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DURANT COMPANY ENTERS CONTEST

Motor Firm Would Send Representative to Devastated Regions of France

OAKLAND, Cal., March 31.—A unique contest, centering about the Durant Motor company of California, with its represen-

tatives scattered up and down the Pacific coast is under way. The Durant Motors and its allied friends on the Pacific Coast is contesting for the honor of sending Miss Helen M. Leckell, private secretary to R. G. (Chief) Durant, head of the Durant Motor company of California, to France as its delegate with the American Committee of Devastated France, which is headed by Miss Anne Morgan of New York.

G. Durant, veteran chief of the Durant industry and its allied corporations, has pledged the support of his vast organiza-

tion to the American committee of Devastated France. And the contest is the direct result. Two out of nine contestants, from the various Durant corporations, will have the honor of visiting France as the guests of the committee for Devastated France.

They will be elected by votes lined against Elizabeth, N. J., the votes selling at 10 cents each. And so it happens that Oakland and the Pacific coast is lined against Elizabeth, N. J., Long Island City, N. Y., and Flint, Michigan, where great Durant industrial plants are located. Every cent taken in by the votes will be turned over to the relief committee, headed by Miss Morgan.

In addition to the management of the Oakland plant, Durant representatives in the cities of the Pacific coast are actively

lined up in the campaign. Then there are 30,000 men and women, holders of Durant securities, and the public at large who are invited to participate in the unique event.

Athletes Race Tunnel Through Cliff of Rock

BERKELEY, Cal., March 15.—University of California athletes here, members of two teams, are racing to tunnel through a rock cliff.

The competition started with the idea of providing the supremacy of the university geologists over the miners, and the result was a challenge to an 18-foot dash through old rock.

The scene of the contest is at the Lawson adit, back of the Hearst Mining building. W. G. Gallagher is captain of the geologists and Everett Wilson leads the miners.

The two teams are organized and modernly equipped and they are at work in relays making a cross-cut through the drift of the adit.

It has been figured out that it costs a man \$4662 to be properly dressed a single year, but if we read "cents" for the "dollars" we should probably come nearer the amount actually spent.

The saxophone craze is dying out. Coue was right.

BATTERY NEEDS ATTENTION NOW

Many Find Willard Battery Relieves Them From Worry on Trips

The balmy days are near at hand when the old bus will come in for a lot of adjusting and tinkering. It has done a good job through the winter, but the task has left it rather peevish.

As grandma used to get out the spring tonic every year, so do auto owners along about this time get the feeling of restlessness in regard to the condition of their machine.

Between eight and ten million owners will be out before long tinkering with their automobiles, cleaning, painting, polishing, overhauling and generally getting the machine into shape for spring and summer trips. Yet, perhaps, after doing a thorough job of overhauling, you still find that the engine doesn't perform quite right.

How about the battery? Almost forgot about that, hidden away as it is and requiring so little care anyway. It is about time this small but quite important organ of the machine received a little attention.

So you hasten to the battery station that you believe is best equipped to look it over and prescribe the necessary remedies. The battery expert you find there soon recharges it and gives it any further attention necessary and you are soon again on your way. The car certainly seems imbued with new life.

Mr. Burrell, local Willard battery dealer, says that at his station they are "all set" for an un-

usual spring business. The "complete line" of Willard batteries which this station carries places them in a position to replace the battery on any make of car and fit any pocketbook at the same time.

"People have already learned that with a Willard battery in their car they can enjoy the scenery when they go rambling, with no disturbing thoughts as to whether their battery will function or not," comments Mr. Burrell.

AUTHOR'S FRIEND DIES AT PAPEETE

Donat, Who Spun Ghost Yarns for Stevenson, Dies at Unknown Age.

PAPEETE, Tahiti, March 30.—Donat, who spun weird tales of the native lore of the South Sea islands for his friend, Robert Louis Stevenson, is dead here. He was well advanced in years, but his exact age was unknown.

Donat was temporarily in charge of the government administration of the Paumotu islands when Stevenson arrived at Fakarava, and he and the famous author became close, life-long friends. Stevenson would sit by the hour and listen to the tales of ghosts as

told by Donat; tales of how, on a certain night each year, ghosts of the natives of the long ago would gather in the Haamuta valley to sing and dance to the music of ancient flutes.

Stevenson's great, black eyes would glisten with excitement while he listened to these tales, Donat said. Speaking of Stevenson, Donat said before his death on February 28 last:

"Ah, that was a fine man; so kind, so gentle, so gracious to everybody. He was a true democrat."

Donat, in relating to a correspondent of the Associated Press the life led by Stevenson at Fakarava, painted an intimate word picture of the noted author. Stevenson, he said, "would ramble along the beach and through the coconut groves, clad only in pajamas, barefooted and a great woven pandanus leaf hat on his head. He held kindly intercourse with the natives, whom he compared with the gods of Greece, and each evening celebrated the close of a happy day with a bottle of champagne."

When Stevenson was aboard the Casco, ready to sail for the mainland, he gave Donat a diamond

ring of great value. Donat said he refused to accept this souvenir of their friendship, asking for something of no great price, saying he would treasure it to the end of his days. As Stevenson's ship passed over the western horizon Donat stood on the shore, holding a ring of no great monetary value, which he treasured to the day of his death as a gift from the great writer.

Fred Stone, the showman, was converted in a Wyoming blizzard, the other day. That's nothing. Al Jennings, the reformed, bandit, was born in a fence corner in the snow in Tazewell county, Virginia.

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