

# JOHN TOPP, PIRATE

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### CHAPTER XV.

"Wake up, Jack," whispered Alec, nudging me. "While you've been sleeping the snails have made up their minds to creep out of their shells. See, there they go!" And he pointed to some half score of men who were making their way down to a boat which lay drawn up on the beach. A jag of rock almost concealed it, and it was only when we saw the point for which the men were making that we caught sight of the boat at all.

"What shall we do?" said I. "Call the other two fellows and have at them at once?"

"No use. We might manage that armful, but no doubt there are plenty more where they came from. We should simply be running into their net."

"Are we to let them wander about at their own sweet will? Look! Those fellows are off toward the cove!"

"Can't help ourselves that I can see. So you'll just have to let your valor slumber quietly, old boy!"

"We shall have a score or two of them up here pig hunting for their dinners directly."

"Yes; they won't be content to patrol the shingle down there like so many harmless crabs."

"Then let's get to our raft at once and back to Galley Island. There's no plunder to be made out of these fellows, so where's the use of meddling with them?"

"Plunder! Jack, I do believe you're the most thoroughgoing rascal of a sea thief as ever deserved short shirt and a fathom of rusty chain!"

"Hard words, Alec!" I retorted hotly.

"But true words, though none but your sworn shipmate dared have used them. Hark! What's that?"

There arose from below a sound which caused us to prick our ears to their sharpest angle. A body of men had emerged from the cliff leading some prisoners with them, and one of the latter was singing an English sea song. The words came up to us distinctly through the clear morning air:

Sal away,  
Hack away,  
Plunder! [Clank]  
Gather all the valuables you can,  
Come back,  
Nothing lack,  
Thunder. [Clank]  
Scatter all the money like a man.

His mates joined in the chorus with all the recklessness of men who know that they are in too tight a place for their conduct to matter. The guards, however, seemed to think the merriment untimely and did not spare their buffets, and one of them, catching the principal singer a whack on the head that knocked his cap off, exposed to view a smooth shining scalp that was as hairless as a mirror.

"By all that's surprising, it's Willie Trehalton!" said Alec in a whisper.

"Sure enough, but how did he get here?"

"On the carrack, of course, but not as a willing prisoner, I'll go bad. Just hear how he's cursing! Confound the foolish fellow; why can't he keep his tongue quiet, now that he's in their hands? We shall see him knifed before our eyes in a minute. We must let him know we're here."

"And up from among the slender fern fronds arose the 'peewhit, peewhit' of a plover.

Willie's solitary eye glanced for a second at the knoll on the low cliff's edge, and then he burst out again into his song as cheerily as if he were seated on an English tavern bench.

Presently the cortege came to a standstill, and three armored Spaniards, seating themselves on bowlders, motioned for the prisoners to be drawn up in line before them.

"A court martial!" I whispered.

One of the Spaniards began to address the prisoners in English, and it seemed to me that his voice was strangely familiar.

"Traitorous curs!" said he, "do you make full confession? Come, you dog, there, you with the crippled eye and the crippled hand, you who worst misused your trust, do you speak for your companions?"

"Meaning me, Don Uglyface?" quoth Willie Trehalton with unruffled composure.

"Measure your words!" said the Spaniard angrily.

"Aye, with a lead line, not with a foot-rule. I hadn't time to stint language just because you've promised to hang me in an hour's time. I tell you plain to your yellow teeth that I plumped the carrack on them rocks of purpose. I could have fetched her in through the fair channel an brought her up to snug anchor within a cable of this very spot, and that without losing a spar or carrying away a shred of canvas. But, Senor Spaniard, I didn't choose. As if I'd got her again with a fine reef on the lee I'd up helm an risk 40 drownings in welcome. So, Don Miguel, you can wrap that in your cigarillo an smoke it."

"Don Miguel!" said Alec, with a gasp. "I knew I had heard the voice before."

"Yes, it's Inez's father," said I gloomily.

"Then we'd better not allow ourselves to fall into his hands. There are old scores against us, and Don Miguel is not the man to forget to wipe them off. God help Willie Trehalton!"

"Hush!" said I. "He's speaking

again. Listen."

Willie Trehalton appeared to be enjoying himself down there on the beach. He was by nature a talker, and his subject seemed to have inspired him with eloquence. The Spaniards did not interrupt him, but it was little safety that I argued from their silence.

"Seven months ago, Don Miguel," said Willie, "you hired me an other other lads aboard your craft at La Guayra an gave us fair promise. I was to be pilot, they a crew to show your own lubbers how to furl a sail an splice a rope, an for a reward we was to be given our liberty an set aboard the first English craft that was brought within hail. We labored willingly an like fools trusted to a Spaniard's promise. We overhauled all your running rigging, set up all your standing rigging again, altered your canvas an made your carrack a seaman's ship instead of a soldier's as she was afore. An then how did you treat us? We had to lie on the deck all through the glass, like so many willocks, with no shelter from the rains an no shade from the sun, an if there was anything o' a sea the spray drenched us through an through at every dip she gave. Like dogs, we was given the dirty dishes to lick after your idolatrous stomachs was satisfied."

"Aye, aye, Don Miguel!" cried the boatswain, his voice rising almost to a shriek as he hurled his string of accusations. "You can frown an stamp your foot an put your hand to your sword hilt, but you can't deny the gospel truth o' what I say. If we did well, you thanked us with curses; if ill, you blessed us with blows. Then when a small brig hove in sight an, drawing near, flew a Plymouth ensign, we made bold to remind you o' your promise. Ha, ha, ha! We might have saved our breath! A Spanish promise! A Castilian oath! Easy made, both o' 'em, an just as easy forgotten. You sneered at us an said we were doomed to everlasting captivity. Then you bade us bear arms against our countrymen, forgetting maybe that we wasn't born south o' the Pyrenees. We refused. You flogged us with leaded whips, clapped us under hatches, sealed a trifle nearer the brig an then, feeling your courage ooze away, went 'bout ship like a lily livered coward that you are an ran in under the guns o' La Guayra, where she weren't able to get at you."

Don Miguel's sallow face turned livid at the taunt, and I expected to see him run the boatswain through on the spot, for a sharp tongue is a weapon which more often than not turns its point back on him who uses it. With a violent effort, however, he restrained himself and for the present let the squat square mariner alone, evidently reserving him for a worse fate.

"Have your say out to the full," he said, with an angry gesture. "There will be a bitter repayment when you have done."

"Thank you, Senor Jack Spaniard," replied Willie Trehalton coolly, "but it seems to me there hasn't much more to say. When I've called a villain both liar an coward, I don't think I want to add anything else. Other black words would fall white on him after those."

"Do you know what I shall do with you?"

"Hang me," said Willie, with a contemptuous shrug of his broad shoulders.

"You think so?" replied the Spaniard, with a cold smile. "Maybe before long you'll hope so too. But a rope would not pay one tither of my debt; it will require a far slower death than a mere dance on nothing. I shall have a post let into the sand yonder at low water. You will be lashed to it. The flood begins to make about sundown, and there will be five hours for you to regret the loss of my slip in before you draw your last gurgle. I have often heard you boast that the sea and you were old friends, and that many is the pleasant tussle you've had together in which the sea has been beaten. Well, you shall have one more duel together, and it will be curious to see which of you comes out the master this time."

"And now," he continued, turning to the other ten prisoners, "can any of you tell me how far we are from the main?"

"Happen a hundred fowls; happen two," replied one fellow gruffly.

"Ah," said Don Miguel, looking keenly at the speaker. "And will you undertake to build a small craft from the wreck of my carrack to take some of us there to seek assistance? I promise you your liberty and a capful of gold-pieces each, if you will."

"No, you blasted cur, I won't," growled out the fellow. "May my fingers be withered to the bone if they ever hale rope for you again and may my eyes drop out of their sockets if they ever see to drive a nail for you, except into your coffin! That's my answer, and you won't get a different one from any lad here." And then he spat contemptuously and relapsed into silence.

His mates nudged one another with their bound elbows, and burst into a leather lunged cheer of approbation.

"That's it, lads," sang out Willie Trehalton. "Stick to it; never give way, an these ussailory lubbers will have to leave their bones on the le-

land, unless the devil, their master, comes to fetch them away in a flaming chariot of brimstone."

But at this point, at a sign from Don Miguel, the guards led off our poor English lads out of sight—into a cave, we supposed—and as two or three Spaniards showed signs of wanting to scale the cliff we retreated to the covert where we had left our two men. In it we lay close all the rest of the day.

The time was one of plans and plots, of doubts and difficulties; but, though we whispered together long and earnestly, yet so still did we lie that the parakeets perched boldly in the boughs above us and preened their brilliant plumage in the sun as though their nearest enemy were many miles away. Great velvet winged butterflies as large as linnets fluttered past our eyes, and no quitoes bit our half naked bodies, but never a thought had we for butterfly or mosquito, for our minds were busy and anxious.

"Willie Trehalton must be rescued somehow," said Alec for the fortieth time, "even though it costs us our lives to do it." And the rest of us eagerly assented, for our old boatswain was a favorite with us all.

The scorching sun above us, arching his brazen course in fiery splendor, began at last to verge toward the distant wavy water line. The dancing air grew cooler and was freshened by a welcome breeze from the sea. Cautiously we drew out from among the plantains and, looking sharply around to make sure that no one spied us, crept all four back to the knoll and once more peeped from beneath the graceful fern screens.

The tide had not yet turned, and a couple of Spaniards were fastening a stout stake in a hole, which they had scooped beneath the outermost of the ripples. They laughed and joked over their work as though it were some holiday diversion and every now and then gave the post a shake to try whether it was secure.

When they had finished, one of them must needs lean his back up against the wood and pretend in pantomime

to be asleep. Then the epithet follows: "Sacred to the Memory of Henry Harris, Born June 27th, 1831, of Henry and Jane Harris his wife. Died on the 4th of May, 1837, by the Kick of a Colt in his bowels peaceable and quiet a Friend to his Father and Mother and respected by all who knew him and went to the world where horses can't kick where sorrow and weeping is no more." Rochester Post-Express.

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Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat was strong early today, but was forced down later and May closed 1/2c lower. Corn closed 1/2c higher and oats a shade higher. Provisions closed a shade to 3/4c depressed. Closing prices:  
Wheat—Feb. 77 3/4c; March, 74 3/4c; May, 75c.  
Corn—Feb. 33c; March, 33 3/4c; May, 34 3/4c.  
Oats—Feb. 24 3/4c; March, 25 3/4c; May, 26 3/4c.  
Lard—Feb. 47 1/4c; March, 47 1/4c; May, 47 3/4c.  
Ribs—Feb. 7 02 1/2c; March, 7 07 1/2c; Sept., 7 20c.  
Cash quotations—No. 2 red wheat, 75 3/4c; No. 1 red wheat, 75 3/4c; No. 2 white wheat, 67 3/4c; No. 2 hard wheat, 70 3/4c; No. 2 cash corn, 33 3/4c; No. 3 cash corn, 33 3/4c; No. 2 yellow corn, 33 3/4c; No. 2 white corn, 33 3/4c; No. 2 white oats, 28 3/4c; No. 3 white oats, 27 3/4c.  
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Chicago Live Stock.  
Chicago, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000, including 300 Texans; steers, steady to strong; butchers' stock and Texans slow; good to prime steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$2.50; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Texas grass steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Tex. as hogs, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hogs—Receipts today, 28,000; tomorrow, 30,000; left over, 4,000; opened strong to 5c higher; closed advance most; top, \$5.25; mixed and butchers, \$5.30 to \$5.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.37 1/2c; 5.25c; rough heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.50; light, \$4.75 to \$5.47 1/2c; bulk of sales, \$5.40 to \$5.47 1/2c; Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; active, shade higher; good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; fair to choice mixed, \$3.00 to \$4.10; western sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Texas sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.25; western lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.25.  
Kansas City Live Stock.  
Kansas City, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 natives, 1,000 Texans, 100 calves; stockers and feeders, steady; beef steers and cows closed weak to 10c lower; native beef steers, \$4.40 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.50; western beef steers, \$3.80 to \$4.80; Texans and Indians, \$3.75 to \$4.50; cows, \$3.00 to \$3.50; heifers, \$3.40 to \$4.00; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hogs—Receipts, 13,000; 2 1/2c higher; top, \$5.45; bulk of sales, \$5.30 to \$5.40; heavy, \$5.35 to \$5.40; mixed packers, \$5.30 to \$5.35; light, \$5.10 to \$5.25; 5.10c; rough heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.35; light, \$4.75 to \$5.47 1/2c; bulk of sales, \$5.40 to \$5.47 1/2c; Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; steady; western lambs, \$4.80 to \$5.15; western wethers, \$4.15 to \$4.40; western yearlings, \$4.35 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.90; cuts, \$2.50 to \$3.25.  
South Omaha Live Stock.  
South Omaha, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; active, firm; native beef steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; western beef steers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; hogs—Receipts, 7,000; shade to 5c higher; closed weak; heavy, \$5.35 to \$5.42 1/2c; mixed, \$5.32 1/2c to \$5.35; light, \$5.30 to \$5.35; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.25; bulk of sales, \$5.32 1/2c to \$5.35; Receipts, 5,000; rough heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.35; light, \$4.75 to \$5.47 1/2c; bulk of sales, \$5.40 to \$5.47 1/2c; Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; steady; western lambs, \$4.80 to \$5.15; western wethers, \$4.15 to \$4.40; western yearlings, \$4.35 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.90; cuts, \$2.50 to \$3.25.