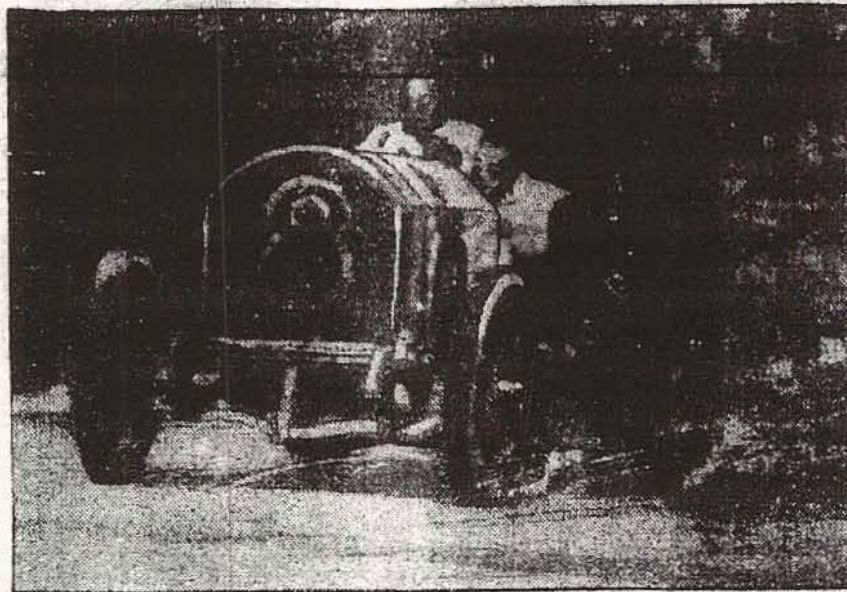


# SEVENTEEN HUGE CARS COMPETE FOR THE LOWELL TROPHY TODAY

Speed of Less Than a Mile a Minute Is Expected in the Great 318 Miles Race **BOSTON POST,**



Barney Oldfield in a Benz car nearly equalling the world's record at Lowell yesterday.

## FACTS ABOUT TODAY'S AUTO RACE AT LOWELL

Event—National stock car race.  
 Distance—318 miles, or 30 times around the 10.6-mile circuit.  
 Course—Merrimack Valley circuit, just outside of Lowell.  
 Number of starters—17.  
 Average speed expected of winner—60 miles an hour.  
 Estimated attendance—125,000.

## ENTRIES FOR BIG RACE

No.	Car.	Driver.
1	Buick	Louis Strang
2	American	Robert Drach
3	Allen-Kingston	Hugh Hughes
4	Buick	Robert Burman
5	Alco	Harry F. Grant
6	Isotta-Fraschini	A. J. Poole
7	F. I. A. T.	E. H. Parker
8	Knox	Fred Belcher
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11	F. I. A. T.	Ralph De Palma
12	Simplex	George Robertson
14	Knox	Joseph Downey
15	Stoddard-Dayton	B. W. Shaw
16	Apperson	H. H. Lytle
17	Buick	Louis Chevrolet
18	Lozier	Harry H. Cobe
20	Renault	Charles Basie

## HOW PURSE IS DIVIDED

Winner of first place, \$1000.  
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ing a 60-horsepower H. P. Alco. Grant is a fearless driver and has a car to handle that has an excellent reputation in big events. Grant competed in the race of last year and finished well up. He has also been a consistent winner at Readville and at other track events.

Following Grant will come Al Poole in the Isotta. Poole was to have competed in last year's race here, but on the final day's practice was thrown from his car on the hairpin turn and seriously injured and his car demolished. Poole is a general favorite in Lowell, and will have a big following in tomorrow's race.

The next car to get away will be the Fiat, driven by E. H. Parker. Then will come two Knox cars, driven by Fred Belcher and Fred Shaw, respectively. Both are anxious to shake the hoodoo that has been following them and believe that tomorrow will be the day.

### De Palma and His Fiat

After the Knox entries will come another Fiat. This Italian car will be driven by a man who has a world-wide reputation on account of his daring in long distance road events. He is Ralph De Palma, who holds numerous road records as well as track. De Palma by many is picked to win the big race, as those who have watched his workouts say that he has been covering them all close to 10 minutes and seemed to be taking it easy at that.

After De Palma has been sent away will come George Robertson in a Simplex. Robertson jumped into fame a year ago, when at the wheel of a Locomobile he won the first Vanderbilt cup race for America on the Long Island speedway.

The 12th to start will be Joe Downey, another Boston driver, in a Knox. Downey has had but little experience in road

was given over exclusively to speed tests and time trials. There were 11 events in all, and only two of them were scratched for the lack of entrants. Although the attendance was not as large as was expected, the events afforded plenty of excitement and amusement.

The hero of the day was Barney Oldfield. He came within 1-2 seconds of equalling the world's record now held for a mile straightaway by Kilpatrick. In a huge Benz car of 120 horse power Oldfield piloted the flying auto over the course today in 39.9-10 seconds.

Oldfield made two attempts to make the record. His first time was 41 seconds. There was some disappointment because Walter Cholster did not appear with his famous "freak car." However, early this morning while tuning up over the speedway, something went wrong with the mechanism, and the car was unable to be used in the time trials. The Fiat was also scratched in the trials.

Herbert Lytle made second best time in an Apperson, with the time of 44.2-5 seconds. Louis Chevrolet piloted his Buick for third place.

The best event of the day, however, was the free-for-all, without restriction to class. Oldfield again finished first in a Benz, while Chevrolet, in a Buick, was second, and J. J. Coffey took third place with a 34-horsepower Columbia. There were four cars in this event, and they started together, all the cars taking a standing start. The fourth car was a Matheson, driven by Neil Whaley.

The first event was scratched, and but one car appeared in No. 2, the 40-horsepower Jackson, driven by the owner, E. P. Blake.

J. R. Willardson was the only man to run a machine in event No. 3. The next event was the first to have more than one entrant. The cars contesting were the Apperson, driven by Herbert Lytle, and a Knox, piloted by Fred Shaw. The first time the cars obtained a false start. Both cars started together again, and Lytle made the best time.

The seventh event was for heavy cars, with a minimum weight of 2400 pounds. Only two cars were in this event. They made a false start and were called back, and with a good start on the second attempt the Buick crossed the line first.

Three cars appeared in the eighth event, and the Buick again made the best time.

Two Chevrolets, Arthur and Louis, appeared in the ninth event, both driving Buick cars, while Coffey took his position with a Columbia. Arthur Chevrolet was forced to take second to his famous brother, while Coffey was last in this trial.

The 10th event was open to gasoline stock chassis, with piston displacement of 230 cubic inches or under. Burman and De Witt each drove a Buick, and the winner of Monday's big event piloted his car in first.

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#### BY HOWARD G. REYNOLDS

**LOWELL, Sept. 7.**—Seventeen high horse-power cars, capable of travelling miles well under the minute mark, will compete tomorrow morning in the 318-mile road race for the Lowell trophy.

Thirty times around the 10.6 mile Merrimac Valley circuit they will go at breakneck speed, averaging far more miles to the hour than did the leading cars in the light-car race of Monday at the opening of the week's carnival here.

#### AN INTERNATIONAL RACE

The race has a decided international flavor, for it will be American drivers in American cars pitted against the best of European autoists in foreign machines.

It is the banner event of the big race week here and another crowd of more than 125,000 people is expected to witness the gruelling contest from vantage points on the course.

On the eve of the race the vast grand stands, seating more than 10,000 people, are nearly all sold out and thousands are already camped along the course waiting for the first car to be sent away tomorrow.

Lowell has gone automobile crazy. Every person in this city seems to have caught the speed mania and the people are all talking and thinking automobiles.

#### Taft May Be There

While President Taft has not promised to be present, it is generally expected by President Heinze of the Lowell Automobile Club and other officials that he will occupy the box in the centre of the grand stand, directly opposite the finish line, that has been reserved for him and his party.

The Governors of the New England States have also been invited to attend the race and in most cases, it is said, the invitation has been accepted. They will occupy a box near that of the President.

#### Start at 10 O'Clock

The big race, which is recognized as the national stock car race of the year by the American Automobile Association, will be started promptly at 10 o'clock, when Starter Wagner will send the first car away upon its long journey.

The 16 others will follow it at 30-second intervals and hardly will the last be away before the first will be completing its first round.

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The 15th car will be the Stoddard-Dayton, driven by B. W. Shaw; then will follow the Apperson, driven by Herbert Lytle of Vanderbilt racing fame and the Buick, driven by Louis Chevrolet, a winner in his class on Monday.

The next car will be the Lozier, driven by Harry Cobe. The Lozier car has long been successful in long distance events on account of its ability to stand hard usage on both track and road, and many expect to see it return a winner in the race today unless some unavoidable accident happens.

The last car that will start will be the Renault, driven by Charles Basle of Waltham, who used to be Herbert H. Boden's chauffeur. He is a fearless man at the wheel of a racer and is sure to give a good account of himself.

#### OLDFIELD THE STAR

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EVENT 3.	
Matheson (Whitson), 1m. 2 2-5s.	
EVENT 5.	
Apperson (Lytle), 52 4-5s.	
Knox (Shaw), 55 3-10s.	
EVENT 6.	
Benz (Oldfield), 51 1-5s.	
Buick (Chevrolet), 58 9-10s.	
Columbia (Coffey), 59 9-10s.	
Matheson (Whale), 1m. 3 4-5s.	
EVENT 7.	
Buick (Chevrolet), 1m. 1 3-5s.	
Knox (Belcher), 1m. 2 9-10s.	
EVENT 8.	
Buick (Chevrolet), 59 1-2s.	
Knox (Downey), 1m. 1 1-10s.	
Knox (Belcher), 1m. 2 3-10s.	
EVENT 9.	
Buick (L. Chevrolet), 1m. 3s.	
Buick (A. Chevrolet), 1m. 7s.	
Columbia (Coffey), 1m. 12 4-5s.	
EVENT 10.	
Buick (Burman), 1m. 7 7-10s.	
Buick (De Witt), 1m. 8 1-10s.	
EVENT 11.	
Benz (Oldfield), 39 9-10s.	
Benz (Oldfield), 41s.	
Apperson (Lytle), 44 2-5s.	
Buick (Chevrolet), 49 9-10s.	
Buick (Harroun), 52 1-5s.	
Knox (Deshrow), fully equipped, 57 7-10s.	
Berkshire (Clapp), 1m. 2 9-10s.	

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