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the United Press Association**'HEIRS' HALTED
IN BATTLE FOR
ASTOR RICHES**American Claimants See
Double-Cross in Fight
for \$100,000,000.**EUROPEANS SUSPECTED**Side Settlement Feared in
Court War Lasting
80 Years.BY LELAND CHESLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—An 80-year-old court battle for more than \$100,000,000 from the descendants of John Jacob Astor brought the 1,100 American and 240 European heirs of John Nicholas Emerick today to an impasse.

They weren't quite sure whether the case had been settled, or whether legal skirmishes loomed for them into the future.

Calvin I. Hoy, chief counsel here for the American Emericks, said he feared the European heirs had jumped the gun on their American cohorts to such extent that he sought a court injunction to keep them from attempting to make a settlement with the Astors.

The injunction hearing in federal district court in New York City next week is the culmination of a fight within the ranks of the heirs, according to Hoy.

Case Is an Ancient One

But the Emericks think they may be too late—for suspicious "goings on" over in Europe has raised doubt in their minds.

The Emerick case dates back to more than a hundred years. Their ancestors, the Emericks contend, was a wealthy partner of John Jacob Astor.

The trust agreement should have expired in 1906.

The Emericks took their case to court—and lost. But information obtained since then from the European heirs purports to have found in an original court decree granted in 1849 to Lymus Emerick of Eau Claire, Wis., ordering the Astors to pay Emerick descendants, without further order, their share of the Emerick estate.

Sharp Practices Used

Lymus Emerick, fearing death would cheat him, the heirs now claim, sold his copy of the decree to interested parties for \$50,000 and then beat them by bribing a court clerk to give him the original decree from court records. The decree and other documents relating to the estate are the ones reported found in Europe.

Photostatic copies were made of these documents and brought to America by Benjamin Koeber, German representative of the European heirs, Hoy claims. Koeber claimed the documents were in the hands of one of the Emerick heirs, who he said obtained them from the registrar of deeds in The Hague for \$10,000.

Possessor of the original documents is reported to have offered them for sale to the Astor family for \$160,000,000, according to affidavits in Hoy's possession.

When the meeting was postponed Koeber, the German representative, left Germany. A warrant was issued for his arrest and an attachment was issued on his property in Steinheim, Germany.

As the case now stands the Emericks intend to drop their suit asking for the share of the Astor estate. Instead they seek enforcement of the court orders, which they claim was issued in 1849.

**GASOLINE INSPECTION
FEES HELD EXCESSIVE**State Association to Outline Fight
Against Extra Charge.

Fight against allegedly excessive fees for gasoline inspection in Indiana will be outlined at the one-day spring convention of the Indiana Petroleum Association at the Severein roof Thursday.

Figures announced by the association today show total state fees collected for inspection in Indiana in 1929 amounted to \$36,422.51 and that expenses of operating the department were only \$83,348.81, the balance of \$286,073.70 returning to the general fund.

Inspectors received only \$80 to \$25 monthly and the association contends thirty-two men can not properly inspect 466,959,900 gallons of kerosene, gasoline and naphtha annually.

CIRCUS WILL BE GIVENAnnual Y. M. C. A. Event Will Be
Presented in Gymnasium.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold its annual community circus in the gymnasium Friday and Saturday nights, R. L. Konecke, physical director, announced today.

Members and the physical director's staff have been rehearsing their acts which will comprise gymnastics and acrobatics.

On Friday night the Fidels Club drill team of North Park chapter, Order of Easter Star, will appear, and on Saturday night Arrius court A-5 will be presented.

A concert band will play each evening.

**June Nights Going to Be
Lots Buggier This Year**

BY ARCH STEINEL

PICNICKERS beware! Girls take care! For many a brave June bug lies asleep in the grass, so beware! BE-E-WARE! (To be sung when "The Green Grass Grows All Around.")

That's a fact!

For the year 1930, besides giving Indianapolis a thousand candidates in the primary, taxes, and the bothersome census blank, is sending down hordes of June bugs alias May beetles to exercise their annual pickling proclivities.

Without a trace of pessimism, Frank Wallace, state entomologist, forecasts the possibility that May and June will see a "pretty heavy onslaught" of the bugs that delight in making a trapzeau out of a run in midday's hose.

They're night flyers," Wallace explains.

He talked of sprays to kill them, of many other things, but not one word to help the ladies cut their pincers from their wings.

We went on and found Joe Sprinz, catcher for the Indianapolis ball team, willing to lend his leg guards to the women.

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CRIMINAL JUDGE JAMES A. COLLINS was willing to cite the June bug for contempt of court.

A hardware company offered a contraption of screen wire fastened by zipper "jaws" for exposed appendages.

"Stay off of country roads," Sheriff George L. Winkler warned the pests as he discussed seasonal plans with his "petters" patrol.

Aid the head of an Indianapolis novelty manufacturing firm professed miniature fly swatters as the best weapon available.

So we left it up to our Aunt Lillian and Aunty says: "When you sits down, watch whar yuh sit."

Which may not solve it "atall" when the June bug gets on his aviation helmet and goes night flying.

**30 SUBPENAED
FOR RUM QUIZ****Grand Jury to Delve Into
Vigo County Case.**

With more than thirty grand jury subpoenas served among persons living in and near Terre Haute, federal authorities today prepared to present evidence to the quiz body Wednesday in connection with alleged liquor activities in Vigo county, it was learned.

Business men, known bootleggers, police and politicians were among those who received writs to appear here for the jury session.

Fore more than six weeks, dry agents and special investigators have been working in the Terre Haute area. Officials here, though, refused to comment.

According to rumors, former dry law prisoners have become disgruntled because politicians are alleged to have promised them protection and failed to do so and, in turn, they "squawked" to federal agents.

This huge concern plays an important part in the pending prosecution. Special state's attorneys charge that large sums were advanced to promote various phases of the Kohler campaign and that political groups repaid these advances after he was nominated.

Further reports heard in Terre Haute point to high political figures as being among those subject to the probe range. These, it is said, may include Indiana men and persons in other states.

**FINANCIAL TROUBLES
OF FILM STARS AIRED**Sally O'Neill's Salary Attached for
Clothing Bill; Fifi D'Orsay Sued.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—Sally O'Neill, screen star, must wait awhile for her salary, and Fifi D'Orsay, French film actress, may have to divide part of her earnings with an agent, it appeared from court actions pending today.

Sam Wolfe, attorney for a Hollywood modiste, said he had attached the salary due Miss O'Neill from Columbia Pictures until the actress pays \$402 which she allegedly owes for clothing.

Miss D'Orsay's \$400-a-week contract with Fox films has involved her in a superior court suit. Lyons & Lyon, New York theatrical agents, are suing the actress for \$725 which they claim is the balance due them in commissions on the contract which they obtained for her.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 21.—A concert by the Indiana university band under auspices of the graduating class of Bloomington high school, Wednesday evening, will be the first of a series of pre-commencement events. Diplomas will be awarded to 185 on June 5 with Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of Pau university as the speaker.

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