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THE STORY OF A GREAT SECRET. Millions of Mischief.

By HEADON HILL.

Author of "By a Hair's Breadth," "The Duke's Deeds," "A Race with Ruth," Etc., Etc. "And some that smile, have in their hearts, a few millions of mischief."—John Casper, Act IV, Scene 1.

(Continued.) Eleven o'clock passed without the signal being made, and I began to fear that the third alternative provided for in Belcher's instructions would become operative. If the lantern were not waved at all by midnight he was to take it as equivalent to the six waves and steam away, thenceforward having sole control of my fate. How that control would be exercised did not bear thinking of.

And then suddenly, as my watch told me that it was twenty minutes to twelve, I thought that to detect a flicker of light, as of a match being struck among the trees, I waited breathlessly, knowing that the supreme crisis had come, yet undecided, in my ignorance of who was lighting the lantern, whether it was Roger Marske out there among the trees, I should be in bad luck either way, and Roger Marske it must be for certain.

Intense silence had reigned on deck for the last hour, showing that Belcher and the crew were watching for the signal, but now a hoarse cry from above showed that the sailors were as sharp as mine. The sea was under a steady flame, flicker grew into a steady flame, which, carried by unseen hands, advanced to the water's edge and waved.

Once, from right to left. Twice, from left to right. Thrice, from right to left again. Ah me! Would there be a fourth and a fifth and a sixth? Would that horrid pendulum go on or cease? My beating heart and aching eyes waited for the answer—a lifetime, is seemed, but in reality only for the second that it took the wicker of the lantern to blow it out.

For at the third wave the signal ceased and I knew that he who was to "make terms" with me was coming aboard. Almost simultaneously Belcher's orders to lower a boat was heard, and a minute later the splash of the boat shot into view and pulled across the moonlit creek straight for me, as if it disappeared into the shadows of the shore, for I think that in the course of my life I never gazed so eagerly and yet so fearfully as when I watched for that boat's return.

It came at last, gliding from the darkness into the shimmering ripple of the tide-way, and I saw at once, when she was still a hundred yards

Appetite Was Poor Dizzy Most of The Time. Could Not Sleep at Night.

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