

Ferrelo, took charge, cruising as far north as Northern California. At this time Spain had no challenge from any civilized source on land or sea, from farthest northern point reached to Cape Horn. With a free hand to loot and enslave rich provinces, her marauding adventurers emptied into her voluptuous lap untold wealth, which, though saturated with tears and blood of subjugated tribes, enabled her to dominate Europe and monopolize the sea.

England and France were gradually becoming sea powers, their knights, chevaliers and daring spirits, with difficulty restrained by treaties from competing in this looting of the new world; finally in Elizabeth of England's reign, with no reproof from their sovereign, there appeared in the Pacific a class of daredevils who, bent on plunder, were really beginners of discovery which has marked the map of the world with Britain's name, spreading her naval and commercial power while Spain's began to decline. France also benefited by this decadence, but Spain hectored Europe until the destruction of her great "Armada" in 1688, gave notice to a cruel King of a new alignment of the nations, who asserting all prerogatives of sovereignty had power to enforce them. In 1550 the Spaniards had got as far north as what is now known as Humboldt Bay on the coast of Oregon. In 1578 England appeared in the person of the redoubtable but rather unscrupulous Captain Francis Drake in the ship "Golden Hind." Fitted out by his friend, "Sir Walter Raleigh," and associates, good "Queen Bess" perhaps taking a few shares (we can imagine Essex sinking to his knee presenting his Queen with the stock on