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FLORAL KING TAKES CHRISTMAS HANDICAP

Heavily Backed Second Choice Wins Easily by Three Lengths

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—Floral King scored a victory in the Christmas handicap, for which he was a strong second choice. The race was at a mile and was worth $1,450 to the winner. The Hayman pair, De Reszeke and Orthodox, the latter ridden by Winnie O'Connor, were the favorites at 5 to 2, while 9 to 2 or better was had at any time against the winner. Orthodox was outran at every stage and De Reszeke, who made a better showing early in the journey, weakened at the end.

Floral King had eleven pounds the best of it and won easily by three lengths from Gregor K, who came very fast at the close. Misanthrope was the only winning favorite of the day. The attendance was large and the thirty-three books in the ring were kept fully occupied. Weather clear; track fast. Summaries:

First race, mile—Love's Labour, 111, H. Phillips, 6 to 1, won; Gold Spink, 105, Nicol, 4 to 1, second; Hickory Corners, 111, L. Williams, 60 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 3-5. John Doyle, Ernest Parham, Shogun, Rudabek, Goldaga, Leila Noel, Ben MacDhui, Atheola and Birch also ran.

Second race, five furlongs—Norwood Ohio, 107, R. Johnson, 20 to 1, won; Jake Sanders, 110, Nicol, 3 to 1, second; Sponge Cake, 110, Robbins, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:02 1-5. Hannibal Bey, Saladin, Ralbert, Sharp Boy, Sanction, Rusador, Charlie Dickson and Mint Smash also ran.

Third race, mile—Misanthrope, 105, Nicoll, 4 to 5, won; Worthington, 123, H. Phillips, 10 to 1, second; Rabunta, 111, Wonderly, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:44. Arachue, Carat, Merry Acrobat, Arab, Gaslighter and Soldier of Fortune also ran.

Fourth race, the Christmas handicap, one mile—Floral King, 119, H. Phillips, 9 to 2, won; Gregor K, 110, J. McIntyre, 6 to 1, second; Au Revoir, 109, Nicol, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:41. De Reszeke, Gay Boy, Telescope, Orthodox and Falernian also ran.

Fifth race, handicap, mile—Garnish, 104, J. Martin, 3 to 1, won; Highwind, 98, Oland, 8 to 1, second; Topic, 106, Crimmins, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:41 3-5. Janetta, Forehand, Formaster, Ahola and Rankin also ran.

Sixth race, selling, two miles—Treacy, 94, Auburchon, 7 to 1, won; Hymettus, 103, J. Hennessy, 5 to 1, second; Lord Tennyson, 91, E. Rice, 7 to 5, third. Time, 3:33 4-5. George Vivian, Lee King and Bourke Cochran also ran.

Win Christmas Money

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—At Oakland today fifteen selling platers lined up for the seven furlongs scramble, and there was no pronounced favorite. The shortest-priced horse in the race was Sugden, closing at 5 to 1. The start was a very good one for such a large field. Military, played for a killing, went to the front and made a runaway race. Sugden got up in time to nose out Dotterel for the place. Summary:

First race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling—Military, 102, Kunz, 7 to 1, won; Sugden, 102, Loague, 6 to 1, second; Dotterel, 102, Crossthwaite, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:30¾. Homage, Dandie Belle, Young Marlow, Mosketo, Karabel, Bednoir, Cinnabar, Elmor, Sunny Shore, Myrtle H, Dollie H, Standard also ran.

Second race, three-fourths of a mile—Prince Brutus, 103, Jones, 5 to 1, won; Yada, 110, Kunz, 4 to 1, second; Squire Johnson, 106, Helgesen, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:15. Cardinal Sarto, Fay Templeton, Gossipper and Morita also ran.

Third race, Futurity course, selling—W. R. Condon, 111, Anderson, 4 to 1, won; Sol Lichtenstein, 106, Helgesen, 6 to 5, second; Cousin Carrie, 97, Kelly, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:12. Sir Preston, Revolt, Hulford and Batidor also ran.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling—Northwest, 95, Greenfield, 6 to 1, won; Lady Kent, 99, Fountain, 10 to 1, second; Col. Anderson, 110, Bell, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:49½. Barrack, Meistersinger, Weinrick, Major Tenny, Briers, Anvil and I Do Go also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs, selling—Albemarle, 107, Kunz, 9 to 5, won; Bard Burns, 110, Minder, 4 to 1, second; Mr. Farnum, 97, Taylor, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:29¾. Molto, Flaneur, Fille d'Or, Mocorito, Border Mark, Delsigno, Mountebank also ran.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Dungannon, 106, Davis, 7 to 5, won; Dusty Miller, 106, Travers, 5 to 1, second; Scherzo, 114, Helgesen, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¾.

Mud Upsets Form Players

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Cloudy, threatening weather, with a light rain in the afternoon, were the conditions at Ascot today and the heavy track upset all the calculations of the form players, except in the case of Bragg in the third race. With 116 pounds up Bragg again led his field from start to finish over a mile and a sixteenth. This is the only one that fell to the favorite. Summary:

First race, one mile—Exapo, 99, McDaniel, 8 to 1, won; Ethel Scruggs, 100, Lawrence, 2 to 1, second; Autumn Time, 104, Otis, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:45¾. The Covenanter, Merry Sport, July Gyp, Lady Rice, Graylette, Emily Oliver, Punctillo, Ever More, Conceit and Lou Welsea also ran.

Second race, six furlongs—Durbar, 96, McDaniel, 6 to 1, won; Dan Collins, 105, Walsh, 6 to 1, second; Edinburg, 108, H. Smith, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:16. Bay Wonder, El Verraco, Happy Chappy and Interlude also ran.

Third race, one mile and a sixteenth—Bragg, 116, Walsh, 8 to 5, won; Hans Wagner, 99, Hildebrand, 6 to 1, second; Milton Young, 98, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:48¾. Judge Denton, Elie and Sheriff also ran.

Fourth race, one mile and an eighth—Rough Rider, 109, Fuller, 5 to 2, won; Namtor, 113, Dugan, 10 to 1, second; Glisten, 102, Hildebrand, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:56½. Invictus, Mordente, Cincinnatus also ran.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Line of Life, 95, Walsh, 2 to 1, won; Araho, 103, Knapp, 11 to 8, second; Americano, 103, Hildebrand, even, third. Time, 1:01½. Isabute, Firm Foot, Victoria S and Mac Flecknoe also ran.

Sixth race, one mile—Conger, 99, Herbert, 15 to 1, won; Liberto, 106, Truebel, 12 to 5, second; Huapala, 100, Miller, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:44½. Capable, Dug Martin, Miracle II., Galantha, Lanark and Blue Ridge also ran.

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PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR BOWLING MEET

Milwaukee National Tournament Company Has Everything Ready

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—The Milwaukee National Tournament company has practically completed all the details for the conduct of the national meet to be held here Feb. 18-25 even to the appointment of committees that will have charge of the work of the tournament proper and of furnishing entertainment for the visiting tenpin knights.

It is safe to say that in no previous tournament of the American Bowling congress has so much attention been given to perfecting plans for conducting the meet, and as these plans will be carried out to the letter the big affair will be carried to a successful conclusion without the hitches that have characterized previous meets and which have always mitigated against their entire success.

With only active bowlers as stockholders in the company, men who were informed that they would not only be expected to put up their money for stock, but give considerable time to working for the success of the tournament, when they were asked to subscribe, this can be done. Of these men only those who had the time to spare were placed on the committees and the list is representative not only in a bowling, but a business sense. The committees appointed by President Moll are as follows:

Reception—David S. Rose, William H. Terry, F. G. Simmons, William P. Hughes, George W. Perrigo, H. H. Harpke, Adolph Kowalsky, William Dusold, Albert Smith.

Hotel—Fred G. Everts, George W. Perrigo, William P. Hughes, A. L. Langtry.

Programme—George J. Koerner, Albert Smith, F. G. Simmons.

House—Charles F. Moll, George J. Koerner, William Dusold, H. H. Harpke, A. L. Langtry, Adolph Kowalsky, William P. Hughes.

Press—Charles F. Moll, A. L. Langtry.

Entertainment and schedule committees will be appointed after Messrs. Moll and W. H. Terry return from their missionary trip to the East.

Prize List to Be at Least $10,000

While the local managers have found that they will be handicapped by ill advised legislation at the Cleveland congress in getting entries, they have discovered that the interest in the sport throughout the country is so much greater than in the past that their early estimates of the number of entries needs no revision now. Secretary Langtry insists that the lowest estimate that he can put on the number of five-men teams that will enter is 165, and this will give $10,000 to be distributed among the bowlers of the country in the five men, two men and individual events.

According to the estimated list of prizes furnished by Secretary Langtry, there will be $3,500 for the five-men teams, of which the first prize will be $450, the second $350 and the third $300. The rest of the money is so distributed that the seventeenth team gets $50 and the teams that finish from twenty-second position to forty-fifth position will each get $25, the lowest prize for five-men teams. The first prize for the two-men teams will be $250, and $3,000 will be distributed among seventy-three teams, the lowest prize being $10. The champion bowler of the country will get a prize of $200, and $3,500 will be distributed among 150 men in the individual event.

In addition valuable medals will be hung up for the members of the winning team or bowler in each event the championship medal in particular being especially attractive.

Eligibility Rule a Handicap

At a recent meeting of the Milwaukee managers and members of the executive board of the American Bowling congress the question of the eligibility rule passed at the last congress came up for consideration. It was pointed out that Milwaukee was placed in the unfortunate position of having to do the work of the organizers of the congress in order to get entries. They reported that bowlers throughout the country were writing for information as to how to organize city associations so that they would be eligible to enter the big meet, indicating that the governing body had apparently been derelict in its duties. They ask that the eligibility rule be amended, but were denied relief in this particular.

The result of this meeting was that the officials of the American Bowling congress promised to take up the question of organizing the bowlers into city associations and do all they could to assist Milwaukee men, and there is evidence that they have begun their work.

Meanwhile the local men will continue their work along the lines they began and get all the bowlers they can into the national organization. To facilitate their work President Moll, who is also a member of the executive board of the A. B. C., has construed the ambiguously worked eligibility rule in concise form so that it may be clear to every bowler just what is necessary for him to do in order to have the opportunity of competing for the rich prizes in the national tournament. The opinion is as follows:

"In order to be eligible to bowl in the national tournament to be held in Milwaukee Feb. 18-25 a club must belong to a local city association, which can be organized with one or more clubs, before Jan. 20. To organize a city association all that is necessary is to send $1 for each club, together with the names of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer to the secretary of the American Bowling congress in Dayton, Ohio.

"A team must bowl under its registered name, but there is no limit to the number of members.

"A member of any city association is eligible to bowl in the two men and individual events."

Schedule Will Be Followed

As far as the actual bowling is concerned everything possible will be done to accommodate the increased number of contestants at this meet. With fourteen alleys, 25 per cent more than were built for the Cleveland meet, and the tournament beginning Saturday night, Feb. 18, there need be no bowling after 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night, and none in the morning. When the official schedule is prepared by a committee composed of one man selected by the A. B. C. and two by the tournament company sufficient time will be allowed for each team and bowler, but there will be no deviation from the time set by the schedule. This will do away with the inconveniences that marred the Cleveland meet when the management was two hours behind the schedule from the first night and bowling was going on until the small hours of the morning and was resumed two hours before noon.

Another feature which is well worth mentioning is that the prize winners will be paid as soon as each event is decided and probably in gold so as to avoid the annoyance of getting checks cashed or of waiting for months for prize money.

Perfect Building for Meet

While much has been written about the exposition building, where the tournament will be held, it is doubtful if the bowlers of the country realize how much more desirable it is for the purpose than any other building offered for a like event. In addition to perfect lighting and heating appliances its 50,000 square feet of room on the main floor will give ample space for the fourteen alleys to be built, seat upward of 5,000 spectators, allow for a spacious palm garden and other entertainment features all under one roof. To offset the barnlike effect of the interior of so large a building suitable decorations will be arranged so that the building will not only be commodious and comfortable, but attractive to the eye.

It is the opinion of President Moll, Secretary Langtry, and other local bowlers who have attended all national tournaments of the American Bowling congress, that sufficient attention has not been paid to the entertainment of visitors by the congress cities. Milwaukee is a convention city and accustomed to provide amusement for the stranger within its gates, so that the plans to give the bowlers something to add pleasure to their visit here meets with general approval.

The most important social affair of the week will be a ball in honor of the bowlers of the country Thursday night, Feb. 23. The Calumet club, one of the foremost social organizations of the city, has agreed to turn over its well appointed and commodious clubhouse to the city's guests, and the ball will be an invitation affair. The ballroom is large enough to accommodate 500 couples on the floor at one time, and the affair will be a most attractive one.

Moll and Terry Going East

It is expected that there will be a big representation of bowlers from Greater New York, and President Moll and W. H. (Adonis) Terry, the once famous baseball pitcher, who is now one of the local bowling leaders, will leave tomorrow for a tour of the Eastern cities to secure entries. President Ebbets, owner of Brooklyn baseball club and leader of the bowlers of Greater New York, has promised them that their trip East will be generously rewarded. Moll and Terry will probably visit Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York and on their return trip they will stop at Buffalo, Cleveland and Detroit.

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RALPH ROSE PHYSICALLY PERFECT

RALPH ROSE, the University of Michigan giant athlete, underwent a physical test recently and was judged to be perfect in every physical respect. He is in the record class for the shot put, and Yost expects to make a star football player out of him next season. Rose tried for the team for a time last fall and then gave it up. Later he achieved much notoriety on account of an interview, afterwards denied, that Rose was willing to meet Champion Jeffries. The accompanying illustration shows Rose in the act of putting the shot. The lower picture was taken while Rose was watching the shot while in the air.

WANT PAID COACH

Harvard Students Are Tired of Continual Defeats

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Harvard Bulletin today publishes a long communication signed by fifty-four prominent Harvard graduates petitioning for a paid football coach.

"We believe," says the communication in part, "that Harvard, with her wealth of material, should win at least her fair share of victories, whereas we have seen her win but four times in twenty-five years. We would rather see football discontinued than see Harvard continuously represented by teams that might have won, but do not win.

"The conditions of modern football are such as to demand the entire time and thoughts of a coach for three months of the year, and we believe that Harvard should employ a professional. He should be absolute authority as far as the team itself is concerned.

"We further believe that a professional coach will no more affect the purely amateur standing of the team than does the paid trainer who looks after their physical condition, or the professional instructor in the gymnasium."

Commenting on the communication, the Bulletin, which from the first, has been radically opposed to the professional coach idea, says:

"If it is necessary to make athletics a business, there is no reason why a professional coach should be secured for the football eleven as well as for the crew. And, if we are to pay a man let us get the very best man there is. The athletic committee would probably not oppose the appointment of a paid football coach."

NELSON DROPS CASE

Little Fighter Decides Not to Prosecute Murphy

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Battling Nelson will not prosecute his manager, Teddy Murphy, who, with Eddie Santry, was brought from Stockton to this city today by a detective to answer charges of embezzlement. The check for $9,000, found in Murphy's possession, was cashed and the money deposited with proper security.

Nelson signed a paper agreeing to this. Santry has been released on his own recognizance and Murphy will be released on $4,000 bail. Nelson and Murphy both say that an amicable settlement can be reached and further legal proceedings are not expected.

WATCH EUROPEANS

American Auto Makers Send Agents to Old Country

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It was made known yesterday that a systematic plan is being followed by the organized American makers of automobiles, whereby they may gain all possible profit from the progress made by the European and English manufacturers, as manifested by the changes and improvements brought out at the Paris show. An expert mechanician was dispatched from New York a week before the show now running in the French capital was opened, with full instructions and power to gather all sorts of information.

This ambassador will make a study of all the new features in material, design and construction and any methods of workmanship not in use in this country. He will study also all details that can be of help in reducing the cost of production to the manufacturer and the cost of maintenance to the user, the market conditions and the attitude of the European makers toward America as an exporter and importer.

Detailed reports on all these matters, with pictures of such subjects as lend themselves to illustration, are being sent here by this representative, and these reports will be read and discussed by the newly formed "Superintendents and Engineers' Branch" of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, for it was the latter body that conceived the plan and sent the ambassador, in prosecution of its plan to make the co-operation of its members profitable to them. Heretofore the American makers have had to be content mostly with secondhand reports of the developments revealed at the Paris show, because that affair comes at a busy season, when few makers can spare time for a trip abroad.

AMERICAN CYCLISTS TO RIDE IN EUROPE

Fast Wheelmen Will Invade Old World for Fame and Dollars

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The best American cyclists will invade Europe next spring to win money and glory in races with the best riders on the European circuit. Among those who will cross the ocean are Champion Frank Kramer, Willie Fenn and Eddie Root, winner of the late six-day bicycle race. "Majah" Taylor is already in Paris, and Iver Lawson, the champion of Australia, is expected there before racing begins.

Frank Kramer is under contract to ride sixteen races at the Buffalo Velodrome. One of these will be a match race with "Majah" Taylor on May 16, best two heats in three.

Notwithstanding his European tour Kramer does not intend to forfeit the American championship which he has held for four years. Instead of going to Australia from Paris, as at first planned, Kramer will return to this country in time to take part in the circuit races.

Fenn is booked to remain in Europe until next November. He is under contract to the Reese brothers, two Americans, who have been in Paris for a number of years.

The Buffalo Velodrome management will endeavor to arrange an international world's championship race during the spring, in which Kramer, Root, Fenn, Taylor and Lawson will compete against the best men in Europe.

NEGLECTED TO PATENT BASEBALL COVER

Inventor Never Enjoyed the Fruits of His Discovery

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—There recently died at Middleboro, Mass., Ellis Drake at the age of sixty-five years, who was the inventor of a great range of devices for different purposes. Among the most interesting, if not the most valuable, was the cover for the baseball, which he designed in 1855, and which was adopted two years later by George and Harry Wright, the baseball magnates. As every one knows, this is a perfect geometric form and cannot be improved upon. He neglected to take out a patent on this discovery because he thought it was too trivial, but as baseball grew in popularity he greatly regretted that he had not attended to this little detail, as he never enjoyed the benefits of his inventive skill in this direction. Some of his other inventions, however, were quite profitable.

Open Hockey Season

The Victoria and Nushka hockey teams will open the season in St. Paul Monday morning in the down-town ball park rink. Both teams have been practicing hard for the opening game and a fast contest will result. The game will be called at 10 o'clock. The lineup:

Victoria.	Nushka.
Allen, l. w.	r. w., Ordway
Clayton, r. w.	l. w., Driscoll
Armstrong, c.	c., Shephard-Auerbach
Cook, rover	rover, Reese
Saunders, c. p.	c. p., McGregor
Moritz-Kenny, p.	p., Foley
Taylor, g.	g., Freeman

Yeager Goes to Toledo

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—President Bryce, of the American association club, announced tonight that Catcher George Yeager had been traded to the Toledo American association team for Catcher Samuel Brown.

Banks and Stores Burn

WRIGHTSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 24.—Wrightsville suffered today from the greatest fire in its history. Two banks, five stores and several offices were burned. Loss, $100,000.

College Building Destroyed

LEBANON, Mo., Dec. 24.—The main body of Lebanon college at Anneville was totally destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, $75,000; insurance, $50,000.

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CROOKED ROULETTE WHEELS NOT NEEDED

Old Gambler Tells Why Operators Are Generally Honest

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—District Attorney Jerome said recently that, while he has seen some crooked deal boxes, he never had seen a crooked roulette wheel. A gambler of much experience backs him up.

"The number of crooked roulette wheels in any country in the world is so small as practically to amount to nothing," said the gambler. "A crooked roulette wheel is not necessary.

"Everybody who knows anything about roulette knows that every man who plays it and sticks to it is an idiot. There is absolutely no way in which the player can beat the game.

"In the course of the last twenty or thirty years I suppose that 1,000 men have come to me with systems for beating the wheel. The last man to come around was a particularly wise guy who told me he could cipher out by arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry and conic sections that he had an absolutely invincible system.

"Very gravely I told him that if he had such a thing he could be a millionaire before the winter was out. Then I asked him what his system was. With much enthusiasm he told me that all one had to do to beat the wheel was always to play the second number from the last.

"You never want to argue with one of these system fiends. You just want to put their schemes to a practical test. Other idiots tried that same thing at Monte Carlo and Ostend years ago and went broke, but the young man didn't know about that, so I told him that I was very much impressed with what he had to say, and, if it would work, I would see what could be done toward capitalizing it.

"I suggested, therefore, that we take a stroll around to a house not far from where I live and see how the thing would work. When we went in I had a little talk with the proprietor of the place, and it was arranged that I should try the system with real money, and my own at that, all I lost to be returned to me at the end of the play.

Tried the System

"We tried out the system very thoroughly for about three hours, in which time I lost about $3,000. The young man went away saying that there was some slight flaw which he would correct and come around again. I haven't seen him since.

"As everybody knows who knows anything about wheel playing, the percentage against the player on a so-called thirty-six-inch wheel is 5 5-19.

"Any sensible gambler knows that with such a percentage in his favor he is bound to get the money in the long run, either from individual players or from the gross number of individual players. Therefore, it is not worth the bother and the chance of getting caught at it to have a crooked wheel.

"In gambling houses run by pikers in the West and by Western pikers in the East, where if a player bets more than 50 cents on a color he imagines he was betting a fortune, I have seen wheels that were not on the level. There are various devices for making a wheel crooked, but the ones that are used most often, when they are used at all, are the so-called electric devices and the fly-out pin.

"An electrically crooked wheel is one in which the groove around which the ball spins is strongly magnetized, while the ball is of steel, thinly coated with a white glaze. When the electricity is turned on the magnetized groove will hold the ball until the current is turned off. Then it will quickly drop into a certain pocket.

"But it will only work as to the numbers. If your bet is down on a number and the corresponding number on the wheel happens to be near the croupier, it is possible to drop the ball into that pocket; but the electrical contrivance is not sure enough on the colors to work once out of two dozen times.

"The flyout pin is an arrangement by which a little steel pin is inserted in the groove on the outer edge of the wheel, connected by a wire or cord with a drawer near the croupier, and the attempt is made by pulling the wire or cord to divert the ball from the pocket into which it would naturally fall.

Fall in Long Run

"You can readily see that such devices as these must fail in the long run, and are too absurdly trivial to be seriously considered. Furthermore, the makers of roulette wheels in this country and abroad are reputable business men who often manufacture toys as well as roulette wheels, and they would no more turn out crooked products than they would crack a safe.

"The daddy of all manufacturers of roulette wheels was William Dorsey, of Pawtucket. Dorsey had an interesting history.

"Years ago he was tried, convicted and sentenced to the Wethersfield penitentiary at Wethersfield, Conn., for forgery. He served his time and after he came out it was found that he was absolutely innocent of the crime.

"My recollection is that he was a bookkeeper or accountant before he served his term, but he never went back to his old business. For reasons best known to himself he learned the painter's trade after getting out of the penitentiary, and conceived the notion of painting the colors on roulette and faro cloths.

"He was the first one who ever did it, and no one ever knew the art as he knew it, except as he taught it to them. Let me say, in passing, that the numbers on roulette wheels are not painted on the cloths used in Europe at all. The numbers are burned in, while, of course, the red and black colors at the sides of the table are painted. It is only here in America that each one of the thirty-six numbers is painted red or black.

Cost of Wheels

"Roulette wheels and tables cost anywhere from $250 to $300. The composition chips to go with them cost $35 per 1,000, and the ivory chips $400 per 1,000. I think Canfield is the only gambler in the United States who ever used ivory chips.

"The wheels made in Paris are, in my opinion, better than any American wheel, because the disk and cylinder are both made of steel, which is not affected by weather conditions, as are our own wheels.

"Every wheel turns on a diamond-pointed shaft, which rests upon a steel plate, and shaft and plate are both as hard as steel can be made. I have seen wheels that would revolve eighteen minutes.

"While various firms or individuals make the wheels, there are only two places in this country where the cloths can be painted. These are the shops of the men who were apprentices to old man Dorsey, and he taught them the art of painting the round disks in the thirty-six squares, with the thirty-six numbers on them, as nobody else in the world has ever been able to paint them.

"You will see from what I have said that a crooked roulette wheel is not only unnecessary, but is practically an absurdity. As much cannot be said, however, of faro deal boxes.—New York Sun.

Soldiers Lose Presents

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Burglars plundered the Fort Thomas postoffice early today and escaped with registered mail and stamps. The Christmas mail was extraordinarily heavy and many soldiers at the fort will be deprived of presents from mothers, sweethearts and friends.

Arrested on Murder Charge

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Edward Donahue was arrested today at Amboy on the charge of murder of Aminte Northrop at Benton Harbor, Mich., Oct. 5. Donahue put up a stiff fight and was beaten into submission.

HARVARD MEN WIN

Outpoints Other Colleges in Annual Chess Meet

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The third and final round of the intercollegiate chess tournament between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton was concluded tonight, and Harvard won with a total of 8½ points, as against 6 for Princeton, which finished in second place. Columbia was third with 5½ points, as against 4 for Yale.

Thirteen tournaments have been held in which the same colleges took part. The highest scores by a winning team were made by Harvard in 1897 and 1898, with 10 points in each contest.

In the thirteen years Harvard has won eight contests, Columbia four and Yale one.

At a luncheon tendered the sixteen competitors by the orginator of the tournament, Edward A. Caswell, '66, at the Yale club today, steps were taken toward the resumption of the international cable matches with Oxford and Cambridge, and a committee was authorized to enter at once into communication with the English universities and to issue a challenge for the Rice shield, now on the other side, as soon as there is assurance that arrangements can be carried out. Five cable matches have been contested to date and of these England won three and America one, while one contest resulted in a tie.

RACES WILL TUG

Strong Men From All Nations Will Test Strength

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The feature of the monster athletic carnival to be held by the Pastime A. C. on New Year's eve at Madison Square Garden will be the international tug-of-war contest, open to teams of five men, unlimited weight. Entries have already been received from teams representing America, England, Ireland, Russia, Sweden and Norway.

The Russian team, consisting of Gustave Konigswald, captain; Hakan Hansen, Johannes Turnesberg, Alex Sturit, Charles Kumerdank and Ole B. Mortensen, substitute, is a particularly strong team, its members averaging 220 pounds in weight.

Norway will be represented by the Viking team, composed of A. Reinhart, anchor; Tom Olson, F. Hagstrom, H. Hanson, C. Dobos and Louis Nelson, substitute. The other teams entered up to date are the King Edward and Queen Victoria, English teams; the Svea Athletic club, a Swedish team; the Eccentric Firemen's association, representatives of Ireland; the Twenty-second Regiment of New York, and the Roanoke team, of Boston, American teams.

It is expected that the Amalgamated Carpenters' association, the Thirteenth Regiment of Brooklyn, the Fourteenth regiment, champions of the Military Athletic league, and teams representing Germany, France, Scotland and Italy, will send in their entries during the week. Entries will close on Monday, Dec. 26, with J. E. Sullivan, 15 Warren street; C. J. Dieges, 25 John street.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pins.	Pct.
Stapleton	24	21	3	19079	.875
Trabert	24	14	10	18073	.583
Brown	24	12	12	18055	.500
Summit	24	9	15	17466	.375
Piringer	21	7	14	15060	.333
Kleiter	21	6	15	13250	.285

McAuley Wants Match

Jim McAuley, the local wrestler, has returned from an extended tour of the Western and coast states and has issued a challenge to Jim Gordon, of Minneapolis; Hank Robinson, of South St. Paul, and Carl Mattson, of Minneapolis. McAuley is willing to take on any of the heavyweights in the Northwest. He made an effort to secure a match with the Cuban Wonder, but failed, as the latter had matches on hand for his stay in St. Paul. McAuley will return to the coast if he is unable to secure any matches in St. Paul.

Chair for Rothfuss

The pupils of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class had a surprise awaiting Prof Rothfuss, when the instructor arrived in the gym yesterday morning. A leather covered mahogany chair loomed up among the parallel bars and swinging rings, and about the time Prof. Rothfuss was going to ask what it was doing there it was presented to him.

Shuts Down

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—The Atlantic Rubber Shoe company, which employs about 500 hands, gave notice today that the plant would be closed for an indefinite period, beginning Monday. No reason for the shutdown is assigned.

Try to Blow Up a Plant

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Another attempt was made during the night to blow up the Newport Foundry and Machine company's plant at Newport, Ky., when the entire building was shaken by a terrific explosion of dynamite. The dynamite was dropped near a fence and consequently little damage was done, but the explosion was heard all over the city.

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