

Tucker's Torpedo to Cruise 100-Mile-An-Hour Speed



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—(NEA)—Preston Tucker says the contraption he is building at the rate of 1500 by sometime next year will cruise at 100 miles an hour, given the right conditions. He says that can take that sort of speed. He has designed some revolutionary brakes he says will stop his new car in less than 100 feet at 90 miles an hour. Fenders will turn with the front wheels, headlights will follow the direction of a turn. Power goes direct from engine to wheels via hydraulic torque converters that eliminate clutch, transmission, drive shaft, differential and conventional rear axle—and 800 pounds weight. The six-cylinder 150-horsepower engine will set between the rear wheels. The car will have a 126-inch wheelbase, will carry six passengers. Doors will open out to clear the roof so passengers can get in and out without stooping. The car will weigh about two-thirds as much as other cars of comparable size and power and will sell in the medium price field. The model is a sort of outlandish looking thing, compared to conventional types, but Tucker figures by the time he makes a few of the new cars the public won't be frightened by it, at least not at speeds less than 100 miles an hour.

Designed Gun Turret

Like his car, Preston Tucker is a bit on the spectacular side. But essentially he is a solid combination of engineer, executive and salesman. His experience in autos began at 13 when he learned something of engine and chassis design as an office boy for the vice-president in charge of engineering for Cadillac. He moved to Ford in 1921 and had a look at foundry, production line, shipping and receiving, inspection, electrical installation and wiring, shop, railroad traffic and line grading. He shifted to sales with Studebaker, Chrysler, Pierce Arrow and Packard. During his stretch with Packard in Indianapolis he worked closely with the late Harry Miller, who developed racing cars which won 14 out of 16 events they entered at the Indianapolis speedway.

In 1938 and '39 Tucker designed and patented power-operated gun turrets used in planes and tanks, a gun control stabilizer, a fire control interrupter for planes and high speed combat cars. His wartime royalties on the gun turret alone would probably have run more than \$100 million—if the government hadn't confiscated the patents. Tucker got around \$200,000. Tucker now has a plant at Ypsilanti, Mich., making production jigs and fixtures for the auto industry.

Tucker is a neat, personable fellow. His one departure from business and industry was back in the early twenties when he went off on an aerial barnstorming act. At Monroe, Mich., the parachute man refused to jump. Tucker lost a flip of a coin and bailed out himself. They picked the pieces off the top of a freight car, and Tucker spent some time in hospital meditating on the virtues of a strictly business career.

Tucker is 43, and a native of Michigan, where he has his home at Ypsilanti. He has two daughters and three sons but, like many fathers, he isn't sure about their exact ages. Wife Vera, however, supplies these statistics: daughters 22 and 19, sons 20, 17, and 14. Tucker is a dog fancier. His favorite charity is providing seeing-eye dogs for blind veterans of World War II. He owns three cars, a '42 Packard, a '42 Nash, and a '36 Pierce Arrow convertible which is his favorite. He saw this on the street in New York and promptly bought it from a departing Englishman who sold it with reluctance.

National Debt to Be Cut Two Billion More

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Treasury announced Friday it will redeem with cash another \$2,000,000,000 of public debt securities maturing Sept. 1. The money will come out of the Treasury's big idle cash balance, now close to \$11,000,000,000, since the government is still operating with a deficit of about \$1,375,000,000 built up during the first 45 days of the current fiscal year. The latest retirement will bring the total accomplished or projected debt pay-off since March 1 to approximately \$15,485,000,000. The debt now stands at \$267,662,260,878.

Bees' Nest Burning Starts Grass Fire

Fire started by a woman burning out a bees' nest burned over about five acres of grass Wednesday at Notti, and was extinguished by men from the Western Lane Fire Patrol Assn. at Veneta. Most serious damage was burning of five cords of wood—already split.

Record for Princess

—Johnny Desmond set a record for his records to be sent to Princess Elizabeth, who requested it after hearing Desmond sing as a GI in London. The airline hostess is Alice Carlson.

Commission Said Unearned

WASHINGTON—(AP)—John F. Brunner, paroled convict and one of the mysterious "John Does" in Benjamin F. Fields' account books, testified Friday that he had done nothing to earn a commission in Fields' transactions in surplus bronze wire screening.

Brunner told a House committee that he had been sent to Fields for a job by a federal parole officer.

He said he had heard of the bronze wire transactions only through occasional telephone conversations. "I did not do any work on it," he said.

But, he added, he had "heard" that he might receive a part of the commission for expenses he had incurred in other transactions involving Fields' associates.

Fields, in testimony before the committee, claimed that he gave one-third of a \$4442.80 commission on the screening to a "John Doe" whom he later identified as Brunner.

Fields served a prison term for mail fraud. Now he has been cited for contempt of the House investigating committee.



CHAIRMAN—Paul Henri Spaak (above) of Belgium is chairman of the rules committee at the Paris Peace Conference.

China's Leaders Again Talk Of Coalition Government

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SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Against the threatening background of armies arrayed and maneuvering against each other, the talk in the Chinese capital of Nanking suddenly has shifted back to the old starting point of forming a coalition government. This follows a good deal of leg work by American mediators George Marshall and John Leighton Stuart between the two Chinese camps—government and Communist.

It also is a return to Chiang Kai-Shek's long-standing promise to solve his quarrel with the Communists by political means instead of by fighting, as some of his generals want.

This sudden talk of agreement where most of the talk lately has been of war is interpreted in Nanking as an attempt to head off the generals on both sides who seem to think they can win a civil war now.

However, there also may be other reasons why both sides should discover now a revived interest in reasonable discussion.

One hint comes from Manchuria, where a Communist general has reached a truce agreement with his opposite number in the Nationalist camp. This Communist, Gen. Li Li-San, recently returned from 15 years in Soviet Russia and should have as good an idea of how the Russians stand on the Chinese question as anyone. His agreement, which pleasantly surprised even the Chinese government central news agency, raises the very important question of whether he would have agreed to anything if he saw any immediate prospect of strong Russian support.

Another hint lies half-buried in a story from Washington, where Associated Press Correspondent John Hightower discovered that Congressional delay on certain appropriation bills throws into considerable doubt the American program of aid to the Chinese government for the time being.

This may have been known in Nanking even earlier, and may have altered the thinking of Chinese government generals about the whole question of fighting vs. negotiating.

SP ORDERS 1000 CARS

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Southern Pacific Co., has ordered 1000 more new box cars to help ease the national box car shortage, President A. T. Mercier announced Friday.

Peron Aligns Argentina on Side of U. S. in 'Case of War'

By A. L. BRADFORD
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BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—President Juan D. Peron said here that should there be another world war, Argentina would fight on the side of the United States and the other American nations.

"Argentina is an American country, placed geographically in the American continent, and, consequently, my country inevitably forms an integral part of what might be called the 'American line'." President Peron declared in an interview in Argentina's famous Caserosada.

"We all know that there is a potential danger of other conflicts and if, unhappily, the statesmen of the world cannot prevent it, Argentina will be found ranged alongside the United States and the other American nations."

Suggests Airdromes
"A chain of mighty airdromes may prove to be far more necessary in the future, through the length of the American continent, than the Pan American highway. Argentina already is building such an airdrome at Ezeiza—outside of Buenos Aires—which will accommodate the greatest airplanes that can be envisaged during the next 10 years."

"Among the many accusations that have been hurled at me was that I was seeking to form a bloc of South American nations to be headed by Argentina, so as to counter-balance the United States. But how could a president of this country be so stupid? For Argentina to risk her destiny in such a bloc would mean that in a conflict she could be isolated and cut off from the great resources represented by the United States. No, Argentina prefers to be an equal partner in the great design of the union of all the Americas."

"Then, too, such a bloc would mean that Argentina would isolate herself from some of her most important markets. Do you think that I would want to limit our economic and commercial development to the markets of our immediate neighbors?"

"The world has developed through history, since the days when wars were fought between tribes, cities and then the nations of Europe, to the present age where conflicts will be between continents. Argentina is part of the American continent and, inevitably, will be aligned with the United States and the other nations of the American continent in any future conflict."

"Argentina also has been developing through the various stages of isolationism that have characterized the foreign policy of the United States. In the war of 1914 the United States was still isolationist but, as a result of the world war just ended, it has now turned its back definitely on isolationism. Argentina was isolationist in the war of 1914 and to somewhat lesser extent in the war just ended. But Argentina surely will turn her back, likewise, on isolationism in any future war involving the Americas."

Drive to Nab Tax Dodgers Prods Many 'Who Just Forgot'

By FRANK I. WELLER
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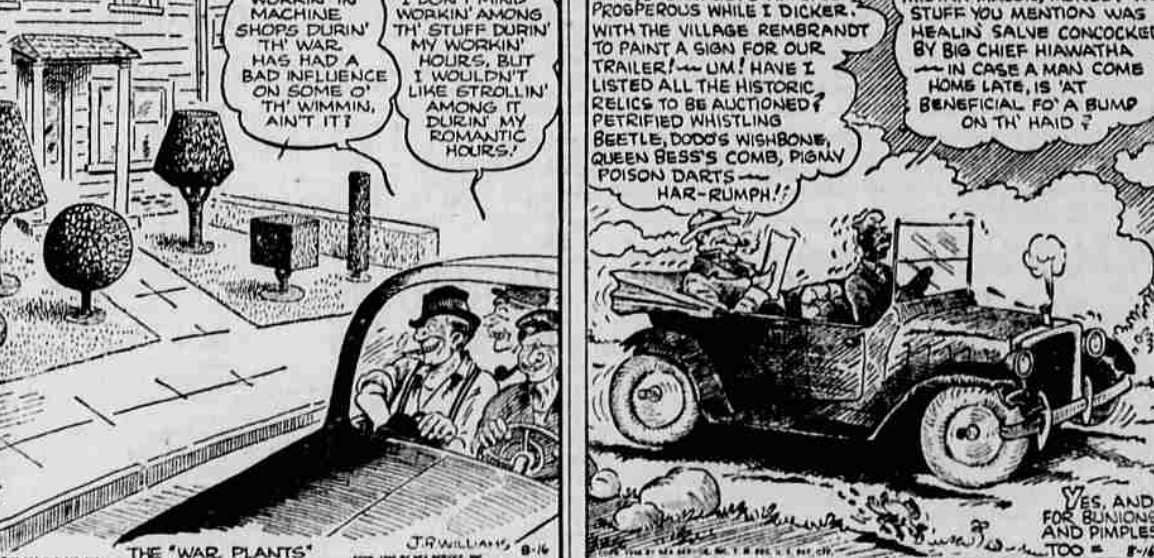
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