

LINES FORMED FOR EUROPEAN GAMBLING WAR

South American Millions to Be Matched Against Famed Greek Syndicate.

By United Press
PARIS, March 12.—A great South American gambling syndicate has been formed with a capital of \$8,000,000 to battle the famed Greek syndicate and to attack the banks of continental casinos as a purely business proposition.

Anletto Battisti, a Uruguayan of Italian origin, who has been holding the baccarat bank at the Gould casino in Nice all winter—the Greek syndicate having walked out until government taxes are reduced—is chief of the new South American syndicate.

There is some North American money in it, but the bulk has been subscribed by South Americans, who have assured Battisti that he can double his capital if he needs it.

The syndicate will play chiefly in France, with occasional voyages to the roulette and baccarat tables of Monte Carlo and Ostend.

Gambling Is Big Business

French casinos will see the new South American offensive running at full speed before the end of the present winter season, and some one of the syndicate will be on hand to back any amount of money in any game that any plunger cares to name," Battisti said.

"After all, gambling is a business in the casinos just as it is in Wall Street. We are business men and hope to pay 50 per cent on our investments."

Not long ago Battisti, while plumping in baccarat at Biarritz, saw his luck turn and losses accumulate until he was 27,000,000 francs down.

Casino Trust Urged

"I am glad to lose that much just to prove to the world that cards can and do run against the baccarat banker just the same as they run against the player," Battisti commented.

Battisti has advocated that the casinos of France, eighty-eight in all, ranging from the great gambling palaces of Nice, Cannes, Le Touquet, Biarritz, and Deauville to the single tables of such health resorts as Brides-Les-Bains, should be united in one gigantic trust, the government would have closer supervision.

PLAZA CHURCH HEADS PROTEST PARKING BAN

Mayor's Traffic Committee Will Discuss Proposed Code.

Because heads of two churches located on the World war Memorial plaza tracts have filed protests with the safety board against the proposed section of the new traffic code, prohibiting parking around the plaza, a special meeting of the mayor's citizens traffic committee was to be held this afternoon at 2.

Letters stated churchgoers would be hampered in finding parking space when they drive and would be required to walk unreasonable distances.

This and several other protests to the proposed code will be discussed before the safety board places its stamp of approval on the proposed ordinance.

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Miss Barbara Moses of Lake Charles, La., has been chosen as the prettiest co-ed at State Normal college, Natchitoches, La.—and who'll disagree with the judges? She plans to be a school teacher.

Blow Alone

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 12.—The child musician should be a one-man band, Dr. John Erskine, writer and musician, warned—not part of a musical ensemble.

"If a child learns to play an instrument in company with another child," Dr. Erskine told the child educational foundation, "his ego will be suppressed in a desire to blend harmoniously with the efforts of the other."

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