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Pilots Coming In.

Contestants in the battle are now pouring in steadily. The latest arrival is George Clark, with his Tulsa, the space eater entered by Carden Green and J. H. Levy, oil operators of Broken Arrow, Okla. The owners of the flyer are expected to arrive today, for a stay which will last until after the race. They intend to be on the ground every minute, ready to spend their last dime in order to see their car finish in the money. The final workout of their creation will probably take place next Monday, as Clark intends to give the motor a preliminary overhauling before taking it out to the track. As to his chances, Clark is very optimistic, saying that his boat is fast enough to give them all a run for their coin.

The foreign drivers, concerning whom there is so much prurice speculation, either have already landed, or are making preparations for their departure. Goff and Zuccarelli, comprising the Peugeot team, together with their mechanics, Babin and Planelli, are now on the way to Indianapolis, having left New York this morning. They are expected to arrive tomorrow. Albert Guyot and Henry Crossman, the Sunbeam outfit, together with M. Pillette, who will handle the Mercedes-Knight, are expected to sail from Havre on the liner La Provence today. Tomorrow Vincenza Trucco, the Isotta representative, with his string of three record smashers, will sail. The entire contingent of Europeans will be on hand at the speedway, it is thought, by the 15th or 20th of the month, the Isottas being the last to arrive.

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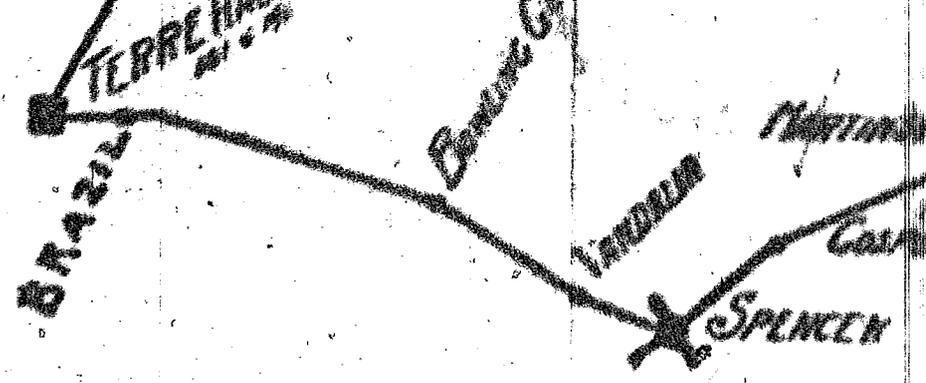
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As a windup to the state F. A. M. con-
vention of motorcyclists here May 16, 17
and 18 State Commissioner Q. F. McLain
and John Merz and Glen Moody have ar-
ranged the longest endurance run ever
held in Indiana, and the first round-the-
clock contest. The riders leave here
at 12 noon, Saturday, May 17, and
return Sunday noon. The route is 371
miles long. It is expected that between

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of the racing period. Should he fail to
capture one of the prizes, it will prove a
great disappointment to the railbirds,
with whom he has struck a fast friend-
ship, even now. His car, too, the Anel,
or Lena, as it is facetiously being called,
has already won a place for itself in the
hearts of the fans, by virtue of its speed
on the straightaways. When Liesaw goes
to the tape he will have many adherents
among the veteran track bugs wishing
him well.

ENTER ENDURANCE RUN.

**Several Firms to Get Into Twenty-
Four-Hour Contest.**

The first local firm to announce its
teams for the twenty-four-hour motor-
cycle endurance run next Saturday is the
Merz Motor Company. Merz and Som-
mers will team on De Luxes. Leander
and Jacobs, factory representatives of
the Yale, will team together. In addition
to these the Spacke Machine Company,
makers of DeLuxé motors, will have a
team entered on DeLuxes, Shepherd and
Thompson.

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