

GAMBLING TABOOED.

Mayor Hyde, of Charleston, Puts Ban on Law Violations.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—While no official statements were given out by either Mayor Hyde or Chief of Police Cantwell yesterday regarding the active crusade begun by the police upon gambling of all sorts and the rounding up of vagrants, official orders to enforce the laws with reference to these things were issued at the police station at 1 o'clock this morning.

The order read to the members of the department is from Chief Cantwell, who states that it is the desire of Mayor Hyde to enforce these laws and every member of the department is requested to do his duty in enforcing the order. All patrolmen and officers are called upon to notify the police station at once wherever they suspect that gambling is going on and where any gambling games are played.

Looking for Violators.

Last night plain clothes members of the department were scattered in all sections of the city to see that no gambling games were operated anywhere. In the event that a game was found in progress, it was stated, the officers were told to make a raid on the "joint," as such places are generally known in police circles, and to seize all of the paraphernalia and send it to the police station where it would be destroyed with axes.

Efforts to locate Chief Cantwell last night failed, it being stated that he was riding about the city to see that Mayor Hyde's orders were being enforced to the letter. A communication, said to be from Mayor Hyde to Chief Cantwell, was brought to the station house yesterday afternoon by a messenger.

Many Planning to Leave.

No longer are heard the merry cries, "ten dollars on the field," "double up and beat old Hi," "I bet you a five she don't come," "five is his point, he rolled a seven, take him in" and similar expressions. Yesterday the gamblers, a number of whom are professionals from other cities, are said to have accepted Mayor Hyde's orders as final, according to some of their friends, and they were making plans to leave the city.

The final word of warning was sent the gamblers on Wednesday, when they were told, it is reported by one of them, that they had until sunrise yesterday to hear the last echo of the "bones" rolling on the green covered tables in Charleston. The inauguration of Mayor Hyde was expected to be accompanied with such orders and the professionals are packing their grips and making preparations to buy tickets to other points. Those of the local "order" are said to be looking for legitimate employment.

The police crusade on gambling has also hit cigar, drug, candy and other stores which operated chance cards and punch boards. Warnings were given the dealers of such forms of gambling and at once the chance cards and punch boards were "ducked." Cigar slot machines, as well as the regular slot machines and cigar stand dice games, are also under the ban. Coming at this time of the year it is said some storekeepers have been hard hit by the order.

Lotteries Receiving Warning.

Lotteries, which have been operating for some time, are likewise on the list of the "down with gambling" policy of the new mayor. Lottery vendors were told yesterday that they would have to look for new jobs and laid down their carbon paper and stiff pen.

In connection with the gambling order, Chief Cantwell has instructed his men to arrest all vagrants found in the city. His orders are said to be to the point, that the law be enforced in all its phases.

Plain clothes men yesterday arrested more than a half dozen negroes found about the city who could not give satisfactory account of their means of livelihood. This morning they will be arraigned before Recorder Jervey. Andy Kelly, a well dressed man, was arrested by Policeman Fultz last night on a charge of gambling on Market street and also of being a disorderly person. Chief Cantwell had the man brought before him and told him in no uncertain terms that sunrise must not find him in the city. Fifteen minutes later a plain clothes officer called up the police station and reported that he had Kelly. He was told to let him go, as he had his warning, but that if he found him in the city this morning to send him in.

Slot Machine Seized.

Two chance cards, one for a turkey and the other for a box of candy, and a cigar slot machine were confiscated by the raiding squad yesterday morning, when found on the premises of a fruit store at Spring street and Rutledge avenue. The machine is to be destroyed this morning, the chance cards were torn up and thrown into the waste basket last night. A slot machine was found by Policeman Heiterer on Hampstead

SOUGHT TREASURE OF INCAS.

Postoffice Inspector Returning After Vain Search for Buried Wealth.

Colon, Panama, Dec. 26.—Harry A. Barber, a United States postoffice inspector, who has been in the interior of Peru trying to locate the buried treasure of the Incas, will start for Washington tomorrow, having, it is understood, failed in his quest.

Inspector Barber was sent to Peru to investigate for the federal authorities at Wilmington, Del., the alleged existence of a \$500,000,000 placer gold deposit, which figures prominently in the McCune case, in which the Duponts and other leading Delaware financiers are mentioned. McCune, it is said, floated a large corporation on the strength of having discovered the source of the gold of the ancient Incas. He finally became involved with the postoffice department. McCune is now at liberty under \$10,000 bail, and, according to Barber, is in Peru again endeavoring to locate the treasure.

The mine is said to be near the head waters of the Amazon river. According to the McCune prospectus there is an exceptionally rich vein of free gold. Barber said that he spent six weeks making an investigation, but declined to state with what results. He said, however, that the natives told him they had never known of any gold in the vicinity. On his return to Washington Barber said that he would make an exhaustive report to the postoffice department.

A Huge Chrysanthemum.

Doors at the delivery entrance of the American Museum of Natural History had to be removed and partition openings enlarged before a bush chrysanthemum, in the shape of a mushroom, measuring seventeen feet in diameter and six feet in height, could be taken into the building to occupy the place of honor in the exhibition of plants and flowers which was opened by the New York Historical society. The chrysanthemum, breaking the previous record by three feet, was grown by Adolph Lewisohn, at his home at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson. It bears more than 1,500 blooms of the yellow variety. The biggest chrysanthemum has been adjudged winner of the Horticultural society's sweepstakes for the finest and best bush plant, and the prize is a silver cup, valued at \$100.

The cultivation of the largest chrysanthemum was the work of John Canning and James H. Campbell, who have charge of Mr. Lewisohn's green houses at Ardsley. Mr. Canning explained that the plant was only one year old. Originally three shoots were planted together in a fourteen-inch pot, according to specifications for that class of entries. As new shoots grew out they were clipped, and in this way the shoots gradually multiplied to more than 1,500. The greatest difficulty encountered in growing the largest bush chrysanthemum, according to Mr. Canning, was in constructing the network of wires which support the plant and give it shape.—New York Times.

WILSON ON PREPAREDNESS.

Will Ask Congress to Centre Attention on Defence Plans.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 26.—Congress will be urged by President Wilson to concentrate its attention upon the administration's national defence programme immediately after the Christmas holidays. It was learned here tonight that while the president has no desire to see the preparedness plans rushed through without full consideration and debate, he is most anxious to have the army and navy bills disposed of as promptly as possible. He not only believes it is essential to put the war and navy departments in a position to begin work on their new programmes without delay, but wants the congressional calendars cleared for general legislation later in the winter.

Snow fell here all night last night, covering the ground to a depth of more than a foot. This did not keep the president and his bride from having their daily automobile ride, however.

Tonight there was a meeting in the hotel held under the auspices of the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and addressed by Mrs. Seth Barton French, recently returned from her Red Cross work in France. The president and Mrs. Wilson declined invitations to attend.

Mail yesterday morning and will be destroyed this morning.

The full outfit of a lottery vender was taken by the raiding squad yesterday morning and sent to the station house. In the outfit was a box of "back drawings" for the information of the players, the tally sheet, with a half page already written, the blackboard, the desk and the slips given the players when they pay their money were all at the police station last night ready to be destroyed this morning.

GALE STRIKES NEW YORK.

Seven Deaths Reported as Toll of Weird Storm.

New York, Dec. 26.—One of the most weird storms the east has seen in many years—rain, hail, and snow accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale which reached a maximum velocity of ninety miles an hour descended from the northwest early today as the aftermath of a Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this vicinity, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad traffic, and caused considerable property damage.

The phenomenon of thunder and lightning in the midst of a driving snow awakened New Yorkers at the height of the storm about 7 o'clock this morning. A gale from the south accompanied by rain had been blowing during the night, but the temperature dropped during the early morning hours, changing the rain to hail and then to snow. The local weather bureau reported a total precipitation of 5.2 inches, of which 2.8 was snow.

The wind shifted to the northwest and increased in violence, reaching its ninety-mile intensity at 9 o'clock, and soon after carrying off the storm clouds. The gale continued, however, hurling signs and copings to the streets and demolished several partly built structures. The storm had its centre in Massachusetts, the weather bureau reported, and the telegraph companies said their service in New England had been badly crippled, although communication had not been entirely lost with the principal cities.

Last Buffalo for Kansas Christmas.

The last buffalo soon will tickle the palate of Medicine Lodge's epicureans. Even now the shaggy monarch is being fattened for slaughter at Christmas. It is from Frank Rockefeller's herd, which for years has enjoyed an undisturbed reign on the ranch near Belvidere.

Last week the few remaining animals of the herd were sold; the last one of the lot to a Medicine Lodge butcher. When his majesty of the plains was on the wane Mr. Rockefeller gathered a herd to perpetuate the breed. Disease and hard winters, however, preyed heavily on the beasts and the herd dwindled.—Medicine Lodge, Kansas, dispatch in New York Tribune.

Had Seen Enough.

As E. J. Bowes, the theatrical manager, tells the tale, a simple garbed man walked into one of the handsomest and most ornate of Broadway cafes and called for a drink of straight rye. Having drunk, he counted out three nickles upon the bar and prepared to depart.

"Hold on, please," said the gentlemanly attendant; "the price is 25 cents."

"What talk have you?" demanded the patron. "Why, I can get the same brand of licker anywhere on Tenth avenue for 15 cents."

"Probably so," explained the barkeeper, "but you see we do not charge for the whiskey alone. We have to charge for all these decorations—for the hangings at the windows, and the furnishings, and the pictures on the walls. That picture yonder cost \$10,000. That's why we have to ask you a quarter for a drunk, see?"

"I see," said the man, staring about him, and out he went.

The next day he returned. He entered slowly, holding one hand across his eyes. He felt his way to the bar and again laid down 15 cents.

"I ain't lookin'," he stated truthfully. "Gimme some rye."—Saturday Evening Post.

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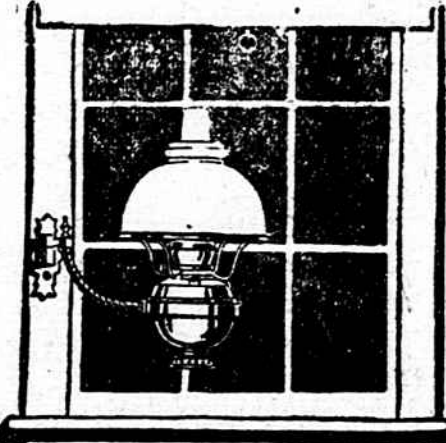
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