

Seventy-two Days in An Open Boat, Only Three Of Fifteen Survived

Special to The Standard.

St. Andrews, August 7.—With the death of Captain John Wren, which occurred at 8.30 o'clock last evening, the city has lost a noble and patriotic and most highly esteemed citizen. For the last few years, the Captain has been in failing health, and the end of his life, however, hastening his last illness, he was confined to his home only three weeks. Captain Wren was born at St. Andrews, and followed the sea, retiring about twenty years ago. The rest of his life was spent in his native town. Captain Wren suffered a terrible experience through shipwreck. He was, at that time, in command of the Barque James W. and was wrecked off the coast of Brazil, and, after being rescued by the Bristol Channel, laden with coal, for Valparaiso, in September of that year, with the loss of his wife. About two weeks after rounding Cape Horn, it was discovered that the

ships for the Straits of Magellan, where was the nearest port, and most likely place to fall in with a passing vessel. The ship was blown off its course by the winds for three or four days, and heavy westerly gale set in, and the ship had to be hove to. The cargo, as well as the passengers, were in danger of reaching the Straits, being abandoned, preparations were made for leaving the ship. It was decided that all the passengers should be landed, and accordingly, the large boat was stocked with provisions, and the crew left the ship with the large boat. After two and a half days, this little company was tossed about in an open boat at the mercy of the sea. Their experience was a fearful one, and they were in starvation. For weeks their only sustenance was mussels, or anything that came from the sea, one by one they were perishing, and some were dying, or becoming insane, committed suicide, until, when they were finally rescued, only a few remained. The ship, the *Trópic*, Captain Pa-

One his first trip as such, the board of the barque Christina, owned of St. Andrews, and sailing from Cardiff, was wrecked off the coast of Cape Cod. The ship was lost, and neither ship nor crew was ever heard from. It was supposed that the ship was off Cape Cod, and the captain and set fire to the ship, as some passenger vessel sighted a ship on fire, and the captain of the vessel reported, and the lifeboat had been taken from the ship.

His second wife, who survived him, was a Miss Mary Ann, daughter of St. John. He also leaves two sons, Ranby, first officer of the C. P. R. steamer Mount Vernon, and John, a student at the University of California, and a daughter, Bessie, at home. Thomas R. Wren, collector of customs at St. Andrews, is a brother-in-law.

The deceased was, for many years, after he retired from the activities of a seafaring life, port warden and collector of customs at St. Andrews. In such positions he resigned only a few years ago, on account of failing health, and was consequently unable to continue his vancing years.

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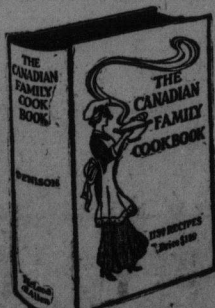
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CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE
CONTEST.

The prize of \$10,000 will be won by the man, woman or child who writes the most acceptable solution of the mystery, from which the last two reels of motion picture drama will be made and the last two chapters of the story written by Harold MacGrath.

Solutions may be sent to the Transhouser Film corporation, either at Chicago or New York, any time up to midnight, Dec. 14. They must bear postoffice mark not later than that date. This allows four weeks after the first appearance of the last film releases and three weeks after the last chapter is published in this paper in which to submit solutions.

A board of three judges will determine which of the many solutions received is the most acceptable. The judgment of this board will be absolute and final. Nothing of a literary nature will be considered in the decision, nor given any preference in the selection of the winner of the \$10,000 prize. The last two reels, which will give the most acceptable solution to the mystery, will be presented in the theatres having this feature as soon as it is practical to do so. The same. The story corresponding to these motion pictures will appear in the newspapers coincidentally, or as soon after the ap-

pearance of the pictures as racial. With the last two reels will be shown the pictures of the winner, his or her home, and other interesting features. It is understood that the newspapers, so far as practical, in printing the last two chapters of the story by Harold MacGrath, will also show a picture of the successful contestant.

Solutions to the mystery must not be more than 100 words long. Here are some questions to be kept in mind in connection with the mystery as an aid to a solution:

No. 1—What becomes of the millionaire?

No. 2—What becomes of the \$1,000,000?
No. 3—Whom does Florence marry?
No. 4—What becomes of the Russian countess?
Nobody connected either directly or indirectly with "The Million Dollar

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Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the clasp of the band of brilliant thieves, known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eight years. He is a millionaire, owns a Broadway restaurant and there comes face to face with the gang's leader, Braine.

Neither man apparently recognizes the other, Hargrave hurries to his magnificent Riverside home and lays out a plan to escape from the country. He writes a letter to the girl's school in New Jersey where eight years ago he had been cruelly left on the doorstep His baby daughter, Florence Gray. He also pays a visit to the hangar of a daredevil aviator.

Braine and members of his band surround Hargrave's home at night, and when he enters the room he is outside see a balloon leave the roof. The safe is found empty—the million which Hargrave was to receive that day.

—The New York Times, 1925.

CHAPTER III.

The Sate in the Lonely Warehouse. HE princess did not remain long after the departure of the police with the bogus detectives. It had been a very difficult business wriggle out of all because Braine had added to his plans after she had left the apartment. But for the sake of safety it was necessary that the coup would have succeeded, herself apparently perfectly innocent of complicity. That must be the keynote of her plan—she would disappear and leave no trail behind her. She had gained the confidence of Florence and her companion. And she was rather extremely confident of success. She would leave no trail behind her. She had certain that she had impressed this lady-eyed reporter and the other girl who had seen nothing but Marina Pushkin's cousin. But blood with her counted for naught. She had room in her heart but not in her character had money to spend on her caprices.

"How long has your highness known Mr. Braine?" asked the reporter, but she brushed away all signs of his recent conflict.

"O, the better part of a year. Mr. Hargreave did not know me at first. He was quite excusable for, when he last saw me I was not more than twelve. My child," she said to Florence, "I am almost twenty years old now."

"Your mother. She is doubtless dead. Upon some trivial matter—I do not know what it was—she was confined to the bed for several months two or three years ago. When you entered the fortress at St. Petersburg, you ceased to be."

"I did not recall myself." To her father she told the truth.

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