

INDIANAPOLIS NOW BIG MOTOR CENTER

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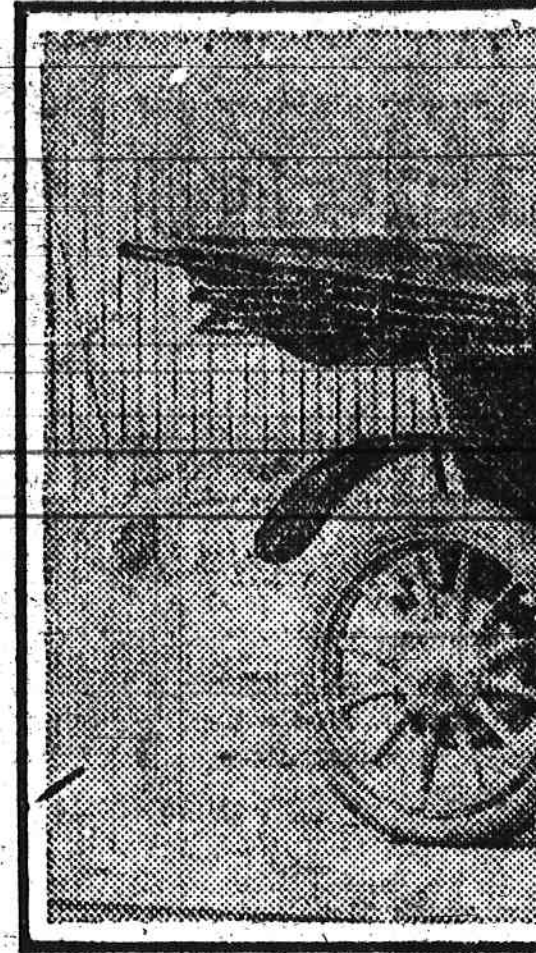
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"These 20,000 cars represent \$35,000,000, most of which will be paid by local Indianapolis banks. A considerable portion will be paid in wages to our fellow townsmen engaged in this great industry. It is, in every item, more than all others, a great good which the automobile industry is doing for Indianapolis and its citizens."

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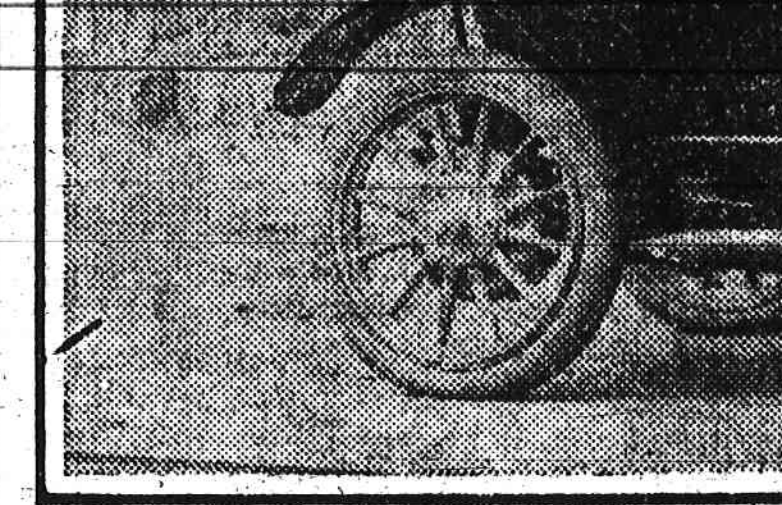
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"All of these 20,000 cars will be shipped from the local factories by the latter part of August, 1910, at the very latest. Let us stop a moment and consider what 20,000 automobiles a year means. There are only 300 working days during the year, and so 67 cars must be turned out each one of these days, or nearly seven cars an hour to be shipped from Indianapolis. An average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ automobiles will be shipped in a freight car, and so 8,000 freight cars, or 320 freight trains of 25 cars each, will be required to carry these automobiles to their destination.

"This means that an average of more than one trainload composed entirely of automobiles will leave Indianapolis every day during the coming year. These 820 trains, if coupled together, would reach seventy-seven miles. The 20,000 automo-



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"OLD ROMAN" BUYS MACHINE.

Comiskey Joins Hughie Jennings as Owner of Studebaker Car.

To the list of baseball celebrities who own and drive their own Studebaker cars has been added President Charles A. Comiskey of the White Sox. Comiskey purchased his car from the Chicago branch of the Studebakers previous to his taking his annual hunt on the Mississippi River. The car was one of the new Studebaker "Forties," of the "G-7" model, equipped with a limousine body. A few weeks ago Hughie Jennings, the popular manager of the Detroit American Baseball League, purchased one of the new Studebaker E. M. F. "Thirty" cars at Detroit. Immediately thereafter he drove his machine to Scranton, Pa., his winter home, where he is practicing law.