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TRUE STATESMAN

is The Hustling Manufacturer of The Fast-Flying Twelve-Cylinder Liberty Air-Plane Motor.

When the American people got into the war, the United States Government decided that a great many thousands of flying airplanes would be necessary to complete victory, and that the fastest flying machines in the world were needed to properly protect our soldiers, and needed speedily.

A twelve-cylinder plane was decided on, which would call for a great many thousand cylinders.

Specifications were decided on and blueprints made. These were given to a great many manufacturers in the East as well as in the West.

A little later, an Eastern manufacturer returned to Washington with his copy, and going to the department asked for more information regarding the plans, saying he must have them before he could make a bid, or even attempt producing a cylinder.

While there an express package was placed on the desk of the official. It was opened, and in it was found a complete cylinder made exactly according to the specifications. "It was from the Ford plant in Detroit."

It did not take the department long to ask Henry Ford to make all of the cylinders for all of the Liberty air-

plane motors the government is making.

"We can make all you want," was Mr. Ford's simple reply.

Mr. Ford was given the order, the price fixed by the government was \$19.75 each, based on bids, and the experience of other plants over the country.

The Ford plant is making 30,000 of the cylinders a month, besides a great deal of other war work that is being done by the same organization, but that is only half the story.

When Mr. Ford has a government contract he does not believe in letting all he can out of it, for all the government is willing to pay. Nor does he believe in making any profit off the war.

So, instead of billing the cylinders to the government at \$19.75 each, Mr. Ford succeeded in producing them at a price to the government of \$8.25 each.

In that way Mr. Ford is saving the people \$11.50 on each cylinder, which on the 30,000 cylinders a month means a saving of \$330,000 a month to the public, and Mr. Ford has been doing this for many months.

A patriot is a man who loves his country and the people who live in it. A statesman is a man who serves the public. Mr. Ford believes in serving the public in other ways than in buying elections.

The Supper and Fair, which was to have been given on the evening of November 14, at St. James Episcopal Church, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the influenza.

RED CROSS BULLETIN.

The Oakland County Red Cross Committee on Influenza was appointed on October 12, and since that time both doctors and nurses in every locality in the county have been co-operating with the local Health Officers in trying to supply nursing care for the sick. It has been found that the demand for graduate nurses, created by the present epidemic, together with the requirements for war service, have practically exhausted the supply of nurses available for relieving local influenza emergencies.

In Birmingham, the non-graduates and practical nurses are in such demand that only a very few are available.

Of the many who signed for some form of nursing service in the Woman's Registration in Bloomfield last spring, very few are now willing to meet this obligation—the first call by the government for emergency nursing service so the local committee has been very much handicapped in not knowing who to call upon for this important home care so much needed in certain localities at this time.

The local committee consists of the following: Mrs. M. G. Ewer, Mrs. J. L. Campbell, Mrs. W. B. Brown.

One of the first to respond to the urgent appeal of the committee was Mrs. Fletcher, and a tribute of sincere appreciation is due her for her willingness to undertake the care of several members of a family. Mrs. Vandant also responded, and very kindly relieved Mrs. Fletcher on this difficult case. Others have responded in using their machines, and in various ways, but the Board of Health in Pontiac has had to come to the rescue in sending nurses, although it is almost impossible to supply care for the sick in their own locality.

Even under present conditions, with not many afflicted with influenza, there is great need of volunteer nursing service, and anyone who is willing to help in the care of others, either paid or free, if only a half a day at a time, is asked to telephone any member of the Influenza Committee at once.

The South Side Hospital in Pontiac, has recently been opened for the special care of influenza patients. This hospital will accommodate from fifteen to twenty patients, and is under the management of the Board of Health. A graduate nurse is in charge with competent helpers, and the hospital is accessible to any one in the County.

On Monday last, through the faithful and persistent efforts of Mrs. Percy Parmenter and others, the Troy schoolhouse was opened for the care of influenza patients, with Mrs. Fletcher in charge. The schoolhouse being new, with every modern convenience, makes it admirably adapted for use as a hospital, and it is intended to care for those who cannot or should not be cared for in their own homes, on account of the spread of the contagion. Application for admission may be made to either Mr. or Mrs. Parmenter.

Mrs. Kingensmith urges the women of Birmingham to give more time to Red Cross Work. Aside from the regular quota, there is a steady demand for pneumonia jackets and face masks, the last two articles take time to make and are emergency orders always. If a few can be kept on hand our physicians will not be obliged to go without the necessary equipment for an efficient fight against influenza.

Mrs. CHARLES WILCOX, Publicity Chairman.

Mrs. Emma French is visiting relatives at Northville.

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Phone 65

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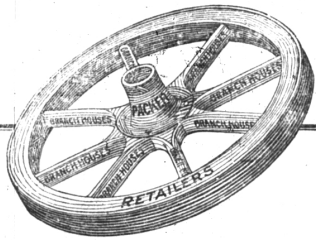
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How much good would the hub and the rim of the Swift "wheel" do you if the spokes were done away with?



Swift & Company, U. S. A.

SKIP-STOPS.

Beginning Sunday, November 3, street cars of the Pontiac division of the Detroit United Lines will operate on the skip-stop plan through Birmingham. Permission for such operation has been given by the local authorities and Birmingham thereby takes its place in the list of patriotic cities which have approved skip-stops as a fuel-saving measure.

Under the skip-stop plan cars will make the following stops within the village limits:

Northbound—Lincoln Avenue, George Street, Frank Street, Brown Street, Waiting Room, Oakland Avenue, Car House and Cemetery Road.

Southbound—Cemetery Road, Car House, Maple Street, Waiting Room, Brown Street, Frank Street, George Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Stops will be indicated by trolley-poles painted white and also bearing "Car-Stop" signs.

Mrs. Clarence West is very ill at her home on Harmn Street.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of D. U. R. Waiting Room.

Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
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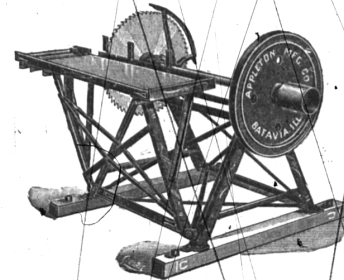
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