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### THE NEXT WAR

Lloyd George says that the next war is "going to be the worst war of all," and this just at the time when there is apparently an earnest attempt on the part of nations to make sure that there will be no next war. He cites the fact that the British empire and the United States are reducing armaments, and allows the inference to be drawn that other nations are not following that excellent example in the way that they should. "It is difficult," he says, "for a nation to remain defenseless while others are preparing for war."

Of course it is. It is more than difficult, it is foolhardy. But that is not the plan that was worked out at the disarmament conference, nor was it the thought of anybody who partook in the deliberations at Washington. It is one thing to agree to regulate the military and naval organizations of all countries and quite another to sit quietly by, with eyes closed in slumber, dreaming of peace, while the more ambitious nations take advantage of the opportunity to prepare for war.

One suspects that the British Premier knows that he is not giving to his public quite the correct view of the policy of disarmament. One suspects that he is conscious of a deliberate play upon the nerves of a people that has for long generations been bred in the belief that the strength of the British navy must be without question greater than that of any other country. If there is to be such discrediting of the work of the disarmament conference, there will be little to expect but a return to the building of ships and the arming of men, making ready for another such terrible war as we have so recently experienced.

The father of a mischievous and disobedient three-year-old boy who lied about the child's age in an effort to have him admitted to a kindergarten, got what was coming to him when the youngster gave his true age with the added information that he had been told to say he was four. One wonders if such a father would recognize his own culpability in the matter or would take it out of his offspring when he got him home. Parents who seek to shift the responsibility of disciplining their one or two obstreperous children to a teacher who may have forty-nine others just like them to claim her attention, cannot be said to have a well thought out program for training up a child in the way he should go.

One Illinois automobile manufacturing firm doubled its working force during the month of May, according to the labor review of the Illinois Manufacturers' association. There were 50,

000 more workers employed in Illinois in May than in April, the estimate being made from the monthly report of 980 employers of the state. Statistics from labor agencies show that in May there were 105 applicants for every 100 jobs compared with 141 in April and 220 for each 100 positions offered a year ago. Builders and contractors employed an increase of 20.1 per cent during May, following an 81.1 per cent increase of workers in April. The building boom shows no signs of abating, it is said. Increases in employment by manufacturers of farm machinery, steel, shoes and clothing are reported. All of which would have seemed strange

reading six or seven months ago when the unemployment specter was frightening American complacency out of its wits and government measures were taken to combat what seemed to be a serious menace. Industry appears to have been cured quickly of its deadly wound administered by post-war depression. Unemployment has well nigh disappeared from the language and plans of business of today.

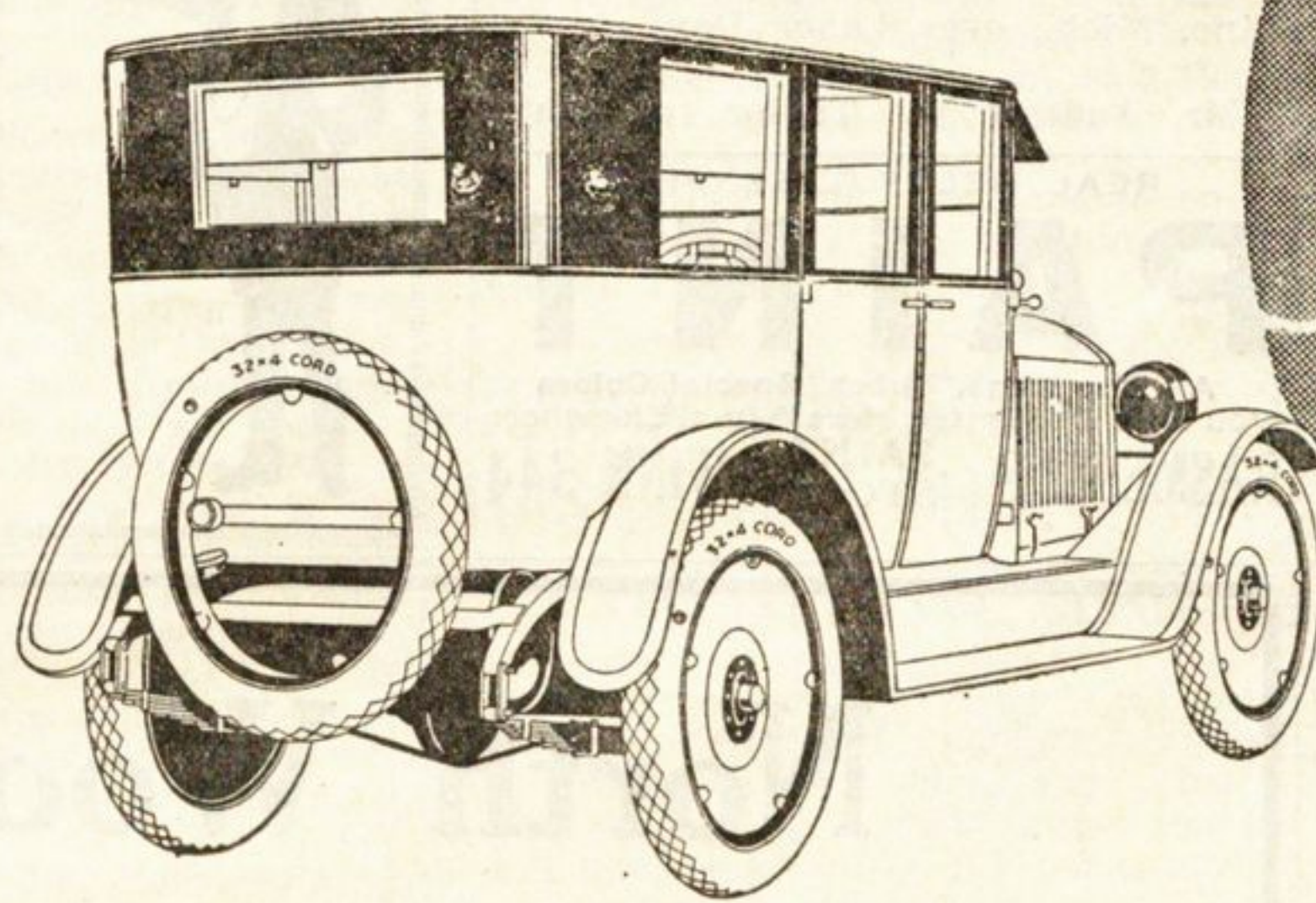
The one-piece bathing suit occupies more than its share of the spotlight at this time of the year. Which is exactly what some of its adherents want—and therein lies the argument. One-piece

suits are the only sensible garments for swimming, but they are not necessary for the "beach vamp" who never gets within a block of the water. Only a few years ago the fair swimmer had to plow her way through the water impeded by a multiplicity of skirts, opaque outer garments, stockings and shoes. There was less of "beach vamping" in those days. Now that the censors have relented a little as to nautical requirements, the garment designed to aid the swimmer has been cast into disrepute by the non-swimmer, whose ideas are probably less nautical than naughty. Perhaps the censors might solve the problem and save their con-

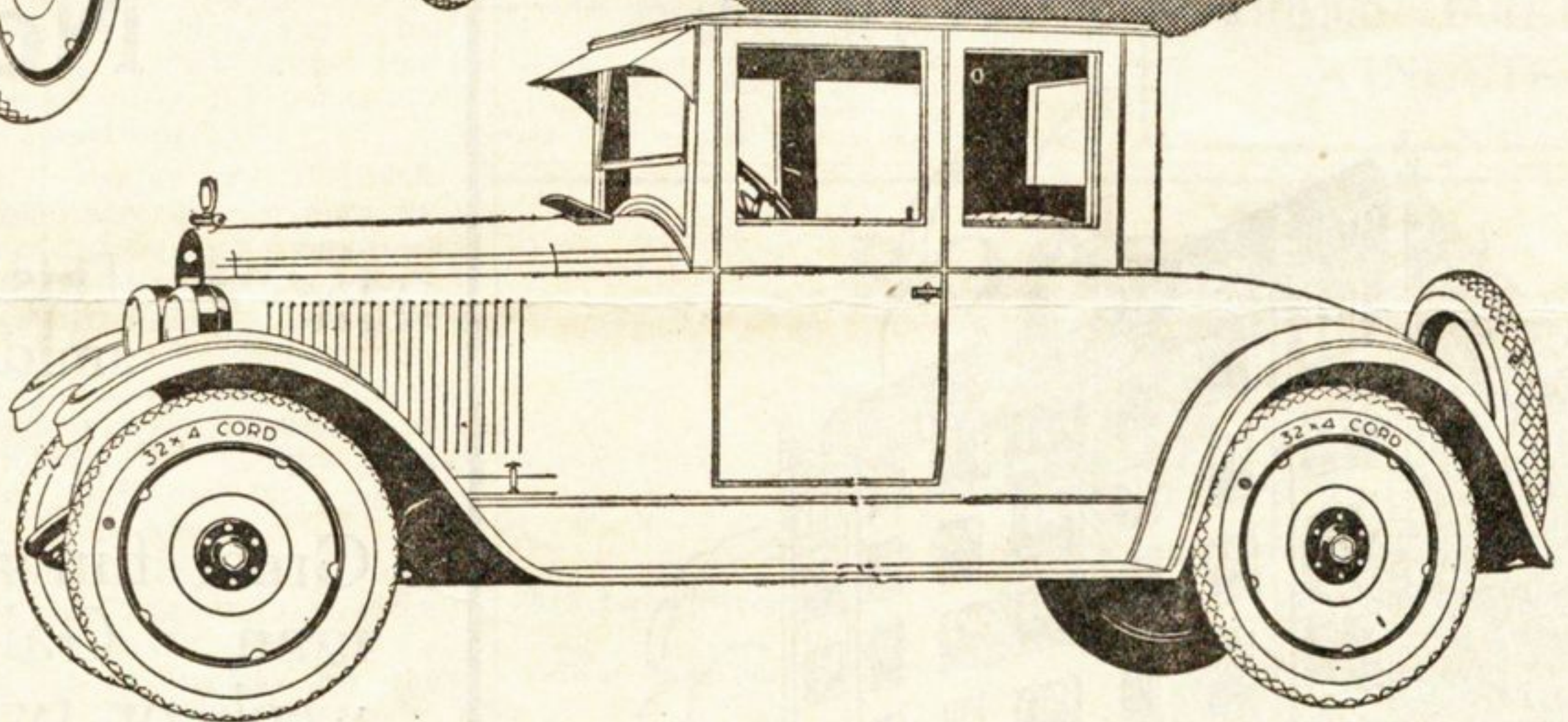
sciences by allowing the swimmer to wear swimming togs and requiring the beach lorelei to wear vestments a little more conventional.

Enemies of the proposed Republican tariff would do well to consider a typical case representing the difference in the cost of labor in Europe and in the United States. A company with factories in this country and Germany pays mechanics \$4 a week in Berlin to do the same kind of work for which it pays \$34 a week in New York. Can American labor compete with that of foreign countries unless it is protected by an adequate tariff?

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