

WARNING AGAINST TIRES BROUGHT BACK FROM FRANCE

Ad Clubs Say Surplus Army Tires Are to Be Dumped on U. S. Market.

A warning has been sent out in a special bulletin by the National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World...

At the close of the war the American Army surplus supplies were sold to the French Government. Among these stores was a large quantity of automobile truck tires...

The French Government in turn has disposed of this product by selling it largely to Americans, who are now bringing it back to this country...

One American firm has already announced an offer of 50,000 solid truck tires to dealers at what appears to be a great reduction from the regular list price...

"First quality pressed on type bearing maker's name, numbers, &c. guaranteed to be exactly as received from the various manufacturers and having passed Government inspection."

"These tires are all first quality (not second or third), bearing maker's name, number, &c."

The tires are described as being Firestone, Goodrich, Goodyear, Kelly-Sprinchell and Republic.

While the literature intimates that the tires are in every respect new and fully guaranteed, we note that the literature contains the direct statement that they are fully guaranteed by the manufacturer.

In view of the fact that these tires are about to be offered to the public at a price which is a substantial reduction from the ordinary list price of the companies whose names they bear...

All of these tires were made in the United States three or more years ago, and in the terms of sale the matter of any guaranty applying to the product under which the tires might be adjusted was omitted.

While these tires were first quality tires at the time of their sale to the Government, the assertion that they are "guaranteed to be exactly as received from the various manufacturers" is extremely deceptive in its application at this time...

As before stated, the tires have been out of the hands of the manufacturers for three years or more, and testimony before a committee of the House of Representatives, investigating the war expenditures, was to the effect that huge quantities of tires unused by the Government were placed in great piles in open fields in France...

These tires, of great age, have not only been exposed as above, but they have been shipped, twice across the ocean and thus exposed to the action of salt air, which further tends to their deterioration.

The tire manufacturers whose names appear upon these tires are clearly under no obligation to make any adjustment upon them. We are informed by the manufacturers that adjustments will not be made and that those who purchase them do so at their own risk.

We cannot make too strong the statement that individuals who at this time are endeavoring to get something for nothing in the form of tires are taking a great risk; many tires offered at substantial reductions from the customary list price are not guaranteed and the public should know that in many instances where tires are guaranteed the guaranty is no better than the company making it.

For that reason we are endeavoring to advise the public at this particular period to deal only with legitimate and recognized tire dealers, to make certain that the tires purchased are those fully protected by the manufacturer, and to weigh carefully the reliability of the company that stands behind any guaranty given.

We desire to warn publications to whom advertising copy is submitted to weigh statements made in the light of the real facts set out in this bulletin and to be on their guard in the matter of protecting reader confidence in their columns and the rights of legitimate advertisers whose goodwill is always at stake when an inferior product bearing their name is sold to the public under any misapprehension or misrepresentation.

ATKINSON AND Y. M. C. A. SCHOOLS MERGE

Authorities at the West Side Y. M. C. A. Automobile School have announced the effecting of a combination with the Atkinson Auto School...

Albert N. Atkinson, former President of the Atkinson school, has been identified with the West Side school and will have his headquarters in the 57th street building.

DELIGHTFUL ONE-DAY MOTOR TOURS IN NEARBY N. Y.

Lake Regions of Putnam and Westchester Counties Afford Beautiful Scenic Trip.

By O. M. Wells. Chief Roadman, Bureau of Tours, the Automobile Club of America.

In outlining a pleasant day's tour the Bureau of Tours of the Automobile Club of America calls attention to the fact that the early spring is a delightful time to make a motor trip through the lake and scenic regions of Westchester and Putnam Counties...

For a tour to Carmel, the county seat of Putnam County, the motorist, after following the Grand Concourse to its terminus, will turn right into Baldwin Avenue, which is followed to Jerome Avenue, soon becoming Central Avenue and continue to White Plains, then through Hamilton Avenue to Broadway. Turn left and run north, passing Kensico Reservoir to Armonk. Turn right at the church and follow the main road, passing Hyram Lake to Bedford.

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At the outskirts of the village bear left, passing the dam of the Cross River Reservoir and continue straight on to Golden's Bridge, passing a beautiful body of water at Purdy's, through Croton Falls to Brewster. Turn left in Brewster and run due west, skirting the shores of a number of pretty lakes to Carmel. Turn left and run due south along the shore of Lake Glendon, then around the West Branch Reservoir to the prettiest lake of all, Lake Mahopac.

The return is made by running due south along Amawalk Reservoir to Amawalk and Yonkers Heights to Croton Lakes, crossing Pine Bridge, then south to Briarcliff. From Briarcliff the Sawmill River Road is followed through Eastview, Elmford and Ardsley to Dobbs Ferry, then south on Broadway, through Hastings and Yonkers and back to New York.

CHARGE \$900,000 GRAFT. 42 Indictments Against Cape May Board Members.

CAPE MAY, N. J., May 18.—The Cape May County Grand Jury late yesterday finished its investigation of graft charges against the Cape May County Board of Freeholders. The jury returned forty-three true bills against the present board, and all members in office for the last five years. The charges are misfeasance in office, bribery, graft and conspiracy to defraud.

The charges cover the famous contract at Turtle Gut Inlet, where the board has spent thousands of dollars to try to stop off the inlet without avail; the road on Two Mile Beach, where there is not a house, and the Sea Isle City Road from Seal Isle City to Corson's Inlet, broadened as twice its width at an expense more than four times the original cost of building the road.

The members of the board indicted are: John F. Fox and John E. Groves, both of Ocean City; Theodore E. Debow and James F. Eustace, Sea Isle City; Floyd Hewitt and John Young, North Wildwood; Augustus Hilton, Otto Reinken and John Stein, Wildwood; Henry Rutherford and Charles York, Cape May City; Hope Gandy, Tuckahoe; Charles E. Foster, South Seaville; Joseph Camp, Pierce Point; and Joseph McKinnie, Rio Grande.

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NEW TYPE OF AIRSHIP CLAIMED TO BE SAFE

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This rigid airship is designed to carry 100 passengers in comfort. There is a passenger deck, with space for staterooms, dining rooms and other necessary accommodations for passengers and crew.

The balloon proper consists of a large number of individual gas cells attached to a bridge chassis made of duraluminum.

RADIO ASKS INJUNCTION. Intercity Concern Making a Fight to Retain License.

The Inter City Radio Company, Inc., through its attorneys, filed suit yesterday in the Federal District Court asking that Secretary of Commerce Hoover and other Government officials be enjoined from revoking the company's license. The matter will be heard Friday.

A company operating a radio system must have a license, issued by the Department of Commerce. It is claimed that the Inter City Radio Company, Inc., through lack of coordination with other radio companies, interfered with their systems and with the radio communications between warships at sea.

After a recent conference, Secretary Hoover informed the Inter City Radio Company, Inc., that its license would be revoked.

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