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Napoleon Was "Craps" Shooter

From The New York Herald. The Berlin judge who refused to hold some prisoners accused of shooting craps because he could not understand that it was a game of chance should have consulted the German Hoyle. Under the title "Hasardspiele" he would have discovered the principles of the game, for craps, although it seems to have been regarded in France and Germany as an American invention when General Pershing's young gentlemen indulged in this rolling of two dice, is the simple child of the ancient English game of hazard.

All that Americans did in transferring hazard into craps was to remove its complications and apply common sense to its mathematics. The Englishman of Georgian days called his "main" or point before he let the dice fly from his hand for the first play. It could be any number from 5 to 9. Why he should choose any number other than 7 is hard to understand. In craps 7 and 11 are arbitrarily the points for which the player wins as he casts the first time. Seven can be thrown in six different ways; 6 or 8 in five ways; 5 or 9 in four ways; 4 or 10 in three ways. Fixing 7 as one of the points for the first cast gives the player the advantage of the odds and of not being obliged to guess.

"Craps" in hazard is 2 or 3; "craps" in craps is 2, 3 or 12. If the hazard player's main after the first throw is 5 or 9 he throws out with 11 or 12. If it is 6 or 8 he throws out with 11. The game is equally complicated in the matter of the casts that will win for him. Your modern craps shooter would find pig chow as easy to learn as hazard, yet the principles of both these noble dice games are identical. And if the German judge will take a whirl at craps he will be satisfied that it is a gambling game.

The worst thing about craps is the mediocrity of its name. Hazard is a stately phrase. We read that Charles James Fox lost £22,000 in three nights' play at hazard, neglecting his Parliamentary duties; that five of the nobility parted with £100,000 to the proprietor of Crookford's club. It sounds romantic. We know that Napoleon, bound for St. Helena in the Northumberland, spent his evenings "casting at hazard" for small stakes. It would be a shock to have the historian say that Bonaparte was a craps shooter, but it would be true. The hero of "To Have and Have Not" must have been a craps player. "If I throw ambsace," mumbled Ralph Percy to himself, "I will go to Jamestown tomorrow and take a wife," or words to that effect. He threw his two dice, a combination known nowadays as "craps." The chances were 35 to 1 that he would not make that cast. He admitted that he was the finest swordsman in Virginia; maybe he was the best dice tosser.

you inform me whether the deplorable condition of this person is due to permanent dementia or spasmodic and intermittent insanity?"

Tolerance

Omaha World Herald. Why are people intolerant? Because they have not learned to be tolerant. It requires forbearance, kindness, pity, good humor, broad understanding and a sense of kinship with every living thing, for one to be truly tolerant. The virtue of tolerance must be acquired. It is not a natural instinct.

James Harvey Robinson tells us that "most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already most important ones in all human affairs, he says, "and properly to do." The little word "my" is the reckoning with it is the beginning of wisdom. It has the same force, whether it is MY dinner, MY dog, and MY house, or MY faith, MY country, and MY God. We not only reject the imputation that our watch is wrong or our car shabby, but that our conception of the canals of Mars, of the pronouncement of "Epicurus," of the medicinal value of salicine, or the date of Sargon I are subject to revision."

How properly to reckon with the "my" is not abolishing them. We may never escape from considering the self as of some importance. The danger lies in thinking that the self is it, everything right and holy to treat our opinions with respect, whether they agree with us or not. We do not like folks who kick our dog, break into our house, seek to destroy our faith, attack our country or blaspheme our God. Tolerance is just a matter of treating the other fellow as we would like the other fellow to treat us.

Morning Song

Awake, my soul, 'tis day!
Awake, awake, 'tis light!
Furled is the tent of night,
The shadows flown away.
Be strong, my soul, be strong;
True strength must lie within.
Oh, days are the battles which all must fight,
And none but the brave can win.
Then be thou as the oak,
My heart, be stout and brave;
'Tis but the coward slave
Who fears the hostile stroke.
Let tempests o'er thee sweep
And onward bosoms quake,
But be thou as the oak that bows
Yet cannot, will not break.

Then be it as it will.

And come what will or may;
What if they lose a day
The brave are victors still.
'Tis then that manhood counts,
A coward may despair;
The brave alone can face defeat,
The strong alone can bear.
Arise to meet the day;
Furled in its tented night;
Then start the day aright;
For strength and courage pray:
The strength that's born of prayer
Is as the strength of ten.
And those who pray can meet the day
As Christians and as men.
Fred Krumer in the Kansas City Star.

Another Boston Baby.

From the Boston Herald. "So this is the baby, eh?" said the bachelor. "Bless his little tootsies-wootsies! Watch me tickle 'em ribs." The genial one proceeded to play ragtime on the unoffending infant's ribs, foolishly imagining the child was enjoying it. The up-to-date child stood it for some time, and then cried out: "Mother, will you please stop!"

An Oversight.

From Wayside Tales. "My doctor put me on a rigid diet, but he said I could eat all the spinach I wanted." "Well?" "The darned fool evidently didn't know that I like spinach."

NORMAL SCHOOL HEAD ATTACKED

Farmers' Union Members Make Written Complaint To Governor Bryan

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 1 (Special)—The Peru normal row was again revived when the attack of Col. T. J. Majors, president and member of the state normal board took a new turn Wednesday when five members of the Farmers' Union legislative committee called upon Governor Bryan and filed charges and information with the governor.

The first complaint was made by a delegation composed mainly of democratic members of the state legislature from the Southwestern counties. Written information was filed. The union delegation mentioned that it represented 25,000 members of that organization. The governor received the committee behind closed doors.

Governor Bryan refused to state the nature of the complaint, except to add that the information included a report of an investigation made last winter by J. O. Shroyer of Humboldt, a member of the union and of the committee and James Auten of Albion, a member of the last state legislature. The governor said that the constitution gives him authority to remove his own appointees on the normal board for malfeasance, incompetence or neglect of duty. Friends of Colonel Majors deplore the fight being made on him and indicate that it is of a purely political nature.

OMAHA "DRY" SLEUTH HELD

"Bootleg Queen" Also Surrenders to Face Charges of Liquor Sales

Omaha, Sept. —Earl Haning, federal prohibition agent, and Mrs. Louise Vinciguera, "bootleg queen," who several months ago made public acknowledgement that she had accumulated a fortune of \$45,000 through illicit liquor dealings, surrendered to U. S. Commissioner E. C. Boehler Wednesday following issuance of warrants for their arrest on specific charge of selling one pint of whiskey and one pint of wine, which was alleged to have been purchased last Saturday by evidence men working under federal prohibition officers. Louise Vinciguera created a mild sensation last April with the statement that she had accumulated enough money to live in ease the remainder of her days. At that time a jury trying her failed to agree, but convicted her husband of the sale and possession of liquor and he is now serving time in the Douglas county jail. Both Mrs. Vinciguera and Haning were released on \$2,000 bail, having waived preliminary hearing, subjecting themselves to grand jury action. When questioned as to Haning's status, U. S. "Dry" Commissioner Rohrer, said he had no authority to suspend Haning and that if suspension is made it will properly have to come from Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair at Washington.

COLLEGE HEAD TELLS OF OBSERVATIONS IN EUROPE

Yankton, S. D., Sept. 1 (Special)—There are not many signs of destitution in Europe, but there are signs of the most rigid economy practiced on every hand, according to G. H. Durand, vice-president of Yankton college, who has just returned from conducting a party through Europe this summer. Only enough cars to run to trains to care for passengers who have made advance reservations, and hotels and restaurants have only enough ready to serve people whom they know will come to eat. All the people there are under a terrible burden of taxation, Professor Durand said, and they are facing problems of reconstruction far beyond any in this country. The battlefields are mostly healed over. Rheims is still a ruined city. Of 14,000 homes only five were left standing, and it is slowly being rebuilt. The cathedral is being rebuilt, but its fine decorations are gone forever.

HEATING OF OATS IN BIN CAUSE OF BAD FARM FIRE

Yankton, S. D., Sept. (Special)—Fire believed to have originated in troyed the heating of oats in the bin destroyed the large barn on the Herman Vellmer farm, on the Jim river north of Yankton, causing a loss estimated at \$10,000. It was one of the largest barns in the county. About 3,500 bushels of oats were destroyed, as well as some farm machinery, a calf and a sheep, and about 100 chickens. Arthur Erickson severely burned his hands in getting other sheep out of the building, and the animals suffered badly scorched wool.

Has Big Profit His Wheat Chop

Gurley, Neb., Sept. 1 (Special)—Two thousand two hundred bushels of Turkey Red wheat were threshed from a field of 42 acres, an acre of 5 1/4 bushels an acre. Brown has already sold it to Cheyenne county farmers for seed wheat at \$1.25 a bushel.

Innovation in Government.

Marvin B. Rosenberry in the North American Review. There has come into existence in the United States during recent years, by accident or design, an extra constitutional method, by which the federal government has sought to influence and control state governments. Stated in plain terms, the federal government says to the states: Here is an appropriation which is available to you upon certain conditions. As a rule these conditions are that a like amount shall be appropriated by the state government for the purpose indicated in the bill making the federal appropriation. There is a further stipulation that certain conditions relating to intrastate affairs are to be complied with as a condition of receiving federal aid. This scheme, by which the federal government in effect exercises legislative power in relation to education, public health, and other kindred subjects strictly within the police power of the states, is an innovation upon America's constitutional system.

Last week Producer Joseph M. Schenck signed Claire West, noted costume designer, to supervise all gowns and costumes worn by Norma and Constance Talmadge in future productions. Miss West was formerly with Cecil B. De Mille and it was then that she started the fashion world with many clever and original styles. "But can you imagine a blue-eyed flapper trying to practice her wiles through smoked glasses?" Scientists recommend a daily half dozen to aid blondes. They are: Roll your eyes. Look up from your work frequently. Give your eyes plenty of fresh air. Look at green grass, flowers and the blue sky. Sit up straight. Bathe the eyes in cold water when tired. The Astec calendar consisted of a year of eighteen months.

Artificial Silk in Japan.

From U. S. Commerce Reports. The manufacturers of artificial silk have made very little progress in Japan, being confined to the production of coarse yarns of inferior quality. Imports of artificial silk in 1922 amounted to 225,840 pounds—an increase of 62.7 per cent over 1921. Unofficial estimates place the Japanese imports from January 1, to April 24, 1923, to 178,725 pounds, or about 79 per cent of the total artificial silk imports in 1922. The use of artificial silk in Japan was formerly limited to the manufacture of neckties and shawls, but it is now being used for hosiery and mixed silk textiles.

His Misinformation

From the Boston Globe. They were dining at a fashionable restaurant, the Customers' Man and the Gossip. "See that man over there?" said the latter. "Yes." "Well, he is James R. Smith from 'Indeed!'" Peoria, Ill. "Yes, he's just made \$200,000 in the market." "Well, dear boy," said the Customers' Man, "you're wrong four ways." "Indeed?" "Yes—his name is Howard R. Jones." "Yes?" "And the amount was not \$200,000." "No?" "It was \$20,000." "Yes?" "And he lost it."

DEFINITION OF AMERICA

Rabbi Abba Silver. In the heat and the strife of the war I was asked once to give my definition of America, and I said to the men: "To me America is infinitely more than an aggregate of 110,000,000 men; to me America is all that the submerged races of the world wish to be and cannot; to me America is the concrete realization of what the ages have hoped for and labored for. That was my definition I gave to them." It is a definition. It is a creed. It is a challenge. God built a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold. He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies and pillared it with thundering mountains. He studied it with soft flowing fountains and traced it with long winding streams. He graced it with deep shadowed forests and filled them with song. Then he called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glow of adventure was in their eyes and the glory of hope within their souls. And out of the labor of men and the bounty of earth, out of the prayers of men and the hopes of the world, God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with a purpose sublime and called it "America!"

From the New York Sun and Globe: "First Stenographer—What was so remarkable about that married guy who took you out to dinner last night?" "Second Ditto—He didn't once tell me his wife's name."

The board of directors of the University of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, has voted in favor of federation with Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Woman Bookmaker Fined. London.—Daisy King, a woman bookmaker, still plies her business in the streets, although she was just fined \$50 and warned she might have to "do a stretch at hard labor."

Many Chinese use their hollow idols as saving banks. There are nearly 20,000 know medicinal remedies.

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Must Answer To Federal Court In Nebraska For Transporting Girls

Alliance, Neb., Sept. —Raymond Blair, 21 years old, coal miner of Bartintville, Ill. and Edward Jenkins, 23, years old, laborer of St. Joseph, Mo., who were held for trial in federal court here last Thursday following their being charged with violation of the Mann act will be taken to Omaha for trial before the next sitting of the court, it is announced here. The two men were arrested here last week, under suspicion of having stolen a motorcar, in which they were riding with two girls, said to be from St. Joseph, Mo.

Sheriff Chas. W. Fletcher, of Holton, Kas., who had been sent here to obtain the two men on the stolen car charges, staged a legal battle for possession of the prisoners with James C. Emery, Omaha, representing United States District Attorney Kinsler. Federal Court Commissioner Krank M. Broome of Antioch, Neb., who was called to this city to sit in the case ruled that the representative of the federal government had precedence over the Kansas sheriff and Blair and Jenkins were held under bond of \$1,000 each for the federal court. The two girls were held under bonds of \$2,500.

Attendance At Fair Highest In 20 Years

Exhibits, Fireworks and Races Draw Big Crowds to Hartington, Neb.

Hartington, Neb., Sept. —The Cedar County fair in session here drew a record attendance of 6,000 people Wednesday, breaking the best gate records of the past 20 years.

The cattle exhibits have attracted farmers from all sections of the county, and are said to be the best exhibits that have been shown at the Cedar County fair in many years. There are more than 175 head of fancy cattle on exhibition here.

Attractions at the fair have been increased both in number and in quality this year. Five racing events are held daily on the track, and a huge bombardment of fireworks is set off at each night performance.

CONVICT GARBED IN FEMININE GARMENTS TRIES A "WALKOUT"

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. —Otto Cole, convict at the state penitentiary here attempted to escape Wednesday afternoon dressed in women's clothes.

By the aid of his disguise, Cole succeeded in getting to the outer gate. Here he was recognized by a guard and escorted to the warden's office.

When questioned concerning his act, Cole calmly admitted that he had tried to escape and said he did not regret his act.

He was convicted at Omaha some time ago for the murder there of the proprietor of a second hand store.

The disguise used in attempting the escape was made from upholstery obtained from the shops in the prison.

Lincoln Preacher Goes To Wisconsin Charge.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. —Rev. W. W. Bolt, for nearly seven years pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church of Lincoln, today announced his resignation to accept a call extended by the First Congregational church of Eau Claire, Wis.

Nonpartisan League To Renew State Activity.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 1 (Special)—Efforts will be made to put the non-partisan league organization on the state map at a called mass meeting in a short time. O. S. Evans, first state manager of the league, and the man credited having increased its membership from nothing to 40,000, has been solicited to take the helm again. He is considering the matter. He is willing to accept under certain conditions. One is that the membership fee be cut from \$6.50 to \$4 for the two years, or reduce to \$2 a head for one year. The league is now debating whether to support the present unofficial paper or make a new deal. If Evans becomes the state manager he will cut out the wages of solicitors by organizing farmer units in each township or precinct or county. He will ask the new units to do the soliciting. Evans insists that the league is not practically dead, as has been claimed, but is simply in a dormant state, ready to be set on fire when called to action.

Saves Brothers And Sisters From Flood

Bridgeport, Neb., Sept. (Special)—Friends are commending the heroism of the oldest daughter of John Belden, who saved their lives during a heavy rain storm. Left alone with the smaller brothers and sisters, she found the flood waters of Pumpkin Creek entering the house, to a depth of two feet. The girl waded out to the barn, hitched up a team, put the children in and drove to a neighbors in a heavy hail storm.