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STRANG WINS BIG AUTO RACE OVER COURSE AT BRIAR CLIFF

Car Leads All Time After Second Lap and Never Much Question of Outcome.

CEDRINO IS THE SECOND

Enormous Crowd and Several Mishaps to Men and Machines, But no Fatalities.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Apr. 24.—Frank Lewis Strang, driving a 50-horse-power Lotta car, won the Briarcliff trophy automobile race today, covering the 214 miles of the dangerous, twisting course in five hours, 16 minutes, 13 1-5 seconds.

The jammed crowds filling the grandstand and lining the course about the finish mark at Briarcliff Manor yelled themselves hoarse as Strang's car, going at least 60 miles an hour, flashed past, a stream of red.

Four minutes and 52 seconds later there whizzed past the grandstand, in second place, Emmanuel Cedrino, in his 60-horse-power Fiat racer. He had made tremendous gains in the last part of the race, and in one of his spurts established a new record for the course—37 minutes, 18 seconds for the 30.4 miles.

It had been a desperate battle between Cedrino and Guy Vaughn in his 30-horsepower Stearns for second honors, and Cedrino won out. Vaughn finished third in five hours, 28 minutes, 29 2-5 seconds, more than seven minutes behind the Fiat entry.

The eight and last lap of the race saw a tremendous burst of speed on the part of the leaders. When Strang passed the grandstand at the end of the seventh lap, the starter waved his green flag, signifying the final swing round the course. Strang bent lower over his steering-wheel and shot his power to the last notch.

The red car disappeared from view in a flash. Cedrino and Vaughn almost breast each other, passing the starting-line for the beginning of the last lap, and it was a wild struggle of speed between them around the course.

Herbert Lytle, in his 50-horse-power Apperson finished fourth in five hours, 39 minutes, 15 2-5 seconds. He was neck and neck with Strang for first place the greater part of the race, but was not equal to the great burst of speed toward the end. The fifth man was Sartori in the 40-horsepower Bianchi. His time was five hours, 53 minutes, 45 3-5 seconds.

NOTES OF THE CONTEST.

Greatest Struggle of Swift Machines Ever Seen in United States.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 24.—The first serious accident after the start of the Briarcliff automobile race at 5.07 this morning came when, at the turn at East View, car 22, Simplex, driven by William Watson with Thomas Cotter as mechanic, skidded on a mound and turned complete somersault, throwing out and badly cutting both men about the head and body. The car was a complete wreck.

When the accident occurred the crowd of spectators who lined the course at this, one of the most dangerous turns, crowded into the roadway and, overcoming all efforts of militia and deputy sheriffs, blocked the passage of car 18, a Renault, driven by Bloch, and held it up about five minutes.

Fully 250,000 people scattered along the 30.46 miles of the course saw the racers whiz past on the first round and cheers greeted one and all, particularly the drivers of the American cars. In this round the best time ever made over the course was that of Strang, who drove Isotta, car 4, and who completed the circuit in 39 minutes, 42 seconds, passing the first post ahead. Second came Herbert Lytle, car 3, the Apperson, and third Cedrino, car 2, Fiat.

Sartori, car 1, Bianchi, suffered a (Continued on Page Seven.)

ENTRIES IN BIG EVENT. Table with columns: Start, Car, H.P., Entrant, Driver, Nation.

TAFT WILL VISIT IN GREENSBORO

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., April 24.—A delegation from Greensboro comprising G. Sam Bradshaw, C. M. Vanstoy, C. D. Benbow, Mayor L. J. Brandt and Garland Daniel, called on President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft yesterday in an effort to induce them to visit Greensboro on the occasion of the centennial of that city.

The president expressed his regrets, declaring it would be impossible for him to accept the invitation. Secretary of War Taft said he would visit Greensboro during the centennial if it was possible for him to do so.

President Roosevelt said he would send the Marine Band to Greensboro during the centennial, while Secretary Taft gave assurances that a detachment of cavalry would be sent to the city. Decorative flags will also be furnished the centennial authorities by the war department.

MR. CLEVELAND IS BETTER TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 24.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been confined to his apartments in the Lakeside hotel, suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, and who it was first thought to be critically sick, spent a very quiet night and today, according to the Bulletin issued by his physician, is much improved.

Jumped to Death From Window.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 24.—Alfred Blitch, 75, committed suicide this afternoon by jumping from the fifth story of an office building at 25 West Broadway to the sidewalk. He was instantly killed. He had just returned from England and was dependent. He lived alone at 241 West 13th street. He had two sons, both in business. His spectacular suicide was witnessed by scores of men and women.

Taft May Go to Panama.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., April 24.—Secretary of War Taft will make a trip to Panama some time in May, if his public duties will permit. The trip will be of 18 to 20 days' duration and is described as "an official journey, having no political bearing."

Madden Fight May Mean Death to William Kerwin

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Ill., April 24.—One man is thought to be fatally stabbed and a score of others bruised and battered as the result of a free-for-all fight last night at a meeting of the Electrical Workers' union, of which "Skinny" Madden is the leading spirit. It was just a new blood-red chapter in the history of the Madden warfare.

The man stabbed is "Skinny's" dearest enemy, William D. Kerwin, of Jackson boulevard. Two years ago, in a similar meeting, Madden and Kerwin had a ferocious personal encounter. Kerwin made a speech in the meeting last night, intimating that Madden was a grifter, and it was this that precipitated the riot that ended so disastrously for him. Somebody plunged a knife into Kerwin's abdomen and the surgeons at the county hospital say his chances for recovery are slight. He refuses to tell who stabbed him.

WEDDINGTON IS FOR FREE HAND

Mecklenburg Leader Believes Uninstructed Delegation Should Go to Denver

(Special Staff Correspondent) Charlotte, April 24.—"I am in favor of sending an uninstructed delegation to Denver," said Mr. J. H. Weddington, of Charlotte, to a representative of The Raleigh Times in this city yesterday, while discussing the present political outlook. Mr. Weddington is a member of the state democratic committee and is one of the oldest and most influential leaders in the state, and this expression coming from him just at this time is very significant of the wonderful change of opinion that has taken place in this state within the last few weeks. Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, the candidate for the presidential nomination, was being discussed when Mr. Weddington said: "I am in favor of sending an uninstructed delegation to Denver and letting them use their own judgment and cast the ballot of the state for the best man, and for the man who can bring victory to the democratic party. If we are going to instruct for one man, why not send one man instructed and let him cast the vote of the state for that man, and then come home? We should send a delegation there bound to do one thing, and a delegation free to deal with the conditions as they find them at that time."

This same split seems to be growing among the leaders of the state, and where the sentiment a few weeks ago was decidedly for Bryan, it is now for Johnson or for an uninstructed delegation. Mr. Weddington is the president of the Craig club in Charlotte, and he has for years been the leader of the democracy in old Mecklenburg, and he has been known throughout the whole south for his valiant work for democracy. There are thousands in the state who will heed this advice.

The consensus of opinion in the state at the present time, both of the press and of the conservative leaders, is that North Carolina demands a candidate who can win, and if this grand old democratic state should be counted in the Johnson column, it will not surprise some who are watching the trend of affairs in this state at the present time.

SCOTT BIBBS CAUSE WON.

Supreme Court Decides Blacks Can Go to White Schools.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Springfield, Ill., April 24.—After 20 years of litigation, the supreme court has finally disposed of the Alton case by the most drastic action recorded in its history. Disregarding the action of seven justices which refused to enforce the law against the separation of white and negro children, the court took the matter into its own hands, declared the Alton authorities not entitled to trial by jury, any way, and gave judgment for the negroes. The litigation began six years ago, when Alton established separate schools for negroes, and Scott Bibbs refused to send his children to them. The late Senator John M. Palmer was his counsel, and he fought for the rights of the negro children in the regular schools until his death.

FLEET WEEK IS DRAWING TO END

Auto Through Beautiful Streets of Los Angeles

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Los Angeles, Cal., April 24.—Fleet week in Los Angeles is drawing to a close in a perfect whirl of entertainment, amusing in its extent and variety. The ships were open to visitors all day yesterday and thousands of people crowded the beaches and boats and the craft flying between the ships and the shore. Boats of every description were loaded with passengers throughout the day. The decks of the ships were crowded from 10 o'clock and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the 16-hour hour for visitors, hundreds still remained aboard waiting an opportunity to return.

The men who have their final round of entertainment tomorrow including 2,200 of them are to be taken around an automobile tour of the city. Admiral Thomas has granted liberty to that number for the occasion.

The last boxing bout for the championship was held yesterday at Flamingo park, where the four days' entertainment was completed. Many of the sailors witnessed all the events they witnessed on the beach while the contents of the results were:

Featherweight class: Frank Parker, Little Boy, defeated "Dandy" Frazier, battling Illinois, six rounds, taking championship.

Lightweight class: Dennis Tiber, battling Alabama, defeated Henry Turner, battling Vermont, six rounds, winning championship, held by Tiber since seven years.

Heavyweight class: Philip Schlossberg, battling New Jersey, defeated Walter Adler, battling Missouri, six rounds, winning championship, held by Adler two years.

ERIE LIMITED IS DITCHED.

Twenty Passengers Reported Hurt in Canadian Wreck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Hornell, N. Y., April 24.—The Chicago Limited on the Erie road was ditched at Canastota, a short distance north of this place. Every car in the train except the Pullman left the track and rolled into the ditch. Twenty persons are reported seriously injured.

Death of Edgar L. Houghton.

Pittsboro, April 24.—A telegram was received here announcing the sudden death of Mr. Edgar L. Houghton, at Pollocksville, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Houghton is a prominent farmer of Jones county, who has a host of friends and relatives at Pittsboro. His remains are expected here this afternoon.

Rich Young Man Injured Before Great Race Begins

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 24.—Washington Irving Belmont, son of a wealthy resident of Manhattan, was injured last night, apparently fatally, shortly before the start of the Great CMA automobile race, while running in the aid of several young men and women in a game from the explosion of an automobile lamp. Belmont, who is 19, was broken and he sustained internal injuries. He was taken to the Bellevue hospital, near the course, and attended by physicians.

HARRIS LIKELY TO COME BACK TO STATE FOR TRIAL

ALL ROADS 95 PER CENT WATER

At Least, So Says Ryan, and He is Good Authority on Subject

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 24.—Thomas P. Ryan told the state grand jury which investigated the Metropolitan Street railroad that not a dollar has been paid for 95 per cent of the stock of the railroad of this country. All but five per cent of the railroad stock was owned as Mr. Ryan expressed it. He made this statement to show the grand jury how the other railroad companies with the Metropolitan, which he said, had 50 to 75 per cent of \$2,000,000 of capital stock paid in.

Mr. Ryan had read his formal statement about the organization of the Metropolitan from its inception and he concluded with this remark: "That is in answer to the statement that has been made for the last two years that the Metropolitan Street railway stock is all water."

OUT FOR FEDERAL PRISON.

Sixteen Sentenced Men Riding Today from Washington to Atlanta.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 24.—Under the supervision of deputy marshals and other men in their party, 17 prisoners were taken to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta today to serve sentences varying from three to 15 years.

John P. Marshall, convicted of robbery and larceny, consisted of a party with intent to kill, each have 15 years to serve. Edward Esker, who was going with the Atlanta express, told the justice he preferred to go to Atlanta rather than to Ansonville. His request was granted.

Big Fire Up in Vermont.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Burlington, Vt., April 24.—Nine buildings, including the Burlington bank, were burned and the postoffice at Ferrisburgh, 2 1/2 miles north of Burlington, destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is \$100,000.

Check Flasher Indicted By Federal Grand Jury for Defrauding Through the Mails

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR

Confident He Can Rearrest Swindler of Hotel Men When He Gets Back to New York

(Special to The Evening Times.) Statesville, April 24.—Mr. E. G. Gillispie, of Statesville, and a number of out-of-town hotel men, and Mr. E. M. Bowman, secretary and treasurer of the Missouri Glass Co., appeared before the grand jury of the federal court and testified against R. W. Harris, the check flasher. Mr. William M. Colvert, the postoffice inspector, who is working on the case, and who, like all others concerned, is confident the man arrested in Rochester, N. Y., recently is Harris, was also examined. After hearing the testimony, the grand jury made out a bill of indictment against Harris, charging him with using the mails to defraud, and Mr. Colvert left Wednesday for New York with the necessary papers for the arrest of President, alias Harris, who is being shadowed by a government secret service unit pending the investigation of the cases in North Carolina. Mr. Colvert is confident he can rearrest Harris and bring him here for trial without trouble.

Mr. Bowman, of the Missouri Glass Co., says the police department at St. Louis feels confident Harris is the same man who has been forging checks on different concerns under different names all over the country for some years. Since he began using checks with the glass company's name printed on them he has worked his game in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and has passed checks amounting to \$800. While his scheme is a fraud, Harris did not show much shrewdness in getting up his checks for the name forged on them as secretary and treasurer is that of a man employed by the glass company but not that of Mr. Bowman the real secretary and treasurer. Furthermore, the Missouri Glass Co. does not do any business with the bank whose checks were used by Harris. Mr. Bowman is of the opinion that Harris has a confederate in St. Louis who has been in getting up the checks and then he is out on the road working that end of the game.

Mr. Bowman says Harris also used checks on the Missouri Lamp Manufacturing Co., of St. Louis at a number of places, and this is evidence that he is the man who has worked his game on different concerns of St. Louis in several years.

FIREMEN'S FAIL IN MILWAUKEE.

Watchman Scares Them Away and Puts Out the Blaze.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Milwaukee, Wis., April 24.—Men armed with axes and buckets were called to the scene of a fire in the Milwaukee Electric company early yesterday and, after sprinkling the fire with a dozen gallon cans, the fire, apparently, was to start a fire by lighting a candle which would have the oil when nearly burned out. A match was dropped, however, and the fire was extinguished when only three men had been employed. The appearance of a watchman frightened the firemen. The watchman put out the blaze.

Typical Woman, Defies 'Em All.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Ill., April 24.—Mrs. Dora Marshall, wife of the late gambling king and defunct in the Green gambling case, is registered at the Stratford hotel and proposes to be a guest there for some time to come, despite the request of the management for her to vacate. "I won't get out. You may raise the rent as high as you please. I shall stay right here as long as I desire," is her reply.

WHOLE FAMILY IS BURNED IN HOME

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Corry, Pa., April 24.—A tragedy at Centreville this morning wiped out the entire Wetherby family. Fire was discovered in the home at 2 o'clock, but by the time the neighbors reached the scene all were beyond aid. One person was rescued from the burning house. Albert Lemm was the one saved but he is dying and unable to tell how the fire started. David Wetherby, 79, his wife, 80, and daughter, Mrs. Lemm, 50, were burned. The dead all slept upstairs.

TWENTY FIREMEN AMMONIA VICTIMS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 24.—Fire starting in a cellar of the Independent Feed company, 289 Eighth avenue, caused a loss of \$50,000 and the ammonia fumes released by the fire nearly caused the death of 20 firemen. For hours the fire smoldered in the cellar, defying all attempts of the firemen to extinguish it. The firemen, six in number, to enter the cellar were quickly overcome by ammonia fumes and were rescued with difficulty by their comrades. Before the fire was finally gotten under control, 20 firemen had been rendered unconscious and were rescued by ambulance surgeons and sent home. The cause is unknown.

KILLS WIFE AND BOTH CHILDREN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Johnstown, Pa., April 24.—Louis Fleckenstein, an aged man, entered the room where his wife and two children were sleeping and, after kissing the children, struck his wife on the head with a hatchet, almost severing her head. Fleckenstein then went to the kitchen and hanged himself.

MCKINLEY'S HOME TO BE HOSPITAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Canton, O., April 24.—Announcement is made here that the home of President McKinley is to be bought by a Catholic hospital. The announcement was made on behalf of Mrs. Rosa Klorer, who purchased the home a few weeks ago for \$11,000. Much comment has been expressed as to the use to which Mrs. Klorer, widow of a wealthy manufacturer, was to put the McKinley home when she obtained it after the plan to make the house a McKinley memorial was abandoned. It is said the property will be transferred immediately to Rex, Ignatius Horstman, bishop of the diocese of Cleveland, and will be made a hospital.

ONE HUNDRED CAR LOADS OF BERRIES

(Special to The Evening Times.) Washington, N. C., April 24.—One hundred car loads of strawberries were loaded here yesterday for the first time through the Interstate office at South Rocky Mount, New York. Instead of the usual 50 car loads, the Interstate office has received the bulk of the shipments. Mrs. H. B. Brown, who is the head of the fruit department at present and the name from Rocky Mount today is expected to be a record holder in volume of fruit. "Chadbourne is the center of the industry just at present and hundreds of representative of the produce commission houses of the country are now there looking after the shipments.

DUC DE CHAULNES DEAD.

End Comes Suddenly to Husband of Theodora Shonts.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, April 24.—The Duc De Chaulnes, who married Miss Theodora Shonts, died this morning.