

Archaeologists Unearth Ancient Undetected Crime

Cambridge, Mass. (Science Service)—A clever crime went undetected from the time it was committed in the Middle Ages until it was disclosed this summer by Harvard and Cornell archaeologists digging on the site of the ancient Lydian city of King Croesus (famous for his wealth) in Sardis, western Turkey, it was announced here.

In the ruins of a Roman gymnasium, the archaeologists dug up a very heavy jar with the top tightly sealed with a lead lid. But when the lid was removed, the jar no longer contained the jewels or other valuables that apparently had once been buried in it. Instead, nothing but earth and stones were found. When it was buried, the scientists believe, a thief immediately removed the treasure, substituting earth and stones to delay detection of his crime.

Wealth Found
The scientists did find wealth in Sardis, however. It consisted mainly of many ancient coins, glassware of great refinement and delicacy, decorated pottery, terracotta figurines and sculptures.

Nearly 3,000 years of history were spanned by the objects found, from crude cooking pots of the second millennium before Christ to the destruction of the city in the 15th century after Christ.

One of the interesting finds at Sardis was an ancient shopping center, containing shops and restaurants. An unusual feature of the shopping center was a luxurious public toilet with marble seats.

The Sardis expedition was under the direction of Prof. George M. A. Hanfmann of Harvard. Associate director was Dean A. Henry Detweiler of Cornell.

Emporer Mentioned
A last-minute discovery made when the scientists were ready to stop digging for the season was of an Imperial inscription which appeared among the tumbled fragments of a large triple gate. The inscription mentions an emporer whose name is not preserved and an "Empress Julia." The scientists believe that the gate was dedicated to the Empress Julia Domna, daughter of the high priest of the Sun God and wife of the Emperor Septimius Severus. This Empress Julia was renowned for her beauty and her intellectual interests but she finally ended her career by starving herself to death in 217 A.D.

DEDICATE MONUMENT
El Alamein, Egypt—(UPI)—"Desert Fox" Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's widow and son were present Wednesday for the dedication of a German monument to the 4,200 Afrika Korps troops who died here in losing to the British one of World War II's decisive battles.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Beatrice B.—She should let their father see the children. Lynn H.—It would upset them too much.

Beatrice B.—I am trying to be of some help to my ne'er-do-well brother and his unfortunate family. Floyd is and always has been a handsome, charming, totally irresponsible person. He walked out on his wife and two babies. He just took off with another woman. We finally managed to locate him and get the law after him. It has been a long struggle to get him to keep up with the small allowance the court gives the family.

Now his affair with the other woman has broken up and he wants to return to our community to settle down. The children are 9 and 10 and he hasn't seen them in three years. My sister-in-law feels it will be disturbing to the children to see him. He claims seeing them will make a new man of him. I feel it may help him to get a hold on himself and enable him to give them better support.

Lynn H.—The last time Floyd saw the children they were upset for weeks. He cried and cried and kept asking if they loved him. I realized too late that he had a little too much to drink before coming. Then he left them and it was the last we heard from him for a year.

I believe I stand a legal chance of keeping such a man from the children, but I don't want to go to court again. I feel that Beatrice knows how to handle him and can appeal to his good nature to stay away. He is very weak and can be convinced of almost anything.

I know that Beatrice is sympathetic toward us, but even she doesn't realize what a terrible struggle I've had trying to help my children grow up into normal, healthy human beings—with such a man for a father. I've done my utmost and I just know he would undo all the good work if he moved into the picture.

The Council: It is possible that this father is too far gone in self-indulgence to be able to make any satisfactory contact with his children, but we think Lynn should consider this question very carefully with the help of some competent and objective outsider—possibly a clergyman who knows the family situation. If there is a chance that Floyd can conduct himself properly, Lynn would be making a grave error by keeping him as a skeleton in the closet.

The big issue involved here is that the children must deal, in one way or another, with the fact of having a father. Whether or not they have regular contacts with him, these children know he exists. They may think he doesn't want to see them or that he is so disgraceful and disreputable that their mother finds it necessary to keep him

from them. Neither of these rationalizations is conducive to their emotional well-being.

Life sometimes becomes so difficult and complex that adults become confused. But simplicity and honesty go a long way with children and should be a guide to Lynn in dealing with this situation. She cannot afford to let her children be ashamed of their father.

The fact is that at one time Floyd was attractive enough to her for her to want to marry him and have a family with him. These children ought to know that their father is or was a handsome, charming man. They must also know he has a big weak-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Memphis, Tenn.—(UPI)—Police have charged Oscar Simpson, 57, with larceny of a three-layer chocolate cake from a private home. Simpson, found in an alley eating the cake and drinking corn whiskey, said it was his birthday.

ness—irresponsibility. Other people have other weaknesses, some more harmful, some less so. If the children know these simple facts they may be able to deal with their father and with themselves when they remember that they are the offspring of such a man.

Isolating the children from their father without explanation is at least as bad as teaching them to hate him. They can't fully respect themselves without respecting both their parents.

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Out-of-State Travel Fund Said Excessive

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon Tax Research says the 1959-61 Oregon budget appropriates almost \$1 million for out-of-state travel for state administrators and personnel.

Reward Offered in Yule Tree Cutting

Klamath Falls—(UPI)—Although the Klamath Basin is filled with trees that would make suitable ones for Christmas, Warden George Wardell of the Klamath Forest Protective Association has issued a warning that a \$250 reward has been offered for anyone convicted of illegally cutting one.

Wardell estimated annual loss by private and government timber owners in the thousands of dollars, due to illegal Christmas tree cutting.

Bank Sues Railroad Over Forest Fire

Portland—(UPI)—The U.S. National Bank of Portland has filed a \$2 million damage suit against Great Northern Railway Company in Federal Court involving a 9,400-acre timber fire last month on the Klamath Indian reservation near Chiloquin.

The bank, which holds the timber in trust for a group of Klamath Indians, charges that a Great Northern freight car caught fire Aug. 24 at a siding in Chiloquin and that during the firefighting operation some smoldering cardboard boxes were removed and taken to the city dump.

The suit alleges that the smoldering boxes started the pine fire, which burned for three days.

County Officials at Builders Convention

County Engineer Paul B. Rynning and Assistant Engineer Robert J. Carstensen are spending this week at a convention of the American Road Builders Association in Minneapolis.

Carstensen is expected home today and Rynning will be back in his office Nov. 2.

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