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THOUGH FRANK LOCKHART HAD been dead for a year, cars he engineered won the top two spots at the 500.

When Lockhart's estate was settled, the two Millers he had bought and modified himself were sold to separate buyers, M.A. Yagle and Alden Sampson. Ray Keech drove for Yagle and Louis Meyer for Sampson.

Meyer had the lead late in the race, but an oil leak sent him to the pits long enough for Keech to pass him and get a lead too big for Meyer to overcome in the remaining laps.

Duesenberg driver Bill Spence was killed early in the race, and 16 days later Keech also would be dead after a wreck in Pennsylvania.



160,000 CHEER AS RAY KEECH WINS RACE

SWEEPING LABOR VICTORIES MARK BRITISH ELECTION

Vice South 120 of Party's Candidates — Conservative, Liberal, and Radical Seats.

LONDON, May 15. — Sweeping victories for the Labour party in the general election of May 15, 1929, have been announced. The Labour party has won 120 seats in the House of Commons, a record for any party in British history. The Conservative party has won 104 seats, and the Liberal party has won 40 seats. The election was held on the day of the Indianapolis 500 race.

Keech, "Happy, but Awfully Tired," Wins in Car Lockhart Once Owned



RAY KEECH, who won the Indianapolis 500 today, is the first driver to win the race in a car that was once owned by Frank Lockhart. The car, a Duesenberg, was sold to M.A. Yagle, who then sold it to Keech. Keech won the race by a margin of 1.5 seconds over Louis Meyer.

CITY PAYS WAR DEAD HOMAGE IN MANY SERVICES

Parade Features President Dr. L. W. Mumford, Mayor, and City Officials.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 15. — A parade in honor of the war dead was held today in Indianapolis. The parade featured the President of the United States, Dr. L. W. Mumford, and the Mayor of Indianapolis. The parade was held on the day of the Indianapolis 500 race.

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How They Finished Last

MEYER CAPTURES SECOND, GLEASON SPEEDS IN THIRD. The race was held on the day of the Indianapolis 500. The winning average was 97.2. The race was won by Ray Keech, with Louis Meyer finishing second and Fred Gleason finishing third.

An added attraction in the pits this year was the presence of William Haines, Karl Dane, Ernest Torrence, John Miljan and other Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer screen celebrities who were filming the final scenes of the picture "Speedway," directed by Harry Beaumont.

Duesenberg Joy Dampened. The joy in the Duesenberg pits in placing cars in third and sixth positions was dampened for Duesenberg officials by the death early in the race of Spence. It was Spence's first appearance on the local track in a Duesenberg, although he was a relief driver last year in a Boyle Valve Special. Fred Duesenberg, veteran builder of race cars and head of the Duesenberg team, paid high tribute to the character and driving ability of the youthful martyr.

"He was a nice boy and had lots of nerve," Mr. Duesenberg said. "I think he was trying to make up last time when the accident occurred." Fred Duesenberg Jr., a student in DePaul university, was a member of the Duesenberg pit team. He is the son of August Duesenberg. He also worked with the pit team. Billy Arnold was lifted out of his car by mechanics at the pit after he had been struck in the eye by a small flying object. Arnold, nearly blinded, brought his car to the pit but could scarcely stop it due to the exhaustion of driving two laps with severe pain. He was lifted from the car by his racing mates.

Dad Watches Son Drive. Edward Meyer of Southgate, Cal., father of Lou Meyer, who finished second, hovered around the pits occupied by his son's racing crew, and climbed on and off the rear pit wall in the excitement of watching his son battle for the prize money. The driver's wife witnessed the race from a stand seat.

OPPOSITE TOP: Ray Keech won his only Indianapolis 500 in 1929. He was killed two weeks later in a crash in Altoona, Pa.

Star/News Archives

OPPOSITE BOTTOM: The Goodyear blimp hovers just above the infield in 1929 on race day. The Indianapolis Star

BELOW LEFT: A crew of workers brightens up the scoreboard behind the pits with a new coat of paint before qualifying for the race in 1929. Star/News Archives

BELOW: Crew members (left) work on a car in the pit area as others wait for their teams' cars to pull in for service during the race. Star/News Archives

