

### Search for New Players Will Be Hot This Winter

Every Big Team Needs New Material With Very Few New Men Available.

New York, Nov. 3.—While Miller J. Huggins, the happily placed manager of the world champion Yankees, is taking his ease and comfort this winter, seven rival leaders will be dashing hither and yon in search of new material to strengthen their several clubs. All require strengthening if they are to make a real fight of the American league campaign next year instead of a walkover for the Yankees.

There to get the required new material is a problem the rival leaders will have to solve for themselves. According to the scouts, the really good players in the minors this year could have been counted on the fingers of any normal human's two hands.

Not in many years, says the nimble ivory hunters, has there been such a dearth of promising material in the bushes as there was during the season just closed.

This means, of course, that there will be correspondingly few additions to the major league clubs from this source next spring, and those few, it now seems likely, of little or no "class."

Shortstop Wright of Kansas City, destined for the Pittsburgh Pirates, is said to be a star in the making, and two or three others are named by the scouts as "ready."

Most of the others, however, are said to be at least one year "away," and this probably means that the clubs which need strengthening will have to mend their fences with players now in the league.

Activities Promised. This, in turn, indicates a winter of unusual activity in the baseball marts of trade and frequent exchanges of players.

The Yankees are the only club in the league which can afford to stand pat on its pitching staff, and most other clubs require a lot of bolstering in other departments as well.

The Tigers, for instance, need a second baseman and possibly a shortstop in addition to at least two pitchers, and the Cleveland Indians, also lacking pitchers, could use a first baseman and second baseman to advantage.

The St. Louis Browns need first and third basemen and a hard hitting center fielder, as well as a couple of pitchers, and the Washington Senators must have outfielders and a pitcher or two if they are to figure as pennant contenders.

Pale Hose Need Pitchers. Pitchers are the greatest need of the White Sox, who might have given the Yankees a battle this year if their hurlers had delivered up to Gleason's expectations.

Connie Mack's Athletics need at least two outfielders who can hit and a couple of steady pitchers, while the Boston Red Sox need rebuilding from the ground up in practically every department.

John Misunderstood. "Mr. Johnson, by his way, has been misunderstood in many ways. I am convinced that he is fair and impartial in his dealings with each American league owner and that whatever he does always is for the best interests of our organization. He is a big man in baseball, ever on the alert to safeguard the sport."

Action has not yet been taken, but undoubtedly will be taken at the annual league meeting in December, according to Business Manager Edward G. Barrow of the Yankees.

"We knew such a move was coming," said Barrow. "It was discussed with us recently, and we offered no objections."

Similar action is not contemplated by the National league, so far as could be learned.

Olympiad Will Be Gerat Event. New York, Nov. 3.—A prediction that the Paris Olympiad next year will prove the greatest set of international games in history was made Friday by Col. A. G. Mills, who returned on the steamship President Harding after a trip of several months abroad as official envoy of the American Athletic Union.

Colonel Mills represented the A. A. U. at the congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation in Paris, and was elected vice president of the latter body.

Jess Willard Is So Out of Mind That He Comes and Goes Unnoticed. Not long ago a sports editor in Los Angeles received a query about Jess Willard, former heavy weight champion of the world. The person wanted to know what Willard's address was and how best to get a message to him.

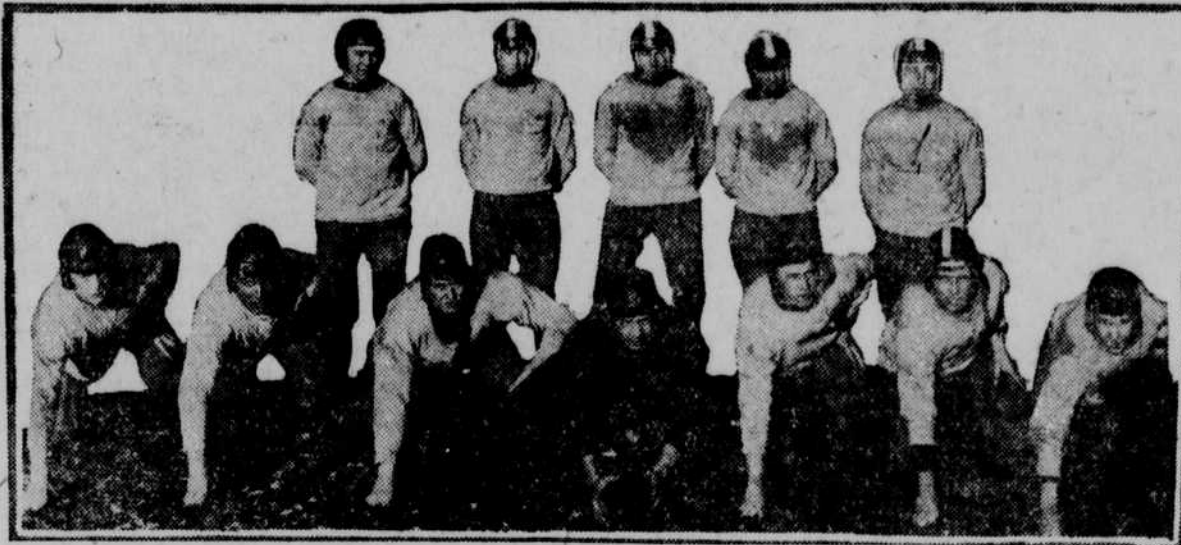
The sports editor had not thought of Willard for months, but offered to find out Willard's whereabouts and pass on the information. He called Willard's home and asked Mrs. Willard where Jess could be located.

Mrs. Willard answered in some surprise that Jess was in Los Angeles and had been there for more than six weeks.

Jess Willard had returned home, had gone to his business every day and had walked about the streets of the city every day for six weeks, and not a sports writer or a fight fan had noticed him sufficiently to think the matter worth recording.

It sure is tough to be a has-been.

### The Crack Central City Football Team



This is the fast squad from the Central City High school. So far this season they have met with extraordinary success in their contests with other high schools in the state. The team lineup, as it appears in the picture, is: Greene, left end; Page, left tackle; Smith, left guard; Benton, center; Rose, right guard; Houser, right tackle; Kamage, right end; Gould, quarter back; Mohr, left half back; McHargue, captain and right half back, and Parker, full back.

### Jimmy Dunn and His Gang May Travel to Coast Hunting Bouts

Jimmy Dunn and his fistie clan may move out to the Pacific coast ere long. A Los Angeles promoter Wednesday wired Dunn for his terms for a bout between Marty Burke, who recently knocked out Bob Martin, and Jim Delaney. The date of the proposed match was October 29 and Dunn, fearing Burke would not have time to condition himself after the long cross country journey, asked for a postponement. He also asked for terms for his other stars, Carl Tremaine, Charlie O'Connell, Johnny Karr, Al Corbett and Bryan Downey.

### Yankees Are Most Valuable Team

Cost \$400,000 Originally, Now Worth Over \$10,000,000.

New York, Nov. 3.—Charley Murphy, former owner of the Chicago Cubs, used to boast that he stretched a shoestring into \$1,000,000. Charley bought the Chicago Nationals in 1906, and they made him \$1,000,000 in eight years.

However, if Murphy did well with the Cubs, consider what Jacob Ruppert has done with the Yankees. Nine years ago Ruppert and Huston bought an American League franchise in New York for \$400,000, each of the partners putting up a little over \$200,000.

The Yankees then were a homeless franchise, and title to the club took over players who would not be remembered today. Today that same Yankee team is the most valuable baseball property in America. After winning the world's series, Ruppert placed a \$10,000,000 value on his club.

Yankees Worth \$10,000,000. "If any one wants to buy the Yankees now, they can pay me \$10,000,000," said Ruppert. "We are a \$10,000,000 property. The real estate on which we have built our stadium already has doubled in value, and our stadium club has gone up considerably in value."

According to a competent building engineer, if any one wanted to duplicate Yankee stadium today the cost would be 40 to 50 per cent higher than it stood Ruppert and Huston. He said that the Coliseum let out in contract for their plant while steel was at its lowest point since before the war and that since then steel and all other building material again have taken a big jump.

No Interest Ever Taken Out. However, not only has the stadium gone up in value, but the team has been developed into the greatest money maker in the history of the game. Despite its bad defeat in the world's series of 1922, the Yanks out-drew every other club by a big margin last season. Now that they are world's champions, they are expected to do still better.

Ruppert, however, said that he never had taken a nickel dividend out of the club and everything taken out of it has been put back. But as a result he has turned his original \$200,000 investment into a \$10,000,000 property.

### Heilmann Knows When He Is Lucky

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3.—Harry Heilmann was recently asked why he did not go after a large total of home runs. Suggesting the matter to Heilmann, a friend said: "When you go to bat take a full swing at the first one and maybe the second one. If you hit the ball you are certain to get a home-run." "There is only one man in baseball who is paid for hitting home-runs. What good would it do me unless I could hit 60 in one year, which I could not. If I took a full swing at the first good one or at the first and second, I would kill my batting form, throw myself out of stride and then I could not hit at all. There is only one thing for me to do and that is to get hits. That is the best policy. Too many of the boys are trying to get home-runs."

### East Will Have a New Waterproof Race Track for Thoroughbreds

After a sudden storm halted racing on the new Cranwood track recently, Frank D. Woodland, proprietor, announced that he had let a contract to J. S. Coates, famous track builder of New York, for the building of a course that would be free from the interference of storms.

The track will be the first of its kind in the country and will be so constructed that the heaviest of rains will have no effect upon it. The first strata will be of crushed rock. On top of that will be placed a thick layer of cinders and this layer will be covered with several inches of gravel.

With such a course there will be no such thing as inclement weather in the racing game. The track will always be fast.

### Football Play Is Changing for Better in Opinion of Expert

Much More Handling of Pigskin by Younger Generation Than by Men of Older School, Says Herbert Reed.

New York, Nov. 3.—Herbert Reed, a well-known football expert, says that brilliant football is in prospect during the remainder of the season, despite the fact that there is every evidence of growing power on the defense, especially in the big games, for the reason that the generation of youngsters that have been working with great freedom under the modern rules has disposed of the "ball fence" that once beset the oldtimers, and they handle the pigskin with ever-increasing dexterity. There are more fumbles, to be sure, but not too many when the amount of ball handling, the complicated passing from the center, and great number of individual duties loaded upon the players are taken into consideration.

It may be, of course, that some of the October scores will be large, but as the season moves along the defense, more widely understood now than in recent years, is certain to brace materially. Among the leaders in the west, at least, and probably in the east, there is less disparity in the coaching methods than there used to be, which means that there will be in evidence so many checks and balances that greatly one-sided scores seem out of the question.

Scoring Opportunities Few. This does not mean that there will not be long runs and deep passes in plenty, but the probability is that in the big games the scoring opportunities will run about 5 to 4, 5 to 3, or perhaps even 4 to 4 or 5 to 5, according to the generalship, and the team that wins will be the one that converts the greater number of these opportunities. No good team in its big game should be cut down to fewer than three openings at the very least, and most good teams will make more than that. Then follows the generalship, on which the victory will depend.

The proper type for football these days is a combination of fast athlete and actor. Deception has come into the game to such an extent that offensive players who, with a hop or a step, or perhaps even the turning of the head, can pull a defensive player or two out of position, are worth all the human battering rams in college. It is a tribute to the way the modern game has been built up in the schools that all the colleges have these men.

Speed Is Essential. Speed is essential. There is, of course, ways need of power, for fundamentally, of course, football is a power game when the necessity passes football will pass as a distinctive game. But what is needed today is power plus speed and brains. For in the strictest sense football is no longer football, but handball. And the headwork applies to the line as well as to the backs and ends and the field general.

The oldtimer should be a little lenient with missed tackles. The backs came up so fast for so great a distance to meet their man on the scrimmage line that they are apt to miss the tackle, and again, there is the vital necessity of watching the ball. The tackling will be fierce, of course, in the important games—indeed, all but savage—but it never will be as dead as under the modern conditions as it was in the old game. There is nothing that suits the tackling game better than the "blind tackle." These youngsters are performing so many duties that the oldtimer was spared that he might as well forget some of his spontaneous criticism and look for the good things that are done under a far greater mental strain than ever was undergone by the players in the old game.

Triple Threat Man King. The usual standard plays in attack, of course, again will be in evidence, and when executed with precision they will be just as effective as ever. The shifts also remain, but it is doubtful if so many frank shifts, such as were shown by Centre college last season, will be seen. There probably will be better plays built for use on the short side of the unbalanced line, a maneuver that is still in its infancy. There is still plenty of room for better devised reverse plays from the formation that employs the deployed end. This deployed end probably will be found in action on practically every team in the country, for he is a menace to the tackle, and the defense against the maneuver has not yet been standardized, although some coaches have worked it up very well indeed.

The triple threat man is still the kingpin of the attack, for in the passing game fully 90 per cent of its effectiveness depends on the passer, and if the passer is also a kicker and a runner he is a great demoralizer of the defense. On the receiving end, there probably will be further development of the crossed-over player, for it is possible in this way to throw two or three eligibles into the territory of a single-wing back, at least one of them coming from the side. The flat pass has been gaining somewhat in popularity, and should be more effective than last season, while certain teams, notably Princeton, undoubtedly will still set a great deal of store by the pass in depth.

But the defense against the pass is improving and there should be many sudden changes in the tide of the defense. The complex signal system has gone into the discard, along with the doo and other extinct species, and there is more common sense and less mysterious football on tap than ever before.

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### At Last We Have Indian Football Eleven to Play

Jim Thorpe Has Organized a Team of Fullblood Indians for Pro. Football.

Not so many years ago the Carlisle Indians were known to every fan who then followed football. As a team they were a sensation equal to that of the present Notre Dame team.

That was in the days of Jim Thorpe. Under the direction of Glenn Warner the Indians used to trim some of the best college teams in the country and tremendous crowds would turn out wherever they played. The days of the Carlisle Indian school football team have passed, but now comes their star of stars, Jim Thorpe, with a collection of stars, and near stars, organized into a fast professional team. Every man who plays on Jim's team wore the colors of the Carlisle school at one time or another.

Thorpe, of course, is the most famous member of the team. But there are others who are pretty well known. Towahawk, full blooded Wyandotte; Red Fox, a Cherokee; Eagle Feather, Mohican—proof positive that James Fenimore Cooper did not know what he was talking about when he said that the last of the Mohican tribe fell with Unca-Arrow Head, Wyandotte; Little Twig, Mohawk; Powell, Cherokee; Barrell, Chippewa; Nawooba, a Sac and Fox, tribesmen of Thorpe, make up the regular team. Every one of the men will be remembered by those who followed the path of the school in the days of its glory.

Running Deer, Buffalo, Big Bear and Lou Boutilier, all Chippewas, form the list of substitutes.

Thorpe is said to be playing the best game of his career in company with this aggregation.

### Red Sox May Win With Lee Fohl and His Cash

New York, Nov. 4.—It is thought that Lee Fohl will be able to accomplish something in the way of building up the Boston Red Sox on account of his financial standing. It takes money now-a-days to build up a baseball club.

The Red Sox, as they stand, are a wreck. That Frank Chance could finish no better than last with them is proof of that. Fohl, having a bankroll stands at least an even chance of succeeding. It all depends on his luck in getting the players he needs.

There will be no such thing as quick success for the new regime in Boston. The Yankees are far too well fortified for any team to entertain any serious pennant hopes, but Fohl might make third or fourth place, such is the condition of the rest of the league.

In the minor leagues Lee Fohl had the honor of playing with the only straight pennants until the coming of the Port Worth and Baltimore combinations. That was down in Akron, O., then in the Ohio-Pennsylvania league, a Class C organization. Fohl caught for the team for four years and managed it in the last two seasons of its reign as champion.

### May Shake Up Yanks Pitching Staff

New York, Nov. 3.—Beyond an attempt to land a left-hand pitcher and an outfielder who bats right-handed, Miller Huggins declared that he intended to stand pat on the Yankee lineup for next season, in a statement made public today. He declined to say whether another attempt would be made to obtain Jake May, left-hander, of the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league.

It is understood that Huggins is angling for Benny Karr, pitcher and pinch hitter of the Atlanta club. He is also said to be in the market for George Dumont, a pitcher of the same team.

### Speaker Can Ride

Tris Speaker, manager of the Cleveland Americans, demonstrated that he could be a cowboy as well as the leader of a baseball team at a Texas state fair recently.

Strolling nonchalantly into the arena of the "Wild West" section of the fair Tris announced his intention of taking a ride. A nice wild pony was picked out for the "Indian" and all the "cow punchers" stood around to laugh. Tris had the laugh, though. He rode the plunging cayuse and the others' laughs turned into cheers.

### Football Is Not an Eleven-Man Game

It Is a Combination of Several Formations of Many Players.

New York, Nov. 3.—Andy Smith, former coach of the University of Pennsylvania grid warriors, and for the last few years mentor of the University of California eleven, says that a football team is no longer made up of just 11 men as prescribed by the rules, but rather it is composed of 15 or 16 players wedded into series of combinations, all of which are workable. Smith has several of these combinations ready for the Pacific coast title games that are now approaching.

The Golden Bears, as the University of California team is called, while forced to undergo some great changes on account of the loss of some of its stars of last season, is being pointed toward the conference championship. Opposed to the Bears is Leland Stanford, a good combination which is using some of Glenn Warner's plays, although the latter will not assume the coaching burden until next spring. The University of Washington, another formidable outfit, will dispute the Bears, as will the eleven from southern California.

Smith and his men are not overconfident nor are they unaware that their chance of winning the title are excellent. The preliminary games so far this season have shown that Smith has whipped together a smoothly working machine with several specially combinations that are good at old-fashioned football or playing the aerial game.

Blewitt Plays Anywhere. One of Smith's finds this year is Bill Blewitt, a sophomore, who is looming up as the original "five-threat" player of the Pacific coast. That is, Blewitt is the triple-threat man two-thirds better.

When Blewitt was placed at half-back against Olympic club a couple weeks ago, due to injuries of the famous coast veterans, Spaulding and Dunn, Andy Smith probably found the man who will lead the Bears to a championship, for he displayed an excellent knowledge of five distinct football arts, punting, passing, blocking, running and droppingkick. He showed that he can do all of them well, which is a rare gift among football players.

On the defense he showed up well.

being cool under fire in tight places and a sure tackler.

Coast critics believe that the Bears have the most versatile six-man backfield in the country. In Blewitt, Dunn, Spaulding, Dixon and Nichols. Three of these men can run, buck and pass; three can punt, and three can dropkick. Smith has shifted Dode Kling back to quarter, where he will direct the plays in the conference struggles.

Line a Stone Wall. The first-string California line has shown itself to be a stone wall from tackle to tackle. Horrell is at center; Beam and Newmyer, guards; Perry and Carey, tacklers. Mell is being used at left end and Thatcher at right.

Football at Leland Stanford university is undergoing the same rebuilding. The grid game was abolished a generation ago at the California institution and it is just now struggling to get back on its feet. Next year Glenn Warner is to take charge of the football activities, but enthusiasm even this year is pretty high.

Stanford is hungry for a gridiron winner and there are hopeful signs that within a year or two the Leland lads will make their presence felt in conference circles.

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