

AUTO RACE KILLS THREE

Bob Burman, His Mechanician and Track Guard the Victims

FIVE SPECTATORS WERE INJURED

Bursting Tire Caused Accident in Third Annual Road Race

Corona, Cal., April 10.—Bob Burman of Detroit, Mich., noted automobile racer; his mechanician, Eric Schroeder of Chicago, and a track guard are dead as a result of the overturning of Burman's car in the Corona road race Saturday. Five spectators were injured, some of them seriously.

Burman suffered a fracture of the skull and his left leg was broken. His car threw a wheel in the 97th lap on the back stretch, and the machine overturned in a crowd.

The race was won by Eddie O'Donnell, who covered the 301 miles in three hours, 20 minutes, 52-seconds. Joe Thomas was second with a time of 3:36:01, and Eddie Pullen third with 3:38:36 2-5. Teddy Tetzlaff and R. C. Durant finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Burman died in a hospital at Riverside, 12 miles away. His wife was with him when he died. As Mrs. Burman stood beside her husband in the council chamber of the Corona city hall, where he was first taken after the accident, a woman came beside the cot. When this woman left Mrs. Burman accused her of taking from her husband's clothing a diamond pin valued at \$800. A. C. Ramsey, chief of police, ordered the woman searched. He reported that two nurses found the pin concealed under her corset. She was held pending the filing of a formal charge.

Burman lived at 70 Chandler avenue, Detroit. He was born at Inlay City, Mich., in 1884, and did his first racing in Michigan. Burman held the world's straightaway records up to and including one mile, and many dirt-track marks. In three races on the Pacific coast this season he finished second twice and won one event.

CLEVELAND FANS JOYOUS.

Followers of Indians Look for Purchase of More Players.

Cleveland, April 10.—The purchase of Tris Speaker from Boston by the Cleveland American league team was hailed with great joy by the ball fans Saturday. Enthusiastic followers of the club declare that the acquisition of Speaker will so strengthen the team that the possibility of its being a pennant contender is far from remote. According to reports at Cleveland, Secretary McRoy of the Cleveland club, who closed the deal, has received instructions to purchase one more player for the club. It is rumored an effort will be made to obtain Fritz Maisel of the New York Americans.

SPORTING NOTES.

Some 35 schools in and around Boston opened their seasons on Saturday.

Saturday night saw the last ice in the Boston Arena for this season. A ring has taken its place.

Walter Johnson has pitched four opening games for Clark Griffith and the chances are he will go on the mound against the Highlanders on Wednesday.

Jimmy Callahan, the Pittsburg manager, is giving the hit-and-run the preference over the sacrifice hit.

Hughy Jennings spent two weeks of the Detroit training trip in bed, the result of an infected gash received while teaching the rookies how to slide.

The first no-hit, no-run game of the season was played between Thayer academy and Browne and Nichols at Nichols field in Cambridge, Mass., on Friday. Thayer secured 15 runs.

Massachusetts State league is the name of the newest baseball league and the contending teams will be North Adams, Pittsburg, Greenfield, Northampton, Fitchburg, and Leominster.

George Harper, Hugh Jennings' Fort Worth recruit, has proved entirely too good to be turned loose.

April 19 will officially open the cycling season. Didier, Wiley, and Carmen will perform in a 25-mile international motor-paced race at the Revere cycle track.

Chester Martel of Lowell defeated Harold Nute of Manchester Friday night in a ten string candlepin match. The respective pinfalls were 1099 and 1090. Another ten strings is to be rolled in Lowell on Thursday night.

Fifty-two prep schools have entered the Pennsylvania Relay carnival of April 25 and 29. There are over 190 high schools also listed.

Because President Lannin of the Red Sox felt unable to pay Tristram Speaker, his center fielder, a salary of \$15,000, Speaker has been sold to the Cleveland American club. James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland club, declares the deal involves the greatest cash consideration ever paid for a ball player.

The Red Sox, besides the cash, get pitcher Jones and their choice of some other Cleveland player. Speaker is but 28 years of age. He was born in Hubbard City, Texas, April 4, 1888. His work with the Houston club of the Texas league attracted the Boston club in 1907, and he was purchased for \$400 by John I. Taylor.

That fall he played three games for the Red Sox. The next spring he was turned over to Little Rock of the Southern league, where he played remarkable ball under Mike Finn. He was purchased for \$300 and played in 31 games in 1908. Beginning in 1909 he showed himself to be a wonderful outfielder and since then has always batted for well over 300. In 1912 he batted for 383, and was the big factor in the Red Sox winning the American league pennant.

He took a trip around the world in the winter of 1913 and on his return there was some lively bidding for his services by President Lannin and the Federal league. Lannin met his demands, a salary reported as \$18,000, and he signed a two year contract. This ended with the championship last fall.

Detroit will start the season with ten pitchers. Texas university has among its players one Dick Hooper, who despite the fact that he has only one arm, has been elected captain for this year. He plays outfield and wears a glove on his surviving hand, which is the right one.

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talked contract with John McGraw of the Giants. Warren Hobbs, the Dartmouth freshman, who has shown excellent form in the hurdles and high jumps, has been entered in the Penn carnival, April 28. In the opening game with Princeton, Dartmouth came out ahead 2 to 1. "Red" Brantly, who pitched for the greens, is a recruit from last year's freshman team. He struck out eight men and hit four Fordham men got safeties.

George Stallings (St.) grabbing the Braves just because they dropped a game to the Senators, however, he says, they're in the throes of a hard trip. Tulsa has two freshmen crews practicing on the Charles. The freshmen are entered in the M. I. T. and Harvard regattas. The national baseball commission has awarded the services of player Compton to the Boston Braves. Compton had deserted the Kansas City club and signed with the St. Louis Reds. Cleveland has released Fred Thomas to the New Orleans club and Al Collamore, pitcher, was sent to Portland, Ore., Wednesday. There seems to be some little difficulty as to whether captain or coach should be supreme in the direction of the Harvard crew. In the Crimson for Wednesday, W. J. Bingham, first marshal of the graduating class, declares that the present methods are both wrong and unfair. The captain is at the head of the rowing proposition and is obviously less capable of its management than a man twice his age who has devoted years to its study, says Bingham. Mickey Brown of Maiblen won his 12-round bout at the armory, A. A. on Wednesday night, according to the press, but the referee called it a draw.



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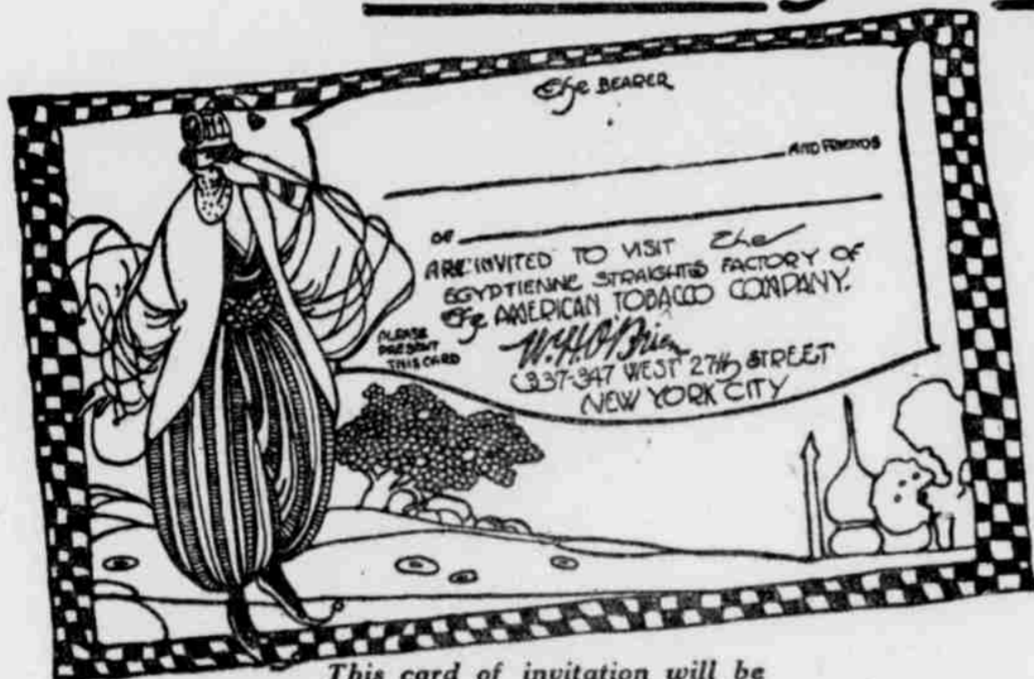
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