

MUTINY ON THE LEICESTER CASTLE

A Present Day Tale of the Sea That Rivals the Lawless Annals of Captain Kidd and the Spanish Main.

The annals of Captain Kidd, or the Spanish main, afford no more sensational story of mutiny on shipboard than that which concerns the bloody night of September 2 last, on board the British ship Leicester Castle, the particulars of which are just coming to light.

It is one of the most sensational stories that have ever been written, either in fact or in fiction, and the supposed fate of the mutineers—they were devoured by man-eating sharks—was a just and swift retribution for their unprovoked and murderous crime.

The Leicester Castle is a British ship of some 2000 tons burden. She took on a cargo of wheat at San Francisco for Queenstown last August and her master engaged several new hands to complete her company for the homeward voyage.

Among those shipped were three Americans named Hobbs, of Illinois, Sears, of Idaho, and Turner, of Oregon. They were nondescripts without discharges.

The voyage proceeded quietly until September 2, and up to then there was nothing in the conduct of either Hobbs, Sears or Turner to indicate that they had a plot on foot. At 10:30 p.m. on September 2 the Leicester Castle was traveling under all sail at about three and a half knots. The men were nearly all on deck, as they usually are in the tropics. Most of those of duty were asleep.

The ship's yards were braced sharp up, getting the vessel as much to windward as possible, and all sail was set. There was a slight swell on caused by far-off gales in higher latitudes.

It was just the time and place where conspirators might work out their plans, and if they knew anything of history they could not fail to remember that their position on that night of September 2 was not far distant from where the crew of H.M.S. Bounty many years ago mutinied and sent the captain adrift, the mutineers afterwards settling on Pitcairn island, which is now occupied by their descendants.

The Leicester Castle was 300 miles from Pitcairn on September 2. Captain Peattie was lying awake reading when Sears appeared at the cabin door and said:

"Beg pardon, sir, a man has fallen from the foreyard."

The captain jumped out of bed immediately and called out to Sears:

"Where is the man? Tell the second mate to bring him into the cabin."

Sears disappeared, saying, "The man is on deck," and at the same moment Hobbs sprang in at the starboard cabin door.

Captain Peattie turned round to see who the intruder was.

He saw Hobbs holding a revolver which was pointed straight at him.

The man fired, and the bullet took effect over the region of the captain's heart.

Nevertheless, he rushed at Hobbs and grappled with him.

A fierce struggle ensued, but Hobbs, being a powerful man of over six feet, was able after a time to hurl the captain some yards from him, and shot him twice again while he lay on the cabin floor.

Both bullets lodged in the armpit,

and the captain rose to make a final effort, his strength meanwhile failing him.

The second mate at this point appeared at the port cabin door, and immediately Hobbs turned his revolver on him and shot him dead.

He then grasped a club and felled the captain to the cabin floor, showering down blows with terrific effect, and almost smashing in his victim's skull.

The captain's shouts for help seemed to anger Hobbs considerably, and he fired again at him.

Meanwhile the chief mate, hearing the shots, appeared at his door, and immediately Hobbs turned the revolver on him and the mate at once closed the door.

There were others, however, who heard the firing and the captain's shouts. Hobbs, realizing the danger he was in, and his ammunition being exhausted, rushed clear of the cabin up on the poop and down the ladder to the maindeck, from which he went forward.

Two men called Dumming and Beck lifted the captain from the floor and placed him in his berth.

Meanwhile all became confusion on board.

The mate summoned all hands aft on the poop, and all responded—but the three Americans, who remained forward.

It was decided to leave the ship to until morning, as it was considered unsafe to commence an attack on them in the dark, particularly as the belief was that all three were armed.

The noise of hammers and other work forward set the crew aft thinking, and the opinion was that they contemplated launching the small boat forward, but half an hour after midnight the men assembled aft saw under the ship's starboard side a raft, on which, as well as could be seen, the three men were huddled.

"Hurrah for the American flag," said one, as the raft floated by. The voice was that of Hobbs.

At daylight no trace of the raft could be seen and the ship was put on her course.

The cabin floor and ceiling were spattered with blood, and on examination forward it was discovered that the raft must have been made of cargo shifting boards, and must have measured 12 feet by 4 feet.

It was also found that the three men took with them about a week's provisions; they also took what clothing they had. But the unanimous opinion among the rest of the officers and crew was that the raft went to pieces and the occupants must have soon fallen a prey to the man-eating sharks, which remained by the ship for several days at a time.

Strangely enough, the revolver with which the second mate was killed was his own, and had been stolen from him, presumably by Turner, who was the only one of the three in the second mate's watch. Hobbs brought a Colt's revolver on board with him, but he surrendered it to the captain.

He is said to have had 100 rounds of ammunition which he did not give up.

The captain believes the intention was to kill himself and the officers and all who did not side with the mutineers and then to wreck the ship on the South Sea Islands.

First Statue to King Edward VII Unveiled in Ancient English Town

The first statue of England's crowned King, Edward VII, has just been unveiled in the ancient town of Reading.

It is the work of the distinguished English sculptor, George Wade.

It was presented to the historic old town by Mr. Martin John Sutton, J. P., one of the most prominent men of that city.

This majestic presentment of England's monarch is a noteworthy addition to the artistic treasures of Reading and a fitting companion to the statue of his majesty's illustrious royal mother, Queen Victoria.

The statue occupies a splendid position in the broad space near the railway station at Reading and upon entering the town it is the first sight to fix the attention.

It is a colossal bronze, nine feet high, and the king himself gave sittings for it. His majesty is represented in the uniform of a field-marshal, wearing his coronation robe and holding in his right hand the sceptre and in the left the orb. It faces the north.

The statue stands on a red granite pedestal twelve feet high. It is not polished, but fine axed. There are two large bronze panels, bearing the name and titles of his majesty, together with the name of the donor of the statue and also an account of the coronation ceremonies.

The panel in front bears the shield with the royal arms and heraldic scroll work, the panel at the back displays the Reading arms. Both the statue and the panels are cast in a golden bronze. The inscriptions alluded to read as follows:

His Majesty, King Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, Emperor of India.

The Statue was Presented to the Town of Reading by Martin John Sutton, Eldest Son of the Late Martin Hope Sutton, Who for 86 years was a Resident in this Borough.

The unveiling of the statue, by his royal highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein was an eventful occurrence for ancient and historic Reading. It was made doubly so by the conferring of the honorary freedom of the town upon Mr. George William Palmer, J. P., M. P., and Mr. M. J. Sutton in recognition of the manifold services they have rendered to the town of their birth and to their country.

When King Edward and Queen Alexandra were crowned it was found that there were no public funds available for the erection of any permanent memorial in connection with the commemoration by Reading. This was a source of deep regret to Mr. Sutton, who was convinced that the chief town of the royal county should be identified for all future time with this auspicious event. He asked the town of Reading to accept a statue of his Majesty King Edward VII in his coronation robes as a suitable complement to the statue of Queen Victoria erected on the occasion of the jubilee.

Mr. Sutton has already distinguished himself in promoting the interests of agriculture in the country, in furtherance of the commercial prosperity of the town and in the support of various beneficial institutions, especially those having for their object the welfare of young men. But the gifts to Reading of a statue of King Edward is the most munificent of all, and one that moved the townspeople to a deep sense of gratitude.

Mr. Sutton entertained King Edward when he was Prince of Wales, in company with the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

"You can't make me believe," said the man with the flashy watch chain, "that the north pole can be reached for \$200,000."

"Why not?" the others asked him.

"Why blame it? Look what it cost me to carry the north pole piece in my precinct last fall!"

"See Mrs. A. T. Matteson as 'Kate' in the opera 'Pirates of Penzance' at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21."

FOR SALE.—Four strong dogs, year and a half old. Apply to Dr. Richardson, York street, between 3 and 4 p.m.

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WARM GAME WAS PLAYED

Civil Service Add One More Victory

Hockey Match Saturday Evening Was the Best Played Since the Christmas Game.

At the hockey match Saturday evening between the Civil Service and Athletics the former was badly handicapped in one respect. The crowd was small and practically every mother's son and daughter extended their sympathies to the D. A. A. There was not even a pleasant smile for the Service chaps and to any other team less sure of a victory it would have been more than disheartening to have their best plays, their surest shots and their incomparable rushes passed up in silence like so many white chips. If the Athletics made a good run there were all kinds of cheers and when they made their two goals the crowd went wild. When one of the civil Service boys was checked and fell or his stick was knocked out of his hands there were more yells of delight, but when "Randy" carried the puck alone the full length of the rink and almost kicked it into the next there was but little evidence of delight shown even though it was a magnificent play. It was not that the crowd had any particular antipathy toward the government employees, but they were surfeited with the unbroken line of victories accredited to the Civil Service and were fairly aching to see administered to them the big wallop. There was but little chance, though, of the Athletics doing the job, notwithstanding the brilliant start they made. They are not in condition, do not have the practice the others take and can't hope to win unless their play is very much improved. Individually they play like treads, but their combination work is very much to the bad. Take the Civil Service, for instance. If one of the wings starts down the line with the puck the other forwards instantly range themselves directly in line ready to receive the disc should the wing be in danger of losing it and make a pass, which is not true of another team in the league. It is the combination work that tells in making goals, not the individual efforts.

Some little delay was experienced in starting the game, due to the Athletics protesting Hope who was playing point for the Civil Service. It was claimed that when the Police team was amalgamated with the Athletics the combination was affected in a body, and that Hope being formerly on the Police team had no right to play with any team other than the D. A. A. The protest was made to the board of managers of the league and they evidently dismissed it as Hope played.

The line up of the Civil Service was the same as it has been all winter with the exception of Hope who donned the red and black sweater for the first time. The change in the Athletics consisted in taking on two men from the old Police team, Timmins at goal and Wright at coverpoint. Timmins, Gibson and Wright are considered by many to be the best defense that has been on the ice this winter.

Bennett and Sears faced off and a red hot pace was set right at the beginning. In six minutes young Albert Forrest snatched the puck out of a pocket and shot a goal, and the crowd went wild, it being the first score in the game. Paul Forrest made a couple of crackerjack runs, but failed to land in the net. Seventeen minutes had passed when "Randy" made one of his sensational plays. The puck was in the Civil Service territory when the veteran secured it and like lightning made for the other end, successfully passing all his opponents and carrying the puck squarely into the net. He was scarcely two feet away when he made the shot that scored. Just one minute later he did the same thing again, minus the long run, and a third time he tried it, shooting into Timmins' feet. The last attempt Strickland took his skis and had to leave the ice for a few moments, Ellick being sent to the rail to even up matters. Two more goals were taken by the Civil Service in the first half, one by Bennett on a pass from Watt in five minutes and the other by old "Sureshot" Kennedy three minutes before the fall of half time.

In the second half three more goals were scored by the Civil Service and one by the Athletics. Bennett took the first two in five and nine minutes of play. Forrest the next in two and Kennedy the last in eight. Bennett and Sears were laid off two minutes each for rough play near the end of the half.

It was a good game and more even than the score of 7 to 2 would appear to show. The ice was in excellent condition and the temperature ideal for hockey from the standpoint of both players and spectators. The Civil Service to date still remains the undefeated champions of the north not having lost one out of seven games played this season Saturday night of this week promises to be another battle royal when they again meet the City Eagles. The first game of these two teams was that played on Christmas, which will be remembered as being a stemwinder for speed and red hot play. The Eagles will be stronger than they have ever been before. Andy Smith having regained his old time form and Merritt received at the Christmas match. The line-up at the game last Saturday was as follows:

Civil Service—Goal, Senkler; point, Hope; coverpoint, Ellick; forwards, Bennett, McLennan, Watt and Kennedy.

D. A. A.—Goal, Timmins; point, Gibson; coverpoint, Wright, forwards, Sears, Albert Forrest, Paul Forrest and Strickland.

Score—7 to 2 in favor of the Civil Service.

Referee—J. N. Merritt.

Goal umpires—J. S. McKay and W. J. B. Pinder.

Timekeeper—W. H. B. Lyons.

The following is the standing of the teams to date:

Team	Wins	Losses	P. C.
Civil Service	7	0	1000
City Eagles	6	1	858
D. A. A.	9	2	362

Wood at \$3 a Cord

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The den employed by John D. Rockefeller's wife at Pocantico Hills and the den employed by John D. Rockefeller are very grateful to Mr. Rockefeller for supplying them with wood this winter at \$3 a cord, which is less than cost.

Mr. Rockefeller visited his estate a few weeks ago and learned that there was a scarcity of coal at the Hills and the price of such as could be bought was high. He ordered his superintendent to cut down all dead trees in his forest. More than 500 trees were cut and sold. Mr. Rockefeller's woodchoppers are still at work. The pine at Pocantico Hill will not suffer from the cold this winter.

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NEW OUTLET FOR CANADIAN WHEAT

When a duty was imposed on barley going into the United States it was predicted that the demand would so decrease as to make it unprofitable for the farmers to continue raising that cereal. But when Canadian enterprise provided a demand from another source for the grain, and in recent years such large quantities of it have been fed to stock for shipment on the hoof and in the shape of cured meats, the demand for Canadian barley for American breweries is now scarcely missed. This was one of the natural results of the development of Canadian industry. New channels are continually being opened up for Canadian produce and Canadian manufactures. It was expected by speculators in the American grain markets that the bountiful yield of wheat in Manitoba the present crop year would cause a depression in values. They waited till the close of navigation, thinking that the cessation of shipments by water would force down prices and help to break market values. They were disappointed. Bears in the wheat market forgot to take cognizance of the fact that Manitoba farmers are now wealthy and can afford to hold their grain till it suits them to market it.

wheat, however, is developing in a new quarter. Minneapolis reports that 10 per cent. of the receipts there are Manitoba wheat, and that one mill has bought 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba No. 1 hard. One of the Minneapolis mills was bonded last year for a short time, and has been bonded this year, and will be run with a government inspector, and all product, flour and feed, will be shipped in bond. Thus there has been opened a new outlet for Manitoba wheat which should develop largely, as it is likely to do; will be of great value to the western Canadian farmer during the season when low freight rates are not obtainable to offset the high all-rail freight carriage which ordinarily consumes so much of the price paid for the grain in the eastern markets. This shipment of wheat in bond to the United States to be ground into flour and in turn shipped in bond to Europe is a trade with which governments and tariffs cannot well interfere.

See Mrs. J. Langlois Bell as "Isabel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

See Mr. H. D. Holice as "The Pirate King" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

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