

NEXT: A PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE
LOTTERIES.

Various press reports indicate that the next step to gather "easy money" on the part of cities and other governmental units may be the legalizing of various gambling devices, including betting on races and the sale of lottery tickets. Some weeks ago we read a prophecy by the editor of *Colliers* that this kind of legislation would follow the repeal of national prohibition. France reports that a recent national lottery scheme set up has brought in the sum of fifty million dollars; an example that certain political leaders in America are anxious to follow.

The lottery proposed by some of the politicians of New York City would sell "tickets" at two-fifty each, and once in six months ticket holders would get a report as to the lucky numbers entitling the holder of the office of "president," which would pay a salary of twenty-five thousand dollars, with other offices at smaller figures. It was thought that it could all be fixed up so as to keep out of court and it was claimed that the money the city would make out of the lottery would help to feed the unemployed, something like the million dollars gathered from five thousand charity dances celebrating the birthday of the President. We consider it an omen of great danger to the moral welfare of the country, when so many schemes to get money out of liquor, midnight carousals and gambling are being chiseled into the national life of America.—Wesleyan Methodist.

A GOOD HABIT

In too many cases children are allowed to run wild on Sundays. Parents say that to force them to go to Church will result in their hatred of church. We have many men among us who never go to church, and the excuse that they make is that forced attendance during their childhood gave them a distaste for the church. That is pure nonsense.

In church attendance, as elsewhere, habit counts. We are not intimating that ministers should not do all in their power to make service and sermon attractive and interesting. Many ministers fail because they do not give enough attention to these matters. But, despite interesting preachers, the thing that takes people to church in the majority of cases is that they have formed the good habit of church-going. Even the dullest of preachers cannot break the habit that many people have formed. Of course, most of these people go to church because they are interested in or attached to the church, but habit has a great deal to do with it. We recently met a man of ninety, and he told us how he cherished the memory of his parents and how he tried to do daily exactly what he felt they would want him to do.—The Watchman-Examiner.

According to Evangelical Christian, the great British planes of the Imperial Airways leaving Croydon, near London, now carry the air traveller to South Africa in a few days. From Paris one may fly to Saigon, French Indo-China; from Holland planes carry passengers to far-off Java. "Many shall run to and fro," predicted Daniel. Dan. 12:4.—Pentecostal Evangel.

THE MOVIE AND THE CHILD

Reliable reports indicate that the weekly movie audience in the United States numbers 77,000,000 people, of whom 28,000,000 are under twenty-one years of age, and 11,000,000 are children under fourteen. This report from which we quote appeared originally in nine volumes published by the Macmillan Company, the results of a four year study made by twenty experienced observers, psychologists and sociologists of leading universities.

A review of these studies states: "We now know that the effect of the films on the child mind is far greater than we had ever suspected. Practically nothing passes over the children's heads. They catch from the screen and remember seventy per cent. as much as adults, and this memory holds over, so that when tested three months later they still recall ninety per cent. or more. This is in striking contrast to the amount they remember from studying a book, for after thirty days have elapsed they remember only thirty per cent of what they recalled next morning. It is claimed that the movies are the most potent educational force in the world. Continuing this account:

"Children are three times as much emotionally aroused by the pictures as are adults, and because of lack of 'adult discount' they take everything they see in the movie as true. Moreover, one picture stressing an attitude favorably or unfavorably produces a marked change of opinion, and two increases the change. The effect is cumulative; seeing a number of pictures stressing an attitude favorably or unfavorably is sure to produce change. Investigation has clearly shown that the attitudes caught from the movies carry over into the children's life ideals, thought, and conduct patterns. Finally, we have discovered that boys in reformatories have picked up an extensive technique of crime from the movies, and that delinquent girls believe the movies to be a contributory factor in their misfortune."

Blind selling and block-booking are pointed out as two of the most potent evils in the commercial part of the movie industry, by which is meant the demands made by the large producing companies that their pictures must be bought in blocks, or complete series, in advance by the managers of the movie theaters without any opportunity of seeing them and rejecting what they do not want. Intelligent and rigid censorship at the source is plainly the method by which the most objectionable pictures could be kept off the screen.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW'S EXPERIENCE
WITH TOBACCO

The late Chauncey M. Depew, who lived to the age of ninety-three, and who was daily found at his office until a few months before his death, in his ninety-third year, told why he gave up smoking a half century before. When a young man, he labored under the delusion that smoking steadied his nerves, and made them more dependable. He finally made the discovery that he had been under a deception. But here are his own words:

"One day I bought a cigar, and was puffing it with a feeling of pleasure that is possible only to the devotee. I smoked only a few minutes, and then took it out of my mouth and looked at it. I said to it, 'My friend and

bosom companion, you have been dearer to me than gold. To you I have been devoted, yet you are the cause of all my ills. You have played me false. The time has come when we must part."

"I gazed sadly and longingly at the cigar, then threw it into the street. I had been convinced that tobacco was ruining me. I have never smoked from that day to this." This renunciation was not, however, without a struggle. He says: "For three months thereafter I underwent the most awful agony; I never expect to suffer more in this world or the next. I didn't go to any physician or endeavor in any way to palliate my sufferings. Possibly a physician might have given me something to soften the torture. Neither did I break my vow. I had made up my mind that I must forever abandon tobacco or I would be ruined by it.

"At the end of three months my longing for it abated. I slept well for seven or eight hours every night. I have never smoked from that day to this; and while no one knows better than I the pleasures to be derived from tobacco, I am still well content to forget them, knowing their effect."—From Dr. H. H. Kress' Book, "The Cigaret as a Physician Sees It."—Wesleyan Methodist.

NOT GROWING OLD

They say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it, times untold,
In language plain and bold,
But I'm not growing old;
This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well,
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray,
Gray hairs are honorable they say.
What if my eye sight is growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him,
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the cross of Calvary.

What should I care if times' old plough
Has left it's furrows on my brow,
Another house not made with hands,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.
What though I falter in my walk,
What though my tongue refuse to talk,
I still can tread the narrow way.

My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past, it may have been,
Still I can hear my Savior say,
In whispers soft, This is the way.

The outward man, do what I can,
To lengthen out his life's short span,
Shall perish and return to dust,
As every thing in nature must.
The inward man, the Scriptures say
Is growing stronger every day,
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Savior's fold.

E're long my soul shall fly away
And leave this tenement of clay
This robe of flesh, I'll drop and rise,
To seize the everlasting prize,
I'll meet you on the streets of gold,
And prove that I'm not growing old.

—Selected.

"The only assurance of our safety as a nation is to lay our foundations as our fathers did in morality and religion."—Abraham Lincoln.