account of the Run.

BY C. W. EDEN.

Firestone Representative With Army Transport Convoy.

It's great to be a pioneer, but soldiers of the motor transport corps, the first to complete a motor transport fleet transcontinental tour, are satisfied to leave pioneering to others, at least for a time. The convoy arrived in San Francisco recently, the men tired out by weeks of strenuous exertion on dusty and mountain trails. They never weakened. Far from it. But ask any of them if they want to go back over the sun-baked highway. Ask them if they would like to spend a few more weeks pulling a 20-ton truck out of the chuckholes or guiding a big transport over the perilous winding mountain heights, and they will, but carry a gun, if you do, and be quick on the trigger, for an erstwhile sand-digging soldier in the wet mud, and if he does, watch your step.

Anyway, the soldiers have had a great experience, and even if they don't want to do it all over, many of them are glad they came and have had many enjoyable times along the way to make up for the hours of hard work. Thousands of people and reports have been very generous with them. A dance or a party or maybe just a date with a girl are not very far from the mind of a soldier on a long day of driving, but they are enjoyable and just what the soldier wants and it's just what he has been getting everywhere the convoy has camped for the night.



This picture shows a section of the newly complete bitulthle pavement between the Multnomah county line and Cascade Locks. A mile and a half more of this particular stretch remains to be paved. Cars can go through only before 7 o'clock A. M. and after 5:30 o'clock P. M. while this construction is in progress. The car in the photo is a Willys-Knight.

## BRITISH ADMIT 3 MAKES

### AND ONLY 3842 OF THEM WILL BE ACCEPTED.

#### Ford, Studebaker and Overland Cars Sole Exceptions to Embargo on American Autos.

Although Great Britain has repealed its restrictions on the import of motor cars, abolition of these restrictions may be only temporary. A new rationing plan permitting cars and trucks to be imported in proportion to the average number imported in 1912-15 may be adopted. Up to September 1, 1919, imports have been rationed on the basis of 50 per cent of the 1912 imports in average monthly quantities.

Under present uncertain conditions surrounding export of cars to European countries and the desire by all American makers to obtain wider distribution of their products in foreign fields, it is interesting to note that the final appointment announced by the British government permits the entry of only three American-made automobiles. In a special communication to "Automobile Industries," the London correspondent says:

The American appointment of the 5000 cars which the British government will allow to be imported, in addition to the former rationing scheme, have been apportioned as follows:

Ford	2579
Studebaker	749
Overland	494
Total	3842

The rest of the 5000 are to come from French and Italian makers. It was at first presumed that the American factories would get the entire allowance.

"The American figures are proportional to the total imports during the years of 1912 and 1915, exclusive. American importers here have been greatly disappointed by failure of the government to give them a definite statement on what they may expect in the way of business prospects beyond this allowance, which was undoubtedly made partially to meet the public demand for cars. British manufacturers are still struggling with slow production and are keeping up demands that their industry be protected by keeping out cars of foreign makes."

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Chevrolet, 371; Buick, 159; Overland, 156; Dodge, 142; Maxwell, 141; Studebaker, 134; Oakland, 93; Hudson, 26; Nash, 36; Chandler, 30; Reo, 31; Essex, 31; Franklin, 26; Cadillac, 25; Cole, 19; Liberty, 15; Hixson, 10; Haynes, 10; Pierce-Arrow, 8; Willys, 7.
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## FRENCH BUY A. E. F. CARS

### 60,000 AUTOS AND TRUCKS TO BE PURCHASED.

#### Estimated Value of Vehicles to Be Transferred Unofficially Given Out as \$1,000,000,000.

France has agreed to purchase the whole of the left over supplies of the American expeditionary forces, including about 60,000 cars and trucks and 20,000 motorcycles and sidecars.

The American government offered the whole of its material to the French and refused to consider treating for only parts of this material. It was desired by the French to purchase only such material as was specially required.

## HEAD OF BIG HAYNES AUTOMOBILE PLANT.



Under Mr. Sieberling's direction of the Haynes Automobile company as vice-president and general manager, its policies have been so correct that the plant is now fairly swamped with orders for the new 1920 Haynes car. New buildings are being erected to double the capacity output of the Haynes factory.

## NATIONAL LAW PROPOSED

### BILL AIMED AT AUTO THEIF INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

#### Removing Stolen Car Into Another State Subject to Term of 10 Years in Prison.

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The act is named the "motor vehicle theft act." It defines "person" to include an individual, partnership, corporation or association, and the term "motor vehicle" to mean an automobile, automobile truck, automobile wagon, motorcycle or other self-propelling vehicle, not intended for running on rails. The other provisions of this new bill are as follows: "That any person that steals, or by fraud, false pretense or deception obtains possession of an automobile, and who shall remove or cause the same to be removed from one state, territory or the District of Columbia, or to any foreign country, or who has in his possession any automobile, knowing the same to have been stolen, or that the possession thereof has been so obtained, shall so remove the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5000 or by imprisonment of not more than 10 years, or both. Nothing in this act shall be held to take away or impair the jurisdiction of the courts of the several states under the laws thereof.

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## NEW DEPARTMENT ADDED

### IGNITION WORK HANDLED AT WILLARD SERVICE STATION.

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"The idea behind the installation of this department," said Charles S. Harper, "is simply this: many times an electrical system is blamed for what is really a condition of the battery. Equally often the battery gets the blame for a condition in the electrical system. If either one is not functioning properly the other suffers—in other words, to allow either condition to continue may result in a damage to one, or both. It is our purpose to bring either condition to the attention of the owner and correct it if necessary.

Every endeavor will be made to maintain the same standard of service in the electrical department as is now rendered on our service station floor."

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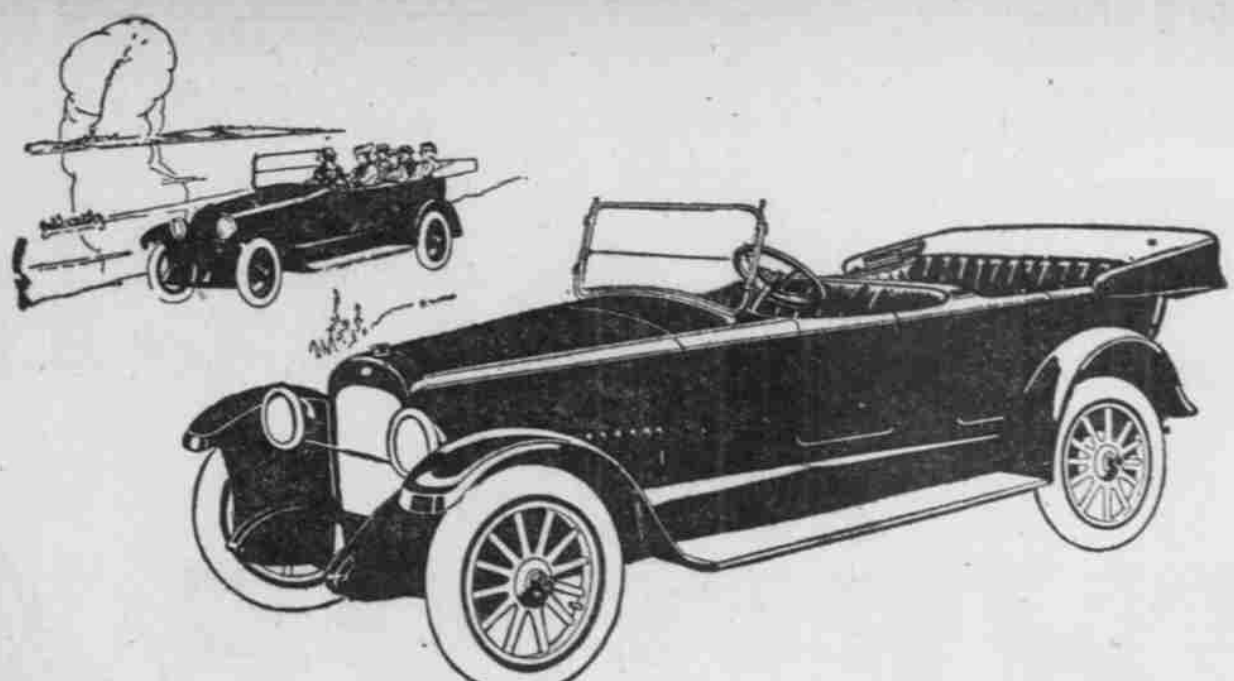
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## The Nash Six Is Quiet Economical and Powerful



The unusual economy of operation in the Nash Six appeals to owners everywhere. This economy combined with the unusual power and quietness of the Nash Perfected Valve-in-Head Motor places it in the front rank of America's leading motor car values. Not only here but throughout the country Nash dealers are experiencing a heavy demand for more cars.

- Perfected Valve-in-Head Motor
- Five - Passenger Touring Car...\$1720
  - Two - Passenger Roadster...\$1720
  - Four - Passenger Sport Model...\$1825
  - Seven - Passenger Touring Car...\$1850
  - Four - Passenger Coupe...\$2025
  - Seven - Passenger Sedan...\$2500
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## Portland Motor Car Co. Tenth and Burnside Streets

# NASH MOTORS

WE SELL CARS AT VOLUME PRICES

Mr. Reed will also handle the Anderson Six and the Monitor Six, which are now on display in the different models at the warehouses of the Interstate Motor company, 111 Thirteenth street. At present a few immediate deliveries can be made.

**AIRPLANE GLUE FOR AUTOS**  
Waterproof Stuff May Be Adopted by Manufacturers.

Some of the new waterproof glues developed primarily for aircraft purposes during the war offer the possibility of overcoming a difficulty that has proved very annoying, both to the automobile owner and to the manufacturer wherever linoleum is used on the running board or as a covering for the floor of the car. Ordinary glues, which are soluble in water, are not very effective in cementing linoleum, and most automobile owners have soon discovered that the glue disintegrates and the linoleum comes loose after the car has been washed a few times.

Caslin glues are admirably adapted to this purpose, and if the quality is right and they are properly applied the linoleum should give no trouble during the life of the car. Caslin glues are exceedingly resistant to the action of the water and retain a very high percentage of their original strength, even after long immersion under water. They are comparatively inexpensive, and the materials are readily available.

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