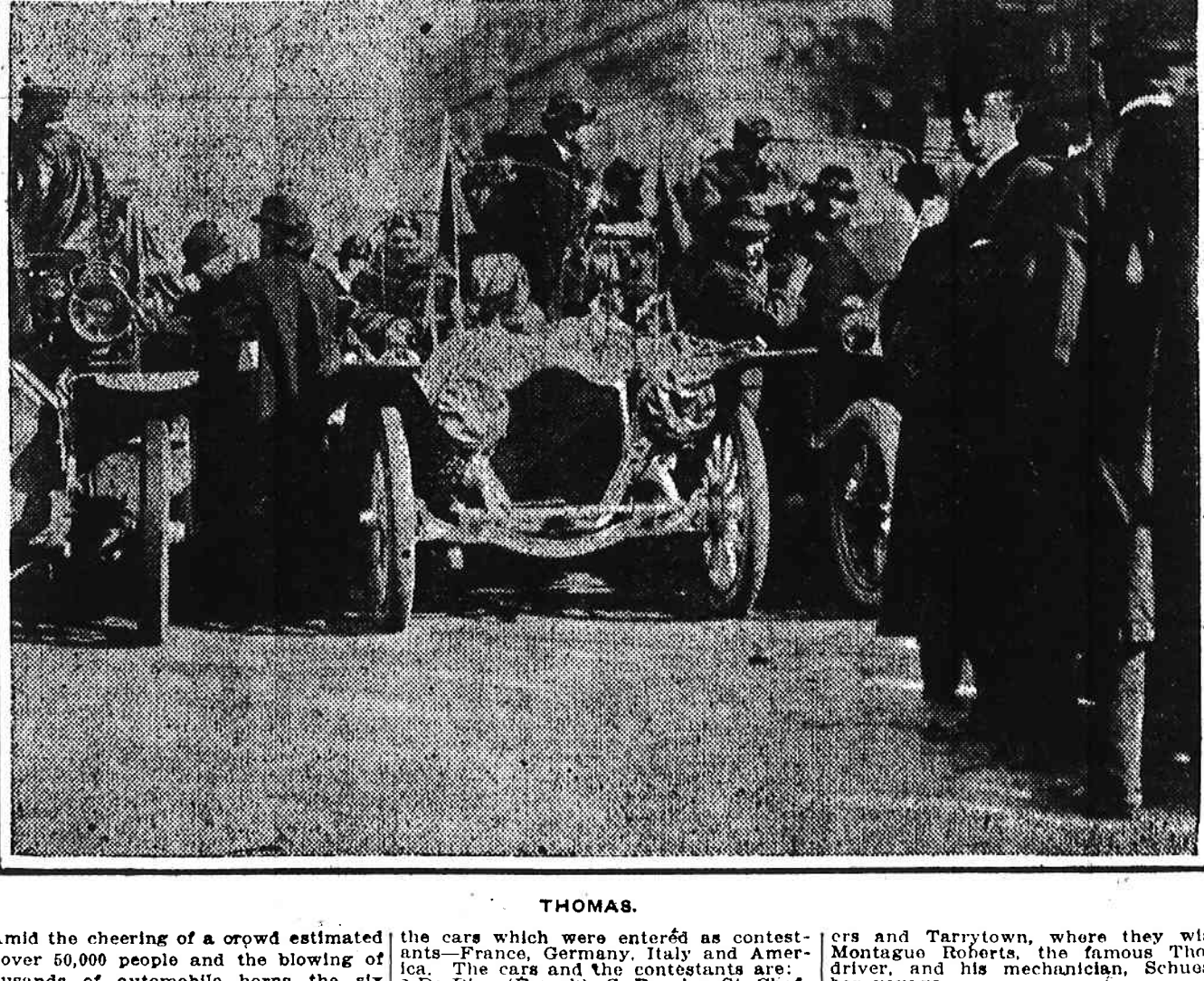


Start of New York-Paris Auto Race.



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Amid the cheering of a crowd estimated at over 50,000 people and the blowing of thousands of automobile horns the six cars entered for the New York to Paris race left Times Square at 11:15 on their 20,000-mile journey around the world. At 9 o'clock the crowd had become so large that it was necessary for special police to be ordered to stop the crowd, and before 11 o'clock the mass had swelled to one of such large magnitude that all traffic on Broadway was stopped. Shortly before 11 o'clock the six entrants lined up on Forty-third street, between Broadway and Seventh avenue, where they were officially inspected. Colgate Hoyt, president of the Automobile Club of America, fired a pistol at 11:15, which started the entrants on their way up Broadway, the beginning of the official route.

Four countries were represented among

the cars which were entered as contestants—France, Germany, Italy and America. The cars and the contestants are: De Dion (French), C. Boucler, St. Chaf-ray, Capt. Hans Hansen and M. Autran. Moto-Block (French), M. Godard, M. Hue and M. Livier. Sizaire-Naudin (French.) August Pons, M. Deschamps and M. Berthe. Züst (Italian), Antonio Scarfoglio, Emil Sitori and Henri Haaga. Protos (German), Lieut. Koppen, Engineer Hans Knappe and Engineer Ernest Mass.

Thomas (American), Montague Roberts and Howard Brinker.

Previous to the start several American cars signified their intention of competing, but with the exception of the Thomas were withdrawn, and it remained for the Thomas alone to defend the American flag against the world.

A large number of Thomas cars, gayly decorated with orange flags bearing the words, "Thomas, New York to Paris," accompanied by a band playing national airs, up Broadway out Seventh avenue, and continued with them as far as Yonk-

ers and Tarrytown, where they wished Montague Roberts, the famous Thomas driver, and his mechanic, Schuester, bon voyage.

While most of the foreign cars were especially built for the contest, the Thomas Flyer is only a stock car, and only one small part of its equipment was changed to meet the strenuous conditions of the race.

No event in the history of automobilism has attracted as much attention as this great race. Almost unsurmountable obstacles will have to be overcome, and the hardships and dangers with which the men will undoubtedly meet will make the event one that will be watched with the closest interest by automobilists throughout the world. The E. R. Thomas Motor Company in entering the race has shown not only its confidence in the machine's ability to negotiate the trip, but has also gained the admiration and support of motorists throughout the United States.

The Thomas Company offers a \$100 prize for the best photograph of its car taken on the route.

Newby, "will surpass 1907 in automobile sales if present prospects are any indication."

Among the purchasers of 1908 Oldsmobiles since Jan. 1 are: Frank E. Dell of this city, Frank Shreve of Muncie, Charles Colerick of Ft. Wayne and Mr. Fraulich of Elwood.

Jacksonville to Miami Road Run Will Be Held on March 9.

AUTOISTS TO WAGER

MAY RESULT IN SPECIAL RACE

Makers of Apperson and American Cars Entered in Savannah

OUTDOOR WORK WILL BEGIN.

Multnomah Athletic Club Members to Commence Training April 1.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Outdoor athletic work for the members of the Multnomah Athletic Club will begin April 1 on the finest athletic field west of the Mississippi. Changes that are now under way on the natural amphitheater used by the club will result in modernizing it in every way, not only as to site but with regard to buildings, stands and quarters. With the completion of the improvements...

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