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HEAVY BATTLE IS AN EVEN MONEY TILT

Dempsey Must Win In Early Rounds To Be Victor

By H. S. ARE

Fistic fans of these United States are probably more interested in Dempsey-Sharkey battle, set for Thursday evening of this week, than they would be in a fight that brought together the present champion and either of these two contenders.

This is due in a large part to the colorfulness of the two fighters. Dempsey the greatest puncher and at the same time the greatest drawing card that the game has ever known stacks up against Sharkey, a fast, shifty, slugging type of fighter.

It is due also in part to the fact that Dempsey has many admirers, men who still believe that the former champ is the greatest fighter living. It is true, also, in some degree, that Dempsey has, too, a large number of non-admirers, men who would give much to see the former title holder knocked for a "ghoul."

And, Sharkey, has admirers. Many of them. And, too, there are those, who because of the boastful attitude assumed by the Boston Bean Boy, would like to see "old man" Dempsey jar a few of Sharkey's favorite teeth more than loose.

It is a battle of Youth and Age. Many of the old timers will be pulling for Dempsey to disprove the statement that "they never come back." Youth will be out to see that it is served.

Sharkey is the favorite in the betting ring. There is, however, a claim that the wise money is on Dempsey.

Plain reasoning will bring one to the conclusion that Dempsey cannot have the speed of old. Thirty-two is by no means ancient, but in the prize ring it is a rather heavy weight to carry around. No one knows whether Dempsey's punch still carries the same kick and if it has lost some of its intensity whether it isn't still the worst to face in all the world.

Will the youth and speed of Sharkey outdo the experience and punch of Dempsey? Thursday night alone will tell.

Granting that Sharkey is the faster and younger of the two and counting these as weighty points in his favor, we must also consider that a real punch delivered as Dempsey can in the vital spot, will take away much of Sharkey's speed and add several years to his age.

Let this then be our conclusion: It is an even money fight. If Dempsey gets in a few telling blows early in the battle, Mr. Sharkey's championship hopes will be set back a year or so. If, on the other hand, Mr. Dempsey is unable to reach the fleet footed Boston Bean Boy during the opening stages of the fight, then Mr. Dempsey had better devote all his time to keeping hotel in Los Angeles.

Katherine Lambert To Train For Bay Swim

Katherine Lambert, younger sister of Adelaide Lambert, the champion swimmer from Kent, has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kent Lambert near here. The younger of the Lambert sisters is said by some to be nearly the equal of her older sister in aquatic lines. She has just completed her schooling in Panama and will spend the summer with her parents here.

The waters of the bay and rivers around Kent will probably see much of Miss Katherine, who reports have it will attempt to swim the bay with her sister later in the season.

Kennedyville Stops North East Nine

Kennedyville continued its winning streak on Saturday by taking the measure of North East, 8 to 3.

Groff, Chestertown hurler, was again on the mound for the Kennedyville nine. He pitched in his usual fine style.

It is highly probable that Groff will twirl most of the games for the Kennedyville team. He has been signed for the season and as the up-country nine is playing but a single game a week Groff should be able to pitch them all, barring an accident.

Charlestown will afford the opposition for Kennedyville in this week's game. The contest will be staged at Charlestown.

The largest percentage of families owning automobiles is in towns of 1,000 population and less, according to a recent survey. The lowest ratio was found in cities of 100,000 and up, but even here 54 percent have one or more cars per family.

The ability to absorb knowledge is the same in a man or woman of 60 and in a child of six, according to an experiment conducted by a Columbia university professor. The decline in one's ability to learn begins at 40, the experiment showed.

Same "Natural" For Dempsey And Sharkey That Made Jeffries-Sharkey Battle a Classic

It has always been difficult for sport fans of any age to give full credit to ability or the performance of its athletes until they could look back to "the good old days" and in memory at last realize that greatness had been with them unaware.

The heavyweight struggle between Jack Dempsey and Jack Sharkey this week is a point in comparison— which, as this is written, is in many quarters being discredited and not given full acknowledgment as being a very important milestone in the history of heavyweight pugilism.

Oldtimers still tell of that memorial struggle between the great Jim Jeffries and Sailor Tom Sharkey. It is today a ring classic in the mind of fandom and admittedly a he-man performance which any red-blooded follower of the mitt-slingers would travel miles to see.

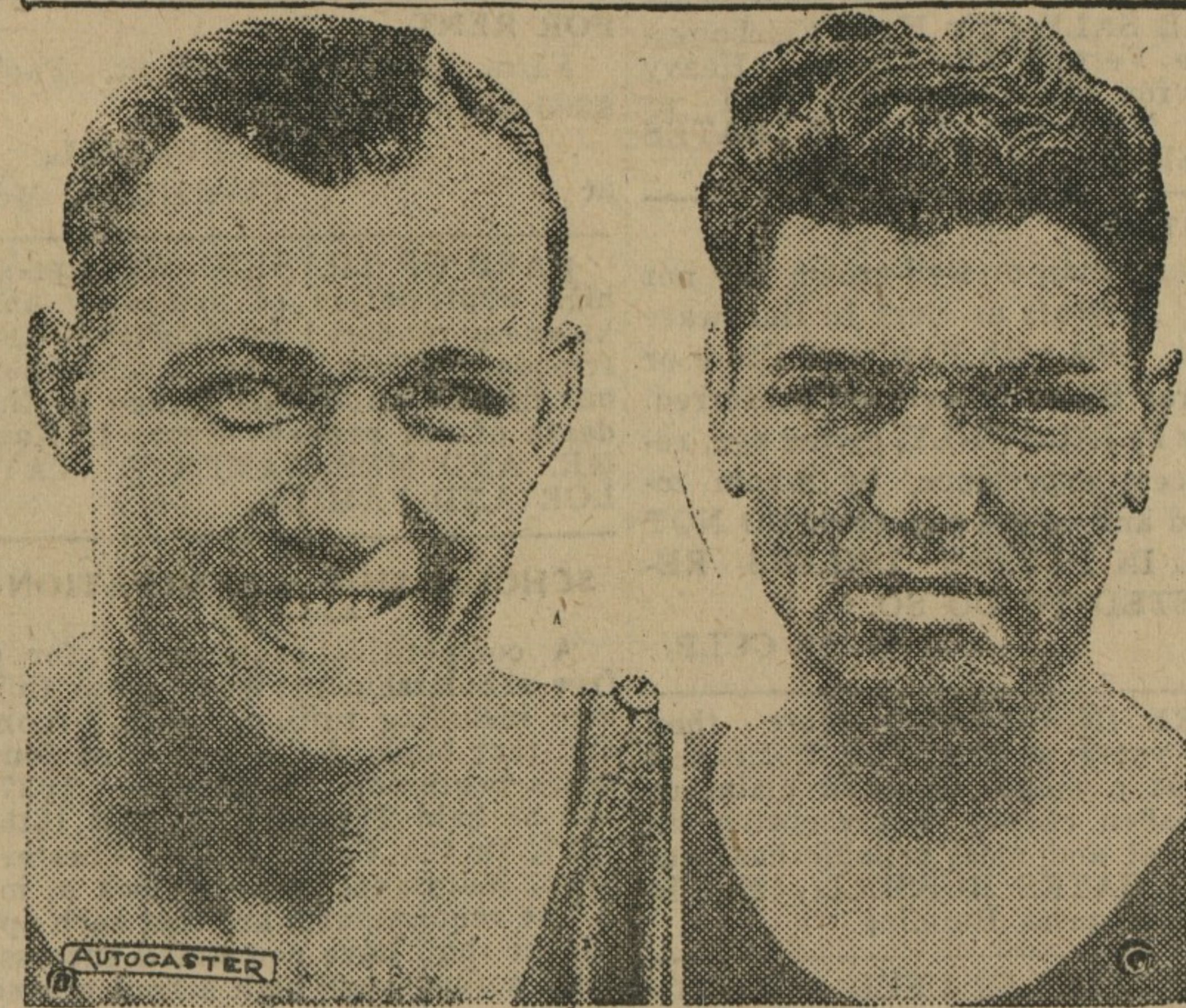
The Dempsey-Sharkey battle promised as much. A battle of well conditioned, well trained ringmen, both of whom in past performances have records which should have left no doubt in the minds of all that it was to be a great battle whether it went one round—or fifteen rounds.

Failed To See Greatness

Still all through the days of training the experts "fled, and fled and supposed" their way through, cautiously refusing to give full credit to either man and creating the impression that it might "by lucky chance" be a good battle.

Looking at the battle for the purpose of seeing accurately and truly the factors involved, one must admit that it was "a natural." Here was the great Dempsey—still a young man as compared to Fitzsimmons, Sullivan or Johnson, in a desperate effort to regain his lost laurels. Trained to the minute; looking the perfect specimen of a well-trained man; a clean life behind him with no dissipation taint; a great ringman with but the Tunney defeat against him; a fighting man who had sacrificed all pleasures for months to prepare for the struggle; Dempsey ap-

Sharkey Dempsey



The hold former champion Jack Dempsey has on ring fans was reflected in the big advance sale of tickets to the Dempsey-Sharkey battle in New York, July 21—as "Jack the Giant Killer" started the "comeback" trail for another battle to regain his title which he lost to Gene Tunney last fall.

proached ringtime the biggest "threat" whose shadow ever darkened the heavyweight ring.

On the other hand, Sharkey. A rough tough fighting man in the full bloom of youth. A fast, two-fisted battler who "took them as they came" battering his way to the top on sheer ability and courage, and with Dempsey, the last hurdle before a shot at the title, fame and gold.

Jefferies or Dempsey

It is a mooted question which would have won had Jefferies at his best met the Dempsey of Willard or Firpo days.

The Jack Sharkey today, whether he won or lost to Dempsey, is as tough a fighting sailor man as was the Sailor Tom Sharkey who met Jefferies.

Wipe out the Tunney performance

against Dempsey. See him again in physical and mental condition which was impossible last fall. Remember the ferociousness of his attack which was always his best defense. Discount the thought that age could or should be a factor against him—and you are still looking at a champion whom fate may perhaps have placed but temporarily on the "comeback" trail.

It is very possible that those fans at the Dempsey-Sharkey ringside will have witnessed a much greater battle than that wherein the crown will be lifted from Gene Tunney's head. Dempsey-Sharkey was "a natural" in point of pugilistic values and it is only to wonder why experts and fans fail to properly classify such great battles until after the years have thrown it into the dim and misty past of "the good old days."

Jake Flowers Again At Short For Brooklyn

"Jake" Flowers' trip down the river has been postponed indefinitely. Right on the heels of a report that Flowers was to be sent back to the minors, at Los Angeles, the Eastern Shore boy and former local star, got back into the lineup and is turning in fine performance each day.

In celebration of his return to the game on last Friday Jake smacked out a homerun for his contribution to the cause, altho his team lost.

On Saturday he played in both ends of a double header and got a pair of hits.

On Sunday he was credited with one blow in three trips to the plate.

In addition to hitting Jake has been playing a good fielding game since his rest.

Grand Exalted Ruler.



John F. Malley, of Boston, elected grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks after a bitter fight at a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Cincinnati, O., last week.

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By H. S. ARE

A long homerun delivered last Friday saved Jake Flowers from a boat trip.

He was scheduled to loosen his moorings at Brooklyn and drop down the river to Los Angeles.

The home run tightened, instead of loosening, the moorings and Jake is still with the Dodgers.

Forty-one runs and fifty-six hits was the total in the double header between the Phillies and the Pirates Saturday.

The pitchers, of course, blamed it on the weather.

It was hot and they perspired.

The heat warmed the perspiration.

Hence, they were in hot water all the time.

At least, that's the way they explained it.

Umpire Rowland convinced Johnny Neun that his college course in Public Speaking had not been sufficient. This happened also on Saturday.

Johnny is a Baltimore boy and has officiated in Washington College basket ball games here often.

His job WAS first base for Detroit.

His job IS benchwarmer until his suspension is lifted.

Umpire Rowland is apparently a good arguer.

Speaking about the weather we

The clothes that make the women are sometimes the clothes that break the man.

The Loyal Order of Woodpeckers is the title of a new Washington organization of government employees. Its purpose is to keep pecking away at unnecessary expenses. General Lord, director of the budget, is its instigator.

"That drunkard we just saw is a very touching case. Isn't he?"

"Well, now that you mention it, yes. He touched me for a five-spot yesterday!"

"Do you suffer from thirst?"

"Suffer, Why, it's my greatest pleasure."

"Yes, sir. It certainly pays to study," said the young man as he received his usual fifty-dollar check from his old man. "If not for my studies I wouldn't have this check. And I owe it to all my fellow students."

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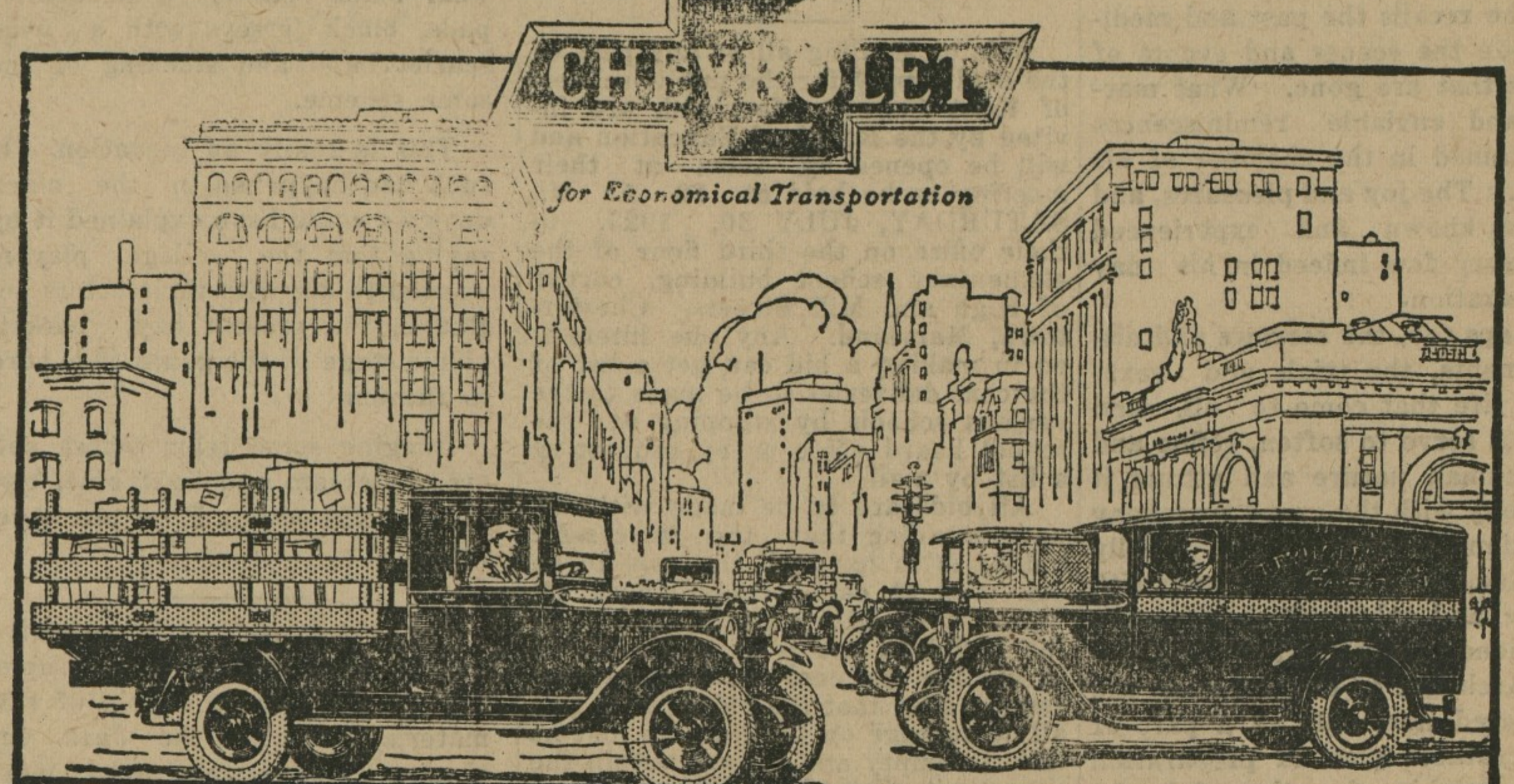
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