

LAFITTE'S TREASURE.

A Chest With \$75,000 in Doubloons Found—Who is the Mysterious Visitor?

There have always been for many years past vague rumors floating about, that along the Louisiana and Mississippi coast the men of Lafitte had buried treasure. Every now and then we hear of expeditions starting on a search for the hidden booty, but what may be their success is never known.

It will be remembered, doubtless, that some years ago a certain family here received from the dying lips of one of Lafitte's men the description of a spot where a chest of doubloons was to be found. The two sons started but never returned. A third of the family started but was drowned in a storm. This fatality has, in a measure, dampened the ardor of many, and we now hear of fewer such trips.

The quiet of the coast has, however, just been seriously disturbed, and as we learn from Mr. Holly, of the United States Circuit Court, just returned from Bayou La Batre, thirty miles this side of Mobile, on the New Orleans Railroad, there is a money fever raging.

It appears that five days ago, at Devil's Hole, a curious craft of schooner rig put in. She was very small, but had the appearance of having come some distance, her build being unlike anything seen hereabouts for years. Her crew consisted of two men and a dog. The men conversed well in English, and from their appearance were evidently connected with the sea.

Coming to anchor at sundown, just outside, a man came ashore and rowing up to a fisherman at the mouth of the bayou, asked him if he would pilot them up to this Devil's Hole. They gave him at once forty dollars in gold, on this agreement, and accordingly the other man on board the schooner was signaled. He rowed in with spades, lanterns, etc., in the boat and all got in. Piloted by the fisherman they went up the bayou four miles and commenced work.

They selected a spot from a diagram they consulted, and after digging until 12:15 that night, the spade touched a metal box. They became very excited, dug faster, and at last lifted out of the hole, some seven feet in depth, a strong iron chest, corroded and rusty. Breaking it open with an iron bar, they were rewarded by a sight of \$75,000 in gold coin. The fisherman was excited and hardly knew what to do.

He heard them count the money and imagined they were of some band of robbers. He assisted them with the chest down to the boat. They rowed off to the schooner. When the fisherman looked out over the waters next morning, no sail was in sight.

Who were these mysterious visitors is the question now agitating the denizens of Bayou La Batre.

The Government is going to build at Washington a monument to Gen. Greene, surmounted by a colossal equestrian statue of that great warrior-patriot. There was an old gentleman—also a warrior-patriot, we believe, and perhaps a General—who was a contemporary of Gen. Greene's, and a great many years ago they started to build a monument to his memory, but they got tired of the job and quit. That old gentleman's name, as nearly as we can remember, was George Washington, and we wonder if the Government couldn't be induced to contribute fifty or sixty dollars towards the completion of his monument when it gets through with that to Gen. Greene and others of like importance.—[Courier-Journal.

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