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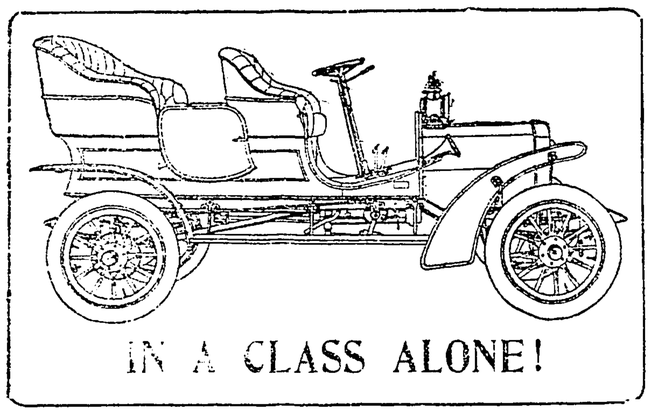

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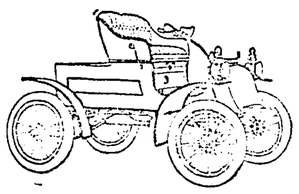

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HAS A GOLDEN SECRET

SONORA INDIAN APPEARS WITH ORE ASSAYING $1,800.

HE IS FOLLOWED BY SPIES

Unscrupulous Mining Men Do Their Best to Find Source of his Wealth But so Far Their Efforts Have Amounted to Nothing.

T. G. Gibson, of Tepisco, Sonora, who is in the city on private business, says that there is great activity in mining in the neighborhood of his home. Some thirty to forty miles to the north of there several rich mines have been discovered, and a reported find of rich places mines in a stream in the same neighborhood has led to the buscones quitting work in many of the camps to go in search of mines or placers. Mr. Gibson says:

"Some two weeks ago a Mexican of the buscon class offered to sell me a considerable quantity of placer gold, which he claimed he had found within 100 kilometers of Tepisco, but he refused to tell where he had gotten it. Among this gold was one nugget as large as an ordinary-sized marble. A friend of mine bought this gold for $250 and a day or two late said it for $585.

"It is no uncommon thing to find the buscones of that part of the country with gold for sale. This nugget"—here he exhibited a piece of smoothly-worn wash gold of irregular shape, and about half an inch long by a little over a quarter of an inch wide, with a piece of white quartz running cross-wise through it—"I bought from a buscon, some three years ago, in Tepisco. He had several other pieces of this gold ore, but as I was not then interested in mines, I bought this simply for the purpose of making a pin out of it.

Spying Did No Good.

"About eight months ago a buscon brought into Tepisco a mule load of silver ore, which he sold for $260 to one of the local ore buyers. All efforts to induce him to reveal the place where he obtained the ore proved of no avail. When he found he was watched by spies of mining men he went back to work upon a little corn ranch that he had in the neighborhood, and there he stayed until those watching him got tired. About two months ago he suddenly disappeared, and had not again been seen there at the time of my departure two weeks ago. It is my opinion that he is again on the hunt for the mine from which he got the ore. Or, if he knows where it is, he is taking ore out of it on the quiet; for he sold out all his corn and realized on his other crops at a sacrifice before he left. It may be that he is taking out denouncement papers. But this I doubt, as an Indian in that country rarely does that for it means the payment of taxes, and incidentally the revealing of the place where the mine is situated. The Indian about there has been so badly treated and cheated that he is afraid of every one, and suspicious of even the mining authorities, and in this he has been in the right, though now there is scarcely a district about there where he would not meet with fair treament. But I have known of many an Indian being bluffed out of his claims by some mining man with money, and I am sorry to say that Americans have been among the bluffers.

Ore Assayed $1,800 a Ton.

"The silver ore which this Indian brought into the town was an oxide almost jet black running like a great seam through a wide vein of hard lime formation. I confidently expect that some day this district will be discovered and then look out for a boom. One of the pieces of ore brought in by the Indian assayed $1,800 to the ton in silver and $1,500 to the ton gold. Very little of it ran much less. The man who made the assay has tried every means in his power to induce the Indian to tell him where the hidden mine is. But the best he could get out of him was that it is in the north at a considerable distance from Tepisco, and that the whole region, which is on the borders of the notorious lands, is seamed with veins of silver ore.

Many buscones have been seen on the hunt for this hidden mine ever since the Indian brought in the famous ore some months ago.

OVER ICE IN A MOTOR CAR

In This Way Explorer Expects to Reach South Pole.

Special Cable to The Herald.

Brussels, Dec. 9.—M. Henryck Arctowski, the Antarctic explorer, gives some further details of his daring plan to reach the mysterious regions of the South Pole.

He proposes to do it by motor car. From the natural landing places of the southern seas there exists a vast field of smooth ice which is supposed to cover the polar region without breakages or crevices—a flat field of ice as smooth as a frozen pond.

Other explorers have been on that field, but they could not go fast enough to complete their exploration. Captain Scott travelled over the ice for five months, but his dogs could make only ten miles per day and in the end he was driven back by fear of starvation.

Mr. Arctowski's solution of the difficulty is simple. Travel ten times as fast and the Pole will be reached long before there is any danger of the food giving out. He proposes to do this by using motor cars, and the idea is approved as possible both by Captain Scott and Mr. Shackleton, who accompanied him on his long journey over the ice field.

The motor car designed for Polar exploration will of course be a very different affair from that used in towns. The wheels, for instance, are to be a foot in width, tired with leather and studded with long protruding nails to give them a hold in the frozen snow. Under the car will run a blade like the runner of a Canadian sledge, and the weight of the car will rest on that blade and not on the wheels.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TO OPEN DOORS VERY SOON.

The registration list for pupils wishing to enter the agricultural college of the government next year will be open from the fifteenth to the end of the present month from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock each day.

The National School of Engineers will also hold its registration during the same time and hours of the day.

LIKE CONEY ISLAND

BIG AMUSEMENT PARK IS PLANNED FOR THIS CITY.

WORK TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

Ingersoll Company That Owns Amusement Parks in Almost All the Big Cities of the North Holds Valuable Concession Here.

The concession for the establishment of an amusement park in Mexico, which was applied for last month, to the department of the interior by Frederick Ingersoll, A. P. Gibbs-Smith and H. L. Greer, representatives of the Ingersoll company, of Pittsburg, Pa., and which has recently been approved by the Mexican congress, promises to be a big proposition, if the plan as laid out by the company is carried out in full. That it will be then seems to be no reason to doubt, for the Ingersoll company is one of the strongest amusement concerns in the United States, having established amusement parks in Youngstown, O., Toronto, Canada, Atlantic City, N. J., Coney Island, N. Y., Buffalo, N. Y., Cincinnati, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Reading, Penn., Fort Wayne, Columbus, O., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cal., Omaha, Neb., Kansas City, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., Nashville, Tenn., Canton and Akron, O., Sandusky, O., Chattanooga, Tenn., Toledo, O., Grand Rapids, Mich., Evansville, Ind., Scranton, Penn., Nantucket Beach, Mass., Revere, Mass., Pittsburg, Penn., Cleveland, O., New Castle, Penn., and many other places throughout the United States.

The cost of the amusement park of the Ingersoll company at Pittsburg, according to the statement of the representative of the company, Col. J. H. Dietrick, now in the city, was $600,000, gold, and that of the Cleveland park $400,000.

Others Have Lacked Money.

In the past score of years the amusement park business in the United States has assumed mammoth proportions, and there is scarcely a city or town of any considerable size that has not one of some kind or other. A park of this kind has been talked of for the past ten years in this city, and several times it seemed as if the scheme were about to be realized, but something finally came in the way. But almost all the schemes of the past were promoted by people with little or no money, and the business of the promoter down here was to raise the money in this city for the carrying out of the project. This was where he generally ran up against the first and greatest snag in his financial voyage, and the one that brought the scheme to grief.

But the Ingersoll company proposes to set about the park scheme in an altogether different way. The men representing the company state that they already have all the money necessary to build the park and equip it thoroughly, and that they are therefore in no way dependent upon the raising of a single cent in the republic of Mexico.

Colonel J. H. Dietrick said yesterday that he expected to commence at once the work of establishing the park, the land for which has already been leased for a term of ten years. This land is situated to the east of Chapultepec park, to the right of the zoological gens, where the Airship company once had its building rigis.

There the park company has a large tract of land situated between the Paseo de la Reforma and the Calzada de Chapultepec, comprising 30,000 square meters.

Speaking of the proposed amusement park Colonel Dietrick said that it would be an elaborate example of the modern type of exposition parks with magnificent buildings, ball rooms, concert bands, circus performances, exposition shows, combining the scenic, the electrical, the mechanical and the theatrical in one.

"The park will have dancers, darling performers, the circus ring, the mystic, the curious and the other forms of amusement which are to be met with in the best of like shows in the United States, the home of the great amusement parks," said the colonel. "One of the features of the park will be its fine electric lighting. This is, of course, one of the principal attractions of all the parks of a like nature and the one that does most to bring the people out at night.

Provision for Two Classes.

"A special feature of the proposed park here and one that will be appreciated by the general public will be the division of the park into two parts. One-fourth of the ground will be fenced off for the entertainment of the people of the lower classes, who will be admitted to this free of charge on Sundays and national holidays. The other three-fourths will be given over to the entertainment of the people of the middle and upper classes."

Among the features which it is proposed to have in the park here on its opening day is "The Scenic River," sometimes known as "The Old Mill," which is a river course starting at "The Old Mill" whose great wheel produces the river current. The boat glides along among scenic representations of Dutch farms, castles on the Rhine, French castles in the distance, the vineyards of the Don river, then into ragged outlines of icebergs, the aurora borealis, the Polar regions, forests, grottoes and caves, out again into the day of park. Another feature will be the roller coaster, which is well known to all who have visited any of the amusement parks in the United States.

The circle swing or aerial swing will also be there. This is a contrivance something like a merry-go-round, but boats take the place of horses. These boats are attached to cables and the whole thing moves around by electric machinery.

Colonel Dietrick says that the company expect to commence work as early in January as they can get the material on the ground, and they will begin the construction of from fifteen to twenty-five buildings, some of them quite extensive structures, for the housing of their various novelties. For this work some twenty-five skilled mechanics will be brought from the United States and these, with the help of a number of Mexican skilled mechanics, expect to rush the structures up in from three to four months at the outside.

Colonel J. H. Dietrick.

THREE FAMOUS TOREROS ENGAGE IN AN AMATEUR CORRIDA AT THE MEXICO RING

Bombita Chico, the bullfighter, is a chicken from behind the ears and did not win of the poke among the Americans who crowded the bulls with the same crazy young men and women. Today he will give and somebodies as Bombita kill real bulls in the Mexico City Plaza de Toros and Mexico. Today Bombita and there will be a crowd.

A banquet was given on Thursday afternoon in Bombita's honor by Ignacio de la Torre y Mier. Among those who attended were Jesus Dominguez Sera, Eduardo Gomez, Sandino Gaona, Antonio Alcalde, Indalecio Lopez, Gerardo de Murga, Raul Ramos Berdejo and several others.

After the feast the party proceeded to the Mexico ring where an amateur bullfight was held. The bulls were those reported at last Sunday's combat, and they had proved themselves to be two most famous bull killers in the world, Bombita, Finetes and Montes appeared on the arena.

It was a week for the three champions, and Bombita claimed a fixed price of $1,000 gold of not tackling the bulls immediately after a twelve course banquet.

The young Spanish grocers and barkeeps who were doing the amateur work, served as an excellent foil for the three professionals mentioned. The bulls with the same crazy and somebodies as Bombita, Finetes and Montes. Today Bombita will alternate in the sword work with Montes. Fears of rare sport are having are expected, for the young men are rivals for championship honors.

Montes has been here for three seasons and the Mexican bowl dates on the 17th, before that they each the superior of all in the bullfighting business.

Bombita has been seen just once in this country, and that was on last Sunday. He at once conquered the respect of the multitude.

The bulls at that occasion were exceptionally bad, and Bombita was consequently no great in his condition. But it was observed that he had a whole bag of tricks that were entirely new to this place and the young of the sport are eager to see more of him.

The bulls that will do battle tomorrow are from the stock farms of Piedras Negras and they are said to be exceptionally fierce and powerful.

HOUSE IS "HAUNTED"

GUADALAJARA POLICE INVESTIGATE SOURCE OF CRIES.

WOMAN BEING BURIED ALIVE

Persistent Appeals in Feminine Voice for Help Cause Gov. Ahumada and Police to Visit House and Decide on Careful Search.

Special Dispatch to The Herald.

Guadalajara, Dec. 9.—Guadalajara has a "haunted house," according to the belief of thousands of people here, and great excitement prevails. According to the stories that are told throughout the city, a woman's voice is heard calling from an underground position. The voice asks for help to save its owner from being buried alive.

The police department and the Third criminal court have taken cognizance of these stories to the extent of making investigations. Governor Ahumada has been among the visitors at the house.

Hundreds of persons congregate in front of the house at all hours of the day and night. On several occasions it has been necessary for the police to clear the street in order to allow street cars to pass.

Occupant Not Scared Enough to Move.

The "haunted house" is a two-story structure at the corner of Lopez Cotilla and Pavo streets. It is but a short distance from Governor Ahumada's residence. The house is the property of the state of Manuel Cruz, who died several months ago. It is occupied by the wife of Epitacio Chavez Martinez, a captain in the Mexican army, who is now in Sonora. She claims to have repeatedly heard the subterranean cries, but refuses to be disturbed by them to the extent of giving up the house. Emeterio Arreola and family occupy the second floor of the building. They also claim to have heard the woman's voice calling for help. People in the neighborhood and dozens of persons who have visited the house make the same claim.

Policeman Hears and Faints.

It is stated that the mysterious cries have been heard at intervals during the past two months. However, stories concerning them did not gain general circulation until a few days ago. They reached the ears of the police authorities, and Chief of Police Ponce and a detail of gendarmes went to the house. Chief Ponce states that he heard the cries while there. One of the policemen fainted. Tiles were removed and excavations made at several points, but nothing was discovered. After this investigation the police department reported the matter to Francisco Palafox, judge of the third criminal court. He went to the house and drew up a formal "acta."

Explanation May Be in Tunnel.

Theories of trickery in connection with the mysterious cries have been advanced, but none has yet been sustained. One of the local papers declares that the cries are undoubtedly the result of a plan on the part of some one to bring discredit on the property so that it can be purchased for a small sum. The police are still endeavoring to find some explanation for the subterranean cells. In connection with the stories it is stated that several old tunnels, centering in the Carmen church, exist in that part of the city. The police will probably decide to make a search for these tunnels.

BROOM FACTORY TO BE BUILT AT GUADALAJARA.

Special Dispatch to the Herald.

Guadalajara, Dec. 9.—N. F. Peters and W. Woodward, two Americans, will establish a broom factory and a plant for the roasting and grinding of coffee in this city. The business will be conducted under the firm name of N. F. Peters and company. An initial investment of $6,000 will be made.

Machinery capable of turning out thirty dozen American-style brooms daily will be installed. During the next several months the broom corn necessary for the factory will be imported from the United States, but arrangements have been made for a crop of land near here for the growing of broom corn. It is expected to harvest the first crop next year. The firm will bring in the most of its coffee from Colima.

WEEK OFF AT CHRISTMAS

American School Will Be Closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.

American boys and girls are the same the world over, and those of the American school are no exception when it comes to Christmas vacation. They are looking forward with a pleasure to the last day of school before Christmas, the good little chap being as anxious for the week off as the proverbial bad boy. The American school will close its doors of this year's Christmas on December 23, and any boy or girl found in the school-yard on the morning of the 24th will be considered weak in the upper story. Such an absent-minded child would be sure to find soap in somebody's stocking Christmas morning.

The vacation will continue for one week, school to reopen for the second term on Monday, January 2. Written examinations will be conducted in all the grades from the third to the high school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of the term. They will be carefully prepared by the teachers and revised by Superintendent Herron. A report of these examinations will be rendered on the regular reports which are sent out every month. They will be issued on Friday, December 22.

The second term of the school will begin Monday, January 2, and those pupils who desire to enter for the new term should be in attendance at the opening of the school on Monday.

TAMPICO BUYS NEW REVOLVERS FOR POLICE.

Special Dispatch to The Herald.

Tampico, Dec. 9.—A contract has been let by the city council of Tampico for sixty new Colt revolvers of the latest pattern, with which to arm the gendarmes. The revolvers ordered are double action and 38-calibre, and such as are uniformly used in the large cities of the United States.

FEW IDEAS IN COMMON

ONE OBJECTION TO A FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE.

NEW ARTICLES BY M. JAURES

Socialist Leader Declares Germany Is Largely Responsible for the Armenian Massacres and the State of Anarchy in Macedonia.

Special Cable to The Herald.

Paris, Dec. 9.—M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, has just made public another series of articles expressing his views in regard to the Franco-German alliance. At the outset he declares that he never proposed a German alliance, "for an alliance presupposes the existence between the contracting and co-operating nations of a community of views and plans in the most essential questions."

Continuing Mr. Jaures says:

"But there are tendencies in German foreign policy with which it is impossible for republican France to associate herself and which we Socialists have never ceased to combat. In order to secure in Turkey and Asia Minor privileged economic treatment Germany has always supported and flattered the red sultan. German policy is responsible to a great extent for the Armenian massacres and the sanguinary anarchy in Macedonia.

"The Sultan would have yielded to unanimous Europe. The special assistance of the German empire has secured immunity for him and encouraged his practices. In the same way the head of the German empire, impatient for the partition of China, has made himself the prophet of the crusade against the yellow peril.

Violence Would Be Widespread.

"If Europe shared his views she would submit Asia to a regime of systematic violence and exploitation. The kaise rand czar would prepare the revenge of the white races against Japan and the subjugation of the Asiatic peoples. This policy has always seemed to Socialists as senseless as it is wicked."

M. Jaures prefes England's policy, which now supports in Turkey and Asia Minor reform and European control, while it recognizes the rights of the yellow peoples to the rights of free development.

M. Jaures considers that a German alliance would be for France a [illegible] and aggravated edition of the Czarist serfdom from which his people have only just emancipated themselves. He denies the right of the Frankfurter Zeitung to put the question addressed to France as to what it would do in the event of an Alsatian German war. He says that no nation has the right to ask another nation to give pledges in view of such an uncertain eventuality.

NAVIGATORS ARE TO BE GIVEN NEW MAPS.

A commission of engineers is to be appointed by the secretary of communications to make new charts of the coasts of the republic for the use of sailors and fishermen.

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