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The Times' Daily Short Story.

A PROTECTING FOG

(Original.)

The famous Confederate privateer Alabama has often been called a pirate. However just or unjust the appellation, there was one man aboard her who would have been a most appropriate decoration to a yardarm. This was Dixon, called "Crocky" Dixon. Crocky was a sobriquet that he acquired when it became known that everything weaker than he that came in contact with his powerful jaws must be crushed. He was a mild looking little man, slender as a girl and upon occasion quite as much of a fury as a girl scorned. In 1865, when the Alabama visited the Indian archipelago, Dixon deserted and made things lively for that region for a long time.

The best thing in the way of a cruiser Crocky could get was a small schooner, which he named in honor of his late commander, the Raphael H. Semmes. How or from whom he took her doesn't pertain to this yarn. Dixon was sitting in the cabin one evening at anchor in Singapore strait with a bottle of wine beside him that had been intended for the table of an English nobleman.

There was but one light aboard, and a tarpaulin stretched across the skylight interfered with its being seen. The pirate was waiting for day, and when day came he proposed to snap his jaws above and below a bark that was trying to get through the strait without a pilot and was consequently laying up nights.

It may be supposed that those aboard the said bark, the Pelican, were slumbering, innocent of danger. By no means. Captain Burt had seen the Semmes crawling along the surface of the water the evening before and suspected her. Had she been recognized for a pirate all on board the bark might have taken to the boats during the night. They certainly would have done so, for the captain's daughter, the bride of his second officer, was with him on her wedding trip. Captain Burt decided to send this second officer in charge of four men in the dingy ten miles up the strait to a United States gunboat with a request that the stranger be investigated. That the captain regarded the mission an important one is manifest from his sending the young husband, who would hold the safety of his bride of paramount importance.

When day came the bark was shut in by a fog. But Dixon had noted her position by the compass the night before and, getting up her anchor, proposed to feel for her. Captain Burt had suffered a night of anxiety, and the more he thought of the schooner the more he believed that she was piratically inclined. When he found the mantle of fog thrown over his vessel he gave orders that not a sound should serve as a guide to any one trying to discover her whereabouts.

About eight bells in the morning the captain was standing on the quarter deck, astern, and heard voices and the sound of oars approaching. They grew more distinct, and presently Crocky's voice struck the thick air, a volley of oaths and orders, together with sufficient reference to what he was about, to convince Captain Burt that he was being hunted for by a pirate. The approaching boat or vessel passed perhaps a hundred yards astern of him, and the sounds grew indistinct.

The captain in agony—for he knew the pirates would return—renewed his caution to all aboard his vessel to maintain absolute silence, then waited for the next time the pirate would pass him. Not having a gun aboard, defense would be useless. He did not have to wait long, when Crocky, disgusted at having missed his object, pulled back nearly over the same track, this time passing the bark's stern again and a trifle nearer. Every soul aboard the Pelican now knew that a pirate was passing back and forth in the fog and if their vessel was discovered all would have to walk the plank. As the schooner went by they stood huddled together amidships listening to Crocky Dixon's blood curdling language, not daring to whisper. Fortunately once more he missed them.

When Crocky came back he put his schooner off a few points and passed far beyond the Pelican's bow. It was lucky that he did so, for by this time the fog had perceptibly thinned.

Dixon had slipped his cable on starting out to find the Pelican, and when he pulled back the second time, though he missed the bark again, he ran on to the cable buoy. This was a great advantage. Having the compass direction, he made another effort. Those on board the Pelican when they heard him coming knew by the sound that he would surely strike them. Then it occurred to Captain Burt that there was a tide in the strait, which was then running in, and though he knew the pirates would hear the cable slide through the hawse pipe, he gave orders to have it slipped. Dixon the moment he heard the sound knew well enough what the captain was about and, calculating on the tide, turned her nose slightly in a curve. On came the pirate, following the exact direction of the drifting Pelican. Captain Burt stepped down from the quarter deck and took his daughter in his arms, convulsed with agony. All hope was gone.

Suddenly every one started. Close by sounded a steam whistle. As suddenly the sound of oars ceased. The whistle sounded again, and at a signal from Captain Burt every one on board the bark set up a united shout. This was answered immediately by three short whistles.

An hour later a puff of wind blew away the fog. Half a mile from the Pelican was the United States gunboat Perry. Just rounding a point seven or eight miles distant was the pirate schooner.

M. WINSLOW PARSONS

Speed of 114 Miles an Hour.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—A burst of speed at the rate of 114 miles an hour was reached Saturday on the Zossen electric line, but over what distance is not disclosed. The length of the line is eighteen miles. The whole line was guarded, and unprivileged observers were not permitted to approach.

Loss by Fire, \$60,000.

Price, Utah, Sept. 22.—Fire has completely destroyed the large general store of the Emery County Mercantile company here; loss, \$60,000.

Fire at Saratoga.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The Putnam block, owned by the Misses Genevieve W. and Sarah W. Putnam, has been damaged by fire. The blaze originated in Fred Hawkins' bicycle store and extended to Ira C. Barber's market. The loss is \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Roman Copper Coins.

The National museum at Belgrade has a collection of 68,000 Roman copper coins, unearthed near a Serbian village. The oldest of them belong to the time of Caracalla.

THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE

That's What Sam Parks Says He Is Having at Kansas City.

HE INSISTS ON RECOGNITION

Battle For Admission of Union No. 2 of New York—Stormy Scene in Iron Workers' National Convention.

Kansas City, Kan., Sept. 22.—Before the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' convention met in annual session here Sam Parks of New York said: "I have come here for the purpose of making the fight of my life for labor, and I honestly believe it is necessary to make such a fight. It seems that some are fighting against the rights of labor instead of for it. The delegates of local union No. 2, from New York city, are going into this convention. President Buchanan has no power to suspend local union No. 2, and we will go into this convention without hindrance."

President Buchanan was reticent in talking about the Parks delegates.



SAM PARKS.

When asked about a possible fight in the convention he said merely, "I do not believe we will need police protection."

President Buchanan called the convention to order and without attempting to address the delegates introduced Mayor James A. Reed, who extended the city's welcome. When John Smith, an officer in the Industrial Council of Kansas City, had finished his response on behalf of the convention Samuel Parks jumped to his feet. He wanted to know if the convention had been called as a gathering of organized labor or as a public meeting. Without waiting for an answer, he went on to denounce in a general way some of those present. There were some in the hall, he said, not rightfully delegates to the convention, and he requested that these be removed.

There were murmurs of disapproval throughout the floor, and President Buchanan interrupted the New York delegate with the statement that he was out of order. Several delegates attempted to gain the attention of the chair, but President Buchanan ordered the convention to proceed with the next order of business, the receipt of credentials of the different unions.

Another delegate arose and said, "How can this convention be called to order until credentials have been passed on to show who is entitled to sit here?"

President Buchanan said: "The motion made is out of order. The proper order of business is the presentation of credentials, and no business can be done until the credentials have been passed upon."

Parks sprang to his feet again. "I approve of that ruling," he said, "and when they are passed on you'll find a lot of members of Kansas City No. 10 that'll not be allowed in the hall."

A member of No. 10 retorted: "It's my opinion that any man who carries an international card is all right to stay in this convention. I hope that no member of No. 10 will take to heart this insult just offered."

Parks again rose and fairly roared. "No one has more respect for Kansas City members of the organization than I have, but you'll find when you get down to examining credentials that a lot of persons traveled all the way here from New York and expect to get into this meeting."

Marble Workers Looked Out.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Four hundred men, employees in five shops in this city controlled by the International Association of Marble Workers, found the doors of their respective shops closed and a notice posted informing them that on Thursday morning work would be resumed with a force composed of both union and nonunion men, duplicating a notice that was placed in their envelopes Saturday evening.

French Expelled From Morocco.

Cologne, Sept. 22.—The correspondent of the Gazette at Fez telegraphs that the sultan of Morocco has requested the French military mission, which since 1887 has been training the sultan's troops, to leave the capital.

Many Killed by an Explosion.

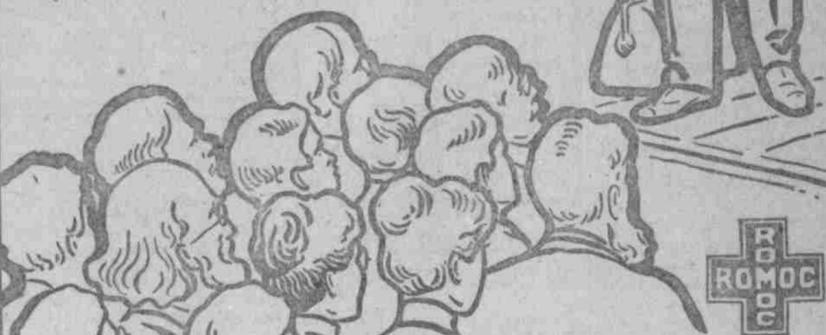
Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, Sept. 22.—An explosion of gunpowder and grenades has occurred in Fort Sabastiano. Many persons were killed or injured. The fort was badly wrecked. Further explosions are feared.

HERE HE IS AGAIN!

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SARAFFOFF IS SLAIN

Macedonian Leader Said to Have Been Beheaded by Turks.

PROTEST AGAINST CRIMES.

The Greek Patriarch Calls the Sultan's Attention to the Outrages of the Bushi-bazouks—Abdul Hamid Professes Regret.

Constantinople, Sept. 22.—Government officials profess to have confirmation of the death of Boris Saraffoff, the Macedonian leader. They say he was beheaded near Monastir by soldiers whom the sultan has rewarded.

The Greek patriarch has renewed his protest to the sultan against the atrocities by bushi-bazouks and other troops at Elkazon and other villages in Macedonia. The sultan expressed regret at the occurrences and stated that he was appointing a commission of inquiry. He invited the patriarch to join this commission, but the patriarch declined.

The Serbian government's reply to the port's representations says measures have been taken to prevent bands entering Macedonia and that a strong band, which was preparing to cross the frontier, has already been dispersed.

The Serbian reply adds, however, that if the persecution of Christians and the excesses of the Turkish troops continue and serious reforms are not introduced the government will be unable to restrain the popular agitation in Serbia.

The unfavorable comment aroused by the appointment of Reshid Pasha, the former vail of Beirut, to be vail of Brusa, which is really a promotion, continues. The action of the port in this connection is regarded here as a challenge to the representatives of the owners, especially to the American minister, who, it is thought, is likely to protest and may possibly demand Reshid Pasha's recall from Brusa in the interests of the American educational establishment in that village.

Reports from Beirut say the appointment of Halli Pasha to be vail of Beirut has caused much disappointment. The inhabitants expected that Nazim Pasha, the vail of Syria, who inspired confidence by his conduct when he became acting vail after Reshid Pasha's removal, would be made vail.

Had Wreck on Southern Road. Washington, Sept. 22.—A special to the Evening Star from Portsmouth, Va., says that two freight trains, one on the Southern road and the other on the Atlantic Coast line, collided at Boone, seven miles from Portsmouth. Both trains were wrecked, as was also one of the engines, which set fire to the cars and their freight. They were destroyed, and Isaac West, a colored brakeman from Pipers Point, was cremated. Engineer Richard Carrington of Selma, N. C., was seriously injured. The accident was caused by a misunderstanding of signals.

Sir Thomas Much Better. Chicago, Sept. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton is much better. He has improved so steadily and satisfactorily that his physicians now consider further bulletins unnecessary. Barring unlooked for complications, the baronet will probably be strong enough to leave for London by the end of the week.

Prominent Editor Dead. Jackson, Mich., Sept. 22.—Colonel C. V. Deland, one of the oldest and best known newspaper men in the state, died at his residence here after a long illness. Colonel Deland served through the civil war and was made brevet brigadier general of United States volunteers in 1865 for bravery and meritorious services.

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	\$1,089,296.76
Capital Stock,	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits,	27,949.74
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