

INDIANAPOLIS NOW CALLED AUTO CITY

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WILL MAKE 2,000 MACHINES

Manufacturers Confident That
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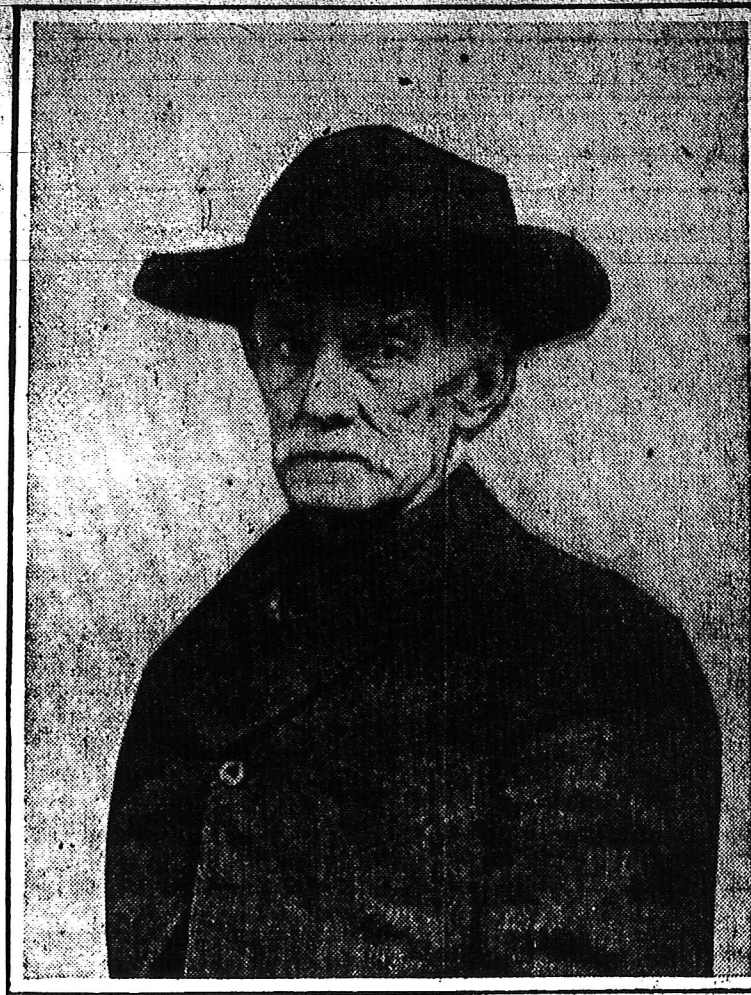
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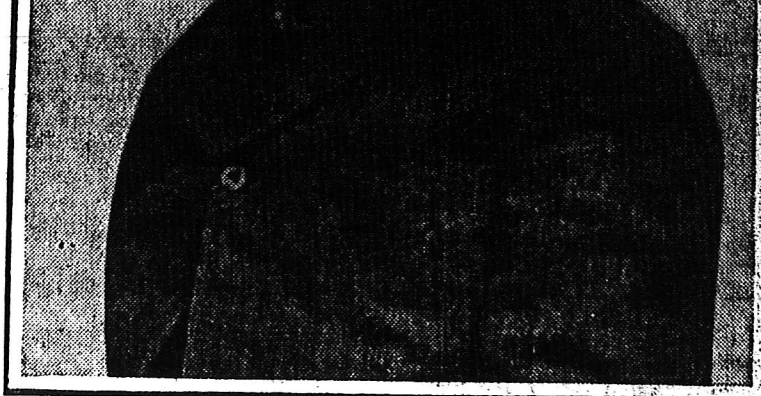
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The Marion Motor Company will make four styles—two kinds of touring cars, one of sixteen and the other of twenty-eight horse power, runabouts and physicians' cars. The different styles will be exhibited at the big automobile show to be held in New York next month. Manager H. N. Byfield expressed the prediction that the business for the coming year will be greater than ever before.

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The Nurdyke & Marmon Company, manufacturers of the Marmon, will make various improvements to their cars, but the models will remain much the same as last year. Two sizes of touring cars with four cylinders will be made. The feature that has always distinguished the Marmon, that of two frames, one holding the motor and the other the body of the machine, will be used this season.

Its success in establishing records for speed and distance has made the National popular and brought much business to the National Motor Vehicle Company, its maker. The National holds records for the 150-mile, the 650-mile and the 1,050-mile as well as the 24-hour record.

"Covering more than 1,094 miles in twenty-four hours," remarked Manager George M. Dickson, "was the best advertisement we ever had. Since that time we have constructed a larger and more powerful machine than the one which established the record. The new six-cylinder 50-60 horse power is one that is being demanded in all parts of the country. We intended to make only a limited number of these, but orders for them have been numerous and insistent. I would not be surprised if this car would prove to be the wonder of cycle mechanism during the coming season."

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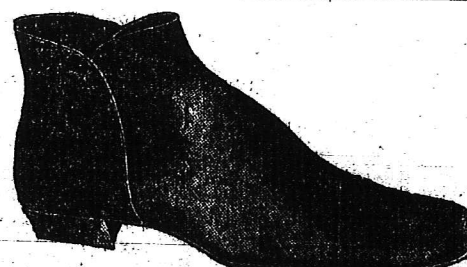
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