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## The Coming Treasure Hunt.

A day or two ago the writer paid a visit to the ship "Mary Dier." She lay at the wharf of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, where she is being outfitted for her treasure hunting trip to Cocos Island in the southern Pacific.

Capt. Fred. Hackett, the commander of the expedition, was aboard and from him was learned many interesting details regarding the history of the treasure and the manner in which the present expedition is being prepared.

When questioned as to his knowledge of the treasure Capt. Hackett said:

"I have stood right over it, and only lack of proper equipment prevented me from bringing the treasure back. A landslide had covered the hiding place to some depth. It was useless to attempt the work with pick and shovel, nothing short of hydraulic machinery would have any effect. On the voyage down I had picked up a shipwrecked crew of twenty-six men and it would have been unwise of me to try to uncover the treasure in the presence of this unexpected addition to the crew. This time, I am going to Cocos Island fully equipped with hydraulic machinery. We will wash away the hills in Seattle, or in the hydraulic mines of Alaska. You may repeat this for me and you will repeat no lie that this time I will bring the treasure back."

The early history of the treasure is well known. In 1835 the Peruvian and Chilean nations were at war. The British barkentine "Mary Dier"—for which the present ship has been named—was then trading on the coast. One night she anchored close to a Peruvian fort near Callao. The fort was on the point of being besieged by the Chilean army. In the fort had been gathered the money, jewels and golden treasure of the townspeople amounting to over \$15,000,000. The anxious governor of the fort, fearing that the Chilean attack might be successful, decided that it would be a wise thing to have it placed on board the "Mary Dier" and thus under the protection of the British flag. Ten boatloads in all were placed on board the ship. The crew tempted by the glittering wealth provided false to their trust. As soon as the conflict began they slipped their cables and made for sea. The treasure was hidden on Cocos Island. Soon after leaving the island a storm was encountered which quickly dismasted the vessel. She was captured by a Peruvian gunboat which had been sent in pursuit and nine of the eleven men on board were hanged at the yard-arm. A seaman named Thompson and a Frenchman were spared to guide their captors to the treasure. They stated that the treasure was buried on Galapagos Island and the ship was headed in that direction. Fever and sickness coming aboard the ship caused the captain to put into Panama and the two prisoners had an opportunity to escape. Sliding down the side of the vessel they swam for a whaler which was leaving the harbor. Sharks made that swim a fatal one for the Frenchman, and Thompson clambered aboard, the sole possessor of the secret of the buried millions.

"Thompson next showed up at Kingston, Jamaica, a hunted man," says Captain Hackett. "He boarded a Newfoundland vessel, loading with sugar and molasses, in search of a job. He was a tough looking object and when he asked the captain for a place on the crew was promptly turned down. As he was leaving the ship he encountered John Keating, the ship's carpenter, who taking pity on the dejected looking man and having some influence with the captain introduced him to give Thompson a berth. During the voyage Thompson told Keating the secret of the treasure and gave him a chart he had made of the place. When the ship arrived at St. John's, Newfoundland, Keating again befriended Thompson, who was living in constant fear of the Peruvian secret service. The panic stricken man was smuggled aboard a vessel bound for London and Keating heard no more of him until he received a letter, which had been begun by Thompson and finished by a nurse, Thompson repeated his instructions for locating the

treasure. This letter is now in Capt. Hackett's possession. "This letter woke up Keating. Up to then he had not much faith in the story of the hidden treasure, but in 1844, accompanied by a Captain Boggs and crew, he sailed for the North Pacific ostensibly on a bear hunting expedition in Dulce Bay. They made the excuse of calling at Cocos Island for water. Keating easily located the treasure and secretly, in canvas pockets sewn inside their clothing, they carried what they could to the ship. The crew got suspicious, and fearing a mutiny they had to desert. They sailed for Panama where they decided to desert the ship. As they went ashore a black squall struck the whale boat upsetting it, and Boggs, loaded with the treasure on his person, was drowned. A grandson of this Captain Boggs is at present occupied in making the sails for the present ship "Mary Dier" in Vancouver.

"Keating made his way across the Isthmus and eventually landed in St. John's. In 1846 he again visited the island and was again successful, getting in his two visits about \$110,000." Captain Hackett says: "His wife used to tell me how he returned and threw the treasure on the bed, jewels and gold pieces tumbling together. When he left he was a poor man. When he returned he bought a ranch, and built the Keating block, which still stands at the corner of Prescott and Water Streets. The Gauntlet, his ship which he had left at Panama, was lost with all hands rounding the Horn."

Keating later made up his mind to make another trip after the treasure. Captain Thomas Hackett was to be commander of the ship on this occasion and to him he imparted all the instructions and the chart which he had received from Thompson. Captain Hackett, however, died at Havana, Cuba, of yellow fever before he was able to outfit for Cocos Island. Keating died a year later, and the papers and charts passed into the hands of Captain Thomas Hackett's brother, Captain Frederick Hackett, the commander of the present expedition.

In 1897 Captain Fred. Hackett made his first attempt to find the treasure, leaving Victoria in the scho. "Aurora." This was the occasion on which he picked up the shipwrecked crew, and beyond verifying secretly the bearings and instructions contained in the chart and papers Captain Hackett made no attempt to uncover the treasure.

The present expedition will go out fully equipped with a modern hydraulic apparatus capable of washing away about 4000 yards per day. Captain Hackett expects to uncover the treasure in about ten days after the plant is set up on the island. The ship will

also be equipped with a wireless telegraph instrument and will be able to keep in touch with ship and shore in case of necessity.

Says Captain Hackett: "I do not receive one cent of money from the shareholders of this expedition except I bring back the treasure. I am the only man living who has authentic knowledge of its location. I have all the original charts and papers used by Keating. He got some of the money. I have been on the island, I know where the treasure is and I know I will bring it back. It would be foolish of me to waste my time if I thought otherwise. This is no pleasure trip for me, but a business proposition."—Vancouver Advertiser, Nov. 5th, 1910.

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**COURT ON CIRCUIT.**—The Supreme Court on Circuit left this morning for Conception Bay, where His Lordship the Chief Justice will preside. The lawyers who go over are W. R. Howley, Crown Prosecutor; M. W. Furlong, K.C.; A. J. W. McNelly, K.C., and J. J. Pitman. There are two criminal cases to be heard.

### Seamen Adrift.

The s.s. Benedick was ready to leave for Montreal at 6 p.m. yesterday but was delayed till nearly 8 o'clock, owing to the fact that six of her crew, firemen and others, who had come ashore during the afternoon went on a bit of a time and failed to return. Head Feet with Constables Devine and Fitzgerald after some trouble corralled the crowd and got them on board.

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### New Clothing Factory.

Messrs. M. & E. Kennedy have been given the contract to erect the new clothing factory on Duckworth Street for \$60,000. It will be six stories high with a frontage of 81 feet and rearage of 84. It will be built of steel and reinforced concrete. The work will begin at once with a view to having it finished within six months.

**TOOK HIS DEPOSITION.**—Mr. A. W. Knight, Clerk of the Central District Court, and Supt. Grimes and Mr. W. J. Higgins, Barrister, yesterday went to the General Hospital and took a statement from Patk. Tobin, who was assaulted by a man named Squires a couple of weeks ago at Manuels and had his jaw bone broken.

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### The Proposed Seamen's Home.

The appended letter speaks for itself. It was handed to us for publication:

W. T. Grenfell, Esq., M.D., City, Sir:—On October 23th, I received an invitation from His Excellency the Governor to attend a meeting to be held at Government House to consider the needs of a Sailors' and Fishermen's Home for St. John's. After His Excellency the Governor had explained the business of the meeting in a very excellent manner I was asked by His Excellency whether I was in sympathy with the idea of a Fishermen's Home as outlined by Dr. Grenfell.

From practical experience I strongly advocate the building of such a home for our fishermen and seamen as I am fully acquainted with the many disadvantages they have to contend with when they visit the city. Our city is like many other sea ports—there is room for much improvement, and very often the landmen do not give "Jack" or "Bill" a thought as to how he is to spend his spare moments while in port. I have spent a number of years at sea and have visited quite a number

of ports in Europe, West Indies, United States and Canada, and have had the pleasure of meeting at different times friends of seamen and fishermen who had taken a great interest in "Jack" while on shore. On different nights of the week these ladies would gather in the auditorium of the different homes and arrange for "free and easy" concerts and other amusements; the meeting would be ended by the ladies supplying a nice cup of coffee to their visitors and by having a heart to heart talk with the seamen, that there were men and women on shore ready and willing to lend them a helping hand and keep them clear of the many "shoals" and "breakers" that are found in the different sea-ports of the world.

I have often wondered that there has not been more interest taken in our fishermen and seamen in this colony. St. John's is visited by thousands of fishermen from the north, south, east and west of our island at different times of the year. If a man from the northward meets a friend from the west and wishes to have a talk with him on business matters the only place for them to go is to some bar-room which is very attractive and warm and nicely lighted. These men are not of those who imbibe, but this is the only place that they can go, and while there talking

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over a glass some other friend drops in and has to call for another round and very often before they really know where they are they get a little top-heavy. No blame however, can be laid to the saloon-keeper and I would not think of laying such at their doors as they are open for business. I consider that a great work could be done by the lovers of temperance in this direction, and I think that you and the men who are so ably assisting you have moved in the right direction and that the building which has been suggested would not only be an ornament to the City, but also a meeting place for our fishermen and seamen, as well as a place for the large number of out-of-door labourers who come here looking for work and to seek clean and comfortable quarters.

I am of the opinion that if the fishermen themselves were asked to contribute a little towards the erection of this home they would gladly do so according to their means.

It would be a field for the "Seamen's Friend Association" which no doubt the ladies of this city have already organized. With the co-operation of the ladies I have no doubt that our fishermen and seamen, boarding in this home would always remember that they have friends in this city who will be pleased to extend to them the hand of welcome and do everything in their power to make their stay here comfortable and enjoyable.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,  
A. W. PICCOTT,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

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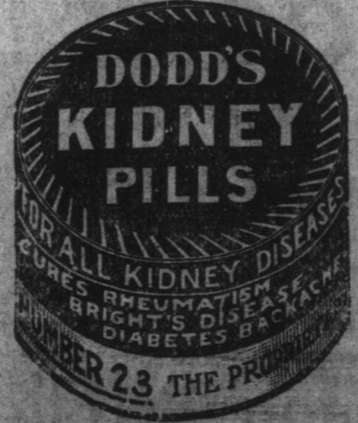
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