

MAJESTIC

MONDAY

Two Mysteries of the Sea

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

There are many mysteries of the sea which have acted as food for the writers of novels and romances for many years back, but the account of the mystery of the Marie Celeste takes precedence to all of them. Yet there is an episode in Newfoundland history which equals that of the above-named ship and is, of course, of far greater interest to us. I remember the circumstance quite clearly, and in fact was well acquainted with the three passengers who mysteriously disappeared, with the entire crew of the "Resolven," a narrative of which appeared in the "Standard" shortly after the strange occurrence. But first let me describe this "mystery" of the Marie Celeste, as I have read it in one of the foreign newspapers, written by apt. Leslie Cobb, R.N.R., 1007.

Hardly any strange occurrence ever takes place at sea without some reference being made in accounts to the mystery of the Marie Celeste. The story of the Marie Celeste forms most fascinating reading, and takes as a "strange story" is one of the finest of its kind in existence. There is, however, an "it" to be used in connection with it; what this "it" will be seen later. First let us recount the weird tale of the brig and her adventures popularly believed in.

According to the log of Capt. Boyce the barque Del Gratia, of Bedford, N.S., 1872, he found himself with a halting distance of a "brig" which he assumed to be something peculiar. Not replying to signals, the Marie Celeste was approached and boarded, and there a very strange state of affairs was seen.

She was absolutely deserted. Not a sign of life could be found aboard her, and yet no possible explanation for the disappearance of the crew could be discovered. In the Captain's bin were the remains of a "man" in a forecastle pants on the show that broke for the hands when the brig was abandoned; but why she had been abandoned could not be discovered. There had been no recent signs, as was shown by the orderly state of the vessel. In the Captain's bin stood a sewing machine, and his wife, in his still under the deck, was a half-finished dress for a child. A thimble still stood upon the edge of the machine, and near by was an open bottle of medicine, still standing upright, conclusively proving that the Marie Celeste had not been deserted as the result of panic during storm.

On the 14th of July, 1884, the brig "Resolven," Capt. James, came to Mr. Grace from Cadiz, with a cargo of salt for Messrs. John Munn & Co., under charter to proceed to Labrador to load fish for the Mediterranean. She was a soft-wood vessel, built in Nova Scotia, brig-rigged, 143 tons, and had six men of a crew. She was owned by a firm in Port Madoe Carnarvon, and hailed from Aberystwyth, Wales. She lay in Harbor Grace until the 27th day of August, when she left for St. John's, Labrador, to load with fish, and took as passengers Mr. Douglas Taylor, super-cargo, Mr. Thomas Colford, Carboner and Edward J. Keefe, Harbor Grace, coopers, who were sent down to trim herring, in which fish the firm at that time did considerable trade.

Two days after (29th August) it was learned at Harbor Grace that she had been picked up by H.M.S. "Mallard," and towed to Catalina. Afterwards full particulars were had—that the vessel had been picked up derelict in the mouth of Trinity Bay, with no sign of any of the crew or passengers; the sails were set, a fire was alight in the galley, and no wreckage or disorder was to be seen except that the yard-arms were broken, and some of the running tackle was hanging from the yards. The boat, however, was gone, and the ship's general condition showed that the crew had left her hurriedly, to escape some impending danger. The steamer "Lady Glover" was dispatched from Harbor Grace to tow the vessel from Catalina to St. John's. Subsequently she was sold by auction under orders of the Admiralty or underwriters, and was purchased by Messrs. John Munn & Co. That firm had her for four years, the late Capt. Fred Cole being in charge of her for that time.

What happened to the crew? The story of the disappearance of the men has been written up and published in an English magazine; the writer placing the happening in the same class as that of the Marie Celeste. To the average Newfoundland there is but little mystery and less doubt about the way in which the men came to their death. Among the particulars given by the commander of the "Mallard" was that a large iceberg was in the vicinity of where the "Resolven" was picked up; that fact, coupled with the broken yard-arms and the missing boat, supplied a very probable solution—that during the night or early morning of the 28th or 29th, the vessel came in contact with the iceberg, the alarm was given, and the inexperienced master decided to leave the ship. The boat was launched, and all hurriedly left the vessel, and that in the wash about the ship, which doubtless was increased considerably by the motion of the "berg" and the vessel, the boat was swamped and the crew drowned. The boat may have drifted away from the locality, and being filled with water, could not be noticed by the man-of-war. Though the vessel may have swung against the "berg" for some time, she suffered little damage, but that to the yard-arms, and eventually she drifted clear away and became a derelict.

Every fisherman knows that a boat will lie by the side of a vessel for hours and receive no damage, the lapping of the water acting as a fender between the boat and the vessel's side. Had the master of the "Resolven" been a Newfoundland he would not have left his vessel so quickly, but would have watched until she drifted clear of the "berg," or till the danger had increased.

The "Resolven," Capt. Cole, was lost at Northport, N.S., on the 27th July, 1888. She had been sent there for a lumber cargo, and after leaving for Harbor Grace went ashore, becoming a total wreck. The "C. W. Oulton," Capt. Wm. Fitzgerald, with a similar cargo to replace that of the "Resolven" was lost at Golden Bay in September, 1889, and the brig Australia (formerly Henebury's) Capt. Bransfield, similarly laden, came to grief at the same place, July, 1890. Part of the last named vessel's cargo was brought to Harbor Grace by the s.s. Iceland the same summer, but the bulk of the timber was lost. In salvaging the timber the Iceland damaged fishing traps in Golden Bay so much that her owners had to pay heavy damages. Altogether the "Resolven's" history carried with it more or less disaster and the whole story is one that would give those who believe in the theory reason to hold that she was "hoodooed."

Some experienced mariners entertained the belief that the boat's crew were swamped by the foundering of part of the iceberg, which was caused by the impact when the "Resolven" alighted struck the "berg." This is a plausible theory as, no doubt, in the month of August, the iceberg was in a dangerous condition owing to the warm weather. However, there it is, and the loss of the boat and crew of the "Resolven" must forever remain one of the Mysteries of the Sea.

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WEEK-END NOTES.

(I. C. MORRIS.)

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The Empire Exhibition, which is to be held at London next year, will undoubtedly be one of the greatest enterprises ever undertaken by the British people, and it should be the means of consolidating the Empire in a manner hitherto unknown. The extent of the British Empire may be computed in miles, but it is only by such an Exhibition as is about to be held that her productions and wealth may be realized. It may be said that the Exhibition will represent the Empire in miniature, because every dependency and every nationality which is a part of the Empire will be represented. And so among the number will be her oldest colonial child—Newfoundland. The Exhibition is meant to establish the Empire and to consolidate its interests as a unit, and it is also meant to strengthen the tie between its dependencies and to assist as far as possible the development of their various resources. The Exhibition, therefore, will mean much, both from an Imperial as well as from a Colonial aspect; and every colony and dependency will certainly benefit by it. Thus it will be seen that Newfoundland should be a beneficiary, and should stand to gain much as a result of the Exhibition. With this end in view it is gratifying to know that the Government has voted the sum of fifty thousand dollars to meet the expenses of being represented at the Exhibition. Whether this sum will be sufficient or not remains to be seen, but considering that the Government has co-operated with the Board of Trade, it may be expected that economy will be exercised, and that the money will be well spent. Much, of course, will depend upon the men in charge, and especially upon the advertising, and more especially upon the correspondence department, for never has Newfoundland had such a chance to advertise her interests and to assert her rights as she will have at this Exhibition; that is, if the opportunity be availed of and the chance be not allowed to pass unheeded. It would pay the Press of Newfoundland to form a syndicate for the purpose of having the Exhibition properly written up for publication in their columns. It may be that a portion of the vote for advertising will be allocated towards correspondence, but whatever financial aid may or may not be given, the opportunity to write up Newfoundland, and the Empire from the standpoint of the Exhibition is worth being availed of. It is probable that some of our editors or ex-editors of literary men will be visiting the Exhibition, and that they will be writing it up; at the same time the

Explodes Ancient Theory That Red Enrages Bulls.

San Francisco, Sept. 29. (A. P.)—Waving a red flag before a bull has no more significance than waving a pink, green, purple, or white flag because bulls, in keeping with other animals, are color blind, according to Dr. G. M. Stratton, head of the department of psychology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., who has just completed a six months' investigation of the subject.

Dr. Stratton and his assistants waved red flags in the faces of bulls and other animals, and the reaction was one of curiosity and not anger, he says. Black, white, green, and yellow colors were tried, with the same effect. After trying cows, calves, steers and bulls, Dr. Stratton says he is sure that the entire bovine family is devoid of color sight.

His conclusions, Dr. Stratton says, lead him to believe that:

1. Bulls show no strong excitement over any color.
2. Interest, hesitation and mild mistrust were shown in a banner or any strange thing.
3. There was no reaction that could be discerned toward any particular color, but the brightness of the color and the flutter of the banner were more effective than the color.
4. There was no special reaction toward red as against green, or toward red and green as against black and white.
5. There was greater reaction and interest toward white than any other color, but the reaction in the wild animals was no greater than in the tame.

The investigators, Dr. Stratton said, interviewed 65 persons familiar with cattle, and 53 denied the popular theory that red enrages bulls.

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One notes that hats are only slightly trimmed, with perhaps one shaving brush badge ornament, a cocarde or some ribbon fancy.

Parcel Post Shows Huge Growth.

SINCE CONCEPTION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(A. P.)—The parcel post in the first ten years of its existence has brought into the Post Office Department revenues totalling about \$1,100,000,000.

In 1921 alone, department records show 1,071,000,000 packages weighing from a few ounces to 70 pounds were carried in the mails as parcel post. In the first year, 1913, the total was 417,000,000. In 1913 parcel post revenues amounted to \$40,038,183, and in 1921 had climbed to \$189,605,717. Figures for the fiscal year of 1922 are not yet complete, but it is estimated the revenue will approximate \$180,000,000.

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do not remember the name you ask for the old Baptismal Register something like it is in my file? 18th, 1764. Baptized a daughter and Mary Wheel. "TEA" it may be called name, but it looks more like a heathen attempt. The information you belong to my department. W. J. J. 15th, 1847. Witness her, Samuel Diddam.

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