

WORLD'S FASTEST MILE BY STANLEY AUTOMOBILE

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MAKES KILOMETER RECORD

**Dewar Cup Winner Travels at Rate of
Over 127 Miles an Hour—Chevrolet's Good Time.**

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ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 26.—Faster than anything on wheels has traveled before, the Stanley steamer, with Fred Mariott at the wheel, covered a mile here to-day in 0:28 1-5. This is at the rate of 127.66 miles an hour. A half hour previous to this the wonderful American speed creation did a kilometer in 0:18 2-5, traveling at the rate of 121 miles an hour. The old kilometer record stood at 0:20 3-5, and was made by Hemery in the new 200 horse power Darracq, over a road course in the South of France two months ago.

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The powerful Darracq maintained its reputation for speed, traveling at a clip which would be considered marvelous were it not for the performance of the American steam car. Driven by Louis Chevrolet, this car covered a kilometer in 0:19 2-5 and a mile in 0:30 3-5. Chevrolet deserves great credit for being able to make the machine travel at its maximum speed. He is here under contract to drive the new Christie racer. At 10 o'clock this morning arrangements were made to have him handle the Darracq car. Mr. Christie in a very sportsmanlike manner gave up his claim to Chevrolet's services. The trial at one kilometer was the first time Chevrolet ever drove the big-Darracq. It is quite possible that in the two-mile race to-morrow, when the attempt will be made to cover two miles in one minute, Chevrolet and the Darracq may defeat the Stanley steamer, driven by Mariott.

The racing to-day was delayed until 1 o'clock because of the trouble experienced with the electrical timing apparatus. In addition to the time trials at a kilometer and a mile, the ten-mile Corinthian Handicap and the ten-mile middleweight championship races were run off before the incoming tide drove the cars off the beach. Several thousand people gathered to witness the racing. The weather was cold and damp, and the beach in only fair condition. The high tides of the past two days have left the beach rather rough. A light wind blew across the course, and neither helped nor retarded the contestants.

Fred Mariott and the Stanley steamer were the first to make an attack on the kilometer record of 20 3-5 seconds. The car came down slowly from the clubhouse, until a half mile from the line it began to travel. From there on it picked up speed rapidly and fairly, flew over the line and down the course. When its time of 0:18 2-5 was announced, the spectators gave one great cheer. Ten minutes later Chevrolet and the 200-horse-power Darracq went over the course in 0:19 2-5, only one second slower. The loud explosions and swaying movement of the powerful Darracq were in great contrast to the almost noiseless gliding of the steamer. Traveling at a speed which has never before been equaled—127½ miles an hour—the wonderful American steamer, built and driven by Mariott, was the second to go against the mile record, Clifford Earp having covered the distance just before him in 0:37 2-5, driving the 100-horse-power Napier. Mariott approached the starting line somewhat slower than he did in the kilometer race, but once across, he opened his throttle wide, and the Stanley fairly flew down the course. As it neared the finish it appeared to pick up speed and crossed the line at a terrific clip. When the time was announced the crowds of spectators gathered at the start and jumped to their feet with an exclamation of astonishment and recognition of the phenomenal speed at which it traveled. F. E. Stanley, its builder, was standing on the beach and bowed to the plaudits of the crowd.

A number of close followers of the automobile racing game expressed regret that Louis Ross was not present to receive his share of the prize. Ross raced here for two years in steam cars of his own design, and last year won every race at mile and kilometer. He partly designed the car, and furnished complete data of conditions on the beach here, which were of great value. But for a disagreement with Mr. Stanley at the last minute he would have piloted the steamer to-day.

Summary follows:

Ten Mile, Middleweight Championship Cars. All Powers—Won by Guy Vaughn, gasoline car, 20-30 horse power. Time—7:00. Cedrino, gasoline car, 80 horse power, second. Time—7:50.
Ten Mile, Corinthian Handicap.—Won by J. N. Harding, gasoline car, 45 horse power. Gross time, 11:18 2-5; corrected time, 8:48 4-5. S. B. Stevens, gasoline car, 80 horse power, second. Gross time, 12:42 4-5; corrected time, 9:42 4-5. James L. Breeze, gasoline car, 85 horse power, third. Gross time, 13:50 2-5; corrected time, 10:50 2-5. Reeves was distanced.
One Kilometer, Record Trial for Steamers—Mariott, 20-30 horse power. Time 0:18 2-5.
One Kilometer, Record Trial for Gasoline Heavyweights.—Won by Chevrolet, 200 horse power. Time—0:19 2-5. Clifford Earp, 80 horse power, second. Time—0:21 3-5. Cedrino, 110 horse power, third. Time—0:22 4-5. H. Ford, 105 horse power, fourth. Time—0:24 4-5.
One Kilometer, Record Trials for Gasoline Middleweights.—Won by Vaughn, 100 horse power. Time—0:25. Wurgis, 32 horse power, second. Time—0:34 2-5. Holmes, 40-50 horse power, third. Time—0:41 1-5. Al Reeves, 10 horse power, fourth. Time—0:59.
One Mile, Record Trial for Steamers.—Mariott, 20-30 horse power. Time—0:28 1-5.
One Mile, Record Trials for Gasoline Heavyweights.—Won by Chevrolet, 200 horse power. Time—0:30 3-5. Cedrino, 110 horse power, second. Time—0:36 3-5. Clifford Earp, 80 horse power, third. Time—0:37 2-5. H. Ford, 105 horse power, fourth. Time—0:40.
One Mile, Record Trials for Gasoline Heavyweights.—Won by Vaughn, 100 horse power. Time—0:40 3-5. Wurgis, 32 horse power, second. Time—0:52 3-5. Holmes, 40-50 horse power, third. Time—1:06.