

CUBA'S MOTOR MEET OVER



THE TIMING OF THE 100-MILE RACE—THE LUCKY MOTOR AGE MAN HOLDS HIS ONE-DOLLAR INGER-SOLL WATCH AT THE TIMER'S SIDE

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Havana, Cuba, Feb. 18—Cuba's inaugural automobile carnival has been brought to a successful conclusion. The last of us newspaper men are leaving for Miami on the steamer Martinique this afternoon. H. W. Fletcher, Joe Tracy, and the crews of their cars go with us. So do the three racing cars. Major Miller sails for New York and the White party for Tampa tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomas and William Wallace will delay their departure several days. Senator Morgan will take the boat for Miami on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley will not be able to leave for a week yet on account of Mr. Hawley's injuries.

The presentation of prizes took place yesterday. Mr. Conill received his cup from the mayor, Senor O'Farrill, at the palace in the afternoon.

The alcalde in presenting the cup told Mr. Conill that it was eminently fit that the trophy in Havana's first international races should remain in Havana, and it was cause for congratulation that it should have been won by Mr. Conill, who had worked so hard to bring about the races and make them a success.

The mayor dwelt at some length upon the great benefits accruing to Havana from the success of the races, pointing out how prominently they have brought the country before the world, and foretelling immeasurably greater success for future years, concluding with the declaration that Cuba will next year have a course excelling any in the world.

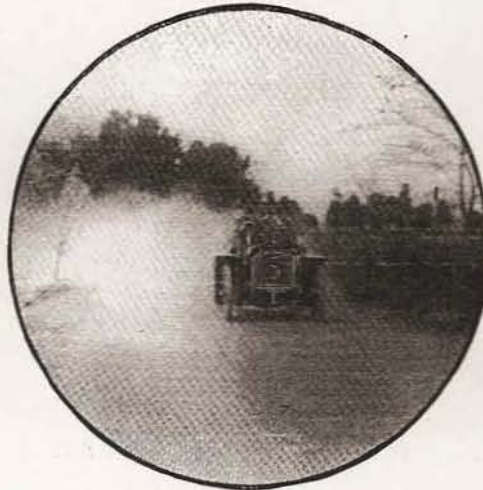
Mr. Conill replied that the genuine spirit in which the cup was yielded to him doubled its value and said that his greatest reward, however, was that his efforts to bring to a successful conclusion a Cuban automobile meet had seemed to have met with some measure of success.

The MOTOR AGE man then said a few words to the mayor on behalf of the visitors, which were translated to his honor by Senor Mendoza, expressing the gratification of the Americans that a Cuban victory would mean a big boom for automobiling and motor car racing in Cuba and congratulating the Cubans that the cup had been won by so worthy a sportsman as Senor Conill, to whose efforts, aided by the hustle of Senator Morgan, the success of the carnival was mainly due.

The alcalde in reply expressed the gratitude the Cubans felt for what Americans had done to-

ward securing their freedom and the assurance that the meeting of the men of the two nations in sport would create even closer ties between the two republics.

In a subsequent informal communication the



ERNESTO CARRICABURO, THE WILD-EYED CUBAN, DRIVING CONILL'S MERCEDES TO VICTORY IN THE 100-MILE ROAD RACE FOR THE HAVANA CUP

mayor suggested that Senor Conill and his assistants apply direct to the Cuban congress for an appropriation for next year's tourna-

ment, which would be the means of making many Americans aware of the beauties and resources of Cuba. It is understood that next year it is proposed to offer a permanent challenge trophy of the value of \$3,000 in addition to other rich prizes already furnished by citizens. Several merchants have come to Senator Morgan and announced their intention of forming a business men's association for the entertainment of visiting newspaper men and aiding in all projects that will tend to the advertisement of Cuba as a winter resort and of her wonderful resources as yet but comparatively little developed. Already the officials are figuring on the extension of the good road system so that a circular course for long distance races may be available next year.

The same evening at the Hotel Telegrafo the cups won by H. W. Fletcher and the gold medals gained by Joe Tracy, who piloted Major Miller's Renault, and H. A. Robinson, who drove Senor Mendoza's de Dietrich, within the time limit were presented with due accompaniment of champagne and speeches.

It is said that E. R. Thomas will go shortly to Paris, where he will place orders for a 120-horsepower racing car for the track circuit and the Vanderbilt cup race. He is as full of enthusiasm as ever for the racing game.

The great problem to be solved before next year's tournament is that of hotel accommodations which as they exist at present would be entirely inadequate to accommodate the throng of automobilists and motor car race followers sure to meet at Cuba next year. Mr. Conill tells the writer that he is in negotiation with an American syndicate to give it land in the suburbs for the erection of a \$700,000 hotel.

After the big road race the Cubans who were directly responsible for the preparations for the tournament made up their minds to do everything possible to make the annual Cuban meeting fully as interesting and possibly greater than the Ormond affair. "We want to" is the motto of the enthusiastic motorists, and they will spend thousands of dollars if that will help make the meet greater than the American event.

The present talk is in favor of an early tournament next year to precede Ormond. It is probable that the present committee will be largely increased and embrace several Americans either residents or having large Cuban interests.



THE NEWSPAPER MEN AND THE NATIVES AT AN OPEN-AIR BREAKFAST—AT THE LEFT IN WHITE COAT AND CAP IS LAZARNICK, THE MOTOR AGE PHOTOGRAPHER, AND AT THE RIGHT IN A BLACK COAT AND A SMILE IS WETMORE, THE MOTOR AGE SCRIBE