

AVIATOR'S THREE AWFUL MINUTES

Astley Had Three Terrific Bouts With Death.

IN STRANGE RACING MACHINE

At One Time He Flew Through the Air at a Height of Three Hundred Feet, Grasping Rod With One Hand—Hair Raising Performance.

One of the most hair raising performances ever put up on an aeroplane was given at the Brooklands aerodrome, near London, by the British aviator, H. de D. Astley, who is a cousin of the Marquis of Hastings. Astley was flying a fifty horsepower Bleriot racing monoplane for the first time.

His first lap of the aerodrome was a series of up and down dives, which looked as if he were sitting a bucking broncho, only each buck took him forty feet up and down again. Then he got the weight of the machine into his hands and steadied her down for a second lap. Feeling he had got full control, he took her up to a height of 300 feet, where he was flying quite nicely when a gust of wind caught him and turned him up on to his left wing tip, and he began to drop sideways.

Knowing his only chance of righting himself was to drive head first out of the gust, he pulled the tail of the machine up in the air, switched off his engine and dived for it. Just as he got the monoplane diving quite straight he accidentally touched the switch, and the engine started again full blast. The sudden pull of the big engine, added to the weight of the machine, jerked the whole apparatus from under Astley, who was left for a fraction of a second sitting in the air.

He grabbed the first thing that came along, and when he came to himself sufficiently to think he found himself sitting astride the frame of the machine, hanging on to the top rails of the frame with both hands and looking straight down into the seat he had quitted. Meantime the machine, absolutely without control, was heading full speed for the ground, now only about 150 feet below him.

Fortunately for him his weight, being so far back, made itself felt, and at about 100 feet from the earth the tail dropped and the machine started climbing skyward again.

Given Up For Dead. The other aviators on the ground had given him up for dead as he made his dive, and now they gave him up again, for the machine climbed perfectly vertically, and no one had ever seen a machine going aloft hanging on to its propeller and nothing else. They simply stood and waited for the machine to start dropping backward. There was nothing else to do.

Then Astley pulled himself together and claved himself up the frame so that by holding on with his right hand he could catch hold of the control wheel with his left, but he could not get into his seat so as to get his feet on the rudder levers. By this time the aeroplane had climbed to a height of about 400 feet and was still rising.

As soon as he had got partial control Astley said to himself "This is where I start for home again" and jammed his control wheel hard forward. The tail came up, and the machine got on a level keel and steadied herself. Then he raised the tail a bit more, and, looking over the front of the machine, meanwhile lying flat on his stomach on top of the frame, he saw below him the sewage farm which covers and spoils a big portion of the Brooklands aerodrome.

"That's the safest part of Brooklands. Me for it!" thought Astley, and up he brought his tail still more, so starting another dive for earth. Having no rudder control and no means of getting any, he could not turn. All he could do was to regulate his up and down flight and keep the machine from heeling over sideways; consequently if he missed the sewage farm he would hit the railway embankment, which forms the limit of the aerodrome, and his only chance was to drive straight into the sewage.

Lands Unhurt. Down he came, engine running all out, and again the onlookers gave him up for lost. Twenty feet from the ground he let go with his right hand, made a dab for the switch and cut out his engine. Then he hauled his lever back, dropped his tail, and the machine came up level, to drop gently into the soft mud of the sewage farm, where the wheels stuck and the monoplane quietly stood on her head, decanting Astley over the top of the engine into the dirt.

Net results, a couple of broken wires and all the buttons pulled off Astley's overalls as he claved himself on his stomach along the frame, and this after being dead for certain three times.

Luminous Compass. It has been decided to adopt a luminous compass in the German army, and it will be used in military maneuvers so as to allow the troops to find their direction without trouble. Very good results are expected from its use. The compass will have a dial prepared with luminous paint, so that it may be seen in the dark.

JOHN PAUL JONES' BODY NEGLECTED FIVE YEARS.

Coffin, Now Under a Stairway, is Soon to Be Interred.

Five years after being brought to this country the body of John Paul Jones, hero of the Revolutionary war, is about to be interred. Forgotten by those who participated in the ceremonies attending its return here—forgotten even by men in the naval service—the dark leaden coffin containing all that is mortal of the famous warrior has lain under the stairway of Bancroft hall at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis. One end, partly covered by the union jack, protrudes into the hallway, and many a jest has been made as passersby brush past the coffin.

The activity of the Sons of the American Revolution is responsible for the passage of a bill through congress last March authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000 for the burial of John Paul Jones in the little chapel at the Annapolis Naval academy and the erection there of a memorial in his honor.

Just why America's great naval hero should have been so completely forgotten for five years is a riddle that no one seems able to answer. It is explained that the Naval academy officials did not enter a request for funds to bury the body because their budget at the last session of congress was unusually large and it was feared that an addition might result in reductions elsewhere.

When knowledge of this came to the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently a committee was chosen to urge a special appropriation bill through congress. This passed without difficulty. Although the appropriation was made more than two months ago, the officials of the navy department have not yet decided on what style of memorial will be erected in the hero's memory. Some are in favor of cutting a grave in the floor of the chapel and placing the coffin there. Others are advocating a tomb above the floor level.

Meanwhile John Paul Jones' body is resting beneath a flight of stairs.

CALLS TURTLE A BIRD.

More Nearly Related to Flying Things Than Swimming, Says Expert.

Although a turtle was declared by a Harvard university expert to be more nearly related to a bird than to a fish and to possess a highly developed nervous system, capable of memory, intelligence and lovable tendencies, Judge Stevens in the Boston superior court instructed a jury to bring a verdict of not guilty in the case of John H. Weiner, a restaurant man who was charged with cruelty to animals in keeping a 100 pound green sea turtle on its back in a window. Weiner had been fined \$25 in the municipal court and appealed.

The defense contended that the charge of cruelty to animals would not hold on the ground that a turtle was not an animal, but a fish.

Professor Robert Yerkes of Harvard, witness for the government, declared that turtles are more nearly related to birds than to fish. On cross examination Professor Yerkes said that there was a difference of opinion about the cruelty of the act, but admitted the necessity of either placing a turtle on its back or in water if it was to be kept alive.

ETIQUETTE ON TIPS.

Schedule of a Chicago Waiter Who Will "Do" Europe.

John Henry William Rehm, a Chicago waiter, who will pass the summer in Europe, traveling on the proceeds of tips paid him, gave the following precepts on tipping. He plans to follow them in giving his own money away:

When dining alone, 10 cents. When dining with a woman, 25 cents. When entertaining a party, 50 cents or more.

When in doubt, 10 per cent of bill. Deduct accordingly when the waiter refuses to smile.

Never offer a tip until after service is over. Be liberal, but don't overdo it. Rehm will take his wife and two daughters on the trip. They will sail on the Lusitania in the best quarters available and for three months will "do" Europe in style.

NEW CLUB IDEA.

Members Pledged to Radiate Good Cheer and Dispel Sorrow.

Business men of Blunt, N. D., have organized the "Happy Consolation club," its chief purpose being to gather up and radiate sunshine and good cheer and dispel sorrow and trouble. A set of bylaws has been adopted, and one rule requires members to greet other members on the street with a smile. If this rule is violated by a member he will receive nothing but an icy stare.

The club has a worrying committee, the members of which must do such worrying as may be necessary for the other members. A member who violates the rule in regard to meeting other members with a smile on the street will be punished by being made a member of the worrying committee, and this will release from that committee one of the original members.

NEW TYPE OF MARINE TURBINE

Result of Five Years' Study by George Westinghouse.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS TWO.

Engines May Be Started "Cold" Instantly—New Turbines Mean Saving of More Than One-half the Weight in Engines—Other Features.

A revolution in the method of applying power to vessels, and especially to naval vessels, is fairly certain to be accomplished by the general installation of a new type of marine turbine engine and its reduction gears, which can start cold.

This turbine and gear equipment represent the result of five years of study and experimentation by George Westinghouse in the works of the Westinghouse Machine company at Pittsburgh.

To the United States goes the first opportunity to try out the invention; hence it is that with the building of the collier Neptune, larger than most battleships, the government will install two of these engines.

Britishers Astonished. When the finest and largest warships of the British navy were here attending the Hudson-Fulton celebration the officers could not believe that any turbine could be started "cold" because the turbines in their ships, the pride of the English navy, required ten hours to "warm up" before the engines could be started without tearing out the blading inside and rendering the engine useless. So much did the English engineers doubt Mr. Westinghouse's accomplishment that they made a special trip to Pittsburgh to see the engines operated. And their surprise at the starting of the engines "cold" instantly was only equaled by their astonishment that the engine could be opened, examined, closed up again and actually started in less than one hour, when in their own "up to date" engines they required days.

In addition to the tremendous advantage that immediate action gives, other departures from previous practice which are radical have been made to lessen the cost of construction, facilitate the operation of the machinery and its inspection and to reduce the weight and space occupied as well as to provide a control mechanism whereby the officer in charge of the ship may have as complete a control of the engines as he now has of the steering apparatus.

Automatic Control. Automatic control, it is claimed, is fully provided for. The design of the turbines had an ahead portion and a reverse portion and a cruising element all within one casing. The overspeeding of the turbine engines from any cause whatever, and especially in a heavy sea, is automatically prevented by the governor control. All steam and exhaust connections are made to the lower half of the turbine, and the general construction is such that the steam may be turned directly into the apparatus when cold and full speed attained in less than a minute, whereas the form and dimensions of the turbines which have heretofore been used for naval service have been such that the turbines required preheating, such action taking from three to ten hours according to the size of the machinery.

The speed developed is also considerable. The man on the bridge can reverse either or both turbines from full speed ahead to full speed astern in less than fifteen seconds. The speed and direction of both turbines, being under instant control, permit of the turning of the ship in the shortest possible distance. It gives the officer in command absolute control, minimizes the dangers of collision and makes for prompt maneuvering in battle or in practice.

As to the minimum of space that the new engine will require, it is claimed for the new turbines that they mean the saving of more than one-half of the weight in engines and a decrease in the capacity of boilers required because of the lack of consumption of steam. This, it is said, is of the greatest importance, as it permits of the use of thicker armor and heavier guns.

"HEARS" BALL GAMES.

Blind Professor Able to Follow Plays Accurately by Sound.

In order that he may "hear" the ball games at the local park a season pass has been presented to Professor Earl C. Houk of Springfield, O., who is blind.

Professor Houk is vocal instructor at Wittenberg college. He enjoys "hearing" ball games. By means of the umpire's calls on strikes and balls, the crack of the bat against the ball, the shouts of joy or groans of the crowd and with some one to explain the intricate plays he follows the game with surprising accuracy.

At 101 He Fasts Sixty-five Days. Marion Crabtree of Savannah, Ill., 101 years of age, has gone without food for sixty-five days, and it is said that his chances for at least another year of life after his remarkable fast are better than ever. Physicians who have attended the aged man say he has a good chance to pull through. His fast was self inflicted.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

Henry L. Stimson, New Secretary of War.



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Henry Lewis Stimson, who succeeds Jacob M. Dickinson as secretary of war, was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of New York last fall. Since his defeat he has been engaged in the practice of law. From 1906 to 1909 he was United States attorney for the southern district of New York and attracted wide attention through his conduct of that office.

After Mr. Stimson quit the district attorneyship he was named as special counsel for the government in the prosecution of the sugar trust, and he succeeded in causing that institution to pay into the national treasury more than \$2,000,000. Other prosecutions against the Arbutts and against railroads for violations of the rebate law and similar actions brought a return of more than \$2,000,000 to the government. He also prosecuted the case against Charles W. Morse.

The new war secretary is forty-four years old. He fitted for college and went to Yale, graduating in 1888. Then he took his law degree at Harvard and in 1891 entered the office of Elihu Root. At the end of two years he was made a partner in the firm. He is a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot.

Born of Fighting Stock. Colonel Giuseppe Garibaldi, who fought so valiantly for the Maderists at Juarez and who received the sword of General Navarro, comes from a family renowned for its fighting blood. He is a descendant of the great Italian leader who fought for liberty in many lands.

The first and greatest Giuseppe Garibaldi aided the rebels of Rio Grande do Sul against Brazil. In winning freedom for Uruguay he developed the famous Italian legion, which always afterward furnished him as the core of every command with a group of seasoned warriors, hard as nails and pugnacious as bull terriers.

Jealousy of the exploits of the Foreign legion, which was commanded by



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GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI.

Colonel Garibaldi, has been marked in the insurrecto army since the capture of Juarez. Francisco Villa, the former bandit, who is now a colonel in the insurrecto army, and Garibaldi had a clash three days before the battle of Juarez.

Since that day Villa's hatred has grown. He helped to work up the anger of Orozco that led to the clash with Madero. Garibaldi at that time stood beside Madero and had members of his legion present ready to fight for the revolutionary leader if necessary. After that incident such threats were made against him that he was advised to cross the bridge to El Paso. Then Villa followed him there with the intention, it is said, of killing the Italian officer, but was disarmed by United States secret service men and sent back to Mexico.

SELECT CULLINGS

Branding Criminals.

Paraffin injections are a new method for branding criminals which a Dr. Icard of Paris invented and about which he is exceedingly enthusiastic. The doctor proposes that a small quantity of paraffin shall be injected under the skin of every convicted person. This forms a slight hump, which remains the rest of the person's life without the least danger to his health. A detective arresting such a man, or even before arresting him, would, on feeling the hump, know him instantly for an old offender. Dr. Icard thinks that, in accordance with his scheme, a regular language of signs might be prearranged by means of the paraffin hump. Thus, for example, it would be agreed all over the world that the right shoulder blade should be reserved for operations upon confirmed criminals. The area thus defined would be divided into three parts. The upper would be reserved for "very dangerous" criminals, the middle for dangerous and the lower for less dangerous.—New York Tribune.

Opium Growing in This Country.

The Post Graduate, a medical magazine, reports a rumor that a plantation for the growing of opium is to be established in this country and says that "as our revenue laws prohibit the importation of opium, except for medical purposes, and as undoubtedly opium could be cultivated in some parts of our country in which the climate is similar to that in which it is grown in the east our government will be charged with the duty of strictly supervising any attempts to raise such a crop if it can be made commercially successful." According to this journal, 500,000 pounds of opium are used annually in the United States, "a hundred times more than is prescribed by physicians."

The Baby General.

[The infant emperor of China has been given supreme command of the army.—News Item.]

When a baby heads an army Can he dodge the cannon balls? Better put him in the navy. He's an expert on the squalls. Still the infantry might like him; He can sound alarms at night. But suppose he got the colic? There would never be a fight. —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

In Proportion.

Wife—I want a cap, please, for my husband.

Shopkeeper—Yes, madam. What size does he wear?

Wife—Well, I really forget. His collars are size 16, though I expect he'd want about size 18 or 20 for a cap, wouldn't he?—Philadelphia Press.

The Hobbler Shoe.

Have you seen the latest thing Which the advertisements sing— The hobbler shoe, Brief vamp, tight toe And heels so altitudinous? They're wearing them right now. Wish you'd tell me how They got about. Maids lean and stout, These hobbler multitudinous. —Atlanta Constitution.

Wise Man.

"Decided where you'll spend this summer?"

"No. I'm going to let my wife decide this year. She used to wake me up in the middle of the night last summer to remind me that I picked the place out."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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