ITRAGIC FATE OF BOUROUE AND HOLCOMB ACCEPTED AS MERE RACE INCIDENT

By GEORGE W. STOUT.

"Two men killed," ran the story over the great grandstand. The 250 mile race was on. que and Holcomb, in a known to the stand as No. 3, and Chevrolet, in a Buick, No. 37, had fought most of the way around the track, No. 3 to hold its lead, and No. 37 to regain ground lost while changing tires.

The people in the stand had watched the struggle, and thousands were trying with glasses and straining eyes, to catch the first view of the racing cars at the round of the last curve.

There had been a dense cloud of dust. It rose and disclosed guards and speciators running to a spot 250 yards up the track from the grandstand.

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As a matter of fact, most of the people went to the auto races expecting to see some one killed or injured. Speculation at the track and on the streets was as to the probable number of fataitties and accidents. The matter of life and death has come to be bandled about in joking comment and humorous speculation. The whizz and roar and terrific speed of the motor cars has bred in a large part of the people a new philosophy that accepts the maiming or slaughter of the date-devil driver as an incident in geme.

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