

Fight Against Lotteries Is Launched In New York City

Society for the Prevention of Crime Setting in Motion Determined Drive Against All Forms of Gambling, Including Oral Betting at the Race Tracks

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New York, Sept. 21.—Thoroughly aroused by the extent to which small lotteries are being operated in New York City, the Society for the Prevention of Crime has just launched a determined drive against all forms of gambling, including the so-called oral betting at the race tracks.

There is plenty of evidence that the lottery schemes are not peculiar to New York City. They are springing up all over the country. In Boston recently when the operators of a lottery were arrested by the Federal and state officials the patrons of the plan, with a chance of less than one to one thousand to win a prize, protested vigorously to the authorities and claimed that the scheme was entirely open and above board and honestly operated.

The same condition of psychology obtains here in New York. There are no "squealers" among the buyers of lottery tickets. Unsuccessful at one drawing, they buy tickets for the next with hope springing eternal in their chance-taking-breasts. Recently a type-setter on one of the local daily papers after investing more than \$50 in tickets, landed a prize of \$2,500. Now he is a patron for life and would lead a mob against the police for any interference with the "honest lottery" which he loves so well.

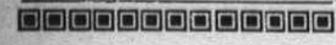
Most of the lottery schemes seem to have grown out of the baseball pools which sprang up years ago, with the aggregate high and low scores of the major league teams during a week constituting the official "drawings" for those who had bought tickets in the pool.

Generally the lotteries are conducted by crafts. One is organized for the printers, another for the pressmen, a third for the bar tenders, a fourth for truckmen, and so on. Thus far, if there is one designed especially for policemen it has not been discovered. The tickets, red, white, blue, or green affairs, are sold mostly in the corner saloons, with which New York is almost as heavily sprinkled as in in pre-Volstead days. The saloons are called cafes now and all of them have dining tables drawn close to the bar. The old bar, with its brass rail, is however, the center of attraction and over it daily passes much that is denied by the law of the land.

No one seems to know just how the lottery laws are conducted, but the ticket buyers ask no questions and are entirely satisfied if someone they happen to know occasionally wins a prize. For the operators of the pools there is no chance to lose. The prize money is dependent upon the amount paid in. The usual split is fifty-fifty and where a pool sells \$5,000 worth of tickets a month, the two or three promoters get \$2,500 and the ticket holders the rest. Where the pools are conducted within a craft by selected members of the craft, however, the profits to the promoters are smaller but none the less sure.

"The most characteristic crime wave at the present time is that of gambling," said Rev. S. Edward Young, president of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, today. It is infecting multitudes in every walk of life. From every quarter comes word of the subtle and pernicious effects of this vice. Any young man or woman who goes the gambling pace fast enough is soon bereft of every vestige of honesty and cannot be trusted anywhere.

"Our campaign against the book makers of the race tracks will be long and difficult and will require many sacrifices on the part of those who lead and support it. The issue is perfectly clear cut as to whether fresh, up to date laws, revoted by the people within the last few years—not old blue laws—are to be violated in broad daylight by thousands of people under the eyes of those who are charged with the enforcement of the laws. If law breakers can get away with this they can get away with anything and law becomes a farce, and we might as well admit we are headed toward anarchy."



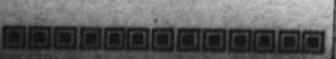
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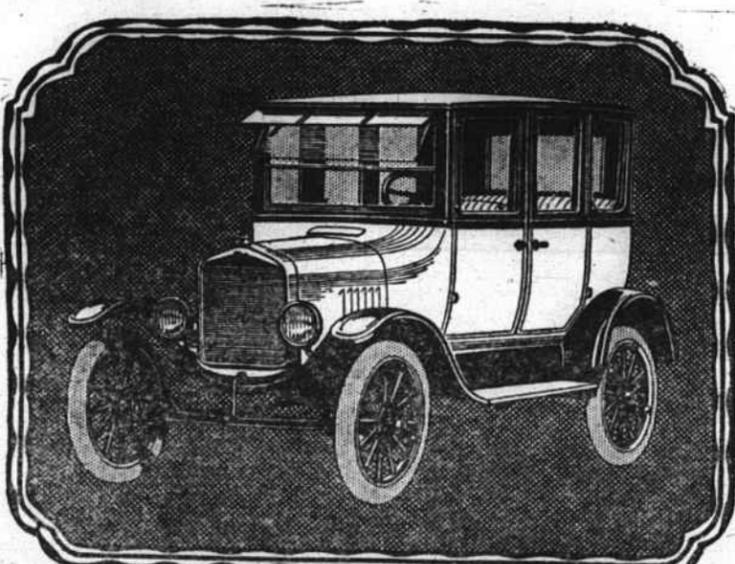
Bright Outlook for Ancient Egypt

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Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 22.—Egypt was never so tranquil or so full of promise for the future as it is today, in the opinion of disinterested observers in this city. Great Britain's decision to "stand clear" and give the Egyptians a fair chance to run the country themselves has proved a wise measure. It is averred. It has allayed anti-foreign feeling, put an end to the subversive activities of revolutionary organizations, and created generally a much clearer po-



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