

AUTO RACER INJURED AND MACHINE WRECKED

**Chevrolet and His Assistant
Hurled from Car.**

VANDERBILT OFFERS AID

**Italian Machine Hits Telegraph Pole
in Making Turn at Excessive Speed
—Mechanic in Hospital.**

Louis Chevrolet's 120 horse power Fiat racing automobile was completely wrecked yesterday morning on the Vanderbilt Cup course, near the Lake Success turn just below the village of Lakeville, L. I. While taking the sharp curve at a high rate of speed, said to be faster than a mile a minute, Chevrolet dashed into a telegraph pole adjoining the estate of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and was hurled from his machine with terrific force to the road, but miraculously escaped injury. Henri Schutting, his Swiss mechanic, was less fortunate. He had three ribs broken, besides being badly bruised and cut, and was removed to the Nassau Hospital, at Mineola, in an ambulance.

The accident took place during the early morning hours, when the racing cars are allowed on the course for practice. They are restricted to two hours, 5:30 to 7:30. Chevrolet left his headquarters about 6 o'clock. It was extremely foggy at the time, and as the chauffeur approached the Lake Success district the fog, rising from the little body of water but a few yards from the road, seemed to be particularly dense. In making the sharp turn one of the rear wheels skidded, and the car was hurled with great force against the telegraph pole. Chevrolet said after the accident that it was almost impossible to see more than a few feet ahead, and the belief was general around the course that Chevrolet miscalculated the distance in making the turn in the fog, and instead of finding that he had passed the telegraph pole drove head on into it.

News of the accident was carried at once to the residence of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and the latter hurried to the spot. A telephone message was sent to the Nassau Hospital, and Dr. Linehart responded. The injured mechanic was removed to the hospital, and Chevrolet went with him, but beyond a bad shaking up the latter was none the worse for his trying experience. The mechanic, however, will be confined to the hospital for several days.

The damaged car was the identical machine that secured second place in the Gordon Bennett race last July in France when driven by Nazzaro. The latter arrived here a few days ago, and will drive a similar car in the Vanderbilt Cup race on Oct. 14. The car was the first of the new 120 horse power Fiat machines to be sent to America, and it was driven by Chevrolet in the Cape May races. Hollander & Tangeman, who entered the car, were unable to tell last night whether it could be repaired so as to be available for future use or not. The front wheels and axles were broken, while the complicated mechanism was so badly ripped to pieces that it is doubtful whether the car can ever be repaired for racing purposes, and that is all it is good for.

The accident, coming as it did immediately after the arrests made on Sunday for illegal speeding, will cause the Racing Board of the American Automobile Association to adopt more stringent measures to discipline drivers who exceed the speed rates. Chairman Robert Lee Morrell has notified the drivers time and again that even when their big racing cars were on the course in the early hours the legal speed rates must not be exceeded. Yet none of the drivers has paid any attention to this rule, and between 5 and 7 o'clock every morning the big cars go tearing over the course at thirty minutes or less for the twenty-eight miles. Chevrolet's failure to heed the ruling has weakened the chances of the Italian team by removing from the race one of the best cars entered for the event.

Chevrolet holds the mile track record for a gasoline car, at 0:52 4-5, made this season at the Morris Park track.