

WATCHING THE RACES

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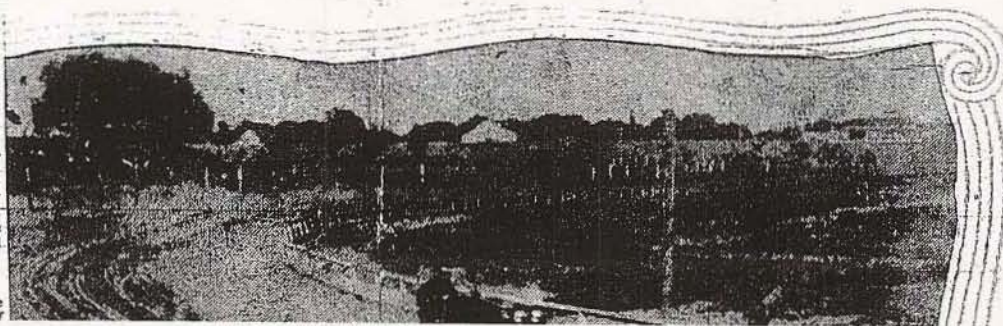
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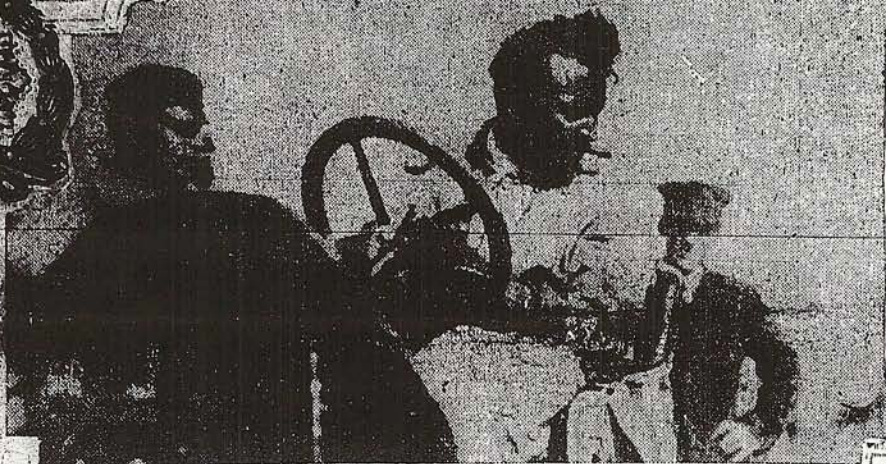
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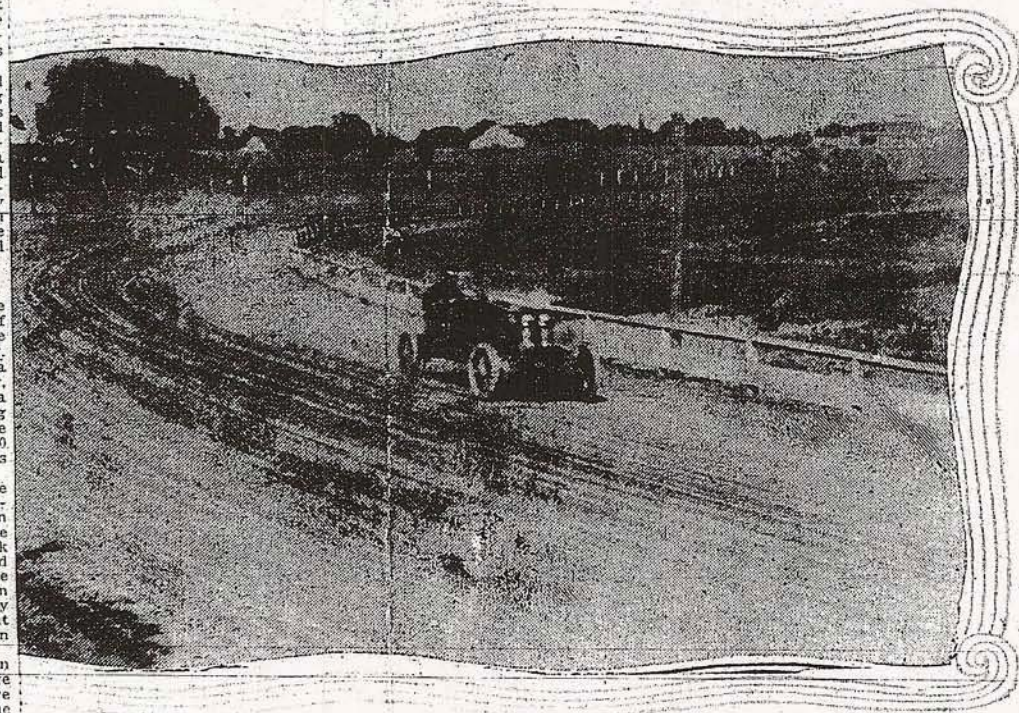
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With ideal weather conditions, the best field of entries ever got together in the West, the most successful starter in the country to run off the meet, and two of the greatest rivals in the automobile game vying with each other, the one to maintain his hold on the world's record and the other to win back his lost laurels in this particular event, it is no wonder that the races yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the St. Paul Automobile club, drew out the largest crowd that has ever attended an automobile race meet in this city.

The card, too, was of especial interest and excellently arranged. There was everything the motoring enthusiast

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Jimmy Clabby has asked permission of his friend, Barney Oldfield, to ride with the speed king in the Vanderbilt cup and Grand Prix races. Petroskey is a dry wit, but he suggests that Clabby refrain from signing up for such an engagement until after their scrap.

BARNEY BREAKS RECORD.

Firestone tires were used by Barney Oldfield in breaking the Michigan mile record at Detroit on September 21, when he made the distance in 43.2 seconds. These tires also won the Panama-Pacific, Tacoma, and Corona road races, within the past few months.

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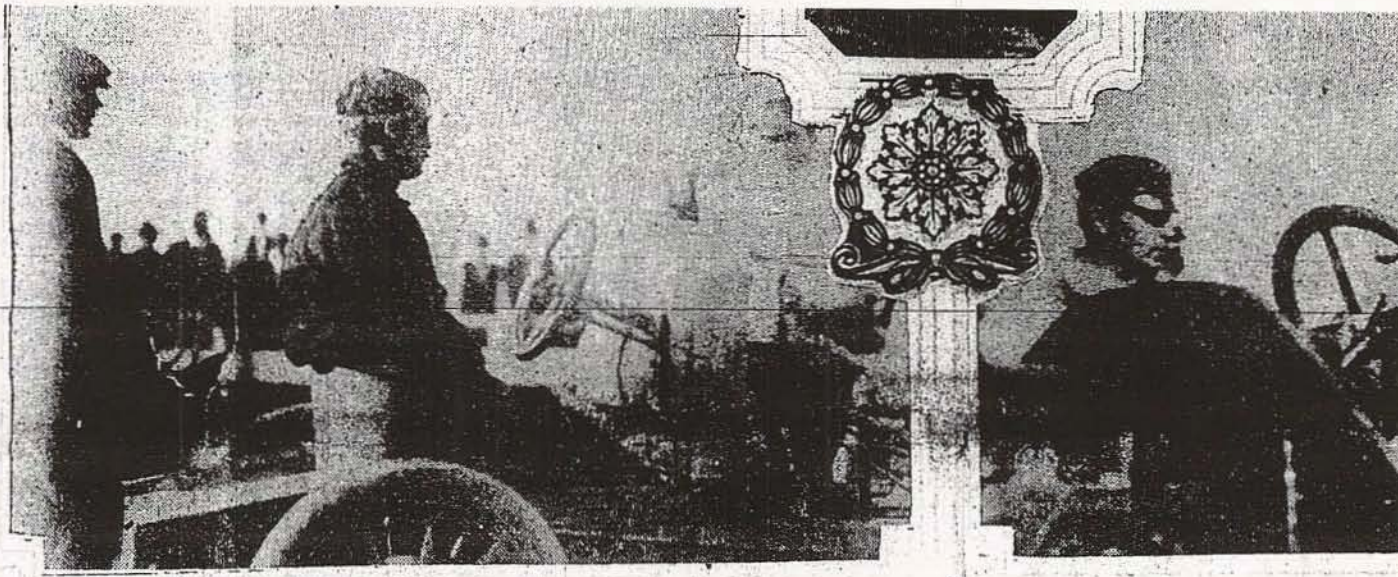
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VAST THROG SEES RACES

Efforts of Great Auto Drivers Thrill 20,000 People on Hamline Track.

A perfect day, with the bright July sunshine setting the soft air into myriads of sparkling pin points; a hard fast track, polished, tire-beaten and yellow, gleaming under the strong light; 20,000 people banked the huge stands, clustered in many hued lines along the infield and stretching along the entire home course of the track; the exciting shouts of the thousands; and the never-ending nervous throbbing of the powerful engines of the racing cars as they sped about the course, throwing off heavy swirling clouds of dust and smoke. Fast time, a perfect program, not marred by the slightest mishap, and general satisfaction all around.

This tells the story of the automobile races yesterday afternoon at the fair grounds track under the auspices of the Shriners and the St. Paul Automobile club, a meet attended by one of the largest crowds that ever crushed through the score of turnstiles leading to the stands, and a meet singularly fortunate in that not a single accident of the slightest nature occurred.

dust clouds, while the nervous hoarse panting of their straining engines cuts through the air, penetrating, far-reaching, carrying the heat of the struggle to the anxious multitudes in the stands.

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Not an Accident.

Apparently Allah, who looks after the welfare of all sons of the faith, and who has protected them on their journey to the pilgrim city so that not one of them has befallen an ill fate, is also looking after the men who seek to entertain his sons. Certainly some kind of providence was at the track side yesterday, for during all the mad, whirlwind rush of the panting machines not even a semblance of a mishap could be seen.

As the roaring engines rounded the stretches, completely hidden in towering gray clouds of dust and smoke, the thousands of spectators strained their eyes anxiously through the murky air to catch a glimpse of the men who were steering the huriling cars around the narrow stretch of hard earth, half expecting a shower of fence pickets and posts to herald some sickening accident. But nothing of the kind occurred and the whizzing engines emerged from the dust beds that sailing onward like meteors in their flight.

Thrilling Spectacle.

A thrilling sight is this, the low-flying gruesome monsters of the wind, emitting smoke and flame, they dash about side by side, mingling their blaring breath, showering each other in

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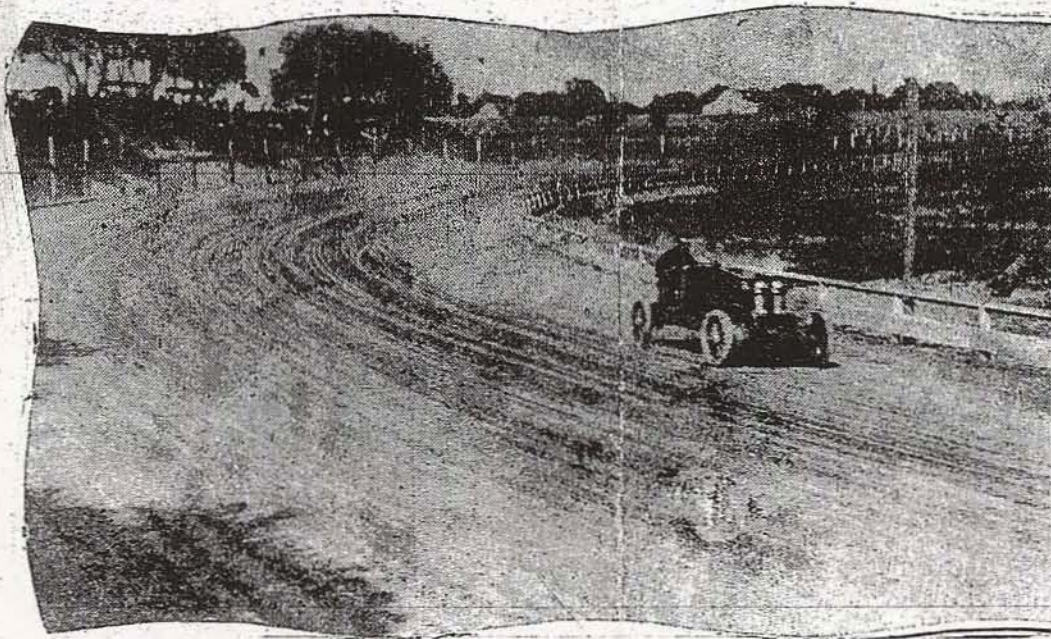
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