

159 Convictions in Year Under Dyer Auto Theft Law

272 Persons Arrested in U. S. Under Federal Statute on Interstate Transport of Stolen Motor Cars.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—There were 272 arrests and 159 convictions under the Dyer law the first year of its operation, according to a report submitted to the directors of the National Automobile Dealers' association yesterday. The directors held a session prior to opening of the general membership meeting at LaSalle hotel Monday, January 31. Several thousand dealers are expected to attend the convention under the auspices of the N. A. D. A. for which a special rate has been obtained from the railroads and the national automobile show under the direction of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Sentences Total 213 Years.

The Dyer law is the national motor vehicle anti-theft act. It was passed by congress and became a law October 28, 1919. The act makes it a federal offense to transport in interstate commerce a stolen automobile. It was introduced by Rep. L. C. Dyer of St. Louis and supported by the automobile trade of the N. A. D. A. Sentences aggregating 213 years and five months were imposed under the law and fines totaling \$9,050 were assessed.

Of the nearly 300 arrests two were women. In Nevada, Helen Bailey was arrested with C. J. Hauke. Hauke was sentenced at Carson City to one year, the woman to 30 days. In New Mexico, Grace Henderson, alias Grace Vinal, was sentenced to two years.

30 Arrests, 29 Convictions.

The courts with the best records in Dyer law prosecutions are those of New York City, where 24 arrests were made, with 13 convictions; Cincinnati with 40 arrests and 29 convictions; Cleveland, 15 arrests, 10 convictions; Portland, Ore., with 16 arrests, and 16 convictions; Los Angeles, 18 arrests and nine convictions, and Detroit with 30 arrests and 29 convictions.

Of the effective working of the law the United States district attorney at Detroit, the Hon. John E. Kinnane says: "In these prosecutions we have broken up some well organized gangs of automobile thieves, where they had a complete system of grinding off numbers on stolen cars and replacing them with other numbers, and completely disguising the car so that identification was impossible."

Shipped to Norway.

"The most noted case," continues Kinnane, "is one which is still partly undisposed of, involving a conspiracy to violate the Dyer act by stealing automobiles at Detroit—the cars stolen being Cadillacs—transporting them to an eastern seaport and shipping them hence to Norway. A large business had been done in this line before the matter was uncovered. This entire gang has been arrested and some have already pleaded guilty and others are to stand trial."

Local Cadillac Man Goes To Chicago Motor Show

Mr. James Muldoon, jr., of the J. H. Hansen Cadillac company will spend the coming week at the Chicago automobile show. Mr. Muldoon will represent the local Cadillac concern at the Cadillac distributors' dinner Wednesday evening.

Motor Bus Earns Profit on Rails

Republic Truck, With Special Passenger Body, Makes Four Trips Daily.

When the Pittsburgh & Susquehanna Railway company installed a Republic motor bus on a spur line of railroad between Philadelphia and Ramey, Pa., it did so with the sole idea of accommodating the people of the two towns, and those living along the line. The fact is, however, that the bus is earning a profit on its operation.

Philadelphia and Ramey are Pennsylvania mining towns, 14 miles apart. They do not supply enough traffic to justify the service of a passenger train. The only means of transportation, until very recently, was by automobile, which was unsatisfactory due to bad road conditions. The bus seats 28 passengers in two compartments, the rear one being a smoking room with a circular seat at the back.

The railroad's report of the first 52 days of operation of the bus shows net earnings of \$598.29, or 9.9 cents per mile.

The results of the bus operation have so impressed the railroad officials that a Republic trailer, with railroad rims and special box car body, has been installed for baggage express business, and two more Republic trucks are soon to be put into service on the same line. This is probably the first instance in which a railroad has made profitable use of a practically abandoned spur line by installing motor buses, and will doubtless be followed by others as the Pittsburgh & Susquehanna experience becomes known.

Sewell Wheel Official Here to Lay 1921 Plans

W. T. Sewell, treasurer of the Sewell Cushion Wheel company, Detroit, manufacturer of resilient motor truck wheels, is in Omaha this week conferring with C. F. Eberts, the local Sewell wheel distributor, on sales and merchandising plans for the ensuing year. Mr. Eberts was appointed Omaha distributor for the Sewell Cushion Wheel company in July, 1920. Mr. Eberts, who has been connected with the Sewell Cushion Wheel company at other important points was chosen for the distributor in Omaha.

Water in Crankcase.

This is the time of the year when water condensation in the crankcase is a serious matter. The more cylinders the engine has the worse the situation. Water, a product of combustion, makes its way past the piston rings into the crankcase where it interferes with lubrication. In the warmer weather the water in the form of steam may blow out of the breather, but when the crankcase is fanned by a cold breeze the steam condenses into water, which contaminates the oil. The remedy of course lies in draining the oil about every four weeks and filtering it. In some eight and twelve cylinder engines more than a pint of water may be removed under certain conditions.

The MOTOR DIGEST



As a result of the unceasing activity of America's "home-brewers," grape growers of San Joaquin Valley, Cal., are buying a record number of motor cars. The heavy demand with consequent high prices, coupled with an exceptionally large crop, has made the grape growers prosperous. A large part of their profits is being invested in motor cars.



When cold, stinging blasts blow down the streets, and when the mercury drops around the zero mark, automobile radiators are well protected with thick, warm coverings. But is Old Dobbin similarly well protected against freezing? The sorry truth is that in altogether too many cases he stands and shivers, uncovered before the winds.

Out in Victoria, B. C., there is now a "drive yourself" auto livery. Anyone who wants a car can hire one from the livery by the day, week, or month, and then can drive it just as though it were his. The charge averages \$2 an hour. The owner reports that he has rented \$25,000 cars during the past year and that not one has been stolen or seriously damaged.



Lured by the succulent odor of Boston baked beans, Mr. and Mrs. James Watson of San Francisco recently motored overland to Boston. They said the sole reason they had for making the trip was that neither had tasted real, bonafide Boston beans for several years and that they couldn't wait any longer.

Willys Plant Expert Instructs Servicemen

Frank Sweigart, head instructor for the Willys light and power plants, has been conducting an instruction class for dealers, salesmen and service men at the salesrooms of the Killy-Noyes & Besley company. The instruction by Mr. Sweigart gives the men an extensive knowledge of the Willy farm light plant, which is the only plant allowed to use the Willy sleeve valve engine. "Realizing the farmer's need for such a plant as the Willy's," said C. W. Chiles, treasurer of the company, "we secured the services of Mr. Sweigart with the idea of giving our men the best possible working knowledge of the machine and keeping up our present 100 per cent efficiency plan."

Storage Battery Man Gives Economy Tips

"Gasoline costs you a pretty stiff price," says Elmer Rosengren of the Nebraska Storage Battery company. "Electrical current for starting, lighting and ignition costs you much less, for a large part of it comes as a by-product of the energy of your motor. "Keeping this cost at the lowest minimum, however, demands thoughtful care and economy in the use of electricity. "If your machine is standing idle for a couple of minutes with the engine running you naturally cut the gas until it is feeding just enough to turn the engine over. Gasoline economy demands this. "In the same way, when your machine is standing still at night, do not leave all the lights blazing. Ex-

Striking Colors Seen in New Cars At Chicago Show

Noticeable Change in Body Design Shown in Stream Lines Running From Radiator Hood to Tonneau.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Chicago's National automobile show, the country's greatest industrial exposition, opened today at the Coliseum, the Coliseum annex and the First Regiment armory. Eighty makes of passenger cars are on the floor, showing every type of motor vehicle from the so-called popular priced ones to the vertiginous palaces on wheels. More than 200 manufacturers and dealers of accessories, devices and articles lending additional comfort, utility and economy to driving, have displays in the galleries and basements, and you can find anything from a spare plug to a top among the exhibits.

Lavish Decorations.

The most lavish decorations in the 21-year history of the Chicago Automobile show have converted the vast exposition buildings into bowers of colorful beauty. Two hundred and fifty art glass shades, suspended from the lofty ceilings, cast a soft glow on the million dollar display of automobile creations. The various makes of cars are divided off by high pillared sections, crowned with vases of rare flowers.

No Radical Changes.

Although there are no real radical changes noted among the 200 and more passenger cars, there are numerous refinements in engines. The lessons of the war have been taken to heart by the designers, who have spent all their time trying to improve the engines, and it now seems as if the limit in perfection was reached. The most noticeable change in body lines will be observed in stream lines running from the radiator hood to the tonneau. Many striking color displays are seen among the exhibits. There are the usual cars in black, maroon, green and brown, and then there are some finished in brilliant colors, a departure at an automobile show.

Visitors Arrive.

Thousands of out-of-town visitors have already arrived to attend the show, coming from all parts of the west, southwest and northwest. The nearby states have their quotas here, and countless more are expected to come early next week. Accommodations have been found for all at the hotels, which have been spared to take care of the expected influx of visitors. There is no trouble in getting reservations this season. Many have brought their families along.

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tinguish all but those that the law positively demands. Economy of electrical current demands this. "Battery economy demands that you keep your electrical system turned up to the highest state of efficiency." Bee Want Ads Bring Results.



Q&A About Batteries

Q.—Is there really any difference in batteries?

A.—Yes, but there are really only two kinds of batteries. Those with wood separators and those with Threaded Rubber Insulation.

Q.—Is Threaded Rubber Insulation the only feature that puts the Willard Threaded Rubber Battery ahead of the ordinary automobile battery?

A.—By no means. The Willard Threaded Rubber Battery has all the improvements that have grown out of Willard's years of specialization in building starting, lighting and ignition batteries. Ask us about it.

Nebraska Storage Battery Co.

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Willard Batteries

Making Brake Adjustments.

In taking up on the brakes do not always remove the slack at the same place. There usually are two or three places in the brake assembly where a "take-up" is possible and each time the brakes are adjusted a different place should be used. The first time take up the rods at the rear, the next time at the brake bands, etc.

Stopping Plug Leaks.

There are still a great many engines without detachable cylinder heads and these use valve plugs. These plugs often leak. This leaking may be stopped by spreading ordinary paste stove blacking over the threads. Do not use too much. This may be used at any hot joint in place of white or red lead and is much better because it does not make removal of the part an hour's job.

DO NOT Buy Transportation Blindfolded GET FACTS FIRST

It's not what the dealer says about a truck, but what the OWNERS say that counts. Here is what another one of our many Reo Speedwagon users says about HIS Reo Speedwagon.

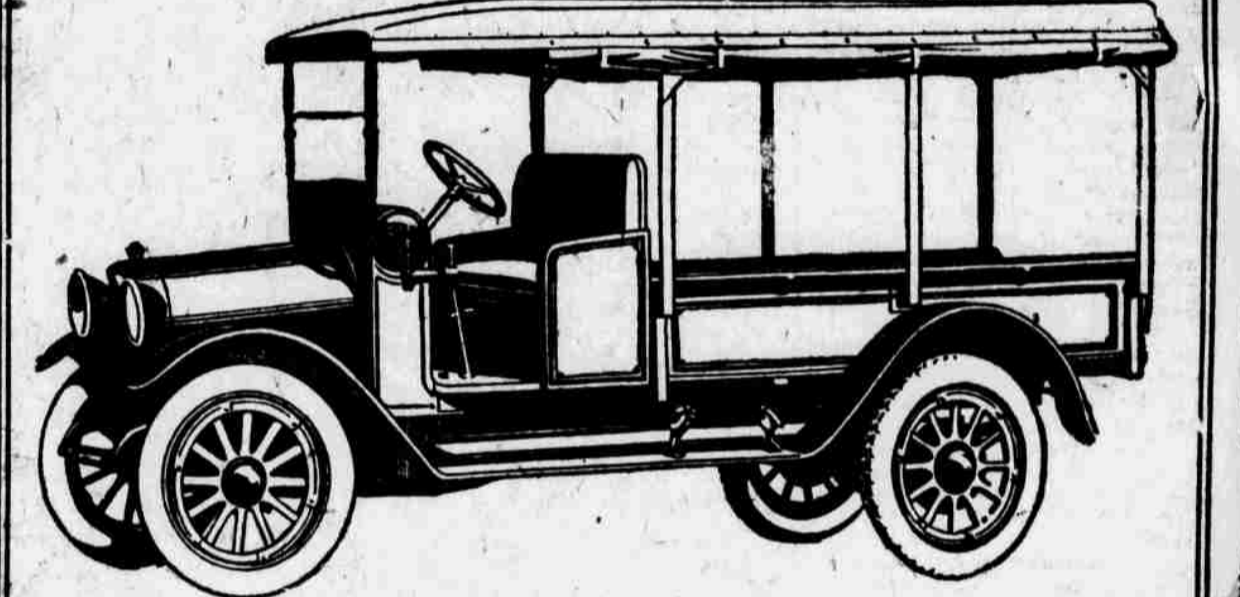
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Norfolk, Nebr., Dec. 17, 1920

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Gentlemen:

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