

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Panama Canal Exposition Token Considered Rare

It was the size of a gold dollar, but as I turned it over in my hand, I saw nothing it over to indicate it was really a coin. Neither the word dollar nor any of the symbols of the United States, except the name, were on the piece. That appeared on the side carrying an outline map of the western hemisphere. It was inscribed below the map. Above it were the words "Panama Canal."

On the other side of the piece, in the center, was "San Francisco 1915." In an arc over it were the words "Panama Pacific Internat. Exp." for a world famous international exposition in honor of the opening of the great canal in history.

Regarded as a whole, the workmanship on the token—for that's what it really was—was pretty good. Some of the letters were not too well done, looking

as if they had been made from a recut die. More out of curiosity than anything else, I asked the price of the piece. It was \$15. I handed it to the clerk and went on to the next showcase. Within a matter of seconds I heard someone asking for the token I had just rejected.

It took the fellow no time at all to make up his mind to buy, and he paid the \$15 without quibbling. Since he had the air of a man who knew his business, I asked why he had bought the piece so readily.

"There are only a few of them known," he said. "One of them was in Farouk's famous collection. It's a type of privately minted gold dollar, and the value that is put upon it happens to be around \$75. Ask any advanced collector."

To my chagrin, a check of the coin catalogues showed he was quite correct.

PROFITABLE TO SAVE LETTERS FROM OLD COUNTRY

The appearance of a new volcanic island in the Azores has prompted the Portuguese Government to lay formal claim to it, and very likely there will soon be a new Portuguese stamp displaying the island's picture.

A statement to that effect by a manufacturer recently returned from Lisbon provoked an immediate response from a friend of mine—Mike, a fellow of Portuguese descent.

He had recently received a packet of family correspondence from a relative in Macao, and he rather felt that some of the envelopes might prove of value. A few of them were from the Azores. Would I come and look at them.

I'm glad I went. There were about 30 envelopes in the lot, and while 29 of them were worth at the most not over \$5

each, the 30th was well out of that class.

It was an envelope that had been mailed in 1884, in the Azores.

The stamp it carried was a blue, 150-reis item bearing the portrait of King Luiz. In addition to the denomination, given at top and bottom were the words "Portugal Correio," or "Portuguese Post," stamped across the face of the stamp, in small black letters, was the word "Azores."

When Mike saw that the catalogue value of that one stamp was \$125, in its cancelled condition, and realized that being on the original envelope increased its value by some 25 per cent, he was delighted.

"What a shame our people didn't save all their correspondence," he said.

DERRINGER PISTOL MAKES PAPERWEIGHT

"The letter's here somewhere," said Phil, my attorney, reaching across his desk to pull a stack of letters toward him. A small deringer type pistol lay on the stack, and he impatiently shoved it off onto the blotter.

The letter was fairly important, and as I waited for him to find it, I picked up the pistol. At first, I thought it was merely a paperweight case in the form of a deringer, but almost immediately I saw that it was the real thing.

"It isn't here," Phil exclaimed, buzzing for his secretary. "How long have you had this?" I asked as the girl disappeared to hunt the missing correspondence.

"My wife bought it in some shop or other. Thought it would make a nice paperweight. Why?"

I suggested it might prove one of the most valuable gifts of that kind he would ever receive. The pistol was a .41 caliber, single shot, rim-fire deringer

made by the "Cold Fire Arms Co., Hartford, Ct. U.S.A. No. 1." Its over-all length was a trifle more than four inches. It has a spur trigger, and a little button in the right side of the frame operated the lock mechanism. The entire piece, including even the butt, was metal and extensively engraved.

I put some pressure on the button. The mechanism worked. Even stranger was the cleanliness of the barrel.

Phil looked on with amusement, but when I told him that his paperweight was worth from \$100 to \$150 his attitude changed. When he corroborated it by a call to an arms dealer, he was delighted. He even phoned his wife to tell her the news.

And what was the effect on his fee for the little job he did for me, after finally finding the letter? You guessed it. Nothing whatever.

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DOG FIGHT South Haven, Mich.—Two dogs were having a fine tussle without doing any apparent damage to each other. Then Mrs. Mary Barnyard, owner of one dog, tried to untangle the combatants and got nipped. Richard Piskarski, 16, a grandson of the other owner, tried to rescue Mrs. Barnyard and was bitten all along one arm. Both required hospital treatment. The dogs did not have a scratch.

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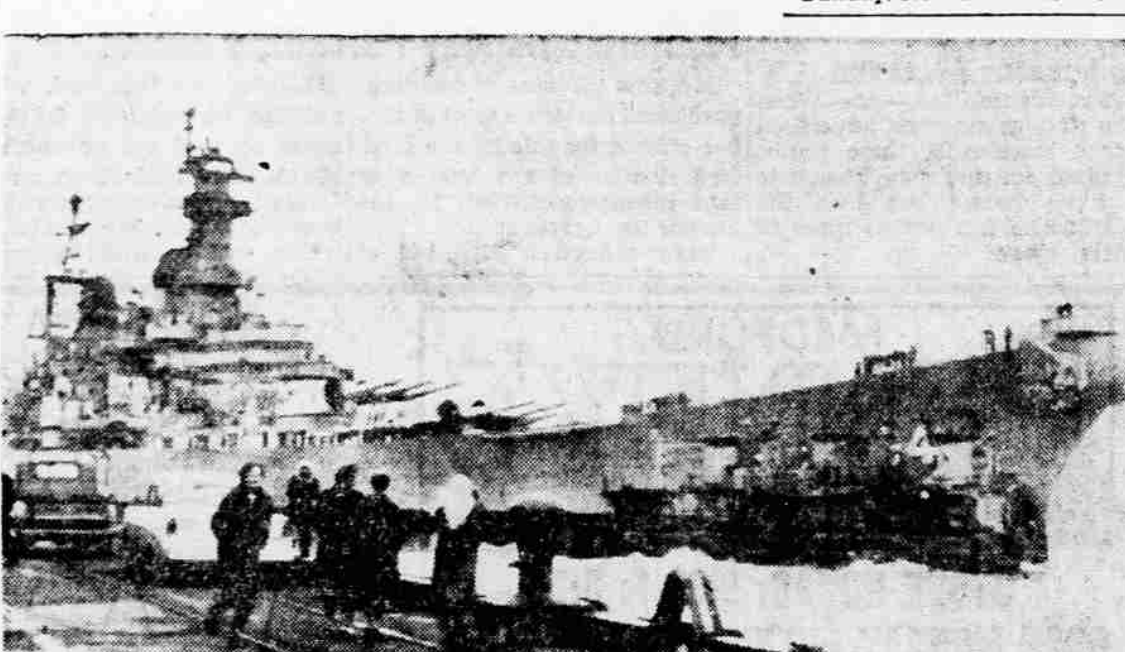
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LAST VOYAGE—The U. S. S. Wisconsin, the Navy's last battleship, slips from her berth at Norfolk, Va., on her final voyage. The battleship is to join the mothball fleet in New York.

CENTRAL POINT Jaycettes Hold Meeting

By DORIS HUGHES Central Point—The Jaycettes held their November meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Meyer.

Thanksgiving was the theme and Mrs. Gaston Floux gave a demonstration on Thanksgiving table arrangements. Mrs. Keith Johnson, Mrs. Don Miller and Mrs. John Chaney were guests at the affair and Mrs. Thomas Quail and Mrs. Eloy Sutton were co-hostesses. About 18 ladies attended the meeting, during which the nomination of officers was held.

Vi's Yardage and Dressmaking Shoppe of 220 E. Pine st. in Central Point was moved last weekend to the new location across the street. The shop is now in the building next door to the M and M Real Estate agency. Mrs. Don Burston is the owner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent of San Bernardino, Calif., left Tuesday after a few day's visit here at the home of Vincent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Vincent. They also visited other relatives and friends in the area. Mr. and Mrs. G. Vincent accompanied their son back to San Bernardino for a vacation.

The Christian Circle of the First Presbyterian church of Central Point will meet on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Homer Jeffries of Seaside avenue. Mrs. W. J. Gebhard will give the topic for study and devotion will be led by Mrs. Cliff Smith.

The First Presbyterian church of Central Point will hold their Fellowship supper, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the church. Members are asked to bring their thanks offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wyatt and sons Steve and Paul spent Monday in Yreka, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Solus.

Credit buying will be the topic for the Home Extension meeting Nov. 20 at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reames of 6236 Crater Lake Highway. The meeting will

Final Basic Police Course Is Completed

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Election Ballots Mailed by ASC

Ballots containing a complete slate of nominees for Jackson County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation community committeemen and delegates were mailed Friday to farmers of the area. Harold Martin, ASC office manager, said.

The envelopes containing marked ballots must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5 p.m., Nov. 27, to the ASC office in the Jackson county courthouse in Medford.

Any eligible farmer who fails to receive his ballot by mail may obtain one from the county ASC office. Elections will be by mail. A tabulation committee will count the votes on Nov. 27 or 29, Martin said.

Delegates to the county committee meeting will be those who receive the highest votes in each community—one per community. The delegates in turn will select the county committee of five men. The county committee carries out the programs assigned by the U.S. secretary of agriculture. Community committee representatives act as representatives of their districts and aid in setting up allotments or help in problems arising regarding the programs. There are seven communities in the county, Martin said.

Phoenix 4-H Holds Achievement Night

Ron Daugherty, Phoenix, 4-H club during its annual achievement day held Thursday evening in the Phoenix Grange hall, according to Glenn Klein, county extension agent.

Other officers elected include Fred Swingle, vice-president; Nedra Harris, secretary; Virginia Daugherty, news reporter; Darlynn Popow, treasurer; and Curt Harris, sergeant-at-arms.

Gene McCurley, agricultural field representative of the Medford branch, First National Bank of Portland, presented cards and pins to club members who had completed their year's work.

Ninth year: Ronald Daugherty, Charles Swingle, Henry Scott. Seventh year: Norman Ditsworth.

Fifth year: Wayne Ditsworth, Virginia Daugherty, James Scott. Fourth year: Virginia Martin.

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