

MOTORIST FINDS BIG GRAIN CROP IN MIDDLE WEST

Walker Makes Auto Trip From
Chicago to Portland Over Many
Excellent Highways.

"Any person who is fearful the United States will not have enough food this winter has only to motor through the Central West and they will be immediately convinced of the vastness of the nation's granary," said I. M. Walker, president of Behnke-Walker Business college, who recently came overland to Portland from Chicago. Walker drove a Chalmers.

Walker, who was accompanied by Mrs. Walker, their son and a party of friends, left Chicago and took the Dixie trail to Indianapolis. In Indiana they found more hardtack than in any other state traversed on their trip. From Indianapolis they took the Pike's Peak ocean-to-ocean trail to Springfield, Ill., and during the run had an excellent opportunity to observe the state of the crops in Illinois, where the truck and fruit crops are the best in years. From Springfield they went west to Kansas City and Topeka, thence southwest to Wichita over the Hookerberry trail. The party found that Missouri's wheat crop was averaging 20 bushels to the acre, and was about 75 per cent of normal. This was the poorest showing they found in any state. Business men at all points were extremely cheerful over the outlook, and most places in Kansas where crops were made gave the evidence of a bumper showing from the fields this year.

ENCOUNTERS CLOUDBURST

From Wichita, Kansas, Walker turned his machine south through Oklahoma and then west to Amarillo, Texas, thence going westward through Santa Rosa to Albuquerque. The roads through this part of the country ran through vast grain fields, mile on mile of the smooth dirt roads being flanked by fields of waving wheat heads. The party was caught in a cloudburst in western New Mexico, and it was only with the aid of heavy ropes around the wheels of the car that they were able to stay on the road or make any progress. The streets of the villages they passed through were deep in water and Walker himself was nearly holed to foot. That night, according to his statement, was the first time Walker took a bath with all his clothes on—a necessary performance in order to remove the mud.

From McCarthy the party went over the Continental divide, through the petrified forest, where the party reports the most gorgeous riots of color in stone they have ever seen, and then north to the Grand Canyon. Here they found parking and camping places and spent some time viewing the canyon. Always a marvel to the visitor, Walker said it was even more so to him, inasmuch as he had looked forward to the sight for the duration of the whole trip. The sight of the vast gorge was the realization of a dream of years. From the canyon they came south to Williams, and then west to Needles. In the vicinity of the Needles they investigated the mines recently opened there. Twenty or thirty mines are in active operation. That part of the country is enjoying a boom such as it never dreamed was in store for it.

CAMP ON DESERT

From Needles the route across Mojave desert was attempted, the party camping on the desert. The road was fair, and got better as they neared San Bernardino and Pasadena. From San Anisimo they went north through the San Jose valley to Oakland, and skirting San Francisco, went through Stockton and north over the road that avoids Sacramento. This route has more paving than the route through the capital city and affords far easier going than the usual route. From Chico they came north over the Pacific highway through Ashland to Portland.

Walker reports a splendid trip, feels that the fear for a crop shortage are based upon idle rumor, and is convinced that Oregon is taking the lead in road building. He believes that this state is pushing the hard surface idea far more strongly than other states, and that, with the exception of Indiana, we are making much better progress.

Spokane to Treat Visitors Nicely

Auto tourists visiting Spokane should be granted leniency by traffic officers of the city when they infringe on the city's traffic code, according to members of the executive committee of the publicity bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. At a meeting of the committee July 31 Thomas Keene, a member, recommended that the city officials be asked to institute a general policy of leniency toward visiting traffic offenders and a committee will probably submit the matter to the city commissioners. Mr. Keene cited a case in which a California tourist was arrested for improper parking. Mr. Keene stated that the man planned to remain in the city several days but with the occurrence caused him to leave and to advise his friends not to visit the "jay town."

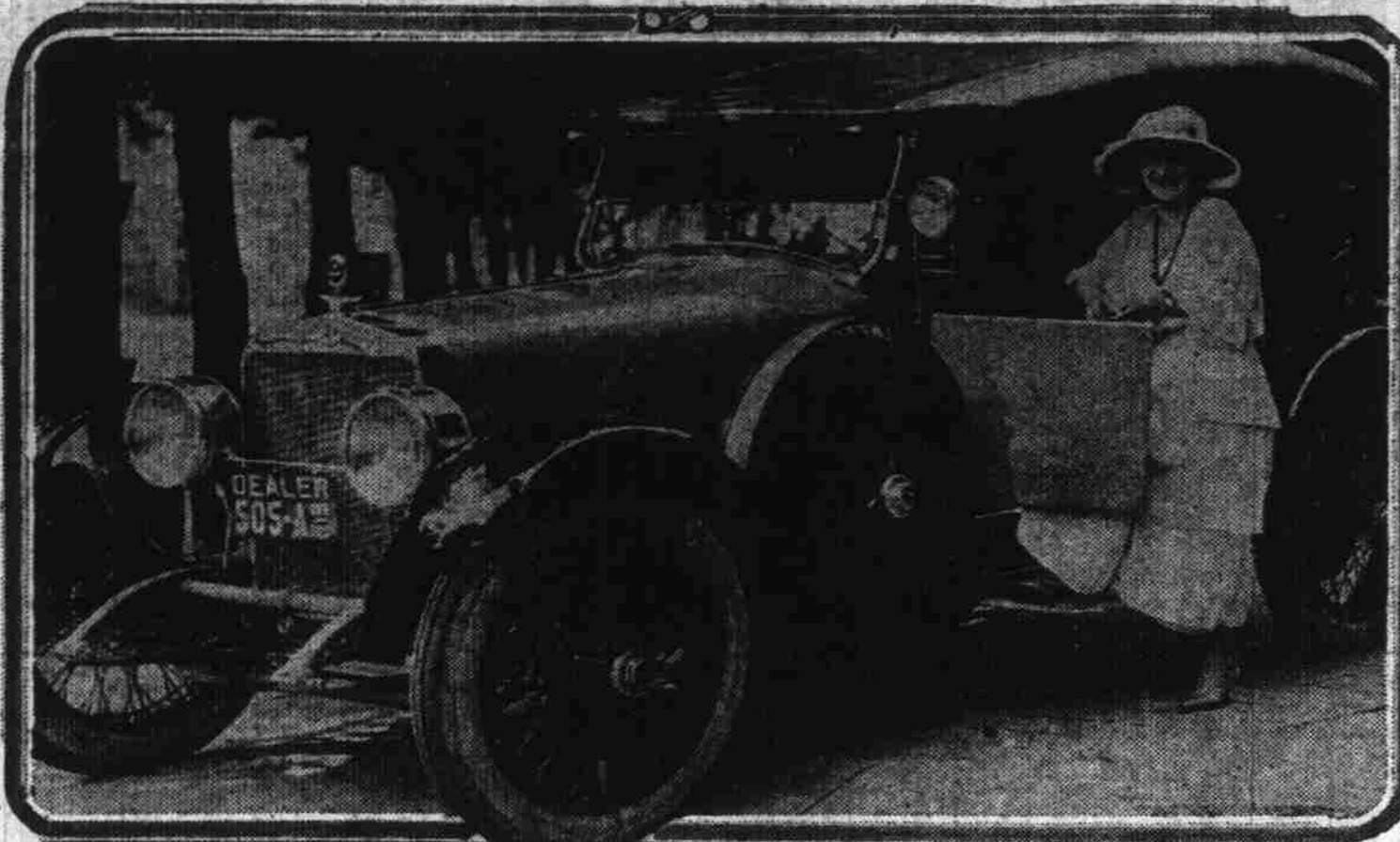
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There is a shortage of something like 2,000,000 farm hands in the country this year?

That there are over 700,000 tractors in operation on the farms of the United States, of which 100,000 are on the Pacific coast?

That this indicates that the country's food crops will come to maturity and to market largely by the aid of automotive equipment?

That a Frenchman designed the first automobile to run by steam power, in 1769?

That the English are experimenting with a new pilotless plane which will be directed in its movements by wireless?

That gasoline is known as "naffa" in the Argentine and is sold by the litre instead of by the gallon?

That Switzerland has motorless Sundays?

That the record broad jump for an automobile is 88 feet?

That there are 10 miles of highway for every mile of railway in the United States?

That the police department of Philadelphia is planning to eliminate the use of horses?

That tourists have to secure a permit for a 30-day tour through Canada?

That gas still seems to be a trifle elusive?

That Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for the presidency, was the second man to pilot a car on the streets of Marion, Ohio, his native state?

That the United States is 50 days ahead in the production of gasoline?

That road building in Massachusetts costs from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per mile?

That highways are so congested in Chicago that traffic moves only 33 1-3 per cent of the time?

That 100,000 of the 142,812 physicians in the United States own motor cars?

That one third of the motor vehicles registered in the United States, some 7,566,848, are owned by farmers?

That South Australia has 7300 motorcycles, which are used all the year around for both business and pleasure?

That an American automobile company is importing into Brazil motor cars at the rate of 500 a month?

Ford Is Increasing His Output of Cars

Ford Motor company apparently looks for no falling off in the demand for cars, for beginning with August 1 that company raised its daily output to 4000 cars. The company has notified steel mills that due to this increased schedule more steel is required. The output for the past few months has been 3500 per day, this figure being an increase in itself over last year, when 3000 cars came off the chains. Authorities say this move on the part of the Ford company can be looked upon as a criterion of the health of the industry, inasmuch as Ford has produced since 1918 50 per cent of the cars turned out each year in the United States.

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of the National Garment Retailers' association.

Death Was Loner

Machias, Maine, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—With one arm shattered, the result of an accidental gunshot wound, Edgar U. King, aged 50, a trapper, won a race with

death by successfully reaching the Massachusetts Institute of Technology camp at Gardner's Arms. After receiving first aid the arm was amputated.

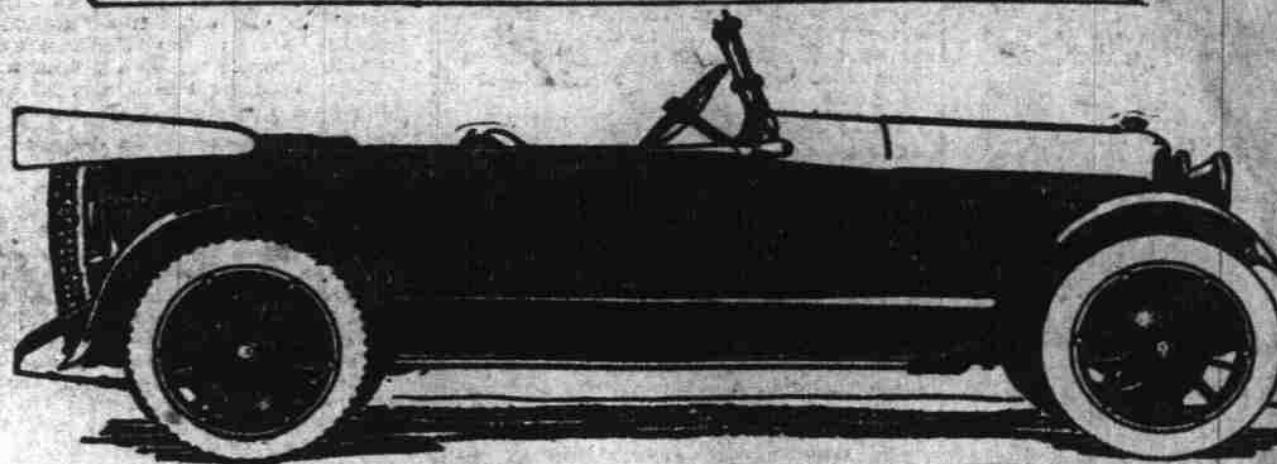
10-Mile Ride Under Engine

London, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A 15-year-old band boy belonging to the

York and Lancs regiment has had a remarkable adventure. The boy, unperceived, got under the engine of a train at Andover and was discovered only when the train arrived at Romsey, 10 miles away. The boy was apparently none the worse for his perilous journey.

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