

### Mexico Is Excited Over Reports of Diamond Finds

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 21.—Finders of "diamond mines" are numerous, but the diamonds have not yet appeared in the market here, says no Barney Bernard, who arrived to dazzle the capital with his sudden opulence.

One tale told here is that a great diamond field has been found near the border of the states of Sonora and Sinaloa. This field is as vast in extent as the world-famous field in South Africa. But that is not all. The diamonds are as valuable as any the world has yet seen. They are large, gleaming, and almost ready to be put into rings, necklaces and other ornaments. There will be little toll for diamond cutters, as nature has done almost all of the work.

Another story comes from the state of Guerrero. It reads like the veracious prospectus of the Consolidated Wildest Diamond Corporation. This is it:

A famous geologist—too well known to be named—has found the diamond mine from which General Guerrero took sparkling gems and presented them to Emperor Augustus, who, before he became a monarch, was General Augustus Harbide.

General Guerrero told no one the secret of the location of his diamond mine and died with the secret unrevealed. But the well-known geologist—name not mentioned—put two and two together and walked straight to General Guerrero's mine. Diamonds were everywhere, a mass of gems equaling in value the fortune of any nabob. The well-known geologist, after telling of the diamonds, went on his way to look for something else.

### Old Spanish Missions in California Revived

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Missions of California, famed in the history of civilization in the great west, and which sprang into existence nearly three centuries ago when zealous missionaries toiled northward over El Camino Real—the King's Highway—are to be revived.

The twenty-one missions, now decaying and in ruins, which lie along the highway from San Diego to Sonoma will be brought back to life through the activities of the California Mission Restoration Association, which is now instituting a movement to culminate only when the last mission has been restored in its ancient picturesque splendor.

Father Raymond M. Messers, Spanish diocesan padre, who has devoted twenty-nine years of study to the Spanish missions of California and to actual work in these historic places is in full charge of the restorative work under way. Leading the movement and furnishing aid are Herbert C. Hoover, Luther Burbank, John G. Mott, Harry Chandler, Mrs. Florence Barker, Juan Camarillo, R. M. Tobin, Charles Templeton Crocker, Mrs. Eleanor Martin and other prominent Californians. Complete ecclesiastical authority has been given to the association for whatever restoration construction the Spanish mission architectural authorities recommend. Title to all the mission properties is held ecclesiastically.

### College Girls Wallop High Cost of Living

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Shotwell boarding "establishments" at 620 University place, Evanston, Ill., which cater exclusively to young women who come to Northwestern University, to feast at the founts of knowledge, lately has been sending forth a new challenge to "Hi Cost."

There is Miss Jessie Wall, senior member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and recently voted the most beautiful girl on the campus, and her assistant, Miss Beatrice Cook, sophomore and Phi Beta. They are shampooing the co-eds at 25 cents per shampoo and crimping the co-eds at 50 cents per crimping.

Then there are the Misses Virginia Howells and Miriam Hamilton, both seniors and Kappa Kappa Gammas, who are putting the Evanston widows of shoe-shining brushes to blush. They are shining the co-educational shoes at 10 cents a shine.

Then there are many silk stockings that adorn the campus. These must needs be kept in repair if the co-eds pocket-book is to stand the strain of the term. So we have the Misses Ruth Ann Montgomerie and Marjorie Baker, both "sophs" and Kappa Alpha Thetas. One may watch them "stare 'em while you wait" most any afternoon at Shotwell House. One stocking 5 cents; a pair 15 cents. These are the body blows being dealt to old man "Hi Cost."

### Searchlights to Guide London-Paris Airships

London, Dec. 21.—Important experiments are being carried out by the Air Ministry for the purpose of constructing an aerial highway between England and France.

Two suggestions have been put forward by the experts. One is for the use of powerful searchlights, ranging machines; the other is for a series of stationary vertical beams. So far experiments have been carried out with searchlights. The idea is to have two stations erected on the English side of the channel and also on the route from the French coast to Paris. Already there are light-houses at Croydon and Lympne, in England, and at Le Bourget, in France.

One great result of this lighting way would be the commercial possibilities of night flying by the aircraft transportation companies. It would be possible for cargoes to be collected at the end of the business day in London and delivered at the beginning of the business day in Paris. Slow machines would economize in fuel and also carry bigger loads, thus materially reducing costs.

### Tale of Buried Gold Starts Town Digging

Stamfield, Mo., Dec. 21.—The little town of West Plains is having the thrill of its existence in a search for buried treasure. Unidentified persons digging in the yard on garden of the home of the late "Uncle John Rogers" quaint old character who left a small fortune, started the treasure seekers on the trail of hidden gold.

Rogers died five years ago and just before his death told friends he was leaving a fortune. He never told where the money had been left and interest in his hiding place died out after a while. The recent appearance of strange visitors to West Plains and subsequent discovery of floors torn up in the old homestead started gossip flowing again.

Recently overturned piles of earth found in the Rogers yard recently, and mysterious lanterns lighted flashing through the vacant house at night have given West Plains additional thrills. Now it's a town-wide search for buried treasure with everybody taking a "dig on the side."

### French Hotels Plan Uniform Tourist Rates

Paris, Dec. 21.—Hotel proprietors and touring agencies are having finally discovered that the facilities accorded foreign tourists to visit the country, and especially the "terre de France" during the coming year have fallen and that the high prices charged in various establishments having tended to keep out Americans. They have formed a league to make conditions better in the future.

One of the first points down for discussion is that of the uniformity of prices. Tourist agents complain that there has always been a difference in prices for the Frenchman and for the foreigner. In future they consider that the prices should be the same for everyone and that hotel managers should not always look upon all Americans as millionaires. Also they predict the coming of a large army of visitors if healthy conditions prevail in all sorts of establishments which Americans either visit or live in. The preparation of food should also be carefully watched according to these experts on tourism.

### Installation of Lodge Officers Is Postponed

St. Paul, Or., Dec. 21.—The installation of a new council of the Knights of Columbus, which was to be held here next Sunday, has been postponed until January 3th. State Deputy H. P. Pearce of La Grande, Or., will have supervision over the work. This will be the second new charter granted in Oregon since the 1st of July. It was expected that the council would be

established on the 26th, but for reasons best known to themselves the date has been changed. This will give the St. Paul people more time in which to prepare for the great event and they propose to make it one of unusual interest. New candidates are being secured as fast as possible and it is expected that the class will number more than 100 by the time for initiation. A lot of knights from Portland, Salem, Mt. Angel and Woodburn are expected to be in attendance.

### Cloverdale Briefs

Cloverdale, Or., Dec. 21.—Miss Elizabeth Morris, who has been employed in Salem, has returned home to remain for the winter. Mr. Fillet and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kunke were in Salem Friday.

Elmer Harris of Salem spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Anna Kunke spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Salem with relatives.

F. A. Wood and family were doing their Christmas shopping in Salem Saturday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas was the scene of joyous times Saturday evening when the young people far and near gathered there to celebrate the 13th birthday of Miss Anna Zirele. Parties from Portland and Salem came to take part in the celebration.

Lunch was served by Mrs. J. Thomas, assisted by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Wilson, at a late hour.

Boyd Wilson of Portland spent the week-end here with his father, W. H. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champion left Friday for Polk county, where they will visit with their family for a few days.

James Craig and daughter were shopping in Salem Saturday.

Plans are being made for the organization of a guard company at this time.

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