

BASEBALL HEADS TO MEET LANDIS

It Is Believed That Baseball Commissioner Will Recommend Draft to International Heads Today.

New York, May 31.—Members of the International League will gather around the conference table with Commissioner Landis at Buffalo today after the baseball boss has assisted in the dedication of Buffalo's new stadium.

The last time Commissioner Landis met the International magnates he tried to talk them into participating in the modified draft arrangement. At that time, he told them that if they didn't come on the draft, as likely as not they were headed for a bust and a baseball gehenna. They have been going on since without either happening, but in the meantime, some of the other minors have taken up the draft because they wanted a lazy way to recruit their clubs. Most of the clubs which were strongest for the draft are low in the race now, which is another way of showing that the draft cannot supply lack of ambition and baseball sense.

It is a fairly safe guess however, that Commissioner Landis will talk draft to the International League today and it is intimated that there will be more than one among his hearers who will listen favorably. Among those most favorably inclined are said to be the owners of the Syracuse club, which is allied very closely to the St. Louis National Club and Toronto, which has a friendly leaning toward Detroit and would get a lot of Detroit players if they were permitted to do so.

Another subject likely to be discussed at the Buffalo meeting is the situation at Newark. The Newark Club almost did not start this year, and probably would not have been launched if Jack Dunn of Baltimore had not launched his moral support. Dunn has done a lot for baseball in Newark. Everybody knows that, but some of the International folks think he pulls a double car in the league and they are not happy about it.

Still another matter is bothering the International. It is the manner in which the organization operates. The International is the only baseball circuit of consequence that plays under what is known as the guarantee plan. The visiting club receives a guarantee in each city in which it plays away from home, irrespective of what the receipts may be.

Other big leagues have a fifty-fifty division, which places the smaller cities on a better financial basis. It was the 50-50 plan which made baseball a success in the majors. The International Clubs that are anxious to remodel their circuit and adopt the 50-50 plan have called the attention to the success of the plan in the majors, but Dunn has fought the change whenever it has been suggested. Baseball men say he would make as much under the plan at present, despite the fact that his club is in the biggest city of the circuit.

Generally speaking, the International has done as well as could be expected with the worst month of May that baseball has seen in many years. The club owners are curious to know what the commissioner has to say, but he hasn't given them much of a clue as to what is on his mind. Apparently it will not take him long to say it, as the meeting is scheduled to last only a half hour. Still, a lot can be said in a half hour if a man has it on the tip of his tongue.

JOE BOYER IS WINNER IN 500 MILE AUTO RACE

Indianapolis, May 31.—Joe Boyer, piloting L. L. Corum's machine, finished first in the twelfth annual 500 mile automobile race held here Friday. He broke all previous records, averaging 98.24 miles per hour.

KILLED IN AUTO RACE
Norfolk, May 31.—Paul T. Marsh was fatally injured in the automobile race held here Friday on the Dixie highway.



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Friday's Scores.

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Pittsburgh	4-3	St. Louis	0-2
Philadelphia	5-5	New York	11-6
Brooklyn	6-5	Boston	5-1

Standing of Teams.

W.	L.	Pct.
New York	24	.632
Chicago	23	.561
Cincinnati	21	.538
Brooklyn	18	.514
Pittsburgh	18	.473
Boston	16	.432
St. Louis	17	.447
Philadelphia	12	.353

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Scores.

Cleveland	7-0	Detroit	11-2
Boston	9-5	Washington	4-10
St. Louis	5-4	Chicago	2-0
New York	6-4	Philadelphia	0-5

Standing of Teams.

W.	L.	Pct.
New York	22	.647
Boston	21	.612
St. Louis	20	.556
Detroit	21	.538
Chicago	15	.441
Washington	16	.457
Cleveland	14	.412
Philadelphia	13	.393

Carp-Gibbons Fight Will Pay Promoters

It Must Be Remembered That Frenchman's Right Once Disturbed Dempsey Family.

New York, May 31.—Not very many New York sporting men migrated to Michigan City to witness the Carpenter-Gibbons battle. Somehow they don't see it. It may turn out to be a real battle such as will shock the governor of Indiana, but it is believed here that the chances are nothing will occur to offend the most sensitive.

At any rate, other sections of the country will supply enough custo-

mers to make this a paying bout for the promoters, even granting, as actually seems to have been the case, that Carpenter has been guaranteed \$75,000 for his appearance.

One thing should be taken into consideration. No matter what understanding may or may not have been reached between the fighters—the writer, mind you, is not saying that any such thing has happened—Gibbons will have to watch out for the Frenchman's right. Carpenter is temperamental and if he could slip over that fatal wallop of his, his future would be golden beyond the dreams of avarice.

Say what one pleases about Carpenter, the fact remains that if he hasn't slipped back too far there is only one right in the world better than his. And that right belongs to Dempsey. When he socked Jack with it that June afternoon in the ring at the Boyle's Thirty Acres it jarred the whole Dempsey family. As for the champion he was clearly fluttering. His eyes rolled, his guard dropped, his knees wobbled. There isn't any doubt about this. The writer sat right under him and saw it all. Another measured sock and Dempsey would have been on the canvas.—for how long deponent sayeth not.

Anyway, unless that right is a mere ghost of itself, Gibbons would do well to watch out for it. Anything the Frenchman does will have to be done quickly. He is not as young as he once was and he never could stand a great deal of punishment. Body blows, when delivered by a hitter as strong as Gibbons, weaken him pretty quickly. On the other hand Gibbons, who has never been knocked down, much less knocked out, can take a whole lot of hammering without showing any evil effects.

Tommy is a quiet, gentlemanly, plodding type of man, who takes the ring game very much as another man takes his business occupation. Sometimes it has appeared that his fighting instinct is subject to depression. Against Greb, a brilliant middleweight, Gibbons made a very poor showing, whereas he should have knocked Harry out of the ring. And in a fight with Bartley Madden his exhibition was absolutely unworthy

of a man of his reputation and his ability.

Yet he stuck 15 rounds against Jack Dempsey, putting up a defensive battle that was as clever and scientific as any one ever saw. He bicycled, blocked, held and in general had Dempsey swinging his arms off as he tried vainly to land upon a vital spot. Tommy, as a matter of fact, has always been better against bigger men than those who were smaller than he. In this respect he will have three pounds on Carpenter, weighing 178 to the Frenchman's 175, while he is a bit more than an inch taller, with an inch longer reach.

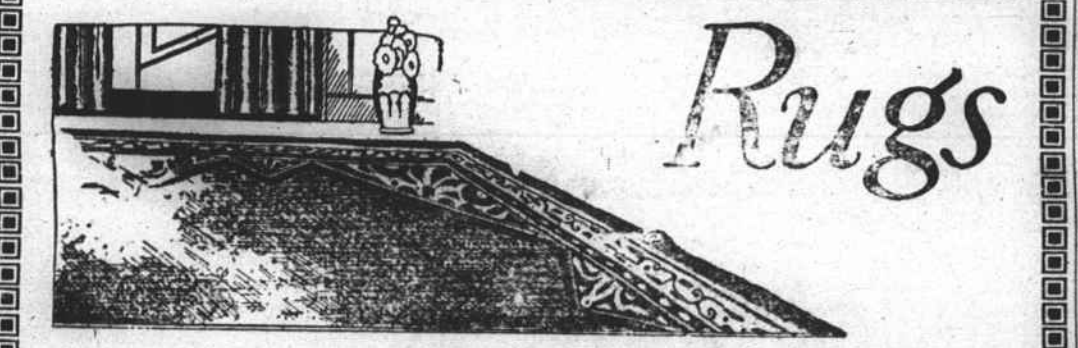
The fight has a curious angle inasmuch as Gibbons stands to gain nothing in reputation, even should he knock Carpenter out, while the Frenchman, as said, has much to gain. Financially, Gibbons will have no klick. His share is 40 per cent of the receipts, which will be large. The show will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, four preliminary bouts and a ten round attraction between Paul Fritch and Sammy Mandell, which will follow the main bout.

In event of threatening weather Gibbons and Carpenter may be shot on any time after 2 o'clock.

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