

JOHN TOPP, PIRATE

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

The galleon's gold had cost us very dear. Out of our slender ship's company 13 had been killed outright, four had burts that they would die under, and of the rest there was no man who could not show the color of his own blood.

When the excitement of the battle had passed away and the grim fever of slaying had become a memory, not one stood on our decks in whose body there was not some deadly throb or aching ache—not one who was not stiff from angry, rainbow colored bruises or faint from loss of blood. Our captain lay pale and helpless in his bunk, brought to death's very door by a bullet wound under the shoulder, which he had borne undressed through half the long fight. The back of the boatswain's bald pate was burned black with powder, and he had more ribs stove in than the pain would let him count. And of the others one all-eyed and another that, one by the blow of an ax had lost the fingers of his hand, another by the crack of a gunstock had lost the sense of his hand.

The active watch on deck consisted of two persons. There was Job Trehallon, with the old scar on his face crossed by a fresher seam, and John Topp, with a pike thrust through the calf of one leg and a dagger wound in the foot of the other.

We had remained in melancholy silence for I know not how long, when suddenly Job Trehallon got up without a word and went down the companion. Returning presently, he gave me a handful of biscuit and a lordly dram of cordial, and these, being sent on their errand, revived me wonderfully. So, after adjusting the bloody bandages round my leg and luster, I told Job that he and I must lay our heads together and consider where to steer to.

Job was all chuckles and grins in a moment. It was not often that he was called into council by any one save the old man, and him he affected to despise, and so he considered his confidence no compliment.

"One thing is sure," said I, looking at the battle have round me, "we can't keep the seas in this plight."

"No, Master Topp," chuckled Job, "that we can't. Let alone having no crew to reef or haul the sails, the hull an spars has such a many wounds in



"You and I must do our best." "em that the first good squall'll send us all to Davy Jones' locker double quick. No, no; we've winged, Master Topp, an winged birds has to lie quiet for awhile afore they tries to fly again."

"There should be abler heads than ours, Job, to settle matters in a plight like this, but the abler heads are all sadly battered just now, so you and I must do our best to decide a course without them."

A look of solemn importance struggled hard to drive the grin from Job's face. But habit was strong, and the grin conquered.

"We might go back to the old harbor on Cave Island, Master Topp. It were snug enough, an them huts on the hill above be a rare place for sick men to lie in."

"But the Spaniards, Job! You forget the Spaniards."

"Asking pardon," replied Job, screwing up his face with such a grin that the wound across it began to trickle afresh, "bu, one of them Spaniards that we left behind has got off. And if one, maybe all."

"What!" I cried. "One got off? Where did you hear of him?"

"Seed him an felt him, Master Topp, which is better than hearing of him. It was his iron as wrote this fresh mark across my face. That comes of disregarding the old man's words an sparing Spaniards," he added sagely.

"Captain Ireland's whim, Job," said I, shrugging my shoulders. "But are you sure of your man?"

"Sure as I am o' you, Master Topp, or o' uncle, or o' Captain Ireland, or o' any one else noticeable. This un was a short, cheery kind o' little chap, w' handy legs an a bright steel hat shined on his head. Now, sea armor is always blacked, so a man as wears his bright is nat'rally a man you notice."

"Why, I remember him!" said I. "A merry, cowardly little wretch named Sanchez so 'thing or other. Your uncle gave him a pretty scare in the Sergeant's temple."

"That's him; Don Sanchez! As if this

blow he gave me had been driven home 'stead o' falling half hearted through the frightened trembling of the don's arm I should have gone down sure enough. As it was, I stood an toppled him into the sea for cumbering my way. Saul Dickory maybe could tell us how handy legs came to be on the galleon."

"Fetch him," said I. And Job went. If Job was right and the Spaniards had really succeeded in leaving Cave Island, nothing could be more fortunate for us in our present crippled state. There we could recruit our war weary bodies and refit our wounded ship at our leisure, and when our pulses beat full and strong again we would be ready for another throw with Don Miguel, for I, for one, felt sure that we had by no means seen the last of that yellow fanged grin of rage.

But if our late slaves were still on the island I would be mad to attempt the landing. Heaven grant they had escaped!

"Aye," said Saul Dickory when I eagerly questioned him, "they've got off, sure enough I've seed a many of them, an, what's more, through them I've heard all about your doings on the island."

"How did they get away?"

"Slighted a trading snow the day after you left, signaled her w' a smoke from that 'ere Serpint hill I've heard tell of, an got took off. The snow set them ashore at Barcelona. From there some o' em took ship to Cartagena, where, as we was short handed, they joined our galleon."

"Then," said I cheerily, "our course is clear. We'll run to the old harbor to recruit and refit." And with the decision I felt more hopeful and light hearted than I had since first my wounded leg began to tingle.

When we rounded the bluff at the harbor's mouth and the foreshore in front of the cave opened out to view, it was with anxious gaze that those of us who were hale enough to stand on deck or to lann against mast or bulwark scanned the beach and the heights above the cave for sign of human habitation. The island was a pleasant enough spot to dwell in, and some of the Spaniards might have elected to stay and plant a colony there.

But not a trace of man did we see. Our old fortifications lay ruined and decayed, and in places the quick growing tropical vegetation had almost hidden them from sight. The heavy door with which we had closed the cave's mouth lay half covered with sand, and the doorposts from which it had once hung had fallen shantwise across the opening.

No, there was nothing to fear. The island had returned to the possession of the pigs and the gulls and the parakeets, its original owners.

To reach the huts on the high ground above was for the most seriously wounded an impossibility, and so we had to turn the cave itself into our hospital. We regretted this, because we had hoped much from the healing virtues of the flower scented breeze of the uplands, but there was no help for it.

Ah, it was a time to make the greediest plunderer hunter sicken of his trade! The angel of death was hovering round us and claiming now one good sailor and true comrade and now another as part payment of the price of plunder. Not that we were cheerless company, for the old man's caustic wit and Willie Trehallon's cumbersome attempts to reply to him raised many a smile from the weaker ones and many a loud guffaw from the stronger. And Job Trehallon's grin we had always with us.

But the summons of death came all too often, and the tale of sandy rounds on the yellow harbor grew sadly long in spite of all that the old man's skillful surging and John Topp's tireless nursing could do to shorten it. All that man could do we did, but our enemy was too strong for us.

The end of our nursing came at last. Some conquered their wounds, and some their wounds conquered, and when the last grave had been dug and filled there were but 12 men left out of the two and thirty who had been hale and strong when the fight for the galleon's gold began.

(To be continued next Friday.)

WARM TIME OVER CANAL BILL.

Austrian Reichsrath Scene of Bitter Debate—Cry of Traitor is Raised. Vienna, May 31.—The government's canal bill has aroused bitter opposition and the debate in the reichsrath, continuing until early this morning, was marked by stormy scenes. The Pan-Germans so fiercely abused Dr. Luenger, who supported the bill, that the sitting had to be suspended, the president being quite unable to quiet the tumult. Prince von Schwarzenburg in opposing the bill declared that the construction of canals provided an open door for foreign invasion and that it would seriously prejudice agriculture. Finally the Pan-Germans walked out of the house, Dr. Luenger denouncing them as "contemptible traitors to the country."

President Sam Well Received. Port au Prince, Hayti, May 31.—President Sam, who started north with a strong body of troops March 3, has returned here with the troops. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Ruled Strong to Five Cents Higher at Chicago. Chicago, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,500; strong to 5c higher; butchers' stock, choice steady, others slow; good to prime steers, \$4.50@5.00; poor to medium, \$4.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, choice steady, others weak, \$3.25@3.50; cows, \$2.50@3.00; hogs, \$5.00@5.50; canners, \$2.25@2.50; hogs, \$4.15; calves, steady, \$4.00@4.25; Texas fed steers, \$4.25@4.50; Texas hogs, \$2.75@3.00. Hogs—Receipts today, 25,000; tomorrow, 24,000; left over, 2,000; opened 5c higher; closed earlier, top, \$6.05; mixed and butchers, \$5.70@5.95; good to choice heavy, \$5.80@6.00; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75. Sheep—Receipts today, 10,000; tomorrow, 11,000; left over, 1,000; opened 5c higher; steady to strong; others slow; clipped lambs up to \$5.15; good to choice wethers, \$4.35@4.55; fair to choice mixed, \$4.10@4.30; western sheep, \$4.00@4.25; yearlings, \$4.50@4.75; hogs, \$4.25@4.50; western lambs, \$5.00@5.25.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; natives, 500; Texas, 2,000; calves, native and Texas, both steady, active and steady; other cattle, all the lower; choice beef steers, \$5.40@5.85; fair to good, \$5.00@5.35; stockers and feeders, \$3.65@3.95; western fed steers, \$4.00@4.50; Texas and Indiana, \$4.00@4.50; Texas grass cattle, \$3.40@3.70; cows, \$3.35@3.75; hogs, \$2.75@3.00; canners, \$2.25@2.50; hogs, \$4.35@4.65; calves, \$4.00@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 14,500; 507 1/2c higher; top, \$5.02 1/2; bulk of sales, \$5.75@5.85; heavy, \$5.60@5.75; mixed, \$5.70@5.85; hogs, \$5.50@5.65; pigs, \$4.50@4.75. Sheep—Receipts, 3,200; steady; western lambs, \$4.00@4.50; western wethers, \$4.00@4.50; Texas and Indiana, \$3.75@4.00; Texas grass sheep, \$3.50@4.00; Texas lambs, \$4.40@4.60; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.60.

South Omaha Live Stock. South Omaha, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; natives, shade higher; native, local steers, \$4.40@4.80; western steers, \$4.00@4.40; Texas steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.50; canners, \$1.75@2.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@3.50; calves, \$3.00@3.50; hogs, \$5.00@5.50; pigs, \$4.00@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; 507 1/2c higher; heavy, \$5.07 1/2@5.07 1/2; mixed, \$5.65@5.67 1/2; light, \$5.02 1/2@5.07 1/2; pigs, \$5.00@5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.07 1/2@5.70. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; steady; western lambs, \$4.00@4.50; Texas lambs, \$4.25; ewes, \$3.25@4.00; common and stock sheep, \$3.00@3.75; lambs, \$4.00@5.00; spring lambs, \$5.00@6.00.

Will Go Back to Old Scale.

Chicago, May 31.—Frazer & Chalmers of this city, who recently signed the 9-hour agreement with the machinists, announced that the firm would go back to the old scale of wages in effect before May 29. Altogether over 60 firms in Chicago signed the new agreement and it is said that the majority of them will follow the lead of Frazer & Chalmers and go back to the old scale.

Filipinos for Buffalo Exposition.

San Francisco, May 31.—Ninety-eight Filipinos arrived yesterday on the steamer City of Peking en route to the Buffalo exposition, where they are to display the manners and customs of their native land. There are 15 women and a dozen children in the party, including several young girls.

Confirms Yielding of China.

Berlin, May 31.—The German minister at Peking, Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, confirms the report that an edict was issued by the Chinese emperor Monday, May 27, agreeing to pay the indemnity (of 450,000,000 taels) with interest on the principal at 4 per cent.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac. Kiesau Drug Co.

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Thomas Maple, Birkbeck, Ill., writes: "I had a very bad case of kidney trouble and my back pained me so I could not straighten up. The doctor's treatment did me no good. Saw Foley's Kidney Cure advertised and took one bottle which cured me and I have not been affected since. I gladly recommend this remedy." A. H. Kiesau.

Geo. C. Hickock, Curtiss, Wis., says: "Foley's Kidney Cure has been tested and found to be all you claim for it. I have given it to my father and it is the only thing that ever helped him." A. H. Kiesau.

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"I had a running sore on my breast for over a year," says Henry R. Richards of Willseyville, N. Y., "and tried a great many remedies, but got no relief until I used Banner Salve. After using one-half box I was perfectly cured. I cannot recommend it to highly." A. H. Kiesau.

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