

WINNERS HAPPY OVER RESULTS

Drivers and Fans Join in Praise for Annual Speed Classic.

Just what Gaston Chevrolet first said after completing two extra laps after he had been given the checkered flag will probably never be known, for he said them to Barney Oldfield, who was walking at the side of the victorious Monroe before it rolled to a stop, and Barney was in too ecstatic a mood to remember.

When the car stopped the cap of the gasoline tank dropped to the ground as John Bresnahan, the mechanic, released his grip upon it. When the car had made its second stop in the one hundred and ninety-seventh lap to take on gasoline, the threads of the cap had been split. The plucky mechanic held it on through the remainder of the race.

As friends started pushing the car, with the victor and his mechanic still in it, toward the garage, Louis Chevrolet, brother of the winner and designer of the Monroe and Frontenac entrants, rushed to the side of the machine and, embracing the winner, implanted a kiss on his cheek.

Glad He Won.

"I am glad he won," Louis said, emphatically, with his slight French accent, "and I am more glad that an Indianapolis-made car, the Monroe, won. We worked hard for it."

All the way to the garage Gaston smiled happily, but when informed that Joe Boyer had overturned on the back stretch, his face saddened and he hastened to the hospital to learn the condition of his teammate. When he found that Boyer had received only slight cuts, his good spirits revived.

"All I can say is I'm glad it's over," he said. "All I did was some hard work. I'm happy that it was a hometown car that won. It was too bad that DePalma had bad luck, but it's something that's liable to happen to any one." He was reluctant to speak of his own achievement, but he brightened when he thought of what seemed to be the most important feature of the race to him and exclaimed enthusiastically:

"But one thing is those tires. This is the first time in the history of the 500-mile race that a car has gone through it without a single tire change." Chevrolet's car was equipped with Oldfield tires.

"That motor," Chevrolet said, "is ready for another 500 miles right now, but I need some rest."

Winner Greeted by Wife.

On his return to his garage the winner was met by his wife, who witnessed the race from a seat just opposite the Monroe pits. She flung her arms about his neck and spoke happily and volubly to him in French. Mrs. Louis Chevrolet and her mother were also there, with Louis's daughter and his young son Alfred, whom Gaston took in his arms, while the remainder of the group fired questions at him in French. Eddie Rickenbacker, a hero of many former Speedway contests and the ace of American aviators, greeted the winner and congratulated him heartily.

"It was the most remarkable race I ever witnessed," he said later. "There was a thrill for the spectators every minute of the race and it was all due to the lap prize for which the public-spirited citizens of Indianapolis and the Chamber of Commerce should be most heartily complimented. There is no question but what Gaston drove a wonderful race, especially when it is considered that he has not been well for the last thirty days. I'm happy that an Indianapolis car won the money, though I was sorry to see Ralph lose after the wonderful race he had driven."