

MORE TROUBLE IN STORE FOR WITZ

Check With Which He Paid Fine for Running Gambling House Is Refused by Bank.

Harry Witz, self-confessed keeper of a gambling resort where boys of tender years were parted from their small salaries, now faces a more serious charge. If Witz does not come up with cash to make good a bad check given to Judge Parker, Monday, in payment of the \$53 fine he was assessed for keeping the gaming resort, he can, after Saturday, be arrested on the charge of offering a check without sufficient funds to meet payment. For this offense, on conviction, the accused can be sentenced to state's prison for a term of five years.

When Witz was informed that a warrant had been issued for his arrest Monday he immediately hurried to the city hall in the hope that his readiness to take his medicine would cause Judge Parker to be lenient with him. He arrived at the city hall before an officer could reach his pool room with the warrant.

Witz pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs, making a total of \$53, whereupon he pulled out a check book and proceeded to write Judge Parker a check for the amount. His honor accepted the check in payment for the fine and Witz departed for his place of business.

Wednesday, Judge Parker deposited the check with others in his possession. Yesterday it was returned with the notation "No funds." Immediately his honor got busy and communicated with Chief of Police McKinnon, who went to the Witz store to notify the man. Here he found that Witz had "flown the coop." It was said that he had gone to St. Paul to attend a wedding.

According to the state law an offense of this kind carries with it a penalty of five years in state prison. There is, however, an arrangement whereby the giver of the check has five days in which to make the value thereof good. Witz gave the check on Monday, which will make his time of grace end on Saturday.