

AIRSHIP PLUNGES THROUGH FIELD

Second Death Is Narrowly Escaped at Country Club Racing Event.

AVIATOR'S DECISION HEROIC

Stark Faces Destruction to Evade Crowd, Comes Down Unhurt but Machine Wrecked—Oldfield Makes New Auto Record.

Half of the spectators who watched Barney Oldfield break the Western mile-track record at the Country Club track yesterday remained for the scheduled aeroplane flight and were thrown into a veritable panic when W. M. Stark plunged 50 feet to the earth in his Curtiss machine and miraculously escaped death. He deliberately pointed the nose of his speeding biplane to the ground, and in so doing several people by crashing into several automobiles filled with terrified race fans, and how he escaped virtually without a scratch was a source of mystery to the people.

There was a general rush for the shattered machine. The spectators expected to pick up the mangled body of the young aviator. He was, however, hoisted up with a smile of appreciation to those who rushed to his aid. His only injury was a slight abrasion under his nose.

Stark could not explain how he escaped death except that the force of the machine falling pitched him head first from his seat just before it struck the ground.

Trouble Begins Early.

Stark had considerable difficulty starting the aeroplane. Tired of waiting, the crowd fled out of the arena until only about 200 people remained for the flight. The carburetor was not working properly and was fixed hurriedly to avoid disappointing those who waited. As the biplane lifted in the air for the first trial it took a zig-zag course down the field, making one dangerous dip near the line of automobiles. Stark glided safely to the ground and adjusted the carburetor once more. When he started again it was noticeable that the motor was working much better, but the trained ears of the automobile men caught the sound of the engine missing and predicted his flight would be a short one.

Heading South, Stark attempted to make the west curve. Several automobiles were underneath him and their occupants looked for him to swing around without trouble. When he was forced to alight, Stark's machine was pointed directly at the autos. There was no chance for him to go over them without running into the bank. Right under him was a small open space. It was either drop into that, with death staring him in the face, or drive into the allied motor cars.

Aviator's Decision Heroic. It was a moment of intense suspense. Before the aviator lay the field of automobiles filled with handsomely gowned women and men in brilliant colored gowns. People in the machines made a wild scramble for safety. Women half jumped out of the automobiles and sought protection on the far side of their cars. Many made a run for the embankment. Those near the track expected to see the aeroplane crash into the sea of humanity that spread underneath it.

Swiftly Stark altered his course and pointed the machine almost directly for the ground. It was all done so quickly that few of the spectators knew what they escaped by the aviator's heroic work.

The fall of the biplane was fast. When Fred Bennett severed managerial relations with Elias Christofferson the latter refused to fly during the auto race, as he agreed, through Bennett to do so. This attraction was advertised and the men handling the meet made special efforts to make good. Stark agreed to fly, but had so much trouble getting his machine ready that the committee called it off after it had been announced he would fly. So Stark was to go through with it that Stark finally made a new agreement with the club officials, and the crowd was asked to wait. Stark was to circle the track three times.

Oldfield Breaks Record. Aside from the spectacular aeroplane episode, the work of Barney Oldfield again featured the afternoon carnival of speed. The daring king of track drivers piloted his 200-horsepower Christie around the circular course in 52 seconds, breaking all mile track records for the Pacific Coast. The best previous time was 52 2-5 seconds, made by the same driver at Ascot Park track in Los Angeles three years ago. It was Barney's first attempt of the day to beat the record. He was spurred on by the fast driving of Teddy Tetzlaff, who turned the mile in 53 1-5 seconds in his 50-horsepower Fiat.

In his dash against time Oldfield had a flying start. The giant Curtiss, belching smoke and fire, tore down the straightaway at a 100-mile an hour clip. As it passed the grandstand and Starter King fired the starting signal the crowd yelled in enthusiastic approval. He slowed up at the last turn, where, the day before, Chris Dundee was sent hurtling to the bottom of the ravine 40 feet below. But roaring and snorting it whizzed past the finishing line for a new record.

Oregonian Man Rides. On this trip he carried Roscoe Pawcett, of the Oregonian. He told the sport writer as they passed the judges' stand that he did the mile in 52 seconds. And, sure enough, when they came back they found that the prediction was correct to the minutest detail.

It was the fastest mile that Pawcett ever traveled, and he marveled at the manner in which Oldfield handled the car.

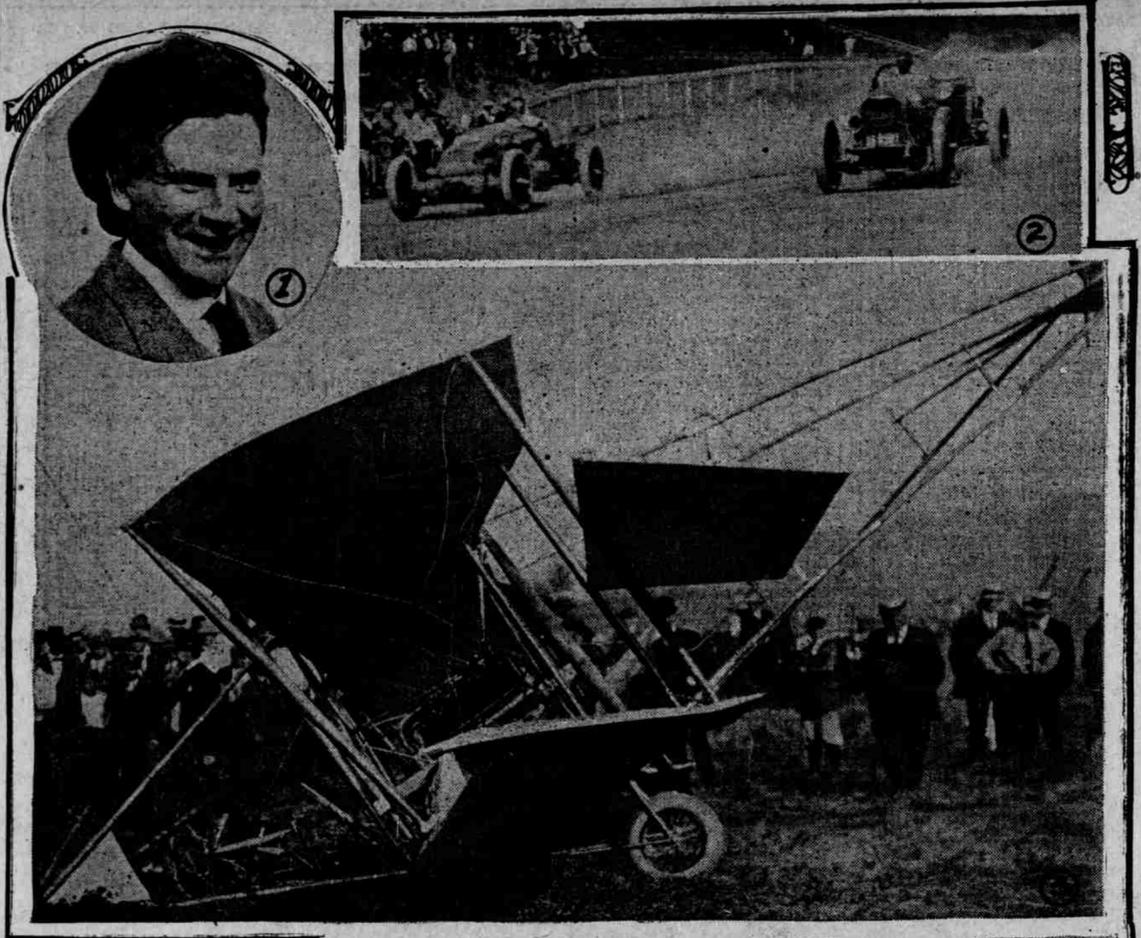
On the curves he used but one hand on the steering wheel, and worked the car around in such masterful fashion that it skidded very little," said Pawcett. "The only time he slowed up was on the last curve. Oldfield thinks he can cover the track in 48 seconds after he gets used to the car. He has driven it in only two meets, here and at Butte. Walter Christie, who built the car and sold it to Oldfield, told Barney at the time of the sale that he (Oldfield) would be killed inside of six months if he stuck with it."

Yesterday's races, though not as fast as Tuesday's, provided more excitement and genuine interest. Right in the first event a three-mile match race between Lew Heinemann, in a Benz, and "Wild Bill" Fritsch, Cino pilot, a stirring finish thrilled the crowd. Heinemann won in 3:01.

Oldfield, driving the Christie, met the winner of this event in a two-mile race and nosed out "Heiney." Oldfield's time was 1:51.

Tetzlaff Shows Speed. Teddy Tetzlaff, who does not claim to be a track driver, took a whirl at

SNAPSHOTS OF AVIATOR AND OLDFIELD'S RECORD-BREAKING MILE DASH THAT THRILLED CROWD AT AUTOMOBILE RACES



1. Aviator Stark, After Accident 2. Barney Oldfield, in Christie, Winning Close Race From Lew Heinemann, in a Benz 3. Stark's Aeroplane After It Plunged to the Earth 4. Tetzlaff and Hill Making Complete Tire Change in Fast Time of 30 Seconds.

the mile track record and breezed over the line in 53 1-5.

What turned out to be one of the best races of the day was when the three-man Fiat team hooked up in a match race. Tetzlaff, Verbeck and Hill were at the wheels. The superiority of Tetzlaff was shown at the start, when he whizzed away like a flash. Verbeck, in the main, to Teddy's car, gave him a close brush for the first four miles. Tetzlaff's time was 5:16 2-5, while Verbeck crossed the tape four seconds later.

In the five-mile race for cars of 600 cubic-inch piston displacement, Tetzlaff hooked up with Fritsch and Heinemann, of the Oldfield string. His car was by far the fastest. His time for the five laps was 4:33 1-5.

"Wild William," as the crowd called Fritsch, was not satisfied with his time. Many made a run for the latter agreed to give him revenge. This was a race not on the programme and it turned out to be the most exciting of the lot. Friendly team relations were cast aside and each was determined to win. The crowd howled with delight as the little Cino, popular with the crowd, made a dash for the Club track for today and tomorrow has been called off. An accident to Aviator Stark is the cause of the meet being cancelled. The machine was so badly wrecked that it is impossible to get it in shape for today.

Berlin has never driven Stark's machine and does not want to take a chance of wrecking it.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES FAST

Finishes in Heats Exciting—The Limit Paces Mile in 2:04 1-4.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 10.—Extra heats and close finishes marked the second day of the Grand Circuit races. The furniture manufacturers' purse, \$10,000, 2:13 class trot, the feature of the meet, went five heats. Results:

2:10 class pacing, purse \$1000, three in five—Warner Hall won the fourth, fifth and sixth heats and the race; Beth Clark won the first and second heats, and Jessie Direct the third heat. The Assessor, Flaget, Alice K., Katherine E. and Maxine Audubon also started. Best time, 2:07 3/4.

Offline purse, \$3000, 2:05 class, pacing, three in five—The Limit won the second, third and fourth heats and the race; Sombrewer won the first heat, Branham Baughman, Ginner, Peter the Second, Jim Logan, Don Proton and Major Brino also started. Best time, 2:04 1/4.

Furniture manufacturers' purse, \$10,000, 2:12 class trotting, three in five—Baden, by Bingaro Kadahl, won the third, fourth and fifth heats and the race; Esther W. won the first heat; Miss Archdale won the second heat; Marigold, Ruth McGregor, the Wanderer, May Mack, Lady Green Goods and Bergen started. Best time, 2:08 3/4.

2:18 trot, purse \$1000, three in five (unfinished)—Queen Luke won the second and third heats; Sunday Morning won the first heat. Ella Todd, Amy, Pretoria Mc. Capital and May Grattan also started. Best time, 2:12 1/4.

Minor Baseball.

The Portland Colored Giants went an out of town game for Sunday, July 14. The manager, George Ellison, can be reached at 754 Water street.

The Macabees, No. 1 would like a game for the game date; write to J. W. Brown, 875 Kelly street.

The opening games of the Portland Twilight Baseball League occurred Tuesday night, the Weonas defeating the Timms-Cress nine, 12 to 1, and the Honeyman Hardware team taking the Dooley & Co. aggregation, 3 to 6.



LEAGUE SHY ONE TEAM

ABERDEEN ABANDONS WASHINGTON STATE CIRCUIT.

Other Clubs Plan to Continue on Schedule and Ask Everett to Take Vacant Place.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—The Washington State League today lost Aberdeen's club from its membership, owing to financial difficulties. Chehalis, Centralia and Hoquiam remaining in. Manager Haly, of Everett, has been invited to accept a franchise in the State League and the matter will be settled with him probably late tonight. It is intimated that Everett looks on the proposition with favor. Until a fourth club is provided, however, the organization will go on with the three clubs.

ABERDEEN QUILTS BASEBALL

Lack of Funds Causes Discontinuance of Games at Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—As the result of a long distance conference over the telephone between the managers of the Centralia and Chehalis teams, a decision was reached this afternoon in Aberdeen to discontinue keeping a team in the Washington State League. All hope to solicit sufficient funds to carry on the game was practically abandoned last night and the decision today was the last resort.

ATTELL LIKES YOUNG BOXER

Pugilist Says McNeil Has All earmarks of Future Champion.

Allan McNeil, the clever Columbus Club bantamweight boxer who won the championship of the Pacific Northwest at the recent international meet at the Multnomah Club, is to be a future world's champion in the opinion of Abe Attell, ex-feather title holder.

Attell watched McNeil yesterday in his training work for the Elks' entertainment at the Hellig Theater tomorrow night and pronounced him a wonder.

"That kid is ready for Champion Johnny Coulon right now," said Attell. "He is the classiest youngster I have seen in years. He has a good jolt in either hand and wonderful natural cleverness. I would like to take him back to San Francisco with me."

McNeil meets Frank Wands at 115 pounds Thursday for the Pacific Coast Championship as one of the headline attractions on an excellent programme prepared by Jack Day, Columbus instructor, who has staged a series of successful smokers during the winter.

Phil Polsky, the "Fighting Newsboy," who made his debut at the May meeting in Oregon Hall, has been secured to oppose Whitley Lewis. This will be the boys' third meeting. Each has won a victory.

The meet is being conducted by the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union of America, and all the athletes are registered boxers and wrestlers. About 10 bouts have been arranged.

Two of the best basketball teams of America will clash tonight, when the Triple B Elks' quint, of Billings, Mont., and the Multnomah Club five, of Portland, meet to settle supremacy.

The clubs will line up as follows: Multnomah Club—Fisher, Dent, Masters, forwards; Kock, Morris, guards; Triple B's—Salisbury, Markham, forwards; Todd, center; Thorine, Peterson, Wilkatron, guards.

The game will be called soon after 8 o'clock on the Multnomah Club floor, following a parade of the Montana delegation, 100 strong, led by the Great Falls Pipe and Drum Corps.

"We will enter the big parade tomorrow," said Captain Markham, competing for the unique costumes prices of \$200, \$100 and \$50. The boys will wear purple jerseys with white lettering, white trunks with purple stripes, purple hose, white stripes and white duck hats with purple band.

The Billings basketballers have not been beaten for two years and have toured the country and met all comers.

AVIATOR TO GET HYDROPLANE

Christofferson Leaves for San Francisco to Purchase Outfit.

Silas Christofferson, the Manning aviator who astounded 50,000 spectators during the Rose Festival by flying off the top of the Multnomah Hotel, leaves Portland tomorrow for San Francisco. Christofferson will return in a fortnight with a 100-horsepower Curtiss hydroplane.

"When I get back I intend to give a free hydroplane exhibition on the Willamette River for the edification of the Portland people," said the birdman. "I had expected to fly at the automobile races, but the officials would not come rather dry for nothing than for a paltry sum."

Golden Goes to Walls Walls. CHEHALIS, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—W. E. Golden, the State League substitute umpire, has been chosen as a regular umpire in the Tri-State League and left yesterday for Walls Walls.

RIVERSIDE LIST LARGE

GOOD SPORT IS PROMISED FOR SATURDAY-SUNDAY MEET.

Fast Horses From McMinnville, Forest Grove and Gresham Coming. 50 Entries in Prospect.

The longest list of entries brought together for a Riverside Driving Club matinee this season will be represented at the two-day harness meet, Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14. Fast horses from McMinnville, Forest Grove and Gresham are now on the road, making the total number of prospective starters close to 50.

Fred Brooker, of Vancouver, Wash., will bring General B. with which he expects to make a clean sweep of the

ARROW COLLARS

15 each, 2 for 25

GIRARD 2 3/4" high
MILTON 2 1/2" high
Gent, Peabody & Company, Troy, New York

For That Fishing Trip

We offer a few suggestions: Bucktail Trout Flies, "K. K." Snelled Hooks, "Blue Ribbon" Gut Leaders, Tapered Fly Casting Lines, Backus Hand-Made Flies, "Tye" Salmon Eggs.

We have caught hundreds of trout with tackle the same as listed above—Nuf ced.

Backus & Morris
223 MORRISON STREET
Between First and Second Sts.

Second Shasta Limited

Leave Portland 5:50 P. M. 27 Hours to San Francisco

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY (July 12, 13, 14)

To accommodate the B. P. O. E. and friends, the "Shasta Limited" will run in two sections on the above days, both trains carrying complete equipment—Observation Car, Pullman Drawing-room Sleeping Cars and Diner. Electric lighted throughout.

Elks and friends desiring to return to or through California are earnestly requested to secure sleeping car accommodations as early as possible.

Both sections will make connection with the "Owl" train for Los Angeles.

For further particulars, reservations, etc., call at City Ticket Office, Third and Washington Streets.

JOHN M. SCOTT, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

CERTAIN COMFORT AND SURE SERVICE.

WHEN the heat oppresses and distresses, get into Loose Fitting B. V. D. Coat Cut Undershirts and Knee Length Drawers or Union Suits. There'll be no pulling or tugging to get out of them. Purchase a suit today.

This Red Woven Label

MADE FOR THE B.V.D. BEST RETAIL TRADE

The B. V. D. Company, New York.

FLEISCHNER, MAYER & CO., Wholesale Distributors of B. V. D. Products.

Seven Passenger Garford

Ideal for livery business. First-class condition.

\$850

UNITED AUTO COMPANY

16th AND ALDER PHONES: A 7171, MAIN 4337