

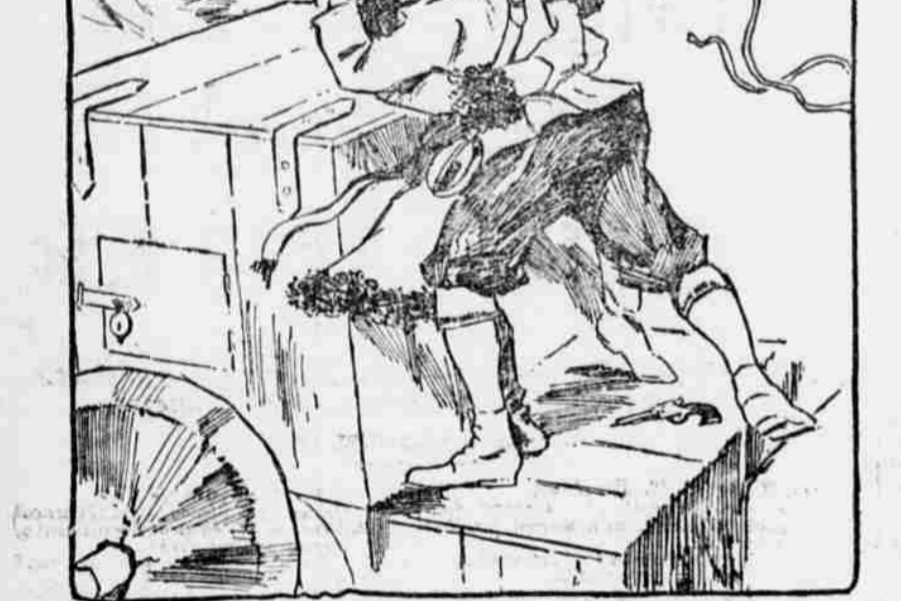
THE COSSACK MAIL-DRIVER. AN ADVENTURE ON THE ROUTE FROM IRKUTSK TO PEKIN.

BY WILLIAM MURRAY GRAYDON.

The first tidings of the war in Korea reached me on the eve of my proposed departure from Irkutsk, the thriving metropolis of eastern Siberia.

But now the prospect of witnessing a struggle between two such nations as China and Japan tempted me to alter my plans, and after several hours' reflection I hit upon a scheme that seemed feasible.

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THE STRUGGLE.

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"Why is the placard posted here, Ivan?" I asked the Cossack. "Can it be that Serge Platoff is suspected to be in the neighborhood?"

"I don't know, your honor," he replied. "It is not likely that the convict would come south when he could more easily escape to Russia or the Pacific."

"Hold on," I said. "Don't go without me. Where is Ivan Ivanovich?"

"I'll show you if it is," I exclaimed angrily. "I came from Irkutsk with the mail, and I'm going the rest of the way."

coherently and show my papers. One of the men had been shot through the arm by Serge Platoff, for it was indeed he.

Three of the party pushed on down the road with intent to recover the mail from the shattering wreck.

I ultimately decided to abandon my expedition through China, having seen as much as I cared to of the Altai mountains, and after resting for a few days I continued my journey to Vladivostok.

Richard Dale. One of the bravest men who ever sailed the sea. If an example were asked of the superiority of character and courage over mere intellect...

He was born in Virginia in 1756, and at 12 years of age went to sea, driven by the poverty of home. He was destined to have a long and adventurous career.

Almost as soon as war was declared, Dale, then a fine young fellow, 19, enlisted in the feeble naval forces of the colonies.

The Lexington's officers and men were carried to England and thrown into Mill prison, where they underwent the agonies of famine and privation.

It is strange that men who could accomplish this should have been so unwise as to stay together, but for a week the whole party wandered about the country at night.

In the summer of 1779 the Bon Homme Richard, old crazy and weak of trim, but under Paul Jones' orders, set them to work in the narrow seas of Great Britain.

At the most critical stages of the battle, when the leaping, burning and helpless Bon Homme Richard seemed an extinguished torch, Paul Jones' orders set them to work.

Forty days in the black hole. He was confined in a small cell, and he was forced to live on a diet of bread and water.

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appearance were depressed. In a little while they were sent back to Mill prison. Forty days in the black hole of the prison followed.



DALE SWING HIMSELF OVER.

out the Bon Homme Richard, which was afterward to fight the greatest single ship's battle in history, and in which both the commander and Dale were to win immortality.

He remained with Paul Jones until they reached America in 1781. He then joined the Trumbull frigate, and went through with the war of 1812, his son, a gallant young midshipman, received his death wound.

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old friend, Captain Barry, had come into possession of the splendid gold sword given Paul Jones by the king of France, and which Paul Jones' relatives had given to Robert Morris, and from him Captain Barry had inherited it.