

BIG EIGHT IS TO BE FORMED

New Conference of Smaller Universities in Middle West to Fight Professionalism.

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, Mar. 21.—Organization of a "Big Eight" conference, patterned after the "Big Ten" or Western Conference, expected to be completed in Chicago, March 8, will have a tendency to increase interest in athletics at smaller universities and to check the spread of the "professional" evil in such schools, in the opinion of Charles L. Bruce, of Detroit, one of the instigators of the new conference idea.

Mr. Bruce, graduate manager of athletics at the University of Detroit, is a member of the committee that is drafting proposed rules for the new organization. With him on the committee are Coach K. K. Roebuck, of Notre Dame, and William Coffey, graduate manager of Marquette University. Their proposed set of rules will be acted upon at the Chicago meeting, to be attended by representatives of each of the eight schools it is proposed to place in the organization at the start. The schools are University of Detroit, Marquette, Notre Dame, Michigan Agricultural college, Washburn, De Paul, University of Cincinnati and University of Kentucky.

As tentatively drafted the proposed rules for the new conference follow closely those governing the "Big Ten." They include the freshmen and three year rules and require fifteen hours of scholastic work on the part of athletes. Another proposed rule would prevent an athlete from participating in conference sports who had at any time served on a varsity team in any other institution. The latter regulation would be a decided departure from the usual custom, it is said, and Mr. Bruce doubts if it will be accepted. Sponsors of the proposed rule declare it would check a tendency of students to "jump."

Under present plans the proposed conference rules would not become effective before January 1, 1923, as it would be impossible to enforce them during the next football season because most schools have completed their schedules.

"Professionalism in college sports will receive a blow if the new conference is formed," Mr. Bruce said. "The organization would provide a means for keeping a more careful check on athletics. It would also increase interest in all college sports because of the rivalry that would be created."

After the new conference is organized it is possible the Universities of North and South Dakota will be added, Mr. Bruce said, officials of both schools having expressed a desire to enter.

BLOOD STILL IS UNCHANGED

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It is generally believed that quite as much of the rich, red blood of freedom runs in his veins as in the good days of old but it can no longer be said that it is the "Roast Beef of old England" that accounts for its presence there.

In fact many Englishmen, but more especially Londoners, eat much less of English beef than they do of beef that comes from other countries that are far distant and which is brought to England frozen in refrigerators.

A report of the "frozen meat trade" which has just been published says importations in the United Kingdom in 1922 exceeded all previous records with a total of 217,414 tons of beef, mutton and lamb. The home product was estimated at 1,036,000 tons.

In London district, 85 per cent of the meat marketed came from overseas. Only one Londoner out of seven can reckon upon having British beef meat to eat.

LAND WITHOUT ANY POVERTY

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