

# FOOTBALL IS ENDANGERED

### Commercial Spirit that Sends Two Teams a Thousand Miles for Sake Big Gate Receipts a Menace.

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New York, Nov. 18.—The growing trend of commercialism in football, which manifests itself in the playing of games by outside teams in great cities like New York and Chicago, is meeting with a growing opposition among the conservative supporters of the game. One of the greatest opponents of these "exhibitions" has, unfortunately been called from the fray.

In one of the last talks the writer had with the late Percy D. Haughton, that great coach said: "The moment money enters into football contest as the objective, instead of the friendly and spirited rivalry of college against college, we are going to have engendered in players the idea that such contests after all are not worth while."

"It is extremely bad policy to make college men believe that they are playing in a 'show.' They may go along for a while, but ultimately the heart will be taken out of the game and there will be nothing left but husks. 'Home and home games' I firmly believe in—whether the 'home' be a large city or a small college town. Any college which plays on the ground of a rival should be engaged the courtesy of a return engagement. But I am not in favor of a team travel 1,000 miles to meet a team which also has travelled 1,000 miles, in a city where gate receipts alone attract them."

"Football is the only distinctive college sport we have left unless it is rowing. I do not mean to say that colleges have an exclusive right to football or to rowing. But unless colleges keep the upper hand in these sports—and unless in keeping it they show themselves above mere monetary gain—we soon will have no real college sport left."

# BOXING MAY BE BANNED IN WEST

### If Reports of Personnel of New Commission in State are Correct Pro-Boxing Likely Doomed.

By FAIR PLAY  
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New York, Nov. 18.—Eastern boxers who are planning to trek to California and promoters of this section—Kearns for one—who are thinking of building are had better wait until they learn the personnel of the new state boxing commission. The writer's prediction is that this commission is going to be a wow. From exclusive sources that are reliable the writer has word that Friend W. Richardson, California's Quaker governor who has made no secret of his strong opposition to boxing, plans to appoint a commission which not only may put a discouraging damper upon the newly authorized boxing game, but may serve to prevent any "pro" bouts.

What would you think, brothers, of a boxing commission composed of a prominent clergyman and an equally prominent Y. M. C. A. worker? It would not be the sort of body under which professional boxing would flourish, would it?

In fact, since matches must be sanctioned by the commission and commissioners once appointed cannot be removed, even by the governor, for a period of four years, it is possible that Governor Richardson's appointment may prevent any "pro" boxing of any sort.

# GAMES FOR THE SAKE

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New York, Nov. 18.—Princeton beaten by Yale after the Tigers had swamped Harvard with an exhibition of flawless defensive and offensive football; Minnesota victor over Illinois with nothing at all to show, so far as preceding games were concerned, that the Gophers had the ability to cause such an upset; Columbia holding the strong Army team to a tie; Auburn holding Georgia to a single score. Centre defeating Alabama!

The present season is showing convincingly what other seasons since modern football was played have suggested—that the outcome of no game may be predicated upon games that have been played. The whole thing is sheer guess work and coaches and others close to football outfits have to guess as much as any one else.

Minnesota answered the question "who can stop Granger" and in answering it affirmatively not only won over Illinois but justified the splendid material which rallied to the Crimson and Gold standard this fall as well as the untiring effort expended in developing it to the heights of its possibilities. Bill Spaulding, the coach, has needed just such a game as this to place him where he belongs.

For the Gophers meet Illinois instructed in the various problems they would encounter and versed superbly in methods designed to take advantage of the shortcomings of the Urbana combination.

So with the Yale team at Princeton. Here was a triumph of skilled coaching based upon the shrewdest sort of scouting. Yale's line had the strength and ability to stop Princeton's rushes, just as the Tiger forwards were able to hold the Ill line sufficiently in check to prevent scores being made. Yale won because she had learned how to check Princeton's overhead system and because Princeton had not learned how to stop Yale's overhead game. Princeton had not learned this because in preceding games Yale had not shown her hand in forward passing. What problems Yale submitted to the Tigers in this respect had to be solved out on the field in the course of the game. And this is always a terrific handicap to a team.

Again, Yale had the advantage of a vast punting superiority. When you have to face high booming punts deep in your territory and in turn can answer this artillery assault only with punts of smaller calibre and less power the handicap is very material.

Yet Princeton played good football. It was a team that had given its all against Harvard and the effects of that contest were seen in the comparatively slow down-field play of Princeton against Yale and the sluggish manner in which the attack was started. A complete contrast. After a bottle of champagne has been opened and the cork again inserted no zest will be apparent in that bottle when once more it is uncorked.

As the late Tow Shevlin remarked after the Yale 1915 team had defeated Princeton and then been snowed under by Harvard: "You cannot make two glasses of lemonade out of one lemon." So with Princeton. Her men tried hard and played well, but the lethargy of the play and the trouping of regulars off the field as the game went on told of the absence of the vital spark.

The Yale team impressed the writer as approaching the form of the 1923 eleven, better in fact, in the department of overhead play. It has but to defeat Harvard by a larger score than Dartmouth made against the Crimson to stand out as the leading team of the East.

Notre Dame crushed Nebraska and upheld her reputation as the greatest football outfit this side of

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Question—Team A's half back attempts to forward pass the ball, being tackled before he gets it away. The referee blew the whistle when the tackle was made. But while he was being tackled A's back throws the ball and it is intercepted by Team B's end. The referee following the flying Team B end down the field blowing his whistle. All the other members of both teams stood still. Team B runner crossed the goal line. Was this a touchdown?  
Answer—No, it was not. Referee's whistle ended the play.

Question—Team A launches a play which gains 40 yards—a long run. There has been holding in the line called back to the original line of scrimmage and the penalty inflicted from there?  
Answer—It depends upon where the foul occurred. The penalty is always applied from the spot of

the Sierra Nevadas and since it is understood the South Benders will go to the Pacific slope this winter the Indiana eleven has such opportunity as no eleven has had to stand out as the nation's greatest.

Dartmouth showed her versatility by accepting a type of Cornell game which had defeated Green three years running and demonstrating that when the forward pass is well worked it will score more frequently than the best brand of running attack.

the foul. So if the holding occurred in the line the penalty would be inflicted from the line of scrimmage. If farther down the field then from that spot.

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