

### CUT IN AUTO TAX WILL BENEFIT ALL

#### REDUCTION IN PRICE SEEN

**President of Motor Club Thinks Lowering of Federal Revenues on Cars May Cut Costs**

Every cent of reduction in the automobile excise taxes that congress authorizes in the next revenue bill will accrue to the benefit of automobile owners, according to a statement issued today by Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

This assurance was given to local motorists by Mr. Hayes on the basis of reports from the national headquarters of the American Automobile association, where a recent meeting was held in which every phase of the automotive industry was represented and at which the participants virtually bound themselves to give the consumers the full benefit of reduction or complete elimination of the war excise tax on motor vehicles, accessories and tires.

#### May Reduce Price

"In urging the motorists," he said, "to get behind their senators and representatives for the repeal of the tax, the Chicago Motor club is confident that this movement will mean material reduction in the price of automobiles, accessories and parts in 1926. That means reduction in operating expenses all along the line. The groups representing the entire industry which took part in the recent meeting at Three A headquarters in Washington were in accord that every cent of relief granted by congress would be passed on to the owners of automobiles; in fact the manufacturers have in most instances gone on record to that effect of their own volition. While the elimination of the excise tax would mean an average reduction of \$29.00 on each new automobile purchased, apart from the tax on parts, the repeal of the tax would mean a good deal more in practice for the reason that the overhead caused by complicated bookkeeping machinery is now passed on to the users. As a result of appeals from the constituents seven members of the ways and means committee of

the house of representatives have already promised to give one hundred per cent support to the repeal program, while many others have displayed strong sympathy for the demands of motordom. It is all very well to work in Washington, but what counts most in the final reckoning is unremitting hammering in the form of appeals from the constituents 'back home.' If the motorists do their part and do it now we may safely predict a victory for the ways and means committee. This would mean that the repeal of the tax would go through congress without a fight."

### SIGNAL WITH HAND IN MAKING TURNS

**Motorists Urged to Remember Safety Precaution in All Instances**

"In the old days when a car was going to make a turn or come to a stop, it was no unusual sight to see arms extended from the car in every direction," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club. "Back seat driving has gone out of fashion to a great extent but a reaction in the matter of signaling has set in. Today the back seat passenger refrains from signaling, but in too many cases the driver also neglects to signal."

"Many motorists are of the opinion that this is merely a courtesy of the road whereas it is a definite obligation imposed by law. The motor vehicle act in Illinois says: 'No driver of a vehicle shall suddenly stop, slow down, or attempt to turn around without first signaling his intentions with outstretched arms or otherwise to those closely following in the rear.'"

"In Chicago a city ordinance requires drivers moving out from the curb to signal their intentions. This is a common sense regulation in effect in most cities, and one which would prevent many accidents if adhered to."

#### WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Time was when Americans said: "Taxation without representation is tyranny," and fought the Revolutionary war to gain their point. Today all American citizens, directly or indirectly, are taxed. But fifty per cent of them are too lazy or too indifferent to see to it that they tax themselves. Fifty per cent of them fail to take the trouble to elect their own representatives.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### PAUCITY OF VOTES REGARDED SERIOUS

**Minority Only Goes to Polls Primary Reports Show; Danger Seen**

Politicians are taking advantage of the recent primaries, and the smallness of the vote as compared with the total number of voters, again to call attention to the effect that only a minor portion of our voters take part in the affairs of their government.

And the most discouraging feature, they say, is that the number of the whole who vote seems to be getting smaller in every election. Thirty years ago, it is pointed out, approximately eighty per cent of those entitled to vote, took part in the elections, whereas in the last two presidential elections only fifty per cent of the people entitled to vote, voted. Primary figures are even more discouraging and in many instances candidates are chosen by a very small percentage of the total of the voters qualified to take part in the election.

The figures of the voters in the United States do not compare well with the figures in other countries, it is pointed out. In the last general election held in Great Britain, eighty-three per cent of the qualified voters took part in the election. In Australia the average number of voters over a period of years has been seventy-five per cent, while in New Zealand, noted for its interest in politics, the total is eighty-four per cent. In Germany, where the republic is still new and there are millions still favoring the monarchial system, from seventy-five to eighty-two per cent have taken part in the recent elections.

It is pointed out that if the number of voters in America keeps on diminishing our system of representative government may in time become endangered.

The president of Chile resigned recently, proving that those South Americans don't know the first principle of popular government, which is to hang on until somebody pries you loose.

Another romantic idea about the Orient is shattered by the report that Persian farmers are now using American tractors instead of horses and camels.

### CHINESE LEARNING TO DIAL THEIR OWN

**Automatic Telephones Are Introduced in That Country; Is Popular**

Automatic telephones are being rapidly introduced in China.

The largest automatic telephone exchange of the far east is that of the Dairen telephone system, which was installed early in 1922. It is operated by the South Manchurian Railway company and is equipped for 4,800 subscribers' lines, being the first to be used by the Japanese in Manchuria. It is so arranged that it may be increased in capacity to a total of 10,000 lines. There is also an automatic exchange at Harbin, which was introduced a year earlier than the Dairen exchange, and is equipped for 3,000 lines. It was the successful operation of this exchange that paved the way for the Dairen project.

Negotiations are now under way for the installation of an automatic system to serve the Tientsin district.

### MORE FACTS ABOUT STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois is the "home office" of more fraternal orders than any other state.

Illinois electric railways carry an average of 5,258,458 passengers each day, or the equivalent of all the people in the state 295 times per year.

There are 237,181 farms in Illinois, of which 73.2 per cent have telephone service and 62.7 per cent have automobiles.

Illinois has 16,700 oil wells and ranks seventh among the states in crude oil production.

Illinois gas companies manufacture 36,732 cubic feet of gas for each of their 1,200,000 customers each year.

Near Utica once stood the greatest city ever built by North American Indians. It was a community of 2,400 homes when Father Marquette, the first white man to see it, made his way up the Illinois river.

Illinois electric light and power companies produced during August, 1925, 426,210,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, an increase of 16 per cent over August, 1924, according to the United States Geological Survey.

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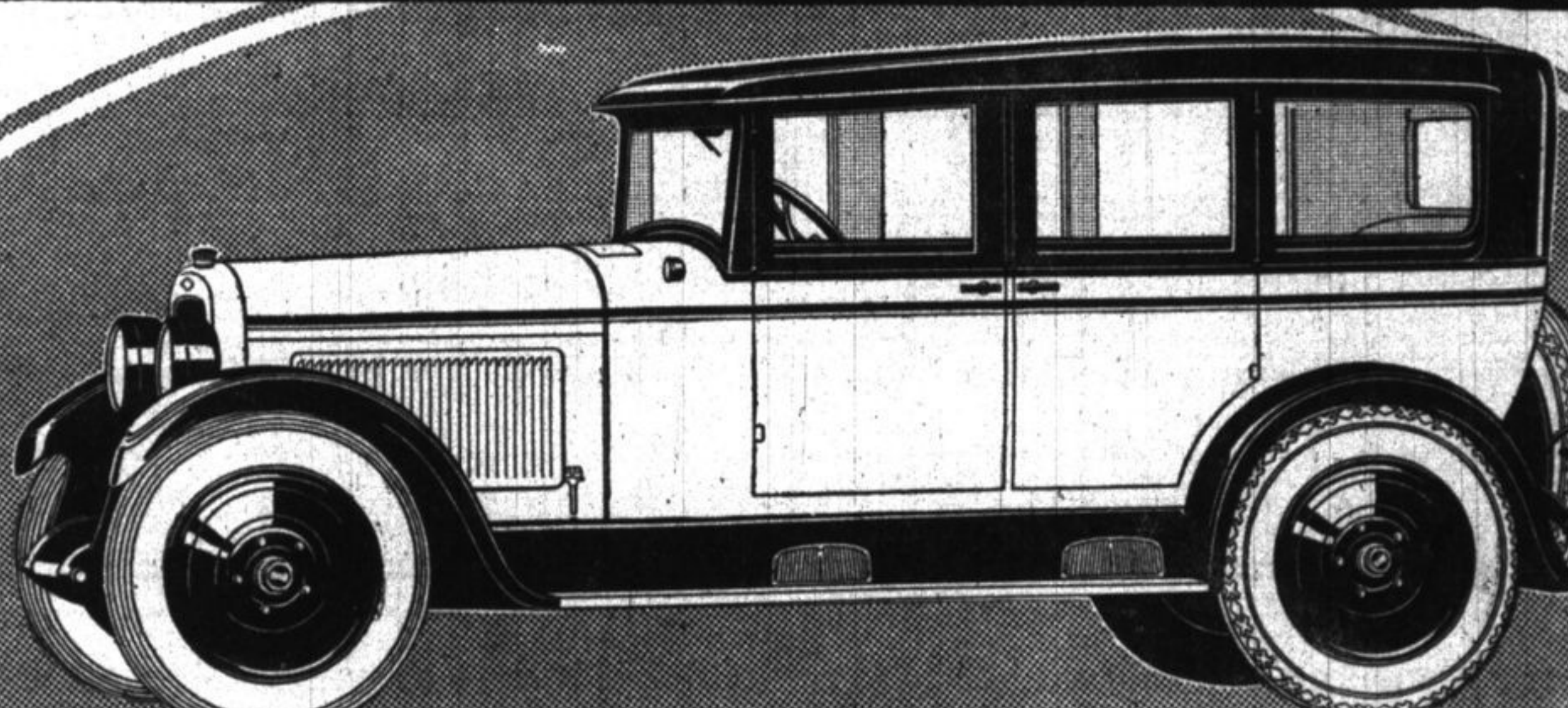
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