

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1909.

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OLDFIELD BREAKS MILE COAST RECORD AT ASCOT PARK AND DEFEATS KERSCHER IN FIVE-MILE MA

BARNIEY OLDFIELD smashed all western automobile records yesterday at Ascot Park by driving a mile in 51 2-5s. This is within four-fifths of a second of the world circular mile track record, held by Ralph De Palma, made in a Fiat.

Ben Kerscher, in the Darracq, forced Oldfield to drive his Benz five miles in 4m. 35s. This is the fastest five miles ever driven on a mile track in competition. One heat was won by a wheel length.

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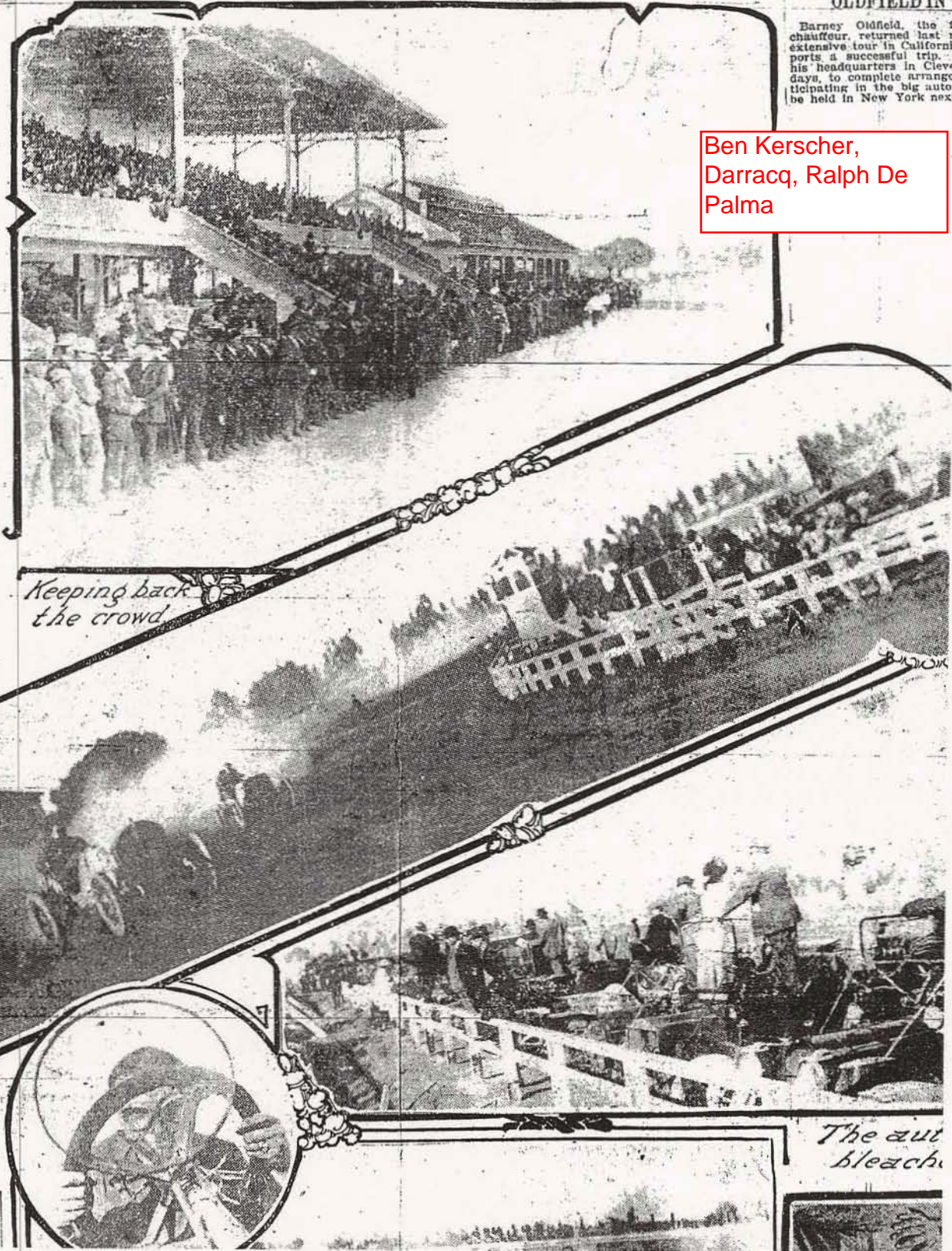
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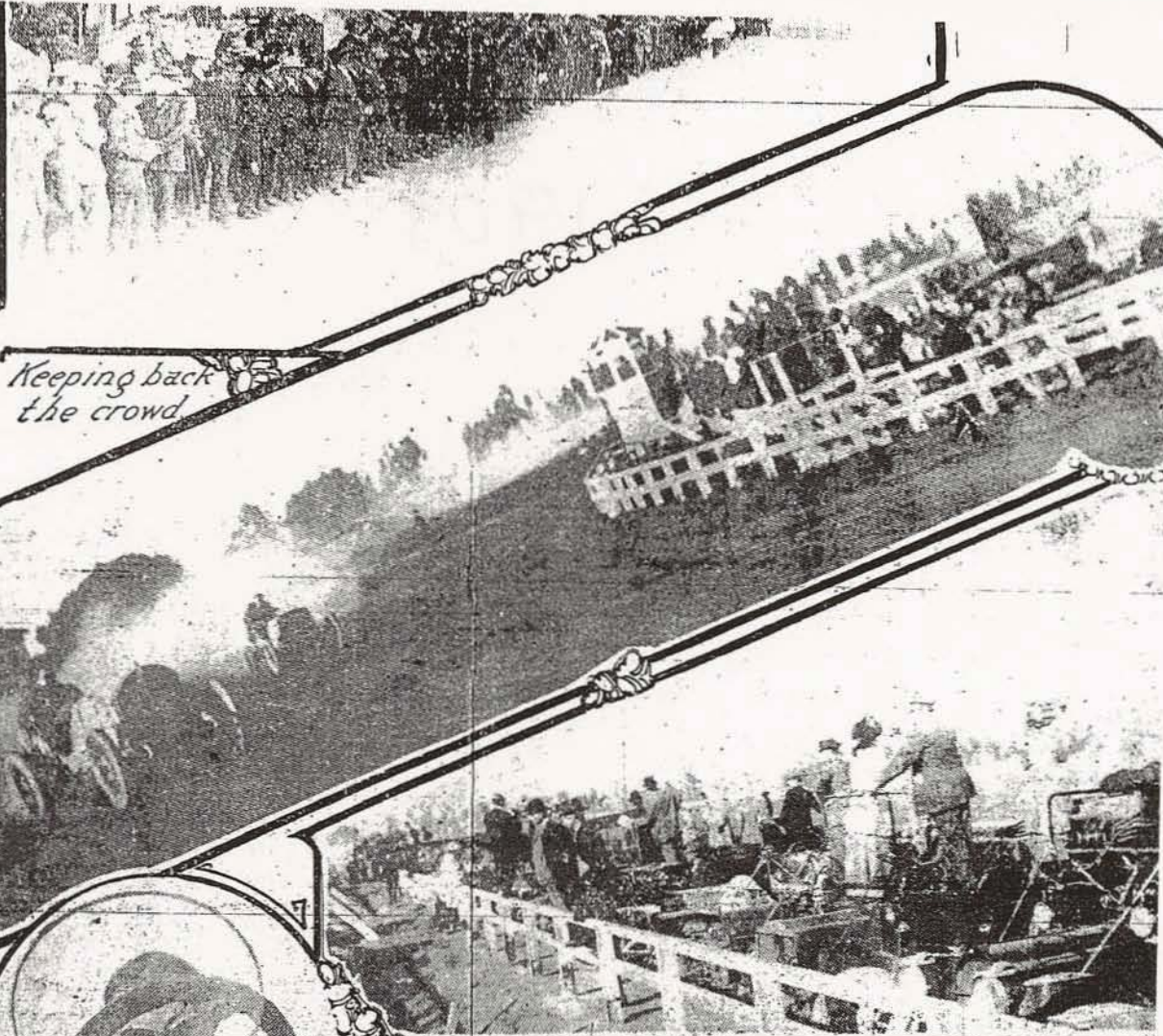
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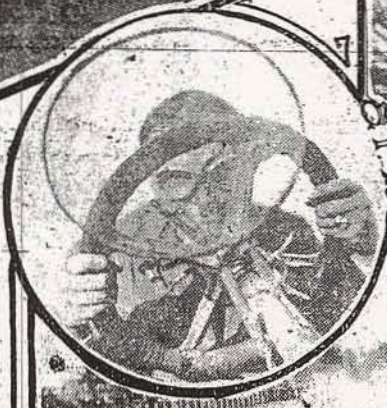
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Oldfield won every race in which he was entered. He took the five-mile handicap event by a tire width with the Knox six-cylinder. He drove this car after Fred Shaw, the driver, had sustained a severe injury to his arm while cranking the Darracq.

Al Livingston, in the Corbin, with a handicap of only ten seconds, drove a close second to Oldfield, who had forced to take a chance on the second turn. The Knox was slow getting under way which gave the Corbin an advantage. Livingston was almost half a mile ahead when Oldfield got into action.

Kerscher in the Darracq, with twenty-five seconds handicap, that became almost a mile because of the standing start, drove a great race in this event and almost caught Oldfield and Livingston. The daring German took fearful chances with his little car.

NOSE TO NOSE.

Oldfield won from Kerscher in the five-mile dash after a nose to nose battle for every foot of the distance. The German, in the Darracq, made Barney drive the Benz faster than Oldfield had ever sent the car before on a circular track.

Taking the lead at the start Kerscher forced Barney to trail him, around the track for four miles. A less experienced driver than Oldfield must have lost this race. Barney refused to swing in behind the Darracq but drove wide on the track.

It was in the turns that Oldfield showed his class. The Darracq was faster than the Benz on the straight-aways. Barney's only chance was to



In the repair pits.

Oldfield in the Benz Taking the Lead Over Kerscher in the Darracq.

In the final lap of the five-mile match event in the Ascot Park races. Scenes at the track yesterday afternoon when a record crowd attended.