

### Asks Officials "Why?"



Hon. Royal C. Johnson.

This Republican statesman from South Dakota, chairman of the House Subcommittee on foreign expenditures, has been making a tour of marine hospitals and soldiers' hospitals of the country. He was a soldier himself and saw service in the World War. Congress appropriated \$9,500,000 for hospital purposes and although this money has been available since March 3, 1919, not a dollar of the amount has been expended. He is asking "why" and fixes the blame for the neglect on high officials.

Representative Johnson says: "A solemn promise to care for them was made by the American government at the time these boys entered the service, and the fact that the promise has been broken and violated is the darkest blot upon this administration and the men responsible for the execution of the laws of the United States."

## STATE NEWS - - - SPECIAL FEATURE SECTION

Under this Heading Each Week Will be Found Up-to-the-Minute News of the World in Picture and Text, Showing the Doings of the Great, the Near-Great and Those Who Are Striving to Become Great.—Items of General News Interest Gathered From Over the State at Large.—Women's Activities and Fashions.—Humor From the Leading Humorous Papers.

### SMALLEST YANK BOXER TO DEFEND TITLE



Here is America's smallest fighting man, Frankie Mason of Ft. Wayne, Ind., who, on March 12, at Toledo, O. is to meet the British champion, Jimmy Wilde for the world title. Mason weighs at 108 pounds. Wilde can make 167 pounds.

manufactured in San Francisco, will leave that city for the Oregon metropolis. The airplane will be equipped with Liberty motors.

A man in North Bend by the name of John Lewellyn, has been sleeping for fifty days, yet the doctors do not regard his case as hopeless and believe that he will recover.

The First Methodist church at Modford is planning a new edifice which will cost \$150,000. A big pipe organ is included in the plans.

A number of Umatilla farmers have appointed state senator Roy Ritzer of Pendleton chairman of a committee to draft resolutions asking Congress to set a price guarantee on the 1920 wheat crop. The growers are asking that the cost of production and a fair profit be guaranteed. Other members of the committee are Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland, E. P. Marshall of Pendleton, J. O. Hales of Adams and Lou Hodgen of Athena.

### Echo on the Job.

Echo Commercial Club has had five thousand small folders printed giving a brief summary of the business and farming conditions at Echo and in vicinity. These are intended for enclosures in letters written to out of town people and may be secured without charge.—Echo News.

### CAR SHORTAGE RESULT OF POOR MANAGEMENT

Senators Blame Conditions On Lack Administration of the Railroads.

### WALLA WALLA WILL HOLD OLD TIME FAIR

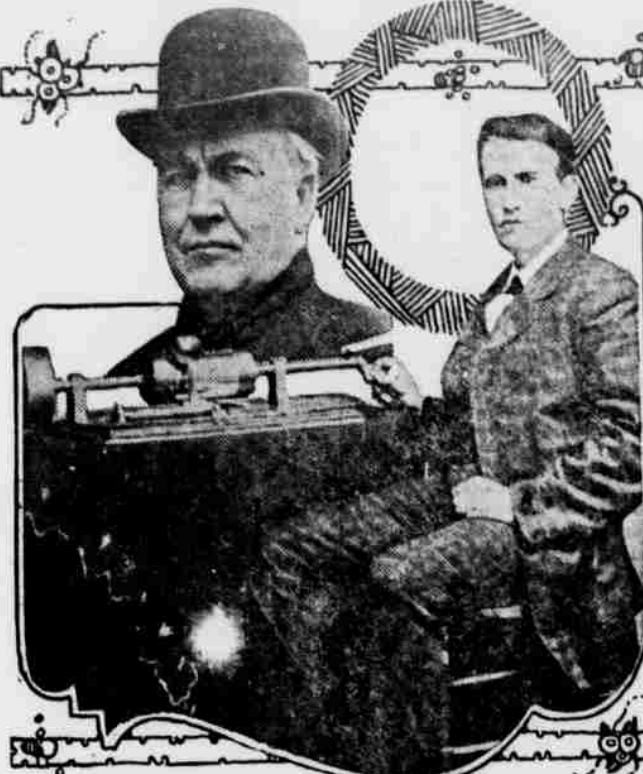
Walla Walla wants to get back to the old time fair basis in connection with its annual exhibition, and will endeavor to include in this year's fair program a strong list of horse racing events. A number of the directors prefer this class of entertainment to the wild west stunts which they think the people regard as "old stuff."

Passenger airplane service between San Francisco and Portland will be inaugurated April 1, when the first 19 passenger 500 horse power plane

Washington, Feb. 25.—Presentation by Senator Gronna of North Dakota of a resolution for an investigation of the car shortage served to bring out in the Senate an interesting discussion of the car shortage situation. Speeches by various Senators made it plain that the lack of sufficient cars for the transportation of the country's farm products and likewise the products of its manufacturing plants, mills, forests and mines, is an extremely serious matter. Senator Gronna is anxious to know what is at the bottom of the failure of the Railroad Administration to furnish the country and its shippers with an adequate car supply.

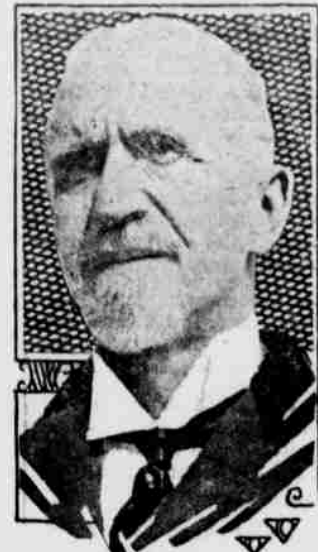
Senator Cummins, Chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, said there was no question of the existence of a serious car short-

### Thomas A. Edison at 30—and 73



Thomas A. Edison, the inventive genius of the world, has just passed another milestone—and one that will not soon be forgotten—his 73rd birthday. The affair was made a municipal party—the people of Orange, N. J., paying tribute to the man who has given their town such distinction. Here are pictures of Edison at 30 and 73. The big picture is from an old print in 1877—Edison and the first phonograph—which he invented. The insert is the wizard today. He was born at Milan, O., Feb. 11, 1847.

### ACKERMAN TROTS THE GLOBE FOR US



Representative E. R. Ackerman of New Jersey, is the United States' most traveled congressman. He has just returned from an investigation trip to all cemeteries of France, where American soldiers are buried. He has traveled on every continent—Africa, India, Persia, Australia, South America and the Far North.

### "NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN." HER POLICY



"Never too old to learn" is the living policy of Mrs. Frank E. James, wife of an Indianapolis, Ind., real estate man. So in June of this year she will graduate from the Indiana State University—in the same class with her 20 year-old daughter.

### To Stick Labels on Glass.

The Druggists' Circular and Chemical Gazette says that mucilage of tragacanth is a satisfactory agent. The mucilage is made by pouring over the gum enough water to a little more than cover it, and then, as the gum swells, adding more water from time to time. In small portions until the mucilage is brought to such a consistency that it may be easily spread with a brush. If the labels are of thick paper, perhaps flour paste might be better. Dextrine dissolved in cold water makes a tenacious paste. Its odor, however, is not particularly agreeable.

### Indian Women Progressing.

Oklahoma Indian girls are as much interested in the coming campaign as their paleface sisters. In Beckham county, Okla., they attend all the meetings held by the home demonstration agent, and this year made an excellent booth exhibit of the fruit and vegetables they had canned and dried. One Indian woman also exhibited 100 chickens of her own raising.—Exchange.

### London's Housing Problem.

The London housing board has inspected 2,000 houses that may be converted into flats. Of these 1,000 have been approved and work is to be commenced immediately. Work has also been begun on 8,000 houses.

### OLD NAMES FOR MODERN CARS

Easy to Trace Appellations That Have Been Given to Distinctive Makes of Automobiles.

He said that in order to maintain the car equipment as it existed when the government took possession it was necessary to supply 100,000 cars each year and that simply to maintain existing facilities. Even that number would not provide for the growing commerce of the country.

"Inevitable," said senator Cummins, "we are now suffering from even a greater car shortage than we were when the Government took possession."

Senator Gronna is anxious to find out not alone the facts as to the shortage of cars but also whether certain officials of the Railroad Administration have been negligent or wilfully interfering with the operation of the railroads. He presented some evidence to show that an effort had been made to force the farmers to throw their grain into the market at one time and thus reduce prices and that this had been done through an order of the Railroad Administration which resulted in grain cars not being reloaded with flour when emptied but hauled one way without a load. Senator Gronna said it was such mismanagement or abuse that he wanted to have probed.

Senator Harrison of Mississippi and also Senator Williams of that state referred to the great car shortage in the lumber industry. Senator Harrison said that when cars could not be secured for the lumber plant the plants were closed down and men were thrown out of employment while children went hungry.

Senator Kellogg of Minnesota went into the car shortage situation in much detail and asserted that the Government had not taken adequate steps to provide enough new cars and that what cars had been in service had been overworked and not maintained as they should have been.

The first sedans were portable enclosed chairs carried on poles by two men. They were extremely popular in England and are still used in China and India. The modern sedan has an enclosed body and accommodates seven passengers.

"Limousine" was originally the name of a cloak worn in France, and probably originated from Limousin, the name of an old province in central France. Today it is applied to the chauffeur-driven car with an enclosed compartment. The driver's seat is outside, but covered by a roof.

"Roadster" was first applied to vehicles that worked their way by means of the tides. Later it was used for bicycles. The modern roadster has an open body and was designed primarily for two persons, but of recent years the four-door roadster, accommodating four passengers, has met with popular favor.

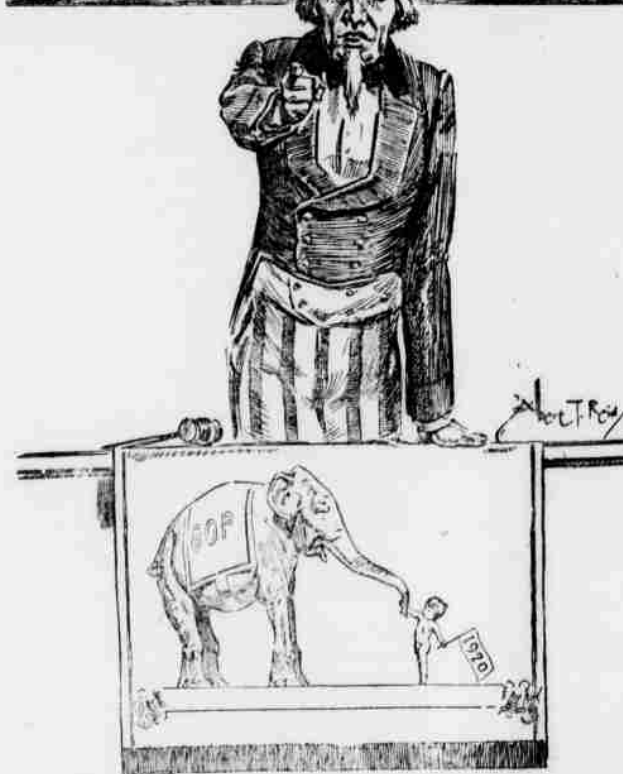
The "touring car," which is the most familiar type of car, takes its name from the fact that it is used by motorists on lengthy tours. It is an open car also, with a tonneau and four doors, seating seven passengers.

### Indicts Indian Bureau



Representative Homer P. Snyder of this Republican statesman from New York is chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs. In reporting the Indian appropriation bill the committee made sweeping reductions of the estimates amounting to nearly one-third the amount asked. Congressman Snyder indicted the administration of the Indian bureau under Cato Sells, Democrat, and produced figures to show that the bureau's expenditures have been increasing at the rate of \$1,000,000 A YEAR while the Indians have been decreasing.

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