FRENCH RACETRACK HAS WORRIES FOR VISITING AMERICAN HORSEMEN

Excitement Less About Betting With Slate, but Also Less Risk Than With Tricky Bookies—Important Betting Decisions Follow Race Course Riot—State Defends Its Share in Gambling.

EDMOND BLANC, THE FOREMOST FRENCH RACE-OWNER.

MR. AND MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT, ON THE LEFT.—THE SCENE IS A CORNER OF THE LONGCHAMP COURSE.

LONGCHAMP ON GRAND PRIX DAY.

TWO OF W. K. VANDERBILT'S HORSES GOING TO POST.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—There are racetrack troubles outside the State of New York. At the famous Longchamp racetrack the other day I met a very unhappy American. His distress was due to the fact that he wanted to make a bet and did not know how to do it. His stock of French consisted of about three words, and the "pari-mutuel" was a Chinese puzzle to him. There were no bookmakers shouting odds, and he was eventually obliged to accost a stranger who looked like a fellow countryman and ask advice.

Of course, if the racetrack companies had a little consideration they would provide pari-mutuel offices where English is spoken; they do so, as a matter of fact, on Grand Prix day, but on other days the many English-speaking race-goers are obliged to manage as best they can, and the result is that they are often exploited by touts.

If on every racetrack there were a pari-mutuel office with a clerk speaking English it would add greatly to the pleasure of the many American and English sportsmen who throughout the year go out to Longchamp, Auteuil, Chantilly, Maisons-Lafitte and the other tracks. But for the present things must be taken as they are, and visitors to the French racetracks would be well advised to learn a little elementary French and to get an idea of the working of the pari-mutuel, or "totalisator," as it is sometimes called.

No "Bookies" Work in France.

There are no "bookies" in France. At any rate those who exist have to hide in back streets and dark corners, and pretend they are honest folk. If a man wants to bet, the law says he shall do so only through the pari-mutuel, which bears a sort of government hall-mark, and is guaranteed not to run away. In return for this protection—which a good many sportsman would gladly dispense with—8 per cent of all the money wagered is deducted for expenses and charitable institutions. So when you play a horse for a dollar you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are giving a matter of 8 cents to some sort of hospital. The remaining 92 per cent is returned to the wagerers.

A horse may be played "straight," that is to win outright, or for "a place," that is, 1, 2, 3, if there are eight starters or more, and 1, 2, if there are more than three starters and less than eight. If you want to play a horse to win, you ask for its number, "gagnant"; if for a place, "place." The pari-mutuel calculations for the two ways are kept separate.

This is what happens in regard to straight bets. The money on the winning horse is placed on one side, and all the rest, less of course the 8 per cent, is divided among the lucky ones in proportion to their stake. For the place, the same thing is done—the money wagered on the unplaced horses is divided into two or three equal portions, as the case may be, and each of these portions is divided among the backers of the placed horses in proportion to their stake.

Odds Are Automatic.

Unity on the track, or "pelouse," is 5 francs, or $1. In the "pesage," or paddock, unity is 10 francs, or $2. For heavy play there are offices where unity is 50 or 100 francs ($10 or $20). It will be seen that the odds are automatic, and it is one of the drawbacks of the pari-mutuel system that you do not know quite what you are going to get if your horse wins, until about 10 minutes after the race is over, though if you are sufficiently observant you can usually make a very fair guess, and the approximate odds are sold on all the tracks by men who make it their business to watch the operations at the mutuel. This "cote," as it is called, can be bought for a matter of 40 cents (2 francs). The odds are not exact, however.

It sometimes happens that a horse returns more for the place than "straight." This is frequently the case when the same proprietor runs two horses, for by the pari-mutuel regulations in such cases the horses are coupled for the win—that is, you may back either of them indifferently, but for the place they are not coupled. To give a concrete instance, in last year's Prix du Jockey Club, which corresponds to the English Derby, W. K. Vanderbilt ran two horses, Oversight and Negofol. The former was supposed to be the better horse, but it was Negofol, ridden by the young American jockey O'Neil, that won, Oversight being placed third. Now, whereas either Oversight or Negofol, played "straight," returned $2 for $1, Negofol, played only for a place, returned $2.80, and Oversight $1.50. Generally speaking, with the pari-mutuel better prices are paid than when the book-makers have the monopoly, particularly in the case of place betting, where the odds depend solely on the place betting, and not on the starting price of the horses to win.

Stakes Cannot Be Recovered.

A most important decision has just been given in the French courts, which is of interest to all sportsmen who plan to visit French tracks. Over three years ago at Longchamp the public, enraged at what was considered a false start, that left the favorite and other horses at the post, ripped up the booths in the betting enclosures and raised Cain generally. Suit was laid against the pari-mutuel authorities and in this belated decision it is decided that money staked on a race cannot be recovered. Incidentally a defense of state participation in racetrack betting is put in as follows:

"Recognizing that it was not possible to put down betting on the race courses, the state has tried to put a check on the abuses formerly rampant and has regulated, solely from the point of view of the repression of the things which it considered as unlawful, the conditions in which betting could be carried on."

The decision goes on to say that the starter had, according to his right, held that the start given should be maintained so as not to sacrifice the jockeys who had obeyed the signal for those who had hesitated, believing in a false start. That, moreover, none of the parties specially interested (proprietors, trainers or jockeys) had made any claim, as they had a right to do, if they thought the race improperly begun.

The court held also that the plaintiff, in betting with the pari-mutuel, knew perfectly well that he was not only liable to see his horse lose, but also to see him left behind at the post.

Immense Sums Pass.

More than $60,000,000 dollars pass through the pari-mutuel annually in France, the amount having practically doubled in the last 16 years. Nine-tenths of this enormous sum is wagered on the Paris tracks. The chief of these are Longchamp, where the Grand Prix is run, Chantilly, where the Derby and Prix de Diane or Oaks are the leading events, and Auteuil, the principal jumping track, where the Grand Steeplechase and Grand Hurdle race are run. Less important courses are Maisons Laffitte, St. Cloud and le Tremblay for flat races, and English and St. Ouen for jumping.

There are trotting races at Vincennes and St. Cloud. All these courses are close to Paris, and one can lunch comfortably before starting and be back in ample time for dinner. The majority of French horses are trained either at Chantilly or Maisons Lafitte. At Auteuil and Longchamp there is a dollar stand, and in addition the grandstand which costs $4, with half price for ladies. On the other tracks the pelouse, or course, costs three francs (60 cents) and the grandstand the same as Longchamp. At Longchamp and Auteuil both of which are in the Bois de Boulogne, admission to the course costs only one franc (20 cents). There is racing near Paris all the year round except during August, when the sporting community migrates to the coast and Trouville, Deauville and other towns have their meetings, and again just before and after Christmas, when all the racing is down south, at Nice, Cannes and Monte Carlo.

Grand Prix Main Event.

"The" event of the year is the Paris Grand Prix, open to three-year-olds of all countries. This is run on the last Sunday in June, and never fails to attract an enormous crowd. W. K. Vanderbilt won this race, the most valuable in the world, for the first time two years ago, with his colt "Northeast." It was instituted in 1863, and in the presence of the Emperor and Empress and a crowd so dense that it was almost impossible to see anything, an English horse called "The Ranger" secured the prize. The French had their revenge the following year, when the English champion, "Blair Athol," was defeated amid scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm by "Vermouth." The owner of the winner, M. Delamarre, was the most popular man in the country, after the Emperor. The excitable Frenchmen kissed him, and the Duc de Morny, whose efforts had been responsible for the creation of the race, fell into his arms and wept.

The French horse, "Gladiateur," which won the Grand Prix the following year had previously beaten the English on their own ground, carrying off the Epsom Derby. Foreign victories in the great race are now not so frequent as in the old days, for racing has firmly established itself here, thanks to the immigration of English and American trainers, jockeys and bloodstock. Last year and the year before it was an American, Wallace Davies, who trained the winner of the Grand Steeplechase, while there is no more powerful stable on the flat than that controlled by Duke, W. K. Vanderbilt's clever trainer. The American jockey O'Neil is leading again this year. His riding is a remarkable exhibition of skill backed up by absolutely demoniacal energy. In this year's Grand Prix he rode W. K. Vanderbilt's Reinhardt to second place, behind the French winner, Madame N. G. Cheremeteff's "Nuage," in the presence of President Fallieres and the King and Queen of Bulgaria.

Sunday Church Services

BAPTIST.

First, the White Temple, Twelfth and Taylor streets—Rev. Walter Renwell Hinson, pastor. 10, "one-accord" prayer meeting; 10:30, morning worship; pastor's theme, "The Best Building Site in Portland"; duet, Mrs. Weinstein and Mr. Samuels; 12:10, Bible school; classes to interest all ages; 6, B. Y. P. U. meeting in the lower temple; address by the pastor on "The Heroes of the New Testament"; 7:45, evening service, opened by organ recital; pastor's theme, "The Best Sight in the World." Solo, Mrs. Weinstein.

Third—The pastor, Rev. Weble J. Beaven, will preach. 11, "A Crowning Christian Grace"; 7:45, a picture sermon, illustrated by stereopticon, "Jesus and the Children"; Sunday school, 10; B. Y. P. U., 6:45; prayer service Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

East Forty-fifth-street—Rev. A. B. Waltz, pastor. Sunday school, 9:40; worship, 11; sermon, "Nature and the Supernatural"; B. Y. P. U., 7; worship, 8; sermon, "A Dream That Came True."

East Side, East Ankeny and East Twentieth streets—Rev. Albert Ehrgott, minister. 10 to 12 and 7:45 the pastor-elect will preach his initial sermons.

Immanuel, Second and Meade street—Rev. H. S. Black, pastor. Combination Bible school and preaching service, 10:30 to 12; combination young people's and preaching, 7:30 to 9; stereopticon views at night; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8.

Arleta, East Sixty-fourth street and Forty-eighth avenue—Rev. D. M. McPhail, pastor. 10:30, upper room prayer meeting; 10:45, morning worship; 12, graded Sunday school; 7, young people's meeting; 8, evening service.

Grace, Montavilla—Rev. Albert E. Patch, pastor. Preaching service, 11 and 8; Sunday school, 10; young people's meeting, 7; prayer service, Thursday evening.

Second and Central United, East Twentieth and Ankeny—Joint Sunday school and preaching service, 10 to 12 and 7:45.

Sellwood, Eleventh street and Tacoma avenue—Rev. F. H. Hayes, pastor. Preaching, 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 10; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

Lents—Rev. J. M. Nelson, pastor. Preaching, 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 10; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

Tabernacle, East Forty-fifth and Holgate street—Rev. F. E. Dark, acting pastor. Bible school, 9:45; preaching, 11 and 8; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8.

Highland, Alberta and Seventh—Rev. C. B. Elliott, pastor. Preaching, 11 and 8; Sunday school, 10; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8.

Sunnyside (German), Forty-first and Hawthorne. Sunday school, 9:45, Conrad Wyss, superintendent.

Mount Olivet, Seventh and Everett—Rev. R. H. Thomas, pastor. Services, 11 and 7:30.

Calvary, East Eighth and Grant—Rev. J. N. Monroe, pastor. Services, 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 10; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

St. Johns (German)—Rev. Karl Feldmeth, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45; preaching, 11 and 7:30; young people's meeting, 7 Sunday and 7:30 Tuesday; prayer meeting, 7:30 Wednesday.

St. Johns—Rev. C. L. Owens, pastor. Services, 11:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 10; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

Chinese mission, 333 Burnside—Sunday school, 9 P. M., J. G. Malone, superintendent.

First German, Fourth and Mill streets—Rev. J. Kratt, pastor. Services, 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 9:45.

Second German, Morris and Rodney avenue—Rev. Frederick Buermman, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45; preaching, 11 and 7:30; Y. P. U., 6:45.

University Park—Rev. H. F. Cheney, pastor. Sunday school, 10; preaching, 11 and 7:30; B. Y. P. U., 7.

Swedish—Rev. Eric Scherstrom, pastor. Preaching, 10:45 and 7:45; Sunday school, 12; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.

CATHOLIC.

St. Michael's (Italian), Fourth and Mill streets—Jesuit Fathers. Low mass, 8; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 7:30.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifteenth and Davis streets—Most Rev. A. Christie, D. D. Low mass, 6, 8 and 9; high mass and sermon, 11; vespers, instruction and benediction, 7:45.

Ascension, East Seventy-sixth and East Morrison streets—Rev. James B. Fitzpatrick, rector. Low masses, 6; high mass and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school, 9:30; benediction of the blessed sacrament, 7:30. Week days, mass, 8:30 A. M.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williams avenue and Stanton street—Rev. W. A. Daly. Low mass, 6, 8 and 9; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 7:30.

St. Frances', East Eleventh and Oak streets—Rev. J. H. Black. Low mass, 6, 8:30 and 9:30; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers, instruction and benediction, 7:30.

St. Andrew's, Ninth and Alberta streets—Rev. Thomas Kiernan. Low mass, 8; high mass and sermon, 10; vespers, instruction and benediction, 7:30.

St. Lawrence's, Third and Sherman streets—Rev. J. C. Hughes. Low mass, 6, 7 and 8:30; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 7:30.

Holy Rosary, East Third and Union avenue—Very Rev. A. S. Lawler. Low mass, 6, 7 and 8:30; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 7:30.

Holy Cross, University Park—Rev. J. P. Thillman, C. S. C. Low mass, 8:30; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 4.

St. Stephen's, Forty-second and East Taylor streets—Rev. W. A. Waitt. Low mass, 8:30; high mass and sermon, 10:30.

St. Stanislaus, Maryland and Failing streets—Rev. C. Seroski. Low mass, 8; high mass and sermon, 10.

St. Patrick's, Nineteenth and Savier—Rev. E. P. Murphy. Low mass, 8; high mass and sermon, 10:30; vespers and benediction, 3:30.

Holy Redeemer, Portland and Vancouver avenues—Rev. Ed E. Cantwell, C. SS. R. Low mass, 8; high mass and sermon, 10:30; benediction, 4.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Park and Madison—Rev. L. R. Dyott, D. D., pastor. 10, Bible school; 11 and 7:45, sermons by pastor; morning, "Names Written in Heaven"; evening, "Light After Darkness"; Nature series, general theme, "Through Nature to God."

University Park, Haven near Dawson—Rev. W. C. Kantner, D. D., pastor. Preaching 11 and 8; Sunday school, 10; Y. P. S. C. E., 7; sermons, "The Glory to Be Revealed," "The Man Who Has Lost Faith."

Sunnyside, East 34th and Taylor—Rev. J. J. Staub, pastor. Services 11 and 8; Sunday school, 10; Christian Endeavor, 7; topics, "The Christian's Greater Works" and "Men With Red Blood in Their Veins."

Highland, East Sixth and Prescott—Rev. E. S. Bollinger, pastor. 10 A. M., Sunday school; 11 and 7:45, worship, themes, "The Bible Also a Natural Book" and "Good Summer Medicine"; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:45.

Hassalo, Hassalo and Seventh streets, Rev. George Evan Paddack, D. D., pastor—Sunday school at 10, Charles Hilt, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 11. No evening service.

CHRISTIAN.

First, Park and Columbia—W. F. Reagor, minister. Morning worship, 10, evening, 7:45; preaching, 11 and 8; sermons, "The Essentials of a Useful Man"; "The Way to God."

Central, East Twentieth and Salmon—Rev. J. F. Ghormley, pastor. 11, "Wayside Sermons"; 8, revival service. Special music.

Gladstone—A. H. Mulkey, pastor. Bible school, 10; preaching, 11 and 8; morning theme, "Moral Vision and Its Advantages"; evening, "Bewitched."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Morrison and Lownsdale — Services 11 and 8; subject, "Mind"; Sunday school at close of morning service; Wednesday evening meeting, 8.

Second, Woodmen's Hall, East Sixth and Alder—Service 11; no evening service; subject of lesson, "Mind"; Wednesday evening meeting, 8.

EPISCOPAL.

Trinity, Nineteenth and Everett—Rev. A. A. Morrison, rector. Services 11 and 8.

Bishop Morris Memorial Chapel, Good Samaritan Hospital. Rev. W. R. Powell, chaplain. Holy communion, 7; ward services, 3; no evening service.

Pro-Cathedral of St. Stephen the Martyr, Thirteenth and Clay—Rev. H. M. Ramsey, vicar. Holy communion, 7:30; morning service, 11; evening service, 8.

St. Mark's Twenty-first and Marshall—Rev. J. E. H. Simpson, rector. Holy eucharist, 7:30; Sunday school, 9:45; matins and litany, 10:15; holy eucharist, 11; evensong, 8.

Good Shepherd, Graham and Vancouver avenues—Rev. John Dawson, rector. Holy communion, 8; morning service, 11. No Sunday school or evening service during August.

All Saints, Twenty-fifth and Davis streets, Rev. R. E. Remington, rector—Rev. Robert Browning will preach at the evening service at 8 o'clock. No morning service.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

First—F. Benz, pastor. Services 10:45 and 7:45; topics, "The Salt of the Earth" and "God's Plan of Salvation Unalterable"; Sunday school, 9:30; Y. P. A., 7.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First (Taylor-Street)—9:30, classes; 10:30, sermon by Dr. W. B. Hollingshead; 12:15, Sunday school; 6:45, Epworth League; 7:45, sermon by Dr. Walton Skipworth.

First Norwegian and Danish, Eighteenth and Hoyt—H. P. Nelsen, pastor. Preaching by the pastor, 11 and 8.

Centenary, East Ninth and Pine—C. T. Wilson, D. D., pastor. Preaching 10:30 and 7:45; Sunday school, 12:15; Epworth League, 6:30. Special music at both services.

Trinity, East Harrison and Hemlock—Lewis F. Smith, pastor. Sunday school, 10; morning worship, 11; class meeting, 12:15; Epworth League, 7; evening service, 8; midweek prayer and praise service, Thursday evening, 7:45.

First, South, Union avenue and Multnomah—E. H. Mowre, pastor. 10, Sunday school; 11, preaching, subject, "Holiness"; 7, Epworth League; 8, preaching, subject, "The Bible or Infidelity."

Central—C. L. Hamilton, pastor. Services 11, subject, "Tithing"; evening, 7:45, subject, "Jesus Only"; Sunday school, 9:45; Epworth League, 6:45.

Sunnyside, W. T. Euster, pastor. Rev. E. B. Lockhart will preach at the morning service; evening service, stereopticon sermon on scientific temperance.

Swedish, Beech and Borthwick—Rev. John Ovall, pastor. Preaching 11 and 8; topics, morning, "The Life's True Example"; evening, "Security"; Sunday school, 10; Epworth League, 7.

Epworth, Twenty-sixth and Savier—Rev. C. T. McPherson, pastor. Services 11 and 8; morning subject, "Profit and Loss"; John B. Goddard will speak in the evening; Sunday school, 9:45; Epworth League, 7.

LUTHERAN.

St. James, English, J. Allen Leas, pastor—Services at 11; Sunday school at 10. No evening service.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First, Alder and Twelfth streets—W. H. Foulkes, D. D., minister. Morning worship, 10:30; Bible school, 12:10; Christian Endeavor meeting, 6:30; evening worship, 7:45. Sermon themes, "The Power of His Resurrection" and "The Symbolism of the Sea."

Calvary, Eleventh and Clay streets—Services, 10:30 and 7:45. Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Seattle will preach. Miss Margaret Lamberson, organist. Bible school, 12 noon.

UNITED EVANGELICAL.

First, East Sixteenth and Poplar streets (Ladd Tract)—Sunday school, 10 A. M.; the presiding elder, Rev. C. C. Poling, of Dallas, Or., will preach at 11 and 8. H. A. Deck, pastor.

Ockley Green, Gay street and Willamette boulevard—Rev. J. Bowersox pastor. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 on "The Fruits of Love"; Sunday school, 10; K. L. C. E., 6:30.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.

Church of the Strangers, Grand avenue and Wasco street—S. Earl Du Bois, pastor. 10:30, "Religion of Cheerfulness"; 8, "A Blessed Memory or a Rotting Name"; 7, Christian Endeavor. Mrs. F. C. Metcalf will interpret sermon to the deaf at the Church of the Strangers, Grand avenue and Wasco street at 10:30.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Science-Religion—Study class meets every Monday at 8 P. M. at 273 Chapman st. Study class conducted by Dr. H. B. Fullen-Burry. Miss A. Lane, secretary of committee, 370 Vista avenue. Subject for August: "Instinct."

New Thought—Service at 8 P. M., Selling-Hirsch building, Tenth and Washington streets. Subject, "The Becoming of a Messiah." Rev. P. J. Green, speaker. Classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 P. M.

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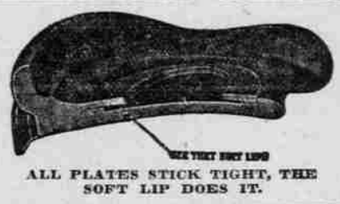

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