



STERILIZED RACING AT GRAVESEND TRACK

NINE ARRESTS MADE TO TEST GAMBLING LAWS.

Big Crowd of Curiosity Seekers About Betting Ring—Some Wagers Made.

Racing without betting, or, rather, racing without bookmaking in the accepted sense of the word, was pronounced anything but a success by some twelve thousand persons who went down to the Gravesend racetrack yesterday, largely out of curiosity, to see what would happen under the new order of things growing out of the passage of the anti-gambling bills in Albany on Thursday. Nine arrests were made for what was purported to be a violation of the new law, and while this caused some excitement and one or two men lost their heads, the crowd on the whole was as orderly as usual, and the proprietors had no trouble whatever in preserving order.

Some of the bookmakers posted prices and some bets were accepted on the credit system as between man and man, which, under the general acceptance, is not punishable under the law, but few if any bets were made which involved the actual passing of money, and the players stood around and watched six favorites race to victory, to their lasting chagrin and disappointment. To have six choices sweep the card for the first time this season on the very day that betting was prohibited was the last drop in the regular's cup of bitterness.

This is sterilized racing with a vengeance," was the comment of one man who is known to have a fondness for playing short priced horses, and those who overheard the remark smiled easily and agreed with him.

OFFICIALS IN DISPUTE. After the racing a conference was held, in which Assistant District Attorney Elder, Commissioner Hanson, Deputy Commissioner Baker, Allan Pinkerton and P. J. Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, took part. Commissioner Hanson accused the Pinkerton men of not giving him the proper help, and Allan Pinkerton snapped back that he considered Inspector Flood's men used unnecessary violence in making arrests. Commissioner Hanson said he would have more men at the track to-day.

The size of the crowd was perhaps the most striking feature of the first day of racing under a law which many believe will eventually kill the sport as now conducted in this state. It was quite up to if not above any midweek crowd during the season, and the field enclosure, where there was little or no chance to get a bet down, even on credit, seemed to be even better populated than usual and was crowded almost to discomfort. Six arrests were made in the field of men who took a chance of accepting a small wager, while three others were made in the main enclosure for "no justifiable reason at all" according to the victims, but for a violation of the law in accepting bets, according to the plainclothes men. All of those arrested were taken to the Coney Island police court, where in the course of the day were accepted.

DELAY OVER PRISONERS' BAIL. When the prisoners reached the Coney Island station house they all brought forth enough cash to cover their bonds, but were told by Lieutenant Grindley that their offense constituted a felony and that it would be necessary for them to get a magistrate to take their bail. In a short time a score of automobiles were scuttling in all directions to find a magistrate who was willing to sign the bail bonds.

When the prisoners were arraigned before the desk they gave the following pedigrees: John R. Weldon, of No. 136 Willoughby street, Brooklyn; Harry Hayman, No. 118 West 99th street, George Carhart, No. 581 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn; Alexander Gourlay, of No. 328 22d street, Brooklyn; Ray Bellinger, of No. 110 West 162d street; Orlando Jones, Sea Gate; Michael Kaiser, of No. 235 West 84th street; James Bruitt, of No. 342 Lexington avenue, and Jacob Davidson, of No. 25 Amsterdam avenue.

Hardly had the last name been taken when Magistrate Tighe drove up, accompanied by Allan Pinkerton, John Boden and Seymour Beutler, superintendent of the Pinkerton agency. By this time the news of the arrests had spread through Coney Island like wildfire, and the whole of the station house and the grounds were filled with a throng of persons who were gathered around the station house, and Magistrate Tighe was loudly cheered as he drove up. The magistrate had provided himself with ball bonds, and taking his seat behind the desk, he asked: "Who will go on these men's bail?" "I will," shouted at least one hundred and fifty persons, pulling large rolls of "yellow-backs" from their pockets. The magistrate smiled and picked out William Du Bois, a horseman, and took his bail for the entire nine in the sum of \$1,000 each.

As the men left the station house the cheering was prolonged and continued as they entered automobiles and were driven in triumphal procession up Surf avenue.

WELL KNOWN BOOKMAKER ARRESTED. Orlando Jones, one of the prisoners, is one of the best known bookmakers at the track. He maintained that a man forced \$50 in his hand against his will and that a plainclothes man was on hand to make the arrest. He was exhibiting prices on his programme at the time, but those who saw the arrest were loud in their opinion that he could not possibly be held under the circumstances.

Weldon, who is a runner, was arrested in the main enclosure. He has never been a bookmaker, and said that a man who owed him money was paying him when he was arrested. He objected rather strenuously at first, but this led to the only real disturbance, as disturbance it could be called, during the afternoon, as some of his friends took a hand and Detective Gore was rushed roughly handled when the Pinkerton men were pushed up and dispersed the crowd.

Two or three photographers who tried to take pictures of the betting ring were led to the gate by Pinkerton men and gently but firmly advised that they could get their money back but could not return with their cameras. The plates of each picture were taken were destroyed.

The racing went on just as usual, and those who attended took something more than a passing interest as the various events were decided. In two or three cases, when the finish was close, the crowd broke into the usual cheer, and it seemed almost for the time as if the sport of racing could prosper and be enjoyed even without the betting adjunct. The happy condition of affairs will last is not considered probable by those who control the sport, and while a good sized crowd may turn

FOELKER LEAVES ALBANY

Senator's Condition Much Improved Since Racing Bill Vote.

Albany, June 12.—Senator Foelker and his physician returned to Staatsburg to-day. He has improved considerably in the twenty-four hours since the vote on the racing bills. He slept well last night—better than he has in many nights—glanced through all the newspapers in which his action occupied much space and showed in every way that the relief after the great strain he had been under had brought great benefit.

"I thank God I came through it all alive," he said to one visitor to-day, adding that he hoped to get around soon now. Dr. Murphy thinks his patient will recover rapidly.

JEALOUS HUSBAND HELD. Wife Says He Tried to Strangle Her to Death.

Staatsburg, N. Y., June 12.—State Senator Otto G. Foelker returned to Staatsburg this afternoon from Albany. There was no crowd at the station and no demonstration of any kind when Senator Foelker arrived. He was assisted to a carriage by Dr. Murphy and a trainman and at once driven to the home of his father-in-law, where he will remain until he has fully regained his health. He looked much better than he did when he started for Albany on Wednesday night, and it is believed the trip did him no harm.

Charged with attempting to strangle his wife with a rope in their home, at No. 24 7th street, Jacob Brenner, an Austrian, a jeweler by trade, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Powers and locked up in the 5th street station. According to the statement made by Mrs. Pauline Brenner, the wife of the prisoner, her husband has always been insanely jealous of her. Yesterday afternoon they had a quarrel over a sum of money, the police say, the amount being \$75. A little later, while Mrs. Brenner was preparing supper, she says, her husband crept up behind her, slipped a noose over her head and began to strangle her. Her screams brought several neighbors, and they succeeded in rescuing the woman. Patrolman Powers was then summoned and he arrested Brenner. In the Yorkville police court Mrs. Brenner was able to appear against her husband, and he was held in \$1,000 bail for examination to-day.

The Brenners have been married twenty years and have five children. A few weeks ago Brenner's wife had him brought into court on a charge of non-support, and at that time he was placed under parole, the officers assert. The device with which Brenner is alleged to have attempted to strangle his wife was in the possession of the police of the 5th street station last night. It consists of a piece of half-inch rope, about fifteen inches long, to the ends of which are attached iron rings. The rope itself is covered with charms, presumably to prevent marks on the victim's throat.

TORPEDO TEST TO-DAY.

Secretary Taft in Party Which Will Witness Trial.

Washington, June 12.—Secretary Metcalf of the navy is the host of a party of officials which left Washington this afternoon for Hampton Roads to witness the test of torpedoes fired at the monitor Florida to-morrow. In the party were Secretary Taft, Postmaster General Meyer, Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Charles L. McCawley, of the marine corps, and Lieutenant Commander Cleland Davis, naval ordnance and wireless telegraph expert. The trip was made on the cruiser Mayflower. The party will return to Washington on Sunday. The Florida and the torpedo boat Morris lie anchored together on the bar off the Jamestown exposition grounds in Hampton Roads. The Morris will fire a powerful American Whitehead torpedo into the Florida below the water-line armor. The test is planned to occur at high water, shortly after 7 a. m.

POTATOES AND MEAT BOTH UP.

Wet Weather and Scarcity of Cattle the Cause—Meat at a Standstill.

Omaha, June 12.—The wholesale and retail price of fresh beef made another advance to-day, the second advance of the week. To-day's increased price is from 1 to 2 cents a pound, the heavier increase being on the better cuts of meats. The advance is due to the increased cost of livestock. Receipts of cattle on the livestock exchange were unusually light to-day and packers quickly bought everything offered. Receipts for the week are far below those of last year at this time and a shortage of more than 25 per cent exists over the total receipts of the corresponding period of last year. There will be no further increase in the retail price of meat unless the price of livestock goes higher.

Chicago, June 12.—Potatoes are selling at prices in keeping with the high charges prevailing for beef and mutton. Yesterday's prices for old crop potatoes jumped 12 cents a bushel, while the new sold at an advance of 5 cents.

In the last ten days the price of new potatoes has gone up about 40 cents a bushel, and the top price for fancy stock yesterday was \$1.35, compared with 95 cents a week or two ago, while old stock was wholesaling at 56 cents. Retail values are much higher.

Wet weather in the South has interfered seriously with shipping, and the supply has not been ample enough to fill the demand.

WHALING STEAMER REPORTED LOST.

Crew of William Baillies Said to Have Been Rescued in Siberia, However.

San Francisco, June 12.—A private cable message from Nome, Alaska, received in this city to-day, says that the whaling steamer William Baillies has been lost in the icepack in Anadyr Bay, Siberia. It is believed her crew was rescued by the whaler Bowhead, and are now on board the steam whaler Jeanette.

The William Baillies is a steamer of 291 tons displacement. She is commanded by Captain H. M. Bodfish and owned by William Lewis, of New Bedford, Mass. She sailed from this port on March 2 and reached Unalaska on March 27. Since then nothing had been heard from her until the news of her loss arrived to-day. Her crew numbered eighteen men. A later message from Nome gives assurance of their safety.

BAILEY IN CUSTODY IN HONDURAS.

Washington, June 12.—Secretary Root to-day had a conference with counsel for the owners and underwriters of the steamer Goldsboro, on which F. G. Bailey is said to have gone to Honduras with a cargo of goods, which, it is alleged, he obtained fraudulently.

GET CUBAN CARTRIDGES SEIZED AS SHIP SAILS.

Treasury Department Agents Delay Ward Line Steamer.

Agents of the Treasury Department seized on board the steamer Segurana, of the Ward Line, a contraband of war yesterday ten thousand rounds of ammunition which were intended for shipment to Cuba. The seizure was made shortly before the hour that the vessel was to sail for Nassau, Havana and Santiago. The Segurana was scheduled to sail at 3 o'clock, but was detained until 6:15 o'clock.

The cartridges, to have got among the vessel's cargo, must have been entered on the Segurana's manifest and invoices, for they must also necessarily have gone through the Cuban Consulate in this city, but persons shipping ammunition for revolutionary purposes on a steamer other than a filibuster would have disguised the shipment and their purpose by entering them on manifest and invoice as something else. A favorite term for illicit shipments of this kind is "hardware."

The cartridges seized yesterday were packed in ten small cases containing one thousand each. Mr. Ross, superintendent for the Ward Line, was on Pier 16, in Brooklyn, after the Segurana sailed, and said he did not know anything about the seizure. He then referred The Tribune reporter to the customs officials, who were equally reticent.

The news that persons in New York, acting in conjunction with others in Cuba, have tried to ship ammunition to the island for use in an insurrectionary movement which they are endeavoring to foment will not come as a surprise to Octavio A. de Zayas, consul general of Cuba in this city, nor to the Secret Service Bureau, at Washington. It was only a few weeks ago that the bureau informed the consul general that it had learned of plans under way in the United States and Cuba for the organization of an insurrectionary movement. As a result of this warning detectives have been on the lookout here for information about the plot against the peace of Cuba. It is not unlikely that this vigilance was responsible for yesterday's seizure.

While ten thousand cartridges would constitute an insignificant and unimportant supply of ammunition for any well organized insurrectionary strife, it was pointed out that the people behind it, recognizing the need of proceeding cautiously with their plans, had decided to get their supplies to Cuba in small shipments, so as to lessen the chances of detection.

The provincial and municipal elections are to be held in Cuba in a few weeks, and though the advice from the island indicate a brisk contest for the offices between the respective adherents of General José Miguel Gomez and Dr. Alfredo Zayas there is nothing in them to indicate that any serious disturbances will attend the elections. The effort to produce a political ferment in the island is attributed to those who wish to see, for business reasons, a continuance of the American government of intervention in Cuba. There are no patriotic motives or principles involved in this campaign. President Roosevelt has announced that the United States must withdraw from Cuba before February 1, 1909.

FULL STEEL OPERATION.

U. S. Plants Will All Be Running July 6—Independents August 1.

Pittsburg, June 12.—Announcement was made here to-day that, with the orders now on the books and orders that are certain to come in in the next two weeks, every plant of the United States Steel Corporation will resume operations in full on July 6. Instructions were sent out to-day to hurry repairs on all the mills so that they will be ready to operate by that time. Independents also report heavy orders, and they expect to be in full operation by August 1. All railroads carrying bituminous coal are preparing for large shipments to the Northwest, and it is expected that August 1 will see conditions normal in the Pittsburg district.

SOLDIERS SHOOT TWO NIGHT RIDERS.

Comrades Threaten to Take Five Lives in Revenge—Two Arrests.

Ripley, Ohio, June 12.—It became known to-day that two night riders were shot in a conflict with the troops at Hett on Wednesday night. One was wounded in the lungs and the other in the leg. Officers are now trying to find the wounded men, one of whom is reported to have died. "Tip" Martin, a farmer, who went to the aid of the soldiers during the fight, found a note on his barn door this morning, saying: "You got two of us, but we are coming back and will get you and five others."

SCENE PAINTER DROWNS IN HUDSON.

Falls from Barge While on Outing with Grandson.

John McGree, sixty-nine years old, a scene painter, was drowned by falling from a barge off West 124th street yesterday morning while taking an outing with his eight-year-old grandson, John. Mr. McGree came to this city from Chicago about six months ago and went to live with his son Robert, at No. 602 West 132d street. His son is in the Philippines on a business trip now, and his wife is in Atlantic City, so McGree had been taking his grandson on outings each day.

As they stood on the barge yesterday afternoon the wash of a passing steamer rocked the barge, causing the old man to lose his balance. With a cry for help he fell into the river, coming up again about fifty feet off shore. Before any one could reach him he threw up his hands and disappeared. His body was not recovered.

A. T. PATRICK APPLIES FOR LIBERTY.

In response to the motion "in re Patrick," No. 16 on the calendar, called yesterday afternoon by Judge Lacombe in the United States Circuit Court, Deputy Chief Clerk Kellogg submitted a bundle of papers to the court. This was all there was to the proceedings.

It is understood that the papers contained an application from Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, for a writ of habeas corpus, sent by mail from Sing Sing.

RECEDING FLOOD REVEALS PEARLS.

La Crosse, Wis., June 12.—The receding of the Mississippi River following the flood stage of the last few days has revealed pearls which were last few days by the high waters. Five thousand dollars worth are said to have been picked up at Prairie du Chien yesterday, and valuable finds are reported from Genoa, Lansing, Victoria and other river points.

WOODRUFF OUT OF RACE MAY BE FOR SHERMAN.

Mr. Cocks Expects to See President Succeed Senator Platt.

Syracuse, June 12 (on delegates' train).—State Chairman Woodruff declared himself out of the race for the Vice-Presidency this afternoon. He told President Parsons of the county committee that he had no thought of being a candidate. There is a strong probability that Mr. Woodruff at the meeting of the New York delegates on Monday night will come out for Representative James S. Sherman, of Utica, for the second place on the national ticket, and that no other name will be considered. Before the delegates' train, which left New York over the Central at 12 o'clock, reached Albany, Mr. Parsons strolled into the car containing the state chairman. When he caught sight of "Tim" he rolled back his coat lapel, disclosing a handsome blue and gold badge carrying a picture and reading: "For President—Charles E. Hughes."

"You haven't anything on me," said Chairman Woodruff, as he similarly flashed a Hughes badge. "We have no candidate for Vice-President," said Mr. Parsons.

The delegates who are supposed to enjoy the confidence of the President say that he will not interfere in the choice of Secretary Taft's running mate. They say that the "allies" will name the candidate for Vice-President, so that after the ticket is named it cannot be tagged with "too much Roosevelt."

William Barnes, Jr., apparently is not booming Mr. Sherman. When asked to "dope" the situation, he said: "I think it will be Taft and Fairbanks." Mr. Barnes is not going to join with other New York delegates in giving Governor Hughes a complimentary vote on the first ballot. "On Monday night," said Colonel Michael J. Dady, "the delegates will get together and try to ascertain if New York can get the Vice-Presidency. If we can get it then we'll get together on a candidate. I think 'Tim' Woodruff stands the best chance of any one if it is left to the delegates."

Representative W. W. Cocks, of Westbury, a neighbor of President Roosevelt, whose close relations with the President usually give his utterances unusual significance, said this afternoon that he would not be at all surprised to see the President succeed Senator Thomas C. Platt, whose term expires on March 4. While discussing the situation the Congressman said: "I wouldn't be at all surprised to see the Legislature next winter elect President Roosevelt to succeed Senator Platt. There has been a great deal of serious talk in that direction in Washington recently. I understand full well that the President is planning to spend a good deal of time next year in recreation, but there are other things that outweigh personal inclinations."

"Do you think the New York delegates will unite on Woodruff for Vice-President?" "I do not," said the Quaker Congressman. "I don't think there's anything in the Woodruff boom for Vice-President. Congressman Sherman, in my judgment, is the only man who would unite the New York delegation on the Vice-Presidency."

"Any danger of a Roosevelt stampede?" "If Taft does not win on the first or second ballot there might be a stampede for the President. It looks now as if Secretary Taft would win on the first ballot."

A happy incident was witnessed by the delegates at Utica at 6:45 o'clock. The parents of James R. Sheffield, former Fire Commissioner, greeted him at the station. They celebrated their golden wedding in Utica the other day. The son made his mother a present of the old homestead. The greeting the old folks gave their boy to-day was of the good old-fashioned American sort, making every one on the train glad he was there.

William Harris Douglas, one of the original Hughes boomers, says it will be Taft. "Unfortunately, we haven't enough state pride, and, besides, we are behind a candidate who does not seem disposed to help himself."

"Will he be renominated?" was asked. "I don't think so," said the former Congressman. "I think he is going to retire; still, he may not." "When I asked him the other day about a second term he wouldn't say a word."

Among those on the train are Mr. and Mrs. William Berr, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Smith, Ezra P. Prentice and Miss Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Sereno E. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parsons, Jacob Brenner and Miss Brenner, John K. Stewart, Congressman George R. Malby, William Barnes, Jr., ex-Congressman Southwick, Congressman William M. Calder, William A. Prendergast, District Attorney Ira G. Darrin of Queens, Sheriff A. T. Hobbey of Kings, Charles G. Bennett, F. J. H. Kracke, F. L. Frugone, Senator Agnew, Otto T. Barnard, Alderman B. W. B. Brown, Job E. Hedges, Julius M. Mayer, Thomas W. Whiteley, Charles B. Page, J. Mayhew Wainwright, James B. Reynolds, F. R. Hazzard, delegate-at-large; W. W. Cocks, J. P. Allis, John Raines, T. A. Braniff, George W. Wamaker, Thomas P. Peters, Assemblyman Merritt, Senator Cassidy, Senator Fancher, Edward H. Healy, William H. Ten Eyck and Luther B. Little.

Sheriff Alfred T. Hobbey of Kings spent a busy afternoon consulting the lawyers with reference to enforcing the new Agnew-Hart anti-gambling law. The Sheriff got into a small poker game with Brooklyn friends. Senator Agnew happened along. "Sheriff," said the Senator, "you are going to put it up to the 'Mets' good and hard, ain't you?" "That's just what I am," said the Sheriff, and then, turning to Quarantine Commissioner Schroeder, on his left, he added: "Give me three cards."

WILL WED AS PER DEATH BED PACT.

Father and Son to Marry Mother and Daughter Who Nursed Former's Wife.

Mount Holly, N. J., June 12.—A double wedding will take place in Philadelphia on Sunday, when Carmine Pallante and Vincenzo Pallante, father and son, will respectively wed Mrs. Angela Izzi and her daughter, Christina Izzi. The wedding feast will be held here on Sunday evening at the home of the Pallantes in Shreve street.

The wedding is the result of a deathbed request of Pallante's first wife that her husband and son should marry Mrs. Izzi and her daughter, who had nursed her during her last illness.

NO PROTEST AGAINST ALLIANCE.

Berlin, June 12.—A special cable has been made by the Foreign Office of the report that Germany expressed in the strongest of terms to the St. Petersburg government her disapproval of a formal alliance between Great Britain, Russia and France as a result of the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval.

BOY'S FIRECRACKER SETS GIRL AFIRE.

Camden, N. J., June 12.—While crossing a street to-day, Julia Shick, of No. 905 Mount Vernon street, was set on fire by a giant firecracker set off by a boy. Spectators extinguished the flames, but not until the girl was perhaps fatally burned.

MAY NOT NAME CANNON.

Speaker Considering Withdrawal from Contest, Fordney Thinks.

Saginaw, Mich., June 12.—Congressman Fordney, of this city, who has been selected to second the nomination of Speaker Cannon for the Presidency, intimated to-day that Mr. Cannon's name might not be presented at the convention at all. Mr. Fordney has been in close touch with Mr. Cannon, and his words are interpreted as meaning that the Illinois man is considering the advisability of withdrawing from the contest.

STANDARD OIL GUILTY. Accepted Field Tariff Concession, Federal Jury Finds.

Rochester, June 12.—Guilty, as charged in the indictment, was the verdict brought in by the federal court jury in the Standard Oil Company case here at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The jury had been out since the noon recess.

Daniel J. Kenefick, of Buffalo, who conducted the defence, moved for a new trial, and it was arranged to have Judge Hazel hear argument on the motion at 11 o'clock on July 7. S. Wallace Dempsey, special assistant attorney general, the prosecuting attorney, gave notice that he would move for judgment and sentence on the adjourned date.

The oil company was placed on trial June 1 for an alleged violation of the interstate commerce law in accepting a concession from the field tariff on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Rutland and Bellows Falls, Vt. There were forty counts in the indictment, each representing an act on a car of oil. The maximum fine on each count is \$20,000, or a total for the whole of the shipments of \$800,000.

TAR AFIRE IN STREET.

Clouds of Smoke from Burning Liquid Beneath Elevated Trains.

Tar in a big tank in Ninth Avenue, in front of No. 435, overflowed yesterday, caught fire, and blazing liquid flooded a large portion of the avenue under the Ninth avenue elevated structure.

The tar was being used by employees of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, who are relaying paving stones. Black clouds of smoke rose from the street. An alarm was turned in for fire, and the firemen responded, shovelling sand on to the burning tar. The flames mounted to the elevated structure, but the firemen prevented any damage being done.

RETURNS STOLEN MONEY.

Letter to Cortelyou Incloses \$8,000—Makes \$40,000 from Sender.

Washington, June 12.—Secretary Cortelyou has received in an envelope postmarked Jersey City a conscience contribution of \$8,000, which has been turned into the conscience fund of the Treasury.

In an unsigned letter the sender says that many years ago he and another man took a considerable sum of money belonging to the government and that this \$8,000 makes a total of \$40,000 sent, which, he says, is fourfold the amount originally taken by himself. This sum, he says, has been returned to the treasury from time to time covering a period of several years.

GET SMUGGLED TOBACCO.

Agents Raid Hut in Brooklyn—Came on German Liner.

Acting on a search warrant issued by a United States commissioner, three treasury agents went to a little hut at the foot of 25th street, Brooklyn, yesterday, and seized smuggled tobacco, valued at \$1,000, which was hidden under some planks.

The agents learned that the tobacco had been brought in on one of the German liners, and some time during Thursday night dropped into a barge which was lying alongside. When the barge was towed away the tobacco went with it.

The barge was followed by a steam launch, which, running alongside, took the tobacco to the 25th street wharf. When the agents reached the hut they found the door locked, and not wanting to enter it without authority watched the place all night, so that the tobacco could not be moved again.

QUENTIN TAGS 198 PERSONS.

Washington, June 12.—"Tag! You're it, please." These words greeted nearly two hundred visitors at the White House to-day as Quentin Roosevelt, suiting the action to the word, pinned a tag to the button for the benefit of the Children's Playground Association of Washington, and Quentin lost no time beginning work in behalf of his schoolmates.

He tagged 198 persons from the time he got home from school until the dinner hour. The French Ambassador and several members of the Cabinet were among those he tagged. Every member of the White House office staff from Secretary Lusk down was called on to add his mite, and to-night the policemen detailed to the White House and other attaches are wearing the tags bearing the inscription: "I am tagged to help the Children's Playground Association."

THIRTEEN HOODOO IN PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, June 12.—Superstition stalked into the ranks of golf players to-day when one hundred players taking part in the thirteenth annual tournament of the Allegheny Country Club refused to continue the tournament until the number was changed. The management was finally compelled to announce officially that this was the fourteenth annual tournament of the club.

KNOX BOOMERS ADD EMPTY CAR TO TRAIN—GOLF TOURNAMENT NUMBER CHANGED.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

TAFT HAS 704 VOTES, F. H. HITCHCOCK SAYS.

COMMITTEE COMPLETES HEARING OF CONTESTS.

Hughes Second Place Movement Checked by Statement—Sherman's Strength Growing.

Chicago, June 12.—The Republican National Committee completed its work of hearing contests to-day, having seated all but four of the delegates claimed for Taft when the hearings began. This gives to Secretary Taft, according to the statement of Frank H. Hitchcock, a total vote of 704 on the first ballot, 213 more than enough to nominate, with 49 votes in the unpledged column. The committee to-day placed on the temporary roll forty-two delegates pledged to Taft and two unpledged but doubtless for Foraker.

When the national committee had completed its work Mr. Hitchcock gave out a statement setting the strength for Mr. Taft in the convention at 704 votes, including 155 delegates who have declared for him since he issued his statement on May 16, after the last state and district convention had been held, and 549 instructed to vote for him. To other candidates Mr. Hitchcock records votes as follows: Cannon, 46; Fairbanks, 32; Hughes, 54; Foraker, 2; Knox, 68, and La Follette, 25, making a total of 227.

In the column of unpledged delegates, 49 in all, Mr. Hitchcock places the following: From Georgia, 6; Illinois, 6; Michigan, 2; Mississippi, 4; New York, 20; Ohio, 1; South Carolina, 6; Virginia, 2, and District of Columbia, 2.

Delegates listed by Mr. Hitchcock as having declared for Mr. Taft since May 16 are as follows: From Delaware, 6; Georgia, 20; Massachusetts, 12; Mississippi, 18; Missouri, 2; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 20; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 12; Tennessee, 5; Utah, 6; Vermont, 8; Arizona, 2, and Porto Rico, 2.

HUGHES SLAYS HIS OWN BOOM.

The day has been signalized by a tremendous increase of sentiment for Governor Hughes for Vice-President, a sentiment which the emphatic protests of Mr. Hughes's friends were wholly unable to stem, and which yielded only to news that the Governor had given out an unequivocal signed statement at Albany saying that he would not accept the nomination for Vice-President under any circumstances. That seemed to put a quietus on the Hughes boom, and during the remainder of the day the leaders gave every evidence of being as wholly "up in the air" on the question of a candidate for second place as ever.

There was a resuscitation of the Dooliver talk in some quarters, but "Lafe" Young managed to check that by his declaration that Mr. Dooliver would not accept, and that it was probable the Senator would make a formal statement to that effect within the next twenty-four hours.

The absolute declination of Governor Hughes gave renewed impetus to the Sherman boom, and while it still lacks sufficient strength to be described as formidable, it seems this evening to be the healthiest Vice-Presidential boom in Chicago. Of course, the Cortelyou boomers are also working hard, but, apparently, with less effect than the advocates of Mr. Sherman's nomination. For a time the report was circulated by the friends of Mr. Cortelyou that Mr. Hughes's retirement from politics would doubtless result in Mr. Sherman's entering the race for Governor of New York and thus eliminating himself from the Vice-Presidential race, which, they argued, would leave the coast clear for the Secretary of the Treasury, but Mr. Littauer, who is here in charge of the Sherman boom, countered with the assertion that it was by no means certain that Sherman would be a candidate for Governor and that he was an active candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

"Mr. Sherman is in the Vice-Presidential race, and he is by all means the strongest man with the New York delegation," said Mr. Littauer. "I believe that as soon as Governor Hughes withdraws from the Presidential race, and he might as well withdraw, for that fight is all over, the New York delegation will caucus and adopt a resolution committing itself to cast its solid vote for 'Jim' Sherman."

Mr. Littauer was told that many friends of Governor Hughes declared that Secretary Cortelyou was the stronger man with the New York delegation, but he insisted that those who made this assertion had no correct appreciation of the strength of Representative Sherman