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Vivid glimpses of the Land of Eternal Shadow are not enough to drive away the lure of the motor racing game when once a man has clung to the throbbing wheel of a thundering speed creation, has seen the landscape blur and heard the plaudits of the mighty throng as he rushes in mad flight to victory and fame. A bursting tire may hurl him close to death, may snuff out the life of his brave mechanic on the seat beside him, may kill and maim spectators—and yet he wants to get back into the game.

Such is the experience of Charles Merz, son of an Indianapolis policeman, and the daring youngster who hurled the great National stock cars to so many victories during the last three years. Last August, at the Speedway meet, the right front tire of the speeding National with Merz at the wheel, burst, precipitating an accident that demanded the ghastly toll of three human lives. The big car, swerving from the course, shot like a meteor through the stone coping of a bridge, somersaulted and spinning around crashed into the fence and turned over.

Kellum, the brave mechanic, was fatally crushed and two spectators were fatally maimed and one or two others slightly injured. Merz used the throttle and crawled from underneath the car without a scratch. The car itself was overhauled and on the track within two weeks, but Merz retired.

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Johnny Aitken and Tom King, the two National drivers, are now working out results on the local Speedway preparing for their 1919 debut, which they expect to make at the Atlantic meeting. Merz and the Nationals are showing seventy-five and eighty miles per hour, and the local company is hopeful of making even a greater showing with its fast stock cars this year than it did last season, when it won so many important races on track, speedway and hill.

Art Grier, the well-known amateur pilot, who has achieved fame with the Thomas and other big cars, has joined the rank of National drivers. He has bought a National four-forty stock speedway model, with which he expects to go after the honors in the amateur events this season.

Grier is expected to be a formidable opponent in the national amateur championship contest which will be held on May 19 at the Indianapolis Speedway. This struggle will be the first real championship title event ever held, and is expected to attract every amateur driver with speed ambition in the country.

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