

AUTO AMATEURS RACE ON BEACH AT ORMOND

Stevens Beats James L. Breese in Ten-Mile Championship.

HEMERY DEPOSED AS DRIVER

Chevrolet Likely to Take Big Darracq Car, While Vaughan Will Drive Small Machines.

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ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 25.—The amateur drivers had an opportunity to-day, the third of the automobile meet, to show what they could do. The only big event run off was the ten-mile Corinthian championship, and S. B. Stevens of Rome, N. Y., won an easy victory, beating James L. Breese's Mercedes in the final heat. Stevens drove his new eighty horse power Darracq car which he purchased this morning. This is the same car driven by Hemery last October when he won the Vanderbilt Cup race.

A steady downpour of rain postponed the start until nearly 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The beach was in fair shape and a very strong north wind favored the contestants. The bad weather early in the day deterred all but a few hundred enthusiasts from coming to the beach to witness the racing.

The first heat of the ten-mile Corinthian race brought together S. B. Stevens, J. R. Harding with a ninety horse power Mercedes, and Alfred Reeves with a ten horse power Maxwell. Harding led for the first few miles, when Stevens came to the front and won handily in 6:36 2-5, Harding getting second in 7:32 2-5. Reeves covered the ten miles in 12:51 1-5, a very creditable performance for a small run-about. Harding had the misfortune to crack two of his cylinders, which precluded his competing in the final. James L. Breese won the second heat, driving his thirty-five horse power Mercedes. His only opponent was Charles W. Barron of Boston, driving the ninety horse power Flat which was raced here last year by William Wallace and driven by Louis Chevrolet on the track circuit last season. The car broke down before the finish of the heat, and Breese had a walkover.

S. B. Stevens and James L. Breese were the only contestants in the final heat. A half mile from the finish Stevens shot ahead and finished well in the lead. The time was very slow, 9:28. The ten-mile amateur record of 6:31, made last year by E. R. Thomas, and the world's record of 6:15, made at the same time by Arthur Macdonald, still stand.

The only other race of the day was a fifteen-mile handicap for American stock touring cars. A Stanley won in an 18 horse power steam car from a handicap of 25 seconds in the time of 13:42 2-5. J. E. Bristol, driving the new Stoddard-Dayton car, was a poor second.

The Darracq Company of France took immediate action in disciplining Hemery, whose refusal to obey the Racing Committee led to his suspension yesterday. A cablegram was received this morning from A. Darracq, the head of the company in France, placing the entire management of the four Darracq racing cars in the hands of Charles D. Cooke of the American Darracq Company. Mr. Cooke turned the cars over to S. B. Stevens, whose offer for the 80 horse power Vanderbilt Cup winner was accepted by A. Darracq in the same cablegram.

Hemery and his three assistants were at once notified that their services were no longer needed. Contrary to expectations Hemery accepted his dismissal very quietly and promptly turned over the cars, together with the keys of the garage. He is remaining here as a spectator of the races. Guy Vaughan, the young driver who has won many victories in track and beach racing during the past two years and who drove 1,000 miles on the Empire track in a little over 23 hours last June, has been selected to drive the two small Darracqs. The big 200 horse power car will probably be handled by Louis Chevrolet. The summary of the day's racing:

Ten-Mile Corinthian Championship for Amateur Drivers.—First Heat—Won by S. B. Stevens, 80 horse power Darracq, 6:36 2-5; J. B. Harding, 90 horse power Mercedes, second, 7:32 2-5.

Second Heat.—Won by James L. Breese, 35 horse power Mercedes, 10:37; Charles W. Barron, 90 horse power Fiat, broke down.

Final Heat.—Won by S. B. Stevens, 80 horse power Darracq, 9:28; J. L. Breese, 35 horse power Mercedes, second, 9:47 3-5.

Fifteen-Mile Price Handicap for American Stock Touring Cars.—Won by — Durbon, 18 horse power Stanley steam, (25 seconds,) 13:42 2-5; J. E. Bristol, 30 horse power Stoddard-Dayton, (12 seconds,) second, 17:11 2-5; Frank Kull, 40-50 horse power Wayne, (scratch,) third.