

CHRISTIE'S AUTO MAKES NEW AMERICAN RECORD

Covers Kilometer Within a Fifth
Second of World's Figures.

TRIALS AT MILE MARK FAIL

Campbell, by His Achievement of Sat-
urday, Carries Off the Coveted
\$1,000 Cape May Cup.

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CAPE MAY, N. J., Aug. 27.—Walter Christie in his second try with his 130-horse-power automobile racer on the beach here this morning lowered his own American record of 25 seconds for the kilometer to 23 2-5 seconds, and came within one-fifth of a second of equaling the world's record made at Ostend, Belgium. In his other two trials he covered the kilometer in 24 2-5 seconds and 23 4-5 seconds. He won the \$500 Cape May Automobile Club Kilometer Trophy in the event.

Henry Ford, in his sixty-horse-power machine, made but one attempt, and covered the kilometer in 25 seconds, equaling Christie's time here four weeks ago. A. L. Campbell in his eighty-horse-power Laroche-Darracq made five attempts to lower the record, and bettered 25 seconds each time, making 24 1-5, 24 3-5, 24, 24 4-5, and 24 seconds respectively.

The thousands on the beach expected to see Louis Chervolet in the 130 horse power Fiat, but owing to disablement of two cylinders he did not enter the contest.

When records were made to-day the beach was firm and smooth. Christie clung close to the water's edge, while the other racers kept toward the beach drive about two widths of a machine further ashore, which gave the onlookers the impression that others might have made a kilometer in less time.

In the trial over a kilometer from a standing start Campbell's Darracq went over the course in 43 seconds.

James Gordon Bennett's 130-horse power Fiat, driven by Louis Chervolet, only made one trial, covering the mile in 40 3-5 seconds. Walter Christie made seven. His record made here in July was 38 2-5 seconds, but to-day his trials resulted as follows: 0.43 4-5, 0.39 1-5, 0.39 2-5, 0.41 1-5, 0.39 1-5, 0.42 1-5, and 0.41 respectively. Henry Ford made five trials which resulted and recorded 0.43, 0.44 1-5, 0.44 3-5, 0.41 flat and 0.42 flat. Campbell in his Darracq made three trials in 0.40 2-5, 0.41 3-5, and 0.40 4-5. As Christie's best time was only 39 1-5 seconds, the \$1,000 club trophy goes to Campbell for his 38 record.