

MUTINY AND PIRACY

Thrilling Adventures of a Convict Ship Bound for Botany Bay.

THE RESULT OF A PLOT

Prisoners Succeed in Taking Possession of the Vessel But Are in Turn Captured and Brought to Crew.

In these days in England, when a prisoner receives a sentence to prison it means fair living, a moderate daily task, letters once a month and visits now and then from friends.

In the former years, before penal colonies were abandoned, transportation meant everything that was vile, vicious and horrible. A man would have done better to die before going aboard the ship which was to convey him to Australia, and a great many did commit suicide.

When fifty or more convicts were ready for Botany Bay the government would hire a sailing vessel to transport them. I have seen them go in fifties, and I have seen 215 on board one ship.

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struck was a signal and every convict uttered a shout and sprang for a weapon. It was a complete surprise to the officers, but it was quickly seen that there was also an conspiracy. Not one of the seven sailors would fire a shot, and the guns of four or five others were found to have been tampered with.

"Well, as I said, the thing had been done by the time I had got my senses back, and the convict gang was wild with rage. The first man to be hanged was the one who had been the first to demand that every one who was not with them should be butchered, but Small and his three or four lieutenants put them down. I think the first idea of the convicts was to go ashore at St. Paul, having previously scuttled the ship, but they had another plan.

As soon as the long boat had left us and the dead had been thrown overboard, Small called all the people together and made a speech. He appointed his officers, and he proposed to steer for the north, and that every one aboard could consider himself a pirate and be hanged to him. The men cheered again and again, and by an hour after meridian everything was running smoothly.

Small enforced the strictest discipline, and the two or three convicts who were worth at all were knocked down with promptness and vigor. I was assigned to the cabin to wait on the captain and our cook and steward had to do duty as before. Small knew something of navigation, and he had some smart sailors with him.

For the next 12 days nothing happened of interest. Then one day, about noon, we sighted a Dutch brig on the way from Java. The sailmaker had manufactured a very fair piratical flag and this was immediately run up and our course changed to cut the stranger off. When signaled to heave to he lost no time, being scared half to death.

During the next two weeks we sighted only two sails, and they were far distant. I think it was on the twenty-ninth day after the capture of the ship, and we were well up to the Chagos, when a sail was made out on our port quarter. This was about 9 o'clock in the morning and a small boat came alongside with a man and a woman and a child.

The corvette ran ahead, luffed up and fired a gun for us to heave to. Small ordered all sails to be set, but the men were hardly aloft when the corvette sent a solid shot over us and brought Small to his senses. As soon as our headway was checked an armed boat's crew came aboard and the fact that we were a convict ship was at once apparent.

LOOKING INTO IT.

Harrison and Wanamaker Likely to Loose Some Political Thunder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Harrison, with the assistance of Postmaster General Wanamaker is making an investigation into the recent killing of Postmaster Mathews at Carrollton, Miss.

Christians Come Out Ahead.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Advices from Uganda state that in the recent conflict on the frontier the Christian forces defeated the Moslems. Peace has been established throughout the country.

Robbed the Train.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 30.—When the east bound passenger train from Chicago stopped here to-day three strangers entered the day coach drew revolvers and went through the passengers, securing several hundred dollars.

THAT BRIDGE TROUBLE.

President Dillon Makes a Statement For the Union Pacific.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—President Dillon of the Union Pacific made a statement to-day in regard to the Omaha bridge trouble between the Union Pacific, St. Paul and Rock Island route. May 1, 1890, what purported to be leases of the Union Pacific bridge terminals at Omaha and the use of its main tracks to the westward limits of Omaha was made to the St. Paul and Rock Island roads.

In regard to the statement of President Miller that the bridge trouble would interfere with the president's agreement, Edwin Gould said: "It is a different matter. This has nothing to do with the maintenance of rates."

Jay Gould later said the alleged leases with the Rock Island and St. Paul were, as transactions, the most ridiculous and absurd he ever encountered. The United States Senate committee in its report stated that the Union Pacific terminals at Omaha and Kansas City were worth at the last appraisal \$15,000,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—President Miller of the St. Paul road, commenting on the statement made by President Dillon of the Union Pacific, said this evening he was glad to hear the tripartite agreement was still in force, as nearly everybody else had thought it was dead.

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INDIGNANT DELEGATES.

The People of India Think They Can Govern Themselves.

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KILLING NO MURDER.

German Troops Winning Glory Shooting Down Arabs.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Tagblatt has a letter from its correspondent in Zanzibar stating that Emin Pasha recently sent Lieutenants Landheild and Buelow at the head of a body of troops to Urumbo, where they fought a battle with the Wafta tribe, defeating the latter with severe loss.

GLASS IS THE NEXT.

Manufacturers Combine to Raise Prices to the People.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Sixty glass manufacturers representing nearly all the western plants finally completed the organization of the American Window Glass company here to-day.

Identified the Robbers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Parties who saw the trio of men who robbed Allerton's cashier of \$4,000 a couple of weeks ago, this morning identified Featherstone, Bennett and Corbett, who yesterday raided the South Chicago bank in Jesse James style, as the same persons.

A Mail Thief Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A man giving the name of George Huttlemair was arrested on the charge of being a member of a gang who for some time past have been robbing letter boxes. Checks, notes, bonds and drafts representing over \$300,000 were found on his person.

Oakland Gets Him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Rev. Robert F. Coyle, pastor of the Fullerton avenue Presbyterian church of Chicago, has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church of Oakland, California.

The Jesuits Must Keep Out.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The pope has information that the bundesrath has decided to refuse permission for the Jesuits to return to Germany, but favors permitting the Redemptorists to return.

A College Boy's Retort.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Ex-Congressman White, an old graduate of Knox college says: The reminiscence of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanch-

ard, recently published in the Globe-Democrat, recalls to me another scene to which I was witness. Dr. Blanchard was lecturing to the students one night. His remarks were never brief. On this particular evening he seemed longer-winded than usual. We floated about and wished frequently for the end. There were two doors leading out of the lecture room, one on each side of the platform on which the doctor stood. If the doors had been at the rear we would have slipped out. But to get away it was necessary to walk directly toward and then past the doctor.

LIBERTY'S FLAG IN HER HAND.

The Goddess on Her Island Will Hold Aloft Stars and Stripes.

From the New York World. Very shortly there will float from the hand of the Goddess of Liberty in New York bay, and from a staff on the Navesink Highlands, the entrance to this port, two beautiful emblems of American independence. Nothing could be more appropriate than the flying of our flags at the entrance to the metropolis of America.

The first sight of that flag at the entrance to the bay will thrill the heart of the emigrant who looks to us for protection and gladden the heart of the American returning from abroad. A committee, consisting of representatives of various patriotic societies, has started to receive contributions already, and when the requisite amount, about \$600, is collected, the flags will be floated.

HORRORS OF THE SEA.

Only One Survivor of the Schooner Potter's Crew.

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