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CHAPTER XXVI.

As long as we were within sight of Margherita we held on as though making for some of the Windward group, for we knew that there would be watchers on the cliffs, to say nothing of the pearl fishers in their canoes, who would at once spread the news of our neighborhood, and so spoil our chance of making a capture, unless we could manage to baffle them. But when the highest peaks of the islands were just visible as dots on the horizon from our mastheads, we hauled our wind and began making short boards under easy canvas to north and south alternately. By this means we kept our position as far as possible unchanged, just out of sight of Margherita, and trusted that the gold hunger of our lookout would let nothing of value escape us on the road to Spain.

For 15 long days did we patrol the seas on narrow sentries, go without sighting a sail. On one night a mermaid was reported by Job Trehalion as having sung to him as he hung over the tiller, and he told us with a shamefaced chuckle that it must have been the comeliness of his features which attracted her. Another afternoon we hauled a monster shark aboard and ate him, with the greater relish when we remembered that he would doubtless have done the same by us had the tables been turned.

On the fifteenth night we watched, with no little uneasiness, a pale, flickering flame passing along the waters in coiling curves some two leagues off toward the north-west. The knowledge of the great sea serpent prowling in search of prey and would have tried to scare it away with a shot from our big gun had not Alec flatly forbidden it. Now, though at the time I thought this veto of his ill judged and foolhardy, as tending to make the men careless in guarding against the common dangers of the deep, yet, as the issue showed, it was the luckiest thing for us that the men did not have their way; for had the noise of firing gone abroad just then the reward of our patient search would have slipped away ere we could pluck it, and we should never have known the rich prize we had lost.

Scarcely had the last flicker of the sea serpent's trail died into the night when Job Trehalion, who as the keenest sighted man on board was jockeying the fore cross-tree, hailed that another light was shining out now.

"What kind of light?" cried Alec.

"A clear, steady glow, sir, though it bain't bigger than a pea."

"Where away?"

"Down to loo'ard. Square abeam."

At the welcome news we slacked out our sheets, put the helm up and ran off before the wind to see what manner of company that light promised us.

When we had run half a league, Job sang out that there were three lights now and that he could make out that they were the poop lanterns of a large ship hove to end on to us.

In an instant all was preparation. Our numbers were small, but the 32 men who assembled without needing a drum to beat them to quarters were tough as whipcord and wiry as gamecocks. There were no pretence bands to hinder matters by overwilling scurry and bustle, nor were there any cowards who would duck to flying bullets. Each man knew his place and his work and went to it. Guns were cast loose and loaded, pikes unslashed from the booms, axes and small arms taken from their racks, lintstock tubs arranged along the decks, the powder room thrown open and everything cleared for action. Yet all this was done with the greatest quietness, so that if possible we might creep up within range of the enemy undiscovered.

The night was dark and suited our purpose well. The Scourge's course was down the wake of the few rays of moonlight that crept through the crumpled clouds, but the side of her cloths which faced the Spaniard was shrouded in heavy shadow. The galleon, on the other hand, was plainly visible to the eager eyes which peered over our bulwarks. She was hove to, as is the cautious habit of the dons during even the finest night, and her heavy bow now thrashed down into the swell and now shot off a cataract of foaming water as the beak rose again into the salt laden air. She was riding very dead, and many were the congratulatory rib nudges when the men saw how low she lay in the water.

"An 800 ton galleon," rumbled out Willie Trehalion in a growling whisper. "Eight hundred ton, never a one less, if my eye ha'n't lost its trick of measuring, an laden that deeply her waist's 'most flush w' the wave tops. There'll be tidy pickings behind those stout ribs o' hers, very tidy pickings."

"Oh, ho, ho!" chuckled the old man softly. "Counting the moldores and forgetting the caballeros that guard them. Smacking your lips over the tidy pickings like my burly Jack here, whose soul thirsts after plunder more than his belly does after drink. But, boatswain Willie and Lieutenant Jack, there's going to be a bloody fight first, eh?"

"Ah, ha! It's a blissfully greswome time I see ahead for the galleon yonder. Sleek sides hacked through and through with shot, carvings splintered

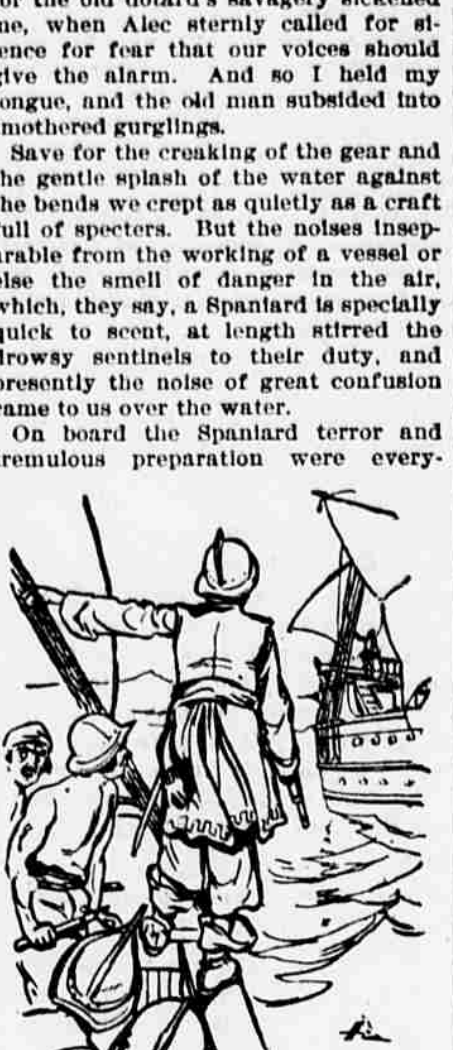
and giddings blackened, her pinions plucked, her fabric dismantled, and her scrappers will bleed till the sea around glows like an autumn sunset. Oh, ho, Captain Ireland! You're like to choke our good friends, the sharks, with very surfeit before this world is a night and a day older.

"Think of it! Scarce a shot will leave your guns that does not dull its speed on human flesh. That galleon has not spare housing for a fly. She's crammed with men close as pens in a pod, soldiers and servants, passengers and cooks, marines and officers. There should be nearly 600 pairs of ears aboard her. Saluts! What a merry conceit it would be to shred off those same ears and carry 'em home like a string of dried figs as a present to her most gracious majesty! What say you, Jack Topp, shall we do it?"

I was about to make a sharp answer, for the old dotard's savagery sickened me, when Alec sternly called for silence for fear that our voices should give the alarm. And so I held my tongue, and the old man subsided into smothered gurglings.

Save for the creaking of the gear and the gentle splash of the water against the bents we crept as quietly as a craft full of specters. But the noises inseparable from the working of a vessel or else the smell of danger in the air, which, they say, a Spaniard is especially quick to scent, at length stirred the drowsy sentinels to their duty, and presently the noise of great confusion came to us over the water.

On board the Spaniard terror and tremulous preparation were every-



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where. The portholes opened, and brass cannon grinned through them and gleamed evilly in the moonlight. A swarm of battle lanterns flew aloft and perched like fireflies in the rigging. An attempt was made to get the galleon under way so that she might answer her helm and thus be easier to fight. But her people were a more disorganized mob, each trying to be useful, but entirely without order or discipline, and so crowded as they were they succeeded best in getting into each other's way. Some flew to the sheets and braces, some merely hurried about bawling orders and directions to whoever would listen, and some loaded ordnance and small arms with frantic haste. These last, as soon as the charges were rammed home, were fired. Bow chaser, stern chaser and broadside pieces were fired as fast as the gunners could load them, but as they did not trouble themselves to take any special aim the volleys may perhaps have disturbed the fishes, but from us, the enemy, they drew not groans, but grins.

There the great galleon lay helpless, like some wooden island, spitting innocuous fire from every point. But the Scourge drew on under perfect command and in perfect silence.

When we were almost aboard of the enemy, Alec put down his helm and, running across her bows, poured in a heavy raking fire as each gun bore and then, getting before the wind again, came back under her stern and repeated the dose from the same pieces. While they were still lying helplessly head to wind he went about once more and, sending his starboard broadside into her poop windows as he shot past, ran away to northward and engaged at long range.

Hitherto, save for a few shot holes in the sails, a trailing rope or two and here and there a white jagged splinter, we had suffered nothing. But Alec had noted that the don's fire was steadying down as discipline began to assert itself and, knowing that one well aimed broadside must either dismantle or sink us, remembered that in a fight against heavy odds brains and not brute force should be the watchword. So, confident in the powers of his long gun, he sheered off to a distance and began pelting the Spaniard with single shots as fast as the piece could be loaded.

The don, on his part, after a quarter of an hour's furious cannonade, grew tired of firing at a mark which was obviously beyond the range of his guns and, setting his sail trimmers to work, got the galleon on the larboard tack. She was headed for Margherita, and it was plain to us that she intended to run for shelter under the batteries of El Pueblo del Norte.

Now, such a project by no means suited our ideas, and so we redoubled

our efforts with the long gun, hoping to carry away some spar that would disable her. But though Jan Pengony could plump a shot into the hull every time he clapped his lintstock to the priming there was not a gunner among us able to dent either mast or rigging. And so, flattening in our sheets once more, we made after her close hauled and, ranging up to windward, tried another plan.

By one of fate's revenges these Spaniards were hoist by their own mine, for on the old man's advice we crammed each gun to the muzzle with the very shackles and wrist cuffs that had chained some of us to a galley's ban; and, taking the quoins from the gun carriages, let fly a cloud of inquisitorial engines that brought everything down by the run about their ears. Fetters were never put to finer use.

A cheer went up as we saw the galleon with foremost gone below the round top, malyard cut through in the slings and rigging all in hopeless bights, full head to wind, lying an unmanageable hulk on the water.

But rejoicing came too soon. In answer to Alec's summons to surrender a tall armored figure sprang on to the poop and, halting us, swore he'd fight the ship while two planks of her held together.

The cheer died on our lips. The armored Spaniard was Don Miguel del Cassamoro.

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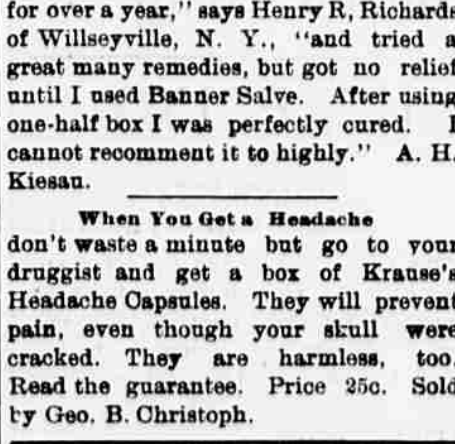
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