

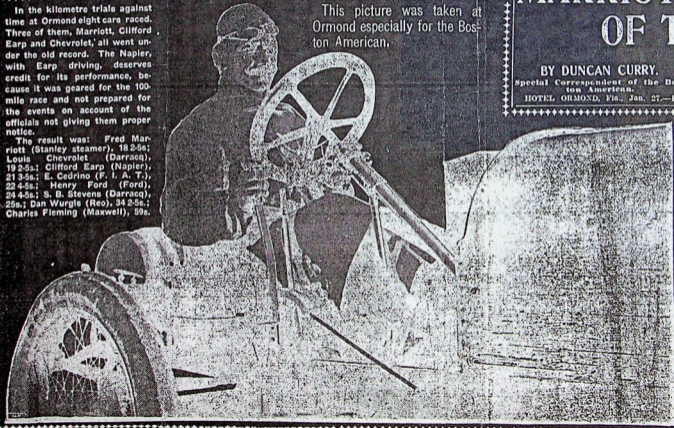
SPORTS COVERED FOR THE BOSTON AMERICAN BY ITS CORPS OF EXPERTS

AUTOIST CLIFFORD EARP IN HIS POWERFUL NAPIER CAR

In the kilometre trials against time at Ormond eight cars raced. Three of them, Marriott, Clifford Earp and Chevrolet, all went under the old record. The Napier, with Earp driving, deserves credit for its performance, because it was geared for the 100-mile race and not prepared for the events on account of the officials not giving them proper notice.

The result was: Fred Marriott (Stanley steamer), 19 2-5s; Louis Chevrolet (Darracq), 19 2-5s; Clifford Earp (Napier), 21 3-5s; E. Cedrino (F. I. A. T.), 22 4-5s; Henry Ford (Ford), 24 4-5s; S. B. Stevens (Darracq), 25s; Dan Wurgis (Reo), 34 2-5s; Charles Fleming (Maxwell), 59s.

This picture was taken at Ormond especially for the Boston American.



MARRIOTT IS CROWNED KING OF THE BIG AUTO RACES

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HOTEL ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 27.—For

the first time since the Ormond Daytona Beach automobile races began Tuesday, the weather was fine today. The sun came out, the mercury rose and the wind had decreased materially.

Demogog, will to-day be seated in the 200-horsepower Darracq made famous by the deposed Hiemery, which Chevrolet successfully ran yesterday. Chevrolet could not retain that post as he had previously engaged to drive Christie's special car in the 100-mile race. Demogog is chief driver of the Darracq company and has been record driver under Hiemery. He did important work in France and the Isle of Man.

At noon today Fred Marriott, the Newton driver, was crowned king of the race meet by Miss Mary Sphenal, a fourteen-year-old girl of this town. He received a beautiful trophy in the shape of a laurel wreath, within which is a crown surmounting silver and the crown and wings are gold. With the speed of a tornado F. H. Marriott, in the Stanley steamer car, swept along the edge of the waves yesterday and smashed the speed of a tornado. F. H. Marriott, in the Stanley steamer car, swept along the edge of the waves yesterday and smashed all records for the mile and kilometre. In the kilometre race (.621 of a mile), the Stanley car covered the six-tenths of a mile in 18 2-5 seconds, or 2 seconds better than any known record, which was the equivalent of a mile in 29 3-5 seconds, or at the astonishing rate of 121 miles an hour.

Just at this time was neither Stanley nor Marriott was satisfied that the car had shown its best speed, and an hour later when it came out for the mile record trials, the world was passed to look out for a new record.

Crowd Hadn't Long to Wait.

The crowd had not long to wait, as the cry "Here she comes" had hardly died away before the thin, cool, canoe-like shell, with its humming machinery and canoe-like tail, with its merry roar which almost drowned out the sound of the surf, came booming on the beach. It

seemed scarcely a dozen seconds had passed when the report of the gun on the finish line. A great cheer went up, as every one seemed to know as if by intuition that a new world's record had been made and that the two-mile-minute car was longer a dream than a reality.

After a few seconds' delay the judges announced that the car had smashed all records by covering a mile in 23 1/2 seconds, 127 2-5 miles per hour, or in other words, at the astonishing rate of 188 feet per second.

Stanley and Marriott Cheered.

Stanley and Marriott were cheered repeatedly. Those who know say that Louis Hoss, the young amateur Newton inventor, is entitled to quite as much credit for the car as Stanley. The steam racer did not monopolize the record-breaking by any means, as the big 200-horsepower Darracq, driven by Louis Chevrolet, clipped a full second off the kilometre record by flying down the course in 19 2-5 seconds, while in a mile trial it made a record of 29 2-5 seconds, clipping 3 3-5 seconds off MacDonald's last year's record of 34 2-5 seconds. Cedrino did a mile in 30 3-5 seconds, and Earp, in his Napier, covered a kilometre in 23 3-5 seconds and a mile in 37 2-5 seconds.

The Ford car, which was out yesterday for the first time, did the mile in forty seconds and a kilometre in 24 3-5 seconds.

Earp in Hard Luck.

The Wayne Kite was also out, but its old trouble of a slipping clutch put it out of the running. The Napier car would probably have made better time but Earp, who was told that the 100-mile race would be run yesterday, did not have his speed gears on and started under a severe handicap. Earp has won hosts of friends here by his sportsmanlike conduct and everyone regrets that he has not had better luck.

A. G. Vanderbilt came back in his private car to-day to see his huge racer take part in the record trials, but, as usual, no one could get the car to run. Shouts of "twenty-three" had no effect on it.