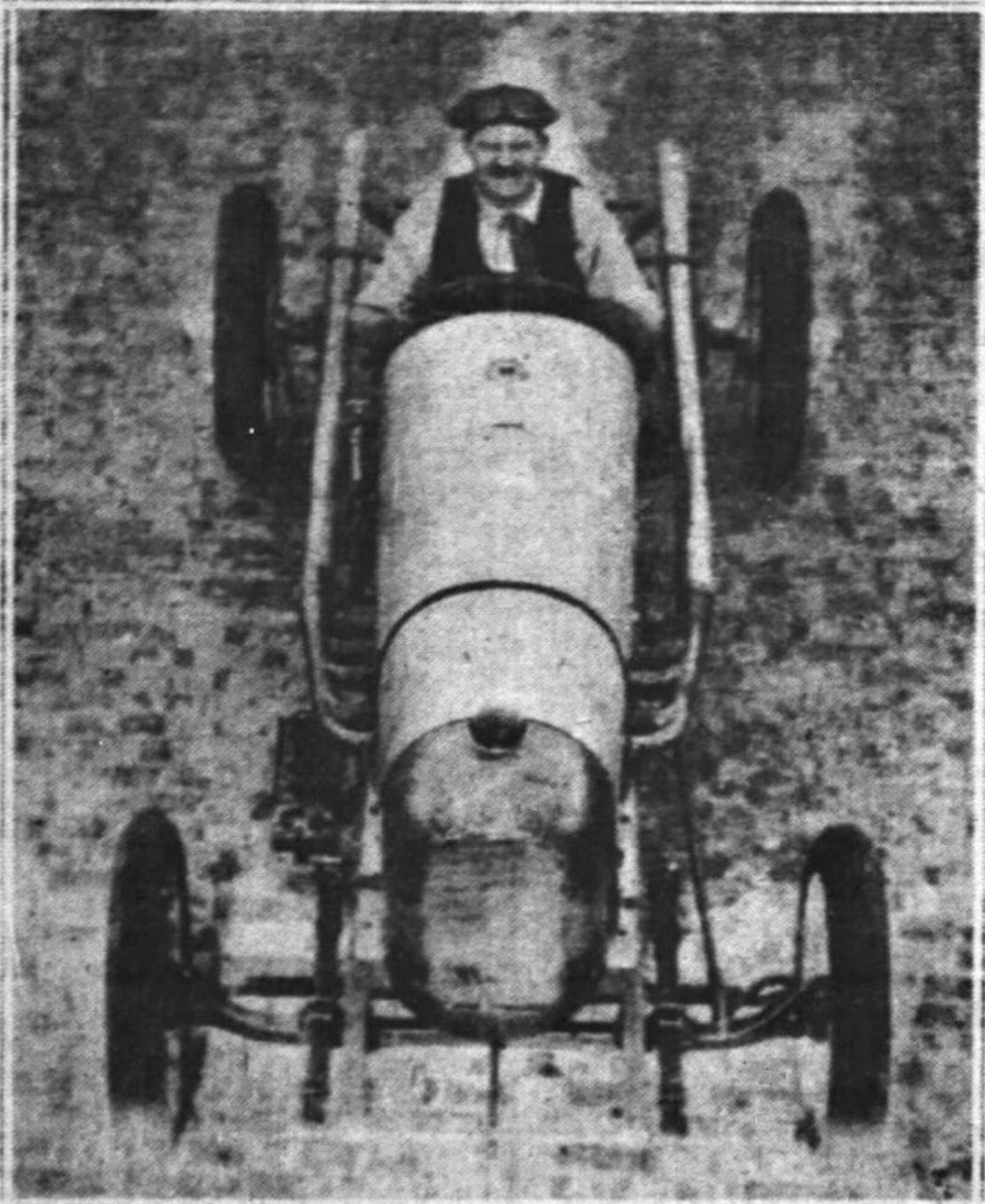


FIRST OF NEW RACING CARS IS DAMAGED BY FIRE AT SPEEDWAY



LOUIS CHEVROLET AT WHEEL.

The first practice of the 1923 season at the Indianapolis speedway for the 500-mile race got away in a blaze of glory Thursday afternoon. This is a very literal statement for one of the three brand new rotary valve Scheel-Frontenac racing cars built by Louis Chevrolet for the Scheel company of St. Louis caught on fire at the track Friday afternoon as the result of a broken gas line. The accident, which probably will not put the car out of commission for the race May 30, came at the northwest turn of the track. Herbert Scheel was at the wheel at the time. Fire extinguishers and first aid relief were rushed to the scene, but the machine is thought to be considerably damaged. Scheel escaped with only a few minor burns. Fires as the result of broken gas lines are commonplace occurrences at the speedway track in practice season and this accident has not in the least lessened Chevrolet's confidence in the ability of his new motors.

The picture shows the car that was burned with Chevrolet at the wheel.