#### NATIONAL FIGHT SEEMS BE OVER

Giants in Old Place as Leaders and All Clubs Except Chicago and Cincy Plumb Discouraged Tous Early

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New York, June 3.—If the Cleveland Indians and Philadelphia had
been able to hold the pace they trotted in 1923, the race for the American League championship today
would be the tightest in the history
of that organisation prior to the
Fourth of July. It would not be necessary to look for a difference in
the Chicago or Washington standthe Chicago or Washington stand-ings. Both of these clubs could re-main as they are.

But the closing of the period up to

But the closing of the period up to Decoration Day saw eight games between the tail enders and the team in first place in the American League. It also saw two presumably strong teams in the seventh and eighth place. Today those same "strong" teams are tied for the bottom. However, it is possible that the fourth of July may bring a change which will bring the tail enders and the league leader closer together. Decoration Day and July four are the big guide posts along the baseball highway.

The American League was set this spring for one of the closest races in

spring for one of the closest races in major league history. The weakness that has developed comes from where it was least expected, which proves again that no man can put a ball team together on form alone and find that it will invariably do just

team together on form alone and find that it will invariably do just what he expects from it.

The margin between the top and the bottom in the National League on Decoration Day was 11 games. Veteran managers say that if they can run out in front by Decoration Day they have a good chance of winning the pennant, and that if they can show a five game lead in July 4, they are almost certain of winning it. This is not a law, by any means. It has failed to work out more that once. But it has worked out oftener than it has failed.

The Giants have not the same Decoration lead that they had a year ago, and they are a mighty dangerous combination for the other clubs, for they have not even dug into their reserve power. They have got to be beaten savagely by the West if the championship is to go to that part of the world, because it begins to look as if Brooklyn, the hope of the East, cannot land a punch against its metropolitan rival. Philadelphia

East, cannot land a punch against its metropolitan rival. Philadelphia and Boston are hardly to be taken into consideration.

The National League as a whole

has shown its power, with the pos-sible exception of Pittsburgh. There is still enough possibility in that team to make it dangerous if it ever gets under way. If it could win one whole series from the Giants it would become a menace at once. Of course it would have to continue to win, after that.

The difference between the American League race and that in the National League is that the former carries with it a greater element of doubt than the latter. There is so much power in Cleveland and there are so many good points about the Athleties that the possibility of something happening is always present. In the National there is a recurrence thus early of the same old conviction that the Giants are in the lead to stay. The other clubs, with the exception of Chicago and Cincinnati are discouraged already, and the nati are discouraged already, and the season is just six weeks old.

#### WALKER HOLDS TITLE

Philadelphia, June 3.—Mickey Walker, world's lightweight cham-pion, successfully defended his title against Lew Tendler of Philadelphia in a ten-round bout here last night.

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Question—If the batsman bats the ball over first and is spiked by the first baseman can a man on the line take his place to make the run if there are bench men on the team? Answer—If a player is injured he may have a substitute.

Question—There is a runner on first. The pitcher throws the ball to the batter and he fouls it. The runner is returning to first base and the pitcher throws the ball to the baseman and the ball is put on the runner. The batter was standing in the box. Does the batter have to wait until the runner gets back before he stands in the box?

Answer—He is not compelled to do so but it is good policy to remain outside. It must be borne in mind that the ball is not in play until it has been returned to the pitcher and the umpire has announced play.

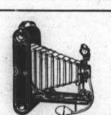
the umpire has announced play. When that happens the runner must protect himself although the umpire should not start play until he sees that the runner has returned.

### PROMOTERS PUT **HEADS TOGETHER**

What's Worrying Them Is Whether Carpentier Is Still **Good Metropolitan Drawing** Card Since Gibbons Fight.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, June 3. — Now the
heads of the promoters are together
for fair. They are wondering of
course where Carpentier fits in. Has he any drawing powers left in New York and vicinity since his defeat by Gibbons Saturday night. Upon the answer to this question depends much. Talk has been heard since Saturday of this fight and that. But a deal of thinking has yet to be done.

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Carpentier in New York against, say Spalla. In fact it will be sur-prising if such a battle is not ar-

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