

ST. JOHN STAR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST, 2, 1905.

WOMEN GAMBLERS AND THEIR PLAYS.

Nell Gwynne One of the Most
Noted of Her Sex.

Absence of Many of the Attributes Possessed
by Their Brethren Responsible for
Victories.

From time to time throughout the world gambling among women has flourished and declined. Just at this time it is flourishing. But it is the mania for growing strong in the women of today it is simply the revival of an old passion, for in every age women have been addicted to that form of vice which caused the loss of money, happiness, substance, health, and in many instances, honor. The pages of history tell, over and over again, the story of great women gamblers. France has furnished the greatest number of these, but England has not been far behind, while America has put forth many whose fame has become international, says the Liverpool Mercury.

There seems to be something in the blood of French women that makes them gamblers of a high order. Mme. de Montespan won so much at basse, her favorite game, that Louis XIV. was delighted, and borrowed some of her winnings. But she lost a great deal at times, and her play grew so furious that in 1683 Louis abolished the game. It is recorded of Madame that she one night while the King looked on at the play, risked a sum equal to \$40,000 on a single card, and that the King grumbled when no one could be found to cover the bet. But Madame also lost, one New Year's night, 700,000 crowns at hoc, and on another night almost \$200,000 at the same game.

Mme. du Barry was the most famous woman gambler of the time of Louis XV., but with her it was only a pastime. But that other favorite, Mme. de Pompadour, went in with the sole object of winning if she could. To the record that her winnings were enormous, and that in a single night she eased the pockets of the King of 15,000 louis d'or.

Queen Marie Antoinette, according to history, was a gambler who liked to be surrounded by gamblers. Faro was the popular game, but the stakes got to be so great that many a nobleman had his entire estates wiped out in a single night. Scandal rose high and the game was forbidden. Nevertheless, in a short time it was being carried on again, not only in the apartments of the Queen, but at the house of the Princess de Lamballe. At first the Queen and those who desired to play with her went to the apartments of Madame de Guemene, whose house is credited with having been the scene of the highest continued play of any in France. But matters got so bad before the end came that noblemen would no longer play with the Queen, and she admitted to her that she was a gambler. Then the scandal broke in full force, for some were caught cheating, and one was even arrested for picking a pocket.

Possibly the most famous woman gambler of English history was Nell Gwynne, the actress, who was known as a favorite with Charles II. In that reign the manners were much the same as they were at the French court. Nell Gwynne lost \$10,000 to her rival, the Duchess of Cleveland, and in one year lost upward of \$60,000, which the King paid. There had never been known so much gambling among women as was carried on in that reign. After the Duchess of Mazarin, niece of the Cardinal, had lost \$1,000,000 she died in absolute want.

The acknowledged queen of American women gamblers was Lonna Paquita, who was born in Texas fifty years ago, but early went to Mexico to rule over outlaws and cowboys. The little Lonna was scarcely twelve years of age when she fell in with an old time gambler, named Quileator, who taught her every trick known to the gambler's art. She made her first appearance in Paso del Norte. She was only a child, and the rough gamblers laughed at her. But they soon found that they were no match for her, and that even her teacher, Quileator, was a tenderfoot compared with the child. With the passing years Lonna Paquita grew to be a beautiful woman. Her hair was as black as night, she had eyes that confounded those of the gamblers who played with her and a voice as sweet and silvery as a bell. She was as handsome a woman as one could wish to see, but with heart of ice and nerves of iron. Her small white hands could manipulate the cards with a skill that defied the watchfulness of the keenest gambler.

There were many people who thought it was merely luck that followed her, but the luck kept up too long, and the gamblers who knew a few tricks themselves understood that it was "art." Still, no one was ever known to catch her cheating. Before she was twenty Lonna Paquita was in New Mexico leading a gang of the worst characters of the Southwest.

Her death occurred in 1875, and was tragic. Some lawless acts had been committed by a body of "greasers," and search was made for them. Lonna Paquita was found to be their leader, and was caught. She only laughed when she was taken, and proposed that a game of cards should be played to see whether she should go free or kill herself. This was agreed to, and one of the party, a gambler known to the country around, was selected. The woman lost. Those who looked on had scarcely time to understand when Lonna Paquita drew a knife from her belt and plunged it into her heart.

The women of today, although they doubtless gamble as heavily as in other times, incline more to speculation in stocks. The new woman will go on gambling, but appearances show that she cares a great deal more for the money there is in it than she does for the notoriety of being a gambler.

MIGHT CHANGE ITS MIND.

Edna—Is Ethel going to send out invitations to her wedding?
May—No, she's going to send cards announcing the marriage. She says men are so fickle she's not going to run any chances.—Detroit Free Press.

"TAKE ROCKEFELLER'S MONEY?" YES, BY ALL MEANS."

Dr. Stephenson Has No Fear of Tainted Money—Interesting Meeting of School of Missions.

In Centenary church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the second session of the school of missions opened with a good attendance. Rev. C. W. Hamilton in the chair.

Prof. Riddell had been on the programme for an address on the Northwest, but as several requests had come in from people who were unable to attend the afternoon session, for the address to be postponed till the evening. Prof. Riddell substituted for it a lecture on Bible Study. Bibles were placed in the hands of the audience, who were called on individually to read certain passages. Then Professor Riddell offered explanations.

Dr. Stephenson next gave a very instructive address on Missions. He discussed the first discussed what was to be included in the term missionary literature. To begin with, the term missionary, the definition which he liked best was that of a great writer, "The literature of an age is the mirror of its prevalent tendencies." For his own purposes, he divided literature into two kinds, missionary literature and mercenary literature. The first included all the writings that had for their object the furtherance of the kingdom of God, and the second all those which were written to make money.

Dr. Stephenson said he had been asked if he would accept for the mission work money from such men as Rockefeller. His reply was, "Yes, by all means." He could easily convert the money, much more easily perhaps than the giver. It was converted the moment it was turned into proper channels.

Dr. Stephenson then produced in turn a number of the most valuable contributions to the missionary literature of the age. Among the books shown by the doctor was one written by Dr. Hart on Methodism in Canada. Another was entitled "On the Banks of the Bazar," and last a small booklet by Dr. Henderson.

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NEW WHARF PLANS.

Another Committee Appointed to Look Into Them—Ald. Christie Says Work Can't be Done This Year.

At a meeting of the Board of Works yesterday afternoon it was decided to call for tenders for 200 feet of stone pavement to be laid on Water Street. Ald. Macrae moved a storage charge of 5 cents per ton of coal for every five days and fraction thereof be fixed for storage in city warehouses, the wharf storage charge to be 1 cent as before.

The motion carried.

The question of plans for the proposed new wharf at Sand Point was discussed at some length. Ald. Christie did not consider that a new wharf could be built for use this coming season. Other aldermen thought it could, at least they did not favor any delay.

After some discussion Ald. Macrae moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a report on the charges and tolls to be levied at the wharf, and to submit this to the Council.

The same committee will report to the Council. The committee consists of Ald. Macrae, Baxter, Bullock, Tilley, Hooper, Pickett, and the director, harbor master and engineer.

The St. John Railway Co. asked permission to place a siding at the foot of the Indian street and one opposite the Victoria Rink.—Referred to the director.

The chairman thought the city garden, Mr. Beattie, should have his pay increased. It was decided to make his pay \$170 per day on the director's recommendation.

It was decided to recommend that the city buy a boiler and engine for the hoisting screw from the Union Foundry at \$1,065, the machinery to be delivered within a time to be determined by Ald. Baxter, Bullock and the director.

LOCH LOMOND WORK LAGGING.

At today's session of the water and sewerage board the difficulties of the Loch Lomond extension will be presented by the engineers, and a lively discussion is expected to ensue.

The concrete aqueduct on No. 2 section is all behindhand. The engineers are of opinion that the equipment owned by the contractors is not what it should be, and that something must be done all along the line to make progress satisfactory, or some definite action will be taken by the water board.

THE D. A. LINER PRINCE GEORGE WAS NOT ASHORE

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Statements made by Captain McKinnon and other officers of the Dominion Atlantic Line steamer Prince George indicate that a report that the steamer's striking a bar in Boston harbor in a fog Sunday was incorrect. Captain McKinnon says that the steamer at no time was in danger of touching bottom. She was stopped near the entrance to the harbor until the fog lifted enough for the officers to pick up the usual course.

MURDERER CAPTURED.

Charles Tiedman, Who Shot His Wife in Chester, Mass., Yesterday Caught After Long Chase.

CHESTER, Mass., Aug. 1.—Fleeing from his father-in-law's home, where his wife lay dead with a bullet wound in the head, Charles Tiedman, a brakeman, was overtaken late this afternoon about three miles from the scene of the crime, and nine hours after the shooting, by a posse of determined officers and citizens. He was brought back, locked up in the town jail, and tomorrow probably will be arraigned on a charge of wife murder.

Tiedman fled to the woods in the direction of Huntington, but so quickly did the news spread about the town that within an hour a body of citizens, headed by Deputy Sheriff Alford, had started in pursuit.

The trail led through the woods and over the hills in the direction of Chester Centre, and when the posse arrived there about 1 o'clock it was learned that Tiedman was about two hours ahead.

Just before reaching Chester Centre, Tiedman was overtaken by another posse of four armed men, one of them the uncle of the murdered woman, but he easily held them at bay with his revolver. He then disappeared into the woods.

At 2 o'clock Sheriff Alford's little army plunged into the woods, determined to find the man. Word was sent to Huntington and Pittsfield, and another body started for the scene in the opposite direction. By 4 o'clock it was felt that the fugitive was nearly surrounded, and an hour later a little party which was cautiously making its way down the Huntington road was suddenly brought to a standstill by the appearance of "Tiedman" from the woods. Those who were armed covered him with their revolvers. Walking up to Dr. O. J. Shephard, the leader of the party, Tiedman handed him his revolver, a .38-calibre weapon, saying, "I guess you've got me."

He was pinned and taken back to Chester. During his nine hour flight Tiedman had covered only three miles. He will probably be taken to the district court at Westfield.

WON A FIGHT AT LAST.

Sandy Ferguson Has Finally Found a Person He Can Beat—It Is His Wife.

GLOUCESTER, July 31.—The domestic troubles of Sandy Ferguson, the pugilist, continue to engross the attention of the lower section of the city. Prior to his recent fight with Jack Johnson, Sandy has been seen little in Gloucester for the past year, although his wife and two babies reside here.

Last Sunday Sandy came to town and rejoined his family, and there were outward and visible evidences of his prosperity. He took his family "buggy" riding and for the first time in his married life resolved to set up housekeeping for himself.

So he and his wife, who before her marriage was Alice Mason of Duncan street, this town, set out house-hunting. They found a desirable place on Hancock street and four days ago set up their household goods in the tenement.

But his dream of marital bliss was too beautiful to last long. Tonight Mrs. Ferguson came to the police station. One eye was black. She said Sandy whipped her and gave her the black eye. She could stand it no longer, she said, and taking the infant in her arms she had come to the police station, where she asked that a policeman go to the house and secure her other child and her trunk.

Capt. Mehlman detailed a policeman who went with her to the house. They found the door locked, but later Sandy was discovered on the street. He willingly opened the door and the policeman secured by his mother. Sandy said his wife could take her trunk in the morning.

Mrs. Ferguson says she will return to her mother's house on Duncan street.

MONTREAL STRIKERS VIOLENT.

MONTREAL, Aug. 1.—A large body of striking carpenters this afternoon made a hostile demonstration against the city police. They gathered in front of a building erected by non-union workers. The battle threatened to assume serious proportions and exploded shells were made.

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ROAMING STREETS

Englishman Tortured by Chicago Sluggers and Then Given His Freedom.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Apparent evidence that a foreigner suffered systematic torture is meted to those who have incurred the displeasure of the sluggers. The case of Wm. H. Wilder, who was formerly an army officer and at the time of the recent testimony a cab man regarding the generosity of the pan-stricken people in the original district is appearing, which is to be expected. One of the new cases is on Jackson avenue, in the residence district, and the victim has returned recently to the city from his summer home on the coast.

TOURISTS DEFENDED.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 1.
Dear Sir,—My attention was called to a paragraph appearing in last night's issue of the Star, giving the views of a cab man regarding the generosity of tourists. In fairness to the hotel managers of this city and also in fairness to the visiting strangers we must flatly deny the statement. So far this season I have been very much impressed with the fact that most or nearly all of the strangers who have visited this office are of the very nicest class of tourists and I have not heard of one of them speak of high charges, and each and all are willing to pay our prices for every article and service, without question.

I have spoken to several dealers in souvenirs and they are satisfied with the purchases of strangers, while the hotel people also say they have no complaint and are rather impressed with the open-handedness of our visitors.

Trusting you will find space to publish my line and thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly,
MARGARET OLIVE,
Secretary N. B. Tourist Assn.

YELLOW FEVER STILL SPREADING.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 1.—Following is the yellow fever record up to six o'clock tonight:
New cases, 42.
Total cases to date, 345.
Deaths today, 6.
Total deaths to date, 50.
The day's record shows a continued improvement so far as the number of new foot is concerned, and with no secondary infection from any of the ex-germs, the general situation is regarded as hopeful.

The large number of new cases, the largest yet reported in a single day, shows that the tertiary infection among the pan-stricken people in the original district is appearing, which is to be expected. One of the new cases is on Jackson avenue, in the residence district, and the victim has returned recently to the city from his summer home on the coast.

NEW RATE OF PAY FOR PRINTERS.

The new scale of wages asked for by the Printers' Union of this city went into effect yesterday. There was for a time some objection on the part of employers, but there has not been any trouble over the change, and it is understood that all offices, for the present at least, have agreed to pay the increase asked.

For many years the wages of journeymen printers on day work have been, according to the union scale, ten dollars per week, and twelve dollars for night work. Foremen were entitled to receive fifteen dollars for both day and night work.

The new schedule provides that from the first of August or with next Saturday as the first day, the rates shall be twelve dollars per week for journeymen on day work and fourteen dollars on night work; day foremen fifteen dollars, and night foremen eighteen dollars.

In almost all the offices in the city there have in the past been a number of men who were being paid more than the new schedule. These will not be affected in any way. But there are in all the offices a total of perhaps forty men who will receive increases of varying amounts. In Barnes & Co.'s office two men who are linotype operators and who were formerly paid by the week, will hereafter do piece work.

A LITERARY DISTINCTION.

"What is the difference between history and fiction?"
"Well," answered the unbelieving person, "one great difference is that fiction frankly owns up to being largely untrue."—Washington Star.

BELYEA'S GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

OF MORE THAN ORDINARY INTEREST

Because of the Superior Quality of Goods offered at Incredibly Low Prices.

If the particular articles you would be glad to buy at reduced cost do not appear in this advertisement, it will pay you to seek them at the store, for thousands of equally strong bargains are not advertised.

EMBROIDERED ROBES AT A GREAT SACRIFICE—The skirts are semi-made, and there is ample of the embroidered material for blouse.

DARK GREY IRISH LINEN ROBE, with white embroidery. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$7.99; formerly \$25.00.

NATURAL IRISH LINEN ROBE, with white mountmelick embroidery. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$7.99; formerly \$25.00.

DELFT BLUE IRISH LINEN ROBE, with white mountmelick embroidery. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$7.99; formerly \$25.00.

WHITE SWISS LAWN EMBROIDERED ROBE, CLEARANCE PRICE, \$4.99; formerly \$15.00.

WHITE EMBROIDERED NET ROBE, with white embroidery. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$12.99; formerly \$35.00.

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ONE EXCEEDINGLY HANDSOME WHITE SPANGLED ROBE, with silver and fish-scale sequins. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$29.49; formerly \$60.00.

60-INCH BLACK SILK POINT DRESS, with black silk embroidery applique and insertion, ruffled flounces. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$6.99; formerly \$25.00.

60-INCH BLACK FIGURED SILK POINT DRESS, with black silk embroidery applique and insertion, ruffled flounces. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$6.99; formerly \$25.00.

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18-INCH BLACK SEQUIN NET ALL-OVER, CLEARANCE PRICE, \$1.99; formerly \$7.99.

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WHITE PLAIN AND PANCY TUCKED LAWN, for Blouses, Yokes, Etc. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$5.99; formerly \$15.00.

WHITE BORDERED APRON LAWN, Apron Lengths. CLEARANCE PRICE, \$1.99; formerly \$7.99.

WAIST LENGTHS OF FINEST IMPORTED WHITE AND COLORED WAISTINGS. CLEARANCE PRICE, 7c. each; formerly 25c. to 50c. per yard.

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GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR WHEAT HARVEST.

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The crop this year will be a record in every way. From all quarters are coming brilliant reports such as have never been received before, and it is the consequence of opinion that the wheat yield for this year will be near 100 millions of bushels.

At the present time everyone is watching the growing grain, for on it hangs the prosperity of "the last west." However, the conditions are so good that the wheat dealers are not in more machinery and everywhere preparations are going on for the harvest. Thirty thousand men will be engaged in addition to those already employed on farms, but the Canadian Pacific railway will assist in this by running their regular passenger trains for the harvest, and it is expected that a large number of farm hands will come up from the States as soon as the work commences.

CONCERT HEARTILY ENJOYED.

That St. John is not dead from a theatrical standpoint, even in mid-summer, was shown last night by the packed house which greeted the Misses Furlong in their musical evening at the York Theatre. The ladies and gentlemen who took part last night were as follows: Margaret White, pianist; Marie Furlong, vocalist; Elizabeth White, cellist; Helen Furlong, violinist; Elizabeth Furlong, banjoist; G. Fennell Furlong, baritone, and Master Eric Titus, soprano. Nearly every number was accorded hearty applause and the artists were called upon to give a large number of encores.

The programme was divided into two parts with a slight intermission between them. Part second was in a lighter vein than part first and this part it was that met with the greatest approval. The selections from the English opera "The School Girl," rendered by the trio, the violin, "cello and piano were very catchy, while "My Little Canoe," which Miss Marie Furlong sang with suitable gestures was undoubtedly the hit of the evening. The banjo melody of Miss Elizabeth Furlong also met with a splendid reception. The rustic melody which concluded the programme proved a great surprise to the audience and was the cause of much merriment. The audience left delighted with the evening's entertainment.

MR. WICHER ALLOWED TO GO.

At the Presbytery meeting yesterday the following were present: Revs. David Lang was chosen chairman, Erineham, L. A. McLean of Lorneville, H. R. Read of West End, E. A. Wicher of St. Stephen, all of the St. John Presbytery. Rev. W. W. Rennie, now of Newcastle; S. A. Morison, of Chicago; Jas. Munro, of Antigonish, and James Collins, representing the congregation of St. Stephen's church. Rev. David Long was chosen chairman.

Peter Campbell stated that this was the second time within twelve months that St. Stephen's had been summoned to give their views on such a question. Mr. Wicher has been here for only a short time, but succeeded in gathering the people of the church around him in a greater degree than any previous pastor. Mr. Collins added a few words to a like effect. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, in moving that Mr. Wicher's resignation be accepted, added that he seemed in St. Stephen's the right man in the right place. Rev. James Ross seconded the resolution. It was decided that Rev. A. H. Foster be moderator pro tem.

LABOR DAY PARADE.

A Labor Day parade has been decided on, even though all the unions in the city do not participate. Last evening in Labor Hall a meeting was held, at which were present representatives of the painters, moulders, builders, laborers, millmen, carpenters and teamsters' unions. Irrespective of what the Trades and Labor Council may decide to do, these representatives made up their minds that they would parade on the first Monday in September.

Another meeting to consider arrangements will be held next Tuesday evening.

BURNT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE.

Tommy Figgiam—Paw, what is the connection between "burnt offering" and "sacrifice?"
Faw Figgiam—Close, my son, close. For instance, you will usually see the wall streeter who has been burnt offering to sell his stock at a sacrifice.—Baltimore American.