

FOOTBALL TOO ROUGH PLAN A NEW COMBINE

Pugilists Dodge Gridiron Game Movement Under Way to Form Rival of "Big Nine."

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"If you want to get a fighter's goat just ask him to help out some team in a football game," said Bug Slattery to a party of friends the other day, writes Walter C. Kelly in the Cleveland Leader.

"How's that, Bug; don't the mitt artists like the gentle gridiron pastime?" asked Harry L. Davis, who is an enthusiast on all branches of clean sport.

"The average pugilist would sooner face a pack of fallen angels than take part in a football contest," answered Slattery. "The professional fighter has a horror of the strenuous college sport. He does not like the roughing, and the terrific bumps that the gladiators of the gridiron are so accustomed to. A fighter likes to have a single opponent, and he wants him in such a position that he can keep his eyes upon him all the time. He dislikes to have a king upset him from behind, and then have a dozen or more other chaps stamp all over him and wipe up the mud with his physiognomy."

"They brought a big fighter to Buffalo a few years ago to play against the Okdalen. The manager of the visiting team thought his fighter could take care of anything they would place opposite him in the game, and he went in there with the express determination to knock out his man. But he counted without his host. The game had not gone the first half before the pugilist was being carried off to the side lines by his friends. He was a sorry looking specimen, and so sorry about the body that he did not leave his room for a few days. That guy never tried the college sport again."

"I remember some years ago when the Detroit A. C. brought a team here to play against the C. A. C., they brought a fighter named McGee with them. It was to be his job to put Sport Donnelly, the C. A. C. captain, out of commission. Donnelly, who was a great football genius, and a fighter as well, was put wise to Mr. McGee's intentions, and he watched the D. A. C. slugger closely. Along about the latter part of the first period there was a scrimmage near the grand stand, and when the smoke cleared away McGee remained prostrate on the sod while Sport was in his position innocently chewing his finger nails."

"I guess the fighters were never known to make a success at football," said Doctor Kvz. "They do not understand the game to the first place, never having been trained to that sort of thing. Football is a college game, and it requires a different sort of tutoring altogether to develop players than what is given the pugilistic gentry. Then, too, it requires a different sort of pluck to that shown in fistic engagements. Football is much more strenuous, and far more dangerous than fighting in the ring. The gridiron hero is more daring and reckless than his pugilist brother, and the football man is obliged to train much harder, and to suffer more hardships. He needs more moral courage than the fighter."

EDDIE GILLETTE



One of the most popular players on the University of Wisconsin football team and who is noted for his long and spectacular runs.

Lacrosse Growing in Popularity.

Lacrosse, the national game of Canada, is rapidly becoming a world-wide sport. The Britisher has scattered cricket and association football wherever he has settled. Baseball is confined almost entirely to Americans and Canadians and is being taken up by the Japanese and Chinese. On the other hand, lacrosse is played not by Canadian residents in foreign lands, but by teams composed of natives in the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, etc.

Big U. S. Soccer Organization.

It is probable a big soccer organization covering the United States will be formed in the near future.

Five Colleges and Universities Included in Conference in Middle West—Notre Dame and Marquette Are Included.

A movement is on foot which will, if it materializes, result in a new conference of colleges and universities in the middle west. Sponsors for the plans are working secretly and with a dispatch that augurs well for ultimate success.

Notre Dame, Marquette and Wabash have been named as charter members, with the possible inclusion of the Michigan agricultural college and Lawrence university. There will be six or eight institutions in the conference, and it will enter upon its official existence in the fall with the opening of the 1913 football season.

An effort was made last spring, it will be remembered, to form a conference of the Catholic universities in the middle west, but owing to the weakness of the teams the plan was abandoned. The necessity of cementing athletic relations between the prospective members of the new conference is recognized as the principal reason for the launching of the combine.

The strength of the institutions named for membership is too well known to need advertising. Notre Dame has always turned out a football team that made it a feared rival on any gridiron and a sure-fire contender for the championship of Indiana every year. Wabash, the home of the "Little Giants," has given the South Bend eleven a bitter fight, and a meeting always brews oodles of interest.

Marquette and Notre Dame have a three-year tie to wipe out, which says plenty for the evenness of the two teams representing these schools. They will endeavor to settle their differences Thanksgiving day at Comiskey park. Michigan "Argies" have always been bitter football foes of Notre Dame, and is a powerful team. Lawrence this year wallowed Marquette, demonstrating that it is a worthy candidate for membership in the new conference.

While the plans are in the making discussion of the rules which would govern eligibility of football players has already taken place in a sketchy way. The majority of the schools in line for membership already comply with the regulations that govern the "big nine" with the exception of the training table. Notre Dame, Marquette and Wabash have promised, it is understood, to enforce the freshman rule, and the abolition of the training table may follow.

ART ERDAHL



Minnesota has long been noted for its brilliant football players and among the most prominent this season is Art Erdahl, the subject of the illustration given herewith.

Outfield Is Hard Job.

"Wahoo Sam" Crawford, the slugging right fielder of the Detroit Tigers, says that the outfield is as difficult to play as any other position on the team. "There are a lot of angles in the outer garden," avers Sam, "and mistakes in that department are usually costly."

Yacht Clubs the Richest of Sport.

Summer Boarder—Man, I haven't caught a fish here in two weeks. Hotel Proprietor—The fish here don't let nobody catch 'em that hasn't stayed at least two weeks at this hotel.



SOMETHING TO SMILE AT

New Game.
"What's the matter with this mule's shoes?" asked the village blacksmith. "I put them on day before yesterday and they look all right to me."
"Never mind how dey looks," replied Erastus Pinkley. "You jest take dem shoes off an' put on yuthuh ones. Me an' Samson Smiley will stan' de expense."
"What has Smiley to do with it?"
"He's helpin' me finance a spo' 'in' proposition. We's got a bet on how many times yo kin fool aroun' dat mule's feet befo' you gits laid out."

No Fraction Left.

During the cotton-picking season in Texas a colored brother who had gone into the country to work returned very much disgusted.
"Didn't you git no offahs ter pick no cotton?" asked a friend.
"Sech ez dey was. White man done offered me one-third o' what Ah could pick. Ah done tuk a look at de field an' saw dat wen it wah all picked it wouldn't amount ter one-third. So Ah done lit out fer home!"

Saving Time.

"I see you are carrying home a new kind of breakfast food," remarked the first commuter.
"Yes," said the second commuter. "I was missing too many trains. The old brand required three seconds to prepare. You can fix up this new kind in a second and a half."

When He Surprised Her.

"What did your wife say when you surprised her with that \$100 check which you received for extra work?"
"She sadly said it would have been a great help if it had been twice as big."

A WISE CLERK.



The Boss—I'm very sorry, John, but owing to increasing business I can only let you have one week's vacation this summer instead of the usual two weeks.
The Clerk—Oh! that's all right, sir. Half a loaf is better than none, you know, and an increase of business means an increase in salary, I suppose.

Draw Your Own Conclusions.

His heart is in his work,
But we've heard
His newest lady clerk
Is a bird.

Natural Query.

The Old-Timer—Yes, sir, we had two ice crops this winter.
The Newcomer to the Country—That speaks pretty well for this section. I'm glad we moved out here. What kind of water do you plant?—Woman's Home Companion.

A Sad Blow to Pride.

"Mr. and Mrs. Whiffer put on a great many airs since they have returned from Europe."
"Yes, they do, but while they were away several people mistook the caretaker and his wife for Mr. and Mrs. Whiffer."

An Access of Horror.

"A great many murderers, according to newspaper reports, go to the electric chair 'without a tremor.'"
"I've noticed that. Maybe the punishment would be more severe if the electric chair were built to look like a dentist's chair."

Quite Edible.

Gushing Matinee Girl—Don't you think the handsome leading man between the terrified heroine and the desperate villain, looks just sweet enough to eat?
Cold-Blooded Friend—Exactly; a regular "ham" sandwich.

Did Their Duty.

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NOT ON HER AGE

He—You may dislike her, but Miss Antique is certainly up-to-date.
She—No, she isn't! She says she's only twenty-eight. If she was really up-to-date she'd own up to being thirty-eight.



WAIL OF A SPENDTHRIFT

"Gosh, I wish I had all the money I've spent foolishly."
"I s'pose you'd be purty well fixed, eh?"
"I should say I would. When I was in Chicago the last time I spent 40 cents for one meal."



FORTUNATE SILAS

"It certainly must cost to live in New York. Costs \$50,000 to belong to the stock exchange. Why, I kin go down on court day an' swap steers fer nuthin'."



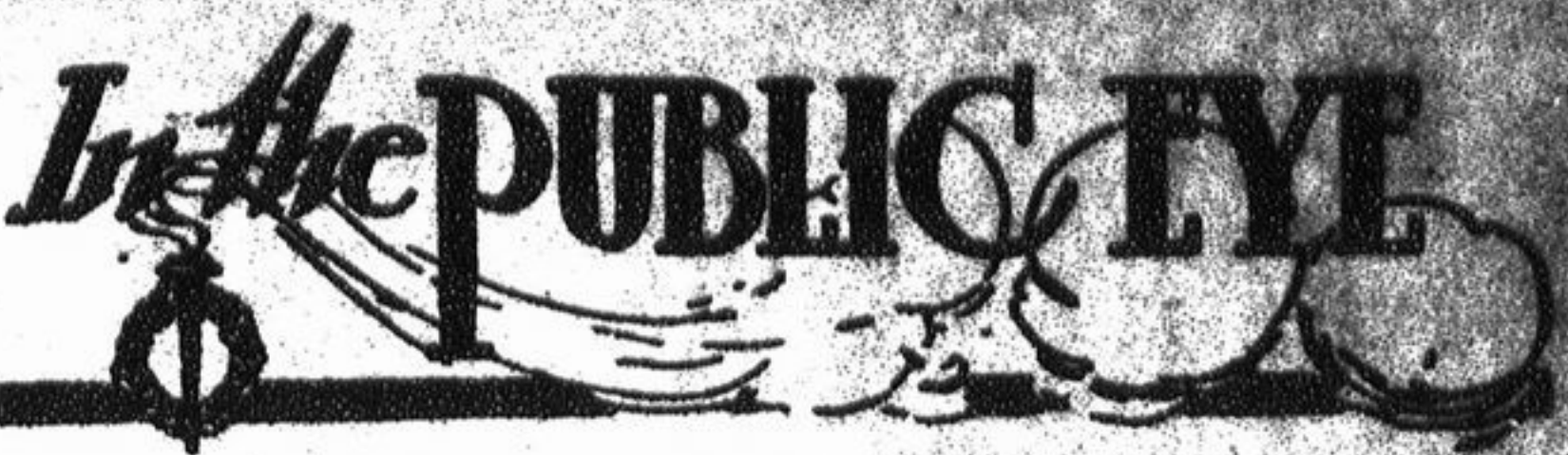
APPRECIATIVE

"Ah!" softly hummed the mosquito, as the sleeping victim restlessly turned over in his bed, "the other cheek. He must be a good man."
And the grateful insect settled gently down again.



HOME INDUSTRIES

Clerk—How do you wish those books bound—in Turkey or Morocco?
Miss Brown—Can't they be bound here in America?



CRUSHED AN EMPIRE IN FOUR DAYS



Military experts are eagerly looking up details as to the career of Savoff of Bulgaria, conqueror of the Turks. In four days, out of the shadows of the Balkans, he has risen to eminence among European military commanders. His campaign in Thrace, leading southward in a series of desperately fought and brilliantly maneuvered battles to the gates of Constantinople, has written a new chapter in the science of warfare.

The great "turning movement," the speed with which he moved his forces, his marvelous success in keeping his heaviest artillery apiece with infantry and cavalry are all separate chapters of a dramatic war yet to be written.

Turning to the man himself, there is the most meager information concerning him. The situation called for one of his abilities and he responded. All that is known of him is that he is yet a young man, being only forty-two years old. He is a native Bulgarian, a graduate of the Bulgarian military school, who later took special courses in military science at St. Petersburg, Paris and Berlin. He is of medium height, dark like all Slavs, lithe, sinewy, endowed with tremendous energy, impetuous and gallant.

ASQUITH DEFINES ENGLAND'S POSITION

Speaking at the new lord mayor's inaugural banquet the other night, Prime Minister Asquith made the emphatic statement that he believed it to be the general opinion of Europe that the Balkan states should not be robbed of the fruits of their victory.

Premier Asquith referred to the unsuccessful efforts of the powers to prevent the conflict and to the great changes the war had made in the map of Europe, and continued:

"In these anxious times it is satisfactory to be able to announce that the relations of England with the other powers, without a single exception, were never more friendly and cordial.

"The great powers are working together with a closeness of touch and a frankness of discussion which is remarkable and which may seem almost unintelligible to those who believe that because, for certain purposes, the powers have been and are ranged in different groups, they must, therefore, in a time of European crisis, be arrayed in opposite camps.

"The map of Europe will have to be recast, and nowhere is there a disposition to belittle the magnitude of the struggle or dispute the decisiveness of the result.

"England has no direct interest in the exact form which the political and territorial redistributions may ultimately take. The special relations of the other powers, geographical, economic, ethical and historical, with the scene of the conflict, are such that they cannot be expected not to claim a voice when the time comes for a permanent settlement."



WOULD PENSION ALL U. S. MOTHERS



That each woman who bears a child shall receive a pension of \$25 is one of the provisions of a bill which Mrs. Eileen Spencer Mussey, the dean of the Washington College of Law—the only exclusively women's law school in the country—is advocating before congress.

Mrs. Mussey's bill contains a number of unique provisions, all putting a premium on motherhood. She would provide the mother not only with \$25 for every child born, but would have the government allow mothers \$2.50 a week for three months before and three months after the birth of a child. In addition to this a woman forty-five years old with six children should also get a pension, the amount not yet being named.

Mrs. Mussey, in discussing her bill, said that much of the blame for the white slave traffic in this country could be laid to the failure of mothers to properly instruct their growing daughters.

The sponsor for this bill is one of the most prominent women in professional life in the United States. She has been a practitioner before the Supreme Court of the United States for fifteen years, and she was at one time a member of the school board of Washington and was the most prominent figure in that board.

DR. EMIL HIRSCH FAVORS PORK CHOPS

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, preaching to the young Jews of Chicago, who are "departed from orthodoxy and lacking religious anchorage," under the auspices of the People's Synagogue association, created a sensation when he denounced the devotion to "superstitious observance that characterizes orthodoxy in some of its manifestations, and said:

"I urge you that, instead of pondering about the observance of the dietary laws, abstaining from certain foods, you lead lives of righteousness and help to spread our religion among the people. We believe in one God and that God in spiritual form. Let us carry his word to our brethren.

"The Reformed Jewish church has nothing to do with obsolete forms of religion. It has to do with the unification of the peoples of the earth under one God, and the honoring of man as far less important in our scheme of things than the rescue of human beings from moral, intellectual and spiritual chaos.

"The pork chop is just as much my meat as your meat or any other meat. The only thing I have against pork chops is their price. The suggestion that tobacco pork has any terrors for me or any other person is absurd.

"We have nothing to do with ancient and abandoned dietary laws. I do not believe that the big was the ancestor of any beast, and this is the basis of the superstitions that have been handed down."

