

FISHER'S TESTIMONY ON MOTOR RACE ACCIDENT

ADMITTED THERE WAS A BAD PLACE IN THE TRACK.

BREAKING OF AXLE PLATES

Coroner Blackwell today made public the testimony of Carl G. Fisher, president of the Motor Speedway Company, in the cases of William Borque and Harry Holcomb, killed at the speedway in the races of August 19. Fisher gave his testimony last Saturday, but did not sign it until today, after which the coroner made it public.

There were several interesting and important details in Fisher's testimony. He told Coroner Blackwell that he examined the Knox car, which Borque and Holcomb occupied in the race, and found that two of the axle bed plates were broken. One was badly shattered and the other was so broken that the axle was let down to the ground. He said one of the plates was crystallized.

When asked concerning the condition of the track, Fisher said it was in good condition when the race started. He admitted that there was a bad place in the track where the track crossed a ditch, but he was sure that it had no part in the wreck, as the car was going seventy miles an hour when the axle plates broke. The coroner apparently was not satisfied with this answer, for he then asked Fisher if they did not put on the races before the track was finished. To this Fisher answered in the affirmative.

"Is it a fact that you did not have time to complete the track?" asked the coroner.

"Yes, that is true," Fisher answered.

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UNITED STATES WEATHER

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SEEKING TO AVOID STRIKE.

Further Conferences by Street Railway Officers and Employees.
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—Barometer—

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—Local Forecast—
 Local forecast for Indianapol
 city for the twenty-four hou
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 night and Thursday
 Forecast for Ohio. Generally fair
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 Forecast for Illinois. Partly cloud
 and Thursday

—Weather in other cities—
 The following table shows the sta
 weather in other cities at 8 a. m.

Station	Bar	Temp
Amarillo, Tex.	30.04	63
Bismarck, N. D.	30.01	64
Boston, Mass.	30.05	61
Chicago, Ill.	30.10	64
Cincinnati, O.	30.11	64
Denver, Colo.	30.06	64
Dodge City, Kas.	30.07	64
Helena, Mont.	30.04	61
Jacksonville, Fla.	30.04	61
Kansas City, Mo.	30.05	61
Little Rock, Ark.	30.05	61
Los Angeles, Cal.	30.04	61
Mobile, Ala.	30.04	61
New Orleans, La.	30.04	61
New York, N. Y.	30.04	61
Oklahoma, Okla.	30.04	61
Omaha, Neb.	30.04	61
Pittsburg, Pa.	30.04	61
Portland, Ore.	30.04	61
St. Appelle, Assn.	30.04	61
Rapid City, S. D.	30.04	61
San Antonio, Tex.	30.04	61

CHICAGO

WHEELER-SCHEBLER CUP RACE SET FOR OCTOBER

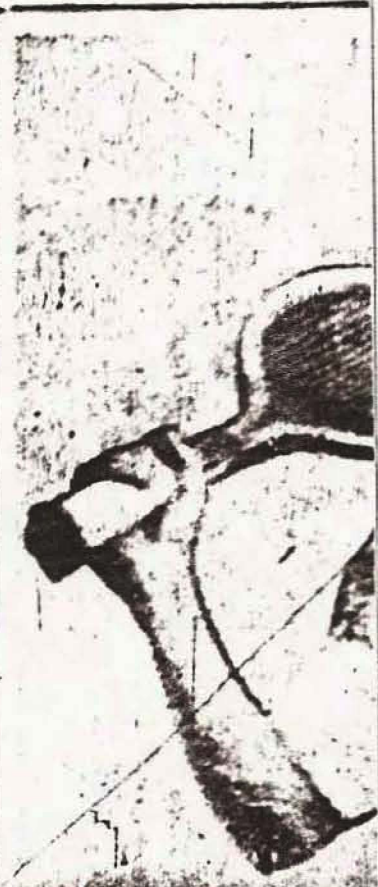
TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR EVENT IS
ALSO ON SAME DATE.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE

E. A. Mofoss, director of events at the Indianapolis motor Speedway, announced today that the speedway management had decided to postpone the twenty-four-hour race, set for September 24 and 25, until near the middle of October, the exact date to be announced later. It was also announced that the Wheeler-Schebler cup race, started last Saturday and stopped by the racing board on account of the number of fatalities that resulted, would be run at this time, making two big events in one. The trophy event will be run in the afternoon and the twenty-four-hour grind will be started at 8 o'clock at night.

\$150,000 for Improvements.

Before these two big events will be held, however, the speedway will present a far different appearance. The management has practically decided to spend \$150,000 in improvements and following a final decision, to be made this week, the improvements will be begun at once. These will include a new surface for the track and additions to both the grand stands and bleachers. Each will be enlarged to a capacity that will accommodate much greater crowds. The fences on each side of the track will be moved back forty feet and sand cushions constructed on each side. A layer of sand skirting the track on each side would serve to impede the progress of a racing car thrown from its course and thus



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W.n	Loss
519	477
433	474
444	472
495	

Wheeler-Schebler
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le-Header.

Win	Loss	Break Even
477	462	479
473	470	

of the Clubs

Association.

Won	Lost	Pct
72	57	.559
70	56	.554
66	51	.565
62	47	.567
60	44	.570
49	33	.596
39	28	.583

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Won	Lost	Pct
70	51	.577
71	52	.575
67	47	.593
54	32	.625
49	31	.613
45	25	.643
41	22	.659
29	13	.692

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Won	Lost	Pct
71	42	.625
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71	46	.607
58	34	.629
52	38	.577
52	41	.561
46	35	.571
22	32	.406

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Won	Lost	Pct
65	42	.607
64	44	.591
61	40	.600
55	32	.631
57	33	.633
48	34	.588
44	35	.557
42	35	.543

44	42	41
32	32	21
Central League.		
W. H.	1st	2nd
65	42	407
64	44	391
61	50	350
65	54	314
57	51	309
48	44	429
44	43	404
43	45	278

MEET TODAY

an Association.

- Toledo.
- Cincinnati
- Columbus.
- St. Paul.

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- Brooklyn.
- St. Louis.
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- New York.

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- Evansville.
- Indianapolis.
- Terre Haute.

**ISON AGREES
AL KAUFMAN**

**ND GIANT CALIFOR-
NT TEN ROUNDS.**

FOR SEPTEMBER

CO., August 25.—Heavy-
Jack Johnson and Al
ant California fighter,
at night to fight ten
Jimmy Coffroth's Colma
This fight will act as
the proposed battle be-
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lessen the danger to both spectators and
drivers.

Under Different Conditions.

When drivers face the starter in the
big 30-mile event, however, they will
face also, far different conditions from
those which existed when the race was
started last Saturday. At the end of
each one hundred miles they will be sub-
jected to a physical examination and
those found not to be in proper condi-
tion to continue will be provided with
substitutes, a car system being used to
announce the changes made. A technical
examination of the cars will also be made
at the century mark and those found to
have faulty parts will be eliminated.

STODDARD-DAYTON QUILTS.

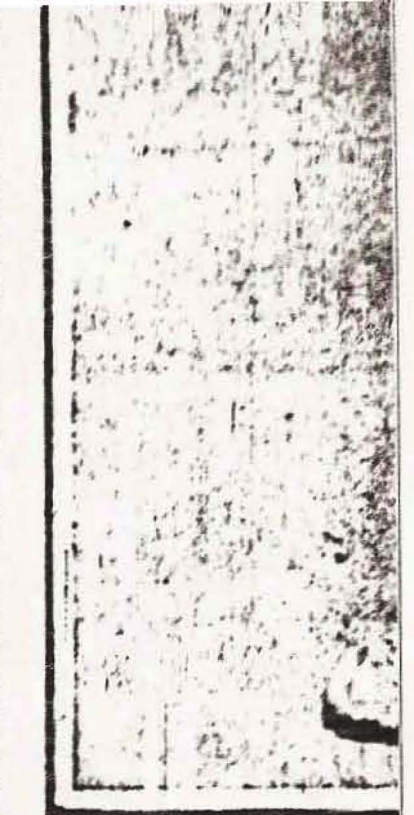
**Dangers of Auto Racing Cause
Makers to Withdraw from Game.**

DAYTON, O., August 26.—Manufacturers
of the Stoddard-Dayton motorcars, which
participated in the Indianapolis races last
week, yesterday made public announce-
ment of the fact that hereafter none of
their machines would ever be entered in
speed contests in the future. The com-
pany was influenced entirely by the car-
nival of death on the speedway in the
Hoosier capital. It is the intention of the
company, it is understood, to retain
drivers Miller, Clemens and De Hymel.
In a statement Vice-President Stoddard
said: "We have decided to abandon auto-
mobile racing entirely for the present, or
until such time as the conditions gener-
ally governing the contests are so changed
and bettered as to remove to the greatest
extent possible the present dangers both
to spectators and to drivers and mechan-
icians operating the cars."

HARROUN TO PILOT BUICK.

**Marmon Driver Engaged for Big Road
Race at Lowell, Mass.**

W. H. Pickens, manager of the Buick
racing team, yesterday engaged W. H.
Harroun of Indianapolis to pilot the



L. J. Washburn, of
playing in rare form in
tournament at the
courts. Yesterday he d

**PURDUE MEETS
AT OPENING**

**BOILERMAKERS IN
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NICOL ANNOUNCE

[Special to The India
LAFAYETTE, Ind., A
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FIND DANE'S RIVAL

**ib Arranging Elimination
 to Obtain Opponent.**

August 25.—Jimmy Dime,
 or of the National Sporting
 ed a unique plan for pick-
 man to meet Batling Nelson
 is arranging matches with
 process of elimination. Ad
 Harlem Tommy Murphy
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 Wolgast and Packey may
 an Frayne will be brought
 winner, and so on until
 is chosen to meet Nelson.

Senators' Chief.

Prof. August 25.—Fletcher
 manager of the Chicago
 team, yesterday int-
 ed secured or would

W. H. Pickens, manager of the Buick
 racing team, yesterday engaged W. H.
 Harroun, of Indianapolis, to drive Buick
 cars in the big annual road races at Lowell,
 Mass., next month. Harroun was at the
 wheel of Marmon car No. 58 during the
 running of the three-hundred-mile
 Wheeler-Schubler cup race at the Indi-
 anapolis motor speedway last Saturday,
 being one of the few survivors when the
 race was declared off. The Buick cars will
 take part in the big twenty-four-hour race
 at the speedway, now set for October.

OLDFIELD AT TOLEDO.

**Barney Scheduled for Fast Exhibition
 Mile on Half-Mile Track.**

FINDLAY, O., August 25.—Barney Old-
 field reached here yesterday afternoon
 from the Indianapolis races, and this aft-
 ernoon was to attempt to beat the world's
 record for a mile on a half-mile track.
 The record is now held by the Toledo
 track. There were to be ten other events
 in the afternoon's sport.

De Rosler Leaves for Home.

Jake De Rosler left last night for his
 home in Springfield, Mass. De Rosler has
 been at the Methodist hospital for ten
 days. He was severely injured internally
 at the motorcycle races Saturday, August
 14. He was riding an Indian in the ten-
 mile professional event against Lingen-
 felter, on an N. S. U., when his front tire
 came off, throwing him about thirty feet
 over the handle bars.

AL STANLEY SETS MARK.

**Makes New Three-Year-Old Trotting
 Record at Crawfordsville.**

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]
 CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., August 25.—
 A new world's record of 2:13 3/4 for a three-
 year-old trotter on a half-mile track was
 established yesterday afternoon at the
 opening day of the Montgomery county
 fair by Al Stanley, by Todd, a beautiful
 roan colt, owned by John Bogenhott, of
 Bean Rock, Ala., and driven by Bert
 Whitehead, of Montgomery, Ala. The
 record was made in the second heat of
 the three-year-old stake trot for a purse
 of \$500. Al Stanley trotted a perfect heat,
 never making a break and coming down
 the home stretch and under the wire
 with a beautiful stride. The mile by quar-
 ters was trotted in 2:34, 1:07, 1:40 and
 2:13 3/4.
 Al Stanley broke the record made two

game with Wabash
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The Purdue sched
 follows:
 October 2—Chicago
 October 9—Northwe
 October 16—Monmou
 October 30—Illinois
 November 6—Waba
 November 13—Rose
 November 20—India

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 for the game on Octo

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 Hutchins and Merrill
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 Ogan, guard, New to
 Ball, end, Ruby, quar

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