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By Commander E. Hamilton Currey, R. N.

The evening closed in with a drenching rain-squall, which, as it passed, left an aperture in the cloud banks through which a wicked red-hot sun glared like a streaked and bloodshot eye. All day the wind had been rising, following on a pouring wet night, which had left behind it a fine drenching drizzle of that description which, as the sailor says, "feeds the wind." All day the eastward-bound schooner had been gradually snugging down her canvas, and her skipper had been consulting the glass with keen anxiety; the fall had been steady, slow and gradual; but it had now reached a reading which had caused the harassed mariner to remark to the mate that he was "blessed if he didn't think the bottom had dropped out of the blamed thing"; and now, with a close-reefed mainsail and storm staysail showing, his craft was hove to, and mortal man could do no more than keep his lights burning, maintain a sharp lookout, and wait till it was over. She was a staunch little craft and rode fairly dry, but with her helm lashed alee she hove herself to, as vessels are apt to do in such weather, more as she pelased than those on board of her. She was in the track of the outward-bound liners, a comparatively helpless waif in such weather as prevailed. The sun disappeared, after its momentary gleam of defiance, as if some unseen hand had dropped a black veil curtain athwart its track; and as the interminable hours of darkness crept leaden-footedly along the gale developed slowly and methodically until at midnight it had attained to something very like hurricane force; in front of it now swept great hills of water in what was really ordered and rhythmic succession, but which presented themselves in nothing like such an aspect to those on board the schooner.

Those who have ridden out a really bad gale at sea in a small craft, helpless as a sardine tin carelessly tossed overboard, can appreciate the situation. Each great oncoming, striding, devouring monster of a wave which fled before the shrieking gale carried on its summit a breaking, scattering tumble of foam, and as the small craft climbed the side of the seas on a long slant she was smacked and justled and hove endways when she reached the top; but this, perhaps, was not the worst of the experience, as when she dropped into the yawning hollows, black as Erebus, but streaked with yellow foam, her scanty pitiful canvas became becalmed and flapped dismally. There was no more dryness left in the world now; all day she had breasted the rising gale gallantly, superbly handled, answering to her helm like the staunch and weatherly craft she was: but now, the strife was unequal: pigmy cannot war with a giant; and this particular pigmy was fighting, single-handed, rows, battalions, brigades of giants, full of swaggering strength and aggressive cruelty.

The night wore on, but there are moments in the life of the mariner when it seems as if time had ceased and eternity had already begun. So it seemed now to be the skipper of the schooner: lashed to windward of the wheel he and his mate cowered beneath the frail shelter of the bulwarks, drenched, blinded and stunned by the fearful war of the elements around them. There was a darkness which might almost be felt; the world was reduced to such a condition that it resembled the inside of an ebony box with the lid shut down; also it seemed full of devils, who shrieked and bellowed unceasingly till no man could make himself heard, shout he never so loudly. Somewhere at the other end of the ship were the other four men and a boy, of which the crew was composed; but what was happening to them neither skipper nor mate could tell.

Along the deck, earlier, when daylight was with them, they had rigged a stout life-line, and presently, clinging like a limpet to this, an able seaman squirmed and wriggled his way aft. Lying flat on his belly on the deck, with both arms rove through the lower part of the wheel to maintain his position, he wriggled as near to the mate as he could, and finally made him understand what had happened: the starboard bow light had gone out, she was hove to on the starboard tack, consequently she was showing no light in the direction in which the outward bounders would come. No matter what the weather may be, there are some things which must be done, and to keep your bow lights burning in a gale of wind is most emphatically one of them. The mate in his turn imparted the information to the skipper, and intimated his intention of going forward to see about the matter. "Quicker the better," grunted his superior, and mate and A. B. accomplished the tight-rope performance to the bows of the schooner once more: with infinite difficulty and danger they unshipped the recalcitrant lantern, to find when they got it inboard that it was half full of sea water. Miracles are popularly supposed to have gone out of fashion, and yet these two seamen successfully accomplished what was certainly next door to one in the circumstances in which they found themselves, for they succeeded in emptying, refiling and relighting the bow light; and all would have gone well had they only been equally successful in replacing it; but here luck failed, for as the mate was gingerly pushing the lantern home with one hand into its little green-painted slide just before the fore rigging, the schooner rose to the top of a sea, a solid wall of water came over the bows, and the mate had need of both hands to prevent himself from being washed overboard; as it was, he felt himself going straight out perpendicular to the rigging, and his arms were nearly wrenched from their sockets. When he landed on the deck again, lantern, slide and all had completely vanished. Then he worked his way aft once more and reported the mishap to the skipper. There was no other lantern to replace the one gone, so nothing further could be done.

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The liner had set herself to break a record, and, with a clean bottom—she was just out of dock—hand-picked coal, picked stokers, and pecuniary rewards offered, had flung herself at the Western Ocean like a rifled projectile from a 12-inch gun; her great razor-edged stem, thirty feet in the sheer, was backed by 300 feet of turtle back, and what horse power her engines were developing her "chief" was the only man who knew; but she was flinging the knots behind her by the hundred and pushing the clock back by the hour in the great task that she had been set to accomplish. It was all right the first two days out, and her passengers, entering into the spirit of the attempt, were wild with excitement at the huge total of "the day's run" as displayed in that elegant ladies' boudoir which went by, and mocked at, the name of "the main hatch." But when you travel by water at the speed of an express train you are apt to alter your weather somewhat suddenly. The second evening out passengers were congratulating themselves on the lovely weather and how wonderfully clear was the atmosphere, the faintest smudge of smoke on the horizon showing up as if it were quite near, and not emanating from a Wearside tramp, whose ugly hull was well down under the rim of the world she was doing her best to poison with the greasy wreaths arising from the North Country coal that she was burning. But the captain of the liner liked his weather far less than the passenters. "There's a snorter ahead," he said curtly to the first officer, and that weatherwise officer nodded his head and gave vent to some sea blessings which caused his superior to smile grimly and remark, "Say that all over again, for it's only half what I feel."

Soon, very soon, the wind was singing through the sparse wire rigging and the great funnel guys like some monstrous AEolian harp; the note grew deeper as the weight came in the wind, and then the sea arose and smote her: but what cared she? Let all the gales loose, pile one upon the other—it is nothing to her; the fog demon she fears but none other. Still, this was a gale to give pause even to so mighty a ship as this; and very soon even the greenest passenger knew that record-breaking was out of the question: not that she eased her engines, for the great steel fabric hurtled through the oncoming gale as calmly as she had cut through the gentle wavelets of Southampton water: also the night was clear: there was no occeason to ease. Keen indeed are the eyes of those seamen who run the record-breaking liners at top speed; prompt to act, daring, resourceful, never at a loss; but there are some things demanded of every ship, and one is that she should show her lights: in such a gale, in such Cimmerian darkness, they are doubly necessary. At midnight so bad was the weather that she was slowed by the sheer stress of it to eighteen knots, and even her great length felt the lift of such a sea as was running that night.

She had passed quite close to the schooner, not seeing her, and now she lay right in the track of the liner: there was no blame, for the small tossing, tumbling object was under the cut water before she became visible—then a hurried order, a snatch at the wheel, but before the great ship could feel the touch of her helm the bows rose and fell, there was one touch of the razor-edged stem, so slight as to send no responsive shock through the length of her hammered steel; but the horrified officer of the watch saw the parted timbers open and gape, and then on either side was tossed the broken wreckage of what till that fatal second had been the home and the safeguard of seven British seamen.—Pall Mall Gazette.

LOST HIS LEG.

Man Employed on the Government Tugboat Got Entangled in Steel Hawser.

New Westminster, July 26.—A very nasty accident occurred yesterday morning on the government tugboat Sampson. One of the hands employed on the boat got entangled in the steel hawser which is used in moving snags. The man, Victor Bray, had his leg cut off and was removed to the Columbia hospital, where he is reported this evening to be progressing favorably.

WAR DECLARED ON THE CAMORRA

The Italian Government is Determined to Exterminate Ancient and Formidable Society

A gratifying sign of the times is the determination of the Italian government to exterminate the Camorra, the most powerful of the secret societies of the world. The disrepute into which members of these bands operating abroad, particularly in the United States, have brought their countrymen is no doubt one of the main reasons for the praiseworthy activity of the Italian minister of the interior, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. The Black Hand Society, whose murders in New York have attained almost world-wide notoriety, has been a curse to respectable Italians, and has caused thousands of them to be regarded with unjust suspicion by native-born Americans and foreigners from other countries.

The Cuacalo Case.

A little more than a year ago occurred the event that precipitated the war upon the Camorra. A man named Cuacalo was found dead, his body covered with stabs and gashes, as happens to victims of the society's vengeance. Soon after, the body of his wife was found, mutiliated in the same horrible way, and an investigation showed that the murders had been simultaneous. There was the usual half-hearted seach for the murderers, and some over-zealous young policeman went so far as to arrest a number of suspected persons. They were discharged in due course, as everyone expected, and the matter dropped.

Government Takes Hold.

After an interval of some months, it was vigorously revived by the minister of the interior, who proceeded to hold an investigation, not into the crime itself, but into the conduct of the police. As a result, the quaestor, or chief of police, of Naples was dismissed, with several other officials, and the investigating judge was retired. Then the minister placed the case in the hands of the carabineers, a body half police and half soldiers, that corresponds roughly to our Northwest mounted police, not only in organization, but in the courage and high spirit of its members. Shamefully underpaid as they are, the carabineers are a loyal and conscientious body of men, who form about the only real protection the country enjoys against the Camorra. They entered on the work with enthusiasm, ten of them being assigned to the Cuacalo case, and have arrested some hundreds of persons, all members of the Camorra, and all accused of participation or guilty knowledge of the double murder. In Naples this is taken as an intimation that the government has declared war to the knife on the Camorristi.

The Camorra.

Some interesting facts concerning this ancient and formidable society are given in the New York Sun, which thinks the Italian government has undertaken a task as herculean as praiseworthy in determining to crush it out. There are two divisions of the order, the alta or high, and the bassa or low, the former containing one head chief, twelve chiefs of the second grade, and the Camorristi or full members. The lower section is for the "honored lads," namely, thugs who are too young for full membership, and the recruits. To the recruits fall most of the dirty work of the order. They do the stabbings, for they are expected to give some signal proof of their courage and depravity before graduating to full membership. According to the Sun's information, members of the Camorra can be identified by tattoo marks drawn on some visible part of the person, but lightly marked, so as to be noticeable only on a close look. The would-be assassin is marked with a straight dotted line at first, and when he has won his spurs, another dot is placed above the line. Thenceforth promotion depends upon the heights of villainy to which he can attain. Arrest and imprisonment mean advancement in the order. If they are fined, the order supplies the funds.

It Lives on Blackmail.

The Camorra lives on blackmail. It is said that every farmer, every cabdriver, every wine shop, every moneylender doing business in Naples is subject to a tax. If it is not paid, the recalcitrant finds some misfortune overtake him, varying from the stabbing of his mule or ox to the cutting off of his ears. Complaint to the local police is worse than useless, for not only is no help given, but the society learns of the appeal, and another outrage follows. It is openly charged that the civil police are either afraid of the Camorristi or in league with them, and this is the reason why the carabineers have superseded them in the war upon the terrible society. In at least one case a priest was found to be a member of the order, and its ramifications penetrate to high officials. Now, however, the King has personally intervened, and the word has gone forth that Italy means to rid herself of the greatest reproach to her civilization.

INDIAN WOMAN DISMISSED.

The trial of Lucy Gordon, a half-breed woman, charged with stabbing an Indian at Shoal Bay about a month ago, was heard before His Honor Judge Cane in Vancouver Friday. Osborne Plunkett appeared for the crown, and A. D. Taylor for the prisoner. The evidence showed that the stabbing had occurred in a drunken row at Shoal Bay, but the court decided that it was not sufficiently proved that the woman was the offender, and dismissed the case.

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