

GAMBLERS REAPING HARVEST OF GOLD

Baseball Pools Head List of Unlawful Lotteries.

CHEATING GETS MILLIONS

Toddle Tops, Motor Licenses and Galloping Dominoes Aid Betting in New York.

NEW YORK, July 9.—(Special.)—If Dick Canfield, Pat Sheedy or any of their famed associates of the old-time gambling world returned to earth today they probably would not bemoan the restrictions that prevent a re-establishment of great permanent gambling houses in New York. No, indeed! They would, on the contrary, proceed to reap a golden harvest according to modern methods.

True it is that there are no long gilded halls where year after year the big roulette wheels spin to the tune of:

"Round and round the little ball goes; Where it will stop nobody knows."

Nor do the fero dealers snap the cards on dozens of green tables. But there are hundreds of other methods by which the gamblers can make their fortunes. These operations fall into two classifications, the organized and the unorganized.

Baseball Heads List.
Of the organized gambling operations which the police could effectually curb, but do not, the sale of baseball lottery tickets undoubtedly leads the list. The World Digest, Reform News, basing its figures on investigations, estimates that \$20,000,000 is expended annually on this form of gambling. Most of this money comes from large eastern cities.

Baseball pools are unlawful lotteries on the anticipated scores of competing teams. They offer great opportunity for making money. The managers, who may sell more tickets than is equitable, charge an excessive price, return unclaimed prizes, and give only enough minor awards to make an attractive bait to draw in the gullible. The tickets come in sealed envelopes and the man who buys rarely gets a chance to see what he is betting on. He takes a shot in the dark, let on by the dream that he may some day bring down a "first high" of anywhere from \$500 to \$5000.

These lottery tickets are often sold by poolrooms, barber shops, and saloons. In New York city, however, they are peddled extensively by agents of the gamblers who go around among the employees of thousands of business houses. The tickets sell at anywhere from 25 to 50 cents. A considerable bit of this money goes as a commission to the agent. This has led to the formation of private pools among employees of many large firms. The organized pools breed thousands of others among those who had "got the habit."

Clearing-House Lotteries Many.
Next to the baseball lotteries come the clearing-house lotteries. These pools are operated in the same manner, but are based on the last three figures of the daily report of the clearing house. This is known as one of the "square" forms of lottery in that it is scarcely probable that the gamblers can influence the reports. The officers of the clearing house recently tried to throw a monkey wrench into the gambling machinery, which had made them unwilling factors in its operation, by dropping the relatively unimportant last three figures.

Confusion reigned in the ranks of the gamblers for a day, but they quickly changed their rules to meet the situation by specifying the last three figures which were not zeros.

Stock exchange pools are also operated in the same way, based on the total figures of stock sold on the market in one day.

Although the old "policy" lottery is on the wane, it still exists. It is unpopular, however, as the results depend entirely on numbers drawn by the operator. It can easily be "crooked." Policy lottery tickets are still sold, however, among the negroes. Many Italians also buy tickets in such lotteries. The drawings take place in Italy. Some tickets from the Mexican, Cuban, French and German lotteries still find their way into New York, but their sellings are in no way comparable with the baseball pools.

Bookmaking Goes On.
Although the race track laws have supposedly put an end to bookmaking, there are many who still ply their trade surreptitiously. Racing odds bets on the horses and tickets to racing lotteries can also be bought at many poolrooms, cigar stores, newsstands and clubs.

Punch boards and other petty gambling devices are also displayed at candy stores and like places. Frequently they operate openly without interference from the police. Most of the gambling machines of the "nickel-in-the-slot" type, with their interiors adjusted to insure a good "percentage," however, have ended either on the scrap heap or on new hunting grounds in New Jersey.

"Wicked" Wall street has always been pointed to by demagogues as the greatest gambling institution on earth. The only operations on the stock exchanges which can be classed as straight gambling, however, are not the whole class of transactions which take place on a margin, but only the amount of buying and selling on a margin which is carried on by men who never intend to pay up the balance and acquire the securities as an investment. This fraction cannot be separated and punished under the present laws.

Betting on Fight Light.
But a large amount of actual betting has gone on for years, and is still going on, among the brokers on the curb market. It is estimated that more than \$100,000,000 was placed on the Wilson-Hughes election through brokers operating on the curb. Curb brokers handled bets on the Dempsey-Carpenter fight. They lamented that because of the 12-round limit, the expected unevenness of the match, and the general scarceness of money, the betting was light. "Only a few hundred thousand" was placed on the fight they say.

Organized gamblers who delight in satisfying the cravings of those who love to hear the poker chips click and the "bones" rattling, still persist, though they have dispensed with most of the elaborate paraphernalia of the old days. Some are able to maintain permanent establishments, but they are relatively few. Most of them flit easily from one hotel room to another. Any one who has an ardent desire to make their acquaintance can generally do so if he makes persistent inquiry among bellboys, porters, door-

men, taxicab drivers, poolhall proprietors, bartenders, or the hangers-on around clubs.

Toddle Tops on Sale.
But the thing which Canfield and Sheedy would mourn more than anything else, would be that there is so much gambling in New York which is going to waste; that is, which is bringing no return to organized gambling institutions.

Some idea of the size of this field can be gathered from the phenomenal sale of that gyrating cone which goes under the names of "toddle top," "put and take," or "testum." A few weeks ago the street vendors were occupied with the dispensing of the "two dollar wrist watch for fifteen cents," the patent collar button, the toy balloon, etc. Now two-thirds of them are selling the little brass tops. "Here ya are. The greatest game in the world for ten cents."

The tops belong to the dice family. Letters or figures on their sides inform the spinner as to whether he is going to "put" more money into the pot or "take" it out. They are gambling implements pure and simple, but no attempt is made to stop their sale.

In spite of the new rival, the "galloping dominoes" show no sign of retreating from the field. They are on display in the windows of almost any stationery store, novelty shop, or pawn shop. More elaborate forms of gambling mines accompany them. A little roulette wheel was on display the other day in the window of a shop at Times square.

Card Games Flourish.
All kinds of card games still flourish "among friends." Black Jack is said to be the favorite form of exchanging money in the city.

A particularly effective method of "getting action," called zechnetto, flourishes among the Italians. The dog remains a popular form of amusement among those who once were khaki.

The man who would rather gamble than eat has little difficulty in attaining his desire in New York. On almost any street, during the lunch hour, he can find some fellow spirit who will gladly pass the time with him by betting on poker hands, based on the license numbers of passing automobiles. But let the gambler beware of the man who looks too prosperous. His chauffeur may be just around the corner waiting for the signal to drive past in a big limousine with a full house numbered on its radiator.

COUNCIL MEMBER NAMED

McMinnville to Pay \$20,000 Toward New County Armory.

McMINNVILLE, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the city council this week, Gilbert Tibury was elected a member to succeed T. A. Harnard, who tendered his resignation several weeks ago. Mr. Tibury is the manager of the Ford garage in this city.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor and city treasurer to pay out \$20,000, which was voted for the new county armory. Plans for the armory have been approved by the state officials and the construction will commence as soon as the bids have been received.

The council also acted favorably on the resolution adopted by the city of Portland in asking that the battleship Oregon be stationed in Portland and used as a training ship for the reservists.

ASCENT TO BE EVENT

Hood River Post Wants Veterans to Make Climb Every Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—According to announcements made today by Commander Edward W. Vanhorn, the Hood River American Legion post will inaugurate the custom of annual ascent of Mount Hood for legion members of Oregon and other sections at some date in August. With Kent Shoemaker made chairman of the 1921 committee, invitations were going forward to every Oregon post. Governor Oleott, member of the Oregon bonus commission and to National Commander Emery.

"It is our purpose," said Mr. Vanhorn, to make the climb a red letter event every year in Oregon American Legion circles. The women folk of legion members will be welcome to join us.

Big Bend Observes Fourth.
NYSSA, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—The people of Big Bend held a Fourth of July celebration and almost everyone in this neighborhood attended. Two baseball games were witnessed, one by Nyssa and Parma, in which Nyssa was defeated by Parma, the score being 9 to 13. A basket dinner was enjoyed by the crowd, after which the evening was spent in dancing at the open-air pavilion. Several auto wrecks were reported, none of which was serious.

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BRITISH HOPE FOR CLOSER RELATIONS

Monument to Washington Declared Sincere.

ERROR HELD RECOGNIZED

Modern Briton Said to Join With American Citizens in Commemorating Triumph of Right.

BY GEORGE N. BARNES,
Ex-Member of the British Cabinet.
(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.)

LONDON, July 9.—(Special cable.)—There has been this last week a special edition of the London Times celebrating the anniversary of the independence of the United States and a day or two before there was an imposing gathering in Trafalgar square honoring the memory of George Washington.

These proceedings might seem almost at first to suggest licking the matter of fact, true indications of the modern British attitude regarding a great achievement and of the desire prevalent in Great Britain that the two peoples should again regard themselves as one in spirit.

Opinions Declared Similar.
The average Briton's opinion respecting the historic blunders of the 18th century are much the same as those of the average American citizen. He knows that on this side there was for the time an absence of true statesmanship on the part of those at the helm and that on the other side of the Atlantic a love of liberty was finding expression from those who had been nurtured on British soil.

The unveiling of the General Washington statue in Trafalgar square did not figure in their minds as the honoring of another country so much as the recognition of the worth of one of our own fighters for freedom.

The Briton of today joins with the American citizen in commemorating the triumph of right in the past and in taking courage for future achievement in mutual helpfulness.

Feeling of Pride Held.
The "far off, dim, unhappy days," and battles of long ago are by us, buried in the mist of an evil past. So it is not in a spirit of envy, but rather in a feeling of pride that we wish good luck to the United States in the future career of greater achievement.

Our troubles for the moment are somewhat easier. The miners' strike is ended and other industrial disputes which have shown some signs of open rupture have been for the time amicably adjusted. The miners have started to work again insofar as work could be found for them after three months of stoppage many mines are unworkable and will continue so until pumping and shoring operations are carried out. The stoppage proved a serious setback to our industrial recovery and to trade union organizations.

Cost Put at Billion.
The strike cost the mining industry alone \$1,000,000,000. The indirect loss is incalculable. More than a million manual workers were thrown out of

employment by the lack of coal, casting such a drain upon the relief funds of the unions as to render the workers' organizations impotent for years to come.

The engineering unions, covering a membership of a million and a half have agreed to wage reductions between now and September 1 amounting to a shilling a day and then will discuss further reductions in the light of facts of the time.

We appear, therefore, to be fairly assured of industrial peace for the next few months.

The fate of another small people is now at stake. Austria is at last on the brink of collapse. She will inevitably fall into the pit of insolvency and still further weaken the structure of European civilization unless something is done to avert it.

A project is on hand before the council of the league of nations to get the countries, having financial claims against Austria, to postpone pressing them for a period within which the unhappy Austrians may get on their legs. The period suggested is 20 years. Italy and the United States have not agreed to the plan. The United States, having the largest claims, may have the last word.

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FRENCH SOCIETY FORMED

Centralia Legionnaires Organize Auxiliary of Post.

Cowditz Recruse Nears End.

KELSO, Wash., July 9.—(Special.)—Thomas & Meserve, who have the contract for re-crucifying Cowditz county's timberlands, have practically completed the work. The re-crucifying shows 17,185,000,000 feet of timber compared with 10,500,000,000 feet on the former cruise, an increase of more than 60 per cent. Simultaneously with the re-crucifying the timberland valuations were increased to 50 per cent of the actual value, resulting in the trebling of the timber valuation. When the tax valuations are complete for this year the total value of Cowditz county property will be about \$40,000,000.

Youth Sent to Reform School.
EUGENE, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—Lionel Harris, 14, yesterday was committed to the state industrial school at Salem, having confessed to complicity with 11-year-old Clarence Wallace in a number of store burglaries here during the last few days.

Young Harris had been a ward of the juvenile court for some time past, having been paroled after being found guilty of petty thefts. Wallace was paroled by Judge C. P. Bernard of the juvenile court in his uncle, Frank Eaton.

Diking Commissioners Restrained.
KELSO, Wash., July 9.—(Special.)—John McElson, A. G. Huntington and Jacob Walno, commissioners of diking district No. 1, west of Kelso, have been restrained temporarily from proceeding with widening and

grading of one of the dikes of the district. The action was filed in superior court by George Gunnary and other property owners, who allege that the work is primarily for road purposes and is not of benefit to the diking district.

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