

DIVERS CLOSE TO MILLIONS

Working 385 Feet Deep on Ship Sunk Off Alaska in 1900.

Seattle.—Three million dollars in gold—possibly four millions—are almost within the grasp of a little band of adventurous men toiling in a salvage expedition which, if successful, will set a new record in marine annals. Three hundred and eighty-five feet down in the sea they are working. Only the strong room of the steamship Islander, sunk 30 years ago in Stevens passage, just south of Juneau, Alaska, remains to be torn open before the salvagers reach their goal.

They hope to break through the steel-plated wall within the next few weeks and lift the treasure to the surface in the triumph of man's ingenuity and perseverance over Neptune.

Working Period Brief.
The work, conducted by more than a dozen Seattle and Olympia men, has been going on since the summer of 1923, but the working period last year was brief, and the job could not be resumed until late in June this year, because of adverse weather. Their expectation is that the next month will see their job virtually completed, for they are toiling day and night at their task.

The hull of the Islander, about 235 feet long, has been explored thoroughly by the divers, pieces of baggage and the like have been brought up and the preparations for the last assault on the treasure store have been completed.

Something new in diving equipment is being used. Instead of the old-fashioned diving suits, the men are employing an ingenious device contrived and patented by two Olympia divers, Carl and Albert Wiley, after years of experimenting, thanks to which the diver has a mechanical arm to do his work while he sits comfortably in a little barrel-like cage.

He has a telephone headpiece clamped to his ear, and a mouthpiece hanging before him, so that he can communicate with his fellow workers on the scow anchored above the sunken hull. Thus instructed, the men above can swing the contraption about on the sea bottom or in the hull's interior, as the diver directs.

Seventy Lost When Ship Sank.
The incessant wash of the tides, and the voracious toredo, the tiny marine bivalve that is the plague of ship and dock, have eaten away the decks so much that access to the interior is easy, but the steel sides, though rusted and incrustated with marine growth, still hold together, except where the ship's back was broken when it hit a reef in a storm early in the morning of August 15, 1900.

Seventy lives were lost. A few were saved. The divers, prowling through the skeleton of the ship, have come upon whitened reminders of the human toll. Perhaps a score of skeletons have been found. More, doubtless, will be discovered when the ruins of the storerooms are opened.

Demonstration Against War Is Postponed Year

Berlin.—The most impressive and unique anti-war demonstration scheduled for this year will not take place. The big get-together of German and French ex-combatants on the sanguinary battlefields of the Chemin des Dames, which was to be held in August, has been postponed for one year, the United Press learned from "Reichsbanner" officials who sponsored this demonstration in co-operation with the French "Union Federale et Federation Nationale des Combattants Republicains."

Big unemployment in Germany is the chief reason for the postponement of the meeting. German ex-combatants find it extremely difficult to save up enough money for the journey, despite liberal aid from the treasury of their large organization, the "Reichsbanner."

Delay in the ratification of the Young plan was an additional factor which made for the postponement, it is declared.

Plane Speed Record for Women Claimed

Los Angeles, Calif.—The world's airplane speed record for women was claimed by Mrs. Florence Lowe Barnes, Pasadena aviatrix, as a result of a flight in which she was timed at an average of 196.16 miles per hour over a measured mile course.
Amelia Earhart set a record of 184.5 miles per hour a year ago.

Boy Demands Official Rescue

Pueblo, Colo.—Tony Malalich, who had fallen into the water, refused to be rescued by a group of boys nearby. When they attempted to drag him from the water he yelled for the police, declaring that if he had to be rescued he wanted it done right—by the officers.

Soldier Finds Own Name in Cemetery

Glasgow.—Private Donald J. McKay, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, wonders who lies in a grave bearing his name and number in the New First Cemetery, Cambrai.

Beer Mug as Weapon Banned in Bavaria

Munich.—Beer steins, ash trays, table cutlery, soup bowls and other normal fittings of restaurants must be removed out of sight whenever a political party hires a beer garden or restaurant for a mass meeting, according to a police order issued and effective throughout Bavaria.

The measure has been taken, it is said, in the interest of public safety, movable objects having been found too tempting when some point of an argument needs driving home. There is nothing like an empty beer mug in the hands of a potent citizen for silencing a refractory opposition, and a good ash tray goes a long way.

Modern Living Blamed for Low Birth Rate

Washington.—The continued decline of the birth rate in the United States is traceable directly to the change in living conditions and other economic conditions, according to the chief of the bureau of vital statistics, Dr. T. F. Murphy. The increasing popularity of apartment house dwelling, which is comparable to the cliff dwelling of other ages, is largely responsible for the slackening in the birth rate, he said.

Many of these large apartment houses do not allow families with children to lease the apartments, he said, since the noise of children playing might prove a nuisance to other lessees. It is seldom that these houses are equipped with yards or playgrounds, he said, and this is not an inducement for child rearing.

Another potent factor in this decline is the increasing number of marriages where both husband and wife work, Doctor Murphy pointed out, and since the standard of living of the wage earner today has been raised to such an extent that a family cannot live on the salary earned by the husband, the necessity for the wife to go out to work has arisen.

Dissemination of data concerning birth control plays an important part in keeping down the birth rate, he said, and this widespread campaign is increasing each year.

Twin Crack Shots Celebrate Birthday

Stockholm, Sweden.—Sweden's master shots, Maj. Wilhelm Carlberg and Capt. Eric Carlberg, twin brothers, have just celebrated their fiftieth birthday, although not together because the former lives in Stockholm and the latter in Teheran, Persia where he is employed by the Swedish match interests. Eric also has served three years with the Persian gendarm-erie.

As early as in 1906, at the Olympic games in Athens, the marksmanship skill of the twin brothers was pronounced and brought many prizes to Sweden. Two years later, at the games in London, Wilhelm won three gold medals and three silver medals in pistol shooting, while Eric won two first and two second prizes. Wilhelm also captured the world championship in revolver shooting in 1913.

"Save My Biscuits" Plea Is Answered by Firemen

Albany, N. Y.—"Fireman, save my biscuits!" cried Mrs. William J. Gary as she returned from the grocery to find the lock had snapped on her door.

Locked out and knowing the biscuits were rapidly passing the browning stage in the kitchen oven, Mrs. Gary rushed to a neighbor's telephone and called the fire department. The fire ladders dashed on the scene, hoisted a ladder to a window, and saved the biscuits.

Start Fight Against Collectors' "Summons"

Madison, Wis.—Letters issued by collection agencies which are misleading because of their likeness to a court summons have won the disapproval of the Wisconsin Bar association. The commission decided to start a campaign against use of these letters and has warned that prosecutions may follow if the abuse is continued.

Tough Sleeper, Did You Say? Here's Champion

Peekskill, N. Y.—John W. Kearns' lumber in a garage was suddenly disturbed when a light truck driven by W. L. Williams ran over his legs. He was taken to a hospital, but after it was ascertained no bones were broken Kearns indignantly demanded he be permitted to leave. He was able to walk out unassisted.

Pool Closed to Save Clothes

Crews, England.—A children's paddling pool has been closed here on Sundays because of the risk of Sunday clothes being ruined and the fact that some nearby residents objected to the noise of childish laughter on the Sabbath.

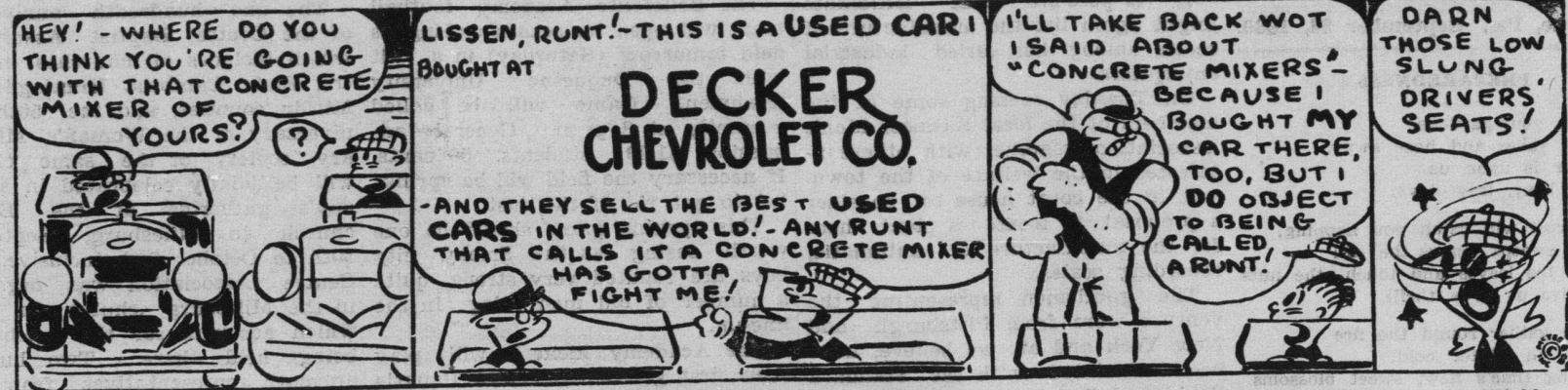
Greetings From the Sky

London.—Sky greetings will enliven London's summer nights when the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland projects on the clouds "London welcomes its visitors" in English, French, German and other languages.

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A FARMER was awakened one night by the reflection of light on the ceiling. He ran to the window in time to see the tail light of a retreating truck and in a glance saw that his barn doors were open. Too late to pursue, the farmer telephoned his neighbors and the sheriff. It was not more than half an hour before the truck was halted and its occupants captured. They had attempted to steal thirty bushels of wheat, harness, and a variety of farm implements.



The Modern Farm Home Has a TELEPHONE

WHY

There Can Be Months Without a Full Moon.

Moonless month is the name popularly given to a month in which no full moon falls, says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. Under our present calendar February is the only month that is shorter than the lunar cycle and consequently it is the only month which can have fewer than four moon phases. The missing phase, however, need not necessarily be the full moon, but may be any one of the four. Likewise five phases of the moon occasionally fall in the other months.

The average time from one full moon to another is 29 1/2 days, and the time from one phase to another varies from less than seven days to more than eight. About every six years February has only three moon phases; it is, of course, without a full moon much less frequently. In 1896 February had no full moon, while the preceding January and the following March had two full moons each.

This remarkable sequence, astronomers estimated, will not occur again for 2,500,000 years. February was without a full moon in 1885 and 1915, and from approximate computations made by the Naval Observatory there will be no full moon in February 1934 and 1961. Februaries without new moons or either of the other two phases occur at about the same intervals, but, of course, in different years.

Why Moon Is Kept From Obeying Law of Gravity

Two forces, working in opposite directions, neutralize each other and determine the orbit of the moon. Like any other moving body the moon tends to follow a straight flight path. If the gravitational pull of the earth were suddenly annihilated the moon would move away on a straight line tangent to its flight path at the instant of release. The earth is continuously pulling the moon in from this tangent path which it tries to follow. If the speed of the moon were reduced it would move in closer to the earth. Mere motion of an object does not overcome gravity. For instance a bullet fired from a horizontal gun will start to fall immediately and will fall at precisely the same rate as another bullet of the same size and weight dropped from the hand at the same elevation. But the force which moves the moon is working against gravity and it depends on speed.—Pathfinder Magazine.

A Wise Saying

"A man who has sense enough to see simple things in their true light," says Dr. E. T. Bell, "turns the whole world upside down." Up to the time of Galileo, even mathematicians believed small bodies fell faster than heavy bodies. But Galileo climbed to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, let fall two balls of different weight and size, and they struck the ground simultaneously. That simple fact revolutionized mathematics.

Why Drive Nails Into Trees

A query which comes to my desk asking what to do for pear trees which blossom and do not mature fruit and where the color of leaves is dull, calls to mind that years ago when a small boy my father sent me to the garden to drive some nails into one of the pear trees there to meet the same condition, and it proved successful.

Those nails as they rusted supplied the iron which was deficient in the soil. I am reminded of this in reading that one of our scientists advises putting iron salts in holes bored into pear trees where the leaves are dull in color and the trees show lack of vitality.

This has been the practice for generations in Europe. Bring a fruit tree into healthy condition and it will produce fruit provided the blossoms are fertilized.—Portland Press-Herald.

Why Sunset Is Brilliant

The Naval Observatory says sunset colors are caused by the excess of rays of long wave-length, red and orange chiefly, which pass more readily over the long path through the dense lower strata of the atmosphere, which must be traversed at sunset, than the short wave-length blue and violet rays, which are obstructed not only by the atmosphere, but also by dust particles and impurities suspended in it. The finest sunset colors are produced when there is the greatest amount of dust and impurities in the air through which the sunlight passes. No sunsets are perfectly colorless.

Why Insect Pests Flourish

Whence came our present insect pests? Most of them came from foreign countries. And they come here without their natural enemies. In this way the balance is disturbed, wholly in favor of the insect. An insect in his home land is often so harmless and obscure that his presence is not even noted. This is because his natural enemies keep him in his place. But transplant this little bug to America, give him plenty of rich food and no enemies, and he will show what the biological laws of reproduction mean.

Why Covered Bridges

It is stated that the chief purpose of covering bridges was to protect the bridges themselves against the weather, and not to serve as a shelter for travelers. This protection added many years to the life of a wooden bridge, at a time when lumber for the roof and sides was cheap.

Why Airplane Ride Cools

Aside from the motion, there is a second reason which makes an airplane ride cool: For every 1,000 feet ascended there is an actual drop of three degrees in temperature.

Why Lobster Turns Red

A lobster turns red when it is boiled because the result of the effect of boiling water on the coloring material in the shell, and is a chemical change.

Private Ownership

Private Ownership is the Basis of American Economic Life

Thirty-six million people have deposits in saving banks. Sixty-five million have policies of life insurance, the results of individual effort. Every owner of a farm, of a house, of a security of any kind is virtually interested in maintaining private ownership and private operation of property. Public ownership would be ruinous and every tendency towards such action should be strongly combatted.

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