

## EXPLOSION IN SHIPS' BUNKERS

Ensign Is Severely Injured When Gas In Coal Bunkers of Battleship Kansas Explodes—Ship Visiting English Seaport.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 21.—An explosion of gas in the coal bunkers of the battleship Kansas, now at Portland, England, is reported in private cable dispatches received here. Ensign Theodore Wilkenson was severely injured it is said.

Wilkenson and eight men were testing the coal bunkers. They entered with an unprotected light and an explosion followed. The ensign was burned about the head and arms.

## BROTHER CHARLIE DINES RUNAWAYS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Indication that the administration at Washington endorses the action of 15 republican members of the West Virginia senate who fled here to prevent the organization of that body by democrats, is seen today in the announcement that Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, will dine the fugitive legislators.

Under a compromise arranged between Senator-elect Chilton, for the democrats, and Governor Glascock of West Virginia, for the republicans, the exiles will return to their legislative duties Monday.

## BATTLE IMMINENT IN HYTIAN REPUBLIC

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Jan. 21.—Battle is expected at or near Saltron, Hayti, within the next few days between a force from Santo Domingo which crossed the border at Grand Grouzier, and is marching toward the former town and the troops of the Haytian republic. Large forces of infantry and artillery are being rushed to the front, all efforts at conciliation by the British and German residents having apparently failed.

## TALKS ON THE EYES

In another column (or on another page) of this issue, Dr. Rickert, the eyesight specialist, commences a series of optical talks which will appear exclusively in the Mail Tribune each Sunday edition for a number of weeks.

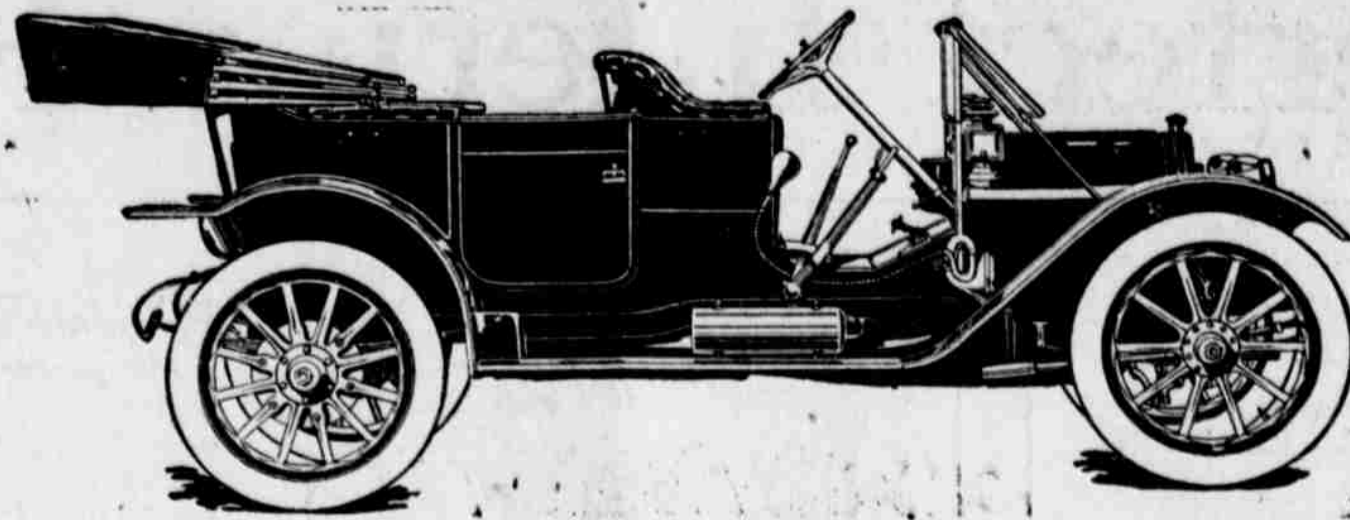
Few persons realize the importance of caring for the eyes, neglect being generally the rule; we trust the people in general will profit by these little "talks" by Dr. Rickert and will seek his services as a professional optometrist.

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First, learn if a car has proven itself a good machine, considered purely as a machine. Service in the hands of owners and performance in contests are the only absolute proofs. This test will eliminate some.

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Beauty first. There is beauty of line and beauty of finish, and beauty in a motor car is deeper than paint. It goes down to the materials and the construction. It means something in addition to eye-delight.

Then look carefully to the matter of comfort—comfort for the passengers and comfort for the driver. Comfort and mere bigness don't necessarily go together.

During demonstrations note how the cars treat you when going over rough spots; note how you feel after riding for an hour in different cars; note whether the seats have springs in them, whether they are tilted; whether the cushion fits your back and shoulders, or not.

Observe the springs on different cars, how they act when called into play. Observe how bodies are suspended, whether they hang between the axles or whether the tonhave springs in them, whether they are tilted; whether the cars are resilient—or harsh.

Sit behind the steering wheels of other cars. Note whether your position there is comfortable—whether the gear shift lever and the emergency break lever are near at hand or whether you must stoop over to reach them. Note the position of the pedals, of the throttle and the accelerator. And do the same with the Chalmers car.

Look carefully to the four main factors of safety; frame, wheels, steering connections, brakes. You cannot examine these with too much care. Examine the refinements—the wood in dash and door strips and body the levers, the pedals, the door handles and locks, the floor coverings, foot rests and all the other "little things." See what they are like on other cars. Then on the Chalmers.

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