

## PULITZER AIR RACE IS WON BY ACOSTA; 173 MILES AN HOUR

Less Than 9 Minutes Separates Last Plane From First in 150-Mile Trophy Flight.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 4.—Bert Acosta, veteran flyer, member of the Aero Club of America of New York City, won the Pulitzer trophy airplane race here, covering the 150-mile course in 52 minutes 9.15 seconds. This is at the rate of 173 miles an hour.

Weather conditions were perfect. The record for the race, 178 miles an hour, made last year, is held by Capt. Corliss C. Mosley of the Army Air Service now on duty in Washington. Lieut. Col. H. E. Hartney, Executive Secretary of the Aero Club of America, fell 1,500 feet with his plane near Loveland, Iowa, and suffered a fracture of the hip, but no internal injuries, the Omaha Hospital surgeons report. His machine was destroyed by fire originating in the cigarette of one of a hundred souvenir seekers.

Harry Eibe of Chicago, parachute jumper, was drowned when his parachute alighted in the Missouri River in the presence of the thousands witnessing the airplane contest. He could not swim and sank before the only boat in sight could be broken from its lock and chain fastenings to go to his rescue.

Acosta's victory brings the Pulitzer Trophy race to New York next year unless Acosta should have made a technical registration of his entry as from a flying club in some other city. There is no evidence that he did so. He retains the trophy cup for a year, or until the annual race is won by another contestant. A cash prize of \$2,000 goes to Acosta, one of the best known and most skillful aviators in the United States, a professional flyer and an expert tester of flying machines for several manufacturers, among them the Curtiss Company. He drove a Curtiss navy racer, with a 480 horse power CD-12 motor in the race to-day.

Clarence Cousins of Houston, Tex., was second in a plane called the Cantus-Kitten, his time being 54 minutes 73.5 seconds. Lieut. Joan A. Macready, attached to the Army Air Service at Dayton, O., holder of the world's altitude record, was third in 57 minutes 27.5 seconds. Lloyd W. Berland of New York was fourth. James Curran of Chicago was forced to descend and abandon the race.

The course was triangular, with Omaha and Carson, Neb., and Loveland, Ia., across the Missouri River, for its corners, a lap of thirty miles, around which the flyers raced five times.

The day was all any speed pilot could ask. The sun shone, the atmosphere was clear with splendid visibility and a ground temperature of 48 degrees. A mild breeze, too light to affect the starting, blew throughout the afternoon.

Airplanes will hop off to-day in two 90-mile events, one for machines with a speed of 60 to 75 miles an hour and the other for planes able to travel 75 to 99 miles an hour.

The course was three times around a route from Omaha to Loveland, Ia., and return to Omaha. The best elapsed time will determine the winner. Weather conditions were ideal.

## SHOT TO DEATH IN QUARREL OVER PAYMENT FOR CHEESE.

Slayer Says He Fired Four Times After His Debtor Fired Twice at Him.

Carmill Rispoli, twenty-eight, was shot and killed in front of No. 628 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a quarrel over a debt. Detectives Conroy and Campbell and Sergt. Walsh, on their way to the Grand Avenue Station, heard the shots and arrested Pasquale Ardoilano, twenty-eight, a cheese retailer of No. 836 Bergen Street. Ardoilano admitted shooting Rispoli,

the police said. He told them the dispute was over payment for \$210 worth of cheese he sold Rispoli. He said he fired four shots after Rispoli had fired twice at him. When the police appeared Ardoilano was running away. Joseph Rispoli, twenty-seven, brother of Carmill, was sleeping to pick up a pistol, the police said. Conroy arrested him. Joseph Rispoli, who lived with his brother at No. 771 Bergen Street, was held as a material witness. The police said Rispoli was involved in the murder of Tony Puzoni at Avenue U and Ocean Parkway, Labor Day.

**ADMINISTRATOR FOR RECLUSE.** Letters of administration were issued yesterday in the Surrogate's Court, Brooklyn, to Allen J. McDonald on the

estate of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Easton, the recluse who was found dead at No. 80 Putnam Avenue, that borough, last Saturday, leaving an estate estimated at \$250,000. The Public Administrator will turn the property over to Mr. McDonald for distribution among the heirs.

## DENIES MISUSE OF FUNDS.

M. N. Bensabat Declares \$100,000 Suit Without Foundation.

Marco N. Bensabat, Vice President and General Manager of the Norman Oil Corporation, which had him arrested Wednesday in connection with a suit for \$100,000 for alleged misappropriation of funds, issued a statement yesterday

saying the corporation had no grounds for a suit and that it was the result of his announcing six months ago that as long as he lived control of the corporation would not go into the hands of any foreigners or foreign corporations. Herman Uppmann, a banker of Havana, who, he says, acquired control last June, refused at that time with the other directors, Bensabat said, to accept his resignation.

"Therefore," he says, "the accusation that I used \$50,000 without the explicit authorization of the board is untrue, unfounded and a deliberate lie for the simple reason that I used close to \$500,000 in the same manner for the benefit of the Norman Oil Corporation and its subsidiaries. Mr. Bensabat was released on furnishing bond for \$50,000. The summons in the suit was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday.



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