

FOREIGN AUTO SHOW TO OPEN ON THURSDAY

Importers Start 1913 Season with Salon in Ballroom of Hotel Astor.

MANY NOVELTIES ASSURED

European and American Body Builders Will Furnish Principal Rivalry—Few Mechanical Changes.

In scores of finely finished cars, representing the last word of European constructors and body builders, will be reflected the white and gold decorations of the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor next Thursday afternoon, with the opening of the Importers' Salon.

That the Importers' Salon will place American motorists closely in touch with the latest developments of the industry abroad may be judged from the fact that many of the cars to be shown are still on the ocean on their way to New York.

As mechanical features have become to a certain degree standardized, it is expected that the most interesting side of the Salon of 1913 will be the rivalry between foreign and American body builders.

AUTOMOBILES.

A—MONTHLY PAYMENTS. We have a number of 1911-12 new and slightly used automobiles that we can dispose of on monthly payments.

USED CARS

HUDSON Used Car Dept. Hudson, 1912 Runabout. Hudson, 4-cyl. Limousine, 1912. Chalmers, 6-cyl., 1912.

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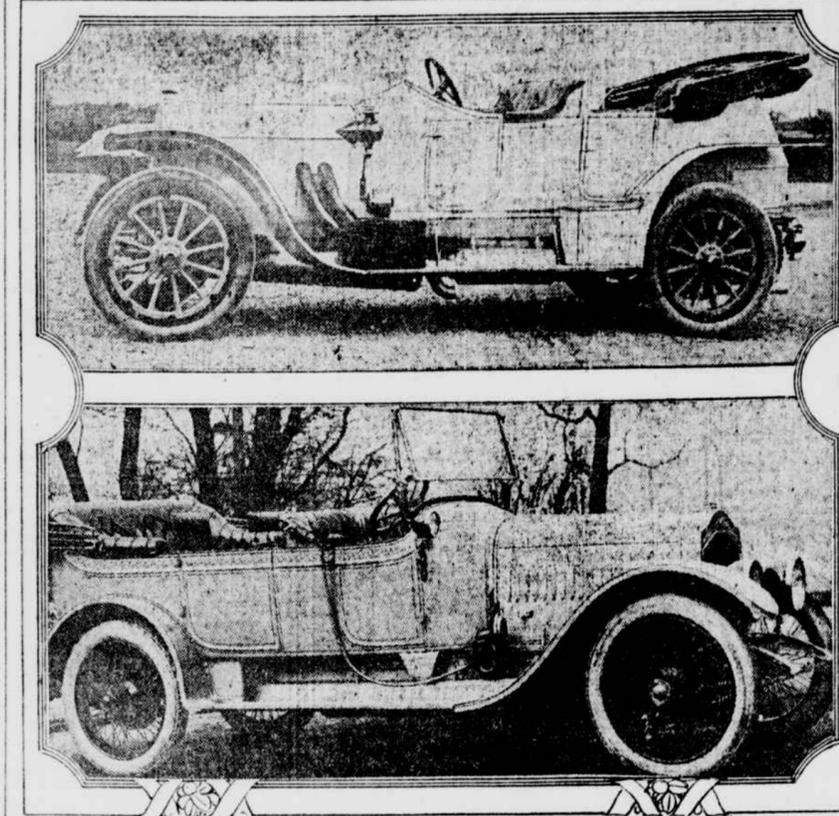
CONNER 8-TON TRUCK, POWELL 1 1/2 ton truck, Autocar 1-ton truck, all in 1st condition.

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AUTOMOBILE SUPPLIES.

Automobile Smoking I guarantee to stop your Auto from smoking and to increase its efficiency and horsepower.

TYPES OF FOREIGN CARS AT FIRST AUTOMOBILE SHOW OF THE EXHIBITION SEASON.



Top—Mercedes touring car of 90 horsepower. Bottom—De Dion-Bouton 8-cylinder touring car.

another advantage in the case of limousines and landaulettes as the side windows can be dropped all the way down, because the body is entirely inside the rear wheels.

The six passenger body of this type is another step toward popularizing the enclosed car for touring purposes by eliminating the bulging back of the three-passenger-on-the-rear-seat type.

Another new tendency which the Salon will disclose is that of building enclosed bodies very low. This is not accomplished by mounting the bodies lower, for this would be hardly possible, but by providing considerably less head room.

The big landaulettes, or landaulettes, which will be shown at the Salon, can hardly be distinguished from the regular limousines. To accomplish this all side joints have been eliminated and the rear windows are made large.

The enclosed cars exhibited will show a marked tendency to return to conservative colors, indicating that the attempt made this past year to popularize bright colors has failed.

In the way of mechanical changes there is not expected to be anything radical among the foreign cars, unless it be the 30-horsepower and the 50-horsepower 8-cylinder De Dion-Boutons with worm-drive.

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AUTOMOBILES FOR RENT.

PACKARD LIMOUSINES, new cars, for monthly service, special to theatre or opera, with privilege of stopping one hour for supper.

Goodyear Progress Is a Real Romance of Business

Growth of Akron Company in Fourteen Years Reads Like Fiction.

A romance of modern business, that of the Goodyear Company, of Akron, Ohio, is disclosed in the programme of the banquet and dance which the big concern gave on December 7 to celebrate the opening of its new administration building.

While the booklet's mission was to tell of the good things to eat and drink and to furnish the programme of the dance, several pages are devoted to a story of the growth of the company from an humble beginning in 1898 to its present high position in the industrial world.

Here are some comparative figures that spell success in the largest letters: At the end of its first year the Goodyear managerial, office and sales force totalled seven persons; to-day the office force

M'FARLAND MISSED TRAIN

Failed to Appear at Bout and Friends Thought Him Lost.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Packey McFarland, lightweight pugilist, was "lost" for a few hours to-day, but to-night appeared at some of his old haunts and relieved the fears of his friends.

McFarland was scheduled to meet Freddie Daniels in Omaha last night. He started to the train, but missed it. He did not notify the promoters of the bout, his manager or his family that he had not left Chicago and until to-night there was some speculation as to his whereabouts.

MANY ENTERED IN BIG RUN

Hollywood Inn New Year's Day Race Attracts Large Field.

A pack of close to two hundred distance runners will compete in the second annual six-mile road run of the Hollywood Inn Club, of Yonkers, on New Year's Day.

More than fifteen clubs are entered in the race. The Mohawk Athletic Club will be supported by a formidable array of runners.

William Kramer, of the Long Island Athletic Club, will start from scratch mark. Charles Maler, Harry Lucas and J. J. Williams, of the Morning-side Athletic Club; George Critchley, Mike Hughes and Otto Gibbons, of the New York Athletic Club; Sidney Leslie and Henry Kramer, of the Long Island Athletic Club, and Eddie Jordan, of the Xavier Athletic Association, will be among those to start.

STARTS THE SEASON WELL

South Orange Hockey Team Defeats Montclair Seven.

South Orange Field Club's hockey season opened yesterday afternoon, with the home team scoring a victory over the Montclair Athletic Club seven by a score of 4 to 1.

Most of the scoring was done in the first half, in which the home team chased the puck three times into the net, while Luchars made the lone tally for Montclair.

SMITH'S WINNINGS TIED UP.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—"Gumbo" Smith, who won a decision last night from Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, did not collect his winnings to-day.

DOG SHOW JUDGES NAMED

Westminster Kennel Club Selects List of Officials.

With one exception—that for the West Highland white terrier breeds—the list of judges was announced yesterday for the thirty-seventh annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club.

The list of judges and the breeds followed: Miss A. H. Whitney, Lancaster, Mass., St. Bernards and pugs; E. Lester Jones, Montpelier Station, Vt., bloodhounds and American foxhounds; C. H. Mantler, New York, Great Danes; J. Bailey Wilson, Lansdowne, Penn., Russian wolfhounds; J. Willoughby Mitchell, New York, Irish wolfhounds, deerhounds, greyhounds, Dandie Dinmont terriers, Bedlington terriers and Shippieries; John White, Hempstead, Long Island, pointers and Irish setters; Dr. James E. Hair, Bridgeport, Conn., English setters and Gordon setters; G. Muss-Arnott, Tuckahoe, N. Y., retrievers, griffons (Korthals), dachshunds, Doberman pinschers, Japanese spaniels and miscellaneous classes; H. K. Bloodgood, New Marlboro, Mass., sporting spaniels and poodles (except toys); Chesterwood Smith, Worcester, Mass., beagles; H. B. Hunkerford, Gloucester, Ill., collies; Dr. Henry Jarrett, Chestnut Hill, Penn., old English sheepdogs, German and Belgian sheepdogs, Shetland sheepdog, Irish terriers and Welsh terriers; Dr. C. Y. Ford, Kingston, Ont., Chow Chows and Samoyeds; Theodore Crane, New York, Dalmatians; A. D. Gillette, Fort Salonga, Long Island, bulldogs; John McLaughlin, Brooklyn, Airleale terriers; R. H. Elliott, Ottawa, Ont., bull terriers; Mrs. T. H. Turner, Shelter Island Heights, Long Island, French bulldogs; Dr. Wallace Snow, Payville, Mass., Boston terriers; W. P. Fraser, Toronto, Ont., fox-terriers; Theodore Osterman, New York, Scottish terriers; F. A. Holcombe, Kansas City, Kan., black and tan (Manchester) terriers; Mrs. K. Carlin, Edinburgh, Scotland, Pomeranians, Griffons Brusselsois, Yorkshires, terriers and toy black and tan terriers; T. Earl Shreve, Trenton, N. J., English toy spaniels; Mrs. Arthur L. Holland, New York, Pekingese; Mrs. Carl Baumann, Brooklyn, toy poodles and Maltese terriers, Masses, Jarrett and Muss-Arnott, unclassified specials.

TO GO ON A HEALTH TRAMP. Starting from the City Hall at 9 a. m., on Sunday, January 5, for Coney Island, the Walkers' Club of America will hold one of its health tramps.

FLORIDA ROADS IMPROVED

Jacksonville to Seabreeze Highway Will Help Tourists.

Seabreeze, Fla., Dec. 28.—By reason of improved transportation facilities for shipping automobiles to Florida from all over the country, touring in this state will have a decided boom this winter, according to William S. Kenney, manager of the new Hotel Clarendon, which will be open from January 4 to April 15.

It is no longer necessary for automobile enthusiasts to ship their automobiles into Florida by railroad, said Mr. Kenney to-day. "A new road has just been opened from Jacksonville to Seabreeze and Daytona Station, a distance of ninety-one miles.

St. Vincent's Basketball Team Beat in Fast Game. The reserve basketball team of St. John's College, of Brooklyn, defeated the St. Vincent Club on the former's court last night by a score of 29 to 17.

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MUCH MONEY FOR ROADS

Millions To Be Expended in Bettering Conditions.

NEW YORK STATE IN LEAD

Federal Aid Convention One of Most Important Highway Features of 1912.

The year coming to a close has been a notable one from the point of view of good roads enthusiasts in many directions. It would be noteworthy if there were nothing else to record than the action of many states in making liberal road appropriations.

The federal aid sentiment, already strong in Congress, found further expression in the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of rural post roads, and the good roads enthusiasm stimulated and crystallized by the A. A. A., with the architectural, business and highway associations co-operating, has spread throughout the United States, so that the beginning of 1913 finds the federal aid question to be not one of whether the government should spend national funds upon roads, but as to the form which such appropriations should take.

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NEW HENDERSON OFFICIAL

J. M. Smith Joins Indianapolis Concern to Boost Output.

The rapid strides of the Henderson organization have been a notable feature of the automobile building industry. The added production that comes with the moving of the factory into the new addition has caused the Henderson company to add to its factory staff J. M. Smith in the capacity of factory production manager.

Mr. Smith is not a newcomer in the automobile manufacturing field, having been employed in one of the largest of Detroit's factories for several years in the capacity of assistant superintendent in charge of production.

The Henderson factory will be closed down until January 1 while the different departments are acquiring additional space in the new addition to the factory, which will give the plant a floor space of 50,000 square feet.

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CORRECT SPARK PLUG GAP

De Palma Measures His with Ordinary Business Card.

"There is a great deal of curiosity about the preferences of champions in all walks of life. For example, a great many motorists would like to know what spark plug adjustment champion race drivers prefer," says Emil Grossman, manufacturer of the Red Head spark plug.

Ralph De Palma, when asked what gap he recommended, took up a plug, and with an ordinary business card adjusted the points so that the card would easily pass between the points.

The Federal Aid Convention formulated the proposal for the appointment of a Congressional committee to investigate and report upon the whole subject of federal participation in highway construction.

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NATIONAL SHOW PLANS

Garden and Palace Will Be Transformed for Autos.

NEW DECORATIVE SCHEMES

Older Building to Have Gallery in Which Two Hundred Tons of Steel Will Be Used.

Probably the most striking spectacle ever presented in the Grand Central Palace and Madison Square Garden will greet visitors on the occasion of the thirteenth National Automobile Show, which will be held in both buildings for a period of two weeks, beginning January 11.

Under whose auspices the exhibition is to be held, have completed their plans for the decorating of both the Garden and the Palace. Already it has been announced that a "Crystal Palace" was to be the decorative theme for the Garden.

For the Palace the show managers have hit upon equally as beautiful a setting, which is to be known as "The Palace of Versailles."

Every nook and cranny in both buildings has been carefully considered in the plans, and the idea of uniformity will be carried out so completely that the small spaces in the galleries, basement and plate-forms will receive the same attention as the main floors.

At each of the last two automobile shows held in the Garden the interior was entirely reconstructed with huge galleries, which greatly increased the floor space in the building.

These galleries extended out into the amphitheatre twenty feet or more and were supported by huge steel girders and pillars.

The show was finished the balconies were disassembled. The same plan will be followed this season. It has been quite a feat of engineering to build this network of steel, clothed with floor boards.

Originally wood beams were used to some extent in conjunction with the steel, but this season additional steel construction has been ordered, so that no wood will be used other than that for the floors.

More than 50 tons of metal and a million feet of lumber will enter into the work. For the Madison Square Garden display, white and gold will be the dominant colors, although green and crimson will be strongly in evidence.

The girders of the big dome will be screened by a canopy of 5,000 yards of cloth of azure blue, through which 7,500 tungsten lamps will twinkle.

Twenty huge arc lamps and a number of crystal shades and "skirts" will be pendant from the roof. Fifty thousand feet of wire will be necessary to wire the building.

Along the sides of the Garden more than 5,000 feet of mirrors will be paneled. Lattice work will be more prominent this year in the structural treatment than was the case at last year's exhibition.

Of an unusual design will be the mammoth crystal chandeliers, which will be hung in the "sky" of the garden. The chandeliers will be topped by natural foliage.

The exhibition spaces on the main floor of both the Palace and the Garden will be carpeted with a fabric of light green, to lend the effect of a turf floor.

More than 12,000 square yards of carpeting will be used. In the Garden the elevated platform will also be carpeted with this fabric.

At brief intervals along the sides of the elevated platform in the Garden, extending the length of the arena, will be a number of ornamental lamposts, which will have the name of the exhibitors on their sides.

Letting on the posts will also direct visitors to various departments of the show.

Entering the arena at the Garden exhibition, the visitors will see first a Roman seat and fountain. A wide balustrade will extend along the outer edge of the elevated platform, while the walls at the back will be covered with cartridge paper of a golden hue.

There will be three balconies in the rear, and in the front of the Garden, and but one on either side. The exhibits of cars and accessories on the elevated platform will be separated by an aisle.

The basement of the Garden will be similar in treatment to the other departments of the show. Two score or more allegorical statues, representing nymphs, will support the elevated platform.

The Grand Central Palace, which, without added decoration, is a beautiful building, will be decked in a most suitable setting. One hundred pillars, 30 feet high, will add a stately effect to the architectural idea which is to be carried out.

Lattice construction will play an important part in the treatment of the Palace.

AUTOMOBILES.

Importers' Show. HOTEL ASTOR Grand Ballroom JANUARY 2 to 11 The Only Exhibition of Leading Foreign Cars. Do Not Miss It!