"Captain Hecker and the Contraband"

up by a Japanese warship in the Sea of Japan.

J. GORDON SMITH

that have wrought the saint nor sage, neither saint nor sage, men who merely did the work or which they drew the wage.

—Kipling.

HE finding of the British tramp steamer Salamander of 2,250 tons burden, in the Genkai sea, chock full of war munitions, veneered with thinly spread Welsh coal trimmed to hids Canet, Crensot and Krupp cannon, cordite, melanite and a submarine vessel built in sections at an created a new department in the Jap-American yard would have been one of anese admiralty; the foreign steamerthe marine sensations of the year but for the secretive nature of the little brown naval officer with close-cropped were, were notified concerning it, and

Celeste is known in every shipping port of the Seven seas, and shipmasters have advanced theory after theory to solve the mystery of the derelict schooner. They found her rolling in manner unseamanlike, and those who manner unseamanlike, and those who were aved by the thing suspicion with the tramp steamer load-they found. The lamps swinging in ing sewing machines in crates whose they found. The lamps swinging in ing sewing machines in crates whose her cabin were burning, and there was weight tried the cargo derricks, or the food on the table, which went to show that the crew had left without finishat an out-of-the-way shipyard to be ing its meal. The boats were intact, and the logbook written up; but what yacht for sale to the czar. Of the had happened to the crew no one has ever learned, and the tale of the Mary never knew the penetrative ability of name scraped from the stern, off Sandy Hook, when America was at war with Spain is another tale that is told; they found the steamer deserted and not even a cat on board, and a warship which happened upon the steamer deserted and not form.

from Capt. Okino for the admiralty, in which Capt. Okino reported:

"On August 3rd, while cruising in the Genkai sea, the British steamer Salamander, with contraband on board, was sighted and Lieut. Yamaguchi sent on board. We found no living person on board, and two boats were missing. Remains of unfinished meal on table showed crew must have abandoned vessel most suddenly. Search throughout failed to show any sign of life, and examination failed to indicate any accident had taken place. Steamer for some reason was deserted. Owing to contraband found on board,

They that have wrought the end unsought mander, of Gosport, had been seized by terred about a sawdust-covered floor, to bring him," I venture the gunboat Chiyoda while attempting to run the blockade with a cargo of coal from Cardiff for Vladivostok. He secured his information from the Japasse government, which gave out smile, and a man wearing white drill secured his information from the Japanese government, which gave out
many false reports in those days.

Those that were true were never given
out, for the Japanese value truth too
highly to give it away. That is why
truth is so scarce in the land.

The grisette of uncertain age smiles a tired
improved in the same and a man wearing white drill
improved in the service. The Braunds were quite excited
when the guest's funds are low and he
has become more noisy than is desirable, even in these places where the
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in the same and a find a thousand dollars of his
money and a promise of more when we
did it.

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right's said young Braund.

black hair who commanded the gun-boat Chiyoda when it picked up the derelict.

The big freighter was wallowing in the trough of the Genkai sea, and there was not any living thing on board!

The story of the finding of the Mary

Coleate is known, in course shipping porf found the steamer deserted and not even a cat on board, and a warship which happened upon the derelict towed her to a haval base. Ultimately some of her guns, which were shipped at Antwerp, found their way to certain converted steam yachts which had become auxiliary cruisers because of the war.

When the gunboat Chiyoda found the Salamander drifting in the Genkai sea

Salamander drifting in the Genkai sea steamer-watching department at Tokio the superstitious Japanese seamen were awed by the grim silence of the rows of them at either side of long were awed by the grim silence of the iron-decked cargo tramp. The boat's crew set to investigate found dishes and partly eaten food on the cabin table, fire still burning in the little stove fastened in the captain's room, the patent log towed astern and signals fluttering from a halyard at the foremast coded the vessel's name. The foremast coded the vessel's name. The rods of the machinery were not yet cool, and wads of waste on the iron ladders and greasy pilot caps on the gratings showed the engineers had not been gone long, while the dwindling fires in the furnace and coal newly slid from the open bunker doors told of the recent presence of firemen.

Capt. Okino pocketed a letter found on the captain's table and picked a prise crew for the derelict, which was ordered to Sasebo, where many selzed blookade runners lay in the roadstead.

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ew days later Lloyd's agent at eabled that the steamer Sala-

"Not many months ago, a week o two ago, perhaps—times doesn't matter, anyhow—I was in a Clyde-built hooker of 2.520 tons, droghing a cargo of coal and the things it hid," continued the florid shipmaster, after a

"Blockade running?" I queried eager "Yes, and no," he replied. "You let

me tell it, will you?" me tell it, will you?"
I did.
"We put into Hongkong, as all these vessels did, for we had cleared from Cardiff for these," he went on. "You know Hongkong, don't you? Rockl islet the British got in 1843; was a small fishing village; today it's got 300,000 or more living there, and they're. all sorts. Blue haze always there over the Peak, which is pretty from the harbor, with its ribbons of pretty white houses. Harbor's always full shipping—fleets of tramps at anchor in the roadstead and numbers of stail-ing craft, with hundreds and hundreds of junks, those low-waisted things with their decks almost awash and high at bow and stern, and there's sampans without number fringing the praya-The great commercial buildings and shipping offices, mostly white, look substantial, and the whole place shouts of business brought by oversea

"Yes, I know," said I, impatiently,
"you took thee what was the vessel
you took there?"
"She was one of Hendrick Hendricksen & Sons' droghers, and we were
chartered to agents of the Russian government, the Brauids at Hongkong.
They were a Jew firm, they were,
though they called themselves Germans; but I got even with them, at
that. Now it's usual for a man to

I told them they were Jews, and Aberdeen Jews at that. Young Braund was a smug little beggar—one of those dude sorts, with Panama hat and flannel trousers and camelia in his buttonhole. He says: "We chartered your vessel, captain, not you, and if you don't want to take her through to Vladivostok, I guess the mate can." "Higgins, who used to be in the old Hibernia, was mate, and we weren't

did it.

"The Braunds were quite excited when we weighed anchor, and the sampans stood off, one carrying them shorewards.

"Hope you reach Vladivostok all the standard of the sampans with the system comes into popular use the word metre will take the place of yard; foot will give place to decimetre, and

able, even in these places where the noise of ribald songs nightly drown the tin-canny notes of ancient planos.

In the corner behind the piano at the Zum Schwarzen Adler I found Capt. Hecker fast asleep, and woke him, for I had not seen him for many months.

"Why in sheel can't you let him sleep," muttered the man in the white sleep," muttered the man in the white dill trousers. Evidently I was in time.

"Hope you reach Vladivostok all foot will give place to decimetre, and inches to centimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres instead of square yards and square feet. In measuring land they will reckon hectares instead of acres. Measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres. In surface measurements people will speak of square metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres of shipping in the harbor I went in and marked of square yards and square feet. In measuring land they will reckon hecker the square metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres in the square metres and square decimetres in the metres and square decimetres and

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## INTERESTING LECTURE ON METRIC SYSTEM

Prof. McLennan Outines Great Advantages Over All Others.

THE LOCAL BUSINESS MEN FAVOR IT

France Has Used the System and That Alone Since the

mass, is preserved along with the metric in Paris.

The metric system and that alone has been the legal system in force in France since 1840. It was legalized in Germany in 1872 and made obligatory in Austria in 1873, and somewhat later in Italy; and it is now the one official and legal system of weights and measures in 43 countries of the world. In J. D. Cameron and others asked unestions and entered into the dissemble of the lecture. Those who had the pleasure of listening realized that they had been given an insight into a most important questions were asked and much interest displayed. J. H. Ashdown, Hon. J. D. Cameron and others asked unestions and entered into the dis-In questions and entered into the United States, in Great Britain and Ireland and in a number of the British dependencies, including Canada, this system has been legalized, but not as endorsation, introduced by Mr. Ash-

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NEW GRAND TO BE

FINE PLAY HOUSE

Interior Equipment to Be More

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using Latin prefixes, deci 1-10, centi 1-100, milli 1,1000.

sleep," muttered the man in the white drill trousers. Evidently I was in time. A few minutes later we were joked away to a tea-house I knew where the house boys sent for a blind masseuse who soon had Hecker in a more or less sober condition, and he told me of how he had enriched himself as we reclined on the man floors of the tea-house on the hill opposite the missionary hill which holds the palaces of the poor missionaries.

"Where did you get it, Hecker." I asked him as soon as he began to talk sense. I knew he had ever been impecunious, and the thick roll of notes I rescued from the man with drill trousers needed explanation.

"My bonus," said Capt. Hecker, and shout that the coal away to a tea-house of the tea-house of the

the lecturer in favor of the adoption of the metric system were the follow-ing: It has the advantage of being orderly, methodical, clear and ex-In due course the Salamander became known as the Yoneyama Maru, Consul Nomi was promoted, and no one thought of Kiku San, the singing girl. Capt. Hecker went to Chifu and invested his capital in blockade running junk which netted him a half million of dohars before the war ended. And Lloyds' paid for the loss of the Salamander. the decimal system in the coinage and money of Canada. Its adoption would materially assist education by facili-tating the teaching of arithmetic; estimates made by committees of en-quiry show that the work of at least two-thirds of a year in the life of every child could be saved by the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures. The system has been uni-versally adopted by scientists and this has greatly facilitated the developme nas greatly raclitated the development and spread of scientific knowledge. The international system of electrical units is based upon the metric system; all British and American electrical engineers and workmen must work by it. The metric system is exceedingly simple in calculation, the saving in energy consumed by a nation in a year or two in calculations rendered necessary by the use of our present system of the use of our present system to weights and measures alone would warrant the universal adoption of the metric system. The adoption of the system would be an advantage to British and to Canadian manufacturers who in manufacturing goods for home consumption and also for export to countries using the metric system re-

Special Precautions Taken to countries using the metric system require in many cases two sets of patterns or dies, and the continued preparation of new patterns, models and designs is necessitated. The metric system would greatly assist in preserving our foreign trade and also constitute a most valuable means of except large audience. The Free Press says:

His lecture last night made very clear to his audience the superiority of the metric system as a basis of length, weight and capacity. It was thought by some before hearing the learned professor that it would be readed as the superiority of the metric system as a basis of length, weight and capacity. It was thought by some before hearing the learned professor that it would be readed as serious drawback to the extension of their foreign trade.

Present Status

adoption of the system at an early date.

Synopsis of Lecture

Prof. McLennan gave an account of the origin and development of the metric system of weights and measures; presented some of its chief characteristics; pointed out some of its advantages, and outlined its introduction into and adoption by a number of countries of the world.

He referred to the confusion which resulted from the indefinite standards of weight and of linear measurements adopted by the different nations in the early history of their development from barbarism. At the beginning of the eighteenth century the creation of a universal system to be mooted by the leading scientists of Europe, among the most active being James Wat, the inventor of the steam engine. In 1789 the French academy of sciences was instructed to devise a system of weights and measures which would be chambers of commerce, long lists of the world. TERRIBLE PAINS
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## SALVAGE OF THE STEAMER MARIECHEN

Graphic Account of the Attempts and Final Success of the Wrecking Crew.

STEAMER WAS VERY BADLY DAMAGED

Diving Gear Suffered Consider-Of B. C. Electric Railway Company's ably as a Result of Coal Oil Leakage. The third annual meeting of the Brit-

"Captain Gibbs, the underwriters It was reported yesterday that the steamer Mariechen had left Juneau for held in the company's car shops on Friday evening, when practically all the steamer Mariechen had left Juneau for Esquimalt in tow of the steamer Salvor for Esquimalt, but, it is stated by the Esquimalt Marine Railway company that this report is probably unfounded, for the last report received at Esquimalt was that the repairs were proceeding satisfacorily and the two vessels were not expected to start down until the end of this week. The report circulated vesterday was that the Salvor in the employees off duty, numbering about 70 were present. The balance sheet as precirculated yesterday was that the Salvor had left with the Mariechen on Wednesday. An interesting account of the salvage of the Mariechen is given

There were several trials made, each on account of the cargo, inspection from the outside being impossible as the ves-sel was lying on her bilge on a flat sur-face of rock. ers, congratulating the members on the success that has attended the affairs of the association since its organization.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows: President, A. T. Goward; vice president, J. M. Munnis; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Battersby; committee of management—transportation, R. Dewar and A. W. Clayton; mechanical, W. H. Armstrong and H. Norman; gas company, W. G. Roach.

False Bay has been renamed Dough

False Bay has been renamed Doughtown in memory of the vast amount of dough worked out of the hold in the shape of flour.

The letter, dated April 28th, says:
"Now for the good news. It is now 9:15 p. m. and we have been working like slaves since 3 a. m. when we commenced what we hope will be out triumph. We have the Mariechen off the rock, shifted the width of her beam to the southward. No. 1 hold is pumped out, but the bulkhead is not tight, so the pump in that hold runs fifty minout, but the business as not than, so the pump in that hold runs fifty minutes to the hour. No. 2 we have pumped down to the orlop deck, and until 7 o'clock we were running it right down since then she is gaining on us slowly. We cannot understand why because the divers say they have done their work well. It is now dark and we are put-ting canvas (old sails) over the packing canvas (old saus) over the packing; if this does not tighten her up we must beach her. There is enough water coming into the engineroom to keep the groyune and eight-inch pumps busy; the latter works forty minutes out of the hour. I cannot say now whether we can control her.

Success at Last

"Friday morning—We have got her! The pump in No. 2 now controls all the feaks and she runs forty minutes to the hour; McHardie and Cook; divers, are packing bottoms, and we Mope she will tighten up more. We are now getting her in, and hope to draw out on an anchorage before going to Juneau.

"One men have been at it since 3 o'clock yesterday morning, little Douglas with the rest. Our great trouble was fresh water; it was awful, as we had to stop the different pumps as they ran out of water. She nearly filled on us before we knew where we were. We Success at Last

company and the Melrose company respectively.

The house which is entirely new, with the exception of the outside walls, which also have been renovated and strengthened will be ornamented and decorated in a most elaborate manner in the latest style of decorative art. The walls will be rosetinted, the ceiling blue with gold embelishments and the former will be pannelled in relief with figures representing art and the drama and kindred subjects.

Special attention has been devoted to the lighting, heating and ventilating of the house and the scheme of light will embody about one thousand incandescent lights distributed with careful regard to artistic effect.

There will be seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 2.30 p.m. Yesterday, having left False Bay at 7.30 the night before; we down alongside and the Salvor surprised all of is. One does not realize what an awful big ship the "Merry Can" is any well satisfied the same of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the seating room for about 350 people. The scheme of the scheme

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After Robledo's the few who ed the Boco de Lobo rio, and he was led h self to the mouth of t "You desire, Juan said, "to become of dren?" By this term gand often designated "Yes, lord, I desire The new recruit, lit

flinching.

"And why do you de
The lad was full-gro looked hunger-bitter in a scowl.

Because I have an er gine your private ener forwarded by entering inquired Don Q. harshl who join us in the mo their own desires, for from the moment of e their sole excuse for e furthering mine."
The lad's face whiten

Down there in the told me differently," "They said that my lora held a wonderful sc the only one in Spain rich man and the poor weighed one against the Don Q. dropped the parette into the fire "I perceive you have tell me. Tell it shorth "The beginning of it years, to the time of th My lord remembers it; ones made holes through

into our dwellings. At father and my mother been married. My fath herd, and, like many

herd, and, like many of he spent much money or riage feast. Who could such a winter?"

Don Q. nodded.
"In spite of the cold ger, lord, those two wer the days grew darker more bitter, and it seems starve. I have no skill as it happened, so otherwise. At the las went into Malaga, who there itself one who ler the poor." " And by what name

er known?"
"They call him Selord. And to him during ter my father was fore more than once or twice. not have had him see Sometimes Iapoulo w to my father, always sign papers. In six mo rel bred another barrel.
the debt grew, and leavy." The lad paul
and sighed. "Yet w though we were often his not know, lord how rever my father paid his poulo-more than 60 which he had borrowed, tne papers—sometime

"Ah, unhappy ones!
so," commented the brig
"Then, serior of th
my father died two years
who lived alone with a
swore to gather the full
debt, that we might be debt, that we might be neyed into Malaga to t Iapoulo, and they told of the debt that remaine day on which I should I free. So, lord. we work the money. And on the money. And on the money. And on the place where Iapoulo ness. They said he was so I asked if any one of quittance of my debt, a meno, but that I should he more way the money. the morrow and see the the following day I was ore him. 'Ah, Juan brought some of the mosaid. 'All of it, senor,' very joyously, but he fr I counted it out before not enough, he said; yes been enough, but not to did you not come yesterd were bidden?' Then I to coming the day before, a had denied him to me, b not believe, and he calle hames and clutched his his fingers, and his eye black beads when the fir

into them."
"How did it end?" "I cried to him that come, whereat he sent for refused me entrance. lord of the mountain oaths swore that never they beheld me, and the poulo grinned, well sat said, "Givo me the mon brought and I will forgi Go, be industrious and r next year what has a

"Then fury seized me, out if this was the law, I be a lawbreaker foreve swore that for that thin had done to me Iapoulo come to die. He feared, mountains help, but I broke away all, and because I could mother's face when I sh