NEAR FUTURE OF FOOT BALL

Glance at Situation Indicates Reform in Playing Methods.

SAFE AND SANE STYLE IS WANTED

Elements of Brutality and Commercialism Must Be Eliminated if the Great College Game Is to Continue.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—As the members of the Chicago Press club upon the occasion of a visit of that organization to Washington and the east were filing through the offices of the Executive Mansion, one of the members of the party laughingly congratulated President Roosevelt, saying as he did so:

"The first republican president that Tammany Hall has ever publicly thanked by a resolution."

The reference was to the fact that Tammany Hall in its platform just adopted at the time of the visit of the Chicago newspaper men had congratulated the president upon the success achieved in connection with the holding of the peace conference at Portsmouth, N. H.

"Do you know," said President Roosevelt, without a moment's hesitation, "I am tremendously interested in that historical fact? And I am going to write to my old friend Tom Grady of the Tammany Hall committee on resolutions and get a copy of that particular section of the platform."

All of this was not "under the rose"—not even in the form of an interview—but the spontaneous observation in public of the president while acting as host to a party of newspaper men visiting the city of Washington. Then, perhaps fearing that the remarks, so obviously half jest, half earnest, might be taken in too serious a vein, the president added merrily:

"But I want to say that I have just had a conference 'on my hands' which is giving me more trouble—ten times over—than that Portsmouth peace conference ever gave me. In strict confidence I don't mind telling you all what it was."

Harder Than the Russians.

Here the visiting journalists all pricked up their ears, thinking that possibly President Roosevelt had taken advantage of the informal visit of Opie Read and his Chicago followers to reveal a profound state secret. Everybody laughed heartily, the president himself laughing with the newspaper men as he spoiled the "scoop" by adding in his inimitable style:

"It is the foot ball conference of college presidents."

Now, however, the newspaper men who listened to the president's laughing, running comment upon the subject of foot ball rules are wondering if after all there is more truth than fun or fiction in Mr. Roosevelt's assertions—if after all it will not be harder for the warring factions of foot ball to "get together" than for the warring factions of the Russians and the Japs.

One thing, however, appears clear and distinct. It cannot be made too emphatic. College foot ball has not received a death blow. Many changes will undoubtedly be made in rules and in methods now that the season is practically at a close, but there is too much of good in the sport to warrant any man in making the assertion that "College foot ball must go."

Commercialism the Blame.

But it appears to be universally agreed that "Commercialism in college foot ball must go." Just how this particular result will be arrived at, it is for the future conferences and committees to decide. Primarily the trouble today centers around the fact that the gate receipts at a first class college game are enormous. Instances are reported in which more than 40,000 spectators must have been in attendance. To say nothing of the speculation going on in tickets in spite of all prohibitions and precautions—speculation which at times must have been winked at by those in authority—this means that the men on the gridiron are fighting a battle in which the spectators have paid more money than is usually paid in to see a championship prize fight—say $75,000 or $100,000. This one fact alone is enough to demonstrate that these games are tainted with the spirit of commercialism and that the line between the professional and the amateur is hard to find in this sort of thing. It was Chancellor MacCracken of New York university who inquired what would be thought of German universities should they allow their students to fight their duels before grandstands full of people at $2 per head? American public opinion long ago frowned down dueling, but in the light of Chancellor MacCracken's effective comparison it begins to appear as though the advantages were all with the dueling German student. There may at first sight appear to be little, if any, relation between the taking of large sums of money by persons interested in college foot ball and that violence of play which occasionally causes physical injury and death, but trickery in procuring players and conducting the sport has been proved and it is not a far cry from trickery in arranging the plan of battle to trickery on the field of battle itself. Certain it is that it would appear more natural to charge some of the things done on the gridiron to commercialism in foot ball rather than to accident or loss of temper. Be that as it may the lovers of true sport in general and foot ball in particular are agreed that in these things which sometimes do result in the death of the players it will be necessary to avoid even the appearance of evil by making foot ball games in the future more invitational in character and less of the nature of a circus to which an admission has been paid.

Spirit of Winning.

The makers of rules and the coaches of teams have laughed at the fears of the parents of college boys and have smiled at the outcry against the brutalities of the game. "Win! Win! We must win—win at any cost!" has been the cry of the foot ball factions contending for supremacy on the gridiron.

Last year, it will be remembered, public indignation was at a white heat just about the time that the foot ball season reached its end. The makers of the rules professed repentance—changed a word here—juggled a phrase there—and the general public was told to look for an improvement—an improvement which never came. Wise friends of true sport in every form saw that foot ball was rolling to a crash, and accordingly bent their efforts and energies in the direction of "safe and sane foot ball."

The crash came when Columbia university "bolted brutality" and banished foot ball. Coach William Raymond Morley, who has brought the Columbia foot ball team to a high standard of efficiency, called attention to the fact that the deaths this year from foot ball were nineteen—about the same as last year, not a high rate when it is remembered that 100,000 players annually indulge in the game. But President Eliot of Harvard, while advising "an interval for cooling down" before taking drastic action, thereby demonstrating his judicial temperament and putting himself in the position of a man who is "keeping in the middle of the road," also calls attention to the fact that the death rate is really not the chief point at issue—that the fact that "cheating and brutality are profitable is the main issue."

End or Mend the Game.

Two courses appear to be open to foot ball authorities of the various colleges and universities. The first is to abolish foot ball as it is played in America today and substitute what is known as association or "socker" foot ball. Already "socker" foot ball has obtained a hold among the various colleges of the east. At Cornell the athletic council has given official recognition to this new sport, placing it on an equal footing with basket ball, la crosse and the other minor branches of athletics. At Princeton association foot ball has been growing in favor among the undergraduates, and a squad of thirty men has been practicing the game regularly. Both Cornell and Princeton, together with Pennsylvania, have applied for admission into the Intercollegiate Foot Ball league, which was formed last May with Columbia, Harvard and Haverford as the charter members. It is expected that Yale will join the league in the near future. Fred Milnes of the Pilgrim "socker" team, which recently played a series of test matches throughout this country, thereby adding materially to the interest taken in this sport, has given a trophy cup to the league and it is to be played for under conditions which have been named by him. With colleges like Columbia out of regular foot ball and taking up with "socker" or association foot ball it would appear as though a strong current is setting in the direction of the game as it is played in England.

Chance of Ten-Yard Rule.

If the college foot ball authorities take the other course and cling to the American style of foot ball it will be because the rules committee bends instead of breaks before the storm of public indignation. While certain members of the rules committee appointed by the leading colleges of the east are apparently of the opinion that no radical changes are needed, the committee as a whole appears to realize that the methods of the thug and plug-ugly cult can no longer be adopted on college foot ball fields. Walter Camp, whose word upon foot ball is listened to east, west, north and south, calls attention to the fact that the ten-yard rule, which he has for years advocated, is working well in Canada. This is only one of the changes which will be insisted upon by interests powerful in athletic college councils here in the east. Another change will probably be in the direction of the more rigid enforcement of existing rules, more officials being placed on the field for the purpose in the future. It is urged that four men could see things which two might in the excitement of the game overlook.

Whether slight changes will be sufficient to save the game remains to be seen. In certain high and mighty college quarters there appears to be a disposition to abandon all rules and begin all over again the work of forming new rules and regulations. One powerful argument is that outside of its brutality, which may perhaps appeal to the mob much as the contests of gladiators appealed to the ancient Romans, the game is not even interesting to the average man, since not even a foot ball expert can make much out of a mass of forty-four arms and forty-four legs, all moving about, apparently without any method in their madness. Public opinion put an end to the flying wedge. Yet the flying wedge was more spectacular and less dangerous than some of the mass plays devised nowadays by these same foot ball experts who appear to imagine that they can move men as pawns are moved about on a chessboard, as soldiers are moved about on a field of battle.

What is Likely.

If the American style of playing foot ball is retained as the basic principle for the foot ball of the future, it is believed that the evolution must be something like this: College athletic officials with more power in their hands; more drastic enforcement of drastic rules by a larger number of officials on the field; penalties great enough to largely prevent rough play and the insertion at regular intervals of advertisements in the daily papers showing in itemized form the amounts of money received and the amounts of money expended by the various colleges and universities upon their different foot ball teams.

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COMMENT ON CHANGE OF RULES

Likely to Result in Many Indecisive Contests.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Harvard foot ball authorities, while interested in the proposed changes in foot ball rules recommended by the rules committee at Philadelphia yesterday, refused to comment on the matter today.

Two men prominent in New England intercollegiate athletics, Dr. Paul C. Phillips of Amherst and Prof. Henry Wild of Williams, who represent the faculty on the athletic boards of their respective colleges, commented today on the proposed changes. Dr. Phillips favored the change requiring a gain of ten yards on three downs and believed also that all officials should be chosen in advance of the foot ball season.

Prof. Wild said: "The rules as proposed would to a certain extent improve the game by causing more open play and insuring a more strict system of umpires and referees. The rules, however, providing that the side having the ball must gain ten yards on three downs or forfeit the ball to the other side, substituting ten yards for the present requirement of five, would be likely to result in an indecisive kicking game."

McCoy Would Fight Corbett.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Kid McCoy tonight sent a challenge to James J. Corbett for a fight, the terms of which are to be arranged later, it being understood that a new club in Delaware, formed by Tom O'Rourke, will offer a purse of $20,000. In his letter to Corbett McCoy says he has posted $5,000 with a local newspaper as a guarantee of good faith. To issue a formal challenge for a prize fight is against the laws of New York, so the McCoy matter does not deal with any of the details of the proposed contest, but simply seeks correspondence on the subject. McCoy says he is induced to enter the ring again only because of the unsatisfactory termination of his fight with Corbett, which he admits left a cloud on his record as a pugilist and because he believes that he is the better boxer of the two. He declares that under no consideration will he talk of a match with any other man than Corbett.

Omaha Fighter Knocked Out.

SIOUX CITY, Ia. Dec. 10.—There was a prize fight across the Sioux river in South Dakota this afternoon between "Kid" Daugherty of Chicago and "Kid" Asmussen of Omaha. Daugherty won in the third round, knocking out his opponent with a blow over the heart.

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WITH THE BOWLERS.

Following are scores made in a practice match between two of the teams selected to bowl the champion Gunther team on the association alleys the last of this month. A glance at the totals will show that the Omaha boys can give any team a hard fight, as the average games of the Gunthers on their home alleys are not above those given below. Johnson led for the match with a total of 618 and a single game of 233. Tonneman also reached the 600 mark. The No. 2 team has challenged the winners of this bout and another contest will be bowled next Sunday afternoon. Scores:

NO. THREE TEAM.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Neale	201	165	200	566
Clay	179	180	180	539
Johnson	208	233	177	618
Tonneman	214	190	196	600
G. O. Francisco	188	178	171	537
Totals	990	946	924	2,860

NO. ONE TEAM.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Fritscher	185	181	200	566
Potter	188	199	189	576
Gjerde	187	195	181	563
Huntington	206	176	186	568
Sprague	170	159	194	523
Totals	936	910	950	2,796

Victim of Foot Ball.

RUSSIAVILLE, Ind., Dec. 10.—Grover Mason, 18 years of age, who was injured about the head during a foot ball game three weeks ago, is dead at his home here.

Automobile Topics.

New Jersey farmers are advocating a law that will cause the construction of ditches one mile apart on the boulevards. They think this a good way to stop rapid transit by means of automobiles. Next in turn will be for some legislator to recommend the tearing up of all macadam highways and a return to corduroy roads.

Reduced rates have been obtained for members of the American Automobile association who want to travel from any part of the country to the convention which is to be held in New York January 13 to 20. The convention will be held at the same time as the show of the Automobile Club of America and in the same building. Information concerning it can be obtained in detail from Secretary A. G. Batcheider, 31 West Forty-second street, New York.

For a manufacturer who really wants to know the public pulse and act accordingly, it would be hard to devise a better scheme than a reunion of his agents, or retailers, a reunion partly sociable and partly business, lasting several days. For the good of all, buyers, retailers and makers, the example of the reunion recently held by the Olds concern at Lansing, Mich., where everyone had a "large time" and many big orders were closed, would seem to be well worthy of emulation. Often it is just such affairs as this that hold the secret of why some firms keep in the lead.

Amelia—Will you buy a new model motor car at the show? Cynthia—No; I'm going to get a new necklace instead and then study the new fashions in bodies at the automobile show and have the body of my old car made over to suit.

According to the complete official list, there will be 300 exhibitors in the forthcoming show at Madison Square garden. A novelty to be introduced is that of providing all the stands with individual telephone service.

An interesting question has been brought up recently through the use by one manufacturer of the cut of another's car. It seems that a certain maker decided to reproduce on his chassis the Columbia "double victoria" body and before it was ready for photographing he used a cut of the copied car for illustrating purposes. It is understood that the difficulty has been settled, but the peculiar point brought out is that there is apparently no redress in such cases for the maker whose patterns are copied. That, at least, was the opinion of the lawyers consulted, though the moral aspect of the matter was conceded to be very different.

"Chauffeur" is a word that has been accredited with having been derived from several sources. The commonly accepted version is that originally it meant "stoker." A later interpretation is that the essential meaning of the word is "nerve." In view of the accidents that occur to cars when their owners do not know that they are out, this seems to be quite the best etymology for the word.

Membership in the Association of Licensed Manufacturers has been granted to the Matheson Motor Car company and the Walter Automobile company, while an importing license has been granted to the De Dietrich company.

Secretary Butler of the Automobile Club of America has been given carte blanche to use the club funds for decorative purposes in the armory where the club will hold its show in order that the makers of steam and electric cars, the tire men and the other exhibitors who are now in the garden show because they do not need a license or cannot get one, will not feel that they are in a cheap side show. The prospects are, therefore, that New York will have two shows of unprecedented magnificence from an artistic standpoint.

King of All Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house."

Sterling toilet sets. Edholm, jeweler.

Chains—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Rescued by Lifesavers.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 10.—Today has been strenuous for the life saving crews at the Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil and Nags Head stations. The first two battled against a terrific sea for several hours in an effort to reach the stranded steamship Aragon and finally succeeded in shooting a line across the vessel's decks. After this the entire crew of twenty-one men were brought safely to shore in the breeches buoy. The barge in tow of the Aragon stood the buffeting of the sea and wind longer than its consort, but stranded two miles north of Nags Head at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. This afternoon the Nags Head life saving crew brought ashore its crew of five men in the breeches buoy.

Black Jack steins. Edholm, jeweler.

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Swain Acquitted of Murder.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 10.—Major Hugh N. Swain, U. S. A., retired, was today acquitted of the charge of murder in the second degree in connection with the slaying of Charles W. Jones, secretary of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance company, of which the father of Swain was at the time president. On the first trial Major Swain was convicted and given a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

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