

## "KEEP ON AIDING BELGIUM," IMPLORES MR. HOOVER

**H**ERBERT C. HOOVER, Chairman of the Commission for Relief of Belgium, was given a dinner at the Hotel Astor in this city on Tuesday evening, February 13, when over 600 prominent persons honored him by their presence, and Mr. Hoover made an address which thrilled all who listened. Referring to Germany's decision that Americans must not continue their relief work in Belgium, announced only the day previous, Mr. Hoover urged that his hearers *not only continue their efforts for relief, but increase them.* And he further said:

"If it is necessary for the Americans to retire in favor of some other neutrals, the obligation upon the world will remain. The world can not resist the call of six millions of women and children for the bare subsistence of life.

*"God still reigns, and no matter what our temporary difficulties may be, the same faith and the same force which have enabled us to go thus far will enable these people to be saved."*

"Whether at the hands of this particular group of men, or at the hands of whatever neutral nation to whom the responsibility for administration of the work falls, the obligation of the American people to support such an administration, and thus to support these people, is no less than if it should happen to be directed by Americans themselves. It is an obligation toward humanity. There can be no slackening of our endeavors; there can be no relaxation of our responsibility in this matter."

Mr. Hoover said that ships of the Commission were in ports all over the world, and that the Commission had proposed to Germany that the work be carried on by other neutrals, or that lanes be agreed upon for its ships to pass in safety.

Answering a natural fear that food intended for Belgians had fallen or might fall into hands of the German Army, Mr. Hoover stated:

"We are satisfied that the German Army has never eaten one-tenth of 1 per cent. of the food provided. The Allied Governments never would have supplied us with \$200,000,000 if we were supplying the German Army; and if the Germans had absorbed any considerable quantity of this food the population of Belgium would not now be alive.

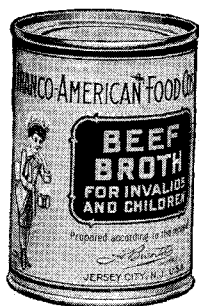
"The crying need of Belgium to-day," declared Mr. Hoover, "is the care of 1,200,000 children for whom the Commission has been caring, and particularly of more than 400,000 babies, under three years of age, whose mothers have brought them twice every day to the Commission's canteen for milk."

Mr. Hoover's address inspired an editorial utterance by the Brooklyn *Eagle* headed "Belgian Relief Must Go On," in the course of which reference was made to the meager Belgian benefactions of certain rich American States as compared with those of Australian and Canadian provinces, and to the new sense of responsibility that should be felt here, and *The Eagle* further said:

***Since the above was put in type German authorities have decided that Americans may continue administering Belgian Relief.***

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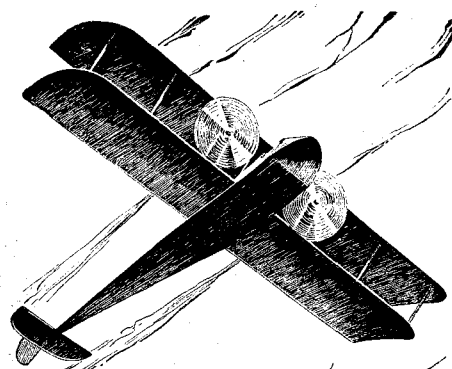
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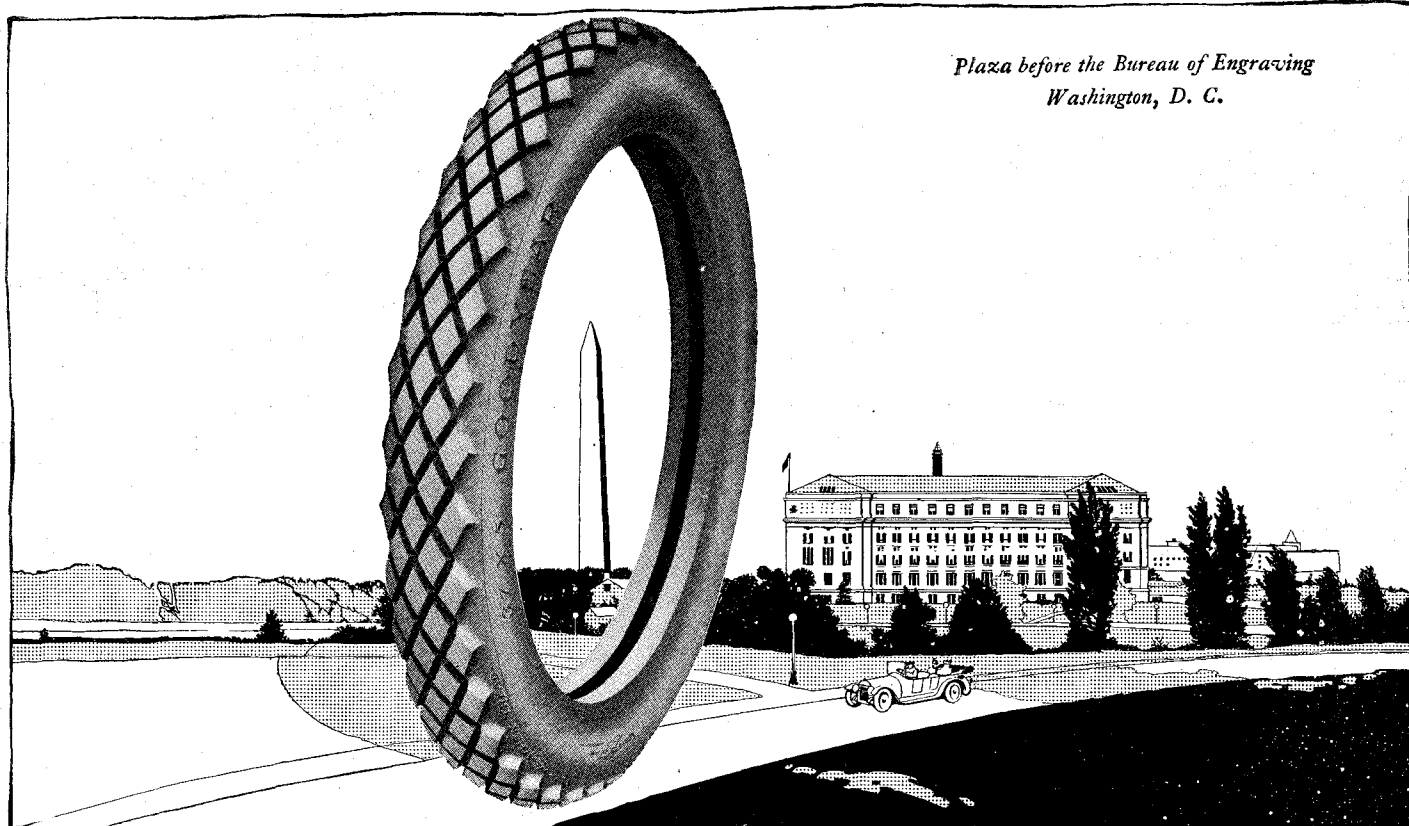
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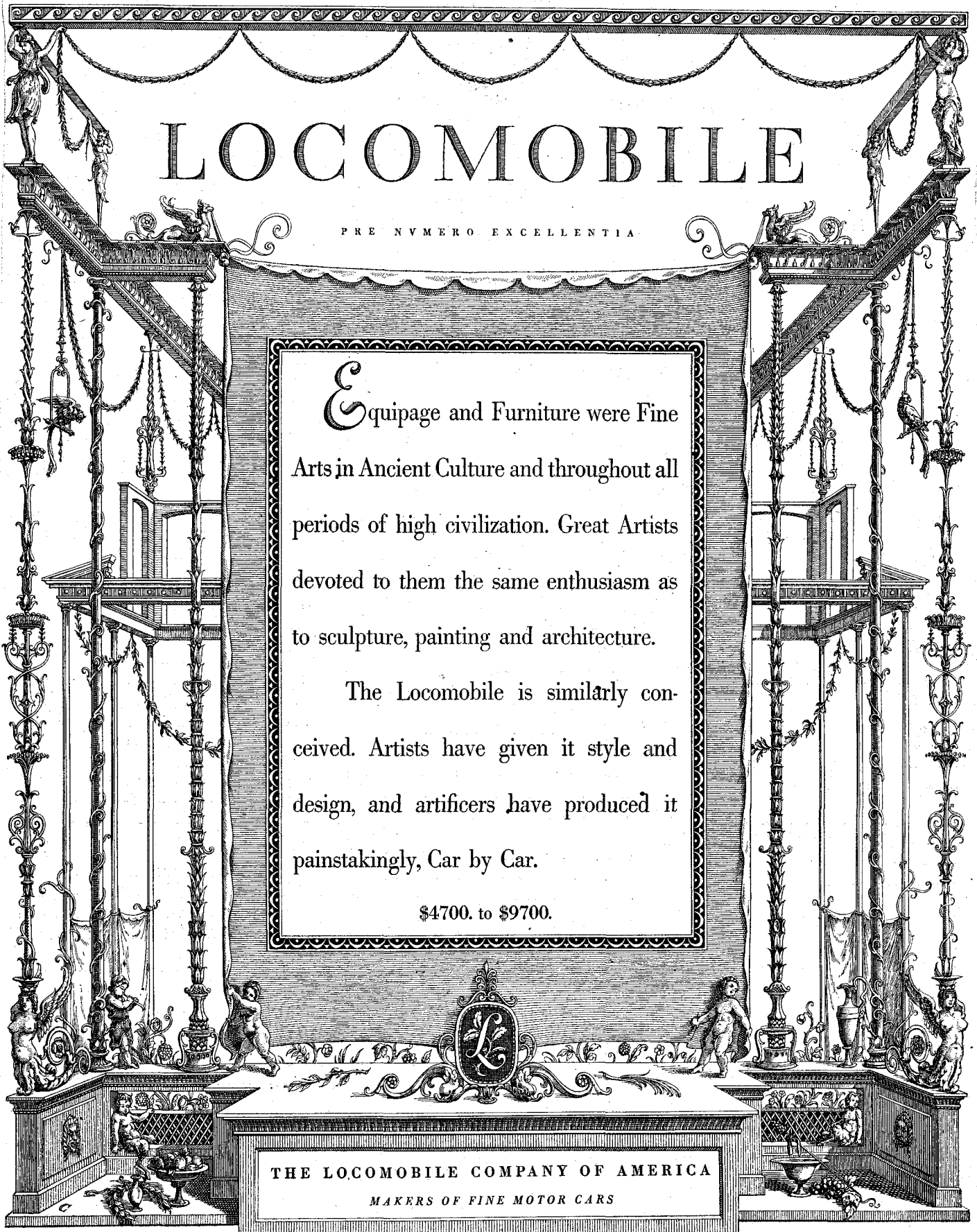
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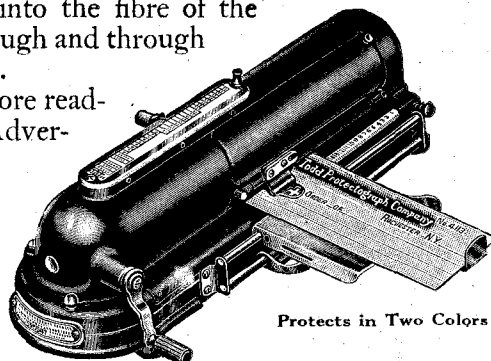
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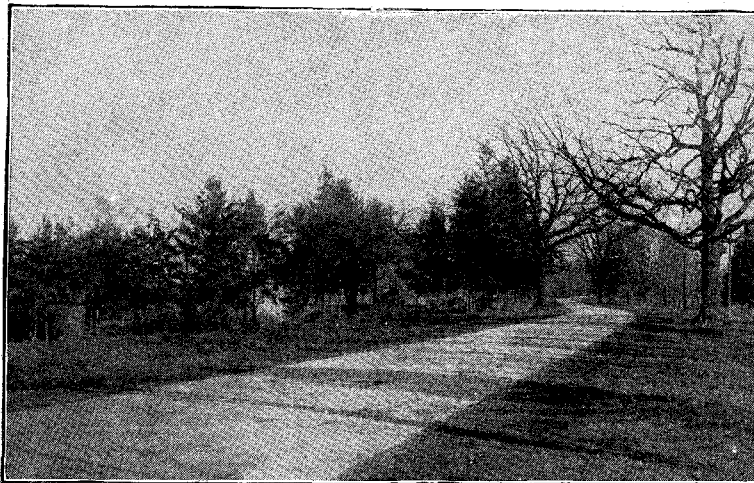
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## Durable Roads Are Obtainable— the Motorist Should Act

Motor clubs and associations everywhere are joining the movement for good roads. The motorist knows better than anyone else how serious is the road problem of today. Next to the farmer, he is the most vitally concerned. It is motor car traffic which is tearing our highways to pieces, making them unfit for travel and piling up maintenance costs which no community can afford. *These are very likely to be recovered by the community in higher taxes.* The only remedy is the quick and systematic building of permanent highways.

The three million motor car owners in this country are a power if they all pull together and urge, each in his own community, a sufficient mileage of permanent roads. They are property owners and tax payers, entitled to be heard.

The point is to be definite about it, to settle upon a system of permanent roads in county or state, and then raise enough money by a bond issue to build the most enduring type.

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## CURRENT POETRY

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE, relieved, by his resignation from the post of United States Minister to Holland, from the bonds of diplomatic silence, contributes to the *New York Times* this intensely passionate expression of his feelings in the world's crisis. Those who share his emotion will be glad of his spokesmanship, and others will not let the bitterness of his partizanship blind them to the excellence of his verse.

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BY HENRY VAN DYKE

You dare to say with perjured lips:  
"We fight to make the ocean free"—  
You whose black trail of butchered ships  
Bestrews the bed of every sea  
Where German submarines have wrought  
Their horrors! Have you never thought  
What you call freedom men call piracy?

Unnumbered ghosts that haunt the wave  
Where you have murdered cry you down,  
And seamen whom you would not save  
Weave now in weed-grown depths a crown  
Of shame for your imperious head,  
A dark memorial of the dead,  
Women and children whom you left to drown.

Nay, not till thieves are set to guard  
The gold, and corsairs called to keep  
O'er peaceful commerce watch and ward,  
And wolves to herd the helpless sheep,  
Shall men and women look to thee,  
Thou ruthless Old Man of the Sea,  
To safeguard law and freedom on the deep!

In nobler breeds we put our trust:  
The nations in whose sacred lore  
The "ought" stands out above the "must."  
And honor rules in peace and war.  
With these we hold in soul and heart,  
With these we choose our lot and part  
Till liberty is safe on sea and shore.

Several of the poems of Alan Seeger, the young American who died fighting with the Foreign Legion on the field of Belloyen-Santerre, have already been reprinted in these columns. A volume of his poems has recently been published by Charles Scribner's Sons, with a sympathetic introduction by William Archer. From it we quote this stately and spirited ode. The poet had hoped to read it in Paris on Decoration day, before the statue of Lafayette and Washington, but his "permission" unfortunately did not arrive in time. Of it Mr. Archer writes: "If the war has produced a nobler utterance, it has not come my way."

### ODE IN MEMORY OF THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FALLEN FOR FRANCE

(To have been read before the statue of Lafayette and Washington in Paris, on Decoration day, May 30, 1916)

BY ALAN SEEGER

I

Ay, it is fitting on this holiday,  
Commemorative of our soldier dead,  
When—with sweet flowers of our New England  
May  
Hiding the lichen stones by fifty years made  
gray—  
Their graves in every town are garlanded,  
That pious tribute should be given, too,  
To our intrepid few  
Obscurely fallen here beyond the seas.  
Those to preserve their country's greatness died;  
But by the death of these  
Something that we can look upon with pride  
Has been achieved, nor wholly unreplied