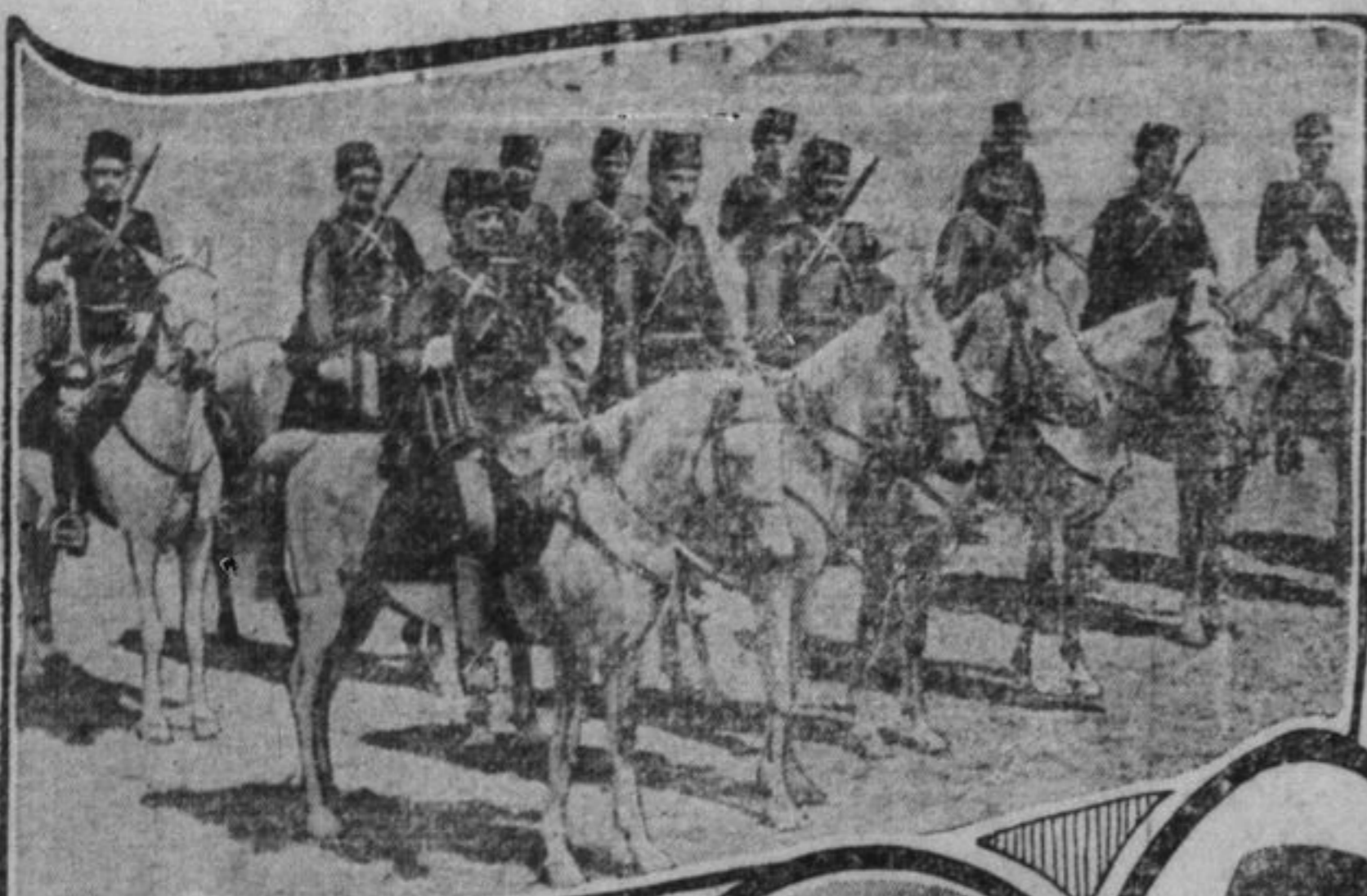


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Curious Holdup in Which Wealthy Family Was Molested For Benefit of Poor. Ten thousand dollars would appear to be a big sum to pay, not for funeral pomp, but for the right to bury the body of one's husband. And yet, the widow of a Polish Jew has just paid that sum for the privilege in the Polish province of Radom, writes a Moscow correspondent. Mr. Neumark, a rich man, died within the limits of his own commune of Radom, but expressed a wish in his will to be buried in the neighboring commune of Kielce, chiefly because his parents were buried there and he had passed his youth in the same place. But the rabbi of the commune of Radom objected to the dead man's wishes, saying that, by the rules of their commune, a man must be buried where he lives and dies.

"Very well," said Mrs. Neumark. "This rule was made because the family gives money to charities at the time of the funeral. We will give you 300 or 400 rubles (\$200) if you will waive your right to bury the body in this commune." The rabbi agreed and Mr. Neumark's relatives hastened to the commune of Kielce to arrange for the funeral. But there they met with quite an unforeseen obstacle. The rabbi of Kielce bluntly refused to bury the body in his commune.

"You have given 400 rubles to your own commune and now you expect me to bury your relative in mine," he said. "I refuse to do anything of the sort. You must bury him in your own commune." The family began to bargain. They were ready to pay the rabbi of Kielce the same sum they had given to the rabbi of Radom.

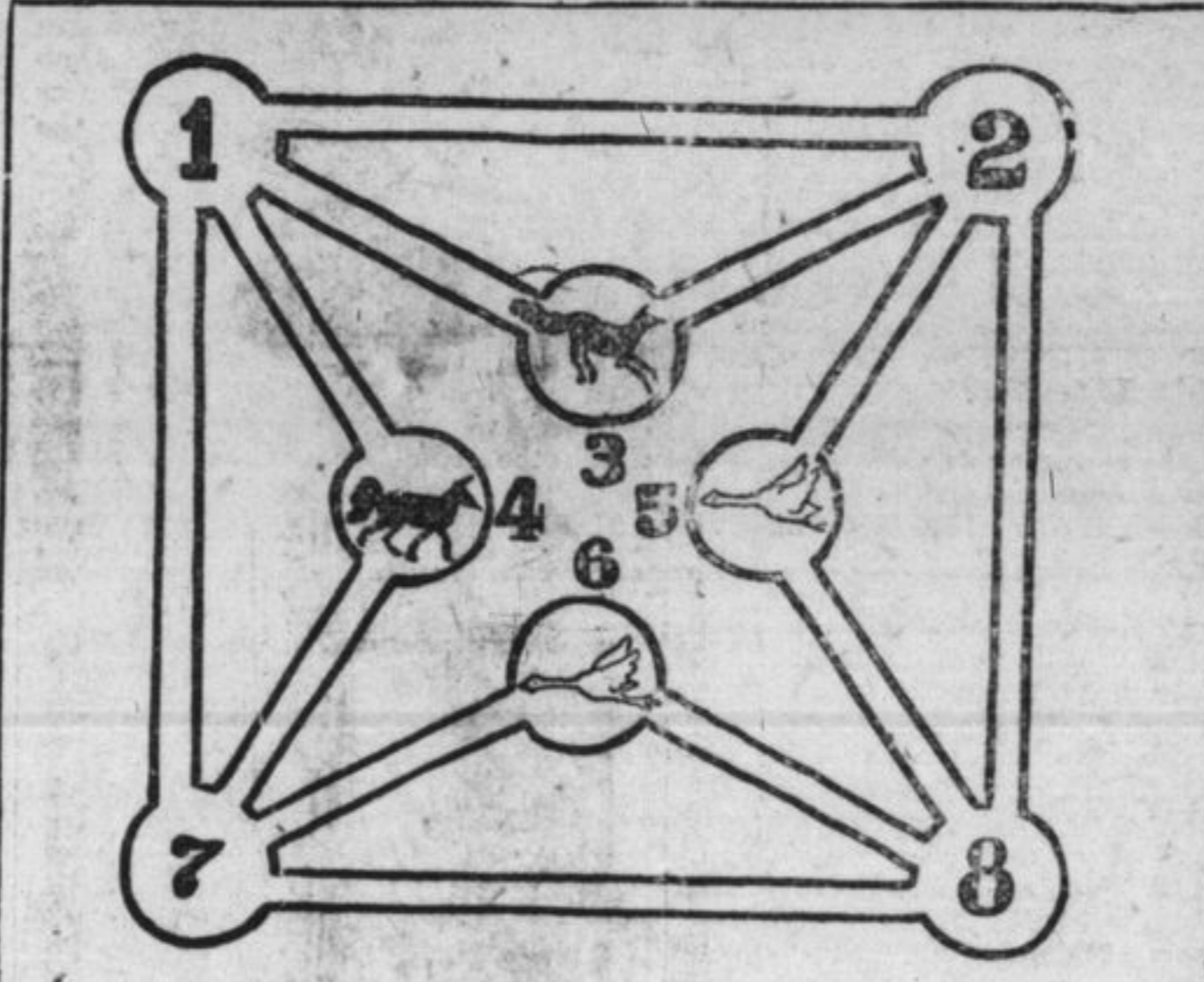
"No," he answered. "Your rabbi gets 400 rubles for his poor doing nothing. I must have 800 rubles for burying Mr. Neumark." The weather was hot and Mr. Neumark's body ought to have been quickly placed under the ground. His widow, determined not to spend 1,200 rubles on the burial, applied to the police to force the rabbi of Kielce to bury the body without delay, on the ground of public health. The police received the woman somewhat scornfully.

"What is all this fuss about a funeral?" they asked. "The whole matter is simple enough. You must have the man buried within a week of his death at the latest, or you, as his heir, will pay a fine of 300 rubles for every day you keep the body above ground. Where did Mr. Neumark die—in which district?"

"In the commune of Radom," answered Mr. Neumark's widow, a fat woman of 45. "Then, by the laws of the country, he must be buried in the commune of Radom," he said finally and returned to his glass of tea and his newspaper.

The Neumark family went home sorrowing and ordered the street guardians to water the body with a solution of carbolic acid. Then they repaired to the rabbi and told him that, after consulting the police, they had come to the conclusion that the deceased man's wishes could not be carried out because the law said he must be buried in Radom. But this time the rabbi of Radom was not so willing to bury the rubles for his poor and had learned what happened at the commune of Kielce. So he shook his head and said nothing could be done for a week, when the commune council would meet. Then he could put the case before them. "But the body of my poor husband must be buried at once," cried the now distracted widow. "It is in a terrible state and the police give us till the day after to-morrow. You must bury it and done with." But the rabbi was not easily frightened and shook his head. "You will pay the police fine and not

## FOX AND GEESIE PUZZLE



Moving in turn, first a fox, then geese, etc., from one circle to another, in how many moves can the positions be reversed so that the foxes shall occupy 5 and 6, and the geese 3 and 4? Answer on Tuesday.

**Answer To Dice Game.** Regarding the probability of throwing an ace in two throws of a single die, it is clear that the chances are 5 to 1 against getting it on the first throw and also 5 to 1 against the second throw. In two throws there are 36 possible combinations (6x6), and of those 36, eleven combinations contain an ace, in one case two aces. The remaining 25 combinations contain no aces, so the correct answer to the question of what are the chances of throwing an ace in two throws of a dice is: 11 for and 25 against.

For the rest, you would not have your husband buried here at first and paid 400 rubles to take him elsewhere. Now—I must have my turn. I will bury your husband as soon as you like. But first you must put down on this tabe 20,000 rubles for the communal schools and hospitals. You will find it cheaper in the end than paying police fines and healthier, too, for the weather is hot and I hear the street guardians are tired of pouring carbolic on your husband's body.

At this the Neumark family began to wail and plead and protest. But the rabbi was firm and they went home without coming to any agreement. In the evening a policeman called to remind them of the impending fine. Next morning the street guardians struck for double pay—and got it. Soon after Mrs. Neumark went to bargain with the rabbi. But he stuck to his demand, and before evening, with the police, the street guardians and poor Mr. Neumark's remains pressing for immediate attention, the situation became so unbearable that she paid the 20,000 rubles and the funeral took place.

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