

Indians to Hold Big Convention



"The Peace Sign"—right hand held high—has been adopted as symbol for the National Indian convention in Ponca City, Okla., May 18-24. Seven thousand Indians from various sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico are expected to attend.

WILL SEEK WEATHER DATA HIGH IN AIR

To Make Daily Flights to Study Conditions.

Washington.—Knowledge of hitherto unknown air conditions at high altitudes which will enable the weather bureau to make forecasts with more certainty and for a more advanced period will be made available to that office under arrangements completed with the naval air station at Anacostia.

According to the program, naval planes will make special daily flights carrying an aerological observer equipped with instruments to record the air temperature and humidity far above the earth. A naval aerologist schooled in weather observations and forecasts, will be assigned to the work. He will carry with him in the plane thermometers and barometers which will record conditions with mathematical accuracy. Upon descent the officer will immediately transmit the data he has gathered to the weather bureau for use in daily forecasts and to army and navy aviation stations in and near Washington for their guidance in flying.

Temperature and humidity at great distances above the earth's surface have always given an element of uncertainty to weather forecasts and have made "long-range predictions" almost impossible. These elements in the upper air have a direct influence on weather conditions of the surface. With accurate information as to the conditions available the weather bureau is expected to establish a new record for veracity and far-sightedness.

Famous Coast Whaler Becomes a Movie Ship

Los Angeles.—Conversion into a motion picture ship will be the fate of the picturesque old barkentine, Narwhal, which for more than forty years was conspicuous in Pacific coast shipping, and whose romantic history over that period reads like the pages of old-time fiction.

The Narwhal, built at San Francisco in 1883, is one of the finest examples afloat of sailing-ship construction, in the view of the shipping men. Immediately after her launching she was entered in the whaling industry, in which she remained for many years. During that time she established many records, both in whale catches and fast cruises. After leaving the pursuit of whales, the craft was used for a number of years in the trade to the South seas.

The final voyage of the Narwhal ended last year when she crept into San Francisco harbor on an expedition to the South seas. On her outbound trip from San Francisco, the barkentine disappeared for a period of sixteen months and was recorded as lost at sea. She later appeared at a South sea port, however, bearing stories of terrific wind storms.

Shortly after casting anchor at San Francisco the Narwhal was sold at auction to satisfy claims, and the motion picture interest that acquired the old-time whaler will move her down the coast to San Pedro.

Gets Electric Ray Fish That Could Stun Elephant

Danville, Va.—Dr. Russell J. Coles, tobaccoist, whose hobby is deep-sea fishing, and who taught the late Theodore Roosevelt harpooning of devil fish, has presented to the Museum of Natural History in New York a giant specimen of the electric ray fish. He caught it off Morehead City, N. C. It weighed 120 pounds, and, according to Doctor Coles, had a sufficient charge to "stun an elephant." It was stranded near his boat, he says, by a receding tide. Members of his crew prevented it from regaining the sea. When dead the electric energy stored in what Doctor Coles describes as batteries near the head of the fish, was found to be negligible. It was placed in preserving fluid and shipped to the curator of the museum.

Face Paralyzed—She Cannot Laugh



The above are likenesses of fourteen-year-old May Goldbaum, who was awarded \$25,000 for facial injuries received in an auto accident in New York. At the right is a picture taken two years after the accident—she cannot smile, owing to paralysis of the facial nerves. The picture at the left was taken before the accident.

Dog Plays Mother to Pair of Baby Tigers

Macon, Ga.—Two baby tigers, born in the winter quarters of a circus here, are being mothered by a huge bulldog. An animal trainer, knowing the custom of a tigress to slay its first born, took the animals from the mother and sought a dog. For, the trainer said, the dog is fond of this untamed relative of the cat. The dog, with two of its own puppies and the two tigers, is being quartered in a hotel room.

Fortune Claimed by Pea Sheller

London Market Woman Seeks O'Connor Wealth.

Hastings, Neb.—Mrs. Mary O'Connor Tindall, 36 Doon street, London, England, who has been shelling peas in Covent Garden, London, for 50 years and claims to be the champion pea sheller of the world, has put in a claim for the fortune of John O'Connor, Hastings' shoemaker recluse, who died 12 years ago leaving \$150,000 and no known heirs. The property is now worth about \$250,000 and is held by the state until the true heirs are located.

Meantime, some 500 or more O'Connors all over the world have been after the fortune, but none have been able to prove relationship to the recluse. The fortune consists of cash, gilberted bonds and mortgages and several of the finest farms in Adams county.

Mrs. Tindall has just written Judge Waldo Withersteen of the District court that she believes she is a sister of John O'Connor and, as such, she thinks she is entitled to the \$250,000.

Referred to Three Brothers.

Mrs. Tindall says that 55 years ago her little brother, John O'Connor, at that time twelve years old, started for America in company with Dan, Denny and Mike Ryan, brothers and friends of the O'Connor family.

"If you can find either Dan, Denny or Mike Ryan, they will tell you I am John O'Connor's sister," Mrs. Tindall naively remarks in her letter.

Mrs. Tindall was "written up" a couple of years ago as the champion pea sheller of the world. Her story gradually drifted around until a woman in Spanishburg, W. Va., read it. The West Virginia woman had also read of the O'Connor fortune. She wrote Mrs. Tindall about the American fortune awaiting proof of relationship. Mrs. Tindall remembered her brother of half a century ago, and immediately addressed Judge Withersteen.

For over fifty years Mrs. Tindall has done nothing but shell peas, she says. Shelling peas is her one and only job. But she has never seen a pea growing on a vine. She hasn't been out of London for over fifty years and seldom has left the block where she works.

In Hastings there's always something new in the O'Connor case. "O'Connor" is a standing assignment on the books of the city editors. Reporters, every day, stop by to see, not if there's anything new in O'Connor affairs, but what the new thing is. There's always something new. For 12 years it's been the standing news of Hastings.

Last month the new O'Connor story was the trial of James B. O'Connor,

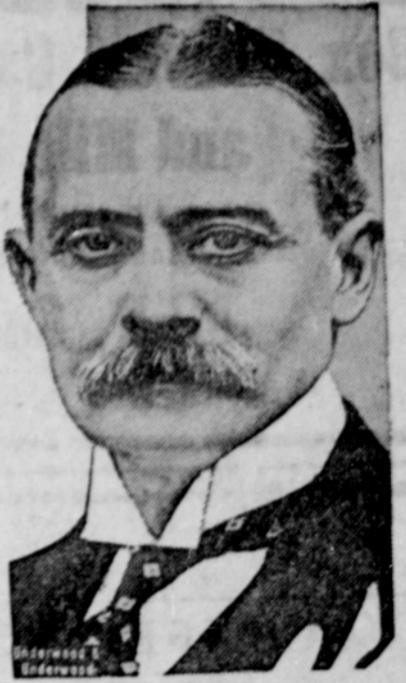
Death Ends Dog's Long Vigil at Master's Tomb

Lancaster, Ohio.—Death has ended the long vigil of Nero, a dog who died on his master's grave in a lonely cemetery here. His owner, Charles Farmer, was shot to death last July in a gun fight with prohibition officers. Nero followed the funeral procession to the cemetery, where he kept watch daily, leaving the grave at short intervals for food. All efforts to coax the dog away failed.

A boulder now marks the grave of Nero.

Ministers in their sermons referred, just as they have in the past six months, to the love and devotion of Nero for his master.

EXPERT EMBROIDERER



When Princess Mary of England announced that there would be a gold thimble prize offered for the best example of masculine needlework as part of the soldiers' handicraft exhibition to be opened May 6 at Norfolk, many of the peers of England made application to exhibit. Among the competitors will be Lord Gainford, one of Britain's "coal kings" who whittles away his time during long journeys embroidering on canvas. Since the war he has amused himself with a type of embroidery of his own invention.

N. Y., who immediately recognized it as the body of her runaway husband who had deserted her 51 years previously.

But none has been able to prove relationship and the fortune is still here. Mrs. Tindall, champion pea sheller of the world, has just as good a chance of getting the money as anybody else, especially if she can find Dan, Denny or Mike Ryan anywhere.

Kansas City lawyer, charged with forging a will giving himself the fortune of the recluse, whom he claimed as an uncle. This was O'Connor's third trial.

One trial in 1922 lasted for four months. This was the case in which four claimants of the fortune—one from North Carolina, another from Lapeer, Mich.; a third from Fresno, Cal., and the fourth from Seikirk, Man.—were fighting one another for the estate. The Seikirk claimant was a half-breed Cree Indian who said old O'Connor was his father, and that he formerly had been a trapper for the Hudson's Bay company. None of the four proved his claim.

Kept Affairs to Self.

O'Connor came to Hastings when a young man, opened a shoemaker's shop, attended to business, saved every cent, and made no confidants. He never wrote a letter nor received one, and never spoke to a woman except on business. He invested every cent he got in lands at \$1.25 to \$2.50 an acre. That land is now worth \$200 an acre. He died without leaving a will.

The court took over the property. The story got into the newspapers, and it fairly rained claimants. At one time over 500 men, women and children had formally applied to the court for the fortune.

O'Connor's body was kept in cold storage for five years awaiting identification, and every O'Connor who saw it positively identified it as the body of his father, grandfather, uncle, brother, cousin, or some other relative, although none of them had seen him for 50 years.

After burial it was exhumed for the benefit of a woman from Watervliet.

45,000 Feet Aloft Is Flying Limit

Speed at Turns Must Not Exceed 250 Miles.

Washington.—Flight surgeons of the army air service believe man has about reached the maximum flying speed at which he can suddenly change direction, owing to the centrifugal force exerted on the body and its effect on the blood. This speed is placed in the vicinity of 250 miles an hour.

The limit of speed on a straightaway course, they say, can probably be placed much higher than is now mechanically possible, but experience will have to write the actual figure.

The height limit, they add, is around 45,000 feet.

This contention regarding the maximum speed for turning, the flight surgeons point out, is predicated upon the experience of Lieut. Alvin J. Williams of the navy, at the Pulitzer air races at St. Louis in October, 1923, who said he became practically unconscious at the turns of the triangular course, when he rounded at 243.67 miles an hour.

Blood Carried to Stomach and Legs.

The flyer at the turn banks his craft at right angles, the centrifugal force acting at right angles to the new direction of travel and the blood being carried away from the head toward the stomach, and probably even into the legs, causes faintness and possibly unconsciousness.

Blood circulation quickly adjusts itself, the flight surgeons say, and the direction of centrifugal force is rapidly changed, although at turns at very

high speeds in airplanes, brain injury or rupture of a vital blood vessel might result.

Even when supplied with oxygen, the flight surgeons hold, an aviator could not survive beyond a height of 45,000 feet, under ordinary circumstances, because the available oxygen pressure in the lungs would be too low to sustain life.

Between 23,000 and 25,000 feet is the "upper limit of consciousness" without oxygen, say the flight surgeons, and at higher altitudes oxygen is indispensable.

Only if inclosed in a cabinet or suit in which the barometric pressure were kept at a degree compatible with life would it be possible to ascend beyond the 45,000 limit, with suitable arrangement made for disposing of the surplus carbon dioxide.

Queer Experiences at High Altitude.

The aviator experiences, among other things, as the result of high altitude flights, sleepiness, uncontrolled emotion, including giggling, singing or laughter; muscular weakness, shortness of breath, impairment of the intellect and judgment, and impairment of vision and hearing.

These are chiefly due, medical men explain, to a lack of oxygen in the brain.

There are 50 army flight surgeons stationed at different flying fields, all on flying status. A flight medical school is maintained at Mitchel field, New York, where courses are given select medical officers picked for aviation duty. Aviation psychology forms a large share of their work, and they are acquainted with first-hand conditions of the men who go up in the air in ships.

The National Aeronautic association's records show that the present maximum altitude record is held by a French flyer with 39,586 feet, and the speed record in a straightaway course is held by another French aviator at 278.48 miles an hour.

Red Tape Costs U. S.

\$970 in Man's Death

Washington.—Because the check for a cash settlement on his \$1,000 insurance policy was not mailed by the veterans' bureau until 16 days after he died Comptroller General McCarl has ruled that the government must pay to the beneficiary of John Chard the full face value of the policy.

On his discharge from the army in May, 1921, Chard asked for a cash settlement of his 20-year endowment policy, and signed a release. He died on June 27 and the settlement check for \$30 was mailed July 13.

Italy Makes Bonfire of Paper Currency

Rome.—A bonfire was made of 100,000,000 lire in bank notes. The fire was started in the presence of Signor de Stefani, minister of finance, and other officials, as the inauguration of the policy of the government to reduce the circulation of paper money.

Other bank notes amounting to nearly 1,000,000,000 lire will be burned within two months.

Newest Member of Supreme Court



Harlan F. Stone, former attorney general, has been sworn into office as associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and is here seen in his new robes of office.