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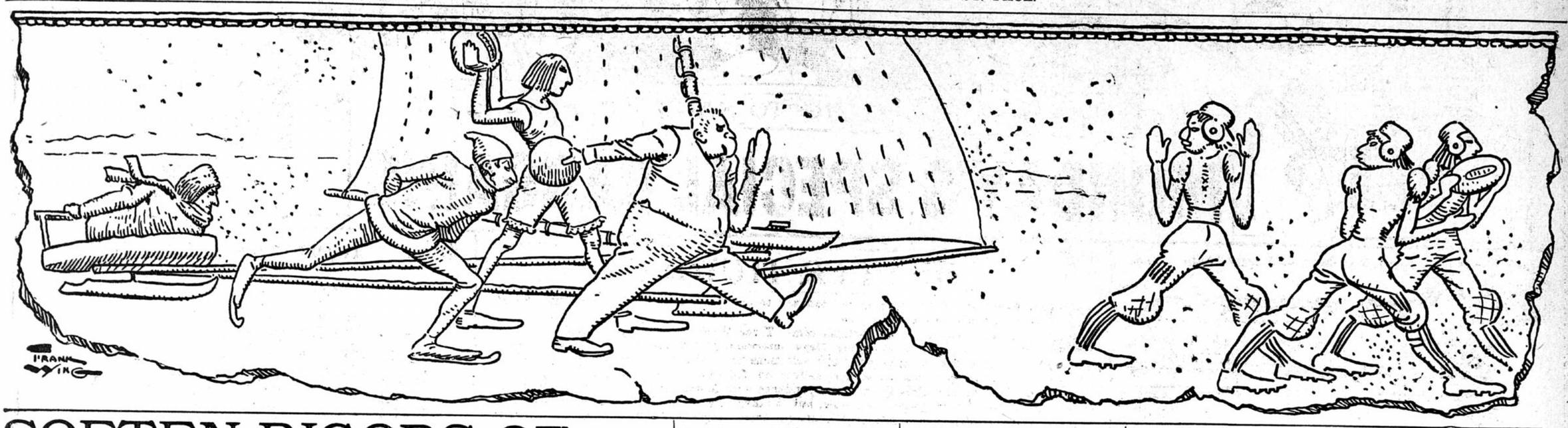

SOFTEN RIGORS OF FOOTBALL RULES

Big Nine Conference Recedes from Position Taken in Regard to Number of Games and the Eligibility of the Players.

Season of Clean Play Demonstrates that the Oppressive Regulation of Football Is No Longer Needed in the West.

WHAT THE CONFERENCE DID

Three-year rule declared inoperative against students enrolled previous to Sept. 1, 1906.

Seven games permitted, two of which must be "minor games," the grade to be established by the fact that not more than 50 cents general admission can be charged to these additional contests.

Freshmen denied privilege of playing two games with freshmen teams of other colleges.

Question of Thanksgiving games and training tables not touched upon.

Coaches denied the privilege of making statements at the conclusion of games.

Officials of contests must preserve a similar muteness after intercollegiate contests.

Two umpires declared desirable at all football games.

Summer baseball ignored.

Teams cannot begin practice before Sept. 20 each year, no matter when the college may open.

By O'Loughlin.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The extremes in football reform represented at the Big Nine conference in Chicago last winter, when it was made almost a crime to think of playing football, were softened today, the close of the first year of play under the new rules. The Big Nine conference has shown a disposition to "take football by the hand" and lead it in a very friendly manner. There has been a letting up of the rigors surrounding the playing of the game, but enough of the old extreme rulings of a year ago remain to make the safeguards embarrassingly numerous.

The delegates to the conference were called together this morning at 10 o'clock at the Auditorium, with Professor James Paige, president of the organization, presiding. There were three new faces around the board of debate since last season. These were Coach C. P. Hutchins of the Wisconsin team, who succeeds T. S. Adams, the badger professor who is generally credited with introducing many of the most rigid rules which surrounded the playing of the game in the west this year. Professor Long of Northwestern gave way to Professor R. E. Wilson and Professor Sampson of Indiana was succeeded by Professor Weatherly of the same institution. The other representatives were A. A. Stagg and Professor Racroft, Chicago; Professor James Paige, Minnesota; Professor Goodenough, Illinois; Professor L. G. Smith, Iowa; Judge V. H. Lane, Michigan, and Professor Moran of Purdue.

The conference is said to have been divided as to policy into two camps, the "liberals" and the "conservatives." Minnesota was 'betwixt and between," Professor Paige having been instructed by his faculty council to favor some of the reforms and stand pat on others.

Ittner and Vita Saved.

The "three-year rule" as it was commonly known was the first to come up for consideration. This was one of the most radical and unfair of the rules imposed last season when the pendulum of football reform was swinging in circles. It prohibited a student from playing more than three years of football. Today it was interpreted to permit any one to play four years who was enrolled in any of the big nine institutions prior to Sept. 1, 1906. In the case of Minnesota it permits Ittner and Vita another year of play under the gopher colors. It has been thought that these chaps were thru with their football careers. It gives Chicago Walker, Noll and Russell. Indiana gets all of its veterans back save two.

The most important change from the play standpoint was that permitting seven games. Last winter the conference cut the number of games to five. This fall is was found almost impossible to develop the teams with so few games. Every organization in the west went into the play crude thru lack of practice. These two additional games must be "minor affairs," and not more than 50 cents must be charged for general admission. There is nothing, however, to prevent a higher charge for reserved seats and some very good games may come in under the "minor" classification.

Some of the delegates attempted to get thru a rule permitting freshman teams of the schools to play two games with rival teams of like makeup from other institutions. This was frowned upon and the freshman will be as free from taint as he has been for the past year. If he gets any bruises of honor he will acquire them in butting the sophomores or trying conclusions in scrimmage against the varsity.

Some of the larger schools had hoped the rule requiring that the season should end the Saturday before Thanksgiving would be rescinded, but no action was taken along this line. The training table was discussed at great length, but the reformers permitted the old rule to stand so that boarding house mysteries will continue as the medium for bone and tissue building for football players in the west.

No Action on Baseball.

Summer baseball, with all its debasing and demoralizing influences, was touched upon, but in conversation only. There was sentiment on the part of some of the representatives to throw down the bars on this question, but other representatives started to have chills of holy horror of such iniquity and the question was ignored. It is still something of an athletic felony for a college man to 'clean up" in the baseball season. He may dig ditches on the trackside for $1.50 per day, but if he pitches a baseball over the plate for $5 per afternoon he is to be cast into the outer darkness of professionalism—if they can catch him.

A Cork for Coaches.

Then the coaches and officials came in for a slap upon the wrist. In the past it has been the style for the football writers to hunt up the coaches and officials of the game to get their opinion of the play. The victor generally told why he was ticketed and the vanquished tutor told why his team had taken the trouncing. The official passed on the play as to the merits of the teams. All of this damning persiflage and opinioning is to be discontinued. The conference has passed a resolution to this effect. Hereafter when the glad hew-hag of victory is sailing over the field and the newspaper man approaches the coach to dig him in the ribs with an unmanicured thumb and inquire, "Pretty hot stuff, eh?" the coach is expected to climb up a goal post to get rid of him. He will be as mute as a Rogers boy at a Standard Oil investigation and will force the reporter to go back to the city and pipe an interview.

The shocking negligence of some universities in not providing the two umpires recommended by the new rules was given a rebuff when the conference called attention to the fact that in some games only one umpire had acted. Hereafter all good football teams in the west are expected to have regiments of umpires on the side lines and whenever one begins to hang out his tongue from running punts up and down the field, another can take his place.

In January it was decided that all early training, that is training before the opening of the universities, should be discontinued. This year thru opening the colleges on Sept. 18, Minnesota got the jump on Chicago by about a week or ten days. Now the conference says that football teams must not start practice before Sept. 20. Then all must toe the line and get away at the same time. The penalty for an infraction of this rule will probably mean a very severe form of displeasure from the conference at its next meeting. The arbitrators also failed to provide any penalty in case the coaches or offcials talked after a game.

Bunny Hare Ineligible.

Captain "Bunny" Hare of Indiana also came in for a dig from the conference elegibility committee, declaring that he was ineligible all of this season. It was a kick after he had crawled thru the ropes as he wound up his football career in the game against Minnesota. Hare was declared remiss in regard to his scholastic standing and to have unlawfully and feloniously played a game or two of baseball in his home town with a team that was "notoriously" semi-professional. The record of the team was not produced so that the anxious thousands will never know whether "Bunny" was tied up with a good or a bum aggregation. This matter was a result of the feud between Purdue and Indiana and has little outside interest. For an ineligible player, "Bunny" played a wonderfully clever game.

Laying aside the humorous features of the meeting, the action as a whole will please those who have hoped that the unhealthy reforms of last January would be set aside. At that time excited by a mass of misinformation and falsity, the conference or faculty committee meeting in Chicago bore down too heavily upon the greatest of the college games. The abuses which had crept in were not to be righted in such a manner. The new rules cut out a mass of muckerism and the big games of the year were handled with good spirit and sportsmanship. The players and coaches had demonstrated to the satisfaction of the faculties that football would be played in clean manner and there was little opposition to the reforms.

Minnesota, it is to be regretted, was not in full accordance with all of the liberal views expressed by some of the other schools in the west. It was, however, no fault of Professor Paige, as he attended the meeting with instruction from the faculty council, some of the members of which appear to need an awakening.

Behind Closed Doors.

The delegates, as usual, met behind closed doors, but all unite in declaring that everything was thoroly harmonious and that while there was a difference of opinion on many points, there was no debate of an acrimonious nature. The conference broke all records for speed, starting the real work this afternoon after 2 o'clock and finishing at 5:30.

The rule of rotation in presidency landed the present honors in the hands of a newcomer, Hutchinson of Wisconsin. The other officers of the organization retained their places. Professor Moran of Purdue is now secretary, vice President Professor Barton of Illinois, resigned.

There was much doing in the way of schedule making at the conference. The lobbies of the Auditorium and the Annex were filled with coaches and managers and toward evening there was much doing in the way of arranging fooball, baseball, basketball and track dates. Minnesota's book at the close of the day showed as follows:

Football.

Chicago, at Minneapolis, Nov. 2.

Basketball.

Wisconsin, at Minneapolis, Jan. 12.
Purdue, at Minneapolis, Jan. 19.
Iowa, at Minneapolis, Jan. 26.
Nebraska, at Minneapolis, Feb. 23.
Purdue at Lafayette, Feb. 28.
Chicago, at Chicago, March 2.
Wisconsin, at Madison, March 9.
Chicago, at Minneapolis, March 16.

Track Meets.

Wisconsin, at Madison, May 18.
Nebraska, at Minneapolis, May 11.
Iowa, at Minneapolis, May 4.
Big Nine conference meeting, Marshall Field, June 1.

Baseball.

Games with Nebraska, Wisconsin, Chicago and Iowa at Minneapolis, dates not set. Games with Northwestern, Purdue and Chicago at Chicago, dates to be arranged later.

Dr. L. J. Cook has been engaged to coach the gopher basketball team once more, and was in Chicago with Manager F. E. Reed yesterday.

Two Big Games.

Minnesota's further football dates have not been settled. Wisconsin will hardly be on the gophers' schedule next season, as Minnesota has two big games—Carlisle and Chicago—already booked. The badgers persist in the belief that Minnesota has violated the spirit of the conference rules by retaining Dr. Williams, the Wisconsin authorities holding, in their ignorance, that he is not a faculty representative. He is more truly a faculty man than is the case with the Wisconsin football

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BOSTON BILLIARDIST DEFEATS HARRY CLINE

Results of Last Night's Play Place Cutler and Cline on Even Standing.

Special to The Journal.

New York, Dec. 1.—Albert G. Cutler of Boston broke the winning streak of Harry Cline of Philadelphia tonight in the 18.2 American shortstop championship tournament at the New York Theater Concert hall, when he ran up 400 points to the Quaker's 278. The result of the final game places these two players on even terms for first place, with five victories and one defeat for each. The Bostonian averaged 12 28-31 and the loser 9 8-30. Cutler had the high run of the evening, making one cluster of 100 caroms.

By losing the afternoon game to Alexander Taylor of Chicago, Tom Gallagher of this city lost his chance of finishing either first or second in the tournament, but is sure of third money. The Chicagoan's victory places him on even terms with Ed McLaughlin in fourth place. The young expert had no difficulty in disposing of the veteran, the score being 400 to 190. It was the worst game of the series, the players show what the low average of 7 15-25 and the best effort for one inning of 19. Taylor played a rather erratic game in spots, but his occasional bursts of speed kept him well in the lead all the way. His average was 15 10-26 and his best runs 84 and 58. He finished in strong shape, making 147 caroms in his last six innings.

Standing of the players:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Harry Cline, Philadelphia	5	1	.833
A. G. Cutler, Boston	5	1	.833
T. J. Gallagher, New York	4	2	.667
Ed McLaughlin, New York	3	3	.500
Alex Taylor, Chicago	3	3	.500
Charles Peterson, St. Louis	1	5	.167
Frank Hoppe, Jr., New York	0	6	.000

WILL ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

Indoor Baseball Players Meet Today to Plan a New Organization.

Officers and team managers of last season's Indoor Baseball league will meet this afternoon at the Arcade Bowling alleys to organize a new Independent league. It is the intention of those interested to have a much stronger aggregation than that of last year and better halls will be secured for the contests.

The indoor game will be boomed this winter in Minneapolis as it is in all other big cities and wth one league already organzed and another talked of the Minneapolis public is bound to be enthused. Every little town in the northwest has two or more indoor baseball teams and there is no reason why two or three leagues would not be a success here. In Chicago, where the game was first played, there are from eight to ten leagues playing each year and the sporting people take to it as they do bowling and other winter pastimes.

The meeting today will be called at 2 o'clock and seven teams will be represented, the Toozes, Mitchells, Tonys, Lunds, Palaces, Holtzermans and Val Blatz.

The Tooze team will be represented by J. J. Hentchell, the Mitchells by William Smith, Tonys by August Granberg, Lunds by Samuel Kinkel, Palaces by William Geelan, Holtzermans by John Schreader and the Val Blatz by Winfield F. Currier. Officers will be elected and the different committees slected. It is expected that the games will be begun before Dec. 15 as the Military league is already in running order.

JOE CANTILLION TO MAKE MANY CHANGES

Journal Special Service.

New York, Dec. 1.—Joe Cantillon, new manager of the Washington baseball club, is going to put thru several trades at the American league meeting next month, according to advices from Washington. One of the contemplated deals, says the authority, is the trade with the New York club whereby Clark Griffith will get the clever left-handed pitcher, Case Patten, in exchange for an outfielder and a young pitcher. Patten is said to have insisted on a transfer.

Griffith will not make any announcements until he returns to New York in January. However, he makes no secret of the fact that he has a high opinion of Patten, and if the latter is on the market he will come here. Frank Delehanty is the outfielder mentioned in the proposed trade. Cantillon wants to ship Charley Hickman, and as he may need John Anderson on first base he is hunting for young outfielders who can hit.

FAMOUS KELLY CASE TAKES BOARDS AGAIN

American Association Magnates Meet in Chicago Tomorrow to Decide Mike's Fate.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The American association holds its annual meeting here tomorrow to finally dispose of the long drawn-out fight on Mike Kelley. This baseball row has been on for just a year now, and the closing scene is scheduled for the Grand Pacific hotel at 10 o'clock tomorrow. The directors go into a solemn retreat for an hour to discuss the evidence, or the lack of it, offered at the famous open hearing at Milwaukee on Aug. 22. At that time it was proved that Kelley was a resident of Minneapolis and knew Umpire Owen by sight—but nothing more.

There has been no more new evidence added save some additional facts as to the identity of "Robinson," the famous resident of Dupont avenue N, but that is evidence which will hardly be brought to light tomorrow. It is in Kelley's hands in Minneapolis. But after the conclave at 10 o'clock the directors will don their robes of ermine and will descend upon the whole league—and there are not so many magnates now as there might be. The Kelley case will be taken up by the whole league and settled.

Kelley Will Be Exonerated.

Tonight the Chicago opinion is that Kelley will be exonerated of the O'Brien charge of complication in the Owen affair, but that there will be an agreement whereby Kelley will be barred from any of the further chance of managing a team in the American association. There will be no blacklisting of Kelley, as has been threatened in some directions. The Cantillions are said to have balked at such a procedure and won over Havenor of Milwaukee to their side of thinking. There will probably be no public announcement that Kelley is barred from managing teams in the association, but a sort of "gentleman's agreement" to that effect. Even Watkins, it is thought, will acquiesce in this, as it has been rumored that he made such a proffer earlier in the season, "for the sake of peace in the organization."

Havenor is the only magnate in the city tonight, as the other members have business cares to keep them away until tomorrow. Kelley will not be present to offer any defense, putting it up to the association to go as far as they like and take the consequences. This attitude is said to have had something to do with a slight weakening of spines as to firing him from the league. Tebeau, Brice, Watkins, Lennon and Armour are expected in early tomorrow morning and the love feast will be on.

But tonight it is the talk that it is a 100-to-1 shot that the Minneapolis magnate will be exonerated tomorrow, but told that he cannot play in the "syndicate's back yard" any longer. It will mean that Kelley will then be out from under suspension and able to do business with some better league.

NEW ATHLETIC CLUB WOULD JOIN THE A. A. U.

Journal Special Service.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—An echo of the failure of the Philadelphia plan to undermine the Amateur Athletic union of the United States and establish a new organization, reached Chicago from the east today in mail vote blanks from Secretary Dixon, asking for a poll of the desire to admit the "new athletic association," and outgrowth of the expelled Atlantic association. Chairman George K. Herman of the central registration committee, and Vice President Everett C. Brown, both members of the board of governors were asked to pass upon the question by Secretary Dixon of the national body, who was recently elected to succeed James E. Sullivan, now president. What the decision of the local officials will be is not yet known here.

The territory of the new organization, of the plea for admittance is granted, will include New Jersey, Pennsylvania and a section of Maryland. The application was made to the A. A. U. by A. D. Orton and that official found it impossible to attend the meeting of the national body in New York, at which the election of officers took place.

CENTRAL ALUMNI WILL HELP SPORTS

The Alumni of Central high school will organize next Friday night at Mayor Jones' reception rooms. The mayor graduated from the school in the year 1878 and will be present and preside at the first meeting. Up to date the Central alumni list numbers 10,000. The organizing of this association is merely to aid local football, baseball and other sports. The members of this organization will give a banquet and grand ball annually.

NAVY BESTS ARMY ON THE GRIDIRON

Twenty-five Thousand Enthusiastic Rooters Turn Out to See Government Academies in Annual Game Despite Bad Weather Conditions.

Journal Special Service.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—In the presence of notables of both branches of the service, and cheered by Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the president, and 25,000 partizans, the naval cadets of Annapolis today defeated the army cadets of West Point on the gridiron by a score of 10 to 0.

It was as a social event mainly that the occasion was notable, the spectators being seemingly more interested in the side features than in the game itself; but its brilliancy was in a measure dampened by the drizzling, murky weather, tho not very cold, sent a chill thru the onlookers and kept them well within their raincoats and mackintoshes. But when some brilliant play brought the partizans of one or the other institutions to their feet, they braved possible pneumonia and blazed forth a cosmos of color that was inspiring.

The navy won because it played the better game. No teams ever faced one another on Franklin field more evenly matched or better trained to battle. Both the soldiers and the middies for the first half kept feeling each others' lines, seeking some vulnerable point. Each had hurled its backs against center and tackle, tried the ends, worked forward passes and threw in a few trick plays; but the gains made were inconsequential.

The punters, too, played a sort of trying-out, but there was little if any advantage between Douglas and Beavers, altho the latter's kicks were sufficiently high to enable the army ends to get down the field. The defensive work of both teams was a big feature. If anything, the navy put up the stiffest defense, and it gradually wore down the army until in the second half the middies found the West Point line not so impregnable as in the first, and Spencer and Ingram pierced the line often for good gains.

A Punting Game.

It was, however, the punting that really decided the game and in the second half enabled Annapolis to reach the West Point goal. All of the first half, during which neither team scored, the navy was almost always on the defensive. Half the time the ball was in the air, as Beavers punted on nearly every play, being aided by a strong wind, while Douglas was kept busy in kicking the ball away from the danger zone.

Three times the army was within striking distance of the naval goal, and each time, after two ineffectual attempts to get thru the line or around the ends, Beavers attempted field goals, once from the 15-yard line and twice from the 30-yard mark. Every time—altho in punting his distance and direction were superb—he failed, the ball twice going under the goalposts.

Neither team gained much ground by rushing the ball, the defense of each being so stiff. The middies never made a first down, while the soldiers only got one.

The second half was nearly a repetition of the first. Fifteen minutes of play had elapsed without materially getting near the army goal, when Simpson heeled the catch on the army's 44-yard line. Northcroft dropped back for a goal from placement, while the vast crowd held its breath. The wind blew true and the navy man booted the ball superbly. As the ball sailed over the crossbar the navy contingent on the north stands went wild with joy.

This put confidence into the navy, and by a ten-yard end run by Spencer and Douglas' sprint of fifteen more, with plunges that yielded from three to seven yards, they had the ball on the army's 25-yard line. A forward pass and then Ingram grabbed the ball and was over the line in a trice.

It was all over but the shouting now, for the navy had broken the soldiers' spirit, and the navy was content to play safe, with the ball nearly always in West Point territory.

The teams lined up as follows:

West Point—		Navy—
Hanlon	left end	Barnard
Weeks	left tackle	Northcroft
Erwin	left guard	Meyer
Sultan	center	Slingluff
Christy	right guard	Wright
Fowler	right tackle	Pierson
Stearns	right end	Demott
Johnson	quarterback	Norton
Smith	left halfback	Douglas
Hill	right halfback	Spencer
Beavers	fullback	Ingram

Substitutes, Heyers for Stearns, Mountford for Johnson, Eckols for Smith, Richardson for Barnard, Simpson for Pierson. Touchdown, Ingram; goal from touchdown, Norton; goal from field, Northcroft. Umpires, Dr. J. C. McCracken, Pennsylvania; Al Sharpe, Yale. Referee, W. H. Corbin, Yale. Head linesman, R. G. Torrey, Pennsylvania. Time of halves, 30 minutes.

FRANK GOTCH LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Iowa Wrestler Is Thrown Twice by Fred Beell of Wisconsin.

Special to The Journal.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—Fred Beell of Wisconsin tonight won the American wrestling championship from Frank Gotch, taking the last two falls, Gotch winning the first. Gotch got a half-Nelson in the first and threw Beell in thirty-one minutes. Gotch weakened in the second, and his opponent picked up the champion four times and threw him bodily on his head. The fifth time Beell picked him up and carried him to the mat, securing the fall in thirty-nine minutes.

After five minutes' rest Gotch was restored to consciousness, and securing a half-Nelson, Beell secured the third fall in half-a-minute.

WON'T COACH BADGERS, SAYS NED TEN EYCK

Special to The Journal.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 1.—Ned Ten Eyck, the rowing coach, speaking of the reports that have been repeatedly sent from the University of Wisconsin that he would succeed Andy O'Day and head rowing coach, said today that there is absolutely nothing in any of the rumors.

Ten Eyck says: "Two months ago I filed an application with the officials of the University of Wisconsin for the position, but beyond the acknowledgement of the receipt of my letter, I have heard absolutely nothing from them. If there was anything in the reports that my application had been favorably acted upon I guess I would have heard of it. I have no plans for the coming season."

MILITIA TEAMS IN SEASON'S FIRST GAME

Companies I and F to Play at New Armory Wednesday Evening.

The first game in the National Guard Indoor Baseball league will be played next Wednesday night between Companies I and F at the new armory building, directly after the concert given for the benefit of Company I by the Ladies' Metropolitan orchestra. The first game of the season between these two well-represented teams, will undoubtedly be one of interest and intense excitement, as both teams are strong and fast, and undoubtedly a large and enthusiastic audience will be present to encourage the players of the newly organized league. The pitchers of both teams are strong as well as the supporting fielders.

Pitcher Smith of Company I gave a rare exhibition of ball tossing last Wednesday night, when he struck out twenty-four of the heavy hitting boys representing the band. Company I won the record-breaking score by a score of 61 to 0. The feature of the evening was the heavy hitting of the winners; each member scored at least one home run, while many others succeeded in placing the ball to all corners of the floor. The management made a find when the services of Smith were secured.

LOCALS ARE DRUBBED.

The A. A. A. basketball team of St. Paul defeated the fast Drummond Hall team of Minneapolis by a score of 33 to 25. The game was an interesting one thruout, and was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience. Both teams started in with a vim and were determined to win, and the result was that the downriver boys came out with the long end of the score. The teams lined up as follows:

A. A. A.—		Drummond—
Rossman	left forward	Svendsen
Coonan	right forward	McElmeer
Roberts	center	Gray
Andres	right guard	Krueger
Bunke	left guard	Hardesty

Field Goals—Rossman 1, Coonan 5, Roberts 6, Andres 2, Svendsen 4, McElmeer 3, Gray 1, Krueger 1. Goals from Foul—Roberts 5.

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