

# 4 KILLED; 25 INJURED; NEW FATALITY RECORD SCORED AT AUTO RACE

## Accidents Are Marked by Horror.

The accidents that caused two of the three deaths recorded were sensational in the extreme. The first occurred when the Columbia car, driven by Harold Stone, suddenly burst a tire at the approach of the cement bridge crossing the Westbury road, and, becoming unmanageable, plunged over the parapet. The great machine went over twice in mid-air and landed on its side, crushing out the life of Matthew R. Bacon, Stone's mechanic, who was caught under it.

The killing of Louis Chevrolet's mechanic, Charles Miller, came as the climax of a mad attempt of Chevrolet to regain a lead lost through frequent magneto and tire trouble. The daring French driver, who earlier in the race had reeled off round after round at 73½ miles an hour, hurdled a bad rut in the back stretch with full power on and, landing on three wheels only, found the car zigzagging: from side to side unresponsive to its steering gear. With a shriek of horror from the hundreds assembled at the spot, the car plunged into the fence and swept it away like so much paper, then plowed deep into a passenger-laden touring car moored on the side of the road.

The impact was terrific and the five occupants of the touring car were tossed high in the air. All escaped death, however, but Miller, who was caught in the wreckage and instantly killed. Chevrolet owed his life to the stanchness of his steering wheel, upon which he kept a firm hold to the end. He was pulled out of the debris with nothing more serious than a broken arm.

Arthur Chevrolet's Marquette-Buick was put out of commission during the eighth lap, and the other Buick, driven by Bob Burman, who was in the lead at the time, developed engine trouble, which put him out of the contest during the tenth round.