

THOMAS CAR GAINS IN RACE TO PARIS

**Expects to Reach Chita, Siberia,
Before Its German Rival,
the Protos.**

TAKES MANCHURIAN GUIDE

**But Will Leave Him After Passing
Khingon Mountains—Italian Zust
Car Leaves Pograditchnaya.**

Special Cable from THE NEW YORK TIMES'S
Staff Correspondent with the Racers.

HARBIN, Manchuria, June 13.—The American Thomas car is rapidly overhauling the German Protos car in the New York to Paris race, and if the present relative rates of progress are maintained, will arrive first at Chita, Siberia. The American machine reached Harbin at midnight on Tuesday, June 9, a day ahead of the general expectation, and a day ahead of the Protos's time on the road from Pograditchnaya to Harbin. The five days' lead which the Germans were able to obtain by the missing of the road by the Americans and accident to the driving gear has been steadily cut down ever since.

The car was much delayed on the road to Harbin by the shifting of the ballast between the ties, and did some damage to the tracks, necessitating repairs before the trains could proceed over them with safety. It was largely in consequence of this that the cars took the road here instead of continuing on the railroad bed, although the roads are in very fair condition.

It was necessary to take a Manchurian guide at Harbin, and THE TIMES'S staff correspondent yielded his seat in the machine at Harbin to make room for the native. After the passing of the Khingon Mountains he will resume his place on the car. A passenger arriving here from Chita by train yesterday reported passing the Protos car at noon yesterday at Khalleaz. This is 300 miles beyond Bitsikar, where the machine was reported four days before.

The Thomas last evening reported at Bukhatu, which is 873 miles from Vladivostok and only 130 miles behind the Protos. The car had run nearly 400 miles in the past four days. This gain, if continued, would enable the car to arrive first at Chita, which is the goal for which the crews of both cars are now straining. There is tremendous local interest in the contest between the two cars, and every one is keen to give aid to either.

We learned to-day that the Italian Zust car had left Pograditchnaya, and was making slow progress over the railroad bed. However, it is expected that the car will arrive at Harbin by next Monday or Tuesday, which would be a week behind the Thomas.

The German car, according to the above report, still has 470 miles to run to reach Chita, the first objective point of the Paris racers, having covered 1,004 miles from Vladivostok. The Thomas car has 600 miles to make to Chita, Bukhatu being 873 miles from Vladivostok. At the present rate of progress, the Germans would reach Chita on June 19, and the Thomas car a day ahead of them. The Zust, if its expected arrival at Harbin on Tuesday materializes, should be at that time about 700 miles behind.

Chita, the capital of Trans-Biakalia, is a trifle more than 500 miles east of Irkutsk.

HAD RABIES, DIDN'T KNOW IT.

**Man with Hydrophobia Sent to the
Hospital as a Lunatic.**

Joseph Talleo, 24 years old, who had been living with friends at 95 Sanford Street, Brooklyn, died yesterday morning in the Kings County Hospital of what the doctors there said was a violent case of rabies. Talleo had felt some disease creeping over him for two weeks, and yet he never spoke of having been bitten by any rabid animal.

He was employed as a coal passer at one of the South Brooklyn docks. Two weeks ago he complained of pains in the back. The pain shifted to his head, and then to his throat. Last Thursday he became violent. His friends spoke to the police about him, and he was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital. There it was said that he was simply a lunatic.

Consequently he was sent immediately to the Kings County Hospital, which has accommodations for crazy people. As the case developed, the doctors there said it was undoubtedly rabies, and so wrote the death certificate, which was sent to the Coroners' office. There is no telling how many people Talleo has been in contact with since the disease began to take possession of him.