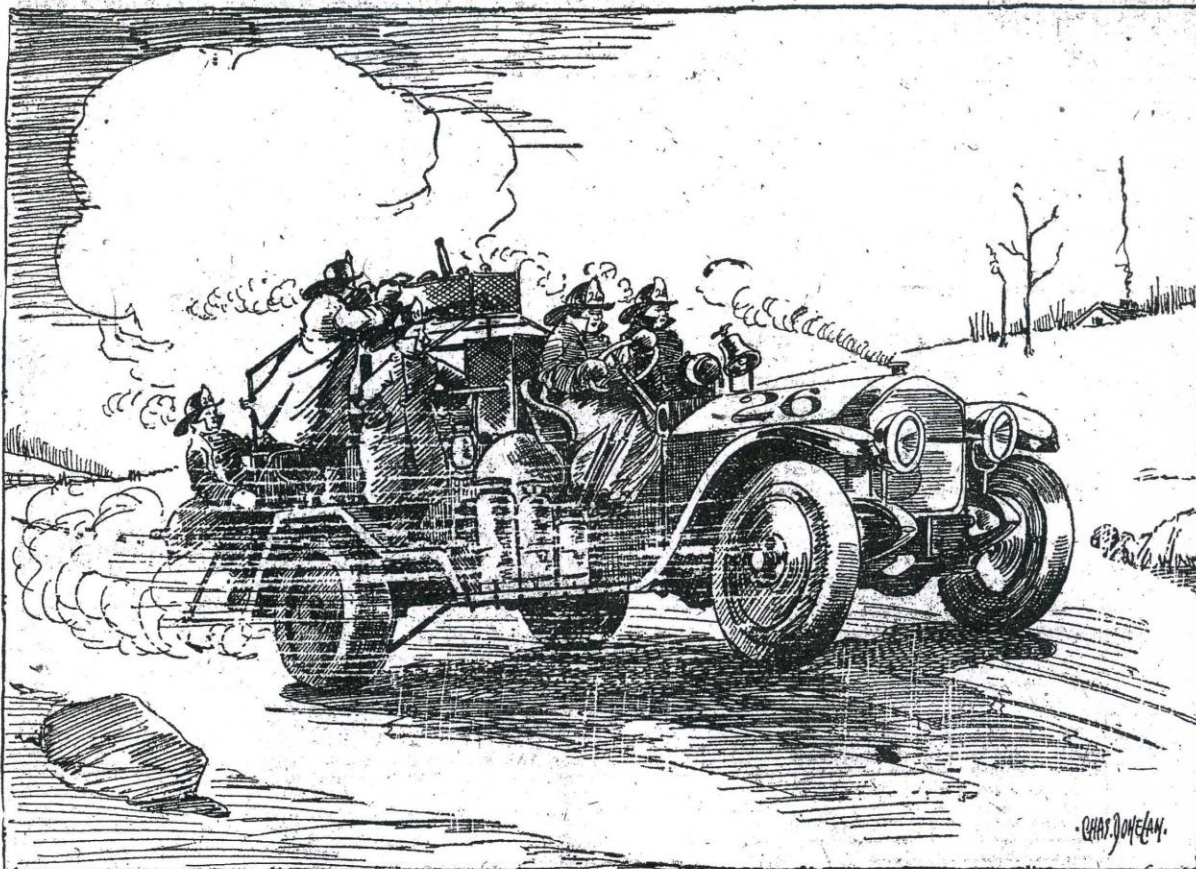


# "PEACE HATH HER HEROES"

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Engine 26—both men and apparatus—reflect great credit upon the entire Boston fire department.

That's the opinion today of Fire Commissioner John R. Murphy, speaking of the remarkable 46-mile run of the motor-driven apparatus and company of nine men from Boston over the road to the Worcester fire.

Praise for the men was voiced by the commissioner thus:

"It was in the line of duty. The men were only too eager to go to assist a sister city in the hour of trial. It was all in the day's work and there is not a member of the department but who would have gone. The men of engine 26 company did their full duty and reflect great credit upon the Boston fire department."

Highly pleased, too, is the commissioner at this demonstration of the fire protective range of high-powered motor-driven apparatus of this type, which is one of his pet ideas. Of engine 26—the new "Baby" of the department, he said:

"Such a run by this type of apparatus demonstrates one feature of motor fire apparatus not

heretofore appreciated, namely—ability to answer alarms of fire in neighboring cities in case of great emergency. In the old days of horse-drawn apparatus we could not have gone over the road to Worcester. We would have lost a great deal of time drawing the engine to the railroad yard, loading it on a flat car, being carried to the city of the fire and then transshipping at the other end. Now all we did was to run over the road, reaching Worcester in two hours and 10 minutes.

"Motor apparatus is not only more efficient than horse apparatus in covering more territory in its home community, but its territory outside, is increased very materially from a fire protective standpoint, compared with that of horse-drawn apparatus."

Commissioner Murphy emphasized, too, the fact that Motor Engineer Ryan was sent to Worcester. He is in charge of inspection of motors of Boston fire department and is an expert mechanic. He went to Worcester, not only to look after whatever might be needed by engine 26, but also to give aid that might be needed on Worcester apparatus in the fierce emergency.