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## E. R. THOMAS CHALLENGES RENAULT AND FIAT PEOPLE

**Wants to Enter His Car in One More  
Twenty-Four-Hour Contest—Will  
Quit Track Racing.**

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 16.—“In every race in which we have participated we have had but one object, the perfection of our cars,” says E. R. Thomas of the Thomas Motor Company. “We have now reached the stage where the E. R. Thomas Motor Company can withdraw from circular track racing, but before it does I want to have our car take part in just one more contest, this time for sport and for the honor of America. I, accordingly, challenge the Renault and the Fiat to a single car, twenty-four-hour race with the Thomas Flyer, and on its conclusion I will retire permanently from circular track racing as it is now conducted on tracks not suited for such events.”

In this way, in quitting circular track contests, the maker of the Thomas cars paves the way for a brilliant climax to the 1907 automobile racing season.

The conditions of the race and his reasons for the challenge are given by Thomas as follows:

1. The cars shall be the Thomas Flyer which won the Brighton Beach twenty-four-hour race and established the record for that time for competition on a mile track; the Renault which won the first Morris Park twenty-four-hour race, and the Fiat that won the last one. These cars are representative of their countries; they have never been entered against each other and each has demonstrated that it is able to withstand the terrific strain of such a race.

2. The track shall be the one best suited for track racing by automobiles and its selection is to be in the hands of the representatives of the three cars.

“Accidents from racing on circular tracks,” Thomas continues, “are caused by the entrance of too many cars, the entrance of cars that can not stand the grueling test of a long race of this kind, the recklessness of inexperienced drivers and the unpreparedness of the tracks. In this race none of these conditions would be present. But three cars are entered, they have each proved their staunchness by winning a hard contest of this kind, the drivers are old, experienced men and the track will be the best that can be found.”

“We, in common with other manufacturers, found years ago that it was only by entering races and contests of all kinds and submitting our cars to the terrible strains of such events that we could bring out and eliminate weaknesses and bring about absolute reliability, without which no car can win.”

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