

NEWS AND NOTES FROM REALM OF AUTO CARS

Latest Automobile News of This and Other Lands—Interesting Bits of Information Gleaned Here and There About Chug Wagons and Their Drivers.

An armored automobile ambulance has been given a thorough test by the British army.

Chicago's Woman's Motor club is busily engaged in arranging for a floral parade this month.

To prevent tires wrenching off in turning corners, keep the wing nuts of the tire security bolts taut.

Anatole Delhier, "Monsieur de Paris," the last of the gullitiners, is an ardent motorist and worshiper of flowers.

Prince Scipione Borghese, head of the famous Italian family of that name, will enter the Fading-Paris contest.

Three track meets—on Memorial day, Fourth of July and Labor day—will be held by the Chicago Motor club this season.

To better avoid accidents, the police of Paris have determined that all automobiles should be fitted with at least one non-skid tire.

The proceeds from the track meet at Los Angeles yesterday and today will be devoted to the building and improvement of public roads.

A little play is a good thing for humanity, but the working parts of an automobile don't want much play. Keep them adjusted snugly.

French exports of automobiles during the month of January declined 16 per cent, in comparison with the corresponding month of last year.

Statistics show a smaller number of automobile accidents in proportion to the number of cars used in Germany than in either England or France.

London's 800 motorbuses last year carried 4,000,000 more passengers than the trams—upward of 145,000,000 persons—over a distance of 34,000,000 miles.

Mechanics and repair men employed in New York garages are considering the organization of a labor union to enforce demands for better pay and shorter hours.

New York's fifth show for next winter has been announced. It will be held by the Importers' Automobile salon and only foreign cars and equipments will be exhibited.

Nearly every manufacturer of note will establish a clubhouse and garage along the Long Island Motor Parkway for the use of owners of his cars and their friends.

Miss Vera Brewster of Philadelphia, who has become a saleswoman for an automobile company in that city, is believed to be the first woman to enter that particular field.

James L. Flood, the California millionaire, recently traveled to New York expressly to buy a car for use in Europe and then started for home within a few hours after his arrival.

An automobile show, on the lines of a horse show, the cars to be judged principally for appearance and appointments, will be held this month by the fair members of Philadelphia's "Four Hundred."

The legislative board of the American Automobile association has asked every motorist in New Jersey to urge the repeal of the law that state forbidding the use of anti-skid chains.

From the profits of carrying passengers and freight on automobiles, in addition to mail in rural districts, the postmaster general of Australia hopes to pave the way for cheaper postage.

So much ill-fading is shown by touring motorists by the residents of the Riviera that many enclosed cars are fitted with wire window screens to prevent the glass being broken by flying missiles.

There is a continuous system of good roads leading through Europe to Norway, a distance of 2,800 miles. In this country today it would be hard to find any perfect stretch of road 100 miles long.

Several makers took advantage of the recent mining show at New York to exhibit cars designed to meet the conditions found in and about the mining country in the west. Many sales were made.

Eight tar-spreading machines and nine preparations of tar have been entered for the dust-prevention contest which will be held by the British automobile organizations the latter part of this month.

The idea of forming a woman's motor club at Chicago originated with Mrs. N. J. Boardman and was suggested to her by the presence of a large number of women at the Vanderbilt cup race last fall.

The British Motor Union is issuing special badges to "considerate" drivers, reserving the right to recall the badge from any motorist proven guilty of reckless driving or neglect of the amenities of the road.

There is a loud outcry from both dealer and user of the motor car against the bad condition of New York's streets, which are said to cause thousands of dollars' worth of damage to automobiles each week.

The somewhat heterogeneous combination of the Automobile club of America, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Independent Hackmen's association is working in New York City to compel better-kept streets.

Alexander Graham Bell, world famous as inventor of the telephone, is credited with the declaration, "Until the coming of the automobile the human race had made absolutely no progress in the transportation of the individual unit of society since the dawn of history."

The new million-dollar clubhouse of the Automobile Club of America at New York is the most complete building of its kind in the world, including an up-to-date garage and machine shop in addition to the usual luxuries and conveniences of a modern clubhouse.

An English firm famed for building engines of war has completed an automobile 30 feet long, surrounded with armor and carrying a ram in front. It is armed with two "pompoms," which did such effective service in South Africa, and is intended for coast defense purposes.

An auto-hearse has just been submitted to the police prefecture of Berlin for approval. It is of the approved type, differing only from the ordinary funeral vehicle in not being horse-drawn. The new hearse created much curiosity as it made its first pilgrimage through the city.

When a car stops somewhere out in the country miles from a repair shop because the battery cells are dead and dry it sometimes is possible to get home if a little vinegar can be procured. Remove the paper covering of the dry cells, bore a few holes in the zinc and pour over them some vinegar diluted with water.

When testing the gasoline tank for leaks, use kerosene in preference to gasoline, because the latter evaporates too quickly to locate slow leaks. Kerosene also is useful for testing an oiling system. It is better than oil, because it flows more freely and shows up

leaks through which the oil would not penetrate for some time.

In Java an American automobile is being used to carry the mails over the country roads of the island, while several motor stage lines are being established in the Philippines beyond the present railway lines.

The Automobile club of Philadelphia has retained an attorney to represent the organization and its members in all legal matters, including appearing to defend members accused of violating speed and other motoring laws.

Twenty-five or more eastern importers are planning the formation of an independent importers' association to work on a cooperative basis for the advancement of the interests of those who bring cars from Europe.

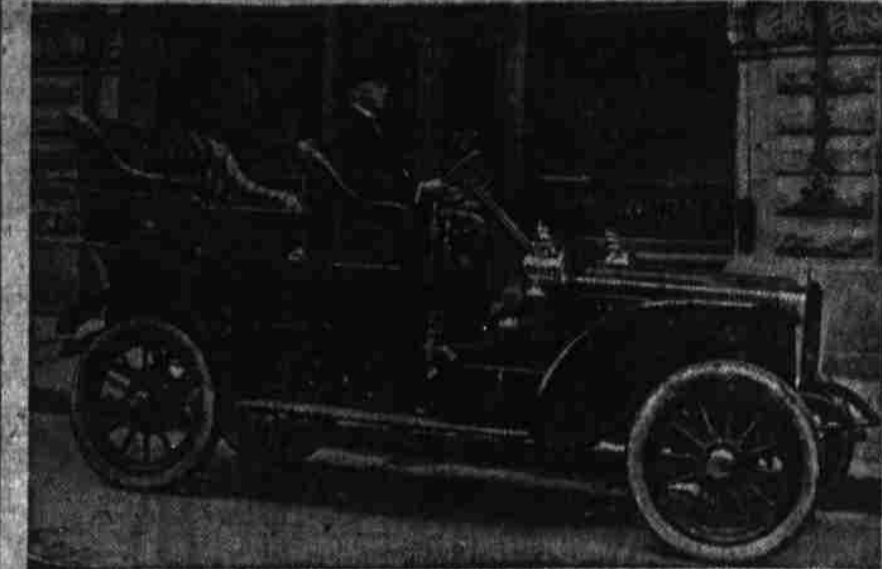
Wisconsin's legislature is considering a bill to limit the speed of automobiles to 10 miles per hour in cities and 20 in the country, with a limit of 10 miles everywhere after dark. Imprisonment is provided for certain violations.

At Milwaukee there is an agitation to have enforced a city ordinance which limits the amount of gasoline which may be stored in a building to five gallons unless kept in a tank buried below the level of the basement floor.

Always retard the spark before starting the engine, especially a single cylinder, otherwise you may join the army with its arms in slings, the result of back-fires. Give the handle an upward pull and never let the thumb stroke it.

The recent automobile trip of the Infanta Dolalla from Madrid to Biarritz was the result of a wager with King Alfonso. The latter contended that the princess could not reach Biarritz in a single journey without a rest, but she did.

To do away with the labor of pumping up tires an English inventor has de-



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