

The Green Pea Pirates

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HORRID WAR.

Synopsis - Captain Phineas P. Scraggs has grown up around the docks of San Francisco, and from mass boy on a river steamer, risen to the ownership of the steamer Maggie.

CHAPTER IX--Continued.

"Why?" demanded Captain Scraggs, instantly on the defensive. "Not that I'm holdin' any grudge agin you, Scraggsy," said Mr. Gibney affably.

Notlin' but glory. Can you hook a chunk of glory for ham and eggs. Phineas Scraggs? Not on your life. If it hadn't been for you buttin' in with your blasted, rotten hulk of a fresh-water skiff, I'd--

ton, I should say, and showin' a pretty pair of heels. There's somethin' up for'd--yes--let me see--yes, there's two more--holy sailor! it's a gunboat! One of those doggoned gasoline coast patrol boats, and there's the federal flag flyin' at the fore."

leaped into the hold. "Bear a light here until I can root out the wheels of these guns. Here they are, labeled 'cream separator.' Stand by with that sling to--"

gle rested an instant in the trough of the sea--and a deckhand jerked the lanyard. Instantly Mr. Gibney clapped the long glass to his eye.



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Captain Gibney, a victim, organizer "The Syndicate."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)