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## Auto Manufacturers Watch South America

By R. S. Cole,  
Director of Exports, Hupp Motor Car Corporation.

Of importance to American automobile manufacturers is the recent movement in South America for better roads. The use of the motor car has been limited in the past because of the few modern highways that have been constructed. Now, on suggestion from the people of that country, American road engineers are giving scientific guidance and instruction for the betterment of the transportation facilities in the Latin American Countries.

Great as the home market is, there is an equally fine market beyond our borders in the nearby foreign countries. These races are progressing, more perhaps than we realize. Already Mexico and South and Central American countries are awake to the great social and economic value of good roads and the automobile.

Detroit recently had as its guests one hundred Pan-American journalists who were studying the automobile and its uses as applied in this country. These men, who are admitted to be the leaders of thought in their countries were profoundly impressed by the unusual advancement that has come to the United States mainly through the medium of the automobile and extensive road development.

They have good roads connecting the various cities and states. A recent report from the Automotive Division of the Department of Commerce shows this to be the case. It states that the use of the motor bus has been limited by the lack of highways and good roads, but wherever there has been building and improvement of roads, bus transportation has increased proportionately. What is true in respect to bus transportation is true regarding the use of privately owned vehicles.

The progress made in the United States through better transportation facilities is a stimulus to foreign nations. The 20,000,000 automobiles in operation in this country today indicates the marvelous development of our road systems. Our good roads have led the way to a better understanding and agreement of the people even in widely separated states. Great national prosperity has resulted from the production, use and distribution of the motor car. Billions of dollars have been added to the treasury from automotive taxes; increased property values that accompany road improvement have similarly added billions of dollars to our national wealth.

The Pan-American editors gave positive assurance that it is their desire to imitate our example in road building. This will result in betterment of our trade relations by bringing about a greater interchange of products.

### Jungle Jug Make's

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### Old Stuff

By Almoner Whitehead

Along in the early seventies, "M. Quast" in the Detroit Free Press designated certain localities along the river front of the city as "The Potomac" and the locality, considered rather tough and far from desirable for residence purposes, became a nickname for inferior flats or subdivisions.

About this time Luther Stanley, one of the prominent citizens of Birmingham, subdivided the south side of Brown street; then called Fremont, and named it the Stanley Addition and built thereon at the corner of Southfield Avenue one of the finest residences in the village and occupied the same for the rest of his life. However, in a spirit of peasantry, to which he was addicted, when asked if there was any news from his locality, would invariably answer "It's all quiet on 'The Potomac'."

The Birmingham Eccentric, then in its infancy, gleaned the frequent news items such as births, deaths, etc., from this locality and always referred to it as "The Potomac." One morning, I, the editor, asked one of the editors why they should pick on his locality and give a black eye to his new subdivision, "in your little penny-royal sheet?" but being a man of excellent ideas of justice, we had simply to call his attention to the fact that he had named it himself long before the Eccentric was ever thought of. But, it was only upon our solemn promise to never again refer to that locality otherwise than as the most delectable and desirable portion of the unhabited earth for quiet and respectable family residences, "for otherwise it will be known as 'The Potomac as long as grass grows and water runs," said the redoubtable

Which all goes to show the power of the Press even at that date, when cars had not been introduced at an Agricultural Implement, when cows roamed our streets and horses were considerably more common than automobiles.

We very much doubt if there was ever a resident of old-time Birmingham more highly esteemed than the aforesaid Luther Stanley. He served a number of years as Supervisor of Bloomfield Township and resigned from that position as his last sickness rendered him physically incompetent for the position. He was a member of the School Board for many years and took active part in all the various enterprises which were then in their infancy, which have developed in the present day into the leading business institutions of the booming town of Birmingham. He was one of the few first subscribers to The Eccentric--and look what it is now!

### HERE'S WHY 1926 CIRCUS IS BIGGEST

A circus so big that it requires two added rings, eight stages, a wider hippodrome track and a 700-foot-long big top to display its marvels is now headed this way. It is the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, to give performances at Detroit, July 9 and 10. The five rings now have been made necessary to present the added attractions got together in the spring to celebrate the combined shows' first appearance in New York's New Madison Square Garden. This edifice is the biggest ever built for circus purposes. To fittingly dedicate it the Ringling Brothers themselves spent months in Europe mobilizing the biggest circus in history. This same show that for weeks

### entertained New York's millions is now on tour under canvas.

The tournament is as brilliant as in the past but has been enlarged by the addition of such novelties as zebras and llamas broken to harness and hitched to gem-studded floats. Was baby elephants ride at the top of all-terrain cars. The menagerie of more than a thousand animals embraces such features as thirteen elephant pachyderms with the smallest stationed side by side with the biggest pachyderms in captivity. Another importation is the largest and handsomest tiger of which there is record.

Performing horse acts are now presented in quintet—a troupe in each of the five rings. Those elephants who are performance appear in similar formation—five herds at one time. The number of men and women acrobats, bareback riders, gymnasts and high-wire performers has been increased to eight hundred. There are three hundred and fifty trained horses, two hundred of which appear in a single display.

### New Revue Comes To New Detroit

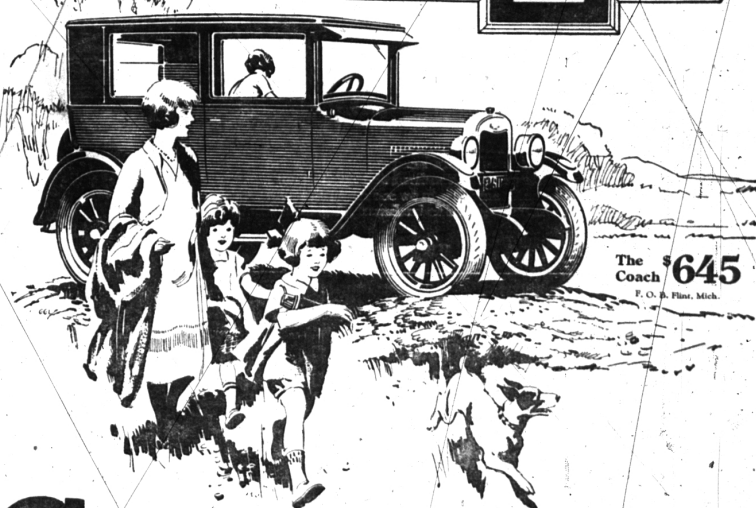
Sophie Tucker, Ted Lewis and Lester Allen, a triple alliance of world-famed entertainers, recently returned from their European triumphs, are the international stars of Rufus LeMaire's "Affairs," the new 1926 Revue, which will be presented for the first time on any stage at the New Detroit Opera House Friday evening, July 2nd, for an engagements of nine nights, with two Saturday matinees. In his latest and greatest achievement in the field of musical extravaganzas, Mr. LeMaire promises to provide entertainment of unusual quality and quantity in this most ambitious of his career.

Lyrics and travesty skits are provided by Ballard MacDonald, Edgar Allen Woolf, Andy Rice and Jack Lait, a talented quartet of master craftsmen in the gentle art of laugh-compelling play construction. Prominent among the featured principals may be mentioned Rita Owen, Art Frank John Price Jones, Ann Greenway William Harrigan, Nellie Breen, Lon Hascall, Bobby Arno, Frank J. Corbett, Albertina Vitak, Edward Basse Dolores Farris, Lester Dorr, Sally Starr, John Hamilton, Mary Howard Ted Shapiro, Marjory Leach, Joe Wallace, Beth Elliott, Joe Carpo, and the Cordell Twins. There is also the Albertina Raach Ballet, sixty artists models and a large Bouxy chorus of carefully selected dancing specialists.

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