

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

## THE DEADLY CREESE.

IT WAS IN THE HAND OF THE MALAY SAILOR WHO RAN AMUCK.

Six Dead and Two Wounded the Record Made by the Wild Man in Ten Minutes. A Terrible Scene Described by a Sailor Who Was an Eyewitness.

"In four voyages to the East Indies, two of them to Malay ports, I have seen but one instance of that native phenomenon called running amuck. Fortunately I saw it from a position of perfect safety, but the sight was enough to make me steer clear of all Malays afterward and any vessel that has them on board," said Erdix Deering, "who as boy and man sailed many seas in deep water ships. "It was in 1865, when I was a boy, on my first voyage, on the ship Harry Warren, which sailed from Boston to India with a cargo of tea. We were lying at anchor in the roads off Madras, unloading our middle deck cargo into lighters, and 100 vessels of all nations were anchored about us, discharging or taking on board their cargoes. The ship was at anchor, about two cable lengths away, was the British ship Mahatta, which had come from Singapore in ballast with a crew of Malay lascars. It was one day at noon that the foremast was struck by a falling in the fore-castle waiting for the order to turn to, one of the sailors sitting on the captain's seat out:

"Hi, mates, just look over to the lime jolter! They're having some kind of a rumpus there. See 'em going. I believe 't's one of those Malays running amuck."

"We all jumped to our feet and looked at the Mahatta, and some of us ran up into the rigging to get a better view. From the topsail yard I could see all that was going on on the deck of the British ship. Amidships a lascar, naked to the waist, was slashing and stabbing at a European officer who had tried to grapple with him, while everybody else in sight on the ship was running fore or aft or taking to the rigging. On the quarter deck the captain was hurrying two ladies down the companionway into the cabin, supporting in his arms one of them who had fainted. As the officer fell helpless to the deck the Malay bounded past him, following three sailors who had run aft, along the port gangway, upon the poop. As he ran he swung before him a long, slender knife, its crooked blade curving in and out like the writhings of a snake. He overtook the rear-most man on the poop and cut and stabbed him, as he had done with the officer, until the man fell. Meantime the second man leaped overboard, preferring to take his chances with the sharks and water serpents to remaining on board, and the third man ran across the quarter deck and up into the mizen rigging like a cat. The man in the water swam for our ship, and some natives in a lighter picked him up ahead of the sharks. "The Malay left the man he had killed and looked around as if for fresh victims, but he himself was the only living person in view on the decks. He ran fore and aft, searching, but found no one, and he tried the cabin door, but it was closed fast. Then he went to the mizen rigging and started up the ratlines after the man who had taken refuge there. When the Malay had got as far as the mizen top, the man he was after took to the topgallant fore and aft stay and began to go down it hand over hand toward the mainmast. The Malay kept on up to the topgallant cross-trees and began to follow the man down the stay.

"There was something frightful in the relentlessness of his pursuit. He had got about ten feet down the stay when the captain appeared on the poop with a revolver and began firing at him. One, two, three shots he fired, and the Malay kept on down the stay. He was two-thirds of the way to the foot when at the fourth shot the arm that held the creese fell helpless by his side, though his hand still clutched the weapon. His clinging to the stay by one hand and his feet and kept on down it almost as fast as before. A fifth and sixth shot, and at the last the Malay stopped still, then fell like a lump of putty to the deck, full 40 feet below. Whether he was dead when he struck the deck I do not know, but the mate, who must have been watching from his room, ran out from the cabin to where the Malay was with a handspike and made sure work of the fellow before he could rise. Then the lascars came running from the fore-castle and down the rigging, and with captain bars, belaying pins and knives struck and thrust at the dead Malay until he had had a dozen lives in him they would have been hammered out of his body before the officers could restrain the excited sailors.

"Our captain got the full story of the affair from the captain of the Mahatta the next day. The Malay had been brooding and sullen for days before, though no one knew what his grievance was. On this day as the men were piped to dinner he had gone into the fore-castle, got the creese from some place where he had it concealed and had furiously attacked his mates without a word. They raised the cry 'Amuck, amuck!' and scattered, but not until three of them had been killed or mortally wounded and two more of them seriously cut by the creese. Running forward, he had encountered the second mate, and the rest of the affair I saw. Five men dead and two badly hurt by the Malay and himself killed at the end was the record of ten minutes' business in running amuck. Malays in mine after this? No, thank you."—New York Sun.

The Paris prefecture of police has a wooden horse, horse, and all candidates for the position of admiral must show that they know how to harness and unharness him and pass an examination in whatever other tests the prefect may propose.

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## HER ACCOUNT DOCTORED.

This Girl Kept an Expense Book and Lost a Husband.

There is a North Side girl who has a laudable ambition to know just where her money goes. She has tried two or three times to keep mental track of her expenditures, but this always proved unsatisfactory. At last she decided that she must keep an exact and minute account of everything she spent. She got herself a small book with rulings and margins and a pliable cover and set to work in earnest. She put down religiously everything she spent, the exact amount, the article and the date. She never allowed the slightest matter to go till there was a chance of her forgetting it. When she made any purchases down town, she went over the list carefully in the car on her way home and put the amounts on the outside of a package. In this way she succeeded in keeping a very satisfactory record of her expenditures.

There was only one drawback. She was forever leaving the book around. Of course there are a great many people who are only too glad to read such things. The servant would see it. The man who came to tune the piano might easily have done it if he liked, and she did not know whether he had or not. A neighbor had once picked it up on the lawn in front of the house and brought it in, but what was worse than all the rest was the fact that a couple of girl friends perused it one day. There were some things which she had talked a good deal about that she got for downright bargains. In fact, after this cataloging every thing she bought, she began to be shamefully cheap. However, she was unwilling to give up the bookkeeping, and if she didn't carry a notebook around with her she would certainly forget something, so she bought herself another expedient. She determined for the purpose of mystification to multiply everything she put down by ten—that is, to add a cipher to each entry. In this way she could always tell that every item really cost one-tenth of what appeared on the book. After this she didn't care who saw it.

There is a lot at the side of her father's house and a rustic seat. One day she left the book on this seat. In the evening the young man who had about concluded to ask her hand in marriage came along. He noticed the book, picked it up and looked through it carelessly. He was amazed. She had always claimed to be such a prudent girl, and he had believed she was. Still there he saw: Candy..... \$3.00 Soda water..... \$2.00 Gloves..... 11.00 Tea..... 7.00 Flowers..... 4.00 Hatpin..... 7.00 Car fare..... 1.00 Novels..... 12.00 Gum..... .40 Photographs..... 15.00 He was getting a fairly good salary, but he felt wholly unequal to the task of supporting a girl with tastes like that. In order to put himself out of any possibility of such a thing he married soon afterward a girl on the West Side who never kept any accounts.—Chicago Tribune.

Worked the Officers. A sailmaker's mate in the navy who wanted to get out of the service to go into business with some money he had fallen heir to made a success of the monomania dodge. It is the business of a man-of-war sailmaker's mate to sew up members of the crew who die at sea in hammocks preparatory to their being cast over the side. This sailmaker's mate appeared on deck one day with a queer look in his eye and announced to his shipmates forward that he was dead and that he was going to prepare himself for burial in the deep. Some of the men watched him as he went to the sailmaker's storeroom and began to sew himself up in a new hammock. When he had got the job about half finished, the men informed the officer of the deck of the case, and the sailmaker's mate was put under observation in double irons. When he was released from the brig, still under observation, but apparently not aware of the espionage, he went direct to the storeroom, got another hammock and began to ensnare himself again. The skipper of the ship reduced him to the rate of seaman for the purpose of keeping the man away from the sailmaker's storeroom, thinking that if he was removed from the sight of the stored up hammocks his mania might leave him. The night of the day he lost his rate the ex-sailmaker's mate broke into the storeroom where the new hammocks were kept and sewed himself up for burial again. Then the fleet surgeons held a survey on him, and he got his discharge. He started a tobacco store for sailors near one of the navy yards, and for some time he made it a practice to stand in the doorway of his shop and grin when any of the board of surgeons who had pronounced him insane passed by, as they were compelled to do on their way to and from the navy yard.—New York Sun.

A Bee Was Kept. A girl from town is staying with some country cousins who live at a farm. On the night of her arrival she finds to her mortification, that she is ignorant of all sorts of things connected with farm life which to her country cousins are matters of everyday knowledge. She fancies they seem amused at her ignorance. At breakfast the following morning she sees on the table a dish of fine honey, whereupon she thinks she has found an opportunity of retrieving her humiliating experience of the night before and of showing her country cousins that she knows something of country life after all. So looking at the dish of honey, she says carelessly: "Ah, I see you keep a bee."—Pearson's Weekly.

Doesn't Know It All. "What do you study at school, my little man?" "I am studying the history of France." "Indeed. What can you tell me about Charlemagne?" "Oh, sir, we have only got as far as Adam and Eve." Polichinella.

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