

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A SPANISH PIRATE

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One afternoon in the year 1805, as the Jane Snow of Newburyport, bound for the West Indies, had sighted Porto Rico, a pirate brig appeared to windward.

Then they returned to pick up the Snow. She was loaded with staves and lumber, and there was little or nothing aboard of her the fellows could make use of.

As the longboat, with Josiah Marsh and his crew aboard, ran down through the Mona passage they met the British frigate Courier and gave her the news.

In a spirit of bravado the pirate captain had entered her capture on the log and had added that he should cruise for a week between Porto Rico and Barbados.

The Englishman knew that he must disguise his ship if he wished to get near the Spaniard. As he took up the pursuit he began to overhaul his top hamper, and after a few hours the smart frigate looked as slovenly as any merchantman afloat.

It was not many minutes before the pirate found that he had been tricked.

He would then have got away, but the breeze fell, and he was under the guns of the Courier. The only thing to the credit of the Black Devil was the fight she made against superior force.

Little of value was found aboard the brig, as she had just returned to her cruising ground, but many of the articles removed are to be found in the British museum today.

Only twenty-eight men of the pirate's crew lived to be taken prisoners.

The brig was so badly knocked about that she foundered, and the frigate landed the pirates in Jamaica for trial.

The mate had been with the brig from the outset of her career. It took him two days to make his "confession."

The trial of the pirates lasted about two weeks, and they were given two more in which to prepare for death.

Not one of them weakened in the slightest, and they sang songs and joked with each other as they went to the gallows.

PLEADS FOR THE CUBANS

Senator Spooner Attacks Newlands' Annexation Resolution.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S POLICY

It Was to Relieve a Suffering People, Not to Enlarge Our Territory—Panama Debated in the House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate was prompt in taking up the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Mr. Spooner was immediately recognized.

Mr. Spooner spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution, inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States.

Mr. Spooner said the Newlands resolution was in direct opposition to the Teller resolution.

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A SEA DRYING UP.

Remarkable Physical Metamorphosis of Southern Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The sea of Azof is disappearing, and remarkable scenes are in course of enactment.

The sea of Azof is an extensive lagoon north of the Black sea, with which it communicates to the strait of Kerch, or Yenikale, in which there was a navigable channel twenty-two feet deep.

The southeast shore is low and the northwest shore and both shores of the narrower part of the sea in the northeast rise to 150 to 175 feet.

ORUEL OFFICER SENTENCED.

Brute in German Army Gets Five Years' Imprisonment.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Owing to his mistreatment of soldiers, on 1,520 counts and abuse of authority on 100 counts, a noncommissioned officer named Franzki of the Eighty-fifth infantry has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the army by a court martial at Rendsburg.

Bank President Arrested.

Woodville, N. H., Dec. 17.—Albert H. Eastman, president of the Berlin National bank of Berlin and vice president of the Gorham National bank of Gorham, was arrested here by United States Marshal Nute on a charge of making a false entry in valuing a note for \$5,000 at the first named institution.

Austrian Minister at Paris Retires.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—Count von Kheuenhuller-Metsch succeeds Count von Wolkenstein, who has been retired from the ambassadorship of Austria-Hungary at Paris at his own request.

Chicago's Charity Ball.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The annual charity ball given by Chicago society people at the Auditorium has netted \$2,000, which will go toward building an annex to St. Luke's hospital.

Greek Cabinet Resigns.

Athens, Dec. 17.—The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy.

Iowa Bank Robbed.

Quimby, Ia., Dec. 17.—The Bank of Quimby has been robbed of \$3,000. The robbers escaped.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

Table with columns for various stocks and their closing prices, including Amal. Copper, Atchison, B. & O., Brooklyn R. T., C. C. & St. L., Ches. & Ohio, Chi. & Northw., D. & H., Erie, Gen. Electric, Illinois Cen., Manhattan, Metropolitan, Missouri Pac., N. Y. Central, etc.

General Markets.

New York, Dec. 16. FLOUR—Unsettled and a shade lower to sell; Minnesota patents, \$4.55-4.75; winter straights, \$4.40-4.50; winter extras, \$4.35-4.45; winter patents, \$4.35.

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IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That Are in Demand.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Butter has been in light receipt and the market has stiffened up somewhat. Prices, however, though firm, have not advanced materially.

Prices are steady and unchanged on cheese, with no special feature in the market to note.

The market for eggs has been fairly steady all the week, receipts being light and the demand moderate.

The demand for beans is quiet, and prices are easier, with full receipts.

Apples are selling fairly well for choice red fruit, but common grades are still in too large supply to allow working prices higher.

Cranberries are steady at \$2.25 per bx and \$5.75 per bbl. The receipts for the week were 2585 bushels, against 1452 bushels for the same week last year.

Domestic grapes sell at 10¢ per lb for Niagara and 10¢ per lb for Catawbas.

Almeria grapes are selling at \$2.75 per bbl. The receipts for the week were 317 bushels; same week a year ago, 94 bushels.

Pineapples are quoted at 20¢ per each for Jamaica. The receipts for the week were 3730; same week a year ago, 900.

Turkish figs sell at \$6.17 per lb; California, in 10-lb bxs, 90¢ per bx; pulled figs, 17¢ per lb.

Potatoes are steady and unchanged. Aroostook hebrons, 68¢; Green mountains, 68¢; York state Green mountains, 60¢; sweets, Norfolk cloth heads, 75¢; Jersey, double heads, \$2.50 per cwt.

There is an easier market on hams.

The final official estimate of the total acreage production and value of the principal crops of 1903 will be issued Dec. 28.

A London letter says the grain warehouses there are so filled with poor Russian wheat that it is impossible to get any room for other grain, and that the mixture of this wheat with the poor English wheat is making such poor flour that the trade is going from native flours to American.

December is now about 2½c under May, and it has not been at that discount until recently. It may go to 4c or 5c discount, and then not represent the full carrying expenses, but at this bigger discount the Chicago market will be more attractive to the wheat buyer and less attractive to the western wheat shipper.

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Back From the Antarctic.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17.—The auxiliary screw steamer Scotia, which left the Clyde Nov. 3, 1902, for the antarctic regions, with a number of members of the Scottish National Antarctic association, under the leadership of William S. Bruce of Edinburgh, on board, has arrived here from the antarctic regions and will remain at Buenos Ayres a week, after which she will return to the Falkland Islands, where six members of the expedition will remain in charge of the meteorological station. The expedition reached latitude 70.25 south.

Train Kills Man and Wife.

Lakeville, Conn., Dec. 17.—While driving across the tracks of the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad at Coleman Station, five miles west of here, Frank Scutt and wife were struck by the Pittsfield express and instantly killed. The man's skull was crushed, while the woman was caught on the engine pilot and terribly mangled. Mr. and Mrs. Scutt were about thirty years old and were employed on a farm at Coleman Station. The body of the horse was found under the depot platform.

Cashier Bushnell's Shortage.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—An additional shortage of \$2,000, making the total thus far known \$17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale National bank, who committed suicide. In announcing this fact General E. S. Grosvenor, president of the bank, said he was surprised to find that the shortage exceeded \$15,000, the figures first given out, but that later information made it evident that the total would approximate \$17,000.

Steel Trust's Wage Cut.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Announcement is made at the local plants of the Empire Bridge company that every employee, from General Manager Lewis down, will be affected by the general economy plan of the United States Steel corporation, which will go into effect Jan. 1. What per cent of the present wages the cut will be is not yet known. There are about 1,500 employees.

Good Roads Convention.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Delegates from each judicial district of the state, constituting the executive committee of the supervisors state convention on good roads, are in session at the Ten Eyck hotel, W. Pierrepont White of Utica presiding.

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