

MA'S BID FOR AUTOCRACY

Short By United States
intervention During Costa
Rican Attack — President
thinks Country Should
stand Alone.

Panama, March 12—(Associated Press, Mail)—The hostilities with Costa Rica over disputed border territory, which began last month and evoked an ultimatum from the United States government, broke just at the right moment for the administration of President Porras to attempt to utilize in its campaign to assure the Panamanian republic the right to conduct its affairs without foreign interference.

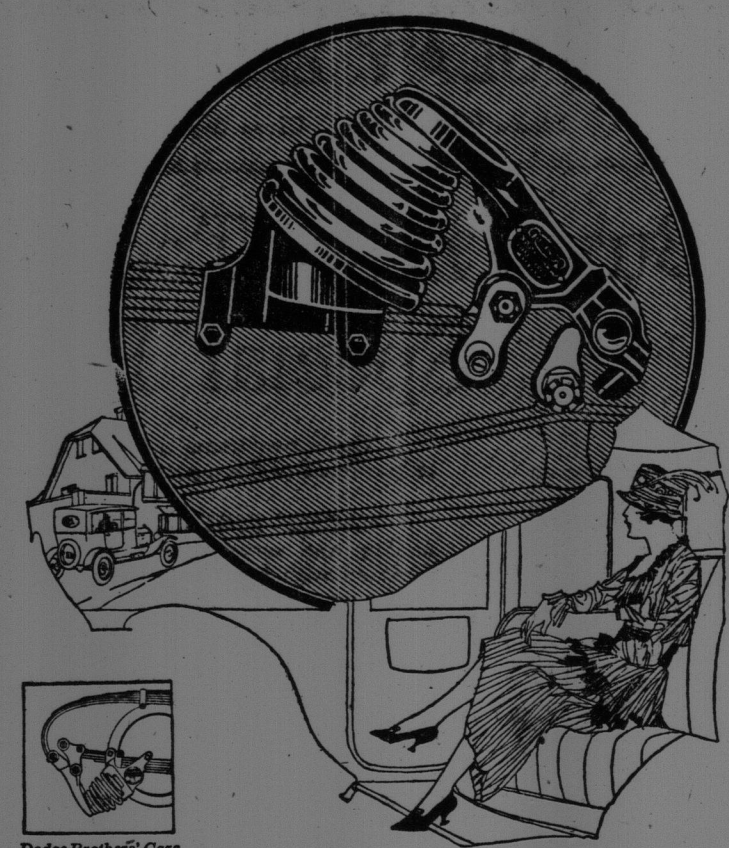
National spirit has been developing in Panama since November 8, 1903, when the fifth and last time, Panama declared her independence. It was hardly possible during the first decade of the republic's existence, but, in his New Year's message of January 1, 1921, President Porras gave utterance to the belief in his administration that the time was for Panama to stand alone.

Protests to the State Department at Washington over the taking over of land by the American government for canal use purposes was the first step in the independence program. The Porras administration asserted that the occupation territory under the Hay-Varilla treaty would be consumed through regular domestic channels and that, if the United States government continued its policy to its logical conclusion, it would swallow the entire republic without pausing to notify the victim.

These protests, aimed at the utilization of lands on Taboga Island, on the Pacific, and on the Bahia de las Minas, Caribbean shore, were almost simultaneous with a protest against a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge John W. Hanan, United States district court of the Canal Zone, in which the court stated that the United States President had declared that he counted upon the port of Latin-American republics in protest.

The next incident upon which the Porras administration took a decided stand was a free hand in running the republic during the last week in February, when the President, in an interview given to Associated Press, announced that he had decided to name a Panamanian to succeed Addison T. Ruan, American, as agent. During the incumbency of Ruan the republic had piled up a surplus of \$2,500,000, which the administration intended to utilize in an extensive building program. In this connection the president said:

"The American Minister, William Jennings Bruce, is opposed to the appointment of a Panamanian citizen, claiming we must appoint a candidate selected by the American government. This action seems to be connected with the nomination of the National Banking Corporation as agent of the government's funds and receipts, which I have decided



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Immediately after this interview, it was announced that the government had awarded road building contracts to two companies, one North American and the other Panamanian, in a program involving the expenditure of about \$7,000,000. Even while the president and the American minister were conferring over

the affair of the fiscal agent, Costa Rican forces, on February 21, occupied the small town of Costa, on Golfo Dulce, the most extreme Pacific side frontier point of Panama. Without following the 18-year-old custom of advising the United States authorities, the president dispatched a force of national police from Panama to dislodge the alleged invaders.

In official American quarters here it was noted that Panama's determination to live her own life manifested itself at a time when the national administration at Washington was changing and that it was marked by the failure to advise American representatives of the steps taken to preserve Panama's territorial integrity, even though the United States guaranteed this integrity in the canal treaty.

Despite efforts to keep the expedition secret, the American authorities learned of the movements of the two Central American governments promptly and in advance of most of the residents and in Panama.

The prompt dispatch of American warships to Bocas del Toro and the note sent to Panama and Costa Rica by Secretary of State Hughes on March 8 calling a halt in the hostilities came as a shock to plans of the Panama administration.

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stration to settle the dispute over Costa Rica single-handed. The situation in Panama prior to the retirement of the Costa Rican forces from the territory they had seized was in many respects similar to that prevailing in Mexico before the fall of Carranza, where the government sought to hold public support by posing as the defender of Mexico's rights against North American aggression.

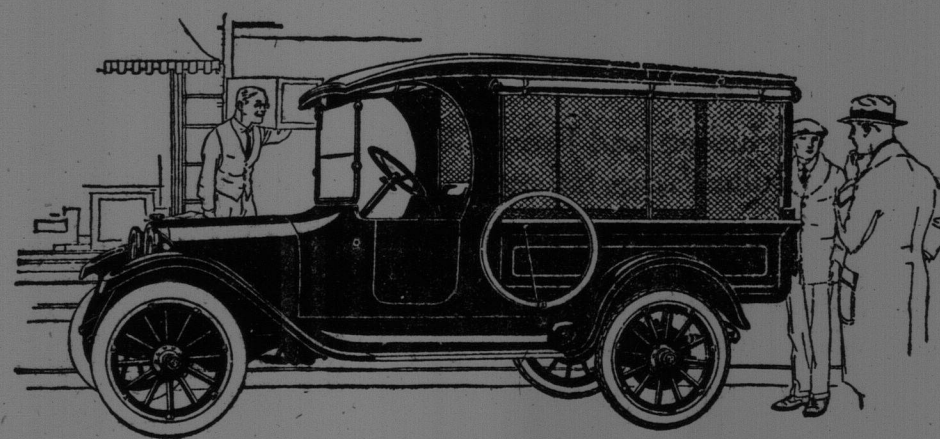
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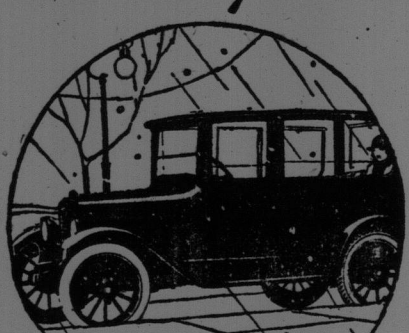
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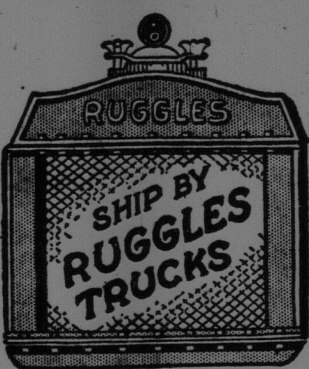
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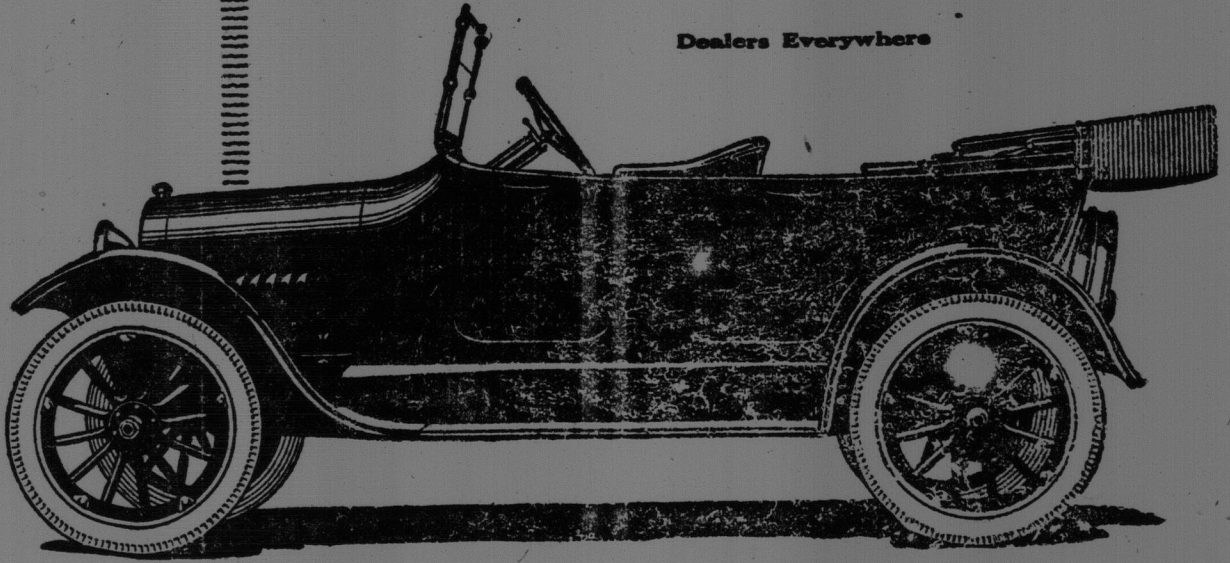
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