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DO NOT MIND COLD WEATHER

[By Carburetor.]

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Robison, owner of the National League club, carried the palm of his hand today which probably will come of the contest between Ward and John Heydler, president of the National League. The fight was promised at the National League meeting. Robison was the champion of the factions in an endeavor to force a line. He would give up what he would do.

Five votes are necessary for a tie, and Philadelphia, New York and Chicago were for Ward, while Boston, Boston lined up for Johnson, president of the National League, as the member of the commission, fighting Heydler.

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Cold Weather No Barrier.

Johnny Aitken is the only other local driver to test the new track at this time. Aitken did not appear on the course this morning, but made a few trial trips around the circuit last week. He expected to put his National car in action this afternoon. Aitken says that experienced race drivers do not mind the cold weather. He says they become accustomed to racing under all sorts of conditions, and that the cold is no exception. "It is no colder in Indianapolis today," he said, "than it was when the Vanderbilt cup race was run on the Long Island course." One of Aitken's theories is that a successful driver is oblivious to all things except his car and the track ahead.

Walter Christie, in that widely advertised speed demon of his own creation, Christie III, and Louis Strang, in his 200-horse power Fiat, are two of the foreign drivers that are expected to set new marks when the trials proper take place next Friday and Saturday. Christie has been in Indianapolis for several days, but as yet has not appeared with his car on the course. He has with him the same car which he drove in trial miles during the opening meet at the speedway last August, but at that time he asserted he was unable to send it along at full speed owing to the roughness of the track. Strang was expected to arrive in the city from Chicago today. Eddie Hearne, another Fiat driver, is also expected to take part in the speed tests. Hearne won an amateur race at the speedway last fall.

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The reverberations... son's heavy broadside... Ward and Murphy... in the Waldorf-Astor... tional League... few magnates... election meant a split... League a compromise... have to be elected.

The national committee... ing and the National... convened later. The... tional League were... session at 1 o'clock... League were also... same hour.

Managers and players... the meetings and... trades. Catcher Leo... Louis Americans, prob... the New York Amer... for either third basemen... Jack Quinn.

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