#### CAR OF PAUL SMITH.

Packard "Eighteen," close-coupled, elivered to Paul Smith, treasurer Indianapolis Motor Car Company. finished in French gray with brilone of the cars shown at the New INNOVATION AT SPEEDWAY show last January.

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# FLAGS FOR RACING CARS

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An idea of the immensity of the Indianapolis motor speedway may be gained when one considers the number of details that are part of its construction. In the building of the track five steam tractors, 300 mules, 150 scrapers, four six-ton and three ten-ton rollers are being used. It will require a car load of white paint to cover the four miles of outside and two and one-fourth miles of inside fence. There will be six entrances to the grounds. One feature which promises to be of interest is the arrangement whereby specta-

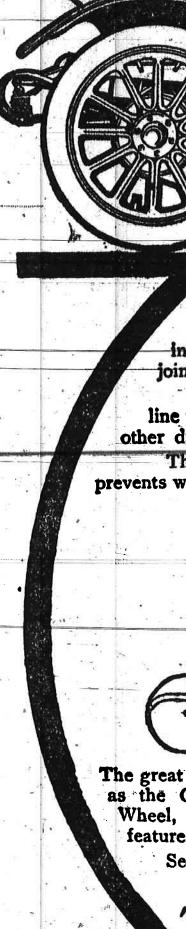
tors may know just what cars are still in a race in progress. Separate garages for racing cars will be built, and each will be adorned with an eighty-foot flag pole. As long as a car remains a factor in an event its flag will remain hoisted, but should it drop out its flag will be lowered. An announcing board telling the colors which each car will race under will be erected in front of the stands.

In addition to the grand stands there will be gasoline and oil houses and water towers situated at convenient places along the course but out of the way of specta-tors. Twenty individual grand stands to hold forty persons each will be built for the convenience of parties in attendance. double decked press stand has already been erected and arrangements are being made for the building of photographers' dark rooms. There will be eight special fouling and judges' stands, arranged so that the contestants will be under constant surveillance of officials over the entire five miles of track.

#### Solve Difficult Problem.

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these obstacles eliminated. The long stretches of straightaways, which will be fifty feet wide, and the gradual approaches and curves, which will be banked to a degree of 20 per cent and sixty feet wide, will be covered with a surface of gravel and oil, well packed and leveled. This will not only eliminate dust and skidding, but permit unlimited speed. In surfacing the five miles of track more than 235,000 gallons of asphaltum oil will be used.

Provide Adequate Safety.

In the way of safety both contestants and spectators will be well looked after. The layout of the course is such that cars may travel at an unlimited speed on the straightaways and as high as 112 miles an hour on the curves. Should any car leave the track the outside of the course is so arranged that it would not turn turtle, as would be the result of a big drop, but it would run off into a space between the track and the boundary line for spectators, thus allowing the driver to right its course before accident.

Interest in the national championship balloon race of the Aero Club of America, which will start from the Speedway Grounds on June 5, continues to grow as a result of the efforts of members of the Aero Club of Indiana, which will have immediate charge of the event. Within the next two weeks amateur balloonists from three cities will come to Indianapolis to complete the number of ascensions necessary to be registered pilots. Nine entries have already been received, the contestants being representatives of the Aero Clubs of St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Boston and New York. Work of laying the gas mains from the city to the Speedway Grounds, a distance of four miles, has been completed and everything is in readiness for the trialtrips.

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