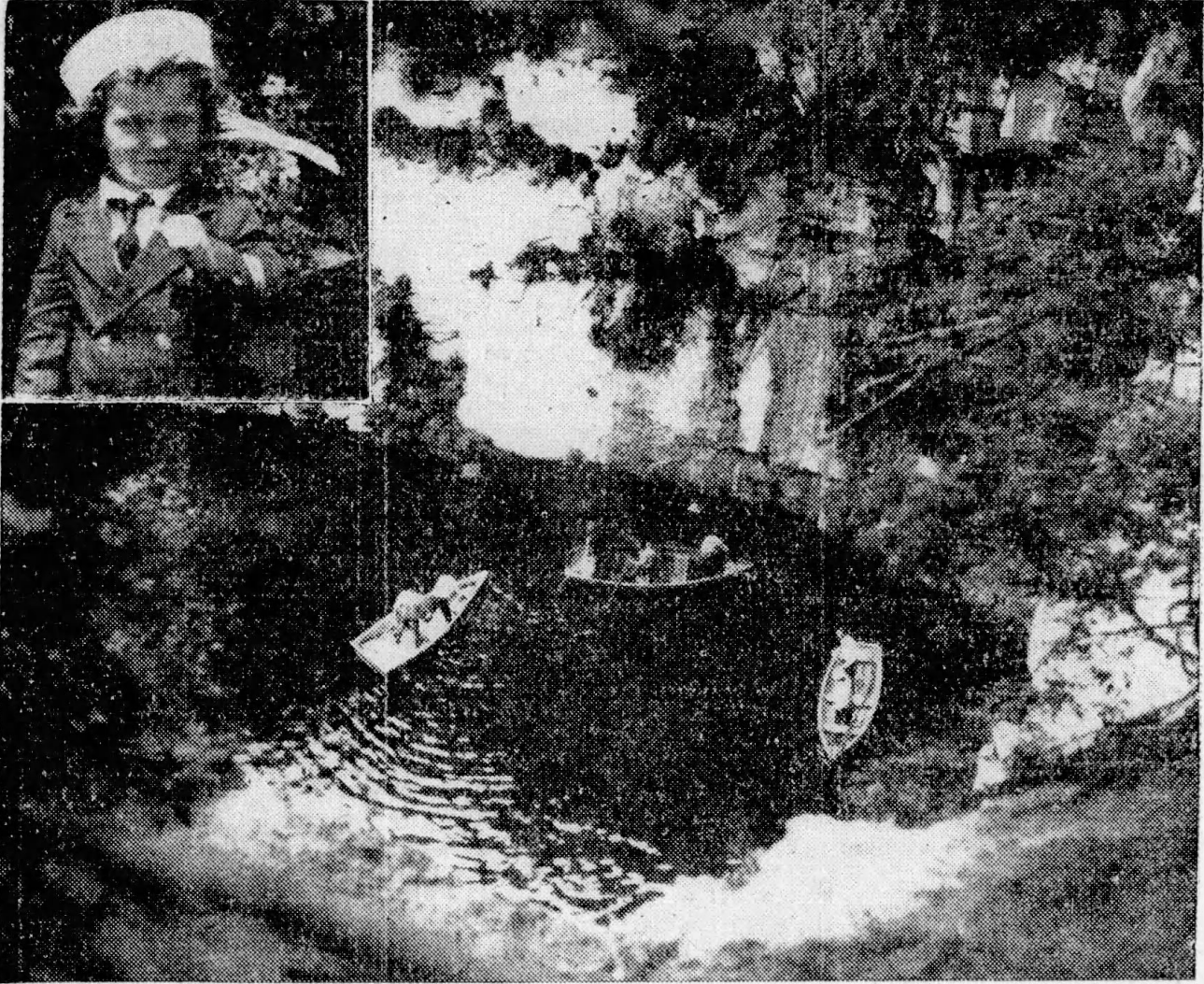


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(Daily Argus Staff Photo.)

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The alarm brought hundreds to the old quarry which is directly across the street from the residence of Sing Sing Warden Lewis E. Lawes.

### Search Impeded

Search for the body was impeded by the small amount of light let into the lake by the towering walls of the cliff. Three rowboats were hurriedly transported from the nearby Hudson River, and placed in the lake at one point reached by a steep bank.

After a long search in which grappling irons combed the inky depths, the small body was brought to the surface.

According to stories told by James' playmates, the boys had never played by the quarry before, and the surviving three narrowly escaped a similar fate.