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Oldfield, driving a Knox, won the second event, a 20-mile free-for-all stock chassis race. Time 18:60. Hotchkiss (Pope-Hartford), second, and Ormesdorf (Chalmers Forty) third.

The 10-mile handicap was won by the Chalmers Forty (2 minutes 20 seconds); second, Chalmers Thirty (5 minutes 25 seconds); third, Hudson (5 minutes 30 seconds). The time device in use became short-circuited and no time was taken.

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A short circuit in the wires used for the timing apparatus caused the two world's championship races at distances of one to five miles to be postponed. The cars of Oldfield, Christie and David Bruce Brown were working at top speed during the exhibition drives by the trio but no time could be taken.

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When it is figured that the trophy is twice as valuable from a melting value as the Vanderbilt cup, so eagerly sought after by drivers from all over the world, it may be figured that many of the best cars and drivers in the country will face the starter in the feature event of the carnival.

Barney Oldfield will be seen at the wheel of the Benz in the 300 mile race, and as DePalma will undoubtedly bring his Fiat Cyclone to Florida with the Arnold Fiat, it seems that his entry is a logical one.

The longest race ever made on the Florida beach was at a distance of 300 miles and the club officials are hopeful that all records from the one mile mark of 28 1-5 to the 300 mile record of 3:53:44 will be broken during this coming meet.

SPEED CARNIVAL TO OPEN TUESDAY

Oldfield, Christie, Brown and Kirscher Ready for Championship Trials.

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