

Was There a Murder Aboard the Rum Runner Francisca?

Was there a man killed on the rum runner Francisca, the French steamer captained by Nicolas, which arrived in Halifax on Thursday last with the story that her crew had repulsed the attack of pirates off New York? One member of her crew, hailing as a German-American, giving his name as Shussela, yesterday informed the Immigration authorities to that effect, and again last night to The Morning Chronicle the details of what he described as the death of one of the crew, Mangard, by name, as the result of a fight which he alleged the man had had with the chief mate, after the latter disappeared over the side of the ship.

The description given by Shussela, the life upon the rum runner since she left Hamburg, Germany, on August 1st, ostensibly for St. Pierre, but really for New York was that the steamer was nothing more or less than a cock pit in which crew and officers were in continual conflict, guns being instantly pulled upon the slightest provocation, and clubs and heavy instruments being used to beat them.

Fear to go Back to Ship.

Five Italian seamen and one German—who says he is an American citizen, members of the crew of the Francisca are at present held by the Canadian immigration authorities of Halifax charged with refusing to go back to the ship and endeavouring to enter the United States, and being on Canadian soil without proper authority. They state they fear to go back to the Francisca owing to the treatment they alleged to have received during the time they were at sea. They are willing to go anywhere but absolutely refuse to return to the Francisca. They claim they never signed articles to work on the ship and were hired on the pier head at Hamburg to go to work, but were not told what cargo the ship contained. Since sailing from Hamburg they contend they have not been in port to have the articles signed by the captain.

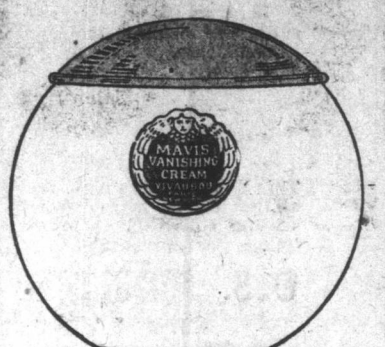
The story as related by these members of the crew, but especially by Shussela, who speaks very good English, is to the effect that on Saturday, November 1st, a schooner with no name visible and having aboard a double crew came alongside the steamer to take the cargo. The papers being all in order the cargo was put over the side. About 5,000 cases of alcohol.

When part of the cargo was out,

the crew or part of the crew, were sent to sleep for a few hours and at seven o'clock in the evening were again awakened and put to work discharging cargo to the schooner. They finished loading the schooner about 11.30 o'clock. Some of the crew started for the forecastle. They were ordered to remain on deck and lined up. Each one was given an American ten dollar bill, and were then ordered again to the forecastle. On the way to their quarters they heard a noise of fight going on in the captain's cabin. Shots were fired, several of the crew, frightened, hid in the coal bunkers and stayed there for several hours. The captain it was found out later, had been black-jacked by the pirates. When noise was first heard the crew immediately knew that pirates were aboard for they then realized why there was a double crew on the schooner.

So far, the story in its essentials substantiated that told by Supercargo Copplestone to The Morning Chronicle on the day after the arrival at Halifax, except Mr. Copplestone said the pirates were driven off. The crew continuing their story, stated that after being hidden in the coal bins for a while they went to their quarters and later coming on deck about an hour, perhaps more, found the pirates gone.

Free Samples Given Away at Nickel Theatre To-Night



For some time past local druggists have been selling a vanishing cream, that has met with the approval of all users. "Mavis" is a vanishing cream that really vanishes, and does not re-appear when the users become warm. It removes blackheads, pimples, tired lines and sallowness, and forms a perfect base for powder and rouge. So that the public may have an opportunity of judging for themselves that "Mavis" vanishing cream is all that it is claimed to be, the local agent, Mr. Frank Penney, has made arrangements with the Management of the Nickel Theatre, to distribute a number of sample boxes to-night, to be given away to all lady patrons. Mr. Frank Penney is sole agent for V. V. V. Cream, New York and Paris, one of the largest toilet preparations manufacturers in the world.

proposition unless the Power Development scheme was included. The Chicago diversion was also touched on and the opinion expressed that this matter would shortly be settled; that the United States would live up to its war rights agreement and that Chicago would be told "where to get off at."

Obituary

MICHAEL F. POWER.
With regret we chronicle to-day the passing in New York, on the 4th instant of Michael F. Power, youngest son of the late Alice and Michael Power of St. John's.
Deceased left here about 35 years ago and settled in St. Louis, where for a number of years he was in charge of the Coopering Department in connection with the Rockfeller Oil Works, but returned here in 1911. Finding the climate very rigorous, however, he left again for the States and for the past few years has been residing in New York.
Mr. Power always took a keen interest in anything pertaining to Newfoundland, and was a general favourite with all who knew him. There are many who will remember him as a swimmer and oarsman of repute, and will be sorry to hear of his death. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, where only a year ago his sister, Mrs. M. F. Scott, of Boston, was laid to rest.
To his sorrowing sister and brother as well as his nieces and nephews, we extend our sympathy.

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Marmont enters the office with murder in his heart. Twynning, who has just heard of the death of his son at the front, is sobbing on his desk. His selfish mind lets him believe that Sabre has come full of sympathy. Sabre advances, gun in hand, bent upon "cramping down his throat" the telltale letter. But, Mark learns the violator of Effie's honor is dead. He hesitates, then softens. The sympathetic heart in him begins to assert itself. He puts away his revolver and, though revolting at the thought, pats his arch enemy on the back with the consoling words: "There's gone, Twynning—had luck—bad luck. Fine death—died for his country—brave boy."

This is but one of the great moments in the picture. It is without doubt one of the best ever produced.
THE TRAINS.—Yesterday's west bound train arrived Bishop Falls 6:58 a.m. The express is due at 4 p.m. The Trepassey train went out at 11:30 a.m.

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U.S. Will Fulfill Water Agreement

Chicago's Diversion Will Be Stopped, Association Believes.

St. Catherine's, Ont., Nov. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The United States will live up to its water rights agreement with Canada and the city of Chicago will be told "where to get off at," according to opinions expressed at the Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association convention, which opened yesterday. The question of the diversion of water by Chicago for drainage purposes was brought up and the opinion was expressed that the matter would shortly be settled.

The morning's session was occupied with a discussion on the differences between the Hydro Commission of Ontario and the Association on the development of the St. Lawrence. The president and other delegates claimed there was no room for differences; that the association advocated the construction of a canal and power scheme, the cost of which would be paid for by the Power Development, and which would not cost the people one cent. They pointed out that it did not matter to the association who developed the power, but that the United States and Canadian Governments would not approve of the

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