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Barney Oldfield Spends Day Shaking Hands With Admirers of Years Past.

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Former Speed King Recounts Two-Wheel Speed Contests Held in 1898.

BY BARNEY OLDFIELD.

Yesterday was the greatest twenty-four hours of handshaking and greeting I ever put in. During the day I met friends and acquaintances from all parts of the world. From Kobe, Japan, came an automobile enthusiast in the person of Taro Wasaro, the son of a wealthy Japanese sportsman.

I met him in San Francisco eight years ago, when I drove at the Ingleside track with my old Winton Bullet. Last night the little brown fellow greeted me in the Haypool lobby and said he made the trip of about 9,000 miles for no other purpose than to witness the speed battle. Taro owns an English six-cylinder car and drives it in such infrequent contests as they hold in Japan.

During the day I met motorists from England, France, Germany and Italy, all brought here by the big race. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cheyenne, Fargo, Winnipeg, San Antonio, New Orleans, Savannah and Halifax all sent delegations of two or more sportsmen that I met on some of my racing trips.

It matters not the result of the race, whether the winner averages eighty miles an hour or sixty, whether a light weight or a heavy car wins, the day will go down in motor history as having witnessed the greatest reunion of motorists known since the inception of the sport. The gatherings of automobile celebrities at the Vanderbilt Cup classic, when the event was really a classic.

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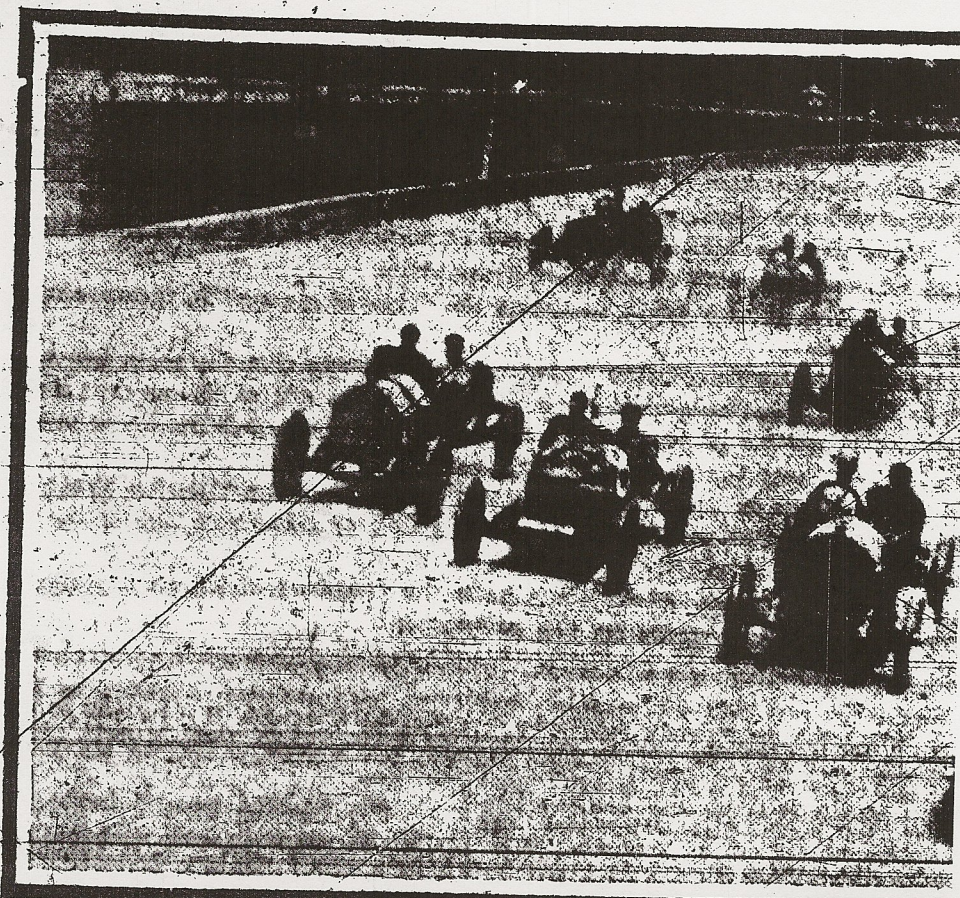
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CARL G. FISHER PACING FIELD IN FRAC

could not compare with the assemblage drawn here through a desire for both the oldtimers and newcomers to mingle and shake hands and renew acquaintanceships formed during past years.

A newly arrived friend from the South asked me last night as he registered, "Who's here?" It would have been easier to have told him who is not here.

TELLS JOKE ON "WAG."

In 1898 I attended the League of American Wheelmen national meet in Indianapolis and participated in the races held at Newby Oval. I met about as many speed fans at that time as I ever met until today. Today I met many that I met last here in 1898. Fred Wagner was then starter for the bicycle races. "Wag" was made the victim of a practical joke by a bunch of the boys and spent half the night in a cell at the Police Station. He was later released to the joke.

He did then, and is just as keen for the jokes, only he is playing them on the others instead of being the "goat" himself.

N. H. Van Sicken of Chicago is another oldtimer who was here then that is here now. Charlie Root of Chicago is with him. Root was clerk of the course for the cyclists. Today he is going to act in the same capacity for the motorists. In '98 Johnny Johnson covered a mile in 1.42, paced by a triquet and a "quad." It looked to be the limit of speed then. Compare it with Bobby Burman's achievement of yesterday.

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Verily, we are living in a fast age.

BEAUMONT AND GARROS HOLD LEAD IN PARIS-TURIN RACE

Reach Nice After Trying Flight From Avignon and Prepare to Start for Rome.

NICE, France, May 29. — Andre Beaumont and Roland Garros are the center of interest in a struggle for the great prize which goes to the winner of the aviation race from Paris to Turin. But luck is not with the aviators, who did not succeed today in getting beyond Nice, the first stage of the 1,300-mile journey.

Garros was first to cross the line yesterday. Beaumont followed closely and passed his rival, reaching Avignon first. The time for the 401 miles was twelve hours and forty-five minutes, and thirteen hours and thirty-five minutes, respectively. Adverse weather conditions and minor mishaps prevented a repetition today of this brilliant flight. They succeeded in covering only 126 miles.

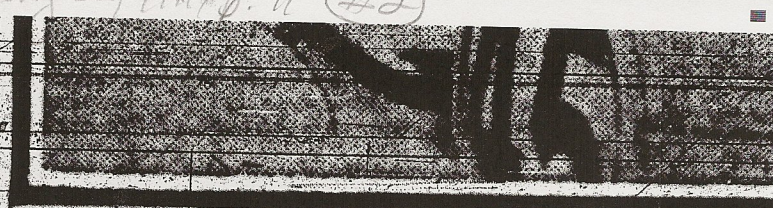
Beaumont still retained the lead when Nice was reached but Garros came sailing in a short time afterward. Both hope to start for Rome early tomorrow.

The flight from Avignon to Frejus, Beaumont said, had been a most trying experience. He was tossed about like a straw by violent gusts, which forced him to keep at a height varying from 4,500 to 6,000 feet. At one place his motor began to slacken and he nearly capsized. He descended and repaired the engine. Beaumont's winnings so far in the race amount to \$21,600, including the special prizes offered by the citizens of Lyons and Nice for the first to arrive. A majority of the other entrants are far behind the leaders.

VISITOR BEATEN AND ROBBED.

Rankin (Ill.) Man Held Up and Assaulted on Washington Street.

Clifford Stamp, 24 years old, Rankin, Ill., was attacked and beaten brutally late last night by robbers who pulled him into an alley near Washington and West streets and robbed him of a valuable gold watch and \$5 in cash. Stamp, who is in Indianapolis to see the race today, attended the boxing contest last night and was returning to the downtown district on a West Washington street car. Believing he had reached Illinois and Washing-



EXTINGUISHING FIRE ON DURMAN'S BENZ THAT RACE TODAY.

FIVE PERSONS AUTO VICTIMS INJURIES TO THREE SERIOUS

Congestion of Downtown Streets Causes Confusion Among Pedestrians—Racing Car Driver Held.

Four automobile accidents, in which five persons were injured, one arrest for motor law violation and the imposition of a fine of \$25 for fast driving, resulted yesterday from the influx of automobilists for the Speedway races today.

The injured persons are: Miss Catherine Aller, 24 years old, 622 North East street; W. A. Michelsen, 1121 Prospect street; Albert Taylor, 7 years old, 630 Lincoln Lane; E. G. Elcocks, Chicago, and Mr. Elcocks's niece. Three of the victims are believed to be in a serious condition. Lieut. Edward M. Harrison, a member of the Case racing team, was arrested during the night for driving an automobile without lighted lamps.

Aaron W. Crossman of Dayton, O., was fined \$25 and costs in Police Court for fast driving. Miss Aller was hurt about 5 o'clock in the evening when she became confused at Massachusetts avenue and Delaware street and, it is said, stepped in front of an automobile driven by Howard K. Henly of Carthage, Ind. She was knocked to the pavement and suffered an injured wrist. Traffic Officer Woodward arrested Henly, who was released under bond of \$250 furnished by James W. Hensley, a brick machine manufacturer. Mr. Hensley says he never had seen Henly before.

Michelsen was thrown fifteen feet at Market and Illinois streets, where he was hit by an auto driven by Harry T. Smith of Chicago. When he was picked up by Corner Officer Gooch it was believed he had been fatally injured. Michelsen was taken to the City Dispensary by Smith, and later was taken home. Smith was arrested, charged with assault and battery and riding on the wrong side of the street. An automobile driven by Fred Lang, a professional chauffeur, injured the Taylor boy, who ran in front of it as he was going home from a grocery at Lincoln lane and South East street. The boy was taken to a drug store and given medical attention, and later taken home. The police did not regard the driver at fault and did not arrest him.

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