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AUTO RACE LOOMS BIG

INDICATES NEW MOTOR ERA

**COBE TROPHY EVENTS AT CROWN-
POINT, IND., PROMISE TO BE DAWN-
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FACTS ABOUT HOOSIER AUTO RACES.

Date of Cobe race	June 19
Date of small car race	June 18
Length of circuit	23.6 miles
Length of Cobe race	401.2 miles
Number of laps	17
Hour of start	6:00 a. m.
Estimated average speed	68 miles
Length of small car race	236 miles
Number of laps	10
Hour of start	8:00 a. m.
Estimated average speed	60 miles

Displaying all the premonitory symp-
toms of a big race—the biggest of its kind
ever held—the first western stock chassis
race for the Cobe Trophy is daily ap-
proaching nearer and nearer to reality.

Its twin event, the small car contest
for the Indiana Trophy, for both of which
the Chicago Automobile Club stands
sponsor, promises to be an excitingly
close second in interest.

A shade faster and some seven laps
longer, the Cobe event, which will make
June 19 a crimson day on the racing cal-
endar, will mark the dawn of a new
era in western motoring, and incidentally
establish a few precedents on the national
calendar, if the predictions of the contests
board of the club prove justified. The
small car race is slated for June 18.

Assisted by a corps of department ex-
ecutives under the marshalship of Gen-
eral Executive Frank H. Trego, the con-
tests committee, consisting of Joseph F.
Gunther, chairman; A. J. Banta and C. G.
Sinsabaugh, is waist-deep in preparations
for the great contest. Many and devious
were the paths which the committee la-
boriously traversed before it was able to
report, "We have met the enemy, and
they are no more. Every obstacle has
been surmounted."

Crowning all other achievements, per-
haps, was the feat of securing for the
contestants and spectators that all-
essential safeguard against disaster—
military protection. It was no feast day
task. It meant conferences innumerable,
repeated railway trips, interminable con-

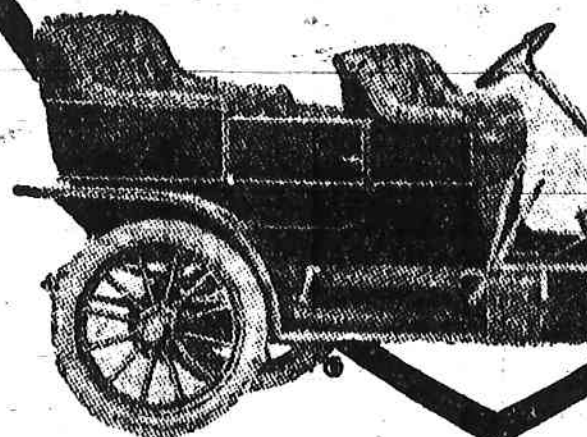
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4-passenger Double Rumble Roadster

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versations by long-distance wire over the
quadrangle connecting Chicago, Crown-
point, Indianapolis and Springfield.

Results Indicate Success.

But the result was accomplished, and
in no commonplace way.

That Illinois troops will guard the In-
diana course every one knows, but only
those committeemen who toiled for days
before the intricate problems involved
had been wrought out appreciate to the
full the debt of the gratitude which the
sport owes to those officials who worked
with them to make possible this con-
summation so devoutly hoped for.

Additional assurances of nominations
for the Cobe Trophy and Indiana Cup
events were received yesterday. Promises
were made to F. H. Trego of the entry of
a French Berliet and two Pennsylvanias
for the big race and two F. A. L. and
two Chalmers-Detroit machines for the
minor trophy.

There is one string attached to the
Berliet nomination. The W. W. Shaw
Company, representing the French ma-
chine, tried in vain to get the Berliet
people to recede from their determination
not to enter competitions. Shaw has de-
cided to buy a car outright and enter it
himself. It is only a question of the
shipment of the machine from France
and its arrival in time to be tuned up
for the June race.

This car is a forty-horse-power, 4% by
5½ engine, a duplicate of the one that
last fall won the Targa Bologna, beating
the Fiat, Isotta, Mercedes and Panhard.

TAFT LIKES SWIFT

Takes Journey in His Auto
ceeds Limit.

That President Taft does not
sist that his chauffeur keep
statutory speed of twenty miles
indicated by the following pa-
an article by "Pioneer," in

issue of Automobile Topics,
tour from New York to Richm

"We met many automobiles
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regard for the speed limit. Au-
torists whom we met who seem
hurry was President Taft, who
us in his White steamer at
indicated that some pressing
required his immediate atten-
miles up the road."

ISSUES GERMAN AUTO

Rules have been issued for
trial of light cars, to be held
Sept. 2, under the auspices of
Imperial Automobile Club. T
cars must be fitted with four
motor of the four-cycle type
than six-horse power. The mi-
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will be 100 kilograms, and for
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