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Rain probable tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight, colder by Thursday afternoon.

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FRENCH ENTRY AWAY IN LEAD IN AUTO RACE

Hispano-Suiza Stock Model Starts at Speedy Clip in \$50,000 Event.

ANDERSON AT WHEEL

Weyman Drives Foreign Car; Thousands Flock to Speedway.

France's entry, the Hispano-Suiza roadster, took the lead in the start of the twenty-four-hour endurance race with an Indianapolis-made stock Stutz Blackhawk car at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this afternoon.

The Hispano-Suiza maintained the lead by a few hundred yards through the first ten laps, speed ranging over eighty miles an hour.

Racing fans from all parts of the country, but mostly from Indiana and neighboring States, were on hand, attracted by the duel between F. E. Moskovics, Stutz Motor Car Company president, and C. T. Weyman, Paris, owner of the Hispano-Suiza. They have a side bet of \$25,000 up as the prize.

French Car Leads

Aside from the \$25,000 prize, the crowd was interested in the test between American and European engineering skill as represented by the two cars.

The race began at 1 p. m. It will continue until 1 p. m. Thursday or until one of the cars is forced out.

At the end of the first twenty-five miles the French car averaged 83.45 miles an hour and the Stutz 81.3. The Hispano-Suiza was approximately one mile in advance.

About 5,000 persons were in the grounds when the race started, but the crowd grew as the afternoon advanced.

The grandstands presented a miniature picture of a Speedway race crowd, with the usual summer colors dulled somewhat by the women's heavy wraps. Women for the most part were clad in furs or wrapped in brightly checked steamers.

Anderson at Wheel

Gil Anderson started the race at the wheel of the Stutz while Weyman piloted the Hispano.

The cars were stripped of tops, front fenders and spare tires, but otherwise appeared as stock models. Windshields were left on.

Word spread through the crowd before the race that the Stutz had turned a lap at 81 miles an hour and the Hispano at 84 miles an hour this morning.

The cars were served from special covered pits south of the regular pits. The pits were filled with gas tanks, spare tires, spare parts and swift expert workmen.

The crowd got a momentary thrill when N. C. Megs, an executive of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, landed in a monoplane in the infield.

Tom Rooney will relieve Anderson and Robert Bloch will relieve Weyman during the long grind. Rooney is noted on all American tracks and Bloch enjoys European fame.

Seth Klein, State representative of the A. A. A., waved the starting flag.

Spotlights on the cars and flood lights on the track turns are expected to make the night driving as easy as possible.

Use Electric Timing

The Speedway electrical timing device is clocking the miles. The cars are expected to run off about 1,750 miles by the time the finish flag flies.

The Hispano-Suiza won the international stock car races at Boulogne, France, in 1921 and 1922. The Stutz is the same type as the one that won the Stevens trophy at the local track last year for twenty-four driving in which the car averaged better than seventy miles an hour.

The French car has a cylinder displacement of 422 cubic inches and the Stutz 298.

No Spectators at Night

Spectators will be allowed to watch the race until dark, at which time the stands will be cleared. Speedway officials said it was necessary to do this to protect the grounds against fire.

Tickets have been sold by the Junior League for box seats in Grand Stand A.

Hourly bulletins will be broadcast through WFBM, Indianapolis Power and Light Company radio station and two Chicago stations. A 6 p. m. this evening and Thursday evening results will be broadcast to England and France over WGY, General Electric Company's station at Schenectady, N. Y.

Sick Man Kills Self

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Confesses Killing Hall, Mrs. Mills

By United Press

EL RENO, Okla., April 18.—County authorities here announced today that Elwin F. Allen, former Oklahoma prisoner, had confessed that he was the murderer in the Hall-Mills case.

Authorities were skeptical that Allen's affidavit checked all details of the murders of Mrs. Eleanor Mills and the Rev. Edward T. Hall, near Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 14, 1922.

Allen was quoted as saying he was "tired of his burden" and had decided to "confess" after accepting religion.

He has been held here for thirty days on a murder charge. Previously, he was said to have wandered over the United States and Mexico. He also had served a prison term in McAlistair (Okla.) penitentiary, officers said.

Allen's affidavit said he murdered the minister and Mrs. Mills "for \$5,000 and a car."

KU KLUX-KLAN FOR ROBINSON

REILY ADAMS, BANKER, DEAD

Former Councilman, Leader in G. O. P., Ill Only Few Days.

Reilly C. Adams, 50, president of the Security Trust Company, died in St. Vincent's Hospital at 7:15 this morning of pneumonia.

Mr. Adams was taken to the hospital last Friday from his home, 4340 Central Ave.

Besides his activity in financial circles, having been president of the Security Trust Bank for ten years, Mr. Adams has been a leading Republican for many years. He served as treasurer of the Republican State committee for several years, resigning about a year ago.

Born in Vincennes

Born in 1878 in Vincennes, Mr. Adams was educated there. After leaving high school he entered the lumber business, but quit to come to Indianapolis and take a clerical position with the Crowder-Mason Shoe Company in 1899.

There are five active Klans in Marion County now, he says, and Robinson is going to get the members votes.

Conference Held

Major General Edgar Jadwin, army engineer chief, was called into conference with Republican leaders and three Democratic members of the Flood Control Committee, Representatives Whitting of Mississippi, Driver of Arkansas and Wilson of Louisiana.

Republican leaders present were Speaker Longworth, Chairman Madden of the House Appropriations Committee and Chairman Snell of the House Rules Committee.

No agreement was reached, but Madden said conferences would continue with other members of the House particularly interested in flood control.

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Nine Persons Treated While Dog Is Watched.

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CITY SURVEY ORDERED

Needs of Various Departments to Be Determined.

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ELEANOR WINS SUIT

Booking Agents' Claim Against Miss Boardman Denied.

DELPHI, Ind., April 18.—Funeral services were held today for Miss Laura Griseth, for forty years an employee of banks here. She served the A. T. Bowen bank for the last twenty-five years and previously had worked fifteen years for the Citizens bank. She died Monday after a long illness.

Thereupon, Denby was excused by the defense and by the Government.

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NEW YORK, April 18.—The most ingenious attempt ever made by an alien to smuggle himself into the United States made failed because his watch stopped.

Vincenzo Basti arrived Friday on the Conte Grande, newest and largest of Lloyd Sabaudo liners.

He was a stowaway de luxe, traveling in a private cabin which none of the crew realized existed.

While he worked at his decorating on the ship he secretly built a small cabin and equipped it with a sliding panel. Then he smuggled

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FAIL TO HEED FLOOD FIGHT SCANDAL HINT

Predict Coolidge Challenge Can't Block Passage of Measure.

LAND DEALS CHARGED

Link Thompson, Lorimer in Scheme to Profit by Control Work.

By THOMAS L. STOKES

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Coolidge's biting denunciation of the Jones-Reid Mississippi flood control bill, which carried the implication he suspects some scandal behind some of its provisions, apparently had changed no votes today in the House.

Sponsors of the bill said today a canvass they have made showed 303 votes in the House for the measure, enough to pass it over a presidential veto.

Republican leaders resumed negotiations today for a compromise which would meet the views of President Coolidge, but little progress was reported.

Modifications which the President insisted upon are:

That a limit be placed upon expenditures involved in the flood control measure.

That contracts for the project be let only through the army engineering department so as to avoid all suggestion of scandal.

That local communities guaranteed levee spillways.

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NEW YORK, April 18.—Murray Phillips, theatrical booking agent, lost his suit for \$4,270 against Eleanor Boardman, screen star, in Supreme Court today.

Phillips alleged Miss Boardman owed him the money under a contract which provided that he should receive 5 per cent of Miss Boardman's stage earnings and 10 per cent of her motion picture income.

The jury ruled no contract existed.

BAN DRY CARS' SPEED

Prohibition Agents Must Drive Carefully, Doran Says.

Prohibition agents must drive carefully, according to a bulletin received by George L. Winkler, deputy administrator, from J. M. Doran, prohibition commissioner, today.

Doran warned that only experienced drivers should handle prohibition cars and that reckless speed, endangering lives of innocent persons, even in pursuit of bootleggers' cars, will not be tolerated.

WATCH FOILS DE LUXE STOWAWAY ENTERING U.S.

Basti was decorating the dining room of the Conte Grande when the ship was being built at Trieste. For years he had been trying to hit upon a plan to get to America without waiting the six years required by the immigration laws.

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City Officials View Circus Performers



Left to right—Police Chief Claude M. Worley, Mayor L. E. Slack and Fire Chief Harry E. Voshell looking over ponies to be seen in the Indianapolis police and firemen's emergency fund circus next week at State fairground. The ponies are on City Hall steps. Below—Dan Roby, clown Scotch piper, who will be seen at the circus.

Ocean Fliers Preferred Death by Gun to Freezing in Arctic

By United Press

MONTREAL, April 18.—Making his way slowly toward civilization while his German companions wait in the frozen north, Maj. James Fitzmaurice, Irish flier,