

Walter McPeek, Scout Executive of the Northshore Area Council with Northshore towns this fall.

AUTO EXCISE TAX NETS

The automobile excise tax, inaugurated on October 4., 1917 and completely repealed on May 29, 1928, nefted the Government a total of \$1,099,083,079, according to figures compiled by the American Motorists' association, in co-operation with The Automobile club of Illinois. Repeal of the tax, assessed only on new cars purchased, means a saving of approximately \$70,000,000 annually, the figures show.

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said Tom Tuttle of Squash Bend as China was very populous, and had Mr. Lavelle, his new French neighbor, standing armies equipped with horses, kissed him for fixing his fence.-Farm gunpowder and firearms. This deterand Fireside.

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Planned to Invade That Country From Philippines But When They Learned China Had Firearms, Desisted

When the American Indians had the misfortune of being discovered by the Spaniards, the three principal means employed by the invaders to subdue them were the horse, fire-arms and treachery.

When, however, the Spaniards and Portuguese set out to conquer parts of Asia, the story was entirely different, declares Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology at Field Museum of Natural History and noted writer on the Orient, in discussion the his- life story of John J. Bernet, president Headquarters in Highland Park, who tory of firearms as illustrated in the begins his third year of service to museum's collections. In 1571 the The American Magazine. Spaniards entered the Bay of Manila and, to their surprise, were greeted of Railroad Giants Is Over" the magby cannon fire from the citadels of agazine tells the story of this extwo fortified towns. Antonio de Mor- blacksmith's management of first the GOVERNMENT BIG SUM ga, a Spanish writer, relates that long Nickel Plate line, then a run down before the arrival of the Spaniards, road, and his management in turn of the Philippine Islanders had bronze the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Pere culverins and cast iron pieces for de- Marquette and finally the Erie. Berfense. When the Portuguese took Ma- net's story is linked with that of O. P. lacca in 1510 they captured 3000 artil- and M. J. Sweringen, two former real lery pieces, 2,000 of which were of ronze, and the rest iron.

Spies to China After the Spaniards settled in the Philippines, according to the researches of Dr. Laufer, they sent spies to China to find out whether she could be conquered as easily as Mexico and Peru. These emissaries were Augustinian friars, whose reports are still extant. They returned and reported "Gimme thankless jobs hereafter," that it could not be done, because red the Spanish governors from any

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be said that it was the invention of the Nickel Plate and took him from gunpowder that saved China from the New York Central to run it. the fate of Mexico and Peru, says Always Bernet reached out for his Dr. Laufer.

arrival of any European nations in gregate more than 9,000 miles of century, and was first employed in and a half dollars. the manufacture of firecrackers and fireworks. Large guns were made there beginning about the twelfth century.

ROMANCE IN RAILWAY PRESIDENT'S CAREER

Magazine Writer Believes So and Tells How in Story of J. J. Bernet

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attempt to invade China, and it may estate men of Cleveland, who bought

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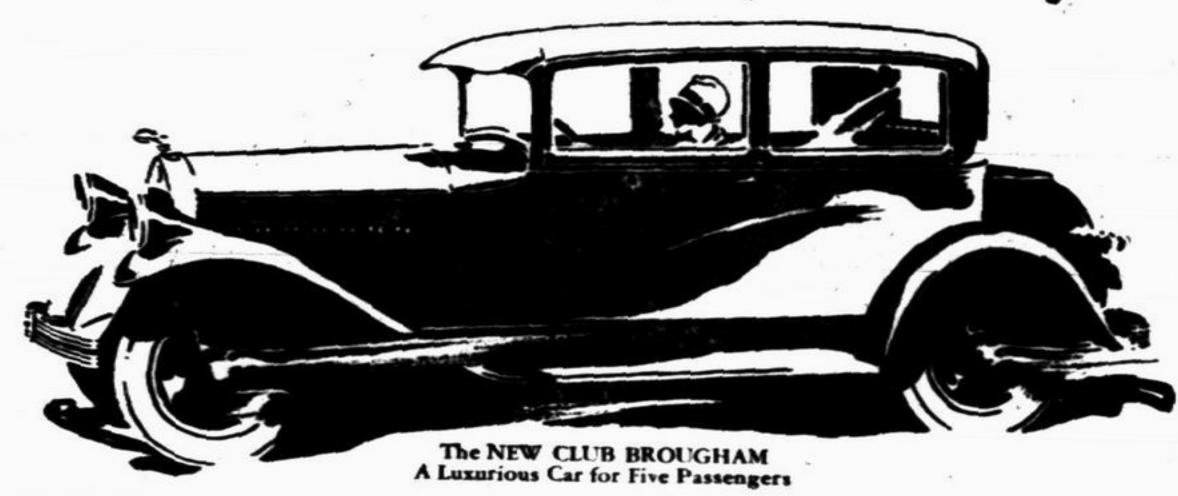
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