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FORD BIDS FOR ABE LINCOLN COLLECTION

Offers \$50,000 to Washing- ton Owners of 3,000 Memorial Articles

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Henry Ford has offered \$50,000 to Osborn H. Oldroyd for the celebrated Oldroyd Lincoln Memorial collection, owned by Oldroyd, and housed in a government building in Washington and consisting of over 3,000 articles pertaining to the martyred president, today said Oldroyd.

Oldroyd said he would not agree to the sale until congress is given another chance to appropriate the same amount of money, in order that the famous collection may be preserved to posterity by the United States government itself.

Senator-elect Simeon Fess, of Ohio, Oldroyd said, has assured him the next congress will appropriate the necessary funds.

PLANS REMOVAL HERE

It is understood Ford would remove the collection to Detroit, where it would be known as the "Oldroyd Lincoln Memorial collection" as now, where it would be suitably housed, and free to the public.

Ford spent nearly two days in Washington recently "parking" his private car at the Union station, and on March 23 made the offer to Oldroyd, it is learned. He stopped off at Washington en route to Florida, for the purpose, and was accompanied by Mrs. Ford, and a few friends.

For 60 years Oldroyd has been gathering his Lincoln collection, and at an advanced age, being more or less dependent upon admission fees to the collection for a livelihood, he desires that it be transferred to an ownership that will forever perpetuate it, he said.

REFUSED MAINTENANCE

Whereas, two congresses have heretofore declined to provide for permanent preservation of the collection by not making the necessary appropriation, it seems to be assured the next congress will do so, for it is not believed Republican politicians will care to have it said Henry Ford is willing to do in behalf of the patron saint of the republican party something the leaders of that party will not do.