

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1909.

AUTO DASHES INTO PIAZZA

Dozen Occupants Escape Rampant Racing Machine.

DRIVER BREAKS ROAD RECORDS

Lorimer Maintains Phenomenal Speed For Seventeen Laps of Ten-Mile Circuit, but on Eighteenth Time Around Loses Control of Flying Racer and Dashes From Track. Chevrolet, Knipper and Burman Win Three Events on Program.

Lowell, Mass. Sept. 7.—Twenty-three racing automobiles made up the field in the three events composing the national fall chassis competition of the opening day of the Lowell automobile carnival. There emerged victorious Robert Burman at the wheel of a Buick machine of 30-horsepower; Louis Chevrolet, guiding a car of the same make of but 15-horsepower, and William Knipper, in a Chalmers-Detroit of 30-horsepower, respectively. Burman's win was in a race for the Vesper trophy of 212 miles, which he covered in 3:19:08; Chevrolet's victory was in the event for the Yorick Club cup of 150 miles, the finish of which was 2:56:17, and Knipper won a 172.2 miles contest for the Merrimack Valley cup in 2:28:43. Knipper's win was protested by the Maxwell management, but the matter was decided adversely to them by the contesting board.

To Lee B. Lorimer, driving a Chalmers-Detroit Bluebird, fell the general expression of individual distinction for the day's racing. And this despite the fact that he did not win. Every road record for cars of this class—40-horsepower—was swept before his machine, which hummed incessantly through 17 laps of the 10.6 mile circuit at an average rate of a mile in 1 minute and 7-10 of one second. In the eighteenth lap, leading Burman, who ultimately won by two laps, he lost control of his car on the far end of the back stretch and it headed off the road directly toward a piazza upon which were seated a dozen persons. All managed to get clear of the oncoming car except Mrs. Fannie W. Eaton of Brockton, whose injuries, however, were slight. Neither Lorimer nor his mechanic were hurt.