DECREED ON FOOTBALL

When Gridiron Sport Was Against the Law

PRISON WAS THE PENALTY.

King Edward III, Wishing to Encourage Football, Issued a Proclamation on Jan. 29, 1344-45, Declaring That All Persons Engaged in the Game Shall Be Sent to Prison For a Term of One Year. This Proclamation, which was intended to protect the public health, was never enforced and was repealed in 1363.

The Tenth Amendment, which reserved to the states all powers not delegated to the United States, was finally adopted on Dec. 15, 1791, after a long and bitter debate in the Constitutional Convention.

The American Civil War began on April 12, 1861, when Confederate forces fired on the Union-held federal fort at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The war lasted until April 9, 1865, when Confederate forces surrendered to Union forces at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

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