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PLAN EXHIBITION OF AERIAL CRAFTS

Speedway Promoters Hope to Hold Show During Initial Auto Races in May.

PRACTICE BEGINS ON TRACK

Work in Preparation for Season's Activities Is Now Under Full Swing.

Additional attractions are scheduled for the opening motor car races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 27, 28 and 30, in the form of the first outdoor aviation show.

It is the plan of the Speedway promoters to give the visitors at the initial races of the season more than their money's worth in an exhibition of the latest products of the bird men. As the aviation meet, under the direction of the Wright brothers, is to be held only a few days after the first races, they likely will have all of their machines housed at the Speedway aviation grounds, and, while the public will be barred from watching the practice flights, yet the machines will be put on

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DAYTONA, Ria., March 24.—A drenching midday rain marred the final day's program of the Daytona beach automobile speed carnival, and the 12,000 spectators, who had come out with the firm expectation of witnessing a repetition of yesterday's world's record-breaking race, went away rain-soaked and disappointed.

No records were broken and the feature of the day's program, the 300-mile race for a five-thousand-dollar trophy, had to be canceled owing to the delay of more than an hour caused by the storm. In the one-mile speed record trials some fast running was witnessed, but none of the well-known racers were able to approach the record established last week by Barnay Oldfield although Oldfield covered

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Walter Christie, driving his own car in place of Robertson, covered the mile in :83.15, almost three seconds slower than Robertson's time with the same car yes-

terday.
The ten-mile Handicap, the second handicap at the same distance today, was won by Altman (Hudson). Time, 12:45; Oldfield (Knox) second, Kirscher (Darracq) third.
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by Pete Hart with a Buick. Altman in a Hudson car was second. Time, 12:58. Kirscher, driving a Daracq, won the ten-mile handicap. Time, 7:21. Oldfield (Knox) second, Bond (Stearns) third.

Owing to the delay caused by a storm, which swept from the ocean, Referee Fitzgerald announced that the 300-mile race for the \$5,000 trophy was called off. In the one-mile time trial Kerscher, driving a Darracq, covered the mile

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Herbert Lytle was another who tested the speed of an American yesterday.

It is planned for the first of next week to have Marmon, National, Marion, American, Empire, Cole and Chalmers racers pitched in a practice speed battle on the track. J. 1.

Warn All Spectators.

Capt. W. P. Carpenter of the Indiana National Guard called upon Mr. Moross yesterday and made arrangements have a large force of soldiers to police the grounds during the races. The twentyfour-hour event will require several shifts of the soldiers.

A new feature will be introduced this season in the form of a large touring car with soldier in it constantly to be carried to the scene of any accident. This will be kept in readiness behind the judges stand. While the promoters do not look cost of the present system.

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Mr. Herrick, concurring in Mr. Gar-field's remarks, declared that the time has come for the Republican party to "revamp" its doctrine.

"We must regulate the men who are government," he said. running the "Throughout the country from the municipalities and states on up to the Capitol at Washington, there is the greatest extravagance. Any department of the government could be run by a man who could run a bank or a factory at one-half of the

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