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ed, either in this country or in Europe. The announcement of Chairman Morrell that he would not serve another year met with such world-wide disapproval that it is probable the popular gentleman will reconsider his determination.

#### One More Sigh Over Cuba.

To again return to Havana. Chairman Morrell managed the Vanderbilt race acceptably and no accidents happened to the spectators, yet that might have been good luck, for certain it is that the deputies could not control the spectators who overran the course. The Havana Association managed the Cuban road race also without accident, but the Cubans took no chances, for their course was absolutely clear of people and animals from fence to fence for the entire distance, nearly sixty miles. Cubans promised a clear course, stationed 1,000 Rural Guards along the course on both sides and then kept every car off except those in the race. They prevented George P. Tangeman going out in the regular course of humanity to attend to his stricken drivers and their mechanics, three of whom were reported (falsely) as being fatally injured. Surgeons were not even taken over the course in auto-

mobiles when not a racing car was on the course, the sole remaining car being held at San Cristobal. Were Chairman Morrell to conduct the Vanderbilt race as strictly it might be well, but it is probable that there would be more complaints than last year, yet, as a matter of fact, that is the way it should be conducted. Lancia, the great Italian driver; Demogeot, the Speed King; Cedrino and Bernin all commended highly the absolutely clear course in Cuba along which they could see but the double line of Cuban guards and not one spectator nor one animal to prevent perfect driving. In the Vanderbilt race it was different, as will be recalled, for the drivers were compelled to take every chance and hew out their course through a solid bank of spectators who crowded out on the course and then crowded back again. Were efforts made at an early date to secure soldiers as guards for the Vanderbilt course, it might be that success would crown those efforts. At any rate there could be no harm in making the trial.

#### Lancia Coming Back Again

Apropos of the Vanderbilt race. The Great Lancia says that nothing but a serious accident will keep him from returning for the race of the present year. He will bring with him a faster car even than that used last year. Lancia's ill luck is so proverbial that few will consent to

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