SPEED LUST STRONG DESPITE DISASTERS

Thousands See Crashing Cars and Turn to Watch Flying Racers Again.

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Spectators Seem Finally to Weary of Strenuous Sport After Third Accident.

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"Three men killed," was the next word and an audible murmur of sympathy and sorrow swept through the crowd. But it was only for an instant. Just then a roaring, sputtering racing car whizzed by in the home stretch. Then another swept by and the crowd turned its attention back to its score cards and the snorting oncoming machines were tearing down the stretch. Forgetting that three human lives had been stamped out without a warning so much as that of the lightning's flash from a clear sky; unmindful of the ball of gloom that hung over the bleachers, the crowd in the grand stand continued cheer the dare-devil drivers as they shot by. "Another is down!" was the cry that startled the grand stand a few minutes later, and all eyes sought a cloud of dust on the back stretch just off the near turn where Driver Keen and his mechanician, Schiller, were waging their battle with the Grim Reaper. The panic in the bleachers within plain view of the scenes of both accidents had not subsided after the wrecking of the Merz car until Keen and Schiller went down and the ambulances were hurrying to their assistance. The people in the bleachers had all they wanted. Police and soldiery hurried scenes of the accidents to reinforce the officers in the localities and drove the crowds back so that the physicians might yet, if possible, cheat death of its own. The growd had been feasting on accidents all afternoon, from the ditching of Lytle's car to the collapse of Mrs. William Ball,

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testimony in the Times's defense of the \$1,000,000 libel suit brought against it by E. J. Penington, former airship man, who, twenty years ago, on an airship scheme which never succeeded, disposed, it is said, of considerable stock to Mt. Carmel capitalists. The airship factory was to have

been located there and a big building sup posed to contain a model was erected. Pennington disappeared. Some time ago when Pennington's big flying machine project, now being worked in the East, was given prominence, a re-

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