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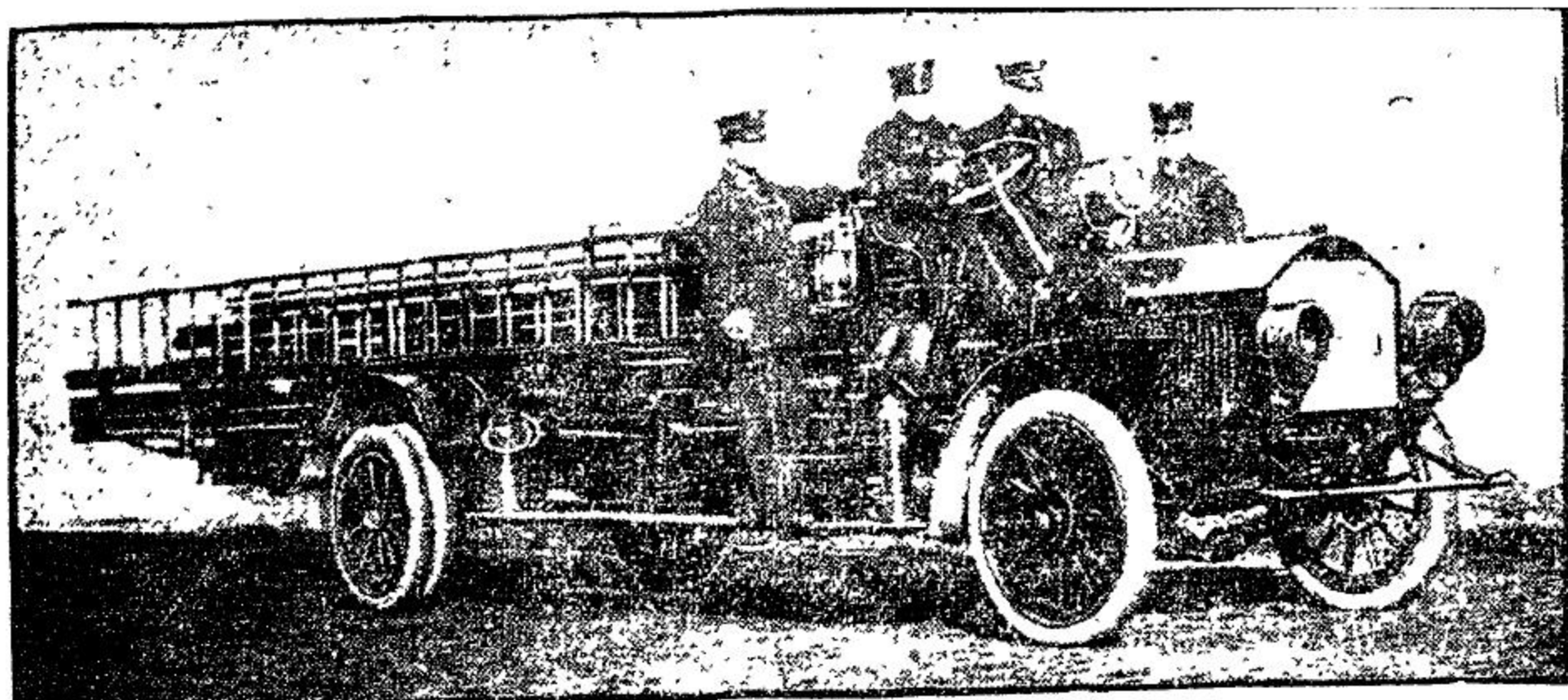
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Machine Goes From Longwood Av to Top of Parker Hill in 2 Minutes 53 Seconds.



NEW MOTOR LADDER TRUCK GIVEN TEST YESTERDAY FOR BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Department officials yesterday witnessed the first test of a motor-propelled ladder truck ever given in this city. Commissioner Cole, Chief Mullen, Supt of Repairs Byington, Lieuts Kenecaly and Cosgrove and other officials were driven in the machine from headquarters to the house of Engine 37, at Longwood and Brookline avs, Roxbury.

Upon reaching that station a signal was received from headquarters and the truck, in charge of a man who was not acquainted with the route, started for the top of Parker Hill, reaching

there from the house of Engine 37 in 2 minutes and 53 seconds.

Considering that there was a man at the wheel who was unfamiliar with the route, the officials figure that even better time would have been made had a local fireman been operating the car.

The test was given under the direction of Ex-Lieut Joseph A. Webber, formerly Chief Mullen's aid, who represented the American La France Fire Engine Company of Elmira. The motor truck will for one month be placed in commission at the house of Motor Chemical 13, Walk Hill and Wenham sts, Forest Hills. It will respond to all alarms that are answered by the chemical, and will be in charge of

Hoseman Philip G. Ferrin. The department officials will observe the new machine closely.

The machine has a complete ladder equipment, carries 200 feet of chemical hose, two 10-gallon chemical tanks and all appliances carried by a suburban ladder company.

Commissioner Cole and Chief Mullen manifested unusual interest in the new machine, and if it proves successful while in commission at Forest Hills Mayor Fitzgerald may be urged to purchase such a machine when he returns from the South. It was the intention of the fire leaders at one time to place such a machine in commission in the new house at Lauriat av, Dorchester.