

One Against A Hundred.

About 1835 Captain Silas Jones, now president of the First National Bank of this town, says a Falmouth (Mass.) letter to the New York Herald, sailed from Wood's Holl as third officer in the ship Awashonks, Captain Collins, on a four-year's cruise in the South Pacific ocean. This voyage was one of most intense excitement and hairbreadth adventure, and, while Captain Jones is of a quiet and unassuming character and not fond of putting his glory before the world, yet your correspondent obtained a story full of interest and one that is not known to have been published, although in years past it was a theme of much discussion.

The vessel had a crew of about thirty-five men, including captain, first, second and third officers, and made the voyage around Cape Horn without incident. She cruised about the South seas, and when eighteen months out had 900 barrels of fine oil in her hold.

Closing in with a group of islands just north of the equator Captain Collins decided to make a trade with the natives. The ship was hove to, with most of her sails set, in a small bay where the calm water reflected the strip of white sand, green palms, and tropical plants that skirted its margin as well as the purple hills of the interior.

A number of native dugouts put out to the ship and made fast to k. chains and the savages clambered over the vessel's rail. At a favorable signal a fierce yell burst from their dusky throats, causing the ears of those who heard it to tremble and their hearts to quail. In less time than it takes to write it the ship's decks were full of natives and the unarmed crew made for the rigging, jibbons and forecaste—in fact, anywhere to escape the bloodthirsty islanders.

The fight that ensued was a desperate and indiscriminate melee. The natives had been so sure of a surprise that they had formed no plan of attack, depending entirely on their overwhelming numbers. At the first rush Captain Collins and the first mate were engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand conflict with some of the savages who had availed themselves of the ship's cutting-in spades, and the poor men were immediately hacked to pieces. Thomas Gifford, of Falmouth, a seaman, made a bolt for the fore-castle, and received a blow from a spade. He carries the scar across his forehead to this day, and it is a most unpleasant reminder of that bloody massacre.

Captain Jones, then a youth of about twenty, found himself surrounded by a number of infuriated natives, each struggling for a whack at him with keen-edged spades. He managed to parry the blows, jumping into the vessel's hold, and crawled among the tiers of oil-casks in the cabin. Here he found the steward and two seamen on the floor covered with wounds inflicted by the murderous spades. The rest of the ship's company were either aloft or cooped up in the forecabin. In one corner of the cabin was the magazine, containing the muskets and ammunition. Seizing the muskets Captain Jones gave them to the wounded men to load, while he set about rescuing the Awashonks.

The natives were scattered over the decks, stealing what they could get their hands on. They plucked up the ring-bolts from the deck's rails and tugged at them when two tons' strain would not have pulled them out. They pried at bolts and straps, picked at nail heads, wrenched down kettles and stove-pipes and threw them in the canoes. The chief, an ill-visaged rascal, was at the wheel endeavoring to beach the vessel, but he was not up in navigation. First he put the wheel down, and the sails not filling he put the wheel up. Slowly the Awashonks headed off and gathered headway toward the beach. An Indian who lived in Mashpee, some ten miles from here, cut the braces and the sails were taken aback. A shower of arrows and heathenish maledictions were hurled at him as he sought shelter in the tops. The vessel lost headway, but the chief continued his experiment with the rudder.

The cabin, where Captain Jones had taken refuge, was lighted by two windows in the stern and a large skylight overhead. When the enemy peered into these apertures a well-directed bullet sent them away in hot haste. For over an hour this skirmish between a desperate man and a hundred murderers continued. As fast as the wounded men could load the muskets Captain Jones would put their contents where they did the most good and the islanders began to have a wholesome fear of the window and set about devising some better method of attack.

Looking up through the skylight during the quiet that followed Captain Jones saw the chief at the wheel in his frantic endeavor to beach the vessel. Taking careful aim at his broad naked chest, he pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through the deck, and, having spent its force, rolled along the planking, to the chief's very feet. The savage left the helm, inspected the bullet hole, and then laid a piece of board over the splintered plank; he then returned to the wheel as unconcerned as could be. Another bullet from the musket pierced his heart and the lifeless form rolled into the scuppers.

At the death of their chieftain the islanders fled panic-stricken to the shore and the Awashonks was laboriously put to sea. She soon fell in with a merchantman, Captain Proctor, and was brought to Wood's Holl by a portion of the merchant crew.

Captain Jones was offered a master's berth by the owners of the whaler he had so bravely defended, and up to 1864 he followed the sea in that capacity.

The News of the Week.

From the Baltimore Sun.

WEDNESDAY.

Three thousand of the ten thousand dollars needed for the Fifth Regiment has been subscribed.

Mrs. Maria Euphemia Northrop, widow of Gen. Lucius B. Northrop, is dead.

The steamship Johns Hopkins, which was destroyed by fire, was valued at \$200,000,000, upon which there was insurance amounting to \$145,500. The cargo on board was worth about \$15,000.

Danish residents will present Capt. Murrell, of the steamship Missouri, when he returns to Baltimore, a picture representing the rescue of the Danmark's passenger's.

"Bull" Johnson, colored, who was pardoned last year by Gov. Jackson, after serving fifteen years of a life sentence for murder, was arrested for larceny.

Young Miller, charged with securing \$1,000 of his brother's money from the Baltimore Savings Bank by fraud, was brought to Baltimore from Richmond.

Changes have been made in the name and conditions of admission to the Jacob Tome School at Port Deposit, Md.

The Anne Arundel county tax rate is 69 cents on the \$100 for the first, second, third, fourth and eighth districts, 83 cents for the fifth and 54 cents for the sixth (Annapolis).

Another national bank is to be established at Cambridge.

President Harrison has been invited to attend the Suffolk county (New York) fair.

General Jubal A. Early will be in Winchester, Va., Confederate Memorial Day, June 6th.

The anti-Mahone republicans are pleased with the President's decision to delay the Virginia appointments until the dissections in the party are healed.

In the West Virginia gubernatorial contest case the count in four counties shows a clear gain of two votes for Goff, republican.

Joshua F. Ross, who was awaiting a second trial for shooting his uncle, George Hughes, shot himself through the head at Gloucester Court House, Va., and at last accounts was in a dying condition.

Norfolk and adjacent section was visited by another destructive hail-storm.

Kings county republicans complain that President Harrison is too slow in making changes.

Mrs. Wm. Meredith, of Stony Point, Franklin county, Pa., died Monday night from poison administered by herself while suffering from mental aberration caused by the sentence of her son to the penitentiary for killing a companion.

THURSDAY.

Baltimore Bohemians are anxious to secure possession of the marble slab of the grave of Hermen, the founder of Bohemia Manor, in Cecil county.

Dorothea E. Kramer, has sued her husband, Henry C. Kramer, for divorce for the fourth time.

John Carroll Dill, of Baltimore, was arrested in Philadelphia, charged with taking the savings of his fiancée, Miss Bertha Koeneke, of Baltimore.

Captain Wheeler and passengers of the steamer Jopps report having seen a large water spout on the Great Choptank river.

The steel cruiser Boston, it is said, is to be sent to Hayti with a commission to investigate the condition of affairs in that island, particularly as to the relations of European governments to Haytian affairs.

It is reported that the President intends to appoint Judge Woods, of Indiana, to the Supreme Court vacancy.

Supervising Architect Windrim says the reports of defective work on the new Baltimore postoffice have been exaggerated.

The jury in the case of Dorsey Suter, colored, on trial at Washington for the murder of James Payne, failed to agree.

Preston Algard, aged 20, was killed near Leonard, Cecil county, by lightning.

John H. Emerson, of Denton, aged 69, Rev. Wm. H. Downey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of H vrre de Grace, Elsie H. Rodgers, of Harford county, aged 72, and Capt. Alfred Cozzens, of Elkton, aged 75, are dead.

Julius Jordan's mill, near Galesville, Anne Arundel county, was burned.

Democratic primaries in Montgomery county will be held August 3.

The religious revival at Danville, Va., conducted by the Rev. Sam Jones, closed yesterday. Over 1,000 professed conversion.

The anti-Cleveland element in New York is forcing the dinner to the ex-President by Young Business Men's Democratic Club to take on a political appearance.

The non-partisan fiction of the New York police commission is shattered by the appointment of a democrat in the place of Mr. French, republican.

John D. Rockefeller has offered to endow the Baptist University at Chicago with \$600,000.

An old law will be enforced to keep women from the polls at the prohibition election in Pennsylvania.

The African Methodist Episcopal Conference got into a snarl over prohibition.

Three keepers of the insane in the Philadelphia almshouse have been arrested, charged with cruelty to the insane.

The body of Dr. P. H. Cronin, who mysteriously disappeared from Chicago several weeks ago, and who was reported to have gone to Canada, was yesterday found in a Chicago sewer, with wounds indicating that he was murdered.

Miss Annie Griffiths arrived at her home in Franklin, Pa., yesterday, to the great surprise of her relatives, who mourned her as dead, and buried the body of a woman found dead in Kansas City two years ago.

Snow fell at Harrisonburg, Va., yesterday, and the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah mountains are covered with snow.

In Lawrence county, Ohio, two young women quarreled about a young man, and in a fight with knives which ensued, both were seriously cut.

Yokohama papers give an account of the severe punishment of two Japanese journalists who published with a sketch a new liberal constitution picture of a skeleton on the Emperor's throne. One was sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined, while the other received one year in prison and was fined.

A special election was held Tuesday in the first congressional district of Kansas to elect a successor to the Hon. Thomas Ryan, who was recently appointed a minister to Mexico. Gen. Harrison Kelley, the republican nominee, who is a farmer, was elected without opposition, there being no other candidate.

The wedding of ex-Secretary Bayard and Miss Clymer will, it is said, take place at St. John's Church, Washington, on the 12th of June.

A little fellow, whose birthday is at hand, heard the question asked of a new-cower, "How old is that infant?"

His reply was, "She ain't old at all; she has just begun."

After he had seen the infant he said to his mother:

"Mamma, that baby had her hair cut in Heaven. I suppose they thought she would not be strong enough to walk to the barber's."

A modern instance.—Mrs. Flatowner—"Have you children?"

Mrs. Flatreuter—"Yes, we have children, but we do not expect you to let them live with us. However, I shall insist on having my pet dogs and parrots."

Mrs. Flatowner—"They will be welcomed, but I draw the line at children."

WHY HE OBEYS.—Teacher—The object of this lesson is to inculcate obedience. Do you know what "obey" means?

Apt Pupil—Yes, ma'am; I obey my father.

Teacher—Yes; that's right. Now tell me why you obey your father?

Apt Pupil—Cause he's bigger'n me!

EXTORTIONISTS.—"Why do you call that colored man a black mailer?"

"Because he is employed at the postoffice. And that ain't the worst of it."

"No?"

"No, sir; his wife take's hush money."

"You don't say so?"

"I do. She's a child's nurse."

NO GREAT ADVANTAGE.—Mr. Highlive (looking up from the paper)—Well, well! Wonders will never cease! They've got so now that they can photograph colors.

Mrs. Highlive (glancing at his nose)—I think, my dear, you'd better get your picture taken before the old process is abandoned.

"Oh, John!" said Mrs. Smith, tearfully, "ma has cut her thumb dreadfully and the doctor says there is danger of lockjaw."

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"Dear Mr. Editor: Remove the iron and insert the poem."

George (sarcasically)—"Do you love me? Will you marry me?"

Almira—"Not so fast, George. One at a time, please."

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