

A PILOT'S TREASURY.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE PIRATES OF MALACCA.

The early part of September, 1852, found the ship Orient, bound from Liverpool to Canton, gallantly forging her way through the waters of the Indian Ocean, with every sail set and her progress made under the most favorable auspices, owing to the benign influences of the monsoon. Three months previous we had left the Mersey, and in good time had rounded the Cape of Good Hope and squared away for the Strait of Malacca across the broad expanse of ocean that washes the southern shores of Asia. The weather during the voyage was all that could be desired, but as we again entered the tropic we began to feel the effects of the excessive heat by which the dry season announced its presence.

Touching at Penang, on the west coast of the Malay peninsula, for which place we had a couple of English missionaries, we secured a fresh supply of water and a pilot to conduct us through the strait, and then proceeded on our way. The Malays are good sailors, but they are as treacherous and thievish as a race exists on the face of the globe; and the skipper who is under the necessity of taking one of them into his service must keep a close watch on the native, so as to be prepared for treachery. The one engaged to pilot the Orient was no exception to the general rule, and his face was not so much as to inspire confidence or respect. However, Capt. Barlow, the ship's commander, had cautioned the men in regard to the necessity of keeping the pilot under close surveillance, in order that the slightest indication on his part of an intention to betray his trust might not pass unnoticed. One thing that contributed greatly toward provoking the uneasiness of the captain was a mysterious series of signs, or signals, that passed between the pilot and the companions of crew and other native craft as we proceeded out of Penang.

Shortly after we got under way and proceeded into the strait, a prosa would put out from the shore, and running alongside of our vessel, the occupants would exchange signs (pantomimic in fashion) with the pilot, and then let their boats drop astern and head for the point from whence they had come. Naturally our captain believed that these were the communications that were thus interchanged of an ordinary character, and had no relation to ourselves, they would have been delivered in the Malay tongue, the spokesman hesitates as to whether their messages were understood by us or not; but the evident secrecy they employed, not daring to trust their conversation to articulate sounds, was well calculated to arouse suspicion. The idea that all was not right followed additional force from the movements of several prosa that were noticed following the Malay craft, and keeping constantly parallel with our vessel. That some plan directed against our craft was being set in operation, the piratical character of the Malays and their suspicious movements indicated, and gave us good grounds for using the utmost vigilance, but we should fall into the net that was apparently being woven for our entanglement.

It was late in the afternoon when the Orient left the harbor of Penang astern, and commenced her voyage through the strait. Soon the sun began to sink behind the western horizon, sending its pasty rays across the Indian Ocean, and bathing the waves in the beautiful hues of crimson and gold. Night came on almost immediately, for in the tropic darkness follows closely on the retreating footsteps of departing day, and the pleasant interval that in temperate zones intervenes between day and night, and which is called twilight, is here scarcely perceptible, so rapid is the transition.

In order to be perfectly prepared for whatever Malay cupid and treachery might make, the crew, as soon as darkness had settled around us, were supplied with cutlasses and revolvers, and a large arvel gun that was stationed amidship was loaded with grape shot.

Eight bells told the midnight hour, and called the starboard watch from their berths while the larboard went below. I was a member of the former, and coming on deck I took my place at the wheel. Beside me stood the Malay pilot, who delivered his orders in broken, although intelligible, English. Near by were several of the watch apparently engaged in coiling rope, but in reality watching the movements of the Malay. The pilot was evidently laboring under excitement, and the constancy with which he continued to cast his eyes in the vessel's wake gave me reason to believe that we were liable to receive an unwelcome visitation from that direction. By the light of the hinnacle lamp I had occasional opportunities to observe his features, and although unskilled in physiognomy, I nevertheless felt an intuitive feeling of distrust and aversion and a dread of portending calamity. Soon the distant and regular sound of our oars reached my ears, and scarcely had the noise attracted my attention, ere the pilot commenced to light his pipe. At first I did not pay so much attention to this, but as match after match had ignited, and no evident cause manifested to apply the lighted tapers to the pipe, it suddenly flashed through my mind that this might be a signal to advancing enemies, and the splashing of oars, that now became quite distinct, convinced me that our pilot was playing a desperate game, upon the issue of which depended our lives and the safety of the vessel.

My shipmates, who were also engaged in watching the movements of the pilot, had heard the suspicious sounds of approaching boats, and put the same interpretation as myself upon the action of the Malay. Three of them came leisurely to my side, and before I received the slightest intimation of what they were about to do, they pounced upon the pilot and bore him to the deck. Even though taken off his guard, he was no mean antagonist, and before he was overcome and securely ironed, he had managed to draw his knife, a terrible kind of knife used by

the Malays, and inflicted a severe wound upon one of his captives. The alarm was hurriedly given, calling all hands on deck, and hardly had the treacherous pilot been placed before the men taken the stations to which they were allotted, when out of the darkness came a number of prosa crowded with natives and headed for our vessel. They came on cautiously, evidently awaiting some signal from their confederate on board, and unaware of the fact that his plan of operations had been discovered. There was quite a fleet of their boats, but reaching within a hundred yards of the vessel they checked their speed and followed slowly in the ship's wake, not desiring to come too near until they should receive a signal from the pilot. As noiselessly as possible the large gun was taken astern and tared upon the deck of free-board, and before they had received the slightest indication of what was in store for them, the gun was discharged, and sent its destructive volley of grape shot right into the midst of the boats, where it provoked the wildest shouts of consternation, pain and rage. A slight scattering fire from small arms was sent at us in reply, but none of the bullets reached our deck, as the firing was wild and haphazard. In less than five minutes after we had paid our respects with the charge of grape, there was not a boat in sight, all having sought cover in the darkness.

The captain now stationed the men about the deck, covering all sides of the vessel and keeping a close watch, so as to be prepared to repel boarders. We well knew that we were not done with our piratical visitors, and when they should next make their appearance we would not be able to drive them off quite so easily as before. The night had been cloudy, and scarcely a star was able to send its radiance through the drapery of gloom that hung between heaven and earth; but shortly after our first encounter with the Malays, the moon broke the clouds and we were enabled to see the Malay shore, and also to note the fact that the water boats that at first were observed quite close together began to separate, and we had every reason to believe that they were advancing to the attack. There was a very light wind and we made but slight headway, while the prosa skimmed along the water at a lively pace. The speed of which these native boats are capable would seem almost incredible, were it not well known to every one who has ever visited the Spice Islands; and with their brown square sails, and many having two hulls, they look extremely odd, somewhat similar to the sampan which is occasionally found in use as a pleasure boat in New England and elsewhere. Propelled by oars and sails, the Malay craft shoots over the waves at a rate that would leave our oak yachts far astern.

Some of the boats took a course that would enable them to cross the Orient's bow far ahead, others headed to cross astern, while the larger number steered for the port side of our vessel, the plan being to strike on all sides at about one and the same time. There were fully thirty boats, and there must have been fully 300 Malays on board, to meet which we had all told but thirty men. The odds of ten to one were against us, and it is little wonder that as the boats drew near we felt that we were too heavily overmatched. However, we could expect no quarter if we should fall into their hands, and desperation led to determination and strength of heroic purposes to every man on board that would not be easily overcome. Capt. Barlow hurried about the ship, calling upon every man to do his utmost to defend the ship, and pointing out what a terrible fate they might expect if defeated. He exhorted them in the name of whatever they prized most dear to fight as men and as stout-hearted seamen, and if they must die to die as men, disputing every inch of the ship to the last extremity. "Neither give nor expect quarter, and I think," said he, "if you fight as I believe you can fight, we will teach them to steer clear of our vessels in future."

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SUSAN COWDEN,
Executrix.

NOTICE.
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MRS. P. WALSH,
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Executrix's Notice.
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