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MURDER CHARGE ENDS ROAD RACE

80,000 pleasure-seeking Italians pack the Cascine circuit at Florence for the autumn Grand Prix, Italy's motor race of the year. Twenty-five crack drivers from all over Europe meet in this international classic.

Suddenly, disaster overtakes the leading car. It jumps the track, ploughs into the crowd, but miraculously throws its driver clear - but injured. Strewed across the road are the maimed and wounded. Six people die instantly - hundreds more are injured. Horror-stricken onlookers flee in panic - impeding first aid squads racing to their grim task.

Charged with the murder of six people and the wounding of others, the driver of the car is arrested. Accused of tampering with his engine to increase its speed, he claims that his brakes failed. Disaster ends a grim day in motoring history.