

DEATHS FROM FOOTBALL.

Great Britain's Appalling List of Fatalities.

Twenty-Two Deaths Last Year—An Array of Casualties Which Stamps Football as the Most Dangerous of Sports—An Alarming Death Roll.

The very important question which annually turns up at this season of the year—to wit: is football dangerous?—may be emphatically answered in the affirmative, and furthermore, the reply may be still further emphasized by the easily substantiated statement that it is far and away the most dangerous sport known to modern times.

There is no possible doubt that Death hovers over the football fields of to-day as the vulture hovers over the battlefields in the East, and with a like certainty that the strife will bring him many victims. Many times he is balked, and the maimed and wounded are saved from his clutches by surgical and medical skill, but when the season is at an end he never has a blank record, and the present season promises to be the best he has ever known in this country.

ALREADY the Herald has chronicled the deaths of three football players since the beginning of the current month. From Delavan, Wis., there came the news on the 24th that L. Peterson, a young man playing in the eleven of an institution against a village team, had broken his neck in a "scrimmage," and on the 11th, Adlai Herold, the athletic director of the Richmond, Ind., Y. M. C. A., was killed in a match between the Y. M. C. A. team and a team representing Franklin College. He, too, met his death in the fierce struggle of a scrimmage, and was found, when the players disentangled themselves, with both his breast bone and skull fractured.

DEATHS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

First, as to the deaths of last season, which lasted from September 1st until the last of March.

An English gentleman, who has for several years kept as close a record as possible by carefully reading the newspapers, has compiled what he calls "the butcher's bill" of the season, and records twenty-six deaths. Here is the list as he gives it:

September 17th—During the Harrogate vs. Stamford match two players named Hutchinson and Hoggan came into violent collision. Hutchinson was picked up unconscious and died early on the following day from an internal injury.

October 1st—While playing for the Upper Norwood team at that place Sidney George Norwood fell to the ground and was picked up dead. The cause was rupture of the heart. On the same day W. S. Pawson, full-back of the Weston team, while playing against Durham City, had his spine fractured while tackling a rival player. He lingered until January 21, when he died.

October 24th—William Wallace, playing in a match at Aberdeen, Scotland, was struck violently in the abdomen and died two days later, after suffering terrible agony.

October 14th—Joseph Aspen, right end of the Darwin team, was kicked in the stomach while playing against the Newton Heath Reserves, and died a few days later.

October 15th—In a match between two scrub teams, played at King's Heath, Benjamin Summerfield attempted to side kick at the ball. He missed and fell to the ground, writhing with pain, having badly twisted his intestines. An hour later he was dead. The doctors who were present being unable to give him any relief.

October 29th—Herald Stephenson was kicked in the thigh while playing at Brookfield School, Wigton, and died a week later. A young man living in Jarow had his spine so severely injured while playing in a practice game that he died soon afterward.

November 8th—Walter Henry Hanby was injured internally while being tackled during a match between Felixstowe Fort and Ipswich Orwell Works. On the following day he died.

A MINISTER KILLED IN PLAY.

November 20th—Two fatal accidents. Guy Adeane, a Haileybury College student, killed by a kick in the stomach, received in a scrimmage. The Rev. G. H. Knight died of a fractured skull while playing for the Bromsgrove team against Worcester, at Worcester. His head is reported to have "come in contact with one of the Worcester team's knees."

December 2d.—A young man named Burnley, a young man named Nelson died of "exhaustion" during a very exciting and rough match between two village elevens.

January 2d.—During the match between the Hexham and the Hildesley Bridge teams, F. Henderson was "so severely trodden upon after falling upon the ball" that he never recovered consciousness, and died a few days afterward.

January 18th.—William Knowles died at Bolton, the result of a collapse of his health, brought about by his having received "a series of very ugly falls during the previous week's football playing."

January 26th.—A young man named Kirk, while running with the ball in a practice game (place not given), was tackled, fell and broke his neck, dying instantly. The coroner absolved his tackler from blame.

On the same day John O'Riley died at Liverpool from internal injuries caused by fractured ribs received while playing in a scrub game in one of Liverpool's suburbs.

ANOTHER FATALITY AT BOLTON.

February 1st.—At Bolton (where William Knowles mentioned under date of January 18th) another fatal accident, attributable to football, was recorded. While running with the ball James Roston was tackled, and in falling was buried violently against a wall. He was terribly injured, several bones being broken, and lived but a few hours.

February 2d.—In a college match at Fermoy a boy named Newton fell from exhaustion while being chased by the rival eleven and "died immediately."

February 4th.—Walter Daniel Mahew was kicked on the left leg while playing at Sparkbrook. The next day the shinbone became very much inflamed, and, in spite of the doctor's best efforts, the injury grew worse and the young man died within a week.

February 11th.—During the match between the Willington Athletic Club and the Middleborough Swifts, Adam Hogg fell in a fit, and expired on the field before assistance could be summoned.

March 4th.—Robert Crook was injured in a football match and died of lockjaw as the result, three days later. On the same day, H. Bryan, of Inghwood College, Bexhill, received an injury to one of

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his legs, from which blood-poisoning followed, and he died March 14th. FELL DEAD ON THE FIELD. March 11th.—During the exciting and close match between the Queen's Park team and the Celtic Club, Glasgow, a player named Connor dropped dead. The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict that he died of "over excitement."

March 21st.—George Davenport was playing football at the Leam Road Grounds and just kicked a goal when he was heard to cry out, "Oh, my head!" and fell insensible. He was carried home, where he died within a few hours.

INSURURABLE CASES OF INJURY. So much for the actual deaths, which, it will be seen, were brought about in a variety of ways, from broken necks and fractured skulls to bruised shins and "over excitement."

James Geary and Horace George Wilkins, playing in a match at Barnes, Collied. Geary had his shoulder and one leg broken and Wilkins had one leg broken.

Leonard Salter, son of the Postmaster at Harwich, got mixed in a scrimmage and had one of his arms broken in two places.

Henry Horswood broke his left arm badly at Louth, both the upper and lower arm bones being snapped asunder and the other forearm terribly bent.

It is hardly necessary to continue the list of injuries, however, as the evidence has already been quoted to sustain the claim of extreme danger which must be faced by those who play the game, but there is a good deal to be said before the subject is dismissed.

FEWER ACCIDENTS IN AMERICA. In the first place the average player on this side of the Atlantic is better equipped, physically, to endure the strain of the game than the average player in Great Britain, for there all classes take part in the game, and it is but fair to presume that great many players enter the arena without the strength or endurance necessary for such violent exercise or with which to meet its jars and shocks.

It is worthy of note that the serious players play the game and most of the students and athletes, the average player is apt to run but little risk of dying from "over excitement" or "exhaustion," but the danger of fractured skulls and broken arms is not less than if he were on the other side. Then, too, the average game is probably played with more science in the United States, as it has been made a subject of study by experts, whereas the ordinary teams abroad are made up of workmen and clerks, who have but little time for practice, so that rough play is more likely to be met with among them than will be found in the matches played here.

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS. A football critic whose opinion I asked on the subject of the dangers of the game, admitted that it was "no child's play," but said that he thought that with the safeguards now thrown around it in the way of pads and bandages and guards for the head and nose, and the wearing of a risk of injury was comparatively slight.

When shown the list of deaths and injuries, both here and in Great Britain, he was a good deal nonplussed, and said that the publication would do more to raise a storm in a man's household, the boys of which were just beginning to wax enthusiastic in their devotion to the sport. "Why, if the Herald goes and prints that a man has been killed, it will put the quietus on the aspirations of hundreds and hundreds of youngsters who are now trying to emulate the prowess of the university football heroes. Football is spreading far and fast in this country, and the publication of that list, or 'butcher's bill,' as the Englishman calls it, in such a paper as the Herald, will play the deuce by driving doting fathers and mothers to forbid their sons to play the game. If their sons happen to be at boarding school where football is played, they will write to order the master to see that Tommy or Willie or Johnny, or whatever young hopeful's name may be, does not risk his precious life at the dreadful game, when in reality he is running so slight a risk that it shouldn't be taken into consideration at all."

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES CAUTIONS. I also interviewed the Secretaries and other officials of several of the largest and most important accident insurance companies as to what status a football player has on their list of risks. The result of the investigation was interesting. I found, in the first place, that in a number of cases students are not insured in accident companies on the ground that they have no stated employment which brings them in an income, and hence are not considered proper persons to draw financial relief in case they may be laid up by an accident.

At most of the companies' offices I was told that a claim based on an injury or death resulting from playing football would be most certainly contested, and that it would be dependent on the ground that the player had "voluntarily exposed himself to unnecessary danger," a policy expressly stipulates will prevent the policy holder from collecting any benefits.

Joseph I. Barnum, Secretary of the National Accident Society, said that he thought a policy holding a football player who was injured to an extent sufficient to cause him to apply to the society for financial relief, could be refused on the ground that the policy did not cover injuries received in wrestling or voluntary over-exertion, both of which figure in football up to date, and that, in a "smile that he was not at all sure that the 'war or riot' clause was not alone sufficiently strong to cover the case.

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