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## AMERICA'S FIVE FOR THE VANDERBILT

### Locomobile and Thomas the Leaders—Pope-Toledo Protested, Replaced by Frayer-Miller—Haynes and Christie Qualifiers

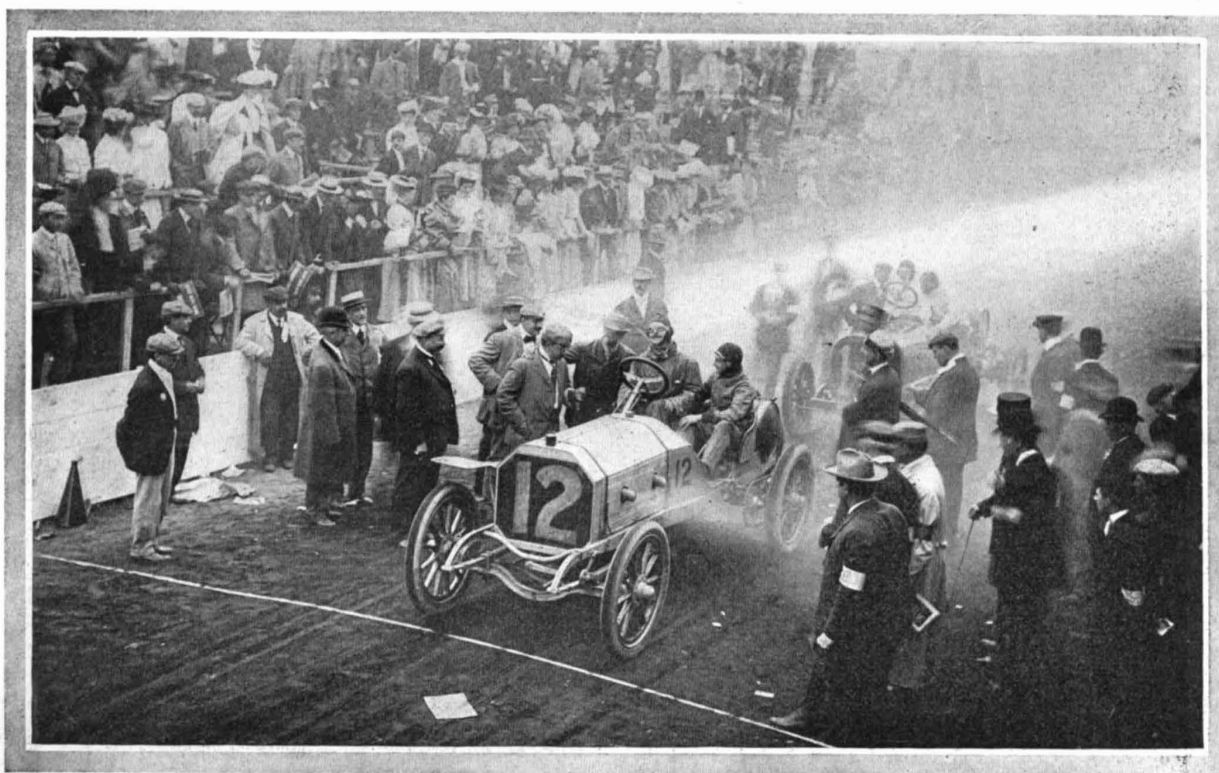
By A. G. BATCHELDER.

WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND, Sept. 22.—Tracy, the imperturbable, and LeBlon, the docile, made the great fight of the American Elimination Trial. Neither deserves nor aspires to any daredevil designation; both are fearless yet cautious, daring but certain. Lytle, whose skill leads him into the avenue of long chances, figured prominently in the motor battle for five circuits, and his heedless driving may have been a factor in sending the powerful Pope-Toledo monster to the barn at Bull's Head. When it

emerged, it was by the illegal towing that brought about the protest which finally resulted in the regrettable disqualification.

Tracy began the 297.10 miles' journey in customary deliberate manner, his first round leaving him not better than sixth. Crowding on more of the surplus strength of his Locomobile, the next whirl found him third, and thereafter he held this place when he did not improve on the position. "Old Steady" was his name.

Not until the ninth trip of the trying contest did the cool-headed



JOE TRACY AWAITING THE WORD FROM STARTER WAGNER, CALM AND CONFIDENT OF QUALIFYING AS ONE OF THE AMERICAN TEAM.