

STORIES IN THE TIDINGS

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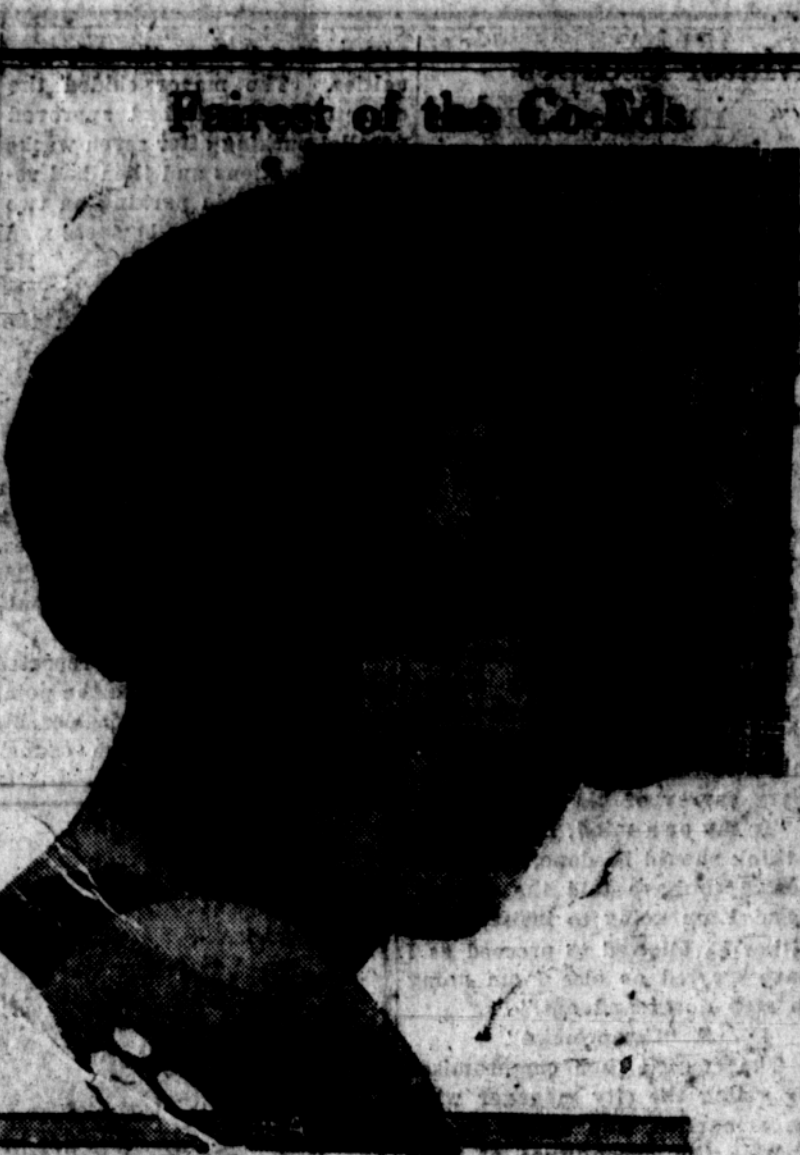
VIENNA — (AP) — More than one-third of the population of Central Europe are members. Each year nearly forty percent of the adult population risk their savings with the hope, which is sometimes thought rather real, of winning enough money to buy a home or perhaps to quit work.

Republics may come. Monarchies may go but gambling in Central Europe goes on forever. Austria, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Hungary and most of the other countries in this part of the world have lotteries of one kind or another.

Most of the lotteries are run directly by the respective governments, though sometimes churches and welfare organizations with the special permission of their governments use the lottery system to raise money. In lotteries millions of dollars are poured each year: rich and poor buy tickets and store them away until the days when the drawings are made.

Every possible method is used to encourage participation in the lotteries. Generally speaking, though the practice varies in different countries, every postoffice, every telegraph office, every tobacco store (government institutions in Europe) tries to sell a lottery ticket to each customer. Tickets are thrust at everyone who ventures to buy a postage stamp or to send a telegram.

The lotteries are of two kinds: "class lotteries" and "ordinary lotteries." The ordinary lotteries are similar to those which once were common in the western world. The class lotteries are more or less a Central European specialty: one buys a ticket for a certain sum. If this ticket does not win in the first drawing, he may renew it for the next period or "class" which is to be called by making another payment. If it doesn't win in the second, third or fourth he may still continue to renew it by more payments. As much as the payments are



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slightly reduced each time where the prizes are increased in value there is a very strong psychological appeal to each participant to make the necessary payments as so "hold on for good luck."

The "lottery idea" has become so deeply ingrained in the Central European mind that one one ever questions its morality. At least no one has ever been known to raise his voice against it. If a church needs repairs or if a congressman wishes to buy a new coat or a wife or an altar cloth a request is sent to the government for permission to hold a small lottery. If a hospital needs new equipment similar action is taken. Such requests are usually granted if responsible authorities are back of them.

The first lottery in Central Europe was that established for the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy by Maria Theresa in the year 1761. For some time this lottery was leased out to a private company; but the government soon

realized the lottery's value as a source of income for the state and so declared it to be a state monopoly. Decision to grant the right of holding private lotteries to churches, hospitals, and other charity organizations in order to finance possible opposition was an afterthought of some shrewd nineteenth century Ministers of Finance.

When the old Hapsburg Monarchy was broken up by the war the newer states declared their independence from Austrian political and economic domination; but they carried with them the Hapsburg idea of state lotteries. Even before they had entered into diplomatic relations with foreign powers through the established of legations and consulates each of the new states began to print lottery tickets.

Some idea of the grip which the lottery idea has on the popular mind may be gleaned from figures. In the years 1921 and 1922, when the Austrian cur-

rency was plunging down by leaps and bounds and when the little Austria republic itself was on the very verge of collapse, the state lottery continued to be business just as if it had also been going the four best years of war, 1914-1918. Prizes amounting to more than half a million dollars were distributed during those two years. In 1922, although Austria was still having a hard uphill fight for her existence \$254,000 were distributed in prizes. In 1923 the figure reached \$1,120,000, and last year it was \$27,100.

The amount of profit which the Austrian Government takes from the lotteries is unknown — only the amount of the prizes is ever published in any country. Making the usual allowance of 40 percent for profits and 10 percent for overhead charges in connection with printing and selling of tickets, etc., one can see that even when short of bread the Central Europeans never "lose their" or buying "lottery stock."

Only the various governments themselves know what sums change hands in the Central European lotteries each year. An estimate of the total could at best be only a guess. A safe guess, however, probably would be around thirty million dollars.

Toads Kill Off Savings Claims Professor

SEATTLE — (AP) — Professor Trevor Kluge, University of Washington biologist, claims the toad is a pest on a national scale.

Toads will devour, he says, where birds cannot and are not by themselves. Toads have killed.

Some people, biologist says, do carvings to the toad's head, but such a practice would be ridiculous.

"In England," he said, "where the toad is common, the toad gardeners buy them from the toad gardeners and keep them in their gardens to keep them contented."

"I have a jar of toads to which I am adding similar specimens, and they are all eating up my savings bank."

"A single toad will eat a hundred carvings in a day, working quietly at night and sleeping off the effects of his carvings during the day."

TOO LATE TO DASH

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 11 (AP) — The largest city in the state, the remote and isolated town of the American West.

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Plays Practical Joke on Citizens

FRESNO, Cal. — (AP) — It is claimed that Americans will believe anything, now that their once keen sense of incredulity is dulled, if not completely destroyed, by English lecturers, refugees from the Russian nobility, the radio and Representative La Guardia's brewery set up scarily the feet from the sniffling noses of the house alcohol traffic committee.

They no longer feel genuine surprise, but sometimes feign it, for sake of politeness.

Anyway, when handbills were distributed here announcing the scheduled lecture by "Dr. Ignace V. Kovitch, Russian statesman, missionary, educator, envoy to Liberia during the World War," no one raised the flag of suspicion.

Hardly. In fact, a good crowd went to hear him at the First Methodist church and at the conclusion of his lecture, donated handsomely to the church building fund.

This accomplished, "Dr. Kovitch" tugged at his beard, which proved false, shed a wig, and stood revealed as Stanley Hopper, one of Fresno's citizens.

And in all that assemblage not one person was heard to exclaim: "Well I'll be hanged, or otherwise."

This new-fangled credulousness works both ways.

KIDNAPER BRIBED ROOM PROVER FOR HIS ESCAPE

MEXI COCHIS, MEX. — Sensitive friends of Senora Concepcion Pardo de Mendonca, of Torreon, kidnaped Rafael Torres and forced him to marry her daughter.

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