

LINE UP AT THE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

First Races of Motorcyclists
at the Indianapolis
Track

RIDERS SHY AT COURSE

It is Not as Smooth as It Should Be
— Crowd Not as Large as
Was Expected.

(Special to The Indianapolis News.)

MOTOR SPEEDWAY, AUGUST 14.—The new Indianapolis motor speedway, which is expected to be world famous, and which, prior to its completion, attracted more attention than any other course under similar conditions, was thrown open to the public this afternoon.

The national championship races of the Federation of American Motorcyclists formed the initial attraction at the new speed plant, as it has been called. The big course, with its crushed stone and tarred surface, has a solid stone appearance. Thundering along at a mad rate grimly guided by death-defying drivers, scores of high-powered motorcycles demonstrated the speed possibilities of two-wheeled vehicles. Practically every motorcycle manufactured was entered in competition.

Turned Over to Promoters.

The course was turned over to the race promoters at noon when the big force of workmen that for weeks has been engaged day and night in rustling the work of construction was withdrawn for the first time. While the track is not nearly as fast or safe as it is expected to be later, riders who were out early for preliminary practice expressed the opinion that it would do. Only the outside course has been finished. The inner course, two miles and a half in length, which is to be later used in long distance automobile racing events, will not be ready for several weeks. Construction gangs are still rushing the work on that portion of the plant and they will also renew activities on the outer track when the motorcyclists complete their program. Everything possible will be done to put the course in record-breaking condition for the national championship automobile races scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

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it is believed this amount breaks the record—greater than for whole month of July.

Probably all previous records in the building line in Indianapolis were broken this week by the aggregate amount of building permits issued by building Inspector T. A. Winterrowd. While the total amount of permits for the entire month of July amounted to \$705,577, the amount of permits for this week alone was \$12,224.

Even during the week in May, when the permit for the city hall building, amounting to \$100,000, was issued, the additional permits were not sufficient to bring the amount up to this week's record. It is also expected that August will prove to be the banner building month of the year.

Among the large permits issued this week were the following: Murat temple, \$25,000; Arthur Jordan, building and excavation in North Pennsylvania street, \$124,500; Merchants' Heat and Light Company, Washington avenue power plant, \$12,200; Colonial theater and hotel, New York and Illinois streets, \$150,000; Brower & Love Brothers, power plant, \$14,000; George C. Pearson dwelling, Pennsylvania street, near Thirty-sixth, \$10,000; and St. Philip Neri school, Rural street, near North street, \$19,760.

There were eighty-one permits issued during the week.

BOYS' ADVENTURE MAY RESULT IN ONE'S DEATH

THEY TOOK REVOLVERS AND SLEPT IN VACANT HOUSE.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT WOUNDS

The spirit of adventure met with dire results in a vacant house at 229 Toledo street, about 5:30 o'clock this morning, when Willie Ballard, a twelve-year-old boy, was accidentally shot and perhaps fatally injured by Leonard Hall, an eleven-year-old negro, who lives opposite the vacant house.

Willie lives with his uncle, who has a restaurant and rooming house at 214 Indiana avenue. Last evening the boy took from the rooms of two of the boarders two large revolvers, a Colt and a Smith & Wesson. He then searched for his chum, James Newton, 421 Miami street, and later in the evening the white boy met and played with the colored boy.

The adventurous spirit of the youngsters caused them to go to the vacant house and they decided to remain there all night. When the colored boy awoke this morning he picked up one of the revolvers. An instant later it was discharged and the bullet entered Willie's abdomen. Bicycle policemen Simon and

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The race program for today, postponed from yesterday on account of the inclement weather, contained eight events, including a five-mile race limited to private owners; the one-mile P. A. M. national championship, the five-mile handicap for members of the Indiana Motorcycle Club, the ten-mile P. A. M. national championship, a five-mile race for machines less than fifty-five cubic inches piston displacement, a ten-mile race for professionals, a five-mile open handicap and a twenty-five-mile open event.

Spectators began to arrive immediately after noon and trains from the traction terminal and Union stations added to the crowd until thus far the start of the races.

A majority of the riders who have been racing at various points throughout the country have been accustomed to smaller tracks built especially for motorcycle racing. As a consequence the big speedway course, which is not so smooth as it ought to be for record breaking performances, caused many of them to hold back somewhat in the preliminary spins.

Not Up to Expectations.

The crowd was not up to the expectations of the promoters. At 3 o'clock not more than three thousand spectators were on the grounds. The speedway facilities are complete. The main grandstand at the finishing wire, which is covered, has accommodations for six thousand spectators; an uncovered grandstand one-quarter of a mile to the right will seat three thousand more. There is also a large number of private stands for parties. Two bridges span the course, which is kept clear of spectators during the races. Adequate press stands and judges' stands are opposite the main grandstand.

There are innundable private garages for racing automobiles and there are more than a score of repair pits to be used during races. The latter are directly opposite the main stands. All of the buildings and fences are painted in green and white, no expense having been spared by the builders. The grounds were liberally decorated today with the flags of all nations, these being a reminder of international speed events that are scheduled for the speedway later.

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FIVE PEOPLE KILLED IN RIO GRANDE WRECK

MORE THAN A SCORE INJURED
NEAR HUSTED, COLO.

TRAINS ARE IN COLLISION

PUEBLO, Colo., August 14.—Denver & Rio Grande train No. 8, east-bound, left Pueblo at 8:30 this morning, and over of Rio Grande train No. 1, west-bound, were in collision just east of Husted, Colo., between Colorado Springs and Palmer lake, at 10:25 o'clock this morn.

Five persons are known to have killed and twenty-four injured.

Both locomotives and many of the in both trains were badly damaged.

Failure of one of the crews to observe orders is believed to have caused the wreck.

A later report said thirty-six persons were injured. The dead were all on the west-bound train. A wrecking outfit was sent to Pueblo.

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Motorcycle Racers Are Divided by the F. A. M.

At the business meeting this morning in
the Board of Trade parlors the F. A. M.
rules were revised to provide for the cre-
ation of three classes of race riders. This
action was taken after hours of heated
wrangling. Those advocating the action
assert that it was necessary for the
preservation of the racing game. Class
will be created for the professional, ama-
teur and trade rider.

Heretofore professional and amateur
classes have not been clearly defined and
newcomers in the racing game have been
compelled to compete with the most cele-
brated and experienced riders in the
world. As a result, newcomers have been
discouraged, as they have had little or
no chance to win. The new classification
is expected greatly to increase the num-
ber of race riders.

The annual election of officers for the
F. A. M. was again postponed until a
business meeting scheduled for tonight.

HEAD BUMPED ON THE TIES

Man Who Tried to Jump from Ele- vated Train Fatally Injured.

NEW YORK. August 14.—Attempting to
jump from the window of a moving train
on the Third Avenue elevated railroad, to-
day, to escape from detectives who had
him under arrest on a charge of burglary,

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IT OUTDISTANCES LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS, PROVIDENCE

JULY BUSINESS \$81,231

Indianapolis, according to an offi-
cial statement issued by the postoffice dep-
artment of the postal business done in "fifty leading cities," and just received
Postmaster Bryson, is the eighteenth
in that list. The statement is made
July business, but the relative stand
of the various cities is on the basis
their annual business. It is found that
Indianapolis has clearly distanced her
rivals—Idaerville, New Orleans and Pro-
vidence. The business in July amounted
\$81,231.10, against \$78,809.14 in July, 1908,
increase of 4.1 per cent. The total
receipts of the fifty leading postoff-
ices was \$7,240,425, an increase of \$54,388
July last year.

This July statement is very interest-
ing when one comes to analyze it. It
shows the greatest gain of any of
fifty cities, an increase of 4.1 per-