

The PIONEER MOTHER



1. Model by H. A. MacNeill. 2. By Bryant Baker. 3. By F. Lynn-Jenkins. 4. By James Fraser. 5. By Jo Davidson. 6. By Mario Korbel. 7. By A. Stirling Calder. 8. By John Gregory.

courage, fidelity, ambition was in their mothers' milk. Love of home, husband, children, made the wilderness to smile.

Accordingly he determined to erect a heroic statue of "The Pioneer Woman" on the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma, the last American frontier and the last great tract of land opened to homesteading. Then he asked the Reinhardt galleries in New York to commission the leading American sculptors to make models for the monument. Twelve responded—Bryant Baker, A. Stirling Calder, Jo Davidson, James Fraser, John Gregory, F. Lynn-Jenkins, Mario Korbel, Arthur Lee, H. A. MacNeill, Maurice Sterne, Wheeler Williams and Mahonri Young—and submitted their models which were on exhibition at the Reinhardt galleries for three weeks. During that time the models were viewed by more than 10,000 persons and each visitor was given an opportunity to vote for the typical pioneer woman. In this unique contest the figure modeled by Bryant Baker (No. 2 in the group shown above) received the largest vote among the ten thousand. Second choice was given to the model submitted by H. A. MacNeill (No. 1), and third place went to that by A. Stirling Calder (No. 7).

After the exhibition in New York closed the 12 models were sent to Boston and after being shown there they will be exhibited in other cities, including Pittsburgh, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City and other places in the Middle and Far West. In each place the public will have a chance to express its preference and this popular vote will aid Mr. Marland in his final selection of the model which will be chosen for the knoll near Ponca City. The completed statue will be one of the most colossal that has been cast in many years and in size and majesty will be second only to the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. The total cost of the undertaking will be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

But more important than the cost of the undertaking or the size of the statue is the fact that at last an enduring monument is to be erected to the memory of the pioneer mothers of the nation. "What other woman ever had a better claim to glory?" says Bryant Baker, whose interpretation ranked first in the New York exhibit. "Her figure should be to America what the Victory of Samothrace was to Greek life and art. No woman of the world ever combined the ideal in a more beautiful way with hardy resistance. If the pioneer man blazed the trail, she stirred the pot and probably built the fire as well. She had to be home-maker in the wilderness, companion, sweetheart and mother."

They shot and made their sallies till the Shawnees broke and fled. While the women charged the rifles and the women shaped the lead. The women nursed the wounded and the women watched by night. The women brought the water through the peril of the night. The mothers never faltered; and the sons that then were small grew as hunters of Kentucky and were strong and brave and tall. —From "The Tall Men" by Arthur Gutterman.

MOTHER'S DAY comes on May 8 this year and on that day the thoughts of thousands of Americans will turn to just such mothers as those of whom the poet sings—the pioneer mothers who "never faltered" and who were as much builders of this country as their husbands and the sons whom they gave to their country. There is a very good reason why our thoughts will turn this year to the mothers of yesterday while we are honoring the mothers of today. The reason is that, if we choose, we may have a part in deciding which of 12 sculptured models will be selected as the final model for a huge monumental statue which is to stand on the Oklahoma prairies as a memorial to the typical pioneer woman of America.

Some time ago Ernest W. Marland, an Oklahoman who has made millions in oil, decided that America has done insufficient honor to the heroic women of the frontier. "Our war heroes, statesmen, scientists, poets, musicians, and even such pioneer men as Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Jim Bridger, Kit Carson and Buffalo Bill, have been honored in bronze and stone," he said. "But what about the pioneer women? We are forced to draw upon our imaginations for pictures of the mothers. What sturdy broods they bore—they, their daughters and their daughters' daughters—ever pushing westward, ever making homes on the lands their husbands gained! Loyalty,

Orange Growers in Dispute Over Seed

All orange trees in California sprang from a seed from Robinson Crusoe's island, according to T. A. Van Norden, Pacific Grove. And the first tree to grow in the state was the "mother tree," soon to be dedicated by Native Sons of the Golden West at Bidwell's Bar, Butte county.

The Crusoe island theory was explained as follows: In 1849 Van Norden's brother, R. T. Van Norden, came around the Horn in a sailing vessel. They called at the island of Juan Fernandez, commonly called the island of the original Robinson Crusoe. From this island Van Norden brought orange seeds.

One of these seeds grew into a tree near a ferry at Bidwell's Bar on the west branch of the Feather river, where Van Norden planted it. This is the mother tree to be dedicated.

The Van Norden theory of the origin of oranges in the state is questioned by many, who claim the "mother tree" was brought from Sacramento in 1859.

Interesting Experiments
We did not believe, until we saw it tried, that a piece of writing paper, bent in basin shape, filled with water and held in the flame of a candle, will not burn, while the water will boil. Try it and see. You might also bend the edges of a piece of cardboard so as to make a small tray; cover the tray with shot and hold over a lamp. The shot will melt but the cardboard will not burn.—Farm Journal.

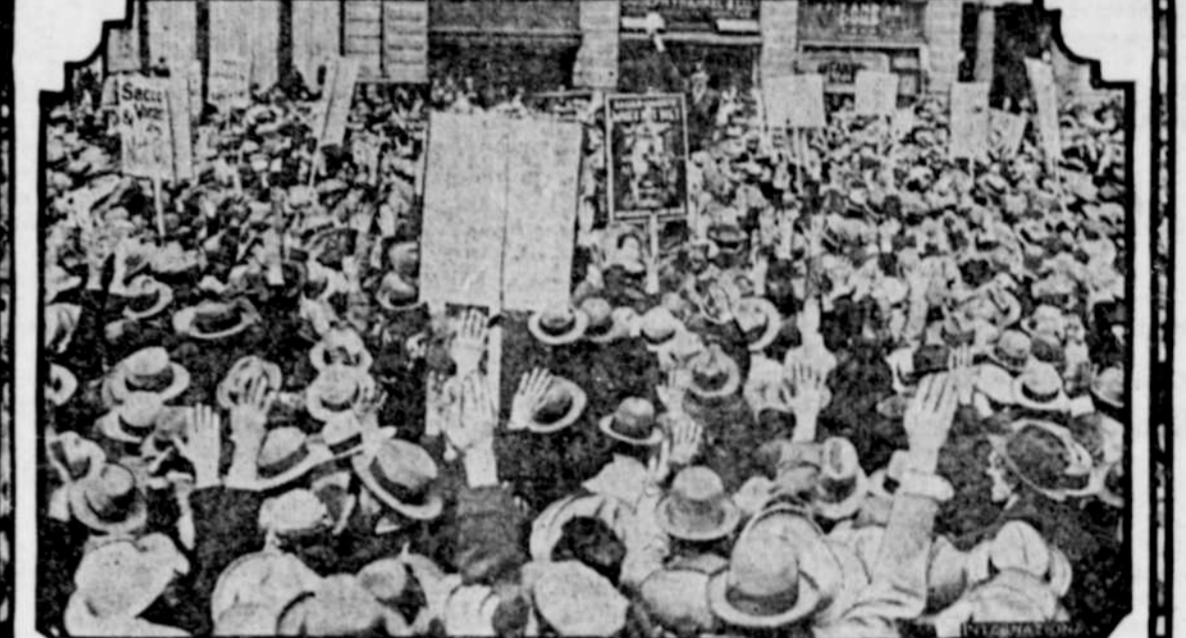
Pirate Home in 1771
Lafitte, a colorful buccaneer, made his stronghold on Galveston island in 1771, and buried much of his pirate treasure on the shores there. The island was then known as "Campanchy." Like the pirates of the story books, he dressed in a green uniform and possessed a polite and easy manner.

Scenes in the Flooded Mississippi Valley



Above, a street in Hickman, Ky., where the water from the Mississippi river was eight feet deep. Below, a group of refugees, women and children, encamped on the higher ground, safe from the floods, but without shelter.

Mass Meeting in Favor of Sacco and Vanzetti



Enormous throng in Union square, New York, signifying with upraised hands their approval of resolutions against the death sentence which was pronounced in Massachusetts against Sacco and Vanzetti, the radicals who were convicted of murder.

They Are Last of the Mashpee Tribe



Princesses Minowanin and Matmanata and Mentaskau, medicine man, are the last survivors of the Mashpee tribe of Indians. They are seen above as they took part in ceremonies at Indian Rock, near Middleboro, Mass.

"MISS CUBA"



Senorita Angelina Arduiza of Havana, Cuba, who has won the big beauty contest there and is to be "Miss Cuba" in the International Beauty contest at Galveston, Texas, in May.

PREMIER OF JAPAN



Baron Tanaka, head of the Seiyukai party, has been appointed premier of Japan to succeed Wakauchi, who resigned. Baron Tanaka, who has been minister of war in three cabinets, was born in 1863, the son of a humble servant of the feudal Lord Mori.

Russian Armored Train in China



Here is the famous White Russian armored train that is attached to the Northern army in China. The gun is in the kettle-like shelter with its crew.

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

Fifteen states have laws protecting native wild flowers. Italy exports three-fourths of the automobiles it manufactures. British food experts say Cleopatra ate onions and used garlic and other highly scented ingredients in her food. Artificial silk fiber is more regular than fiber made by silkworms. The common brown rat has spread until it now infests every state. Cockroaches will eat almost anything including other cockroaches. Ready mixed concrete is being sold by firms in some industrial centers. The orange tree bears fruit and flowers at the same time. American toys are becoming popular in Australia. The island of Fiji asserts that it is the most healthful spot in the tropics. Gout sufferer (as Towser chews his sore foot)—Great whittkins, I'm in agony; that pain has come back worse than ever.—Paris Item.

Post Office Kept Busy

During every hour of each day over a million and a half letters are mailed, which means about 30,000,000 are handled daily by the Post Office department between one sunset and the next, in addition to parcels and other pieces of mail.

The Return

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