



*Syd getting water- note the logs used to cover the well to prevent its pollution by camels, kangaroos and dingoes*

### ***THE WESTERN MAIL - Motoring - Across Australia Trip***

*Francis Birtles, who has achieved notoriety by cycling around Australia several times, and who left here on Saturday, March 16, with the object of making the pioneer motor trip from Perth to Sydney, has arrived at Balladonia, a distance of about a thousand miles from the starting point.*

*..... They experienced some troubles in crossing the salt lakes east of Norseman, which owing to heavy rains made travelling on this section very bad, and the car was bogged for several hours.*

*The delay, however, was only slight, they having since resumed the journey to Eucla which they expected to reach in the course of a few days.*

*With this exception Birtles has not experienced any trouble with either car or tyres since leaving Perth, and as it was raining hard when he wired from Balladonia, it is more than probable that he will negotiate without fear the sandy stretch between there and the South Australian border.*