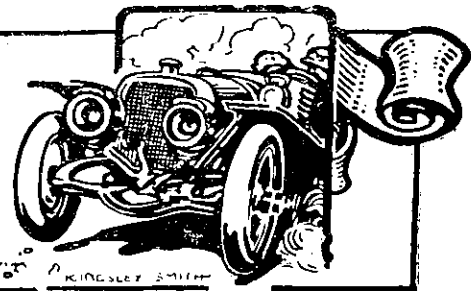


# MOTORING & CYCLING



Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O. Box 52, Auckland.

The first aerial mail service has been inaugurated in Canada, Captain Bryan Peck flying from Montreal to Toronto.

The Henstead (Norfolk) District Council has passed a resolution in favour of the taxation of bicycles to meet some of the expenditure on roads after the war.

Some of the residents of the Pohangina were perturbed one day last week, in view of the scarcity of benzine, at the number of cases delivered at a settler's farm, says an exchange. The farmer in question wishes it explained that the cases in question were empties, which he purchased at a Palmerston garage for the purpose of packing fruit.

The first case of its kind in Auckland was heard last week, when Robert Ferguson was charged with the use of motor headlights likely to dazzle people coming from the opposite direction. Acting-Sub-Inspector McNamara said the by-law had not been observed in the past, but, owing to the possibility of an accident happening because of the lights dazzling somebody, it was necessary that it should be observed. Mr. Wyvern Wilson, S.M., agreed that the by-law was often infringed. It was right enough, he said, for drivers to use their brilliant lights in the country—even then they should use their "dimmers" when other traffic approached—but when driving within the city the brilliant lights should not be used. As it was the first prosecution he would only impose the small fine of 5s. and 9s. costs.

A motor car, the property of Mr. C. Little, caught fire while standing in Market Road, Remuera. The Remuera Fire Brigade answered the alarm, but the fire was put out by a fire-extinguisher carried on the car. It is estimated that damage to the extent of £30 has been sustained by the chassis of the car. The fire is said to have occurred through the ignition of leaking benzine.

Various matters in connection with motors were discussed by the Wanganui Borough Council at its last meeting. Complaint was made on behalf of the motormen on the tramcars in regard to dazzling headlights on approaching motor cars. It was decided to ask the police to take action against motorists with dazzling headlights, also in the case of smoky or noisy exhausts. The Mayor pointed out that the new by-laws dealing with these matters were now in operation. Complaint was made of people leaving their private cars standing about the streets, particularly in the Avenue and Maria Place. It was resolved to point out that a portion of St. Hill Street was set aside for the parking of private cars, and to take legal action in the case of breaches of the kind referred to.

A deputation, consisting of the Mayor of Christchurch (Mr. H. Holland), town clerk (Mr. H. R. Smith), city electrical engineer (Mr. E. E. Stark), Cr. D. G. Sullivan, Mr. L. Birks (Government electrical engineer) and others, waited on the Board of Trade last month to ask their assistance to get certain electric motor trucks shipped from New York. It was explained that the City Council were about to enter into negotiations to take over the agency of these trucks, and Mr. Stark stated that there was a field in Christchurch for the sale and use of 600 electric motor trucks. If this business were secured it would displace 4200 tons of petrol, at a minimum cost of 20s. per case. Mr. Holland said that the high cost of petrol and other considerations had induced the City Council to take up the sale of electric motor trucks. The Board undertook to investigate the deputation's request for shipping space for 13 trucks from New York, and also the question of the remission of duty on the trucks.

A London cable states that Germany lost 591 aeroplanes in June.

"I have been helping in transferring men from trains to ambulances since the start of the war and have never known them to be braver or more confident than now," declared Miss Byron, of the Sisters' Detachment of the London Ambulance Column of the Red Cross. The column has carried 500,000 wounded since August 30, 1914. There are 208 honorary drivers who may be called on to meet a train at any hour day or night.

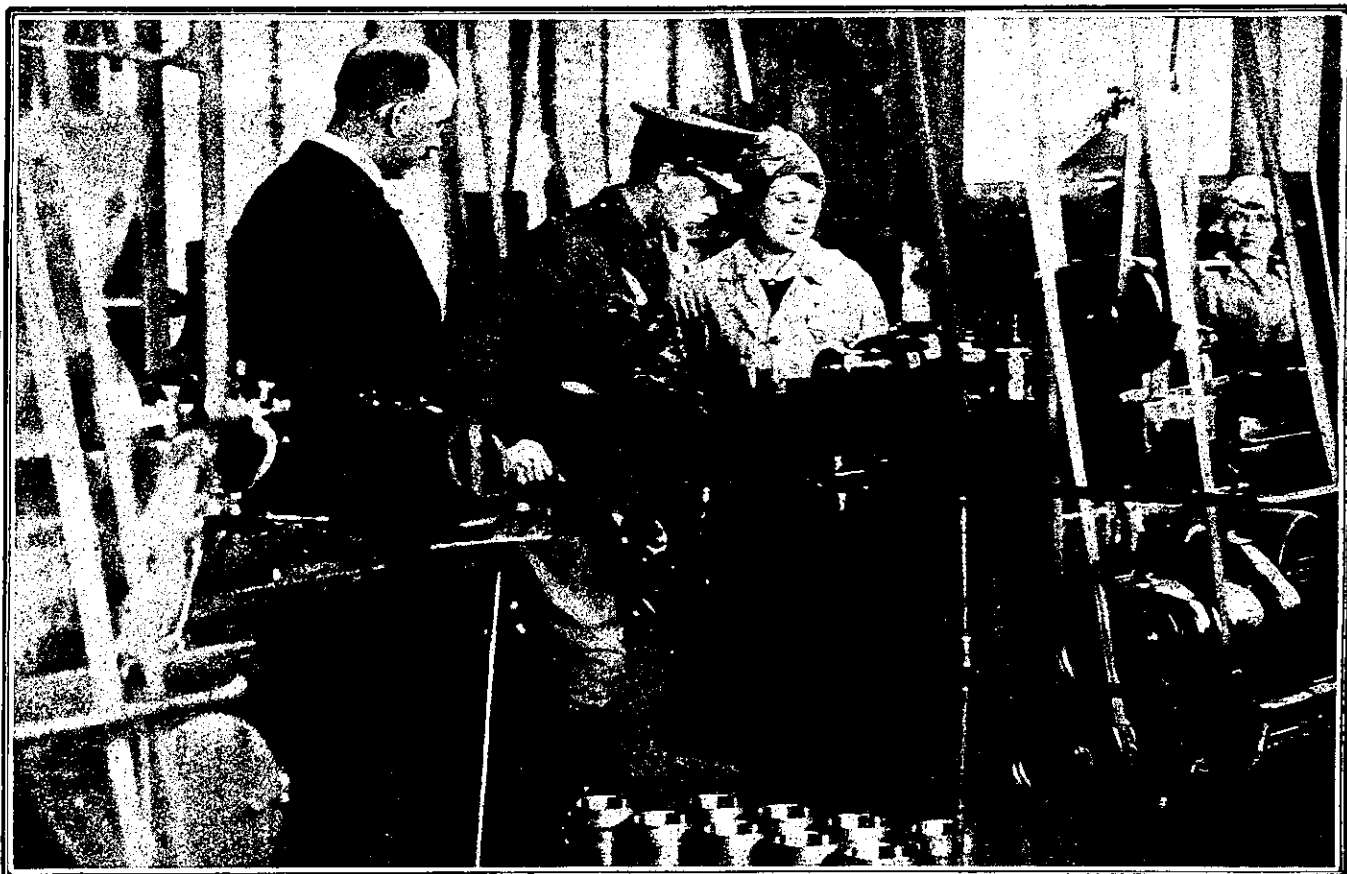
A Bill is now before the English Parliament to prevent the selling of houses over the tenants' heads to air-raid refugees. If the house is sold the tenant must be taken over by the new purchaser.

Discussing the shortage of benzine and other motor spirits, the New Zealand Trade Review says that although the price quoted by primary distributors has kept at about an average of 23s. 6d. per case during the past few months, up to double that figure has been charged by some retailers to those in urgent need of supplies. The

automobile factory the work of women employees has long been recognised. Speaking of this a representative of the company said: "Those who maintain that the physical standards of women are degenerating in these modern days should spend some time in our factories watching the women workers. They are strong, husky, and wholesome, much healthier than the men they have replaced. Absences and tardiness due to ill-health have been reduced to a minimum since women have been employed. This is due partly to the fact that women are intensely interested in this new work and anxious to make good, and partly to the fact that, being more regular in their habits than their predecessors, they are less susceptible to colds and other diseases. Our first experiment with women in the new field was in the parts division of our service department. Here they were employed as stock checkers and stock-order fillers. We were agreeably surprised to find that women at this work were more efficient than the men previously employed. The women doing this work are more intelligent than the corresponding class of men. They are also more interested in their jobs and more careful by

said was his patent composition. He also asked her for some strong tape, old rags, and clean brown paper. After a discreet interval he announced that the repairs had been made, and invited her into the washhouse where he pointed to the rollers reproduced in the "composition" and covered with several neat layers of brown paper, to keep them in shape till the mixture set hard. On no account was she to touch the rollers for three days. After allowing a week to pass, the confiding lady found beneath the paper all the old rags supplied by her, held in place by her own tape. Of the evil-smelling mixture there was no trace, nor, need it be said, of the merchant of synthetic rubber.

Reserved judgment was delivered by Mr. W. G. Riddell, S.M., at the Wellington Magistrate's Court last week in regard to a claim by Robert Richards, waterside worker, against Alfred M. Guy, dairyman, to recover £150 damages for injuries sustained as the result of a motor car accident on 9th March. Plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. H. F. O'Leary during the hearing of the case, contended that the accident was caused by the negligent driving of the car by de-



THE PRINCE OF WALES PAYS A VISIT TO A LEADING ENGLISH AEROPLANE WORKS. The Prince is shown displaying a keen interest in one of the machines employed in the manufacture of aero engines.

shortage has been attributed by many chiefly to hoarding of supplies by consumers in a position to lay in large stocks, and no doubt this has been going on to a great extent, but the Customs returns show a considerable reduction in the importation also, while the consumption is ever on the increase owing to the large number of motor vehicles coming in all the time, also the various other engines and machinery which use this motive power.

The London Motor Transport Volunteers received £1245 as the proceeds of the matinee held at the Alhambra in aid of the corps.

All the large automobile factories in America are employing women, states the New York "Evening Post." Indeed, the scarcity of man power is such that thousands of women have entered the factories and more are being added to the rolls every day. Early in the war the women of England and France began to take their places at the benches and in the operation of lathes and other machinery in the munitions plants, and their example is being followed in America. Some are helping out in repair shops, some are driving cars from factories to salerooms and even out of the city; they are invading every angle of the business. At one

nature. The same spirit that insists that parts in a stock-room be kept in their proper bins insists that pots and pans be kept in their proper places in the kitchen. Errors in the filling of parts orders and mistakes in inventory due to careless storage have been reduced enormously since the taking over of this work by women. Light assembly work on the car itself was the next work assigned to women. Certain operations in connection with the assembly of running boards and other light installations were well within a woman's strength and required no particular mechanical training. On this class of work, too, women surprised us by their accuracy and industry. Final inspection shows less to criticise in the assemblies handled by women than when they were handled by men exclusively. In the service repair shop women were set to work disassembling jobs sent in for repair and jobs turned in for salvage. Neatness and thoroughness characterised their work in this department, and I believe the workmen would object to a return to the old order."

The "Oamaru Mail" states that a Ure Street lady was visited by a man who offered to repair her wringer rubbers for 5s. The lady agreed, and he set to work to brew some ill-smelling decoction in a treacle tin, which he

defendant, and said that as the result of the accident he had since been unable to follow his occupation, had incurred doctor's fees, and had had a suit of clothes destroyed, as well as suffering bodily pain. In defence it was held that there was contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff in standing on the road. In his judgment, the magistrate said that the plaintiff, together with other waterside workers, was standing near the tramline at the intersection of Featherston and Bunny streets, waiting for a Wallace Street tram. The defendant was driving from Lambton station, and intended turning into Bunny Street. The evidence for the defence was that the motor car approached Bunny Street on the proper side of the road at about seven miles per hour, and that the horn was sounded on nearing plaintiff. Witnesses for the plaintiff, however, stated that Guy approached Bunny Street on the wrong side of Featherston Street, and that when 30 feet from the corner he cut across in front of the approaching tram-car. Witnesses also considered that the motor car was travelling from twelve to fifteen miles an hour. In attempting to step back on to the footpath, plaintiff was knocked down by the motor car and was dragged between fifteen and twenty feet. The magistrate said that the weight of the evidence showed