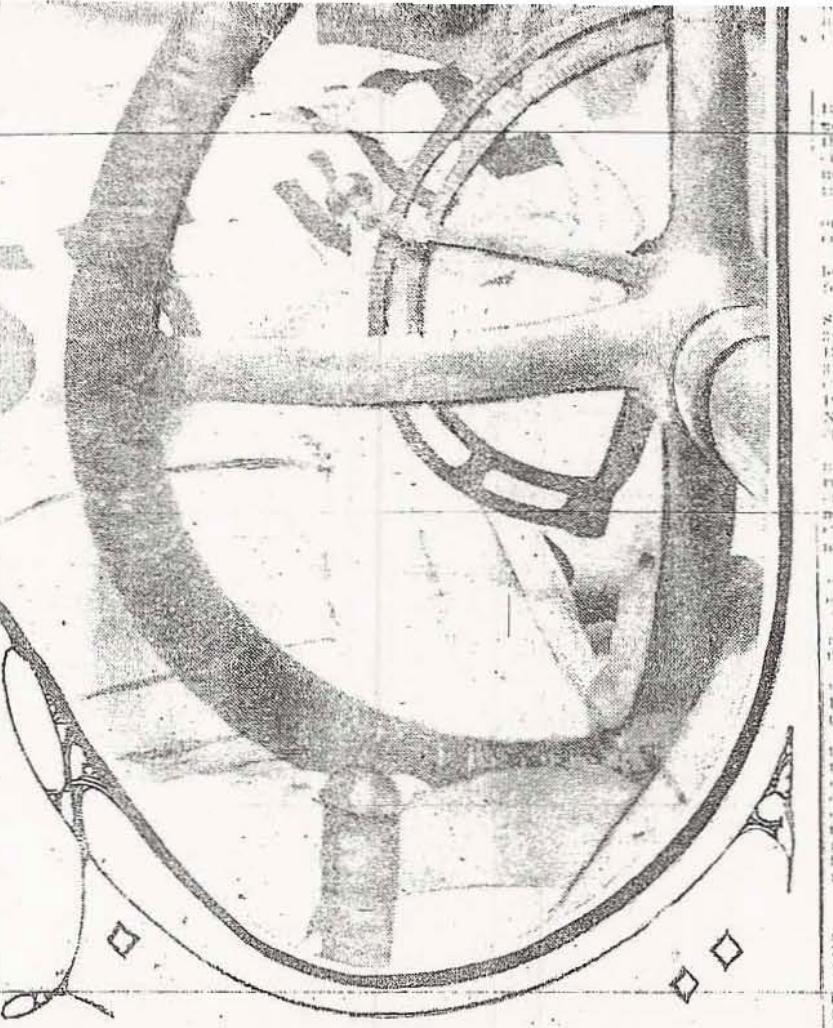


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The time of arrival:

Although Ford car No. 3 was the first car to arrive at San Bernardino, 61 miles out, De Dietrich car No. 16 was the real leader of the race in elapsed time at that point with Simplex No. 4, second. No. 16 arrived at San Bernardino at 7:15 and No. 4 at 7:04:10.

Owing to the rain and slippery roads there were many accidents, but notably as far as Victorville.

The Metz, No. 9, and Ford, No. 2, were reported to have met with accidents a few miles east of San Bernardino. No details were given.

The Metz, No. 11, reached San Bernardino with a badly bent rear right axle caused by skidding at a turn. The car went on.

Thomas' car, No. 18, skidded four miles from start and Pink, the driver, was badly bruised and brought to the receiving hospital in this city. Tom Eley, Pink's mechanician, continued the race with the car.

Here is the way the cars arrived in San Bernardino, with the time of arrival of each car:

Car No. 3, a Ford, driven by Schack and Schack, arrived 7:02:28.

No. 2, the Chevrolet, driven by Duran and Lawrence, 7:04.

No. 1, Paige, Beaudet and McConners, 7:02:30; No. 8, 7:02:40; No. 4, 7:04:10; No. 5, Stutz, 7:07:25.

No. 7, 7:15:30; No. 16, 7:15; No. 9, 7:22:10; No. 10, 7:23:25; No. 11, 7:23:15; No. 14, 7:26:15; No. 17, 7:26:50; No. 20, 7:27:00; No. 21, 7:32:45; No. 15, 7:51:40.

No. 18 went in the ditch at Ridge.

The mechanician is supposed to be injured, but the car continued.

No. 19 arrived at San Bernardino at 7:57:05.

No. 18, 7:57:40.

On a slimy road, in a drizzle of rain, with Death lurking at each slippery curve, twenty cars were sent away from Eastlake park between 6:30 and 6:45 o'clock this morning in one of the most notable automobile races in the world, the annual Los Angeles-Phoenix road race.

The race is 61.4 miles. It is the hardest grind of any road race attempt in the world.

There are three checking stations in the race. This afternoon the cars are checked at Needles, 301.4 miles from Los Angeles, and remain there overnight.

Tomorrow they will be checked at Prescott, 331.4 miles from L.A., and will remain overnight.

Wednesday will see the race down the stretch to the finishing flag at Phoenix.

The wet road belt today extended only about half way between Pomona and San Bernardino. From there the drivers encountered dry roads and fair weather.

The drizzle did not dampen the ardor of three thousand race enthusiasts at the start. They crowded the starting line, leaving an opening of a car's width for the racers to pass through for 1000 yards.

The police made frantic efforts to keep the crowd on the curb, but abandoned the attempt.

All of the cars were in position half an hour before the starting time. At 3:25 Starter Adair, dripping with rain, called No. 1, the Paige, to the line.

The hood of the little blue machine ran water. Beaudet, the driver, discarded his goggles.

"Beware of the wet roads and remember 'Safety first,'" cautioned Stanley Mitchell, representative of the A. A. A. issuing his final instructions.

"Get ready—one minute left," shouted Adair. Motors roared down the line of racers. Smoke from the exhausts of twenty engines blurred the shafts of light thrown out into the darkness by the headlights.

"Three, two, one, go!" and he slapped Beaudet on the back.

Disregarding the rain, hats were waved, women's shrill voices rose above the tones of the men. "Go on, go on," came the shout from the crowd.

Beaudet quickened his pace and Chevrolet was brought to the starting line by Alair. Two minutes later he was sent on his way with a cheer.

The remaining drivers gave vent to their disgust for the rain.

Earl Schack in the Ford came next. Behind him, Olin Davis and George Aley, his mechanician, worked with a rush to wrap their tires with burlap and pin it down with skid chains.

Behind Davis in his Simplex came Oldfield. Again the crowd surged in anxious to look at the veteran driver as his form appeared in the dim glow through the smoke clouds. Barney was sent away with a cheer that followed him down the road.

Greenwood, driver of the Kincaid special No. 10, withdrew from the race yesterday, and Archie Kincaid, builder of the car, was nominated in his place. Jack Tracey is acting as relief driver.

In quick order the cars were rolled to the starting line and Starter Adair slapped the drivers on the back at two-minute intervals.

Ellis in Buick No. 15 sent the crowd scurrying to the curb as he left the starting line.

Faint traces of dawn had lit up the dull sky. Ellis started from the line with a rush. His rear wheels skidded. The car slipped toward the crowd over the wet asphalt. There was a rush for safety.

Ellis straightened out his steering wheel and righted the car.

Sprague and Buckius in the De Dietrich were away sixteenth, followed by Jack Burns in the Stutz. Then came Pink in the Thomas, Bill Brummette in the Cudillac, No. 13.

As Cousins in the Chevrolet No. 20 and Du Bois in the Cole No. 21 faced the starting line dawn had cast a gray light over the sky and headlights from the scores of automobiles lining the roads were extinguished.

At 6:08 Du Bois was given the signal to start, and the crowd, many having procured umbrellas, gave him a long cheer as his car crawled away from the starting line over the wet pavement.

Checking Stations

136; Needles, 301; Kingman, 368; Asp-

er, 400; Phoenix, 609; Phoenix, 671.

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Former Winners—1908, F. C. Fenner and H. D. Ryus; 1909, Joe and

Louis Nikrent; 1910, Harvey Herrick and O. W. Kern; 1911, Harvey

Herrick and Ed Swanson; 1912, Ralph Hamlin and G. Irwin; 1913,

Olin C. Davis and C. Watts.

Officials—Leon T. Shettler, chairman of racing committee; Geo. Adair,

George Purdy Bullard, in charge at Phoenix.

Prizes—First, \$2750; second, \$2000; third, \$1500; fourth, \$500. Diamond

medal bearing inscription, "Master Driver of the World," goes to

winner.

Time Limit—At Needles, fifteen hours after starting time from Los

Angeles; at Prescott, fifteen hours after starting from Needles; at

Phoenix, 6 p.m.

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Chance Will Decide Style of Starting

Barney Oldfield, looking out for a standing start, and Bob Burman, asking for the eyes to be rolling along, will let chance decide the method of starting their championship speed brush at Ascot Park tomorrow. The two star pilots yesterday were informed by starter Frank Lowry that he would toss a coin to determine the question of a start, and that another toss would determine which man would have the pole position.

Oldfield and Burman have been at odds on the starting question ever since they signed up for their big match. Finally it was decided to let Lowry have the final voice in the matter and the starter announces that he is willing to let just have last say.

Should the weather hold good there is every prospect for a new world's record for fifty miles.