

TREATY TINKERERS HAVE SPEEDWAY MEN IN QUANDARY

Indianapolis Race Officials in Dilemma as to How to Act on Prospective Teutonic Entries.

Indianapolis, March 20.—Due to Messrs. Lodge and his senatorial cohorts in blocking ratification of peace with the teutonic nations, officials of the Indianapolis Motor speedway are in a dilemma. Several carefully guarded inquiries from two countries with which the United States is still officially at war have been received, feeling out the sentiment that would greet the entry of Mercedes and Austro-Daimler teams, of German and Austrian designation, respectively, in the eighty international 500 mile race on the Indianapolis Motor speedway, Monday, May 31, for a cash purse of \$50,000.

Undoubtedly, if the entry of such teams were admitted, they would prove the greatest drawing cards that the speedway has ever featured, and the race would be the most bitterly contested that has ever been run on the famous track. However, the men directing speedway affairs are dubious concerning the attitude of the public, because of the continued agitation of the Lodge faction against the treaty. It is feared that, under the present unsettled international status, the appearance of the Teutonic contenders might give rise to violent demonstrations, with possibly danger of personal harm.

Especially fraught with threat of grave consequences would be the situation, they feel, if one of the representatives of the former central European group of powers should win. So long as the treaty tinkerers keep the United States stirred up nothing more unpopular could be imagined than a German or Austrian victory, and whether it is good policy to open the door to the possibility of such a denouement is a mooted question.

In 1908 a Mercedes victory in the French Grand Prix resulted in the abandonment of that famous contest for four years, until the gaping wound inflicted on French pride had been healed by the soothing balm of time.

In 1914, Mercedes again captured the historic event, this time making a clean sweep of all first three places, and administering to France the most crushing defeat in her history. Aviation engines were used in the Mercedes flitters that accomplished this feat, the same type of engine that later went into the Taubes, Fokkers and Gothas of vindictive memory on the part of the allies in the recent world conflict. Germany's victory had the further effect of increasing her already swollen pride to the bursting point, and of furnishing what to her was conclusive proof that her aviation program had reached a stage of efficiency in advance of any other nation. A month later the war broke out, with the results that are of universal knowledge.

Accordingly, speedway officials are sorely perplexed and expressions of opinion on the subject from sporting writers and racing fans are freely invited, with a view toward accurately gauging the public sentiment in the matter and arriving at a decision that will be in accordance with the feeling and thought of the American public, as well as that of other nations who will have representatives in the Indianapolis contest.

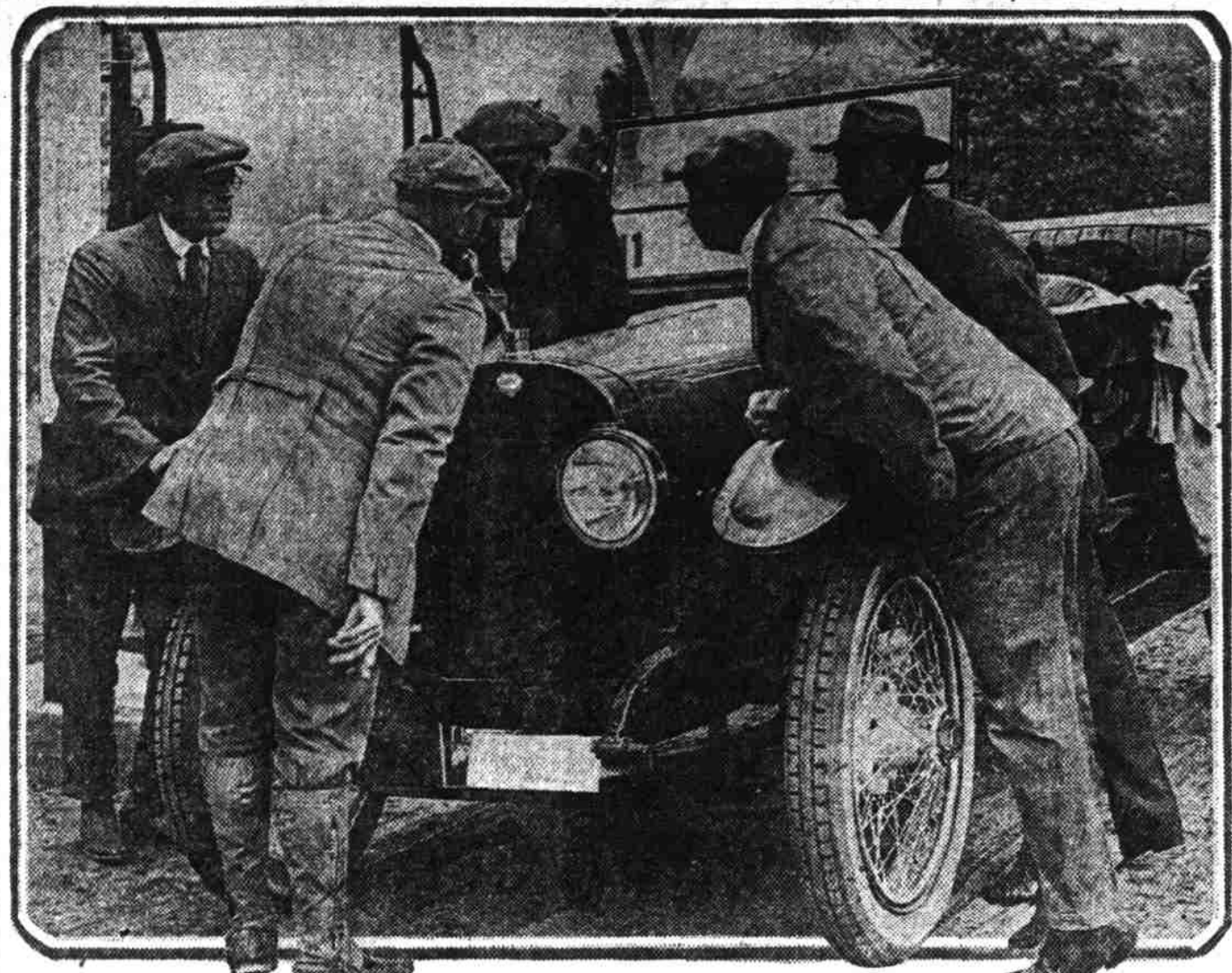
THREE MOTOR FIRMS ARE NOW COMBINED

Hare Motor Company Purchases Entire Holdings of Locomobile and Mercer Motor Firms.

Announcement has been made by the Locomobile and Mercer Motors company of the joint acquisition by these two companies of "Hare's Motors company," an operating company which will combine the facilities of the two older concerns plus those of the Simplex (already controlled by Mercer) and thus coordinate the processes of production and development which the management of this new group of interests has in view.

No secret has been made of the fact

TOWN PUMP STRANGELY SCENE OF GATHERING



"Oh, it's always fair weather, when good fellows get together—" and so on. But then come to think of it, this doesn't look much like a scene around the village pump. Anyway, it must be an alcohol solution, or five men wouldn't stand around and watch the water going into the radiator. As a matter of fact it is a little affair of honor, wherein a Mitchell Six is taking an economy trial.

that material increases in the output of Mercer and Locomobile may be looked for almost immediately. Indeed, Mercer is already working to a production schedule four times that of the greatest preceding year in the company's history, and while the little Loco which was mentioned in the stock prospectus of the new Locomobile company can hardly be brought out at once it is certain that the company already has definite plans for it and will tool up without delay for its production in quantity. Motor trucks are likewise figuring largely in the plans of the organization and important developments in that field are also known to be already well past the experimental stage. And the Crane-Simplex designs and patents which now belong to the Mercer Motors company are certainly not going to be allowed merely to collect dust in the archives.

To prevent lost motion and duplication of effort in the operation of this big new enterprise it has been decided to coordinate the several units which compose it and tie their functions and facilities together by means of an operating company which shall see to it that all plans and proceedings work out in orderly fashion for the common good. The name of the new company is "Hare's Motors" and the plan of management is simplicity itself.

The executives who have been directing Mercer's destinies since the reorganization of that company last October will become the direct heads of Hare's Motors.

Watch Other Things Besides Car Engine

When the engine runs well there is a temptation to let everything else go. But such matters as dragging brakes may absorb power and continue to do all season without attracting attention. Hence it is wise to test for such trouble. With the car on jacks turn one wheel to see if the brake drags. Then try the other. If either or both drag the brakes should immediately be adjusted. Tires should be examined for minor cuts and bruises. Slight repairs now may save large bills later. Begin the season by having your tires properly inflated, and keep them so.

Lone Church Member Prays Once a Year

Warrenton, Ohio, March 20.—(I. N. S.)—In a deserted Ohio village, occasional services are held in an abandoned church for the benefit of its one surviving member. This is the unique situation in Warrenton, Jefferson county. Once a thriving port with two big warehouses, Warrenton has become deserted since the railroads took away the business that once sent to the river steamers. Although Mrs. Lavina Jackson, aged 75, is the sole surviving member of the local M. E. church, long since abandoned, services are held in it from time to time for her benefit.

ALGERIAN WEALTH, SHOWN BY AUTOS BEING IMPORTED

French Country Has as Much Tillable Land as Mother Country, But Railroads Not Developed.

By Michael Rainey
(Special Correspondence, Chicago Daily News)
Oran, Algeria, March 20.—The wealth of a country is intimately connected with its means of transport. This applies particularly to Algeria, whose prosperity depends as much upon its import trade as upon its exports, for above all Algeria is an agricultural country.

Now this French colony, with as much arable and productive land as France itself, has no more than 5000 kilometers (3100 miles) of railroads, and is likewise rather badly served by its other means of communication. This explains why tons of cereals have been rotting on the ground. Yet, the government and private enterprises do their best with a view to giving this country means of transport worthy of its riches.

ALGERIAN WEALTH
For instance, the use of motor lorries is becoming more and more general in Algeria. In the Oran district alone there are today more than 200. Of this number about 50 are of French manufacture, the others having been made by an Italian firm and delivered a few weeks ago. No doubt the use of motor lorries will tend to become more and more popular in Algeria. The complete lack of rivers and the scarcity of labor and of horses, in addition to the insufficiency of the railroads, will make necessary the use of this method of conveyance.

If the employment of motor lorries is tending to develop itself, likewise the use of motor cars is increasing in Algeria on a large scale. According to official reports there are 7948 motor cars in the three provinces of Algeria, 4622 in Algiers, 2696 in Oran and 630 in Constantine. Most of them are of French make. In the province of Oran, for instance, 251 of these vehicles only have been constructed by foreign firms, 208 being of American makes. Between November, 1918, and November, 1919, 524 cars were bought in the Oran district.

The lack of rivers in French North Africa offers another outlet to foreign industry, in the production of windmills to be used for the irrigation of the soil. Americans have supplied many Algerian estates with windmills. About 700 are in use in the Oran district. But there remains much to be done here in this line.

W. C. McBride, for the past two years sales manager of the wholesale department of the Northwest Auto company, has resigned to reenter the railroad business as district manager of the Denver & Rio Grande, with headquarters in Portland. He will be succeeded at the Northwest Auto company by C. O. Kenworthy, formerly western representative of the Bethlehem Motor Truck corporation.

MICHIGAN DEALERS HOLDING MARKET

Milwaukee Automobile Men Were Taking Trade by Using Cheap Transportation Across Lakes.

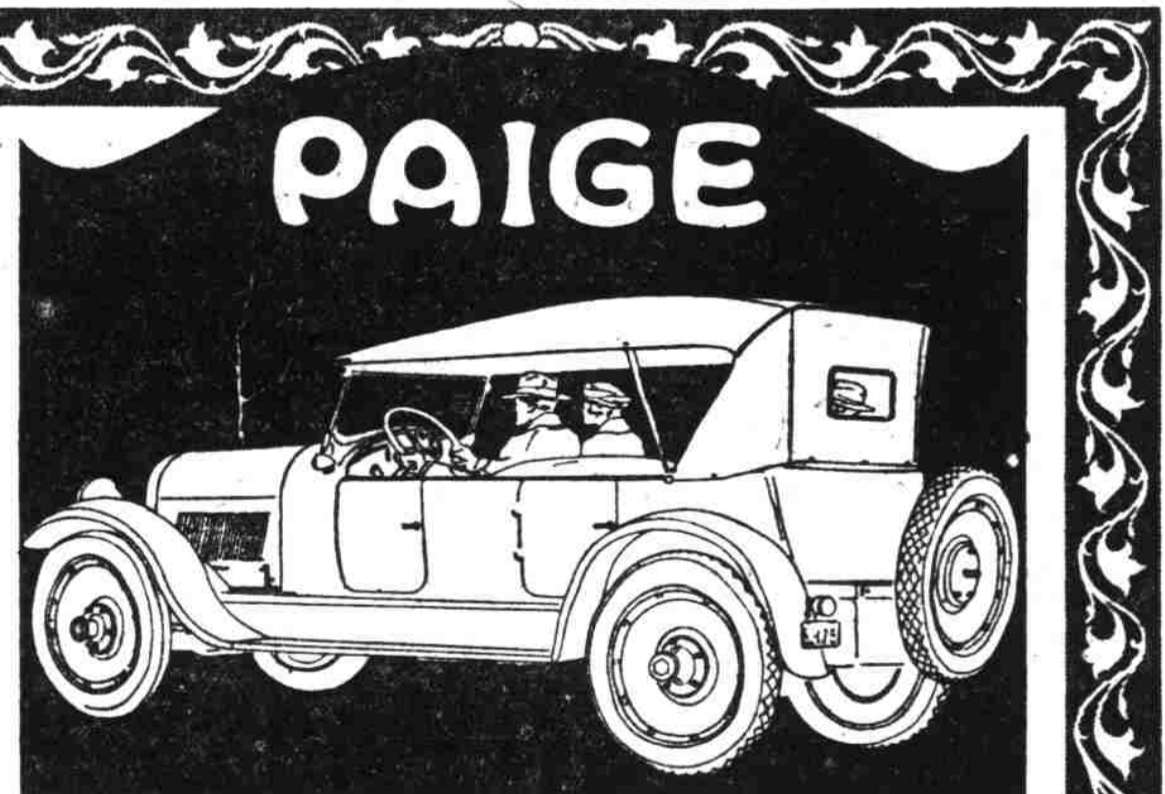
Portland is not the only city that has conceived the idea of a body to govern shipments of goods by truck and to help the trucking concerns and the merchants alike. Other cities have been busy working out ideas similar to those that inspired the local Northwest Chamber of Transportation, and have brought the "ship-by-truck" plan to a point where it is no longer a haphazard proposition.

What "ship by truck" can mean to wholesalers is well illustrated in Grand Rapids, Mich., where its 19 routes, operating 32 motor trucks, have the staunch support of wholesale dealers in fruits, groceries and drugs. These Grand Rapids dealers are backing "ship by truck" because, by speeding their consignments to neighboring Michigan towns, it permits them to compete with Milwaukee wholesalers.

Last spring the Grand Rapids men found that the Milwaukee wholesalers were making substantial inroads on their business. Lake transportation was making it possible for the Wisconsin dealers to get their shipments into the territory more quickly than could the Grand Rapids houses. They were sending it into the Michigan port cities that had the best railroad facilities, and it was being speeded along to its destination with little delay. Grand Rapids dealers, dependent entirely upon the railroad, were not so fortunate in obtaining quick deliveries. Then the ship by truck idea came along, they adopted it, and now they claim they are far outdistancing their rivals.

Police Search for Prodigal Pig

Chicago, March 20.—(I. N. S.)—very policeman in Chicago has been given orders to watch for a prodigal pig, which, white trot-trotting to market, escaped from its owner and ran away.



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Historical Facts

The Beginning of the Motor Truck

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Selden started to build a three cylinder engine, but only one cylinder was completed at this time owing to lack of funds.

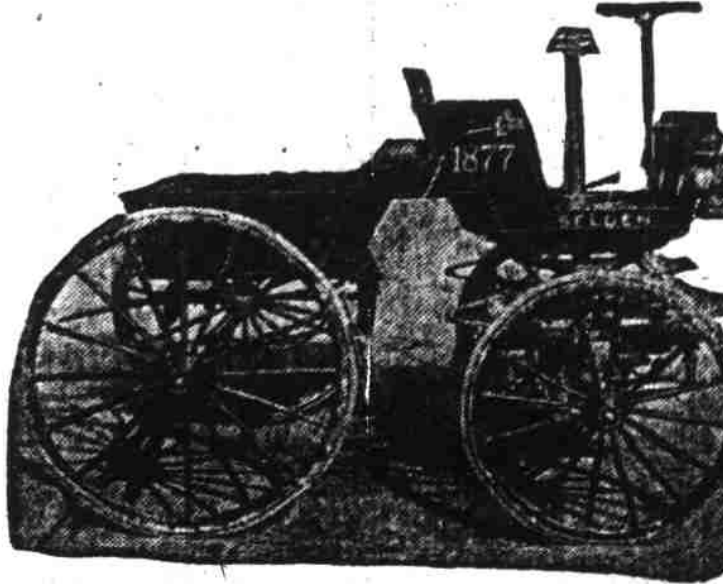
It was in 1877 that Selden had his idea worked out, but it was not until 1905 that his three cylinder model was built—and in this year appeared the vehicle pictured below.

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