

Ship and Submarine Passage to Orient Considered.

Washington.—Naval authorities are studying the possibilities of dispatching war fleets, including submarines, across the "top of the world," through the Arctic ocean from Europe to the Far East.

The 400-year-old dream of this new route to the Indies has come true, according to announcement by the Soviet government. Navigation from Europe to the Pacific, along the northern coast of Siberia, is now on a practical basis.

More than 100 vessels piled the icy seas along the northern coast of Europe and Asia, the announcement said, before winter closed in. Paying cargoes were carried over the once-legendary northeast passage.

Had success come earlier to the Russians it might have had an important bearing on the outcome of the disastrous Russo-Japanese war.

In a cranky old Elizabethan ship, Sir Hugh Willoughby sailed from England in 1553 on the first important expedition through these seas. One of his captains, Richard Chandler, got as far as the present city of Archangel.

Holland sent out an expedition in 1594, headed by the heroic Barents. This was the first of a number of expeditions fated to failure of their main purpose, but successful in gaining knowledge.

Success of the modern fleet was foreshadowed by that of Dr. Otto Schmidt, head of the Arctic institute at Leningrad, in 1932. He set a two-month record from Archangel to Japan.

Aboard the icebreaker Sibirskov, he sailed July 23 to determine the commercial practicability of the route. All the way he had good weather, he reported, with temperatures never much below freezing.

Heredity Riddle Solution Is Sought in Fungus Fly

Baltimore, Md.—Out of the mouths of gnats, so to speak, may come an answer to the riddle of heredity if studies that Dr. C. W. Metz is making of *scara coprophila*—a fancy name for what is commonly known as the fungus fly—are carried to a successful conclusion at the Johns Hopkins university.

Doctor Metz is studying chromosome structure and behavior. Chromosomes, minute bodies containing tiny particles known as genes, found within certain plant and animal cells, are believed to be responsible for the repetition of parental traits in offspring.

Unusually large chromosomes are found in the salivary glands of the gnats. Not only do they supply a large species of chromosome, but they breed rapidly, reproducing 12 or 15 generations within a year, which makes a great many related specimens available for study within a short time.

Furthermore, it has been observed that gnats exercise an almost selective breeding process. Often a female will have only sons, a phenomenon which never has been duplicated.

"The male fungus fly transmits only characteristics inherited from his mother, but the female passes on chromosomes from both parents," Doctor Metz explained.

"We've found out what groups of chromosomes produce a generation of a single sex. But we do not know what forces produce the combinations of chromosomes."

France and Switzerland Take Lead in Drinking

Munich.—The Englishman, the Australian and the German stand at the bottom of the class when it comes to drinking alcohol, it is indicated by Nazi statistics just released to the Munich press.

A list of European nations shows that the Frenchman and the Swiss drink, on the average, five times more every year than any one of them.

These are the figures per head per year in litres (about one and three-quarters pints):

France and Switzerland, five.
Spain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, four.
Hungary and Austria, three and a half.

Belgium, Bulgaria, Holland, two.
England, Australia, Germany, one.

When it comes to wine drinking France is again in the lead with an average yearly consumption per head of 100 litres.

As for beer, Germany, for centuries the traditional home of beer, has to take second place to Belgium, where an average of over 100 litres is absorbed.

Two Sisters Work Before Mast to See the World

Vancouver, British Columbia.—An attempt to work their way around the world in ships is being made by two young Vancouver sisters.

They are Clara M. Wilson, a school teacher, and Katherine, a stenographer. They started out on the first lap of their journey aboard the British freighter *Harmatris*, on which they signed as members of the crew. The *Harmatris* will take them to Sydney, New South Wales.

From Sydney they hope to catch a boat to India or the west coast of Australia, work their way to South Africa and up the east coast of Africa, and then go through Europe and England, returning to New York and Montreal.

The sisters said they had no special motive for undertaking the adventure, except for the desire to "see the world."

INDIANS IN TEXAS

Prosperity Due to Forceful Leader, Tribe Claims.

Livingston, Texas.—The only Indian tribe in Texas, the peaceful Alabamas, has a white chief.

Nekko Si, or Little Chief, known to his business associates here as Clem Fain, Jr., became director of the tribe at Indian Village following the death of Big Chief Sun-Kee, seventy-five.

Fain has been a friend and adviser of the Alabamas for many years, and was so loved that he was given the title of Nekko Si.

Affairs of the tribe, which had drifted from the land east of the Mississippi a century ago, greatly interested Fain.

Advised Old Chief.

Sun-Kee became chief of the tribe 25 years ago upon the death of his predecessor, Chief John Scott. Fain became his friend and advised the chief.

When adversity struck at the foundation of the band of 250 Indians in 1928, Fain advised Chief Sun-Kee, then sixty-seven, to organize the tribe formally and present a plea to the government for aid.

The tribal braves, numbering 49, formally elected Sun-Kee, then called Charley Thompson, as chief.

Immediately Chief Sun-Kee left for Washington, where he was granted an audience with Calvin Coolidge, then President. The chief asked for aid and obtained it.

Before the trip to Washington Chief Sun-Kee was grieved deeply over the poverty-stricken condition of the tribe. His band found it difficult to eke a bare living from the sandy loam near Indian village.

Have New Outlook.

The Indians were backward and had no funds to buy modern farming equipment, but now, thanks to the courage of Chief Sun-Kee and the advice of Nekko Si, they have a new outlook on life.

Farms yield good crops from sandy soil, and Indian Village has new homes, a hospital and new church and school buildings.

The Alabamas no longer have to move to more fertile lands, as did their forefathers. When the original band moved into Texas it settled near Peach Tree village in Tyler county. The Texas war for independence forced them to move, but they were friendly to Gen. Sam Houston and were rewarded in 1854 by the land grant upon which they now live.

Fain, the Alabamas' Little Chief, will rule until next January, when the tribe will elect one of its own blood to carry on the work of Sun-Kee, beloved chief.

Tuners Are Needed in Jews' Harp Manufacture

London.—There is a serious shortage of skilled tongue setters for Jews' harps in Britain.

This distressing fact is disclosed by the current number of *Industrial Britain*, a journal printed in English, French and German by the Travel and Industrial Development Association of Great Britain, largely for guidance of overseas buyers.

Birmingham, which is the only city in the world where Jews' harps are made, has been enjoying a "boom" in the demand for this basic product.

But prospective players all over the world who have been taken with the urgent desire to manipulate this instrument are being kept waiting owing to the way in which the lack of tongue setters is holding up production.

These men, who are responsible for the adjustment of the metal strip which vibrates to produce the sound, have to be trained for several years. If the strip is the merest fraction of an inch out of adjustment the tone is ruined.

The demand is coming principally from the United States, where Jews' harp bands are becoming increasingly popular. One Birmingham firm is producing 100,000 harps a week, and the head of the firm recently has returned from America with an order for 160,000.

Super Clock Will Vary Only Fraction of Second

London.—A clock that will not lose or gain more than a fraction of a second in a year is to be installed at the Royal Observatory. It will be recognized as the world's super time-piece.

Controlled by electricity, its pendulum will swing in a partial vacuum at a constant temperature, and a series of electric impulses will be given out each time the pendulum swings.

The electric impulses will control the dials and mechanism.

Cut Out All the Fun, Live to Ripe Old Age

San Francisco.—If you would enjoy longevity, happiness and health, take the following advice from Dr. E. Payne Palmer, of Phoenix, and don't:

Indulge in alcoholism.
Use tobacco excessively.
Become excessively emotional.
Submit to anger, avarice, ambition, vanity, gluttony or uncleanness.

Attempt to avert parenthood.
Vanity, the doctor explained, usually affects health in connection with attempts to acquire a graceful figure by injurious means.

RECIPE FOR A LUCKY HUSBAND



The modern electric range is a favorite with husbands who enjoy thick, juicy broiled steaks, and with wives who like to broil steaks the safe, smokeless way. Here's how it's done: Trim and wipe a porterhouse steak; salt, and brush with melted butter. Arrange on rack of smokeless broiler pan of Electric Range which is so constructed that the fat is drained off into a covered pan underneath. Turn oven switch to Broil. Set Temperature Control to Very Hot. When unit is a glowing cherry red, place broiler pan under broiling unit. Steaks 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick, or 2 to 3 pounds in weight, are broiled rare in 15 minutes; medium done in 18-20 minutes; well done in 30 minutes. Leave oven door ajar. Turn steak at 5 minute intervals.

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