

# ANCIENT SHIP IS SALVAGED

### Copper Fastenings Immersed 90 Years Yet They Show No Corrosion.

MONTEREY, Cal. (AP)—The historic French sloop *Natalie*, said to have been the vessel on which Napoleon escaped from exile on the island of Elba in 1815, was dug from the surf sands of Monterey Bay here recently. Parts of the old craft were salvaged for museum purposes.

For the third time in the last 25 years the tides had exposed the wreck, at least what the waters of nearly 100 years had left of it, and H. J. Leppert, a blacksmith, took advantage of the opportunity, wading out into the water he saw that the sands slowly were covering the timbers and realized that by morning there probably would not be a trace of the vessel in sight. He returned to his shop, got a jackscrew and a crowbar and enlisted the aid of three friends. The four men worked until nearly midnight, with the high tide about their shoulders and necks, before they succeeded in forcing loose the teakwood stumps of the *Natalie*.

Finally they ascended on the beach eleven "knees," four large timbers, 13 copper bolts, and smaller parts of the vessel. A remarkable feature was the perfect preservation of the copper bolts, which showed no signs of corrosion, although the idea of a century had washed them. The men reported that other portions of the *Natalie* were too deeply embedded to be removed.

The *Natalie* was blown ashore here in 1823 when the crew, a gang of smugglers from Mexico, abandoned her to attend a Cascarone ball at Monterey. As the crew danced at the old Spanish fiesta, a storm arose and the vessel was beached.

She was subsequently dismantled and part of her timber was used to build the Alvaro house in Monterey. Her bow is in the M. H. de Young Memorial museum in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

### Dealers Offer Crown For Sale in London

LONDON (AP)—The market for coronets is not what it used to be in England. Reposing in a Mayfair antiquary's shop is a perfecting good one waiting to be restored to its rightful owner, or go under the hammer to the highest bidder, although neither seems likely to appear.

This particular piece of all but obsolete headgear has had a strange history and has been sold and resold by all sorts of people, many of whom didn't even know that it was a coronet. Its present owner had it from a man who offered it for sale as a "potato ring," a product of the old Irish goldsmiths of the seventeenth century and earlier.

But when it was polished up it was found to be a sample of the work of Paul Storr, the greatest London goldsmith of the last century, and the hall mark shows that it undoubtedly was made for the coronation of King George IV.

At the coronation of the late King Edward fully two-thirds of the peers present were without coronets. The war also has intervened, bringing greater democracy in the manners and the exercise of their prerogatives by peers.

The late Lord Aylesbury of "Pebham Chase" memories, once confessed that one of his first acts when he came into the family possessions was to pawn the ancestral coronet, and he never took the trouble to redeem it. "What on earth do I want with a coronet?" he used to ask.

### Tests for Accountants Arranged for Nov. 13-14

NEW YORK (AP)—Examinations for certified public accountants will be held in 22 states on November 13-14. They will be given by the Boards of Examiners of the states in question cooperating with the American Institute of Accountants. The tests are prepared by the institute and, whenever desired, candidates may try for admission to the institute as well as for state degrees through the one examination. It is estimated that 1000 candidates take the examinations this fall.

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### Portland Favors New Platoon School Plan

That the platoon system, which is known in La Grande this year, is meeting with favor in Portland may be assured by the two following stories, clipped from the Portland Telegram, dated September 16th and October 13th, respectively:

Entire approval of the platoon school system, as in operation at the new Buckman school, was expressed by T. J. Gary, principal, after two weeks under the room-saving system. Thirty-two classes are accommodated in twenty-seven rooms, which would be impossible under the present Portland system. Youngsters take turns using the class rooms. One class is playing outdoors while another studies and a third is reciting in the auditorium. An extra gymnasium teacher has been added, and each class takes a turn in the gym.

Another innovation is the book room, where Miss Emerol Stacy supervises the reading of each class during one period a week. She recommends and furnishes books, teaches the children how to use and judge a book and offers an intensive course in library methods, English literature and the appreciation of poetry, all in one.

Each class takes a turn in the auditorium about four days a week with public speaking, reading, entertaining and the pursuit of politics. "We have class elections here," said Mr. Gary. "We let them campaign and each nominee has to make a speech. This week we are

electing a fire chief and assistants. We even had a recall last week, when the class elected a boy who was later accused of using bad language on the school grounds. The class promptly recalled him and he took it like a man, too. "We are filled to capacity now. The popularity of this method is attested by the number of outside pupils who apply to me for entrance in this school."

"On the whole, we think the new system is going to work out very well indeed. It will save the city much in buildings when we can increase our capacity to this extent, instead of adding five more rooms to the building. "With a lengthened school day even more pupils could be accommodated."

The announcement by the school board that four schools will be put under the platoon system in February will give the Williams school in St. Johns an opportunity to secure the new system, provided that all conditions are favorable for its adoption.

The school board is investigating the equipment of the schools. The principal, the corps of teachers and the community, with a view to deciding which four schools will have the advantage of the new system. J. W. Van Tine, for ten years principal of the Williams school, has favored the platoon system since its inception here. The school is equipped with sewing and cooking rooms, manual training quar-

ters, an auditorium and a gymnasium, all of which are essential to the new system. The branch library is available in the next block, to the school.

The only drawback to the installation of the system in St. Johns would be the necessity for going back and forth between the Williams school and the James Johns school, a distance of about two blocks. The upper grades are housed at James Johns and the lower grades in Williams. The gymnasium, auditorium and sewing rooms are at James Johns and the library closer to the other school.

### Letters Now Move Quickly Between Tokio and Europe

TOKIO (AP)—After a suspension of seven years, dating from the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, rapid mail service between Japan and Europe by way of Siberia has been resumed with the dispatch of mails from Tsuruga to Vladivostok, on their way to Europe. The reopened Siberian route will convey mails from Tokio to London in 21 days, to Paris in 19 days and Berlin in 18 days. At the same time normal mail service between Japan and Vladivostok, suspended since early this spring when the Russian authorities refused to receive mail from Japan has been resumed.

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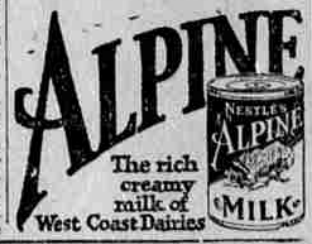
LONDON (AP)—Of the making of many different kinds of fakes there seems to be no end. There have been faked pictures ever since artists first began to use paints. There are so many faked Rembrandts in existence that few prospective purchasers will complete a deal for one of the great Dutchman's works without consulting an expert. Just now an unusually active business in faked furniture is reported.

"This is an age of faked furniture," said the proprietor of a West End gallery. "One comes across it everywhere. It is certainly more plentiful than genuine furniture."

"Most of it is sold in the first place for what it is, accurate imitation, but later it comes into the market in the ordinary way to be sold as the real thing. Some of the modern faking of Jacobean furniture is so good that it frequently deceives experts. The

number of Tudor tables which are on the market is enormous. There is about one for every six houses of Tudor days. Of course, most of them are clever fakes. A favorite device of the makers just now is to plant their reproductions, carefully mated and dust-covered, in rural English homes, where they are eagerly snapped up by unsuspecting purchasers who go through the countryside looking for antiques.

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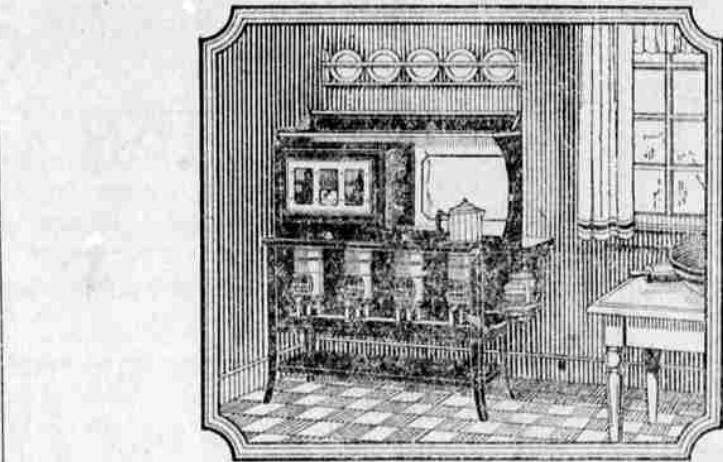
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