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Knipper Sets First Record in Mexico

Billy Knipper, the famous driver of Chalmers racing cars, who is now in Mexico, where he gained fame last spring second only to the bull fighters by piloting the flag to flag pathfinding car, has set his first record for "nonstop" driving and hill climbing. A special from Mohler & DeGress, Chalmers agents in the City of Mexico, says:

"Knipper has made his first record run, that from Mexico City to the city of Toluca and return. The distance is forty miles, up over the mountains. In the first twenty-five miles the road rises to an altitude of 11,000 feet. Toluca itself is at an elevation of 7,500 feet. Total elapsed time was two hours and forty-nine minutes. Actual running time, one hour and sixteen minutes to Toluca; one hour and eighteen minutes returning."

Knipper was accompanied by German Towle, an automobile enthusiast of Mexico City. Mr. Towle's report as official scorer of the run reads in part:

"The trip to Toluca yesterday in the 1910 Chalmers '30' was most delightful. Knipper had never been over the road, which we found very heavy with sand, and was not trying for a record, but was merely testing out a new car. Even the roughest part of the road was taken at high speed and the car rode remarkably easy. The motor was never crowded, yet the sturdy little car hummed along at seventy-five and eighty kilometers an hour with the throttle scarcely half open.

"The engine was not stopped during either trip and we experienced no car trouble of any kind.

"Taking everything into consideration, I consider this a really remarkable performance, and am sure that Knipper in the same car can easily lower this time by a considerable margin."

RICH FACE IN HORSE TROUGH.

Man Worth \$2,000,000 Had Primitive Idea
of Lavation.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Jan. 29.—
Louis Hinton, one of the richest men of
the state and said to own real estate in
every state in the Union, died in his
primitive old farmhouse, four miles from
this city, and his family is unable to
make any calculation of his wealth.

THOMAS RECEIVES TROPHY AT BANQUET IN NEW

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cently.

The magnificent trophy offered by Le Matin of Paris and the New York Times winner of the New York to Paris auto race was presented at a banquet given last week at the Automobile Club of America. E. R. Thomas, president of the firm, entered the victorious car in the contest.

The New York to Paris trophy is the largest of its kind ever made. It is 6 feet 6 inches in height and weighs in excess of 1,600 pounds. The materials used in its construction are all native to the four nations represented in the race: United States, France, Germany and Italy. The pedestal is of green Italian marble imbedded in which are bronze plates showing interesting and momentous scenes of the famous contest. One shows the start from the New York Building.

The sub-base of the trophy is of white and beautiful French marble. The effect of this part of the trophy is distinctive, original and striking in its individuality. Certainly no trophy ever presented has a beautiful appearance, one so truly representative of the novelty of the affair as this commemorated. Medallions of bronze, bearing the coats of arms of the competing nations on the boulder will further enhance the effectiveness of the whole. A great German bronze globe world forms the top of the trophy. The continents are shown in bas-relief, a route of the great race with the car at its start and finish, is shown in silver. Perched on top of this globe are widespread wings and beak distending, a very incarnation of victorious defiance. An American eagle, its talons gripped around the globe's surface which represents the American continent.

Mr. Thomas's victory is peculiarly significant to the newspapers of America, the first American manufacturer to participate in a national advertising campaign in new

