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ARMISTICE DAY

Have the people forgotten the
 extreme feeling of Thanksgiving
 they experienced when the word
 was flashed over the wire the
 eleventh day of November, 1918,
 that the armistice was signed and
 the fighting ended?

The President of the United
 States has asked that this day be

set aside as one of Thanksgiving
 and has requested that prayers
 be offered for the success of the
 armament conference which be-
 gins on that date.

We hope that our people will
 close their places of business on
 that day and make it a real day
 of thanksgiving and will join
 with the great masses of people
 of this country, and the balance
 of the world, in a sincere prayer
 for the success of this coming
 conference.

**THE ARMAMENT CON-
 FERENCE**

Delegates from all the larger
 nations of the world are gather-
 ing in Washington for the confer-
 ence to consider reduction of arm-
 aments and any other questions
 which may come before the con-
 ference.

This is one of the momentous
 meetings in the history of the
 world, and the greatest by far
 ever held in this country. The
 results of this conference will
 have a great bearing upon the fu-
 ture destiny of the world, for
 whether great reductions are
 made in armaments, new align-
 ments are bound to be the result.
 The world is now in an economic
 chaos and is still in a period of
 adjustment; the people are over-
 burdened with taxation; poverty
 is stalking the earth like a plague
 and no one knows what the fu-
 ture may hold.

That there is a crying need for

a reduction in expenditures for
 armaments there can be no ques-
 tion of doubt when one will con-
 sider that in 1912 the United
 States appropriated \$244,177,000
 for its Army and Navy, while the
 appropriations for 1921 aggre-
 gate the staggering sum of \$1,
 422,752,000. Eighty-eight and
 four tenths per cent of total ap-
 propriations for the fiscal year
 1921 went to pay the costs of
 past wars and to prepare for fu-
 ture wars.

The peoples of the world must
 make themselves heard at this
 conference so that there will be
 no juggling of issues and com-
 promises to effect this and that
 thing. What the world wants is
 an assurance that these enormous
 expenditures are cut down and
 thereby the chances of future
 wars minimized to just that ex-
 tent.

There must be no secrecy
 in these meetings. The doors
 should remain open so that the
 public may have an opportunity
 to hear and be heard. That is
 the only assurance that the sen-
 timent of the world will be behind
 the conclusions reached. Secre-
 cy is the instrument of the devil
 and if there are dealings and
 trades behind closed doors, and
 the public is excluded, the same
 old course of secret diplomacy
 will be run. Liberal opinion
 throughout the world is demand-
 ing that it be heard through free,
 open and intelligent discussions.

and that is the only assurance
 that the world will be safe for
 democracy, and that the conclu-
 sions reached will be based upon
 public sentiment and thereby be
 made enduring.

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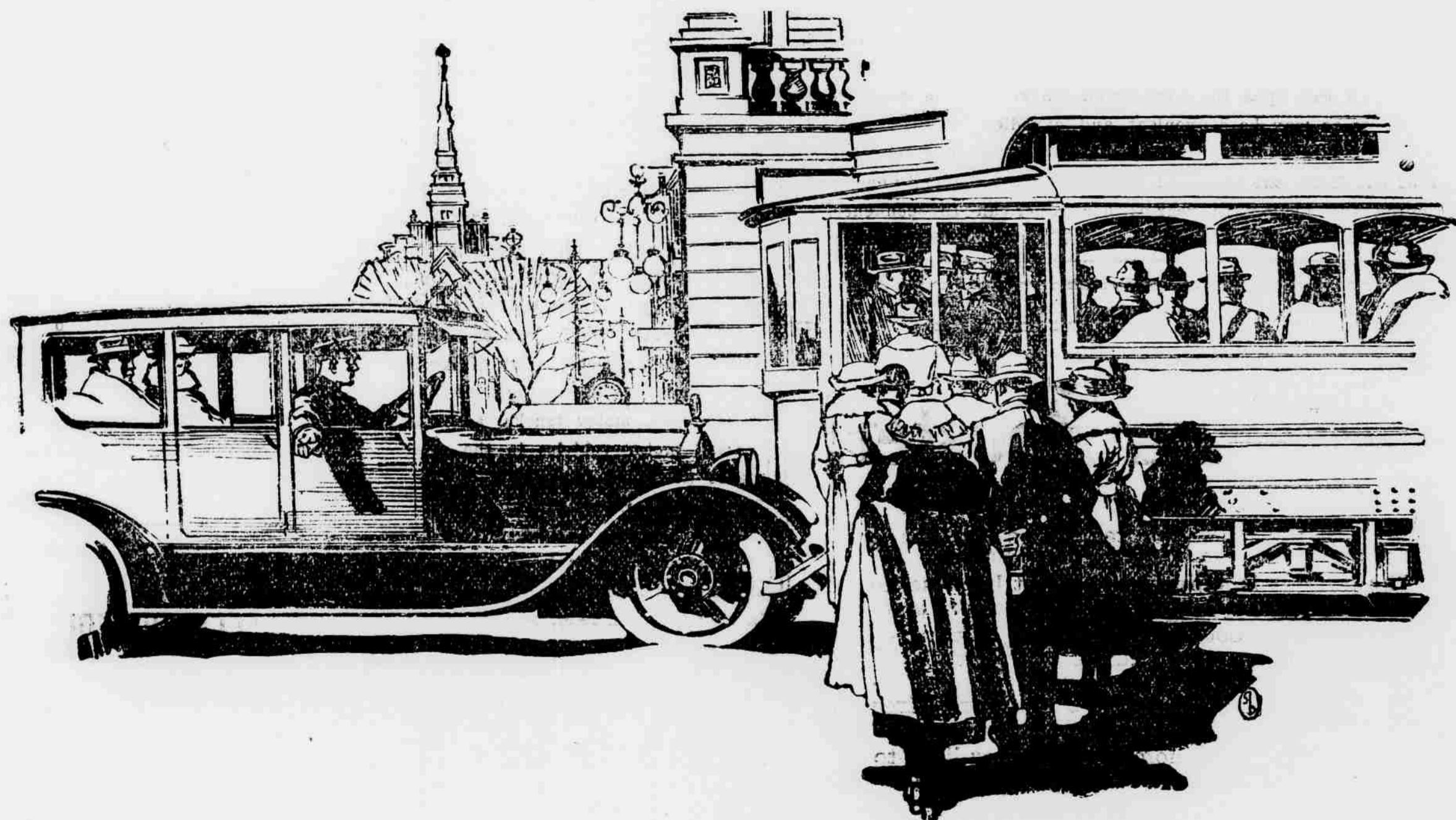
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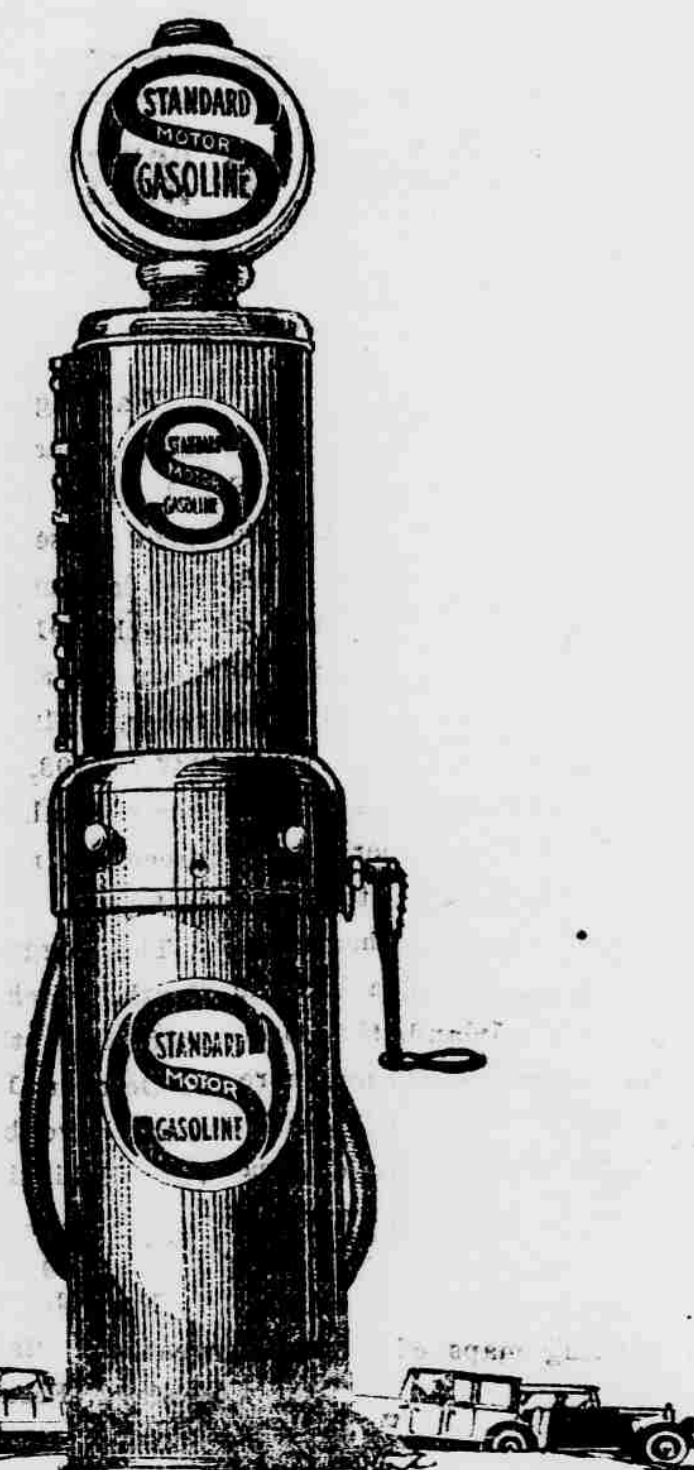
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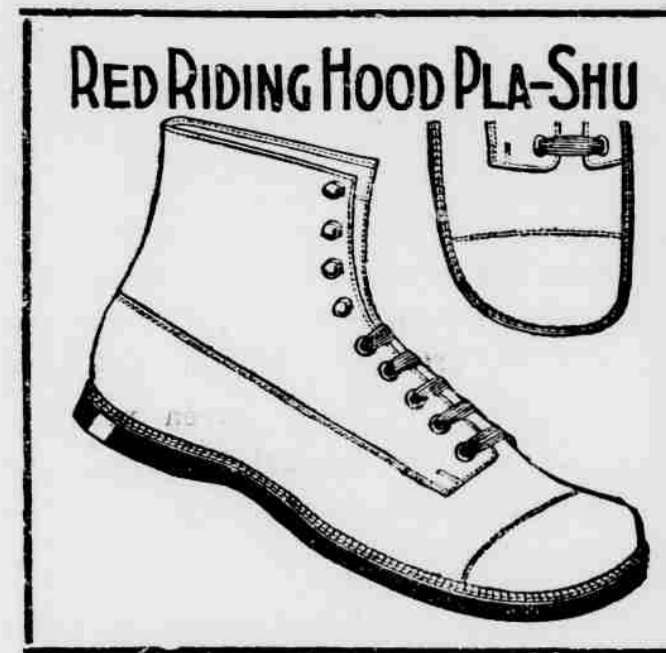
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