

MOTOR RACE DISASTER

The "Gran Premio Automobilistico" "F.2." was run at the Cascine Circuit, near Florence on Monday 27th September.

Suddenly to the horror of the watching, excited crowd, a car was seen to get out of control, jump the track, and plough into the spectators. Five people were killed instantly, another died later at the Hospital; many others were seriously injured.

The driver of the car was PASQUINO ERMINI. He was charged by the Authorities with having tampered with his engine so as to increase its power, without however modifying other parts of the car to bear the additional strain. At the Hospital to which he also was taken, ERMINI said that his brakes had ceased to function because the exhaust pipe had worked loose during the race and had come into contact with the oil tubes, causing the oil to escape into the hydraulic system, neutralizing it completely.

The charge is: Homicide of six persons, and injury to many others.

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