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THURSDAY, MAY 29.**

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**Vanguard of Crowd Which Will
See Tomorrow's Race
Is Here.**

AUTO SPIRIT IS CONTAGIOUS

**Parties From All Parts of Country
Arrive in Dust-Covered
Machines.**

Honk! Honk!
Chug! Chug!, Chug! Chug!
We're off! Clear the way! All roads
lead to Indianapolis today and King Gaso-
line rules!
The streets and highways to the city
last night were thronged with the van-
guard of the Speedway crowd and the city
welcomed them with:

"Speed on, the old town's yours."
The welcome was unneeded, for already
the downtown thoroughfares were alive
with machines of every sort—the queer,
squat, skeleton-like vehicles that creep
upon the pedestrian with just a warning
snort or two and then are gone; the big,
luxurious touring cars that move ma-
jestically like a ship under sail, and slim,
sharp-nosed spectral greyhounds that
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CURIOUS CROWDS COLLECT.

Every few hundred feet along the
 streets one would find his way impeded by
 a crowd of motor-enthusiasts and cu-
 rious persons collected about a car—
 usually of the racer type.

"Spark plug's gone wrong," some one
 would volunteer.

"Maybe she's out o' gasoline," would
 be the rejoinder from the man near him.

"Charley, dear, see what the man's say-
 ing," a matronly woman would request
 her escort.

Usually Charley dear would retreat
 from the conquest defeated and report
 that the gentleman who appeared so ex-
 asperated was discoursing to himself and
 his particular deities in a foreign tongue.

A great many in the throng were from
 out of the city, who had come early and
 were spending the evening in a stroll to
 mix with the crowd and get the spirit.

Still countless others had turned out
 from their homes here to see the strang-
 ers in town. One-half was trying to be-
 come acquainted with the other half and
 a more cosmopolitan collection would be
 hard to find.

AUTO FEVER IN AIR.

The automobile fever is in the air. It
 is contagious and epidemic. The shop
 windows reflect it, people talk it and
 every one feels it. And lately the Speed-
 way carnival and Motor Regatta have
 made their appearance at the refresh-
 ment places.

They have brought in some people
 many of whom seem to feel great dis-
 satisfaction that they are not in an
 automobile with "their old man" at
 the helm.

The carnival and regatta have an
 opportunity to handle one of the largest
 crowds ever in the city. The motor and
 automobile show is a success.

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SCIENTIST CAN'T TELL WHY NIGHT IS DARK

Dr. Frank W. Vrey Endeavors to Analyze Question in Astronomical Treatise.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—It never is absolutely dark, of course, but on a moonlight night, the star shine is so faint that one is not far astray in saying that it is comparatively dark. But why? Why is not the sky at night a blaze of light? What has happened to the light of these millions of stars that so little reaches us? The problem of the reason why it is dark at night is one of great difficulty.

Reducing the question to its simplest terms it must be stated that photographs have shown that there are galaxies of stars and myriads of huge nebulae. It is true that a point-source of light diminishes in brightness as the square of its distance increases, but, as Dr. Frank W. Vrey points out in a recent analysis of modern astronomy, in the case of nebulae, which cover an apparently large surface, the angular area diminishes in the same proportion, so that this faintness is equalized. The distance of the stars is not enough to account for the faintness of their light.

ETHER STOPS WAVES.

If distance is insufficient, it is clear that the ether must in some way stop the light. If it does so, the very fact of stopping uses the energy of the light and converts it into something else and makes the ether hold in suspension these particles. Dr. Vrey suggests, and with a closely reasoned argument, and wide mathematical generalization, that here is the birth of matter. "Creation," he says, and one can not forbear to quote him, "is not the bringing forth of an infinite number of dead structureless particles, sent out as a set of miserable walls at some in-

City Thronged by Speed Fans

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eating places have already begun to feel the demand upon them. Most of the downtown lunchrooms are advertising prepared "Speedway lunch boxes" for the convenience of visitors.

Many of the visitors who arrived yesterday drove their own cars across the country. Evidently some had rough driving. They were splattered with mud and presented a travel-stained appearance.

Quite a number of cars came overland from the Eastern states, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey. There are also many from the West. These for the most part are of the large, powerful and higher-priced makes.

The auto parties from the extreme ends of the state will begin to arrive today. Roads at this time are in a favorable condition for travel and the attendance by auto parties is expected to be greater than ever this year.

DRIVES WITHOUT HANDS.

One of the oddities on the streets last night was a car driven by a handless man. The driver is Frank E. Filthen of Steubenville O. He drove from Steubenville. He attracted considerable attention last night, guiding his car with perfect ease and safety through the congestion of pedestrians and other autos.

Filthen's car has a steering wheel made solidly instead of with spokes. In this solid portion are four holes and by placing the stumps of his arms in them Filthen turns the wheel with ease. He operates the variable speed apparatus from the footboard. Filthen lost his arms in a railroad accident when a lad. In spite of this handicap he became a famous trick bicycle rider and has now come to be a first-class auto driver.

Another interesting car was equipped with a musical auto horn and played popular airs while running through the streets.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF HIRING GIRLS TO TRAP "MASHERS"

"White Slave Investigator" Sought by