

GHOST VILLAGE

Mystery Shrouds Florida Everglades Mound



Bronze Caldron—Philip Weidling, Jr., Fort Lauderdale Daily News reporter, examines a giant pot found in the mysterious ghost village on an unexplained mound in the Everglades.

By GENE PLOWDEN
(AP Newswire)

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Did the ancient mound-builders of the Mississippi valley penetrate Florida and leave a sample of their art deep in the Everglades?

Or did a separate group inhabit the state and vanish centuries before the white man reached these shores?

A mammoth mound some 30 to 40 miles west of Fort Lauderdale has given rise to such speculation. It has prompted these questions:

What hands patiently piled hundreds of tons of earth and smoothed it out into a plot of eight to ten acres?

Where did the dirt come from, in a land that is largely water rotting vegetation and coral rock?

Maurice Hale, a Lakeland business man who often hunts in the Everglades, says Seminole Indians told him about the modern ghost village on the site. It was, he believes, started after the Civil war, centered around a sugar mill.

When the sugar project failed, the village was taken over by men who smuggled Chinese into the United States. Several Indians helped by making Seminole costumes to disguise the Chinese. Trouble broke out and the Indians killed all residents.

Indians still regard the place as haunted and shun it, Hale says. Members of expeditions to the site have found such things as bottle-capping equipment, Spanish-type bottles and jugs and modern wire nails. Indications are that moonshiners once used the site.

They also found hand-wrought nails and estimated some of the dozen tumbledown shacks on the site date backed at least 75 years. Historically, that is recent.

To explore the area fully would require many months of effort under the most trying conditions. It would cost a great deal.

The mound is six to eight feet above the surrounding terrain and many believe the real story lies at least three feet beneath the surface. It is overgrown with tangled

Ship Leaves Port Pickets Stuck

Seattle, Oct. 25 (AP)—A trail of would-be pickets were left stranded here yesterday as the cruise ship Corsair sailed out of Seattle yesterday for Canadian waters.

American Federation of Labor Maritime union officials here said the ship "will be picketed" by AFL Canadian affiliates "whenever she docks."

The Corsair, operated by the Pacific Cruise lines, is scheduled to start winter cruise service between Los Angeles and Mexico next month.

Bob Dombroff, Sailors' Union of the Pacific agent, said the line "broke an agreement" with marine unions in moving the vessel without getting a standby crew from the AFL hall here. The Corsair had been held up at Houghton on Lake Washington by a contract dispute between the operators and the Canadian district of the Seafarers' International union (AFL).

The Canadian SIU is affiliated with the SUP and both are members of the Seafarers' International Union of North America, headed by Harry Lundberg.

Family of Three on Hunting Trip Missing

San Francisco, Oct. 25 (AP)—A San Francisco family of three today was reported missing nearly a month on a deer hunting trip in northern California.

Miss Frieda Johnson told police her sister, Mrs. Doris Sattler, 32; her brother-in-law, Harold, 33, and their six-year-old son, Harold, Jr., left here Sept. 16 and planned to be gone two weeks.

Miss Johnson said friends later saw the family in Alpine county and reported they had shot a deer. They were preparing to go to Susanville, but have not been heard of since.

Fast Time to Go to Seattle Electorate

Seattle, Oct. 25 (AP)—Proposal to remove some of the confusion resulting from Seattle's daylight savings time ordinance will go before the voters next March.

The amendment would give the city council power to fix the "fast time" period to conform with other sections of the country.

Seattle and several other Puget sound cities did not set clocks back this year until Oct. 1, almost a week after other sections of the country returned to normal time.

Stock Market's Greatest Crash Came 20 Years Ago

By WILLIAM D. HORGAN

New York, Oct. 25 (AP)—Twenty years ago this week the stock market crashed in a tragic ending to an era of prosperity.

The Coolidge bull market died a violent death that shocked and stunned this nation and financial capitals throughout the world.

There is no standard by which to measure the selling panic swept into Wall Street in cat-like silence and ripped the financial districts wide open.

Described in generalities, the market value of the nation's productive machinery plunged, in a matter of minutes, by billions of dollars. The decline lasted for three long heart-breaking years.

In human terms the losses could be measured in dollars and cents: In the bankruptcy record, the destruction of lifetime savings, in foreclosed mortgages, in pawn shop tickets. It could be measured, too, in the desperate haggard faces of the new poor, in dead dreams, in the pathetic bewilderment of little and big people all over the country.

The prelude to panic was enough to lull the most astute financial men. Government and business leaders painted the future in rosy colors.

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The market rallied for a while but on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 29, the climax was reached. Stocks of the country's leading industries collapsed. Sales on "Black Tuesday" totaled more than 16,000,000 shares. The ticker tape ran hours after the close of the market. Grim brokers and their staffs worked far into the night.

That was the day the insiders, the big money men, the millionaires, saw their fortunes melt away. The little fellows had already been sold out. The big fellows lasted a few days longer.

An era of prosperity, and of speculation, greed and manipulation ended in the nightmare of those October days. That October, too, was the curtain-raiser for a new set of values, a new kind of thinking, not in Wall Street alone but in every city and town in the land.

Wall Street is still a whipping boy when "the interests" have to be damned. The financial district, though, has a sense of responsibility which did not exist in 1929.

The Securities & Exchange Commission, created by congress, is the watchdog of the securities business. The SEC has a keen eye and a long probing finger. It is respected as well as feared. For a long time while it was hated.

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