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Guaranty is Essential.

To land the international meet for Indianapolis it will be necessary to give a guaranty of at least \$50,000, and it is proposed that Indianapolis merchants and business men aid by agreeing to buy tickets to that amount. One hundred business men taking five hundred tickets each would raise the necessary \$50,000. The holders of these tickets could dispose of them in any manner desired. In addition, it is proposed that Indianapolis business men purchase \$25,000 in bonds, and that this sum be offered in prizes for various aerial performances, the fastest mile, the longest and farthest flights, etc. Three bonds would be taken up by the speedway with the first money cleared on the project. In this manner it is hoped to enter an Indianapolis bid of \$25,000 in prizes and \$20,000 as a guaranty, with the privilege of 50 per cent. of the gate receipts.

It is believed the total attendance at the speedway would make the meet successful from a financial standpoint, and if the plan proposed is followed the only assistance to be given the speedway would be the purchase of tickets. It is said that New York would gladly give \$400,000 for the meet and that other cities larger than Indianapolis would give an equal sum to land the event. New York could not get it at any price, however, on account of the proximity of the ocean and the same reason bars many other big cities. An inland city is absolutely necessary.

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Speedway Ideal Place.

The Indianapolis motor speedway, with a seating capacity for twenty-five thousand spectators and the biggest aerodrome in the country, is the ideal place for holding such a meet. The big attendance at the balloon races in this city last spring showed that the interest in aeronautics is at a high pitch and airships form a much greater attraction than balloons.

The international aviation meet will be preceded by a national meet in the city that lands the big event, and the machines making the best performances will later be entered in contests with the best machines of Europe, selected after qualifying contests in their own countries.

Officials of the motor speedway will hold a meeting tonight at the office of Carl G. Fisher, at which the situation will be thoroughly canvassed. If it is proposed finally to ask the aid of the Indianapolis merchants a meeting with members of the Merchants' Association and Commercial Club will be arranged at once. It is the desire to be in readiness to present a bid at the St. Louis meeting of the Federated Aero Clubs January 29 that will be taken seriously.

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