ROBERTSON WINNER OF VANDERBILT CUP

Driver of Locomobile Captures
Great Race on Motor
Parkway.

ALSO MAKES NEW RECORD

Herbert Lytle, Driving an Italian Car, Is a Good Second.

FACTS ABOUT THE FOURTH VANDERBILT CUP RACE.

Driver, Robertson; car, Locomobile; started, 6:45; finished, 10:45:45 1.5; time, 4:00:48 1-5.

Driver, Lytle; car, Isotta; started, 6:85; finished, 10:87:86 2-5; time, 4:02:86 2-5.

Distance—258.06 miles Winner's Average Speed—64.4 miles an

Best Previous American Record—64.25 miles per hour, made by Lytle on same course two weeks ago.

Attendance-950,000.

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Course Wet and treacherous.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The great automobile race for the Vanderbilt Cup, the blue ribbon event for motor cars on this side of the Atlantic, is all over, and for the first time the cup has been won by a car designed and built in America by an American and of American materials. Moreover, the driver was an American And the winning car is a big 120-horse-power Locomobile and the driver is George Robertson.

Robertson drove his car over the 258.6 miles race course at an average speed of 64.4 miles an hour, a higher average of speed than ever before has been attained for the entire distance in the Vanderbilt Cup race. His time was 4 hours 481-5 seconds.

Just behind Robertson and his Loco-mobile came Herbert Lytle with the Isotta car that won the Briar Cliff race last spring. It was one of the closest finishes on record, Isotta finishing only 1 minute and 481-5 seconds behind the American car.

Race is Soon Over.

W. K. Vanderbilt Jr.'s Mercedes was unofficially third, but its time was not taken, for as soon as the first two cars rolled over the line the crowded thousands that had been hanging upon the deeds of the racers for hours broke all bounds and simply poured out over the course, making things look so perileus that the committee at once determined to call the race ended.

The speed at which the American car traveled may be imagined better by comparing the record made by other Vanderbile cup winners. It was Hemery who won with the Darracq in 1906 and made an average speed of 61.49 miles an hour. In the same race Lancis, the Italian, who drove the Fiat car, made an average just a shade under seventy miles an hour for eight laps and had the race in his pocket when he got smashed up by colliding with Walter Christie's racer. In 1906 another Darracq, driven by Wagner, took the cup with an average speed of 61.48 miles an hour.

In all probability a speed of better than seventy miles an hour would have been made by the winner had it not been that the track was sticky from the rain that fell during the early hours of the morning. It gave a holding quality that gripped the big rubber tires and kept the speed down a trifle.

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The fire was speedily under control, with no damage save to his mustache, which, unfortunately, carried no insur-ance. Mr. Keene got his car going again, but on the fifth lap burned out a cylinder near where Jericho had quit. Out of sevthat leaped from the startenteen cars ing line in the gray of the morning only seven were running when the race was called off. None of them was smashed up, the withdrawals being caused for the most part by cracked cylinders or engine troubles.

At the time of the finish W. K. Vanderbilt Jr.'s 110-horse-power German Mercedes, driven by W. C. Luttgen, was running third with a safe lead, so that it must be accorded third place, although it was not permitted to finish.

Accident Mars Race.

The overrunning of the course at the end of the race not only brought the contest to a sudden and unseemly end but it resulted in a casualty, the running down of one of the spectators by the No. 1 Locomobile, driven by James Florida. Florida had not been warned that the race had been called off and he came full tilt upon the crowd. When realizing that he could not pass he applied the

brake, but it was too late.

The big racing machine hit the crowd squarely and when they fell back David S. Schuli, a boy of 18, lay in the road with a fractured leg. While today's race lacked some of the elements of interest found in former Vanderbilt Cup contests when many famous foreign drivers piloted machines from their own land it, nevertheless, was replete with excitement and suspense.

After the hopes of thousands who had pinned their faith to Lewis Strang in his French Renault had been dashed when Strang was delayed half an hour at the start by a trivial accident to his machinery and then was forced to withdraw altogether at the end of the third lap, the chief interest centered in Lytle and Robertson. They were fighting hard every minute and after the seventh lap it was a duel to the end, with Robertson showing the way by the closest margin.

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