



IN THIS TALE JACK LONDON'S SEA EXPERIENCE IS USED WITH ALL THE POWER OF HIS VIRILE PEN

"Eh, Hump? How's it strike you?" he asked, after the due pause which the words and setting demanded.

SYNOPSIS.

Humphrey Van Weyden, critic and dilettante, is thrown into the water by the sinking of a ferryboat in a fog in San Francisco bay, and becomes unconscious before help reaches him.

arm and starting forward. He crossed the deck, sprang into the fore rigging, and began to climb. But the quick eye of Wolf Larsen caught him.

so much air; but the life that is demanding to be born is limitless. Nature is a spendthrift. Life? Bah! It has no value.

CHAPTER VII—Continued.

A cruel thing happened just before supper, indicative of the callousness and brutishness of these men.

At half after five I went below to set the cabin table, but I hardly knew what I did, for my eyes and brain were filled with the vision of a man, white-faced and trembling, comically like a bug, clinging to the thrashing gaff.

He shrugged his shoulders. "You know you only mean that in relation to human life, for of the flesh and fowl and the fish you destroy as much as I or any other man.

Johansen called out to Harrison to go out to the halyards. The Ghost was rolling emptily in a long sea, and with each roll the halyards slackened and jerked taut.

"You were looking squeamish this afternoon," he began. "What was the matter?"

He started for the companion stairs, but turned his head for a final word. "Do you know the only value life has is what life puts upon itself? And it is of course overestimated, since it is of necessity prejudiced in its own favor.

"That'll do, Johansen," Wolf Larsen said brusquely. "I'll have you know that I do the swearing on this ship if I need your assistance, I'll call you in."

I could see that he knew what had made me possibly as sick as Harrison, that he was trying to draw me, and I answered, "It was because of the brutal treatment of that boy."

At last, after three days of variable winds, we have caught the northeast trades. I came on deck, after a good night's rest in spite of my poor knee, to find the Ghost foaming along, wing-and-wing, and every sail drawing except the jibs, with a fresh breeze astern.

"I'll bet he has no appetite for supper," I heard Wolf Larsen's voice, which came to me around the corner of the galley.

"Value? What value?" he looked at me, and though his eyes were steady and motionless, there seemed a cynical smile in them.

Each day grows perceptibly warmer. In the second dog-watch the sailors come on deck, stripped, and heave buckets of water upon one another from overside.

"It's a shame," I heard Johnson growling in painfully slow and correct English. He was standing by the main rigging, a few feet away from me.

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The days and nights are "all a wonder and a wild delight," and though I have little time from my dreary work, I steal odd moments to gaze and gaze at the unending glory of what I never dreamed the world possessed.

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"We were talking about this yesterday," he said, "held that life was a ferment, a yeast, something which devoured life that it might live, and that living was merely successful pigghishness.

Its Effect. "Jags was very much affected at my talk with him on the evil effects of drink. I could see how he filled up."

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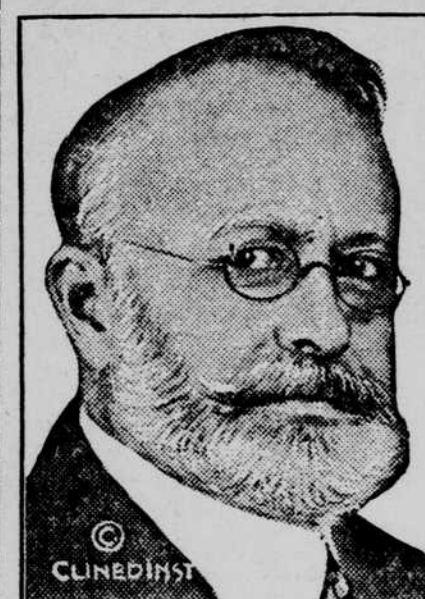
Look for the Good in Others. You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues.

While artificial ice has not "made" the United States, it has made life worth living here. You who can remember back to 1870, when there were but five artificial ice plants in the nation, have some idea of the comforts it has brought.—Kansas City Star.

Drake in Offenburg. Offenburg, near the edge of the Black forest, upon which bombs have been dropped by a hostile airman, has a remarkable connection with England.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

BIXBY ONLY SMILED



During the opening week of the Pan-American Scientific congress, just at the time when the delegates seemed to be endeavoring to impress me another with the fact that they wore European-built clothes, a Brazilian engineer mounted the platform at one of the meetings.

be explained that all of the papers to be read had first been handed in to the chairman, who dealt them out one by one as the grandee arrived at the platform.

Then from the audience arose a tall person with a loud voice, who spake as follows: The trouble is, general, that you have given him the wrong paper, and he is trying to tell you about it."

HE IS GENERAL NEWTON

"Fewer cases of insanity are being received in the asylums and hospitals of Russia today than before the war, notwithstanding the brain-racking experiences which hundreds of thousands of people of that country have gone through during the past year.



While in charge of a Red Cross hospital in Kiev, Doctor Newton fell in love with Princess Schahofskaya of Petrograd, who had volunteered as a nurse.

There is no place like home—according to the glowing description given by the man who is trying to sell his.

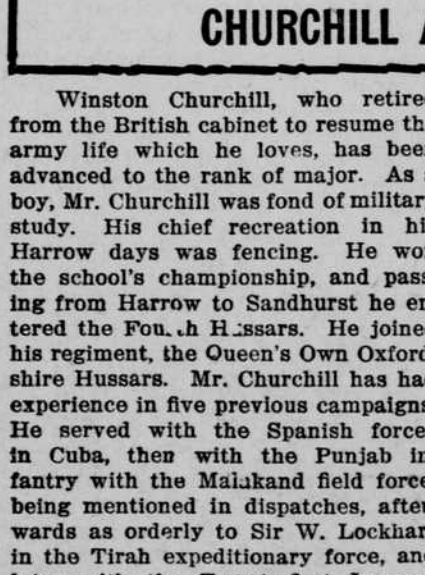
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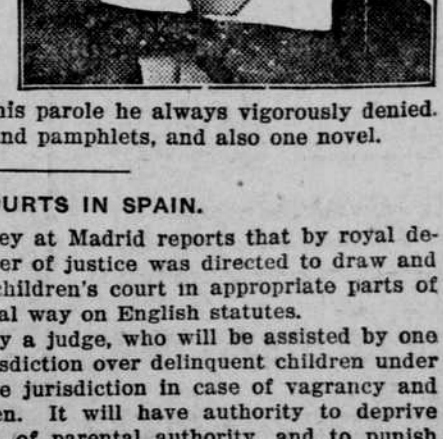
Washington has been laughing over an exchange of telegrams between Senator Lewis of Illinois and Senator Kern of Indiana regarding the style of dress J. Ham should wear at a Jackson club banquet at Lafayette, Ind.

Although the Illinois statesman is recognized as the arbiter and final authority on all matters pertaining to men's apparel, he sought the advice of the Hoosier senator, whose paint-brush whiskers are his only sartorial pride.

CHURCHILL AS A SOLDIER



Winston Churchill, who retired from the British cabinet to resume the army life which he loves, has been advanced to the rank of major. As a boy, Mr. Churchill was fond of military study.



CHILDREN'S COURTS IN SPAIN. United States Consul Robert Honey at Madrid reports that by royal decree, recently promulgated, the minister of justice was directed to draw and submit to parliament a bill creating children's court in appropriate parts of Spain.

PERUNA TONIC. Are You Well? What would you give to be perfectly well? All you have got, of course, is what you have.

SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS. It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

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Why That Lame Back? Morning lameness, sharp twinges when bending, or an all-day back-ache; each is cause enough to suspect kidney trouble.

An Iowa Case. Frank J. Rooney, grocer, 153 Julien Ave., Dubuque, Iowa, says: "I had rheumatic pains in my left hip, often extending into my shoulder."

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