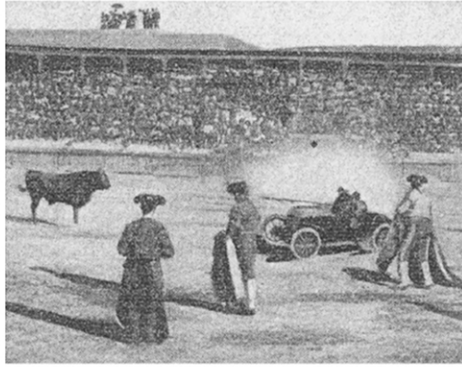


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A MEXICAN BULL-FIGHT WITH A MOTOR-CAR.

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THE ROUTE BEYOND VLADIVOSTOK

Interest in the New-York-to-Paris race, temporarily suspended by the failure to find a passable road in Alaska, may be expected to revive after the cars shall have reached Vladivostok, where they are to undertake a new route across northeastern Asia. A writer in the *New York Times* outlines the road conditions which the cars will have to contend with between Vladivostok and Irkutsk. These, he says, "present anything but an easy trip." Recalling the fact that three cars last year made the run from Peking to Paris, he says they "started at a favorable season of the year, while the New-York-to-Paris racers will arrive in Siberia in the rainy season, when they will encounter many washouts and other difficulties." He continues:

"From Vladivostok along the line of the Transsiberian Railroad they will have to cross three mountain ranges of rather precipitous ascents, which are quite as difficult as the crossing of Wyoming. There are many unbridged streams that will be flooded by the melting snows and the heavy rains. Until the cars arrive at Irkutsk they will be covering a country almost as little populated and as little traveled as the frozen tundra of the north, which they planned to cross from East Cape along the arctic shores."

Should this forbidding country be successfully traversed, however, the journey beyond Irkutsk may not prove altogether difficult:

"From Irkutsk into Paris they will have a reasonably easy journey. Tho 7,000 miles remain to be traversed to the French capital, they were covered in the Peking-Paris race in exactly forty days. As this is nearly twice the distance traveled in crossing the United States, and the time is less than required from New York to San Francisco, the comparatively good road conditions become apparent. From Vladivostok to Irkutsk is in round figures 3,000 miles. These should take another forty days. Allowing twenty-one days for the passage of the Pacific, the cars should get away from Vladivostok about May 15, and should reach Paris about August 1."

The writer recalls that, while the trip across the United States has been made by automobiles before, none "has ever faced such conditions as these cars overcame; none ever attempted to brave winter weather." Similarly "the trip across Asia and Europe has been made, but never under similar conditions."