

## RIVER TRAFFIC OPENS UP; QUIET SINCE 1887; METHOD SAVES TIME

(By Associated Press.)  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 10.—Two tow boats lashed to barges carrying more than 10,000 tons of steel bound from Pittsburgh to New Orleans are afloat on America's mightiest inland waterway—the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers—indicating to a decree rivermen say, the greatest revival of river traffic since 1887.

Curiously enough one of the reasons given for it is that it is a time saver, notwithstanding the greater distance than by rail. Favorable differences in freight rates and shortage of railroad cars also enter into the situation while completion of locks and dams are expected to give the traffic greater assurance of stability, and more ease of operation.

**To Build Terminals.**  
Construction of river terminals at important cities with modern machinery for handling freight, already contemplated at Louisville and at Memphis, is expected to contribute to the revival and become a cornerstone in the foundation for its permanent future.

News of upper Ohio River improvement, brought to Louisville by John F. Klein, of Pittsburgh, veteran riverman and owner of a fleet of tow boats and barges, indicates the first twenty-two locks in the down river stretch from Pittsburgh have been completed. The twenty-third will be finished next year. The twenty-fourth is even now receiving finishing touches and the twenty-fifth will require but a few weeks to complete. The twenty-sixth to the thirty-third between Cincinnati and Maysville, Ky., already are in operation. Below Louisville similar govern-

ment river work is being constructed. Mr. Klein came to Louisville to meet one of his towboats. "In my thirty-three years of experience on the river," he said, "I have never seen such a boom as we are enjoying today. The Pittsburgh harbor is almost as busy as it was in the old days before the railroads took our business. Coal companies are buying steel barges as fast as they can be constructed. Passenger as well as freight traffic is on the eve of a great revival, in the opinion of Mr. Klein. One packet, he asserted, just off the marine ways at Mound City, Ill., has been repaired for a sum which exceeded the cost of her original construction. "So her owners must expect a revival of passenger trade," he added.

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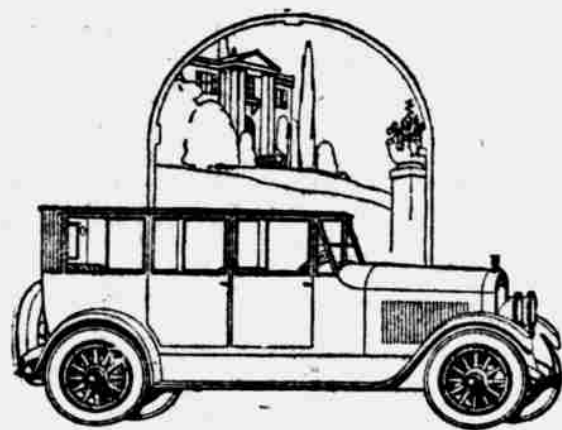
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parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thomas.... Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. James May and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Antrim and Miss Pauline Knapp at dinner Sunday.... A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Stamm, Tuesday.... A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shaffer, Monday.... The Aid society of the Christian church will meet Tuesday afternoon of next week with Mrs. William H. Porter.... Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Fox were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. John Kidwell.... Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Keagy left Friday for Miami, Florida, where they will spend the winter.... Miss Anna Horn, of Richmond, was the guest of Mrs. William Abbott, Sunday.... Mrs. M. L. Fox was hostess to the Social Circle at her home on Perry street, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ella Whitesell and Mrs. Sarah Stotelmeyer were guests. Refreshments were served.... The Woman's History club met Monday

afternoon with Mrs. P. J. Stanley and sister, Miss Rumbaugh. The members responded to roll call with articles on "Indiana and Ohio." Mrs. Martin Werking gave a book review, Mrs. Charles Teeter read a pamphlet on the "School Teachers' Situation," and the hostess read a poem. Phonograph records were played. The club will Ellen Allen.... Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Main, of Newcastle, spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Main, on Harrison street.... Mrs. Laura ebhart went to Franklin, Ohio, Monday.... Mr. and Mrs. John Denny were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Charles.

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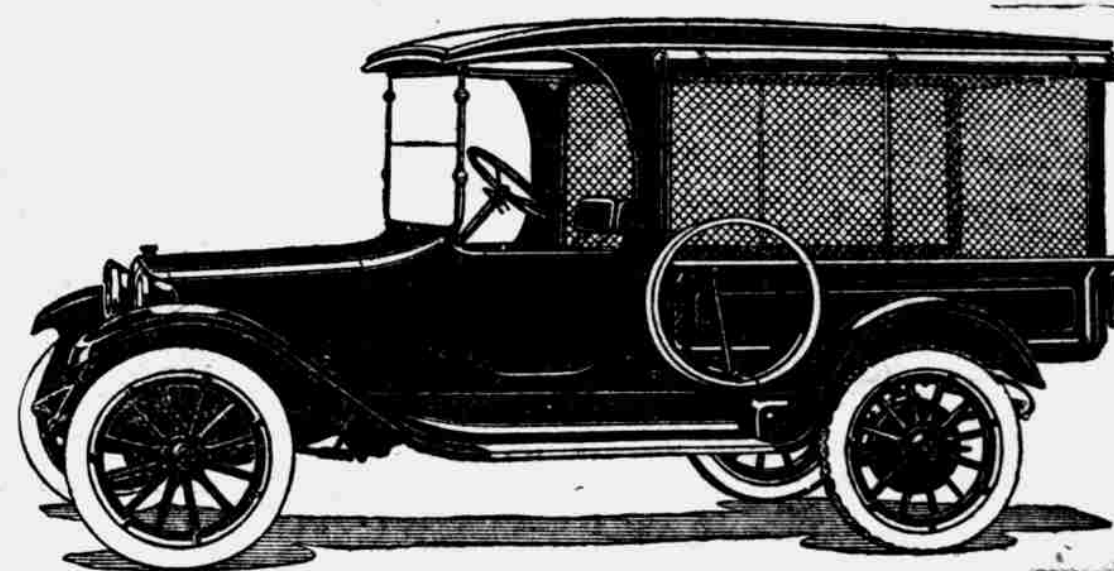
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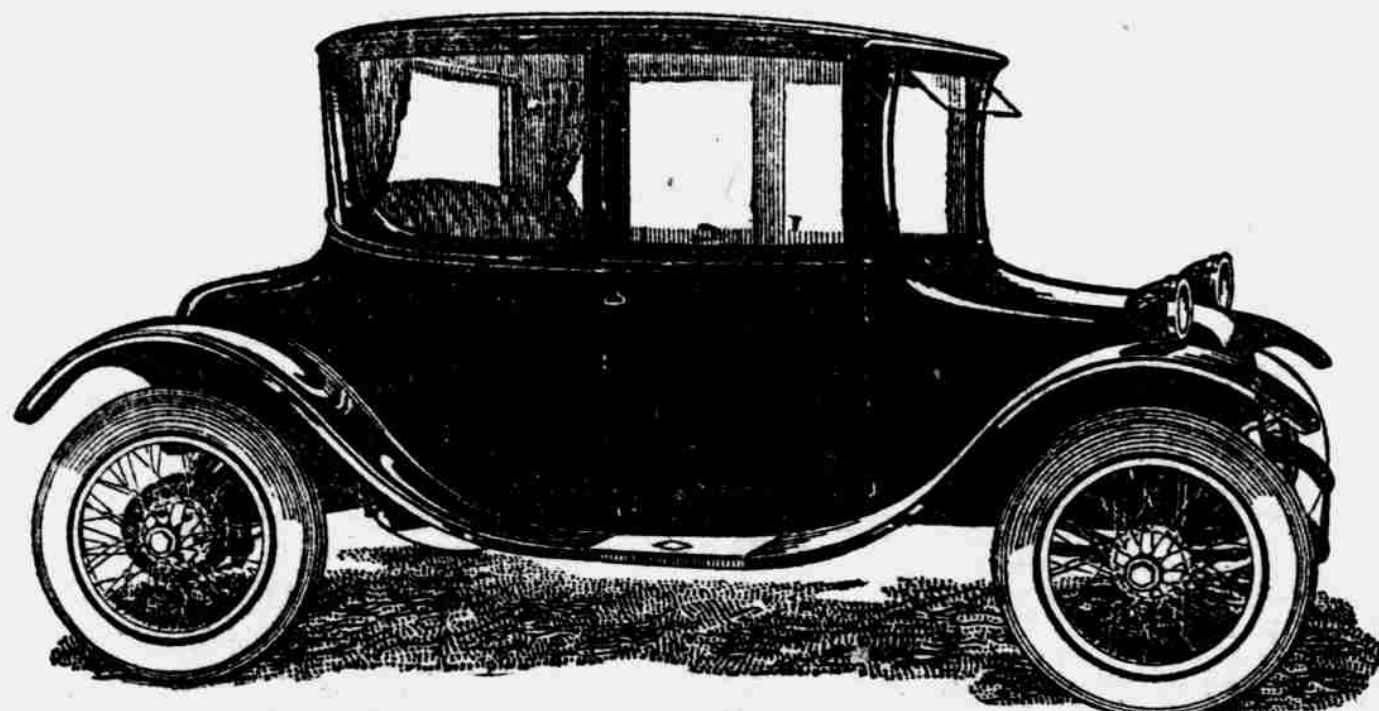
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