

HUGE FORTUNE SOUGHT IN SEA

Divers Search for Alaskan Gold Believed Lost in 1901 With Ship

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JUNEAU, Alaska. — (AP) — A modern version of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" is being enacted in treacherous Alaskan waters by a band of men from Olympia, Wash.

In specially devised deep sea diving apparatus these adventurers place their hopes of finding a fortune in gold believed to be somewhere in the sunken, barnacle-clad hulk that once was the crack Alaskan steamer *Islander*.

The expedition, undaunted by severity of weather and dangerous depths of the sea, gradually is nearing the climax of an attempt to retrieve gold dust and bullion from the sunken ship.

The *Islander's* sinking near Juneau in 1901 was a major tragedy of Alaska's wreck-strewn coast. Seventy-five lost their lives when the craft struck an iceberg.

Gold that may be worth millions, members of the expedition believe, was left behind by panic-stricken miners returning from claims worked in the heyday of the Yukon gold rush.

Carl H. Wiley, a sea-going mechanic of Olympia, devised the grotesque, egg-shaped diving bell that is used to explore the sunken ship.

With him are his father and brother, E. H. and Elbert Wiley, Stephen Jackson, Charles Lindley, a machinist in whose shop the diver bell was built, and Lindley's son.

About five years ago Wiley first considered the project. Inventing the diving cage, he tested it in water 500 deep in Puget sound. It proved satisfactory there.

In the fall of 1923 Wiley again tested the apparatus at the scene of the wreck. The present expedition left Olympia last fall.

Although the treasure hunt is one incentive, Wiley hopes to prove that man can descend safely and conduct salvage operations at depths heretofore unexplored.

His diving bell, large enough to house only one man, is of oval shape to resist pressure of water at great depths. It is of cast steel, one cast for the helmet, the other for the body.

The diver looks through a port-hole, below which is a powerful light. He operates the contrivance from a sitting position. A tractor is attached beneath the bell's body, so the diver, by pedaling a gear, can propel the apparatus along the ocean floor.

A mechanical arm, projecting from the steel body, is constructed so the diver may use tools to tear out away parts of the ship to

IN DESPAIR



Eleven-year-old Stanley Fless was the lone survivor of the fire which swept his home at Little Neck, L. I. His mother, father, three sisters and brother and a boarder in the house were burned to death.

SCARAB BURIED TO HALT MISFORTUNE

BRADLEY, England (AP)—A scarab taken from an ancient Egyptian tomb was buried by Mrs. John Bertram Parkes for seven years of poverty and misfortune, culminating in widowhood. So she buried the thing in the woods near her humble home here.

The scarab was inscribed with part of the 64th chapter of the Egyptian Book of the Dead, which identified it with the heart of the deceased person and urged it not to betray him at the judgment before Osiris. It was found by her husband when he was in Egypt as a colonel in England's crack Grenadier Guards.

Shortly afterwards, he was demobilized. For a time he worked first as a coal dealer and later as a market gardener, toy maker and firewood seller. Then for seven years he was unable to land a job of any sort.

Finally he was forced to build a two-room shack in the woods here in order to have shelter for

S. S. Convention At Aumsville

AUMSVILLE, April 10.—The Santiam district Bible school met here Sunday with the Christian Bible school for the quarterly meeting. The program was: song service, devotional by Henry Porter, lesson study, round table discussion, basket dinner at noon, song service, devotional by B. J. Gillstrap of Turner, specials by the different schools, address by W. C. Ashbur, Bible teacher and lecturer of Miles City, Montana. Discussion and the business meeting followed.

LATIN AMERICANS WANT CHAPERONES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chaperones are still an institution below the equator.

The custom is continued by South American members of the diplomatic set in Washington. A young girl from the Argentine attending a dance here is invariably accompanied by her mother or another mature companion.

The result is a pleasant comradeship between the two generations.

The young girls are accomplished linguists and dancers. Most of them have traveled extensively in Europe.

Senora Carlos F. Grisanti, wife of the minister from Venezuela, has a busy time attending with her four daughters the many social affairs to which they are invited. They are all excellent bridge players and dancers.

Bridge has been eagerly adopted by the diplomatic set. Mahmoud Samy Fasha, minister from Egypt, and his wife are so taken

\$150 GROWS INTO MILLION DOLLARS

KANSAS CITY (A)—The story of a newsboy who bought a grocery store for \$150 and enlarged his holdings to include a million-dollar chain sounds almost fit for fiction.

That actually happened to Nat Milgram, Kansas City merchant.

His 35 stores in Kansas City and suburbs have been merged with the Kroger Grocery and Bakery company, one of the world's largest grocery chains.

Although the Milgram organization, as such, now loses its identity, Mr. Milgram at 37 becomes actively affiliated with the new corporation.

A few years ago his business involved only half a dozen family stores. At 23 he bought the first one for \$150. He quit a newspaper route and night school, where he was studying a pre-medical course, and went into business.

A knack for merchandising soon brought more and more Milgram

FARM IS SOLD

MONMOUTH, April 10.—A farm of 147 acres, owned by Noah Hickey in the Antioch section four miles southwest of Monmouth, was purchased this week by Valentine Mueller of that community. The transfer was a cash consideration and was negotiated by the Guy H. Deming agency of Monmouth.

By IWERKS

MICKEY MOUSE



"Quenching His Thirst for Revenge"



By CLIFF STERRETT



"Polly and Her Pals"



By RUSS WESTOVER



By BEN BATSFORD



Cross-Word Puzzle

By EUGENE SHEFFER

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TILLIE, THE TOILER



"Improper-Ganda"



By BEN BATSFORD



By JIMMY MURPHY



- HORIZONTAL**
- Two-wheeled one-horse carriage.
 - What name is applied to the whole peninsula between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Hudson Bay?
 - Enough (poet).
 - Costs.
 - Smells.
 - From what garden were Adam and Eve expelled?
 - At.
 - Free from something obnoxious.
 - Twists.
 - Implement for sewing.
 - Of what State (abbr.) is Atlanta the capital?
 - Adhesive preparation.
 - Within.
 - Hot.
 - What English admiral was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar?
 - Hurt.
 - Demeanor.
 - Plan.
 - Cause to sit.
 - Who was the Greek god of war?
 - The ordinal of three.
 - Egyptian sun god.
 - Correlative of neither.
 - Any inanimate object.
 - Kind of cake.
 - Short for Edward.
 - Two of a kind.
 - A gut resin.
 - Bundle.
 - Object of worship.
 - Fondles.
 - Age.
- VERTICAL**
- What is the name of the present King of England?
 - What country of southern Asia occupies the great peninsula between the Himalayas Mountains and Indian Ocean?
 - Beneficial.
 - Author's proof (abbr.).
 - What is the motion picture actress played in "Broadway" and "Fast Company"?
 - Driven.
 - Air heroes.
- Harsh is the solution to yesterday's puzzle.
- DEBATE HEARSE OPINED EASIER NOT TILES DAM AC SECEDES TI THAT TEE EDEN ESSAYS DERIDE THE ERA EVENTS ELINGS BARE ALA EARL OC DEAGED EU DAB VERED SED ETUDES TIRADE DETENT STRAYS

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



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TOOTS AND CASPER



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