

Club Buys Pitcher--30 Rounds of

MERCEDES IS RACE CHOICE

Bettors Pick Cars, Not Drivers; Track Is Made Safe.

Indianapolis thronged with motor race enthusiasts, gathered for the big 500-mile race Tuesday and, although no events were scheduled, the Motor speedway was alive with eager men and women. The big race starts at 10 o'clock.

Lye wagons were still at work on the track this morning, sprinkling lye water over the course to dry up the oil which had gathered there from the racing cars and which in some places has made the track slippery and dangerous.

Drivers and their cars were in fine shape and an epoch-making race was promised for Tuesday. More than \$40,000 worth of prizes have been hung up, with the capital trophy \$10,000.

Betting, which began on the race Friday, increased until Monday it was estimated \$10,000 was up at the various hotels and sporting headquarters. Odds make Spencer Wishart's big 200-horsepower Mercedes favorite at 6 to 1. A peculiar condition prevails in the betting, for wagers are being placed on cars without regard to drivers. The odds on three National cars are 6 to 1. The Benz, Fiat and Alco are all in at 7 to 1, while odds posted on the Pope-Hartford are 10 to 1. Odds on the other cars in the race range from 15 to 1 to 60 to 1.

Ten cars still to have their elimination tryouts were tested Monday. These cars, which must make seventy-five miles an hour to qualify, include Simplex No. 43, Cole No. 12, Amplex, two McFarlands, Cutting, Mercer and two Velles. No. 29 Lozier, which was to have taken the qualifying trial, was eliminated Saturday when Van Gorder piled it up against a cement wall on one of the turns.

There are indications the weather will turn cooler and those connected with the race will breathe easier, for hot weather on Tuesday means greatly increased danger to the men who will man the testing. Bricks at the speedway grow intensely hot under the rays of the sun and add to the danger of blowing out tires. Officials have warned the drivers to allow for heat expansion by not blowing their tires up to their full capacity.

LANCEFORD WILL

NEW PITCHER TO JOIN CLUB

Kirby White Comes From the Pirates to Complete Twirlers.

An offer has been made by the Indianapolis baseball club for Pitcher Kirby White of the Pirates and should it meet with the approval of Manager Fred Clarke when he arrives in Pittsburg today from Cincinnati White will pass from the National league. However, there is little chance of Clarke objecting and White will soon be in an Indianapolis uniform.

White was secured by the Pirates from the Boston Nationals early last season. Shortly after joining Pittsburg "Kirby" pitched good ball, one of his most noteworthy performances being the pitching of thirty innings without allowing his opponents to score a run. His record for last season with Pittsburg was ten games lost and nine won.

White has not shown well this spring for Pittsburg, but in the A. A. he should be a good man. The Indianapolis team begins its long trip Monday, opening in Toledo. Two games, morning and afternoon, will be played Tuesday, Memorial day.

SHILLING WILL RIDE GOV. GRAY

**Horse Will Be Well Taken
Care of in Latonia
Derby Race.**

CINCINNATI, O., March 29.—Carroll Shilling, easily the best rider in America, will have the mount on Governor Gray in the Latonia derby. Word to that effect was received yesterday. It is said that Capt. J. T. Williams had written to Sam Hildreth asking for the boy's services on June 10, and Hildreth gave his consent. The presence of Shilling in the saddle will lend additional interest to the great struggle that will take place for the \$5,000 event. Much fault has been found with the ride that Troxler gave Governor Gray in the

Big Blonde
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