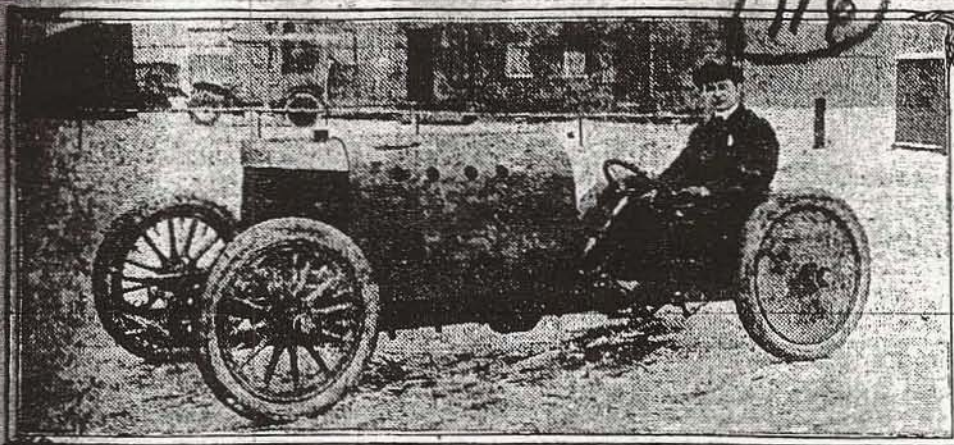


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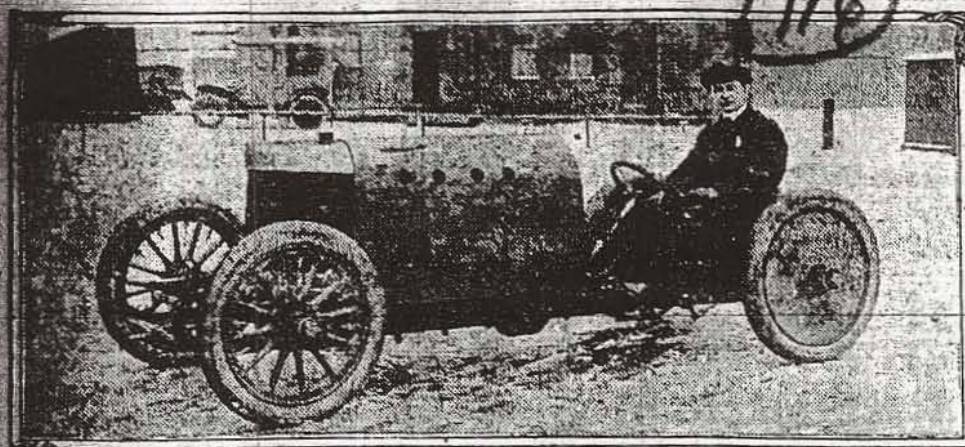
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Madison Square Gardens, New York, but says he will never again compete
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Oldfield's future is undecided, but he intimates he may become a book-
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Barney Oldfield is sharing the honors
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and made three new records. For five
miles the record was 4:31 and he made it
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ord and thereby lost \$1,000. The manage-
ment offered him that sum to run his
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Famous Toledo Boy Allowed Place in Gordon Bennett Cup Race.

New York, Dec. 17.—According to the
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the Automobile Club of America upon a
cablegram from Paris received yesterday
from Clarence G. Dinsmore, the repre-
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tional committee in charge of the ar-
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sociation cup, the rules governing the race
were altered by the committee so as to
allow cars to be driven by professionals,
provided the drivers are nominated by
the clubs entering the cars. This means
that America will be represented in the
race in Germany next summer by a team
of three of the best automobile drivers
in this country, headed by Barney Old-
field, the holder of the world's mile track
record of 38, and consequently the Ameri-
can team will have at least an even
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Paris, Dec. 17.—At a conference of the
representatives of the automobile clubs
of eight nations held yesterday it was
decided that the race for the James Gor-
don Bennett cup shall take place between
July 7 and July 15 next year, over a
course 84 miles long. It was further de-
cided that machines can be driven by men
selected by the clubs, which decision will
open the door to professional chauffeurs.
C. G. Dinsmore, of the Automobile Club
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