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AFTER 2,000 YEARS : -Workmen recover second imperial galley which has rested in the bed of Lake Nemi since 67 B.C.

-Italy-

Picture.:- It is the first time that great vessel has seen the--

--light of day for over two thousand years. And that's a long--

--time. It is the second of three--

--galleys built to the order of Emperor Caligula as a sort of floating--

--palace in which to stage those licentious affairs which led to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire.

Claudius, who succeeded Caligula, ordered them to be sunk. Time and experience had taught him some newer ideas of --

--high spot entertainment. The vessel has been recovered by draining Lake--

--Nemi, --'Diana's Mirror' as it was fancifully called. It is certainly the oldest vessel in the world, yet the--

--timbers are in a remarkable state of preservation.

It will soon be ^{housed} used in a lakeside Museum, a satirical monument to the--

--weakness and strength, the foresight and folly of a powerful empire.