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CRACK AUTO DRIVER QUILTS RACING GAME

Dario Resta, 1916 Speedway Champion, Announces Permanent Retirement.

VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN

One That Contract Is Unsatisfactory; Also That Defers to Wife's Wishes Defied Death at Every Turn.

After capturing four speedway classics and the Vanderbilt cup road race last year and taking the 1916 A. A. A. championship with 4,000 points, Dario Resta probably will not drive this season.

As a consequence, in the national crisis, the gold reserve of the government is safe and watchmen at the United States' mints can relax their vigilance. Resta already has caused a famine in prize money as far as American race drivers are concerned and for a time, there was no telling to what end his unbridled ambition and fondness for American dollars might lead him. He is the most successful foreign star that ever invaded our shores and the most consistent winner on speedway and road race course in the last two years.

Wife Fears for Safety.

Two reasons are advanced for Resta's retirement. It is said that he is not satisfied with his contract with Alphonse Kaufman, owner of the Peugeot in which Dario Resta scored his American triumphs, and also that his wife, a sister of the late Spencer Wishart, fears that he will meet the same fate as her brother, who was killed at Elgin in 1915.

Although Resta has been offered a position on the Hudson and the Mercer teams, he probably will not accept either. He is said to be seeking a position as a consulting engineer or an opportunity to invest \$40,000, his share of the purses he has won in this country; in a business less hazardous than driving racing cars.

Defeated Stars of Country.

The prize money that Resta has won in this country in two years totals \$100,000. Of this sum, \$53,000 was contributed by the management of the Chicago speedway, where he proved to be invincible and took six races out of as many starts. He finished first in both of the Auto Derbies, defeated Burman, Earl Cooper and Oldfield in the 1915 challenge event, humbled DePalma, in their Italian speed feud last June and lead the field across the wire in the 1916 Speedway Grand Prix and Grand American contests.

In addition to these Chicago victories, Resta won the Vanderbilt cup in 1915 and 1916, the grand prize year before last, the Astor cup and the Harkness trophy in 1915 and the 1916 international sweepstakes.

Was Driver Without a Peer.

Automobile racing loses a wonderful driver in the retirement of Resta, but as baseball profited by the downfall of the Philadelphia Athletics, so the speed game is expected to gain by the loss of Dario, the Great. A common remark that was made by the public last year was: "We are tired of seeing Resta win." Hundreds of fans did not attend races because they felt that with Resta in the field, the result was a foregone conclusion. His victory after victory, especially on the Chicago speedway, had a sinister psychological effect on the other drivers who looked upon the race as lost before the cars were sent away by the starter.

Rivals Gave Him Credit.

There were times last year, when Resta's rivals seemed more confident that Resta would win than he was himself. They felt themselves handicapped. Dario has proved himself a faster driver under all conditions, on fast course and slow. In his Peugeot are two virtues requisite of success—great speed and stamina far above the average. Moreover, he knew that cars a mother knows her own child, its aims, its capabilities, its limitations. He was the favored of good luck, which to most drivers is a Carmen but Resta seemingly as faithful as a Virginia slave to his pre-bellum master. His rivals, shaking their heads dubiously, admitted that this was a combination hard to beat. With Resta a spectator and not a

COLLEGE BOYS WILL SING

The Amherst College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs are to be in Chicago on April 2 and 3, and will give a concert by special invitation at the Kenilworth club on Tuesday, April 3. The entire New Trier High school Glee club, recently formed, has been asked to hear them.

NEW AMERICAN BATTLES FOR STARS AND STRIPES

Naturalized Mexican Wraps Self in Flag and Sallies Forth to Conquer—Gets Hollander on the Run.

Lee Fuentes of St. Louis was transformed recently from a Mexican to an American through the naturalization office. Thrilling with patriotism and filled with spirits of no uncertain strength, Lee half enveloped himself with the Stars and Stripes and sallied forth into the streets of the Missouri metropolis.

Lee's self-conducted patriotic demonstration led him into Union Waiters' headquarters, where a man from Hollander spied him.

"What you doing with that rag on?" he jeered.

"Caramba," Lee snarled, and leaped. "My Uncle Sam"

The Hollander went down hard. Lee worked both arms and feet to his heart's content, dragged his victim to the open door and commanded him to run.

The Hollander made record time.

WAR'S WORKMEN HERE TO RANK WITH FIGHTERS

Skilled Mechanics Must Be Kept Out of Army to Make Munitions, Declare U. S. Consulting Board.

At this time of crisis in the affairs of the nation particular emphasis is laid on the statement of the Naval Consulting Board of the United States that in war as now waged the industrial force has become quite as important as the fighting army.

This is cheering news to a large number of patriotic Americans of military age who are unable to pass the army surgeon's test of physical fitness to take the field, but want to help in the country's defense in the event of hostilities.

Keep Skilled Labor Home.

"Skilled mechanics in all lines of production work must be kept from enlistment in the Army, and must be retained in the factories, mills and mines for the production of munitions."

So reads clause C under the caption, "Possible Future Arrangements" on the industrial inventory blanks sent out to the manufacturers and producers of the United States by the naval consulting board of which Thomas A. Edison is chairman.

Government Compiling Statistics.

More than 30,000 of these industrial inventories containing confidential, patriotic and non-partisan information for the secret use of the Army and Navy have been filed with the government authorities.

The war in Europe has demonstrated that it takes five workmen at home to maintain one soldier in the field. So far as known a powerful army of skilled mechanics has already been enrolled in the Industrial Reserve. Employers, it is said, were of one mind in going on record in favor of enrolling their skilled workmen in this Industrial Reserve.

Decoration Be Provided.

The Naval board made plain that it is proposed that a "button" or other distinguishing mark will be supplied by the government in the event of war to skilled workmen enrolled in the Industrial Reserve, and such enrollment will be considered to carry with it honors equal to enrollment in the fighting army.

CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday, March 25, at the eleven o'clock service, Bishop Charles P. Anderson will be present to speak to the people of our parish and to confirm those who shall be presented.

contender, there should be more variety to automobile races this season than there was last season and less of a monopoly of victories and prize money; among the drivers, there should be keener rivalry and among spectators, a renewed interest in the sport.

AMBULANCE DRIVER TELLS EXPERIENCES

Luke C. Doyle Lectures on Work of Red Cross on Battlefields of Europe.

IN MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Americans in Hospital Corps Fight Death at Every Turn—Relates Own Adventures While Piloting Car.

Fresh from the battlefields of Europe, bearing the marks of wounds but recently healed, Luke C. Doyle, premier driver in the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps and proud wearer of the Cross of War, appeared Sunday at Community house in Winnetka and addressed one of the largest audiences ever gathered in that building. Monday Mr. Doyle delivered his war lecture before the students at New Trier High school.

Illustrating his talk with a series of moving pictures, reproducing typical scenes on the French battle front, Mr. Doyle talked interestingly and entertainingly of his experiences in aiding the wounded, coloring his story with numerous tales of adventure while driving a "fliver," as the hospital cars are called.

All Wounded Look Alike.

No distinction is made by the American ambulance in offering succor to the wounded. German or French, English or Turkish, Austrian or Italian—all look alike to the American drivers. If they are wounded they are entitled to assistance and they receive it from the boys from the States.

Mr. Doyle told of a time when he was driving his car up the steep, rocky road following the side of a mountain. He met a large body of troops coming down. Guns and horses, men and wagons, ambulances and commissary trucks—a mass of men and animals, all plodding toward the valley below.

Passes Out Cigarettes.

One huge wagon, carrying a number of wounded soldiers, had stalled in the mud. Doyle stopped and passed out cigarettes to the French wounded. As he was turning away the sons of France called him back with a request for more of the little tobacco sticks to be distributed to several wounded Germans who occupied the front section of the truck. This slight action is typical of the spirit that prevails among the rank and file of the warring nations.

Narrow Escape from Death.

Another occasion he had a narrow escape from death while driving "Maude," as he designated his car, down the side of a mountain over a particularly rough and unsafe road, covered with ice and snow. Four wounded occupied the car. Doyle stopped and being without chains, made temporary coverings for his tires of cloth with knots tied at frequent intervals. This answered the desired purpose, in a way, but still the car slipped.

He applied the brakes but the car shot toward the outside of the road where the bank dropped away for some 400 feet to the valley below. Doyle had about given up hope when the front wheels struck a rock and were turned back toward the inside of the road, where he brought the car to a stop. A wagon pulled by four mules, following close behind, jammed into the ambulance and started it again toward the edge of the road. Doyle yelled at the wounded who rolled from the car just as it tipped over the brink.

Such escapes were a daily occurrence, said Mr. Doyle, and taken as part of the job. No driver in the corps but had similar accidents practically every time he took out his car.

PROUTYS ADOPT BOY

Judge and Mrs. Prouty are possessors of a new member of the family, a chubby, yellow-haired, two-year-old boy, who, when the legal formalities are concluded, will be Carlton Prouty, Jr. The Judge says that while the boy may not prove a second Daniel Webster, he will back him as an eater against any two-year-old in the township.

Just what will happen if everyone substitutes the sporting section of the Sunday paper for the Sunday school quarterly?

TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MATTERS

Tuesday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock, at Assembly hall, an open meeting will be held for the discussion of matters connected with school affairs of the village. A committee of nine, appointed sometime ago to confer with the board of education, will make a report at this meeting.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PLAN

Conference at St. Louis Saturday to Discuss the Question—Instruction Camps Throughout Country.

Henry E. Brown, principal of New Trier High school, departs Friday evening en route to St. Louis to attend the conference of North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which opens in that city Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Brown is secretary of this association and an important figure in the conduct of its affairs.

Immediately following the Conference a meeting will be held, under the auspices of the Military Training Camps Association of the United States, for the discussion of matters connected with the military training of high school students at government training camps during the summer vacation period. Camps of instruction have been conducted the past few years and have proved of great physical benefit and mental stimulus to all who have attended and last year the benefits were extended to high school students through the very successful camp held at Plum Island for Juniors, 15 to 17 years of age, with work graduated to their needs.

It is planned to repeat these camps this year on a National scale for the benefit of high school boys throughout the entire country. Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, will probably be selected as the site for the camp to take care of the boys from the territory surrounding for several hundred miles.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ROLLS SMOOTHLY ALONG

House Passes Resolution Providing for Popular Vote Next November on Constitutional Convention.

Another important pledge of both big political parties was redeemed and the second big feature of Governor Lowden's legislative program was adopted last week when the house passed the constitutional convention resolution. The vote was 112 to 30. The senate adopted the resolution several weeks ago with only one dissenting vote.

This puts the proposition of the holding of a convention to amend the basic law of the state directly up to the people. A popular vote on the question will be taken at the general election in November of next year.

Plans for a vigorous campaign on behalf of the convention are already in the making. The fight for the proposition will be coupled with the legislative campaign, for should the convention win at the polls, the 51st General Assembly will fix the date of election and the method of selecting delegates to the convention.

Hope for Nonpartisan Election.

Friended of the plan are eager to see a convention made up of the state's leading citizens and it is probable there will be an attempt made to throw aside political partisanship and select the delegates on a nonpartisan plan.

Governor Lowden stated that he believed the convention would be made a certainty at the polls and expressed the hope that the leading citizens of the state would interest themselves in the project.

"We must have a convention that will be representative of the best thought in the state," he said. "To this end there must be a campaign to arouse the general interest which has been growing. If the biggest men of the state are elected delegates to a convention the document they frame will be accepted and I hope to see this spirit carried to every section of the state."

Competitive examinations will soon be required of all postmaster candidates, and the most important questions will be asked out in the lobby about the progress made at rounding up the doubtful voters of the district.

WILL WAGE BATTLE FOR PUBLIC OFFICES

New Trier Citizens' League Name List of Candidates for Township Ticket.

OPPOSE OLD LINE POLITICS

Will Fight North Shore Line-Up for Justices of Peace—Want Say in Auditing of Township Books.

Candidates running for township offices upon the North Shore ticket are not to have things all their own way but will have to fight for honors with the candidates of the Citizens' Party ticket, just announced.

The Citizen's party represents the newer element in township politics and claims to be non-partisan and non-political in its make up. Inasmuch as justices of the peace are members of the board of audit for the township, the principal fight will in all probability wage upon these offices. The following is the ticket offered by the Citizens' Party:

For justices of the peace—Frederic B. Crossley, Wilmette; Daniel M. Michey, Wilmette; Asa Q. Reynolds, Winnetka; Henry F. Tenney, Winnetka, and James R. Crocker, Glencoe.

For constables—Charles Brantigan, Wilmette; Joseph A. Sheppard, Wilmette; Alfred Johnson, Winnetka; Herbert V. Richardson, Glencoe, and Henry A. Hopp, Winnetka.

For highway commissioner—Frank P. Collier, Wilmette.

For school trustee—Nina F. Howard, Glencoe.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEET MONDAY

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood will speak at the Winnetka Woman's club Monday, March 26, at 3 o'clock on matters of the village council that are of interest to the community. She will be very glad to answer questions. It is hoped a frank discussion will follow her talk. Everyone who is interested in the village is invited to attend this meeting. Tea will be served.

RESOLUTION

We, the rector, wardens and vestrymen of Christ church, Winnetka, record our profound sorrow in the death of Rudolph Matz, and extend our deep sympathy to his family and to his church.

He was a Christian leader of a noble and inspiring type. By his example and by his loyalty and devotion he raised the standard of Christian character in this community. He was a foundation-stone of his church. He gave it strength for its upbuilding and security for its endurance.

He was a first citizen of Chicago, and belonged to that group of leaders in his profession who are distinguished for highmindedness as well as ability, and whom courts and lawyers and the public hold in profound respect.

He was distinguished in practical philanthropy; he was the champion of justice to all humanity, and fought with all his strength and spared no sacrifice for the cause of the poor oppressed under the law. He gave unsparingly of his talents and his means, and no one knows the limits of his helpfulness.

We rejoice in the belief that the standard of Christian manhood, which he established in this community, will remain to serve our sons and our sons' sons from generation to generation.

George Higginson, Jr., James G. Weart, Samuel A. Greeley, John T. Boddie, Raymond E. Durham, John H. Hardin, William B. McVaine, Joseph C. Winship, R. Floyd Clinch, Victor Eiting, E. Ashley Gerhard; for the Vestry.

SHIP BUILDING INCREASES

Seventy-two sailing, steam, gas and unriggered vessels of 37,004 gross tons were built in the United States and officially numbered by the Bureau of Navigation during February, according to a statement just issued by the Department of Commerce. The list included seven steam vessels of 28,083 gross tons.

Carranza has been chosen president of Mexico, and correct returns of the election were given in advance of the balloting.