

RACE

# 100,000 WATCH BIG RACE AT SPEEDWAY

Crowd Began Knocking at the Gates for Admittance at Dawn.

EVERY KIND OF CONVEYANCE

Strings of Autos Tell Story of International Scope of Great Five-Hundred-Mile Race.

**MOTOR SPEEDWAY, INDIANAPOLIS, May 30.**—With a May-day sun centering all its field guns on the speedway the world's greatest racing day dawned. Even in Old Sol's first peep there was a promise of fair weather, for it was a cloudless sky. A gentle breeze came out of the west and gave the flags and pennants on the speedway buildings a little work to do in stirring up enthusiasm and patriotism.

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### Infield Crowd.

The infield crowd was heaviest near the south turn and it was this crowd and that in the south bleachers that had the great thrill when Jack Towers's Mason car left the track and took a spectacular spill. The number of automobiles in the parking spaces also was larger than ever before. The stands and bleachers were jammed to capacity and the crowd in the grove and around the north fence exceeded any previous year.

Speedway guards, clad in new uniforms, and each armed with a natural wood club to match, were sent early into every part of the big 328-acre speed farm to comb trees, buildings, pits and stands of all persons not possessed of something that bore the sentiment "Admit one."

### Grand Old World Outside.

There were many ambitious youths who spent the night in the open to cheat the gateman of his prize money, but woe came on them when the khaki-clad fellows with the big sticks came into view. The speedway guards all carried a show-me motto in their inside pockets, and unless one had something to show it was a

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