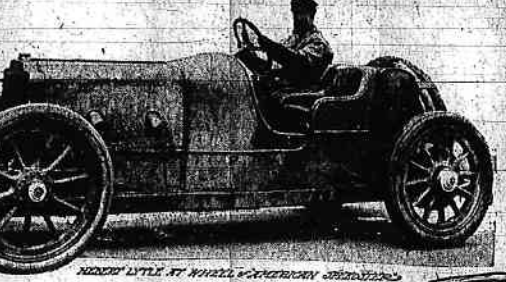


GRANDSPEED DRAMAS STAGED FOR HOOSIER TRACK.



RAYMOND WHITTELL AT WHEEL OF BUICK



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Curtain to Go Up on Most Thrilling of Modern Sports, With Conditions Ideal for Lowering of Many World's Records --Indiana Cars to the Front

BY P. P. WILLIS.

Go! the most dynamic word in the motor world's lexicon, will soon announce the start of these modern chariot races. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway will witness the world's records for speed on the track.

Within twelve days another chapter in the wonderful romance of the automobile will have been enacted and the entire globe will be riveted to the screen upon the roaring panorama of the speed battles staged on the famous Hoosier track.

Many things better to this year's events that promise the shattering of previous records. At the cost of thousands of dollars the two and a half mile race course has been paved. The entire grounds have been beautified and the newly organized Indianapolis Auto and Aero Club expects to have its headquarters completed in time for the first race on May 30.

For many weeks now, almost always in secret, the local drivers of the rubber-tired speed demons have been practicing for the great drama which they plan to stage at the very doors of their own factories. They have become so bold that they now dare both American and foreign motor car builders to come to their home track and defeat them.

Commercialism has its slaves rolled high and its teeth gritted. Every manufacturer, who during all the long winter months has been grooming his men of iron for speed and endurance, is determined that his rivals shall not outrun him when the hundreds of cheering spectators pack the race site. Every driver expects that who will sit behind the wheel, reaching there in the miles, will breathe life into muscles tense and aches laid, is ready to urge his car into the face of death if need be in order not to be passed.

Such is the spirit of the motor age. The Indianapolis has a unique character to grasp many of the speed demons of the world of motoring men who have cut their race track teeth.

Among the Indianapolis cars that will contest for the highest honors in the motor racing world are Marmon, National, Marmon, Emory, Columbia and American.

This squadron of speed demons, including both big and little craft, forms a strong army of motor talent and prowess to uphold the fame they established in the recent races at Atlantic City. Many foreign cars, such as the Benz, Mercedes, Fiat, will invade and seek to wrest the victorious wreath, but the Hoosier manufacturers and their side arms will be ready.

That both cars and drivers are better prepared than for the past year is the verdict of experts. They agree that the limit of speed and power has not yet been reached. The public wonders when new records will be impossible, but manufacturers declare that the ones of the year were marvellous. "This year will fade away in the dust of the following year's racing."

That the public will take a keener interest in this year's events, than any previous year, is pronounced by the many factors planned here from other cities. Dr. Chalmers, Columbus, Ohio, Louisville and Toledo motorists have already been ten for provisions. That Indiana, again will provide "fans" is also assured, because the authorities state that where there was one automobile enthusiast last year there are six now.

Bill Endicott in a Ford



BILL ENDICOTT IN FORD

Capacity has been provided, and that now there are 20,000 bleachers, grandstands and box seats. In addition, there has been provided more parking space for automobiles. The clubhouse, to be located in the center of the track, will sit the grandstand crowd and take away about 1,000 of the spectators.

Provisions have also been made to guard against danger. The races last year were insured by accident, but such have been made almost impossible this year. Physicians will examine the drivers, and the careful and expert supervision of the promoters and stewards have been made whereby both drivers and spectators will be protected.

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Even this minor danger was eliminated by the cautious promoters. In case a car should leave the track, the Overland Automobile Company, donated fifty test cars to Mr. Fisher, and these machines have worked for several days, dragging weights over the track that has smoothed the surface until it now makes a billiard table. The sharp teeth on the bricks were also cut off by this method.

High Wall of Cement Will Keep Cars From Leaving Track

Around the edge of the track a thick and high enforced wall of cement has been built to keep any stray car from rolling over the edge of the track. Along the stretch there is a wide strip of concrete between the track and the fence. In case a car should leave the track, instead of plunging into a group of spectators, along the fence, it will run into the sand track and thus give the spectators warning to get away from the track.

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Other Facts About Greatest Speed Course Ever Constructed

The Four Railroad tracks and interurban car service in the main gates of the grounds permit of the comfortable handling of 10,000 people every fifteen minutes.

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Automobiles will be permitted to cross the track in parking space up to the time of start of the race; after races start the special automobile building must be used for the purpose of crossing and re-constructing track.

Parking space for 3,000 automobiles is free. Additional space for parking 500 automobiles has been set aside for recreation. This space is in no way more desirable than the free space, but may be reserved in advance and will be held for those purchasing same; price, \$2 per automobile.

Price of admission through main gates, \$1. Price of admission through field seats, \$2. The seats in the grandstands are located in the main or 1st section of the grounds are \$1.50 for each seat, this being in addition to price of admission into the grounds. Each box contains six seats. Main grandstand in the 1st section of the grounds is reserved at price of \$200 cents per seat, in addition to price of admission through the main gate.

Benefit of Racing From Viewpoint of Manufacturer

Motor car racing has lifted an entirely new and unique place in the annals of man's sports. Unlike horse racing, it not only does not depend upon the betting feature for its popularity, but it interests almost every man who sees it. Every spectator, if he does not own a car, wishes he did. This is true give manufacturers the best arguments they could ask for to back up the employment of their products.

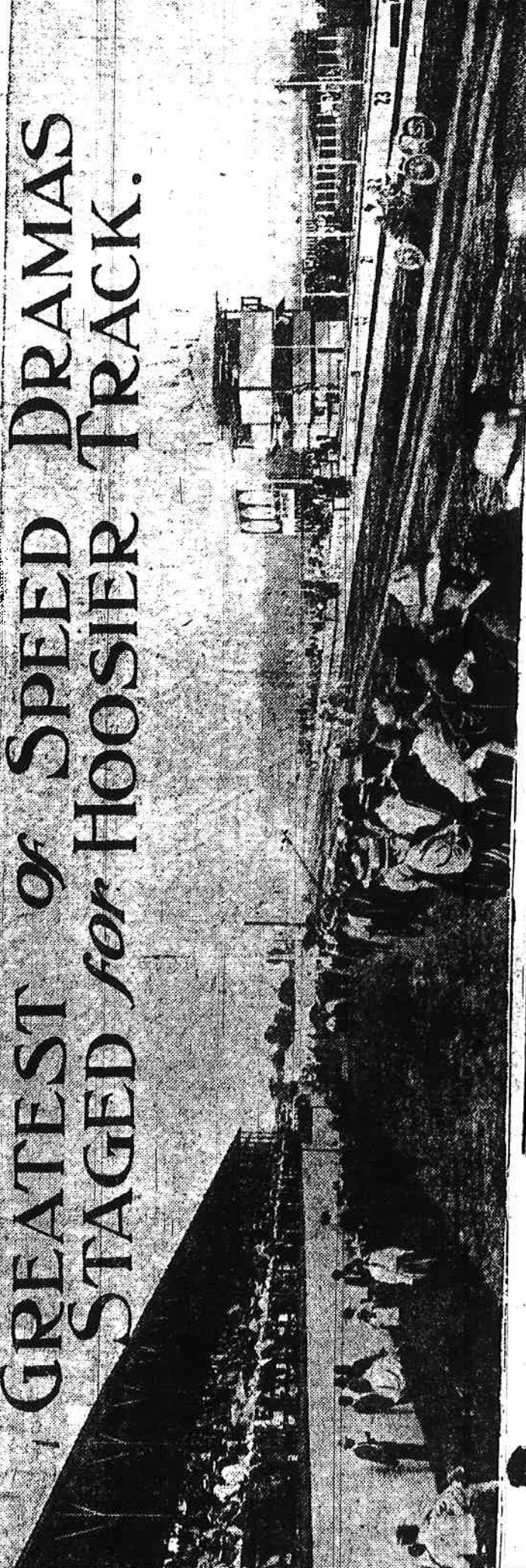
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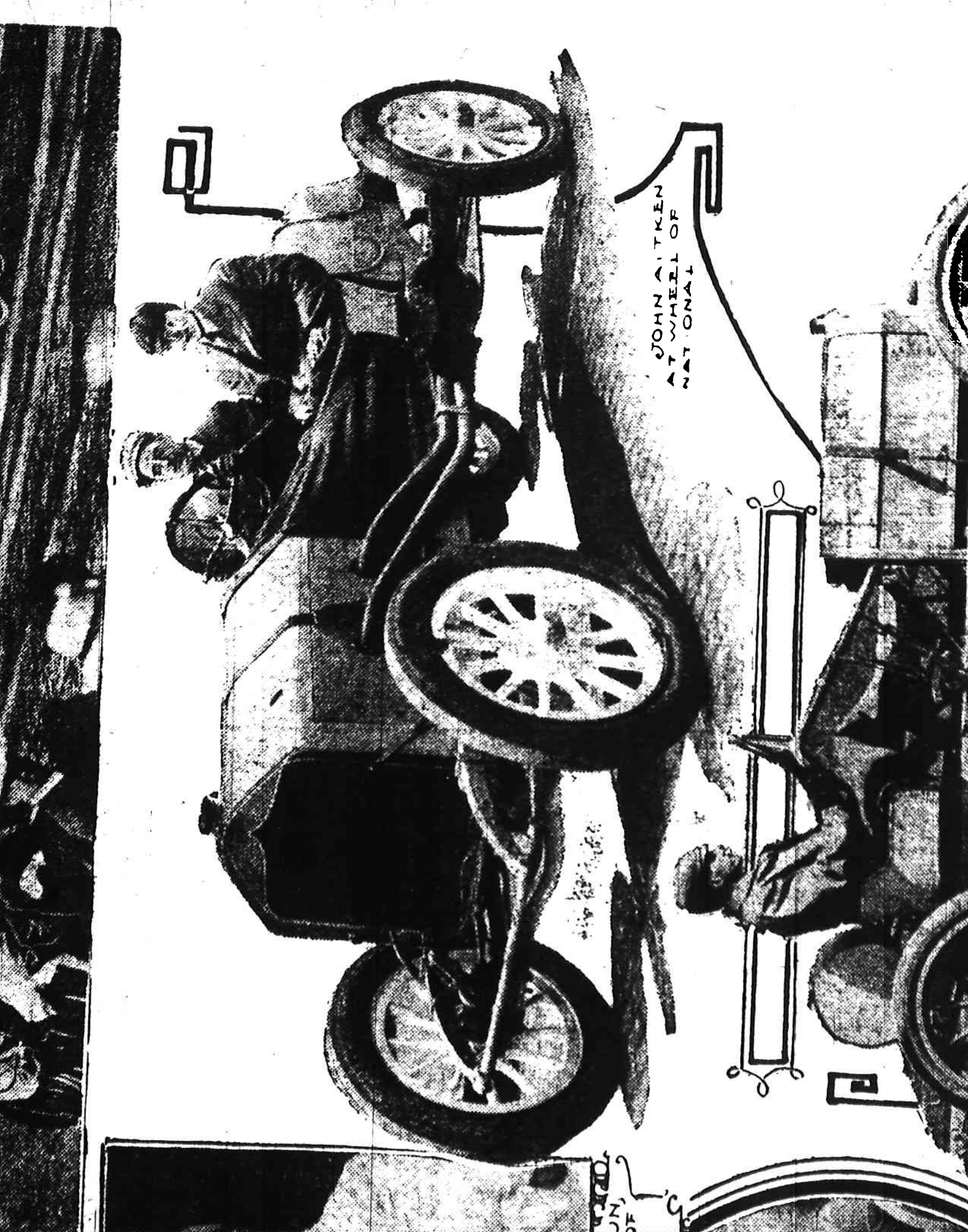
THEY are astronomers who believe in the existence of two planets never seen by mortal eye—two revolving around the earth in the orbit of Mercury. Technically these are spoken of as the "Invisible Planets" and the "Intra-Mercurial Planets."

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