

BARNEY OLDFIELD RACES FOR SHIRTNEERS

Lodge Will Give an Interesting Auto Meet at Tanforan April 23 and 24

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—An automobile race meet under the direction of the local lodge of Mystic Shriners is to be held at Tanforan Saturday and Sunday, April 23d and 24th. The event will be a part of the celebration of the convolve to be held in this city on those days and promises to be one of the most important of the season.

Prominent among the drivers to participate will be Barney Oldfield, with his famous record-breaking Benz racing machine; Ralph de la Cruz with a ninety-horse-power Fiat; and Robertson with a Knox racer. Arrangements were completed yesterday for the representative of Oldfield and members of the entertainment committee of the Shriners, and the famous drivers and their machines will leave Los Angeles immediately after the close of the meeting at the new motordrome.

W. L. Houghson has been appointed chairman of the race committee and will be assisted by Fred Linx and H. J. McCoy, both prominent motor car men and Shriners. Houghson, in speaking of the 'plans,

We are going to have one of the best race meets ever held in the city. We have closed arrangements for the appearance of Oldfield and the other racing drivers, who will appear next week on the new track. We have secured a large audience and the presence of several of the local drivers. The meet is for the benefit of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and will be made a special feature of the coming celebration. The racing will be held on the new track at 10 o'clock. Mr. J. P. Lowe, Western representative of the American Automobile Association, for president of the governing body of racing motor cars in America. Lowe also promises to bring a new car to the meet and will help run the meet.

TWO SPEEDWAY MARKS BROKEN

Two Spectacular Accidents Mar Good Day's Racing.

Playa Del Rey, Cal., April 16.—Two American speedway records were broken on the new motordrome yesterday. Oldfield, in a Knox, defeated De Palma, in a 10-mile stock chassis race, in 7:22.92, establishing a new speedway mark for cars of 451-500 cubic inches piston displacement.

Nikren, in a Buick, established a new American speedway record in the 161-230 cubic inches class, by driving 10 miles in 8:40.17.

The day's events were marred by two accidents. Ben Kerschner's Darraog threw a tire in the 10-mile free-for-all. Kerschner, however, brought the car to a stop without any injury, although the machine was traveling at an 80-mile clip when the mishap occurred. In the second mile of the 50-mile race Nikrent, driving a Buick, broke a steering buckle and slid off the track. As Nikrent threw on all the brakes, he came to a stop right side-up. The pitch of the track prevented a more serious accident, as it caused the car to slide towards the inside of the track instead of shooting through the fence.

*Speed Kings Who Will Drive Cars at
the Big Los Angeles Auto Carnival*

THE STARTERS

- 1 George R. Robertson,
2 Ralph de Palma at the
Wheel of His New Fiat.
3 Barney Oldfield in His
Speed-killing Benz.



Los Angeles, April 12.—What is expected to be the large auto racing carnival ever witnessed on the Pacific coast, is now on and will last until April 17, celebrating the opening of the new motordrome.

No fewer than thirty-seven events are included in the program of the seven days meet, and the foremost speed kings of the country will contest for honors on the saucer-shaped track.

It is on this track that the drivers hope to attain a speed of one mile in thirty seconds, which would establish a new record for a circular course. The track itself is constructed of wood and shaped like a saucer. The stretches have been eliminated and the course forms a perfect circle, so that all the driver will have to do will be to set his steering wheel at the proper angle and then let the car out as fast as it will turn a wheel. The track is one mile long and 46 feet wide at every point in its circumference.

and is built at an angle of 18 degrees. Inside this board track and on a level with the bottom of the "saucer" is a thirty foot dirt track, where a number of the amateur contests will be run off.

It has been announced that Barney Oldfield and Ralph de Palma will settle their long-standing rivalry at this meet. All arrangements had been made for this race at the meet in Daytona, Fla., when an accident to de Palma's car put an end to the preparations. The match between these two men will undoubtedly be the greatest automobile race ever seen in this country. The principals are the most daring racers in the country and the cars they expect to drive in the contest are marvels of workmanship.

Oldfield carried off the laurels at the recent meet in Florida, including the breaking of the world's record on one mile straightaway course. He accomplished this feat in his big Benz car, which developed close to 200 horse power. This car looks more

like a torpedo boat than it does an automobile, having a pointed bow and stern to cut down wind resistance. The Palma has a number of ears but is losing his hopes on his new 200 h. p. Fiat, which contains all the latest speed contrivances in its make-up.

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Three other notable entries are those of Lewis Strang, George Robertson and Frank Lescault. It will be recalled that Lescault has been Robertson's team-mate upon several occasions, notable in that memorable twenty-four-hour race at Brighton Beach, in 1908, which these drivers won with the Simplex, rolling up 1,177 miles, breaking the world's record, a record which stood unbroken for a year.

Robertson will have the new 90-horse power Simplex special racer, which has never yet been seen in competition, and also the 160-horse power Christie front-wheel drive car.

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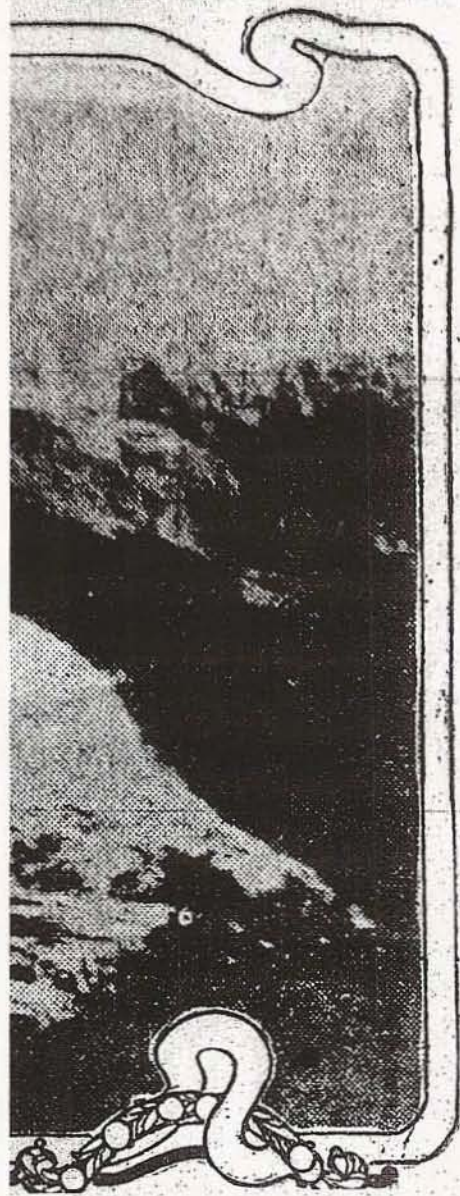
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Young Millionaire Goaded to
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TWO MEET AGAIN TODAY

"Bragg Is Great Driver and I
Admire Him for His Spirit,"
Says Barney

Caleb Bragg yesterday won a two-mile race from Barney Oldfield, the speed king, and today these men will compete again for the next two heats of what may prove to be the greatest Motordrome sensation of a year. Oldfield lost to the millionaire amateur because he started his car at such terrific speed that the very tires could not clutch the track. Both men drove wonderfully well and from tape to finish there was not the difference of twenty feet between them. Barney's magnificent Blitzen-Benz picked up yard by yard, but the distance of two miles was not far enough to warrant a win.

"Bragg is a great driver," was the sole comment of Oldfield, after he had covered the run. "I admire the boy for his race, his headmanship and his spunk. He was, of course, substituted for older, more experienced and abler drivers who should have been forced to meet me. He was game enough to come out and run and the fact that he won makes him more admirable, in my personal estimation."

Barney Too Eager

Barney drove a wonderful race. At no time was he ever bothered, with the single exception of the start. He wanted to shatter every world's record and the board track was so new to him that he whirled out at too fast a speed. The few seconds that he lost at the start forfeited the race for him. The time was 1:28.73. The race was run from a standing start. Today the first heat will be made from a rolling start and the last heat will be determined by the winner of a coin toss.

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Oldfield Beats De Palma

Oldfield won the ten-mile race from the Fiat car and from Al Livingston. De Palma at no time had a chance with the leader. The time was made in 7:20.61.

In the five-mile event the Buick car established a new world's stock record by covering the course in 3:52.68, easily defeating Harroun and a companion car to Harroun's that was put into the race for the purpose of getting the third prize and maybe bothering Nikrent of the Buick.

The long event of the day was a two-hour tour, in which eight cars were entered. Harroun was the winner of this test, travelling 148 miles in the allotted time. He did not make a single stop for repairs, oil, tires or gasoline and was given a record. At the end of 100 miles his time was 80:30.24, never before equaled.

Oldfield in this race wore out three tires and then was forced to drop from the contest. The extra tires hurried to him were not of a kind to fit his rims.

A huge throng of people was present on the track yesterday and every event was carried through in a way that gave them satisfaction and excitement. Today brings the first meet of the monster track to an end and the outlined program is something "worth while."

Today's Program

The program in detail is as follows:

First event—Ten-mile stock chassis, Class C, Division 2, 161-230 cubic inches displacement. Entries: Buick, Nik Nikrent; Ford, L. J. Hampton; Cole, Bill Endicott; Warren-Detroit, Arthur Miller; Firestone-Columbus, O. C. Linthwaite.

Second event—Ten-mile stock chassis, Class C, Division 4, 301-450 cubic inches displacement. Entries: Marmon, Ray Harroun; Chalmers, Frank Free; Buick, Nik Nikrent; Marmon, Scott Wade.

Third event—Second and final heat of match race between Barney Oldfield, driving Benz, and Caleb S. Bragg, driving Fiat. Second heat will be from rolling start. Third heat, if run, to be decided by toss-up. Distance, two miles.

Fourth event—Three miles, stock cars, Class A, Division 2, listed at \$801-\$1200. Entries: Four Ford cars entered by the Standard Motor Car Company, Los Angeles; drivers to be announced.

Fifth event—One hundred miles, Class E; restricted to cars under stock chassis "Class C" classification, under 600 cubic inches displacement. Championship. Prizes: First, trophy and \$1000; second, \$300; third, \$100; fourth, \$50. Entries: Buick, Nik Nikrent; Apperson, Harris Hanshue; Fiat, Ralph De Palma; Isotta, John B. Marquis; Knox, Barney Oldfield; Stoddard-Dayton, Al Livingston; Marmon, Ray Harroun; Marmon, Scott Wade; Great Western, Peter Desseran; Dorris, Frank Siefert; Chalmers, Frank Free.

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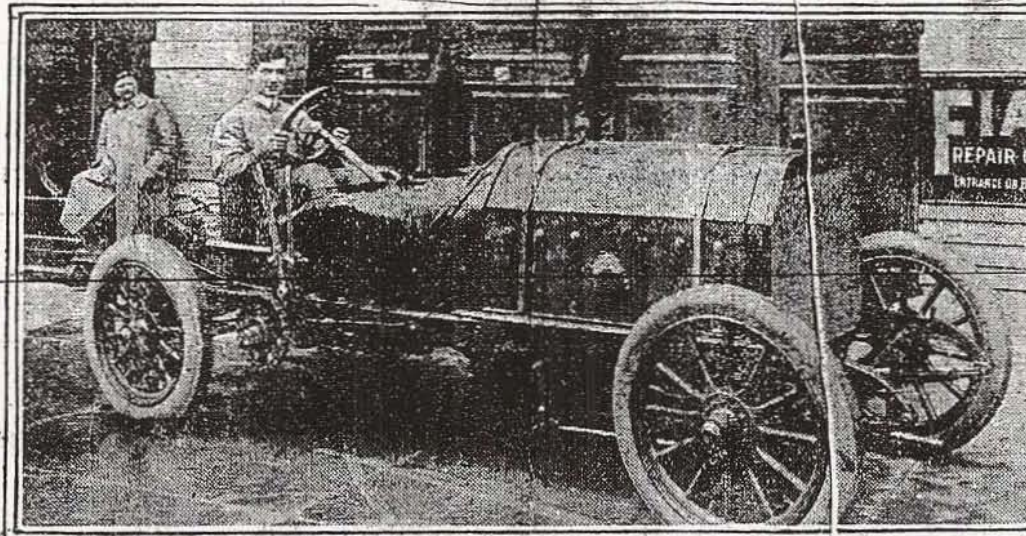
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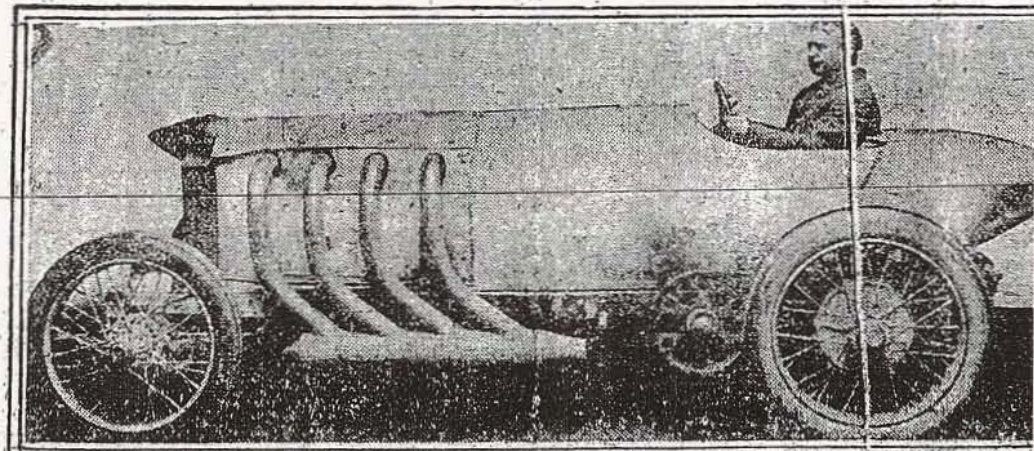
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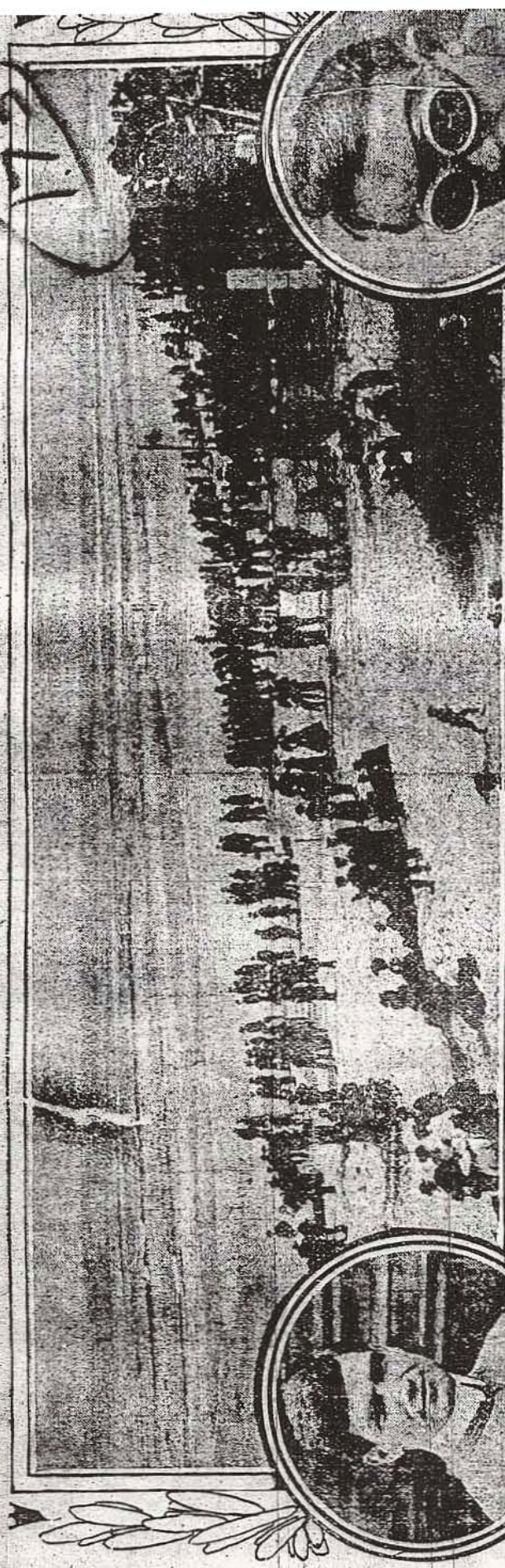


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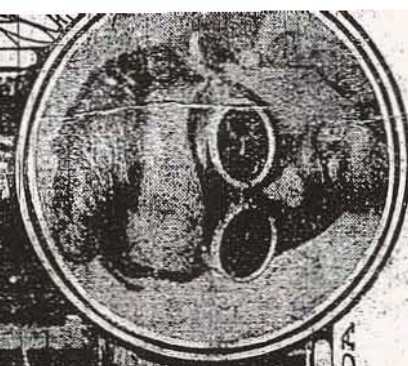
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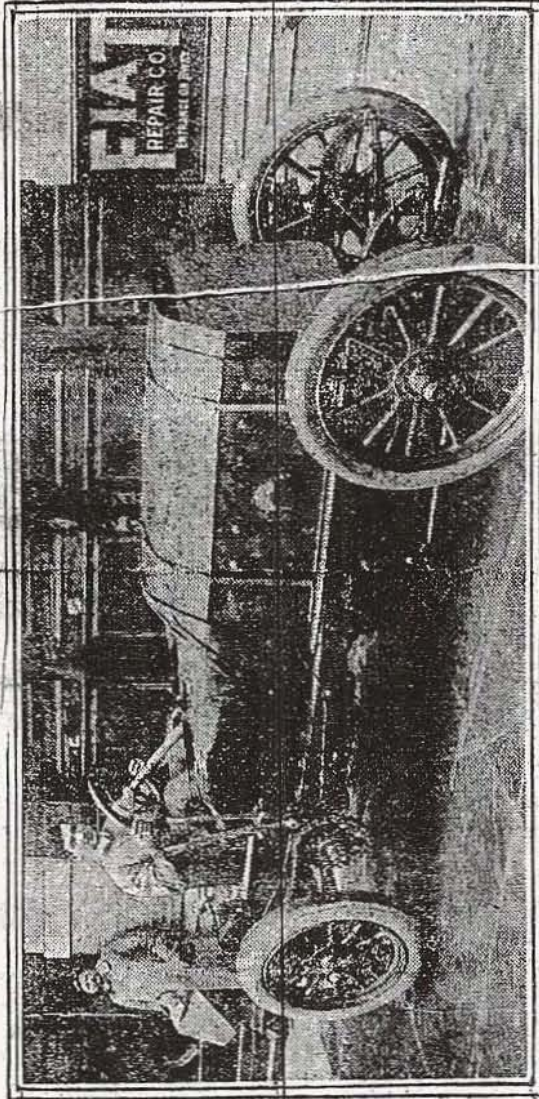


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LIVINGSTON SMITH MOTORDROME

Steering Knuckle of Racer Breaks While Driving Seventy-Mile

Al Livingston met with the on the new Motordrome track afternoon, when the steering knuckle broke as he was approaching a rate of 70 miles an hour and made a dash for the oval struck the steel guard rail force.
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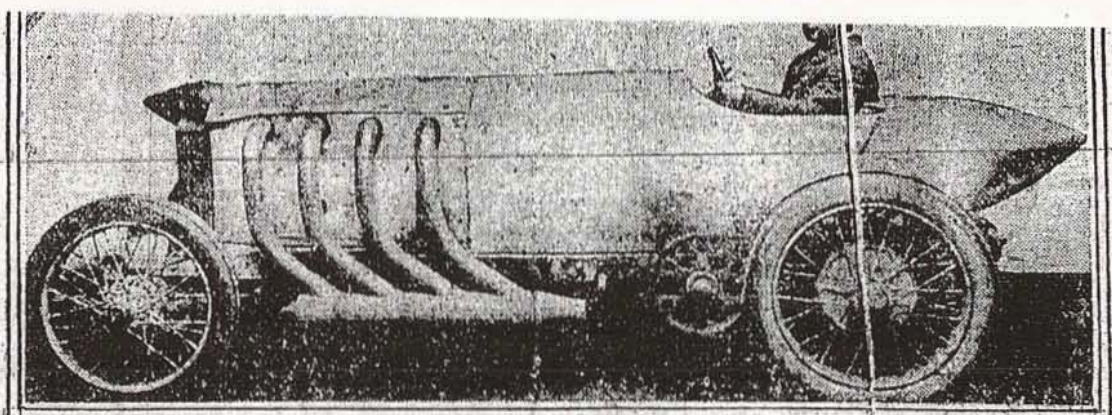
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Breaking of Piston on Flat Car
Causes Abandonment of World
Speed Dash

The widely heralded match race between
Barney Oldfield, and his world record Benz,
and Ralph DePalma, and the 200 horse-
power Flat, is off. The announcement was
made at midnight by officials of the Mo-
tordrome, the reason being given that De
Palma had again smashed a piston of his
car.

The calling off of the match will mean
a keen disappointment to automobilists
throughout the country, as the event has
been the chief topic in motoring circles
for the past four months. The cars were
originally matched to compete in a three
heat race on the Daytona, Florida, beach
course March 15, but De Palma announced,
three days before the date that his engine
was disabled. New articles were then
signed for the contest to be held in Los
Angeles.

The 200 horsepower Flat was brought
to this country by Edward Arnold, a young
millionaire of New York, and Lewis Strang
was selected to drive the monster. Strang
had great success with the car, winning ev-
ery race in which he drove, and breaking
all American speed records and world's
track marks with it. The combination
proved the speed sensation of the latter
part of the past racing season. Then De
Palma was engaged to pilot the car and
his career since that time has been a suc-
cession of accidents. Ill fortune seemed
to pursue the nifty youngster, and now
his chance to defeat speed king Oldfield
seems to have gone glimmering.

Even the kaiser takes off his hat to
Barney Oldfield. It is reported that he
abled congratulations to Barney on his
breaking the Florida Beach record.

AUTO RECORDS ARE SMASHED AGAIN

Barney Oldfield Lowers Bragg's Mark for New Track
by Driving Benz Car a Mile in 36.33.

Los Angeles, April 9.—World's rec-
ords went glimmering at the opening
of the motordrome at Playa Del Rey
beach yesterday afternoon. Barney
Oldfield, in his powerful Benz ma-
chine, smashed the figures for a mile,
discounting the remarkable dash made
by Caleb Bragg made but a few min-
utes before. Bragg, in a Flat, had
shattered the mile record for a cir-
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Oldfield, in a tremendous spurt, drove
the giant German auto a mile in
36.33s.

In the 100-mile race the Marmion
car, driven by Harroun, won in the
record time of 1h 25m and 27s. The
former record, 1:38:08:30, was made
on the Atlanta track. The Dorris
car, driven by Siefert, led up to a few
miles of the finish, but Harroun drew
out and won by three-quarters of a
mile. Just before the Dorris reached
the finish line Siefert lost control of
the car and it turned turtle, pinning
him underneath. The car was finally
righted and shoved across the line in
second place. Siefert was slightly
bruised. The Corbin car, driven by
Livingstone, had trouble with its en-
gine and did not finish.

George Robertson, in a Simplex,
went ten miles in 6m 31.37s. The
former record, made on a circular
track in Los Angeles by Barney Old-
field, was 8m 49 3-5s.

Ben Kerscher, in a Darracq, broke
the two-mile record, making it in 1m
15.29s.

There were five entries for the ten-
mile race which was won by Bill
Endicott in a Cole car in 9m 3.25s.

This beats the world's record by 40
seconds. Nickrent (Buick) was sec-
ond and Hampton (Ford) third.

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in a Knox won; time 7m 40 2-5s.
Hannahue was second in an Apperson
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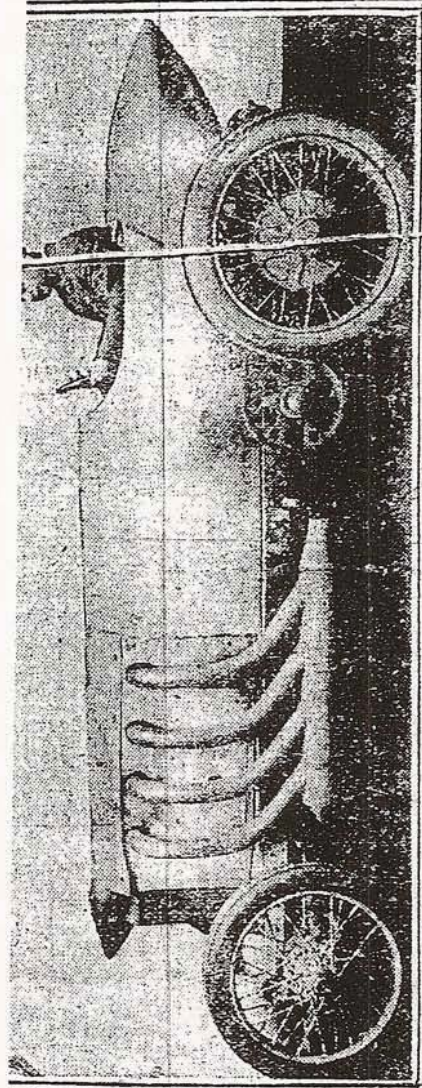
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THE BENZ; OLDFIELD AT THE WHEEL
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Oldfield-De Palma Auto Race Is Declared Off

Breaking of Piston on Flat Car Causes Abandonment of World Speed Dash

The widely heralded match race between Barney Oldfield, and his world record Benz, and Ralph DePalma, and the 200 horsepower Fiat, is off. The announcement was made at midnight by officials of the Motordrome, the reason being given that De Palma had again smashed a piston of his car.

The calling off of the match will mean a keen disappointment to automobilists throughout the country, as the event has been the chief topic in motoring circles for the past four months. The cars were originally matched to compete in a three heat race on the Daytona, Florida, beach course March 15, but De Palma announced three days before the date that his engine was disabled. New articles were then signed for the contest to be held in Los Angeles.

The 200 horsepower Fiat was brought to this country by Edward Arnold, a young millionaire of New York, and Lewis Strang was selected to drive the monster. Strang had great success with the car, winning every race in which he drove, and breaking all American speed records and world's track marks with it. The combination proved the speed sensation of the latter part of the past-racing season. Then De Palma was engaged to pilot the car and his career since that time has been a succession of accidents. His fortune seemed to pursue the nervy youngster, and now his chance to defeat speed king Oldfield seems to have gone glimmering.

Even the Kaiser takes off his hat to Barney Oldfield. It is reported that he cabbed congratulations to Barney on his breaking the Florida Beach record.

AUTO RECORDS ARE SMASHED AGAIN

Barney Oldfield Lowers Bragg's Mark for New Track by Driving Benz Car a Mile in 36.33.

Los Angeles, April 9.—World's records went glimmering at the opening of the motordrome at Playa Del Rey beach yesterday afternoon. Barney Oldfield, in his powerful Benz machine, smashed the figures for a mile, discounting the remarkable dash made by Caleb Bragg made but a few minutes before. Bragg, in a Fiat, had shattered the mile record for a circular track, making it in 37.2-5s, but Oldfield, in a tremendous spurt, drove the giant German auto a mile in 36.33s.

In the 100-mile race the Marmion car, driven by Harroun, won in the record time of 1h 25m and 27s. The former record, 1:38:08.30, was made on the Atlanta track. The Dorris car, driven by Siefert, led up to a few miles of the finish, but Harroun drove out and won by three-quarters of a mile. Just before the Dorris reached the finish line Siefert lost control of the car and it turned turtle, pinning him underneath. The car was finally righted and shoved across the line in second place. Siefert was slightly bruised. The Corbin car, driven by Livingstone, had trouble with its engine and did not finish.

George Robertson, in a Simplex, went ten miles in 6m 31.37s. The former record, made on a circular track in Los Angeles by Barney Oldfield, was 8m 49.3-5s.

Ben Kerscher, in a Darracq, broke the two-mile record, making it in 1m 18.29s.

There were five entries for the ten-mile race which was won by Bill

ble on the way. The broken knuckle stopped. Aside from the broken knuckle the car was not materially damaged. It was apparent to those able to see the accident that the speed at which the wheels were revolving had much to do with holding the car down.

The Corbin's accident afforded another proof of the claims made for the Motordrome track by its builders—that there is little danger from any accident where a collision with another car can be avoided. The Corbin will again be entered in time for the races in which it entered. Later in the afternoon Livingstone took the Stoddard-Dayton out for several fast miles.

George Robertson, the road champion and winner of the Vanderbilt cup, reached Los Angeles yesterday afternoon and went to the Motordrome for an inspection of his big Simplex. He will have his Simplex on the Motordrome this afternoon and is eager to test the new "ple pan."

Caleb Bragg made his fastest time yesterday afternoon. He made a mile in 37.2-5 seconds, another in 38.1-5, and a third in 38.2-5 seconds. De Palma took the Fiat 400 around for a mile in 38.2-5 seconds and two miles in 1 minute, 17.1-2 seconds. Kerscher speeded around with the Darracq in 30.4-3 seconds and hit the 41-second mark several times. Barney Oldfield took Tillie Anderson, the champion bicycle rider, in his Knox for several miles around 46 seconds.

SOUVENIR FROM OLDFIELD

Roger Imhof, undoubtedly the greatest Celtic comedian in burlesque, and this week at the Empire at the head of Fads and Follies, is a great friend and admirer of Barney Oldfield. Yesterday the latter sent his friend Imhof an unique souvenir of the fastest mile ever ridden by a living thing, made by Oldfield a couple of weeks ago at Daytona, Fla., when he drove his 200 horsepower machine a mile in 26.33 seconds.

The souvenir is in the shape of an inkwell pad, made from a piece of one of the tires that carried the machine on this hair-raising speed trial. It is about three inches square and bears an appropriate inscription.