

FOURTEEN

The MOTOR DIGEST

AUTOMOTIVE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Tractors are used in India for stump pulling. American farmers own approximately 2,366,475 passenger automobiles. The New York state coat of arms is to be displayed on all state-owned automobiles.

During the World War, 19,000 tractors went into Canada duty free, at a cost of \$17,000,000.

Women employed as road builders near Petrograd, Russia, receive the equivalent of 50 cents a day.

The average buyer of a passenger automobile figures the total value of the car is in the appearance.

For 1920, the Wisconsin motor license fee has been held by Emory A. Odell, postmaster of Monroe.

All patrolmen who are promoted to police sergeants in Baltimore, Md., must be operators of motor vehicles.

Buenos Aires has the only factory in the Argentine producing pneumatic tires and inner tubes for automobiles.

Practically 80 per cent of the automobiles actually manufactured in France remain unsold at the present time.

In Manitoba, Canada, one resident in every sixteen owns an automobile, or a total of 36,465 cars for the whole province.

Road construction in Greece in ordinary soil costs from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per mile; in rocky soil from \$15,000 to \$21,000 per mile.

Approximately 12,000 motor vehicles are registered in the province of Good Hope, South Africa. The number of motorcycles is 4,500.

Texas has the greatest mileage of all roads completed, the total being 138,830 miles. Kansas ranks second with 111,052 miles.

Roads in France are of three classes: National, provincial and district, the last two corresponding to American state and county highways.

Automobile license reciprocity is estimated to have brought into Canada at the Windsor border more than \$4,000,000 during the past year.

One hundred state, municipal and private engineers are attending a special course in highway engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

As a revenue producer, the automobile industry was the third in line for the fiscal year ended July 1, 1920, in taxes collected from the sale of automobiles.

New York state, with a population of 10,284,838, has one automobile in operation for every fifteen of its residents, or a registration of 692,174 motor vehicles.

Thirty-two thousand motorists in Pennsylvania during the year of 1920 violated the automobile laws. In 13,225 instances, the violations were in the matter of lights.

Central high school in Houston, Tex., is offering courses for expert instruction in auto mechanics. The legal requirement is that students be at least 14 years of age.

In Georgia, there are under construction or just completed, more than 1100 miles of good roads and twelve miles of bridges, involving a total cost of \$17,512,954.

The British government plans to realize \$30,000,000 from the recently proposed horsepower taxes, to cover the expense of constructing and maintaining highways in the United Kingdom.

Contracts for road-building throughout Ontario, calling for expenditure of more than \$2,000,000, were recently announced. The work will begin at once to help relieve the unemployment situation.

With Virginia leading with 51.1 per cent, every state in the union showed a gain in motor vehicle registration for the past year. The majority of states had increases ranging from 18 to 24 per cent.

The 1921 models in American-made passenger automobiles incline toward low, straight lines in deep set bodies with moderately sized wheels and high hoods. Colors are displayed in many different shades.

As a result of unusually mild weather throughout the country this winter, especially in the northern states, approximately 3,000,000 more passenger cars and trucks are in service than there were a year ago.

More than forty states in the union have established a system of main roads. The aggregate mileage of the main systems is approximately 8 per cent of the total mileage of rural roads within the United States.

During the first eight months of 1920, 3,164 automobiles were imported into Belgium. Of this number, 1,250 were of American make, and 1,084 of French; 410 are reported as being of German origin, 279 Italian, and 111 English.

The Old Timers' club, which recently held its annual meeting in Chicago, has a membership of more than 6,000 veterans of the automobile fraternity. This organization is composed exclusively of men who have been active in the industry for five years or more.

In spite of the fact that thousands of automobile accidents have taken place over the world annually visit Switzerland, they are not permitted to enter the community of Grisons. The cantonal authorities of the Grisons ordained in 1910 that motor vehicles may not use the roads of the canton.

"HOME BEAUTIFUL" IS TO BE SUBJECT OF A SHOW (Boston Post)

"Home Sweet Home," as written by Sir Henry Romberg Bishop just 100 years ago, while still a popular song is believed never to have been evolved in the same spirit that "the home beautiful" was. This exposition conceived by Chester I. Campbell, will be held in the Mechanics building, Boston, for two weeks, April 18 to 30.

A home is defined as a shelter, and dates back presumably to the time of Adam and Eve, then down through the ages past the cave man hut to the castles and costly residences of a later day. Not until this age has there been the luxury of appointments and labor-saving devices that science has put in the possession of even the person of limited means.

As a demonstration of the many devices, "the home beautiful" has been conceived. The broom, wash-board, the scrubbing brush have been replaced by the vacuum cleaner, washing machines and many other electric appliances. Added to these are hundreds of other novelties and labor saving devices which will be demonstrated to the spectators. Mr. Campbell has his plans in definite shape, and it is hoped that the first "home beautiful show" will mark an epoch in expositions.

KING PETER REDUCED TO STATE OF INVALID

Totally Deaf and Spends Time In Wheel-Chair

PARIS, Feb. 12.—King Peter of Serbia, now seventy-nine years old, is very feeble, according to reports reaching Paris from Belgrade. He is totally deaf and spends all his time in bed or in an invalid's wheel-chair. Only the crown prince and princess Helene, his widowed daughter, whose husband was killed by the bolsheviks, are permitted to see him.

While the paralysis that has affected the old monarch's right side for the past two years has improved somewhat, he is unable to walk. He has lost steadily in weight and energy since coming from his retreat in Phaleron, Greece, a year ago and has ceased to participate in the affairs of state.

He is living in a little stone house outside the city of Belgrade. His only companions are his physician and a personal servant.

After the liberation of Serbia from the Austrians in October, 1918, King Peter returned to Belgrade with his army and entered actively into the reorganization and reconstruction of his shattered country. Falling ill, however, compelled him soon after to seek retirement to private life. The affairs of state and court were turned over to his son, Prince Alexander, who became Prince Regent of the new state of Yugoslavia.

Early in 1919, the king was removed to a quiet retreat near Athens, Greece, where he lived for a year or more in a small six-room house overlooking the Bay of Phaleron.

To meet his long-cherished wish that he might die in his native soil, the Serbian authorities late last year brought the invalid king back to his beloved Belgrade. He avoided society and kept aloof from all court and public functions.

ORDER AGAINST MONOCLE STIRS ARMY OFFICERS

Prussian Military Aroused Over Recent Order

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—An order forbidding the wearing of the monocle by officers and members of the security police, issued by the Prussian minister of the interior, has brought down upon the minister a veritable avalanche of abuse. It also has evoked arguments in favor of the ancient institution of the single eye-glass.

The minister described the wearing of the monocle as "an unbecoming habit" and attributed it to the vanity of officers rather than to any weakness of the eye. His critics accuse him of being deficient in anatomical knowledge, of making a grand-stand play to the proletariat, and of a malicious attempt to overthrow an old, honored, and common German institution.

A man's two eyes are very seldom of equal soundness, it is pointed out, and the use of spectacles might injure a sound eye while aiding the weak member. Therefore, it is argued, the custom is well established on physical grounds.

The majority of the commentators scornfully reject the minister's reasons for the order—that the monocle is an affectation and smacks of non-archaic times. They argue that the one-eye-glass custom prevails in such democratic countries as England and even to some extent in America.

One participant in the fray thinks the monocle wearer is not getting a square deal. Any man who can manage to hold a round piece of glass between his eye-brow and his cheek bone ought to be rewarded with a medal of merit for exceptional skill, instead of being reprimanded.

SOCIAL AT BLADENBORO

Thursday Club Entertained by Miss Suggs and Mrs. Powell

BLADENBORO, Feb. 12.—A lovely Valentine party was given by Miss Ida Suggs and Mrs. N. B. Powell at the home of Mrs. Powell Thursday afternoon when they entertained the Thursday club. After the business discussions and program, which included a paper by Miss Clara Buie and a piano duet, "March Militaire," by Schubert, played by Messrs. G. S. Hutchinson and R. E. Powell, the meeting was turned over to the hostesses.

Mrs. R. E. Powell, was the winner of a pretty box of stationery in a Valentine contest. The guests were then invited to the dining room where covers were laid for 12 on a beautifully appointed table, the center piece being a large cuple doll holding a bow and arrow and streamers of red ribbon running to edge of the table on which placed the place card for guest.

The place cards were heart shaped Valentines. Mrs. Henry Bridger, Jr., read a short piece, "The Origin of Valentine's" and each was asked to give an original Valentine rhyme. Marshmallow pudding with cream and red cherries were served carrying out the colors.

Mrs. R. E. Powell entertained a few friends Friday night at a shower given for Mrs. Dwight Kelly, a recent bride. The invited friends were the Philathea class of which Mrs. Kelly is a member.

After an interesting love story contest J. K. Buie pulled in a small motor wagon decorated in yellow crepe, paper and in which sat little Edwin Powell, the small son of Rev. and Mrs. Powell, holding in his lap all of the useful and pretty gifts and showered them on Mrs. Kelly. Ice cream and cake were served.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM, HE CLAIMS HE WAS "FRAMED UP"

STAUNTON, Va., Feb. 11.—Col. James S. Browning, of Pocahontas, Va., Virginia, who was recently committed to an independent candidate for governor of the eastern state hospital for the insane here, issued a statement tonight in which he declared he was "framed up" and that he has instituted habeas corpus proceedings to obtain his release.

Col. Browning was detained in Washington when he went there on a trip several days ago and was later transferred to the institution here. In his statement he said he went to the capital to collect war risk insurance on the death of his nephew, a coast artilleryman who died in Idaho.

CALL OFF FEDERAL TROOPS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 12.—Federal troops on strike duty at Williamsport, West Virginia, will be withdrawn February 16, Major Charles Thompson, assistant chief of staff to Major General Read, commander of the fifth army corps area, with headquarters at Fort Benjamin Harrison, announced tonight. According to Major Thompson, the company still on duty will return to Camp Sheridan, Ohio, on that date unless unforeseen difficulties arise.

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