

ADVENTURES OF THE SEAS

Stories Told By Castaways Rival Those of Fiction

FROM DRINKING SEA WATER

Fate of Men Who Died Insane From Third—Those Left On Drifting Boat Ate Boats of Lost Sailors

THE LINGERING story of hardship on an open boat in midocean, a tale of heroic toilers of the sea facing the torments of hunger, bitter cold and dire perils...

When we abandoned the Columbian, we had a cask of water and the boat's tank was three-quarters full. I read tank was three-quarters full. I read tank was three-quarters full...

Drinking Sea Water Fatal. On Saturday, May 9, Oiler George... complained that he could not stand short rations of water, and despite all the advice of the boat's company...

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Unselfish Sufferers. There's store was supplemented by Peter Ballanger, the only other member of the quartet who spoke English. "It was bad enough when we had only one pint of water a day," he said, "but the last four or five days, when once a day Mr. Tere would dip up half a pint of water in the tin cup and say three would have to share this, it was pretty tough to just take one little sip and leave enough for the next two men. But I'll say that for them, no man tried to take more than his share. When Jakob, the Russian oiler, went crazy Mr. Tere gave him some of his own share of the water. Poor fellow! He was a good man, but he took to drinking the salt water, and then his head went like the others."

day, and so did the cook, Schrimberger. Gustafsen was the next to die. "All these men went pretty much the same way. They began to drink sea water, and their sufferings were frightful. The more they drank the more they wanted. There was one tin dipper in the boat, and I tried to keep this in my possession. But if I was asleep they would get it away from me. It was pretty much one continuous nightmare about this time. I would get the dipper away from men who were swilling salt water, but the next minute they would be leaning out over the gunwale of the boat, lapping it up like cows at a brook. Soon they would go crazy. All of them died singing, completely insane. I think it was the salt water more than anything else that killed them. The men who kept to the scanty portion of fresh water stood the exposure better."

Fight With Giant Madman. "Margetts, the chief engineer, was the next to die. He perished from exposure. Then one of the worst of all our trials happened, Jakob, a big oiler, a Russian, who stood over six feet, started to drink salt water, went insane and tried to kill the whole boat crew. There were only five of us alive then, and poor Dyckman, the mess boy, was so weak he could not stand."

"I was sleeping when Ballanger woke me up and said that Jakob had gone crazy. He was sitting in the boat with an ax and swearing he would go ashore for a drink. I talked to him a bit, coaxed the ax away from him and got him to lie down. I took everything I thought he could use for a weapon away from him, but I had hardly fallen asleep when he got a boat stretcher and came aft, threatening to kill us all. There was nothing for it but to tie him up."

"Jakob was ordinarily a very powerful man, about forty years of age, and Kendall, Ballanger, Ludwigen and myself had all we could do to handle him. He was screaming at the top of his voice that we were trying to keep his money from him so he could not go on a spree. He shouted out that I had his passbook and would not give him his pay and he was going to lay for me particularly."

"We had a pretty hard fight to get him under control. But we finally tied him down in the bottom of the boat and lashed him to a thwart. He lived for five or six hours, screaming at the top of his voice. Then he became exhausted. We forced a little water between his lips, but it was no use. He had gone."

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called out that he saw smoke. The Seneca wasn't moving when we first saw her. She was taking some soundings, and we started to row toward her. Once I got my oar going I just kept it going because I knew if ever I stopped I would keel right in. They had to carry us all up on the Seneca. "It was pretty bad when Hull got crazy through drinking the sea water. After that it wasn't so bad, except that you couldn't tell who was going to give in next and start to drink the salt water. I guess it must have burned their insides all up, for the more they drank the more they wanted."

"I knew myself that it would kill me, so I stood the little fresh water as best I could. It was awful to see Hull leaning out over the gunwale drinking out of the ocean—clean crazy. But after he went that way it didn't seem so bad when the next man, Richmer, died. After that we seemed to get used to it."

"Little Prievie, the Belgian cabin boy, died calling for his mother. Poor boy! He was so brave he deserved to live."

"I was the only one awake when Jakob went crazy. Mr. Tere, Ludwigen, Kendall and Prievie, the Belgian cabin boy, were all sleeping. The first thing I knew Jakob began to cry out for rum. Then he said he wanted to go ashore and get drunk, but that Tere had stolen his money. He got the ax, and then I woke Mr. Tere, and I went forward and talked Jakob around a bit, coaxed the ax away from him and covered him over with his own overcoat. Jakob lay down a bit. Then he got up again, picked a stretcher up off the cleats on the bottom and came for Mr. Tere."

"Prievie was so weak he could not help us, so we four had to handle Jakob, and he gave us an awful fight. He was a great big fellow, bigger than any of us, and rage made him stronger. I don't know how long it took us to down him. He might have beaten us all and killed us with an ax, but Ludwigen managed to hit him on the jaw with an oar. While he was unconscious we tied him up to the forward thwart. We gave him all the water we could spare, but he was too far gone. He kept shrieking for rum at the top of his voice and threatening to kill every one of us."

Rowed For Their Lives. "I was awful weak and didn't think I could get on my feet when Kendall

AT CLOSE QUARTERS

One of the Sharpest Sgbrs Fights In the War Between the States

It was not often that the opposing cavalry came into such close quarters that they could use their sabers with effect, but it happened on one notable occasion in east Tennessee during the war.

Colonel E. M. McCook, at the head of a cavalry division from Burnside's army, met and charged upon two divisions of Longstreet's men under Generals Morgan and Armstrong.

While McCook led his division at a galloping charge, Colonel O. H. La



THE CHARGE ON THE GUNS.

Grange, at the head of a demi-brigade, came upon a superior force of Morgan's troopers around a battery, made a dash for them and sabered the gunners as well as their cavalry supporters, taking two cannon and many prisoners.

When the main opposing lines fairly met on open ground there ensued one of the prettiest hand to hand combats of the war, at the end of which the redoubtable Morgan was routed and his battleflag and escort were captured.

Regiment That Grant Commanded. A peculiar interest attaches itself to the Twenty-first Illinois infantry because it was Grant's old regiment. The men in that command little thought that the stranger assigned to them as their colonel was destined to become the grandest figure of the war. John W. Alexander succeeded Grant as colonel. He was an officer of rare merit, but was killed at Chickamauga, where the regiment lost heavily, 146 of its men being captured or missing. Its total enrollment was 1,452 men, and the total of killed and wounded was 574. Grant remained in command only until Aug. 7, 1861. The regiment served in Missouri till May, 1862, when it joined Bull's army.

The News From Culpeper. A fine looking negro went over the Union lines on the Potomac and reported himself for work. "Where are you from?" asked the officer on duty. "Culpeper Court House, snh." "What's the news down there?" "Nuffin much, massa, 'cept dar's a white man down dar low' a mighty val'ble nigger dis a-mahin, an I reckon he done lose some more live stock 'fore night."

ON THE WRONG SHIP.

Discipline Led Officer of the Day to Obey Orders of a Strange Captain. Late one night when the fleet was off Vera Cruz a certain captain stepped into his launch and started for his ship. His thoughts were on the day's work and the plans for the next, and as his boat came to a stop off a gangway he stepped out on the landing and mounted to the battleship's deck. "Tell the boat to cast off," he said to the officer who saluted him. The officer of the day did so. He knew it was not his captain, but discipline laid down his rules. The captain strolled across the afterdeck. The commander—a commander is next in rank to a captain on a battleship, is on duty twenty-four hours a day and ranks with a major in the army—met him, saluted and passed on. That seemed strange to the captain. "What ship is this?" he asked. "The —, sir," said the commander. "I thought it was my ship," said the captain.

"Drat that coxswain, why did he put me off at this ship?" demanded the captain from the officer of the day. The captain descended the gangway. The ship's boat drew up to receive him. The coxswain looked up to the deck for his orders. "Proceed to the — with a passenger and return to ship," ordered the officer of the day. "Aye, aye, sir," replied the coxswain. That ended the incident—not the story.

TANGO PETTICOATS.

Hand embroidered pailsock fringing makes handsome petticoats, with lace inserts. A silk model of a petticoat has a full length gusset of silk jersey at every seam, which gives with the wearer's movements, and yet the garment clings closely to the figure. Tango petticoats are of the fine crepe de chine, with a side plaited ruffle of chiffon banded with tiny fat roses.

LAUDS BOY SCOUTS

Secretary Daniels Says the Training Will Make Better Young Americans

Praises for the boy scout movement were spoken by men of national importance at the great public meeting held in the ballroom of the Raleigh hotel, in Washington, as the closing feature of the fourth annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Secretary Daniels of the navy department spoke of the better type of young men which would result from boy scout training. Dan Beard, who will have charge of the united Baltimore and Washington scout camp on the Chesapeake bay this summer, related a number of his experiences and explained where he learned scoutcraft. Other speakers were Senators Nelson and Clapp of Minnesota, Vardaman of Mississippi, Johnson of Maine and W. B. Greeley of the department of agriculture.

The boy scout movement was compared with the navy by Secretary Daniels. He pointed out that the navy was trying to instill into the minds of the sailors just such principles and high ideals as were being put into the boy scouts. Said Secretary Daniels: "I am glad that you are adding a navy section to the others and that the boys are learning to swim and learning the semaphore and signaling and all those things. There is something about the water and about the navy that appeals to almost every boy's imagination. I hardly ever saw a boy who did not want to go aboard a battleship."



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