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MUCH GAMBLING MOSCOW TODAY

MOSCOW, Nov. 16.—There are five players waiting for every available seat around the baccarat and roulette tables in the newly opened gambling Casino in Moscow, where the play runs high from 8 o'clock in the evening until 10 the next morning.

Frequenters of Monte Carlo and the other big European gaming places in the old days when Russian aristocrats went abroad to spend their money, always remember the Slavs as the most reckless and inveterate of gamblers. A visit to the Moscow Casino today shows that all of the troubles of the Russian revolution have not changed them.

Workmen, roughly dressed and unshaven, with heaps of ten and hundred million ruble notes in front of them, sit tensely watching the turn of a card at tables where, perhaps, a fashionably dressed girl, unable to get a seat, leans over a workman and asks him to place a bet for her, or proposes that they take the "bank" at baccarat together.

Foreigners Wonder

Foreigners wonder where the players get their money. Persons whose appearance suggest their readiness for the vagrancy court or the poor house, dig heaps of Russian ruble notes, foreign currency and even gold coins out of ragged coats, and lose or win billions without outward appearance of elation or discomposure.

The "big play" at baccarat is confined to one room, barred to all those except actual players. Here the minimum bet is 50,000,000 rubles or, at present rates, about \$12 in American money. From this minimum banks are frequently built up to many billions of rubles, equal to several thousand dollars. At other tables the minimum bet is 10,000,000 rubles, or two and a half dollars, and these tables are in the open, with scores of anxious spectators crowding about those lucky enough to get places.

Roulette.

The roulette wheel is operated only for one hour each night, and here the maximum bets range from 3,000,000 rubles on a single number to 30,000,000 on a color. The wheel has two zeros, instead of the usual one at Monte Carlo and the profits of the "house" at roulette are, in proportion, twice those which the Monte Carlo gamblers reap from their wheels.

At least \$200,000 changes hands nightly at this casino, for the "house," in taking five per cent from each baccarat pot, reaps an average of about \$10,000 a night. Recently one night's takings were 69,000,000,000 rubles.

Prices that shock even hardened American tourists are demanded for refreshments served by the waiters while the play is on. A package of ten cigarettes of a well-known but very cheap brand, selling in England for the equivalent of ten cents, bring six million rubles or a dollar and a half, while a small bottle of soda water is served at the equivalent of seventy-five cents.

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HOUDINI AGAINST PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

Says He Can do Any of Tricks Done by Mediums

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—Morbidness and melancholia induced by interest in psychic phenomena threaten the health and sanity of many persons in the opinion of Harry Houdini, president of the Society of American Magicians, expressed at the annual dinner of the society here. He spoke of his 25 years' investigation of the subject, and said he had never seen anything to convince him that there had been a single communication from the dead.

"I have never seen any of the mediums or spiritualists do anything or produce a single effect which I could not, through my knowledge of magic, account for or duplicate," he asserted. "I have had nine pacts with the dead, who while alive agreed with me to try to communicate with me from beyond, but each had been fruitless."

He said he had worked with Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists engaged in the study of psychic phenomena and respected them.

Do Not Know

"But," he added, "when I demonstrate to them the secrets and reveal the methods used by mediums and they tell me that I too am a medium, in spite of myself, I am forced to conclude that they merely do not know."

"I have seen people who previous to the war, never concerned themselves with things psychic now delving into it to the point of hysteria. It is conducive of morbidness, brooding and melancholia. It becomes an obsession very quickly and I would warn against it. It is threatening the health and sanity of those who indulge in it."

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