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Details of Row Over Mythical Treasure,

GUNBOAT IS SENT TO COCOS

Two Expeditions Reached the Place at Once and the Englishman's Force Was Beaten Off—Costa Rica Takes a Hand in It.

New York, Jan. 14.—From Costa Rica comes the news of an encounter between rival bands of treasure hunters on Cocos island, where a traditional pirates' hoard is said to be buried, cables the Herald's Panama correspondent.

The expedition under Lord Fitzwilliam was, the dispatch continues, defeated by the men under command of Harold W. S. Gray.

Lord Fitzwilliam and his party reached the island on the yacht Veronique but it had been preceded by the Gray expedition. The latter party claimed to have a Costa Rican concession to search for the treasure and objected to the presence of the Fitzwilliam force. A fight is said to have followed and Fitzwilliam and his company were beaten off.

The Costa Rican government has sent the gunboat Turrialba to establish and preserve order on the island.

The above dispatch is the first intimation of an encounter between rival gold seekers on the island of Cocos. A dispatch last week, brought the in-

formation that Lord Fitzwilliam's party had met with an accident in which several men were hurt, but that the leader of the expedition was safe and had sailed for England by steamer, having given up the search. His yacht, the Veronique, was in Panama harbor two days ago.

Failure of the Fitzwilliam venture ends another of the numerous expeditions to the romantic isle where is supposed to lie buried bullion, plate, and jewels, estimated to be worth from \$30,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

For nearly a century individuals, corporations and even a government have made periodical visits to the island, striving by every means to unearth the hidden treasure, which since 1820 is supposed to have lain undisturbed. While the history of the treasure is regarded as more or less of a myth, many men have sunk fortunes in a vain endeavor to penetrate the mystery which has surrounded the isle of the reputed story, that following a revolution in Peru, the citizens of Callao removed to the island of Cocos, 600 miles southwest of Panama, burying their plate, bullion, and valuables, and returning to perish during a period when governments were changing.

Hard headed business men have invested thousands of dollars with a view to clearing the mystery and enriching themselves and expeditions have one after another pursued a fruitless search for the treasure.

Numerous pirate bands are said to have made their headquarters on Cocos island and it was a well known hiding place for buccaners after the war of 1812.

MURDERER CONVICTED.

Widow of Dead Man Waits Trial on Same Charge.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Frank Hottman, arrested at Walla Walla for complicity in the killing of Charles Meyers, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Meyers' widow is in jail waiting trial on the same charge.

UNFAIR ASSESSMENT

The A. O. U. Endeavoring to Build Up the Order.

REDUCE THE DEATH BENEFITS

New Members Must Belong for Four Years Before They Can Receive the Full Amount of Their Beneficiary Certificate.

The over-burdened, over-assessed members of the A. O. U. W. are devising ways and means to relieve the members from unequal assessments and build up the order. If Father Upchurch was to visit Oregon today he would never recognize the order he founded. The following plan has been adopted by one of the Portland lodges and will be sent to the various lodges throughout the state:

Portland lodge No. 27, A. O. U. W. has adopted a new plan of assessments distinct from the one adopted by the supreme lodge, and is now circulating a statement among the other subordinate lodges of this state, asking for their endorsement and adoption, with a view to having the plan adopted by the Oregon grand lodge. The plan presented by Portland lodge provides that persons may become members between the ages of 18 and 40 years, and shall pay into the treasury of the lodges for \$2000 beneficiary certificates the following monthly rates: Ages 18 to 23, \$2.30; 23 to 28, \$2.50; 28 to 33, \$2.70; 33 to 38, \$2.90; 38 to 43, \$3.10; 43 to 48, \$3.30; 48 to 53, \$3.50; 53 to 58, \$3.70; 58 to 63, \$3.90; and 63 to 68, \$4. It is provided that in addition to the lodge dues each member shall pay 50 cents a month for a reserve fund for four years. The plan also scales down the certificate in case death happens soon after becoming a member as follows: If death occurs inside of one year the certificate will be cut one-fourth, \$500 of the \$2000 being paid; in two years one-half the certificate will be paid; in three years, three fourths will be paid; in four years the full amount.

The following statement accompanies the plan: "We, the undersigned members of _____ lodge, No. _____, A. O. U. W., of Oregon jurisdiction, protest against the supreme lodge plan for Oregon jurisdiction, and we demand a plan consistent with conditions and ages of our members, that assess-

ments may be more equally divided to meet all obligations."

The above system will meet with considerable opposition. When a person joins the Woodmen, Maccabees, Artisans or other similar organizations, at their death they receive the full amount of the death benefit. To compel a man to belong to a beneficiary order for four years before his family can receive the full amount of the beneficiary certificate will not meet with the approval of the common members of the organization, although it may meet with the approval of all the members who have belonged over the four year limit. It shows a spirit of selfishness that will not redound to the benefit of the order or any other order that adopts such a plan. When a man joins a beneficiary order he does so for the benefit of his family, not for the benefit of the order. When he has paid in exorbitant assessments that increase with age he expects his family to receive the full amount promised. These are the opinions voluntarily made by members of the local lodge of Astoria.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Stock Gambling is Now Confined to Professional Sharpers.

New York, Jan. 14.—Operations in stocks have been on a small scale this week and the movement in prices has been unimportant. Great confidence is felt in the general situation of business and industry as reflected in large demand for iron and steel and other products and in the heavy offerings of traffic to railroads all over the country.

The discussion of the legislative program at Washington pointing to regulation of railroad rates and to tariff revision has a repressive effect on activity in stocks.

So has the prospect of indefinite continuance of the outflow of gold, although money remains easy and abundant.

There is good absorption of bonds, but operations in stocks are confined almost wholly to professional hands.

FOR TUSKOGEE.

Immense Memorial Fund for Booker Washington's School.

New York, Jan. 14.—Business associates of Willab E. Baldwin, Jr., late president of the Long Island Railroad Company, are reported to be considering the inauguration of a movement to raise a \$500,000 fund as a memorial in his honor for the endowment of Tuskegee institute, of which Booker T. Washington is president.

Mr. Baldwin was deeply interested in the education of the negro and did much to help Washington in carrying on his school.

BEACH COMBINGS.

Sheriff Linville says that "crazies" come in cycles of three in Astoria. It was believed that Mr. Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific had, in regard to wrecks, established the only "cycle" of accidents, but the sheriff has his books to back him up.

They come just about as he says.

Looking back through the records of the office it is found that when one comes there is nearly always three within a day or two of each other, and the sheriff doesn't know whether the germs of insanity are hatched three at a time or not. However, when he gets the fourth one nowadays he promptly provides places for two more and then watches Jack Johnston and Watson Binder closely for symptoms.

If you haven't subscribed to the new hotel fund, or have noticed anything else queer about your department notify Linville in advance so he can have the wagon pick you up at the same time he gets the other two.

An Englishman the other day was assailed on Commercial street by a friend with a statement that drew out, "you're a liar," but there was no venom in it, and the Astorian native came back with: "What! an unnaturalized outcast calls an American a liar?"

"Quite right. You see, I'm much better than you. I am here from choice, while you couldn't, ah—help it, y'know."

The Astoria man, through this column, offers 40 years' subscription to the Budget, the Skamokawa Eagle and the Police Gazette for a suitable reply to that Englishman.

The Associated Press huris "Iron Trade Reviews" at the Astoria public week by week to prove that the condition of the metal trade and the prices in the east were never better for the consumer, but what the Astoria contractors want to know is when the Lord is going to put some compassion into the hearts of the railway traffic managers so that the lot and building may not have to be mortgaged to pay for enough structural steel to provide a resting place for an exhausted mosquito.

There's a little band of devoted songsters who warble more or less tuneful compositions directed Heavenward across from the Astorian office on Commercial street, but the storms have driven them indoors to the great discomfiture of the Astorian force. For some time between 7 and 8 p. m. the city force has been beating its typewriters to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers," etc., and now, between those hours they can't work, the mills are idle, and the owner is "losing money on the goods." If the ladies

with the belodlan will return they may save serious embarrassment.

Only a few months ago the magazines of the country were indignantly printing pictures of the 360,000 cases of vodka that were piled on a dock at Port Arthur when the seige opened, with the prediction that the fort would fall in a month. Judging from the defense that was made, however, it seems the war bureau hereafter must add this gentle stimulant to the commissary of each fort. Vodka is only 90 per cent alcohol with 10 per cent delirium tremens.

WEARY WILLIE.

STUDENT MISSING.

Probably Eloped With a Waitress—His Mother Prostrated.

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 14.—A mass meeting of students has been held to arrange a systematic search for David W. Nevins of New York, a freshman who has been mysteriously missing several days.

Mrs. Nevins, the young man's mother, who came to Ithaca on Wednesday to prosecute the search, became prostrated by anxiety and was taken back to New York.

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