

GAMBLERS LAY LOW

Philadelphia Chance Houses Are Closed.

BLOW TO EASY MONEY MEN.

Exposure of Lax Police Methods Causes Stir in Poolroom District, and Coming Winter May Be Hard One For Laying of Odds.

Philadelphia, July 25.—Frightened gamblers are making no efforts to reopen their houses. The exposure of many of the houses last week caused the tip to be sent out that all games of chance would be under the police ban until the agitation over the affair dies down.

It did not take exposure to compel Lieutenant George Bausewice of the Fourth and Race streets station to put his district in order. When gambling dens sprang up like mushrooms all over town Lieutenant Bausewice made a personal investigation of his district.

It was planned by a syndicate of gamblers to start four new houses in the central part of the city. The idea was to draw the patronage of Kid Boyd's syndicate, which was smashed when his handsome rooms in Walnut street, near Broad, were raided and the paraphernalia was confiscated by the police. The new syndicate was about ready to open for business when they were warned that they had better go slow until the present trouble blew over.

Director of Public Safety Henry Clay was at Beasley's Point, N. J., and Timothy O'Leary, assistant superintendent of police, was away on a yachting trip, but both have returned to the city. What action they will take as a result of the exposure of the lax police efforts to stop gambling can only be guessed at. Director Clay has not summoned any of the lieutenants of the districts where gambling was found to the front. His actions last week indicated that he did not intend to make an investigation.

The gamblers expected an easy time all winter, and even the "pikers," who lay odds as low as 50 cents on horse races and "welched" when they were heavy losers, were jubilant when they saw that the police were winking at the violations of the law. The gamblers are now laying odds among themselves at the length of time they will be out of business.

MORE INSURANCE ARRESTS.

Several Men Under Suspicion Have Closed Business.

Philadelphia, July 25.—The detectives and attorneys who are investigating the fourteen insurance companies, whose offices were raided on July 12, predict further arrests this week. They said that three other men were to have been taken into custody, but that such action was not taken because more information was needed before the warrants were obtained.

It is said that several of the men under suspicion have left this city and that others whose business affairs were under investigation have closed their offices indefinitely. William J. Roney, a state insurance examiner, and R. C. Wilson, a private detective, say that the probe into fake insurance companies will be thorough and that the insurance business will be better after they have ended their investigations.

DREAM SAVED TWO BOYS.

Mother, Awakened by Thunder. Orders Sons From Bed Later Struck.

Allentown, Pa., July 25.—While lightning was playing some of its queerest pranks during the most serious of a series of thunder storms which swept over Lehigh county, Mrs. Samuel Binder of Emaus was awakened from a dream in which she saw her two sons killed by lightning.

The terrified mother rushed to her sons' room and was so insistent that they accompanied her downstairs, although they laughed at her fears. A minute later a bolt of lightning tore through the house, crashing their bed to finders and setting the bedclothes afire.

INSURANCE MEN MEET.

Delegates From All Parts of Country at Cambridge Springs.

Cambridge Springs, Pa., July 25.—The uniform fraternal insurance measure which the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has drawn up and recommended for adoption to the legislatures of the different states is to be the leading subject of discussion at the annual meeting of the National Fraternal congress here this week.

Delegates representing nearly all of the large fraternal insurance orders of the country are here for the meeting.

Governor Toner Names New Trustees.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 25.—Governor Toner has announced the following appointments: Board of trustees Thaddeus Stevens Industrial School of Pennsylvania, John H. Landis, Millersville, reappointed; F. E. Slaymaker, Lancaster, reappointed; and George Gesell, Lancaster, vice A. M. Kline, resigned. Board of directors Pennsylvania Nautical school, Captain Lodge Colton, Philadelphia, reappointed.

G. O. P. CLASH IN NEBRASKA.

Taft and La Follette Men in Fight For Control.

Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—A clash between the Taft and La Follette forces is foreshadowed at the Republican state convention meeting here today. The Taft men insist upon an indorsement being given the president. The La Follette supporters declare that if this is attempted they will introduce resolutions asking that the convention declare in favor of the Wisconsin senator.

If no indorsement is asked for Taft they will ask for none for La Follette. This was the course decided on at a caucus. Less than twenty-five of the ninety-two county conventions passed resolutions of indorsement. The major part of these were for Taft.

Governor Aldrich and other party leaders are striving to secure a compromise in which the national administration will be commended.

The Prohibitionists and the Populists also are holding their state convention here. The Populists have practically broken with the Democracy.

JOHNSON TO FIGHT THEM ALL.

Dusky Champion Signs Up For Several Bouts.

London, July 25.—Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, has formed what is probably the greatest pugilistic trust the world has ever known. The entire organization revolves about the person of one John Arthur Johnson, the dusky heavyweight champion, who is now here and who is under contract to fight some of the most conspicuous of the best sluggers. Besides Johnson the newest fighting trust includes Bill Lang, Sam McVey, Sam Langford, Al Kaufmann and Porky Flynn.

Johnson's contract with McIntosh begins Oct. 31 of this year, when the champion sails for Australia by way of Calcutta. He will give boxing exhibitions on the way. This contract entails the cancelling on the part of Johnson of \$19,000 of theatrical engagements here and elsewhere.

WETS LEAD IN TEXAS.

Prohibition Workers Allege Fraud in Many Counties.

Austin, Tex., July 25.—The state wide prohibition election was almost a dog fall. The anti have a majority of 3,000 to 7,000 votes on the face of the returns made to the headquarters of that faction. The dries do not concede that the wets have such a chance and claim the official canvass will show a majority in favor of them. Besides this contention, the dries are preparing to institute contest proceedings in many counties of south Texas, where it is alleged that fraud was committed.

The charge is made that more than 30,000 fraudulent votes were cast by unnaturalized Mexicans and by negroes who had not lawfully acquired their poll tax receipts, the latter being one of the prerequisites for voting.

The canvass of the state will take place here next Saturday by the returning board consisting of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

CANCELS ALL WAR RISKS.

Lloyds of London Fear Trouble Over Morocco Affair.

London, July 25.—A significant notice has been published here to the effect that Lloyds will not hold themselves responsible for war risks on shipping after Aug. 15. The Times says that Germany's action in the Morocco affair is partly responsible, but that the fear of trouble in the Balkans and a misunderstanding of the declaration of London have contributed to the feeling of uneasiness. It points out also that in the event of a naval war the attack is likely to be sudden and without warning.

CONSTANTINOPLE BURNING.

Flames May Ruin Festivities in Honor of Constitution.

Constantinople, July 25.—At midnight the flames, which have been burning since Sunday, were still spreading, and it was said that 1,500 more houses had been destroyed. The occupants were fleeing in a panic and were making no attempt to save their belongings.

It is believed that the fire is due entirely to the work of political incendiaries, who are determined to spoil the festivities in honor of the adoption of a constitution. Several arrests have been made.

POPE SUFFERS FROM COLD.

Hoarseness and Sore Throat Cause Physicians Concern.

Rome, July 25.—Pope Pius is still suffering from a sore throat and hoarseness, the result of a cold.

Dr. Marchiafava, consulting physician to his holiness, visited him in company with Dr. Potacci, the pontiff's private physician.

Not a Parano Case.

A writer in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post tells of a big overgrown, bashful booby of a farmer's boy who was afraid even to speak to a girl, and whose father one day finally lost patience and scolded him roundly for not looking about and finding some girl to marry. "Why," he said, "at your age I had been married three years and had a house and farm of my own!"

"Well, but dad," complained the boy, "that ain't the same thing at all. You only had to marry mother, while I've got to go and hunt up some strange girl and ask her to marry me!"

JAMES LOWTHER.

Speaker of House of Commons That Overrides His Authority.



London, July 25.—Political passion was unloosed in the house of commons in a fashion that has not been equaled since the memorable occasion eighteen years ago when the Gladstone bill for home rule in Ireland reached the committee stage. At that time feeling of a partisan nature ran so high that members came to blows on the floor of the house.

Everybody knew that it was the intention of the premier to declare the attitude of the government on the lords' amendments to the veto bill, but none of the members of the opposition and those persons who were in their care foresaw the intentions of the foe of the ministry. From the tap of Speaker Lowther's gavel the session was at the mercy of a small band of Tory extremists who had resolved not to give or take quarter.

The premier arose to speak he was met with a veritable torrent of scorn and insult. "Traitor, traitor!" was roared in deafening tones from the opposition benches. These yells were accompanied by a perfect catarract of jeers and taunts, with which were mingled half hearted sentences of violent criticism.

In the midst of the confusion Mr. Asquith tried again and again to make himself heard, but he was always cut off at the end of a few words. Once, when alluding to the death of King Edward, he was interrupted by cries of "Who killed the king?" and "Keep the king out of it!" At every interruption the members of the ministry retorted with counter cries and with violence that was equal to that of the opposition until the feelings of the rivals was so fevered that a disgraceful brawl seemed inevitable.

Throughout it all Mr. Asquith maintained an air of continued calm.

"STUNT" COSTS BOY'S LIFE.

Cambridge Lad Chokes to Death Trying Athletic Trick.

Cambridge, Mass., July 25.—Fondness for gymnastics cost the life of George Tracy, fourteen years old, of this city when, in an effort to suspend himself by the head and chin on two ropes in the cellar of his home, he choked to death, one of the noose ropes slipping under the chin and binding the throat. He was discovered by his sister in a standing position, with one noose about the throat and another back of the ears.

Last Saturday he had been discovered by his sister doing stunts on the ropes, and she cautioned him against its continuance.

POLICE ON THE JOB.

At Gary, Ind., Three Officers Mistake Explosion For Bank Robbery.

Gary, Ind., July 25.—The central part of Gary was shaken by an explosion that wrecked a two story business building and injured eight people. An accumulation of gas, the police say, caused the explosion. The building is near the First National bank, and three policemen rushed to the bank, expecting to meet yegmen making away with the cash in the vaults.

People on either side of the wrecked structure were thrown from their beds. In less than an instant following the explosion the building was enveloped in flames. The damage is \$20,000.

BRYAN IS THE ISSUE.

Nebraska Democrats Fear Split at State Convention.

Fremont, Neb., July 25.—"Conciliation" is the slogan of the delegates to the Democratic state convention, which convenes in Fremont tomorrow afternoon.

On the surface all is serene, but only a spark is needed to start such trouble that a hopeless split will result.

From present indications the convention will simply ignore Mr. Bryan, and it is believed that his friends will not dare risk a vote of censure by introducing a resolution favoring Bryan.

Taft Back in Washington.

Washington, July 26.—President Taft has returned to Washington, motoring to Boston from Beverly and taking the Federal express.

Cholera Stops Army Manoeuvres.

Rome, July 25.—The Italian government has called off the army manoeuvres because of the prevalence of cholera.

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL FIND IN CALIFORNIA.

Digger Indians' Baked Pottery—Tall Skeleton Unearthed.

Ethnologists will be interested in a discovery made by Assistant Curator William Altmann of Golden Gate Park Memorial museum—namely, the fact hitherto denied that the Digger Indians of California were acquainted at least with the rudiments of pottery making. Until now no pottery of Digger Indian manufacture has ever been found, says Altmann, and therefore he highly values the find he made in an Indian burial mound at Concord, in Contra Costa county.

From an excavation made by workmen in the employ of the Port Costa Water company have been found a large number of Indian relics of great age, including the specimens of crude pottery already mentioned and the skeleton of an Indian giant more than seven feet tall. The skeleton is in possession of Dr. Neff of Concord, who is mounting it for exhibition. The pottery specimens consist of charm stones of baked clay of spindle shape and pierced so that they may be suspended from the neck by cords. In addition, there are a large number of knives and arrowheads of obsidian, or volcanic glass, which is extremely rare in this part of the state, and leads to the belief that they were brought down by Shasta or Modoc Indians and traded for other things with the Diggers of Contra Costa.

A striking peculiarity about these arrowheads is their shape and pattern. They are notched in a very painstaking way with jagged division and resemble very much some of the weapons of Filipino savages. A stone mortar and several phallic pestles carved with considerable skill and precision, stone sinkers for fishing and artistic pipes made of soapstone, together with a quantity of wampum, are among the souvenirs secured by Assistant Curator Altmann, the donor being Joseph Hiltman of Concord.

The mound from which these relics were taken is close to the railroad depot at Concord. The work of excavation is still going on, and more interesting finds are looked for.

NEW PHONETIC LANGUAGE.

Lightning Communication by Means of Elemental Sounds.

A student of phonetics and philology, M. J. M. Chappaz of Miesussy, France, asserts that, like the chemist who has reduced compounds to elements, he has reduced all spoken words of civilized languages to their elemental sounds, and by those sounds he purposes to invent a method of rapid communication hitherto unknown. He writes of the proposed invention as follows:

"An instantaneous language, consisting of a new phonetic method got up by forty-three polyglot professors of diverse countries, enabling all the inhabitants of the world to pronounce, read, write, spell, print, lithograph, telegraph, type and telephone on the spot all local, national, colonial and international languages, including Esperanto, with their pure accent and without having studied them, and to understand and speak these languages infinitely more quickly and more correctly than by the ordinary methods."

In explaining this miraculous invention the author says that it is based on the principle of "reproducing the same sound by one and the same letter in all languages in which it occurs." He asserts that the forty-three polyglot professors have discovered that the sounds in all the languages in the world are reduced to forty-five, and consequently all that is required is to represent these forty-five sounds by forty-five separate symbols, composing a universal alphabet.

ENGLISH ANTHEM CHANGED.

That Abominable "ish Tricks" of Foreign "ics" Replaced.

A change has been made in the English national anthem. In these days, when the main thought throughout the civilized world is peace, one of the old verses of the anthem is said to have struck the king as sounding a somewhat discordant note. It ran:

O Lord our God, arise! Scatter his enemies, And make them fall; Confound their politics; Frustrate their knavish tricks; On him our hopes we fix; Oh, save us all!

That verse has now been replaced by the following, written by Dean Hole, and breathing a more peaceful spirit:

O Lord our God, arise! Scatter his enemies, Make wars to cease, Keep us from plague and death, Turn thou our woes to mirth, And over all the earth, Let there be peace.

This alteration has been specially sanctioned by King George and is therefore of national importance, seeing that it is now likely to be universally followed.

WOMEN LEGISLATORS FOR WASHINGTON.

Spokane's delegation of ten representatives and five senators in the state legislature of 1913 will include two women if the plans outlined by officers of the Women's Nonpartisan Political league and the Political Equality league of Washington are successful.

The candidates probably will be Mrs. A. P. Fassett, president of the first named organization, and Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, wife of a millionaire mining operator, who gave material assistance in securing the ballot for the women of Washington at the last state election.

HENRY S. BOUTELL.

Named as Administration Agent in Lorimer Election.



Washington, July 25.—Edward Hines of Chicago caused a sensation by testifying before the senate Lorimer committee that Representative Henry S. Boutell of Illinois, now American minister to Switzerland, told him that President Taft regarded Lorimer as an acceptable senatorial candidate, was anxious to have him elected and would be very glad to assist in his election.

FLOODS IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, July 25.—Record floods have been experienced in the island of Luzon following a two days' typhoon. It has rained for fifteen days, and the roads are impassable. Much damage has been done to the railroad. One day's rain at Baguio registered thirty-nine inches, while the measurement for four days was seventy-seven inches in all.

One Disadvantage. Potts—It is a great deal better to own your own home and not have to pay rent, isn't it? Lotts—Well, yes, in a general way it is, but it has its disadvantages. A fellow can't go round driving nails anywhere he pleases in the woodwork of his own home, you know.—Boston Transcript.



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