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THE WATCHMAN-

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"They'll be an ugly crowd to tackle;

"They are so, and don't you forget

deck yonder, and held my tongue.

tainty if they'd ambushed you as was

intended, and I could have kept out of

the actual throat-cutting and preserved

a sound skin. They've all got profound

respect for me; I'm a very hely man,"

Hadli Cortolvin shrugged his shoul-

"Cousinship of the skin I suppose

You're white by birth, and I believe

should turn out to be white also if .

kept out of the sun for awhile and

had several turkish baths. Of course

I've a snuff-colored hide on me now,

and during this last two years I've

been living with men of color, and

following their ways, and thinking

their thoughts. Funny isn't it? I come

across you, I don't know you from

Adam. I can't say I particularly like

what I've seen of you, and yet here

am I, rounding on my former mates

and chipping in with you on the clear

knowledge that I shall probably get

killed during the next few hours for

"I believe, sir," he added with a bow,

"that you are a gentleman."

"May I ask your name?" said Kettle.

The Hadji laughed. "So far as I re-

I haven't a card on me, but my name's

W. H. Cortolvin, and I lived near

Richmond, in Yorkshire, before I was

idiot enough to go wandering off the

Cook's tourist routes into the middle

"I'm Welsh myself," said Kettle, "but

I've known men from Yorkshire. Shake

hands sir, please. Will you have a

"Pour it out, Captain. I haven'

tasted a Christian drink for 30 weary

months. And you've got a chattie hung

up in the draught of a port! Cool wa-

ter, ye gods! Bismillah! But it is good

Captain Kettle looked with distaste

"Won't you sling that filthy night-

gown thing of yours overboard," he

asked, "and have a wash? I can rig

you out with some pyjamas from the

But Cortolvin would not change his

dirt and squalor just then. He had

worn it too long to be affected by it;

"and," said he, "I don't want to adver-

tise the fact that I'm an Englishman

just at present. If my dear friends

down yonder on the lower deck knew

it, they'd not wait for the engines to

be repaired. They'd fizzle up just like

gunpowder, there and then, and the

whole lot of us white men would be

above him threw a clean-cut shade

which swung to and fro as the Saigon

rolled over the falat oily swell; and

collect, I was that once, captain. Sorry

grant that.

"And as it is?"

my pains."

of Arabia."

whiskey peg?"

slop chest."

to be alive sometimes."

at the Hadji's attire.

ders. "O, I chip in with you,

"Will you tell me why?"

THE PILORIM SHIP.

mesa before he left Jeddah, Capt. and pilgrims on the Iron deck of the signs for transit across the Red sea, was transgressing the laws of several nations, especially those of Great mettain and her dependencies. But what else could the poor man do? Structed as he was, with such a temptthe opportunity ready to his hand, he gould have been less than human if he and naglected to take the bargain which was offered. And though the list of thungs that has been said against Owen Kattle is both black and mag I am not aware that anyone has alloged that the little sailor was saything more or less than human in his many frailties.

Cortolvin came to the charthouse and put this matter of illegality to him main words when the engines chose break down two days out of Jeddah, and the Saigon lolled helpless in the Slazing Red sea heat.

Cortolvin up to that time had not made himself remarked. He had marched on board from the new Jedwhere the railway is, and sessi as an Arab of the Sahara who glorying in the newly-acquired areen turban of a Hadji; he was nickon the mate's tally as a "nigger," sions with some 340 dark-skinned folforers of the prophet, and he had spent those two days upon an orthodox square of ragged carpet spread on the mated iron plating of the lower fore

When the pilgrims had mustered for stetualling, he had filed in with the and held out a brass lotah for his ration of water, and a tattered chare of canvas for his dole of med rice. You could count his ribs yards away, but he'd the look of a salthy man, and when on mornings helped to throw overboard those of fallow pilgrims who had died durthe night, it was plain to see that was a fellow of more than ordinary

sauscular strength. He came to Capt. Kettle in the chart-Boose to report that the pilgrims consamplated seizing the Saigon so soon as ever the engines were once more put in maing order. "They've declared a

and against you, if you know what mat is," said Cortolvin. \*A holy war, or some such skittles, Smit it?" said Kettle. "That's about the size of it," said the

Madji; you'll have to look out if you stand to remain master of this steam-"I don't require any teaching of my

business from passengers," said Kettle

"All right," said Cortolvin, "have it your own way. But I think you might decently grateful. I've risked my life or coming to give you news of what in the wind. And you can't pretend that the information is not useful. Tours a coolie crew, who will be absolutely foolish if trouble comes—these Lagours always are that way. You've fast your two white engineers and two white mates to back you up, and the good you wouldn't have a show. Tou've 340 fanatics to deal with, who handily." all fighting bred, and fighting fit. They're all well armed, and they wouldn't a bit object to die scrimmag- open on the chart table, and then he ms in such a case.

You know it's part of their creed that if they peg out whilst fighting gaours, they go slick to paradise by shining express. That wily old camel of Mecca painted his heaven as outside its shelter the cun's rays fell

like molten brass, and the metal work was hot enough to raise a blister. The air was motionless and stagnant, and greasy with the smell of humanity. The whole fabric of the steamer shim-

mered in the dancing heat. For the dense mass of pilgrims below the situation approached the intolerable. Left to itself, the rusted iron deck beneath their bare skins would have grown hot enough to char them. Nothing but a constant sluicing with water made it in any way to be endured. And as the water from alongside came up to them as warm as tea, it did but little to refresh.

The African can withstand most temperatures which are thrown from above onto the face of this planet, but even the African can at times die from heat as glibly as his betters. Even as Kettle watched, one of the pilgrims, a grizzle-headed Hausa from the western Soudan, was contorted with heat apoplexy; breathed stertorously for a minute or so; and then lay still, and immediately became a prey to flies innumerable, two of his nearest comrades bestirred themselves to look at him, pronounced that life was extinct, stood up, and, with an effort, carried the body out of the press and heaved it over the hot iron bulwark into the oily sea beneath. It is not good that the dead should remain with the quick even for minutes in circumstances such

And whilst the bearers carried him away, an old white-haired negro from Sokoto stood upon his feet, swaying to the roll of the ship, and faced the heatblurred east with bowed head, Aloud he bore witness that God was great; and that Mahomet was the prophet of God; and that of mortals, each man's fate was writ big upon his forehead. it. I might point out, captain, that, And then the rest of the pilgrim's bent their fereneads to the terturing Richmond, and if I chose I could ride be with you again in 40 clock ticks." personally speaking, I'd been a lot safer if I'd stayed down on the lower fore deck plates, and made profession of They'd have got you to an absolute cer-

the fatth, fellowing his words. Capt. Kettle from his stand against the rail of the bridge deck pitied the heathen, and thought with a complacent sigh of a certain obscure chapel in South Shields; but at the same time he could not avoid being impressed by the heathen's constancy. They might die, but they forebore to curse God in doing it, and the omission gave him an insight into the workings of fatalism which made him think more of what

Certolvin had said. Rvery man amongst the pilgrims had sword, or spear, or mace, or rife within grip of his fist; and as a fighting force—with fatalism to back them—he began to realize that they could make a very ugly company to manoeuvre against. A regulation of the pilgrim trade requires that all weapons shall be taken from this class of passengers during the voyage, but Kettle had omitted to disarm them through sheer contempt for what they could do. If they chose to fight among themselves, that was their own concern; it never even occurred to him as they came off Jeddah quay, noisy and odorous that they would dare to contend against his imperial will; but now he sincerely wished that the means of serious offence were not so handy to their fin-

I do not say that he was afraid, for, knowing him well, I honestly believe that the little ruman has never yet feared man that was born of woman; but the safety of the Saigon was a matter just then very near to his heart, and he had forebodings as to what might happen to her.

He went back again inside the charthouse, sat himself upon the sofa, and been celebrated enough to have come ran a finger round inside the collar of into public notice, skipper; but we had his white drill coat.

"Do you like the cheroots, sir?" he said to his tattered guest. "Nice cheroots," said Cortolvin; "wonder how many I'll smoke. Those True Believers are a pretty tough crowd, aren't they? There's one Soudanese fellow in a darfur suit of mail. Did you notice him? He's been 2 big war sheik in his day. He helped to smash up Hicks Pasha's army, and commanded a thousand men at the storming of Khartoum; but he got sick at Mahdiism about a year back,

"He shall have my first shot," said little to choose between the three." "It surprises me," said Cortolvin, "that you ever went in for this pilgrim-carrying business at all. You must have been pretty hard pushed,

pulled into tassels before we'd time to "Hard wasn't the word for it," said "I don't know about that," said Kettle. "I've faced some of the ugliest the shipmaster with a sigh. "I met misfortune, sir, in Chile. I disagreed with crowds that have floated on the seas my employer, who was a lady, and the breed before. And he smoothed before this, and they thought they were went off cruising in a boat by myself. down Capt. Kettle's ruffied feelings going to have it all their own way, but A tea steamer picked me up and put with the easy glibness of a man of the they found that when it came to shootme in Colombo. I got from there to world. But the needs of the moment ing that I could keep my end up very Bombay as second mate of a tramp, were again recurring to him with but I couldn't stand the old man's violence, and he broke off artistically to He waved his guest to a deck chair, tongue, and went ashore without my refer to them. placed a box of cheroots hospitably wages. I guess, sir, I'm no good except in command; I can't take an order low pilgrims will bear a little attention went outside the charthouse and leant

over the bridge deck rail. The awning "Well, in Bombay I'd a regular nipgut time of it. I bummed round the agents' offices till I almost blushed to look at their punkah-coolies; but I'd no papers to show that would do me any good; and none of them would give me a ship the size of a rice mat.

"At last, when I was getting desperate, and pretty near put to going to sea before the mast, a Cardiff man heat grew, if anything, yet more dread-I once knew came to the lodgings and ful. The men's veins stood out in ropes gave me a tip. He'd been master of a country steamer; he'd been sacked (he upon their streaming bodies, and it didn't deny it) for drunkenness; he'd scorched them to draw in a breath. not drawn a sober breath for months, Drink, too, was scarce. The Hedaz is a and didn't see any prospect of changing region almost waterless; the desert at his habits; and there was the berth the back drains up all the moisture, vacant, and I might have it for the and the Saigon had left Jeddah with

The pay wasn't much; only 100 depend upon her condenser, and this rupees a month and percentage on was small. And in the tropics, conprofits; and the owner was a Parsee. denser-water must be dealt out in a there he failed. It is ill work to ex-I'd never been low enough down to sparing ration, or a dozen hours may plain the properties of high-pressure sign on under a black man before, but easily see a whole ship's company down steam to savages. A murmur rose my tastes just then. The owner was fat The Saigon carried a spar-deck their voices, and roared defiance. And and oldish, and wore a thing on his amidships, and the pilgrims were

head like a top hat turned upside of this on the iron plating of the fore down, and I will say I did not give him and main decks. The spar-deck was lips and blew it shrilly. much politeness. But he knew his officially reached from these lower place; he sahib'd me quite respectful- levels by a couple of slender iron ladtake his steamer under my charge. fairly active climber. There was an than talk, and I'm going to give it 'She was all he'd got,' he said; 'he alley-way passing beneath the spar- them." loved her like his life, and he'd not deck, but this could easily be closed by

natives do that—and he fixed up our The chief engineer came into the waste in each grimy hand, and lifted

"We cleared from Bombay in corn and cottons and earthenware, consign-ed to Jeddah, and the owner told me ed to Jeddah, and the owner told me I'd have no trouble in getting a cargo of dates and conce to bring back. But the Jeddah merchants seemed to think different. I cut down freights to near vanishing point, but they wouldn't look at them anyhow, I couldn't get a ton of cargo, on board for any spot in the earry it for nothing. The Salgon might have awang there at moories till the when those when they were a dozen hours back, but no' very much to boast of."

Mr. McTodd spat out into the sunshine. Mr. McTodd spat out into the sunshine. They're the rottenist engines ever I may be a them anyhow, I couldn't get a ton double my pay to be near them. They're and then when those them is treated to mob behind pressed them irresistibly mob behind pressed them irresistibly on wards. In a moment or so the first they date them they and fought with each other to be first and fought with each other to be first and fought with each other to be first upon the rungs, and then when those upon the rungs, and then when those in front would have held back, the mob behind pressed them irresistibly mob behind pressed them irresistibly on wards. In a moment or so the first they date to be first and fought with each other to be first and fought with each other.

I first they date the tormant and fought with each other to be first and fought with each other.

They date the scrap.

"We're neither of us here, Capt Kethottom rotted out of her, and expentle, because we were offered fatter ses were running up all the time. "The climate was sickly, too; I lost my serang before I'd been there 2

week, and two more of the coolies died

in the next 10 days. So when this car-

go of pilgrims offered, I tell you I just

jumped at it. Of course this old wreck

was not fitted for the trade. She's

small, she's iron decks, she's only two

boats and she's not near enough water

The Hadji swept the perspiration

"There's no accounting for taste,

from his forehead with the back of a

captain. I'm the owner of acres near

live the life of a country gentleman,

just in the way you think you'd like

His guest gave a short laugh.

"Perhaps you have no wife, sir," sug-

"O, Lord, yes," he said, "I've a wife,"

his half-smoked cheroot savagely out

He paused a minute and then threw

"You can take it from me that I've

a wife, captain, But-well, you see, I've

always been an Arabic scholar, and I

thought I'd come out to the Hedjaz to

study dialects for a year or so. It

don't seem to have got killed, and I

I can't quite make up my mind to risk

stare out into the baking sunshine be-

yond the doorway, "O, yes, I've a wife."

this, so he said politely and vaguely.

Capt. Kettle did not quite follow all

"Well, of course, you know your own

affairs best, sir." Then he took a long

and steady look at his guest. "You'll

excuse me, sir, but your name seems

"Cortolvin," the little man mused,

The Hadji laughed. "I'm afraid that

neither I nor any of my people have

a namesake some years back who was

the grand national in '67. That's what

you'll have got in your mind."

met and left the charthouse.

The sun climbed higher into the

fleckless sky, and lolled above the Sai-

gon in insolent cruelty. The Red Sea

"I'm sure I've seen that name before

er I should recognize you."

"I fancy not."

By God, yes," he added, with a

milk and honey of a country life.

grimy knuckle.

But I tired of it."

gested the sailor.

into the sunshine.

er party smiling.

of how much backshish."

Kettle frowned. "I'll trouble you, Mr. McTodd, to attend to the matter in hand. You have those steam pipes "Both forrard and aft." "Commanding both ladders?" "Just like that." "And you've plenty of steam?"

tanks. There'd be big penalties if she escape this minute if ye'll use your was caught. But I shipped a secears. It's been vara exhausting work ond rice steamer and signed that charttoiling down yonder in that a'ful heat." "Well, Mr. Cortolvin here assures me "It wasn't as if I'd got to go through that the niggers will begin to play up the ditch to one of the Morocco ports; the minute we get under weigh, so you the pilgrims had only to be taken see we know where we are and must across to Kosseir; and squaring an be ready for them. I shall want you Egyptian custom officer is only a case and the second engineer on deck, course, so you must arrange for one "You do know your trade," said Cor-

of your crew to run the engines till we've got the business settled." "The under side of it," said Kettle, "I've a greaser down yender who can with a sigh. "A man with luck like open the throttle," said McTodd gloommine has to. He never gets on with the ily, "but he's got no notion of nursing decent steamboat lines, where everysick engines like these, and as like as thing is square and above-board. He not he'll drive them off their bedplates can only get the little hole-and-corner in a score of revolutions. Ye'd better let owners, who you've got to make divime keep the engine room myself, capdends for somehow and no questions tain. I'm a sick man, and I'm no' fit asked or else just up and take the dirty for fighting with my throat as dry as "I'm a man," he added with a frown,

it is now." Capt. Kettle poured out a liberal two "that can do the job well, and they fingers of whisky and handed it across. know it, and keep me to it. But I de-"Now, Mac," said he, "wet your neck, spise myself all the time. It isn't in my and let's have no more of this nonnature, Mr. Cortolvin. Put me ashore, sense. You'll have to fight for your life give me a farm, and let me bend yellow inside 10 minutes, and you'll do it betgalters and a large-pattern coat, and there wouldn't be a straighter, sweeternatured man between here and heav-

The engineer eyed the whiskey and poured it slowly down its appointed

"Mon," he said, "ye've an a'ful poor epinion o' my capacity. I'll just be off and give you coolle greaser some instructions, and get my sidearms, and "I pity the nigger that comes to hand about my park and see the farms, and grips with McTodd," said Kettle, when the grimy man in the gray pyjamas had left the charthouse. "He's an ugly beggar to handle when he's sober as he is now, We'll get ready now, sir, it

you please. You go to the after end of the bridge deck with McTodd and the second mate, and I'll look after the forrard end with the old mate and the second engineer. When they try to rush the ladder, McTodd will give them the steam, and they'll never be able to face it. All you and the second mate have to do is to see they don't climb up over the rail."

"I wish it could be avoided," said would be a pleasant change after the Cortolvin sadly. "That high-pressure steam will scald some them horri-"It will do more than that," said

think I've liked it on the whole, It's been exciting, and I know more about Kettle. "It will strip the meat clean bastard Arabic than any European living now that poor Palmer's dead, if off their bones." "I have lived amongst those men, or that's any satisfaction. If I chose to go home now, I could pose as no end of a big boss in that line. The only thing is,

"You should have thought of that, sir, before you came to me here in the

"I did think of it, but I couldn't be a renegade to my color, and so I came. But, captain, will you let me speak to them? Will you let me tell them that their scheme is known and prepared for? Will you let me explain to them what they will have to face famillar. I wonder if you'd got that if they start an outbreak?" beard and some of your hair off wheth-

Capt, Kettle frowned. "You will understand that I am not frightened at the beasts?" he said. "I quite know that," said Cortolvin, "and I am sorry to spoil a fight. But it

is their lives I am begging for." "Very well," said Kettle, "you can fire away. I don't speak their bat, and it's as well they should know from someone what they have to look forward to. Here's a life-preserver which famous. A horse named Cortolvin won you may find useful. It's the only weapon I have to offer you. My own Capt. Kettle stiffened. "I beg your pistol is the only gun we have in the

The pair of them went outside the writhing black humanity grew to half pardon, sir," he said with acid politeness, "but I don't see you've earned a charthouse and walked to the head of right to insult me. When I am at sea I am what circumstances make me. the forward ladder. A newly-fitted When I am ashore in England, I would steam pipe, with the joints all greasy pilgrims were trying to storm the have you know I am a different person. with white lead, lay on the deck planks, bridge deck at other points; but on the I am a regular attender at chapel and a and the second engineer stood beside it port side, the gray-headed old man man who (outside business matters) with thumbs in his waist strap. On the fighting baresark with an axe, and to tries to keep entirely straight. In Eng. deck below, the pilgrims no longer starboard. Capt. Kettle, with pistol and it comes to fighting, you'll see that land, sir, I take an interest in neither squatted on their carpets, but stood to knuckleduster, battled like wildcats to pocket picking, horse racing nor sacril-gether in knots, and talked excitedly. keep the sacred planking inviolate. ege, and I have it on the word of a Cortolvin clapped his hands, and the What was going on at the after end sea of savage faces turned toward of the Saigon they could not tell. From minister I sit under that there is very

There were representatives in that fighting Hauha, and the savage war Cortolvin faced the situation with mob from half the Mahometan peo- cries of the desert, just as they rose ready tact. That this truculent little ples of Northern Africa. There were up from before their faces. But in its lean Arab camel breeders of the desert, first flush the fight was too close for ruffian who could flirt with homicide strongly resent the imputation of being jet black farmer from the Great Lakes any man's thoughts to wander from and the upper Nile, Hausas from the his own immediate adversaries. interested in a horse race did not sur-Western Soudan, limp Fellaheen from prise him much. He had met others of lower Egypt, and Egba who had served on the British police force at Lagos, steamer, and whether this was because merchants from the back of the Bar- the attack there was less heartful, or bary states, workers in metal from Sokote, and weavers from Timbukhtu

They were not all holders of the title of Hadji; for though by the Ma-"Don't you think," he said, "my felhometan law every male must make the Mecca pilgrimage at least once in a lifetime, unless debarred by poverty "I will be off and make up a bit of a or lameness, the journey may be done surprise packet for them," said Kettle. by deputy. And these deputies, fierce, truculent rumans, who had lived their "Excuse me, sir, for two minutes, lives amongst incessant wars and travwhilst I go and give instructions to my el, were perhaps the most dangerous of chief." And he swung on his pith hel-

all the lot. The black men listened to their late associate with a momentary hush of surprise. He spoke to them in fluent Arabic. He did not appeal to their better feelings; he knew his audience. He said it was written that if they tried this thing, if they attempted to capture the steamer, they should surely fail; that all things were prepared to give them battle; and that a horrible death awaited those who persisted in their

her tanks only half filled. She had to design. nature of the Saigon's defences, but grouped in two bodies forward and aft rushed for the iron ladder. Capt. Kettle clapped a whistle to his

"Now, then, Mr. Cortolvin," he cried, "away with you aft to help McTodd. ly; and he said he'd be honored if I'd ders, but it was not unscaleable to a These cattle here want something more

trust her to anyone except a pukka sa- the iron doors in the two bulk-heads, been turned on from below. The secwhich fastened inside with heavy, ond engineer unhitched his thumbs from his waistbelt, took a lump of

At first they did not flinch. With a dreadful valor they faced the torment,



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the height of the iron ladder.

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It seemed, however, that the battle

was over first in the after part of the

because Mr. McTodd's artillery was

more terrible, cannot now be known.

The question was debated much after-

ward without coming to a decision.

But, anyway, by the time Capt. Kettle's

adversaries had ceased to rage against

him, Cortolvin was free to come and

The wounded lay sprawling and

writhing about the iron decks; below

them the survivors-and scarcely one

of these was without his scald-hud-

dled against the doors of the fore-

castle; and the grimy second engineer

held the belching steam pipe upward,

so that a gray pall hung between the

translate for me. Tell those animals to

chuck all their hardware over the side

or I'll cook the whole lot of them like

"It was written," he cried, "that the

glaour should prevail. It is written

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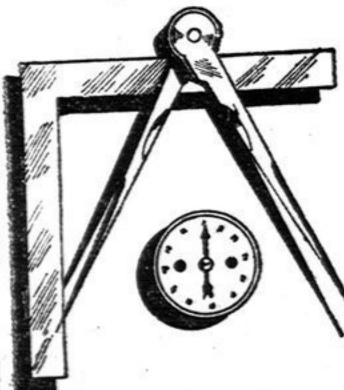
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