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Havens spent the winter months of 1913-1914 in Cuba and the West Indies where he enjoyed a good vacation of fishing and duck hunting. While there Mr. Chenevert contacted Havens extending an invitation to become a salesman for Federal Trucks, and after some consideration Havens decided to quit flying and accept this offer. ~~Being~~ bachelors, ~~They~~ they conceived the idea of fitting out a truck with living quarters and making a world tour as a joint trip for pleasure and selling trucks. They built the truck and started out from Detroit heading west, and all went according to plan until they reached California and were preparing to ship out to Asia, when they received a wire from the factory ~~demanding~~ directing them to return to Detroit. The war in Europe was gaining headway and the company management wanted them to get over there and promote their truck business. As a result they went to Europe and sold trucks in substantial numbers to practically all of the European countries. Federal Truck Company grew rapidly, new capital came in and the name was changed to the Denby Truck Company. Havens remained in Europe until the early part of 1918 when he was virtually drafted by the Government to return and fly water planes for

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