

# German Pair Travel World In Light Ford

## Couple Visit Shanghai On Way Around Globe; Will Tour America

Rivalling the travels of explorers of old, Frau E. Dorner and Herr G. Blenck are setting new records in the field of modern travel and unfolded an interesting tale of their wonderful trip in a British light Ford car to a representative of this paper on their arrival here last Monday by the President Cleveland.

October 20 of last year saw these intrepid travellers start out on their journey from Cologne, Germany. Travelling with road conditions at their best, they rapidly traversed Austria, Hungary, Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria, and soon reached Arabia where they encountered the first bad portion of their journey. During this first stage, the light Ford behaved splendidly, although it had only just been uncrated at Cologne and had never been run in.

On the desert stage from Damascus to Bagdad, a non-stop run of 600 miles of trackless waste, they encountered a raging sandstorm which forced them to retreat into the safety and comfort of the light Ford with all windows closed as tightly as possible. Although the Arabian desert had presented quite a problem, the two travellers found even worse conditions existing in Persia, where the roads were practically impassable in different spots.

### Danger Of Robbers

While crossing the Arabian desert and Persia, Frau Dorner and Herr Blenck faced the risk of running into hordes of robbers who infest the regular routes utilized by the motor caravans, but fortunately they were not molested, although on one occasion another car which had preceded them by a few days was overtaken and stripped of everything valuable.

Herr Blenck mentioned his surprise at finding Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan, a fine, modern city, and this he attributes to the strong influence which the British wield in that country. Quetta is one of the hottest spots in the world and is very seldom visited by Europeans.

The next important stop was Calcutta, where the motorists spent ten days, and they speak highly of the hospitality they received there.

From Calcutta, they first took ship to Rangoon, from whence they re-embarked for Penang, going down to Singapore by road. Frau Dorner said that the roads of the Malay States were the finest they have encountered so far.

They next shipped to Saigon and continued their journey by road as far as Haiphong and then attempted to proceed through China by road as well. They got as far as Nanning in Kwangsi province, but due to heavy rains, they found the roads impassable, and returned to Indo-China where they shipped for Hong-kong, and then caught the s.s. "President Cleveland" for Shanghai.

### Will Tour U.S.A.

The couple left Shanghai by the President Cleveland for Japan where they will disembark at Kobe, whence they will motor to Yokohama. After a short stay in the latter place, they will once more take ship for Seattle or San Francisco, and will then make an extended tour of the United States, including a visit to the Chicago World Fair which opens on June 1.

The car will be shipped from New York to England where Frau Dorner and Herr Blenck hope to stay for some time after which they will make the final stage of their eventful trip around the world; back to Germany.

The travellers are the picture of good health and stated that they had enjoyed every bit of their trip, and only regretted that their schedule did not allow them a longer stay in Shanghai.

Frau Dorner hails from Hanover and Herr Blenck is from Frankfurt-on-Maine. They both praised highly the performance of their British light Ford, which is a two-door saloon model, and said that they did not have the slightest mechanical trouble throughout the odd 12,000 miles that they have so far covered.

The travellers also attribute a great measure of their success to the high quality of their "Continental" tires, which stood up extremely well under gruelling conditions. In fact, they have had only three punctures so far—a remarkable performance.

During their brief stay here, they were shown round Shanghai by Messrs. J. V. Crowe, the general manager of Ford Motor Company, Exports, Inc., George Bourne of Bills Motors, Fed., Inc., local Ford distributors, and C. P. Ling, of the China Commercial Advertising Agency, Ford advertising agents for China.