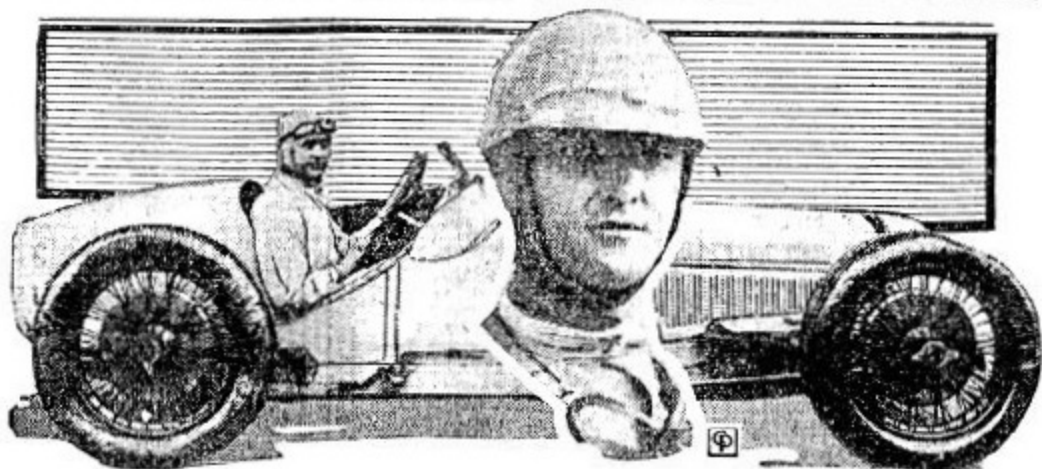


## FRENCHMAN MAY BE FIRST WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMP



Louis Chiron, European racing star who won 1928 Italian, French and Spanish Grand Prix races and is entered in forthcoming international 500-mile race at Indianapolis, Ind. If Chiron wins the race he will be crowned first world speedway champion. Inset shows Chiron wearing crash helmet affected

By Central Press

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 7.**—A slim, laughing young Frenchman with a sure hand and a thirst for thrills may become the first speedway champion of the world.

He is Louis Chiron, the flash from France, in Indianapolis today preparing for the annual international 500-mile auto race, now known as the Grand Prize of America, which will be run Memorial Day, May 30.

The French are a temperamental race. But Chiron is cold steel. He proved that last year at Monza, Italy, when he drove to victory in a race marked by flaming death and terror. Another car ran amuck and 19 were killed. Nerves unshaken by the tragedy, Chiron drove to a win.

Outside the United States, Chiron has no peer. He has demonstrated that most conclusively. And now—fresh from his conquest of the European continent—he is here to attempt to prove his right to a world crown.

### European Champion

Chiron will pilot a LeLage, mechanical descendant of that other DeLage which Rene Thomas, another Frenchman, rode to flaming victory in 1914.

Louis has brought along another car—for practice only. He also has a spare motor and extra parts so his gallant car won't suffer through breakdown though thousands of miles away from its mother plant in France.

Louis Chevrolet, once a speed star himself and builder of two cars which won two Indianapolis races, has been engaged by Louis Chiron as interpreter, coach and pit manager.

Look out for those two "Louies." They're a smart pair on any speedway.