

THREAD HELD LIVES OF TWO ORMOND AUTOISTS

TIRE BURST WHEN SPEED WAS
110 MILES AN HOUR.

BEGINNING OF GREAT RACES

ORMOND RECORDS OF 1905 EXPECTED TO BE BROKEN

—Gasoline Cars

Distance	Time	Driver and Car
1 kilometer	0:27 1/2	Bowden, Mercedes
1 kilometer	0:27	McDonald, Napier
1 mile	0:35 1/2	Bowden, Mercedes
1 mile	0:34 2/5	McDonald, Napier
5 miles	2:17	McDonald, Napier
10 miles	4:15	McDonald, Napier
20 miles	13:20	Thomas, Mercedes
30 miles	20:17	Thomas, Mercedes
40 miles	32:46 1/5	Fletcher, D. Napier
50 miles	38:51	Fletcher, D. Napier
100 miles	1:18:24	Fletcher, D. Napier

*Time not officially recognized owing to overweight of car.

—Steam Cars

1 kilometer	0:24 1/2	Ross, Special
1 mile	0:38	Ross, Special

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ORMOND, Fla., January 22.—Early visitors to Ormond, who were on the beach to watch the automobiles tuning up for the races were thrilled by an accident in which the famous English driver, Walter Clifford-Harp, and his assistant narrowly escaped death.

Harp was coming down the beach, driving his 110 horsepower Napier at the rate of 110 miles an hour, when the right rear tire came off suddenly and flew like a rocket down the beach. The machine careened wildly along the course for nearly a mile before Harp, who was clinging desperately to the wheel, brought it to a stop.

The spectators expected at any moment to see both men thrown out and killed, but by Harp's coolness a catastrophe was averted. As a result of the accident the Napier has a badly sprung axle, which may interfere with its participation in the race.

The greatest automobile racing event ever held began to-day and will last all the week. Routine preliminary work occupied the time to-day.

Two-Mile-a-Minute Event.

Probably the most interesting contest scheduled will be the two-mile-a-minute event, in which the speed artists must go at least at the rate designated to get within the prize money. Entered in this contest are Fletcher, with George W. Young's Fiat, which was driven by Lancia in the Vanderbilt cup race; Louis H. Ross, with a Stanley steamer; Coltrane and Lancia, with Fiats; Henry Ford, with his latest invention; Paul Sartari, in A. G. Vanderbilt's special car, which is equipped with a 250-horsepower motor and eight cylinders; Christie, in his new Christie world-beater; Henry and A. L. Guinness, in Barracoe, and C. A. Coy, in Thomas.

All of these machines may not start the race, but there are enough cars to insure many passing by the trial stage, and the

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