

THREE NEW WORLD'S RECORDS FOR AUTOS

Louis Chevrolet Drives a Buick
200 Miles in 2:46:48 on
Atlanta Speedway.

CAR ABLAZE IN \$10,000 RACE

Strang Clips Mile Mark to 37.7 Sec-
onds and Aitken Sets New Figures
for Ten-Mile Distance.

ATLANTA, Nov. 9.—Louis Chevrolet, the sturdy Swiss pilot of Buick cars, annexed a hard earned victory to-day when he captured the 200-mile stock chassis race, averaging about 72 miles an hour. Chevrolet's victory came as a climax in a record-breaking contest, in which Atlanta's new two-mile speedway was opened.

Two of Barney Oldfield's records were lowered, one of them by Louis Strang, who reduced Oldfield's one-mile mark of 43.1, more than five seconds. To do

it Strang used the big 200 horse power Fiat which made a world's record of 28 seconds over the 3½-mile track at Brooklands, England, last Summer. Oldfield took the limit out of his hitherto unbeatable Benz, and took nearly three seconds off his own previous record. Two cars of greater power than Strang's are said to be in course of construction abroad, one in Italy, the other in Germany.

The second of Oldfield's records vanished in the ten-mile handicap, in which John Aiken, in a National "sixty," starting from scratch, forged ahead to third position in the field of eight cars in 8:02:41. Oldfield, who made the distance at Indianapolis in 8:15.90, also started from scratch in this contest, but broke a steering knuckle in the first lap, and was compelled to withdraw.

George Robertson, who was to have appeared in two events with his Fiat "Sixty," broke an oil pipe before reaching the mark, and was out all day. In practice before the races he made the two mile lap in 1:32.

Chevrolet's winning of the big race of 200 miles in 2:46:48 was a brilliant exploit, lowering Burman's record of 3:24:13 4-5, made in a Buick at Indianapolis. The big pilot stopped only once during the 100 laps, and then only when his engine caught fire.

Chevrolet assumed the lead in the first lap and increased it slowly but steadily for 72 miles. The two Chalmers-Detroit cars took his exhaust at distances which seemed to increase only by inches, but in the first ten laps these inches had multiplied into almost a mile.

As Chevrolet flashed past, the trained eye of Harding, an Apperson driver, who was in the press stand, detected fire, and drowning the thunder of cheers, Harding cried:

"You're on fire, Louis!"

Chevrolet apparently was ignorant of the fact at the time, but when he had gone a mile the smoke belched into his face. Then he experienced his only delay.

During the few minutes that it required to extinguish the blaze Dingley regained the lost lap and took the lead by about 30 yards. His triumph was short, for Chevrolet took after him and passed him during the next lap. He was never again in danger.

No serious accident marred the day's sport. The nearest approach to such an incident occurred in the eighty-fifth lap of the 200-mile grind. Harry Stillman, whose Marmon had not experienced a single delay, ran into the inner gutter of the track. Neither he nor his assistant was hurt beyond a few bruises. The accident occurred on the back stretch. An overstrained rear tire softened and sent the car into the ditch.

Three wheels flew off, one of them rolling 200 yards into the paddock. At this time Stillman seemed certain to be the Chalmers-Detroit driver for second honors, having worked to the fore of these machines while one was replacing the tire and one was renewing its fuel.

Stillman's withdrawal left the two Chalmers-Detroit to fight it out for second place. Charles Basle's Renault stayed hopelessly to the finish many miles behind, but the other cars had gradually been eliminated. Both Nationals, the Cliquette Renault, and the Rainier had quit. The summary:

One-Mile Time Trial.—First, Fiat, (Strang.) 0:37.30; second, Benz, (Oldfield,) 0:40.13; third, Christie, (Christie,) 0:43.82; fourth, Stearns, (Rutherford,) 0:50.85.

Ten-Mile Stock Chassis, 451 to 600 cubic inches piston displacement.—First, National, (Aiken,) 8:27.22; second, National, (Kincaid,) 8:27.71; third, Apperson, (Harding,) 8:50.65. Also ran: Renault, Fiat, Stearns.

Ten-Mile Race for Light Cars.—First, Chalmers-Detroit, (Matson,) 9:49.46; second, Chalmers-Detroit, (Knipper,) 9:49.84; third, Buick, (Nelson,) 9:50.18. Also ran: White, gasoline: Fuller.

200-Mile Stock Chassis Race.—First, Buick, (Chevrolet,) 2:46:48; second, Chalmers-Detroit, (Dingley,) 2:53:33; third, Chalmers-Detroit, (Forimer,) 2:55.16. Also ran: Renault, (Basle;) Rainier, (Marmon;) Renault, (Cliquette;) National, (Aiken;) National, (Kincaid.)