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CHAPTER XIV.

Vera Strengthens My Resolve. I believed I had effectually spike J the guns of the conspiracy—at least for the present. I did not underestimate the feeling of dissatisfaction forward, or the influence of Liver sool Red and his more intimate associates; but McCann and his money were, after all, the main incentive to open mutiny. C. R. TURNER, , and as long as I could keep that individual securely locked up aft, there remained a good chance of controlling

Phone 63 the hidden store of liquor and getting overboard, and with McCann safely secured, the danger element would certainly be greatly reduced. But was McCann really secured? I could never hope to conceal the fellow, to keep him hidden. The narrow confines of the ship rendered this impossible. Dade and the boy Moon would be certain to carry the news of his imprisonment forward in spite of any threat. I began to suspect that McCann under lock and key might indeed prove greater danger in the end than he



"Is This Mr. Hollis?"

venomous. Nor could I determine his teelings toward Vera; yet if he once gained ascellancy on board, with suc ruffians as Liverpool and White control, the position of the helpless girl, along and unprotected, would be desperate indeed. No! I would hold

Is this Mr. Hollis?"

"Has it not revealed itself?"

But has not Philip Bascom told you premonition of trouble entered our take me?" hopy at this introduction of his name, and cheerful. but unable to resent it.

"But you knew he recognized me; that we had been friends.

to my identity. Of course at first I thought it safer to guard my secret; I-I did not know you at all then, only by name; you were merely a guest on board my father's yacht."

"Your father's yacht! Why, of course—how stupid of me. Vera, Vera, why the name had a strangely familiar sound from the very first, but I could not recall the association; you are Gerald Carrington's daughter?" "I am Vera Carrington."

"But I supposed you to be in Eu-

"Did papa say so? You must have nisunderstood. Mother would have taken me with her, but I had so much wanted to do in New York. It Strange you should not have suspected; that no one should have teld you. Why, both Mr. Baseom and Mr. Me Cann knew me."

"Not McCann, surely?" in New York. It seems hardly possible, now that I realize the true character of the man. But probably you never asked; never discussed me be

"That is the truth. Of course it was quite impossible for me to question McCann, and I have seen very little of Bascom. Besides, you rather threw oner in the nearby stateroom. yourself on my honor." "On the Esmeralda—yes. It was nec-

my presence a secret until we were polishing the stair rail. a safe distance at sea. There were "No, sir; I have orders to take him several on board who would have rec. a cup of coffee at nine o'clock." ognized me at once, and would have "And how about McCann?" told papa. Mr. Hollis, I realize far "The gentleman in number six, sir? more than you can, all that has oc- He's locked in, and I haven't the key." curred through the mad whim of a girl. "That's true; I'd forgotten. I'll look But for me you would not be here on in on the man; and you get his breakthis unlucky ship. You would be with fast ready to serve." those others rescued from the Esmeraida safely in New York. Mr. Hollis, McCann was seated on the edge of his tell me, is there real trouble on board? bunk facing me, and, it was plainly is there doubt of your being able to evident at first view that he was in no take the Indian Chief into port?"

pleasant humor. "Why do you ask?" "Because-well, I have heard things; speak, "let's have an understanding. not much, but enough to arouse suspi- It is no desire of mine to hold you cion. Then you had some trouble just prisoner here for the next month. I'll now, and locked a man up in one of accept your pledge not to interfere the staterooms. It was to ask you with the working of this vessel." about this that I came on deck. Who "On what other terms?" "That you stop holding communica-

was the man, and what had he done?" "Our old friend, Fergus McCann," I tions with the crew, and consider youranswered, deciding to be frank with self a passenger until the end of the her. "It was not so much what he had voyage. Give me your word to that. done, as what he proposed doing. He and you may have the freedom of this had overheard. was attempting to corrupt the crew cabin, and the after deck." forward by the use of money, and un- "What is the voyage?" fortunately, there are some scamps "To Hamburg." aboard only too willing to make He laughed, and there was an ugly trouble. I felt it safer to nip the sound to it. scheme early."

"But what-what does Mr. McCann get there?" he asked, glaring at me, seek? Why should he endeavor to buy but making no effort to rise. "Are you up the men? What is his purpose?" "To have the Indian Chief returned English fleet will ever permit this ship to an American port. I'll do him the to pass through the Channel? Why, credit of saying that, until I told your whole darn cargo, they tell me, him a while ago, he possessed no is contraband." knowledge whatever that Bascom "Who tells you?" owned the vessel, or was on board. He "Never mind who. It's the truth, hates Bascom yet, and will be only too isn't it?" glad to ruin him. And he hates me, "Yes, you might as well knowwould if left free to roam the deck. because of what occurred in the boat, mostly munitions of war, but contract-This is what underlies his action, no ed for months before war was dethis ship actually belonged to the very doubt; then he believes money will accelared. However, that's nothing to do man crippled by his pistol shot would complish anything, and he has found with your status on board. It is nothonly serve to render the fellow more sailormen forward ready enough to do ing to you, is it, who gets the cargo, or the dirty work, if he will only pay well where it is finally landed?"

"You know them?" "The two most prominent are Jim lish, of French prison," he said sullen-

"You-you have decided what to do, "I have decided to fight it out, at lion dollar trade does to you." least. I gave you my promise, Miss Vera, to take this ship to Hamburg if sneered. "He took his chances, didn't it was possible to get there."

the investment in this vessel "I know of none." -I hope you will, Captain Hollis."

apparently alone on deck. I remained on deck the greater part that." of the night, but nothing of an alarming nature took place. The crew re- "Mean! Why that is Carrington's motives from his own standpoint. He mained quiet, and the watch on duty girl, isn't it, you and I pulled out of is aware that I am not extremely obeyed orders promptly enough to the yacht? Lord, I knew her when wealthy—indeed not wealthy at all by give those of us aft a new feeling of the first streak of daylight came, and his standards, and that you are your confidence.

remained fresh and the sea heavy this a mighty profitable voyage if you mercenary purpose on my part—that is enough to keep two men at the wheel, can land her in your net before she all." The Indian Chief made good weather gets ashore again. By God! I might Her eyes widened and there was a of it, however, and I possessed faith have done it myself if I hadn't gone glow of color in her cheeks. in Leayord's seamanship. For an hour, crazy in the boat. Now all the part "He—he insinuated that you sought all remained so quiet that finally, with lain." a word to the mate to have me called I did not move, or take my eyes from at the slightest sign of need, I went be- him, and slowly the grin on his face low, and turned in. I did not remove my clothes, and the humor departed.

The cabin lamp was turned so low new day was barely reddening the east "Well," he snarled, "isn't that about that secarcely the faintest reflection when I was aroused by a trampling of the way of it?" stream ned through the glass of the come feet on the deck overhead. There was "If the picture satisfies you, Mr. panicion, and I was so deeply engrossed no call, and I was sailor enough to McCann," I said. "you are perfectly of humor in her eyes. in these reflections as to not even no comprehend what was going on above welcome to it. You've said enough to Oh, that you wanted to marry me? tice the opening of the door. Her voice \_ the watch was about to be cause me to withdraw my offer of at any side aroused me with a sudden changed, and Leayord was using all parole. I will accept no pledge hands in cleaning ship. The activity, may make." the quietly spoken orders, the low "You intend holding me a prisoner "It certainly is," I answered, aware chant of a song as the men toiled at a as long as I am aboard?" Main St. West. now of the dark outline beside me, rope, were evidence that my presence and even dimly distinguishing the con was not required, and I felt it would. He got to his feet angrily. "Well now now, the wealth of your father would of her uplifted face. "It is some please both officers to be left alone in see here, Hollis, i'm blamed if I have be the greatest barrier between us."

me since I have enjoyed the pleasure, charge. I opened the port and looked any use for you, or any of your outfit your presence on deck in the night." out at the glorious morning. It was I wouldn't give you my word even if knew I had a wealthy father, or indeed "Why refer to that now?" reproach a lonely ocean scene, yet wildly beau- you agreed to accept it. You are gold any other kind." filly. "It is not so delightful a mem tiful. Everywhere was the wild deso- to discover before you are through with "Was I any the less attentive then?" lation of the sea, nothing on which the me that Fergus McCann is not quite as I retorted. "I recall almost an entire "The shipwreck—no; but the first eye could rest except the restless big a fool as you take him to be. I'll night passed on deck in the vague hope evening we met I cannot forget. But waves, the constant shifting of colors. give you odds that you never take this of seeing you." you promised to make the mystery of Satisfied that no other vessel was with. ship to Hamburg; I'll give you odds She laughed, but flashed her eyes up MILTON. | your presence on board the Esmeralda in range of vision, I lay down again. | you never get the girl; yes, d—you! into my face. I do not recall a pleasanter meal at I'll make the same proposition, that "Did you, really! I wondered if you sea than our breakfast that morning. you'll never hold me prisoner twenty- were there. But then that was merely All were in excellent humor, and no four hours. Are you sport enough to carlosity."

> minds. The night had passed quietly, I glanced across my shoulder, only to fess, but I am not at all sure there was I shook my head, not altogether both officers reporting the crew docile see reflected in a mirror, Vera Carring not a growing personal interest also. Olson was on watch, but Masters of her stateroom, as though suddenly sion you left on me in the moonlight." joined us at table, and reported all well arrested by the sound of our voices.

in the engine room, and together we No one else was visible in the cabin.



"Is That All, Sir?"

"Mr. Bascom seldom takes any ing my back turned toward the moessary then, for I simply had to keep breakfast?" I said to Dade, who was tionless girl, and my eyes fastened on "Leave the tray there on the stool,

Dade—yes, that's all; you may go back to your work." He backed out, but stood hesitating, while I closed and locked the door dropping the key into my pocket. "Is-is that all, sir?" he asked ner-

those dishes removed, I'll come down, attack in the United States is made

I unlocked and opened the door.

drift about here on this rotten tramp."

"What do you mean?"

"You have left me no other choice."

"McCann," I said, as he failed to "Now go forward, about your work." I watched until he vanished in the fellow had been outwardly respectful A Committee of Fifty has the job in attempt to force others to their opin enough, but there was something in- hand, one member of which is Prof. ion. definite about his manner which aroused my doubt. I turned, and confronted the young woman, wondering vaguely how long she had been there. and how much of our conversation she

CHAPTER XV.

The Measure of Danger. We were alone, and as our eyes met, she advanced toward me across the "Pshaw, do you think you ever wil" deck, her hand extended. fool enough, Hollis, to imagine that the

"I was only there for a moment, Captain Hollis," she explained quietly, as though in answer to the silent inquiry of my face. "I was going on deck for a breath of air, and when I opened the door heard my own name spoken. Quite naturally I listened."

"Which you had every right to do. endeavored to get from McCann a pledge not to interfere with the discipline of the ship, and offered him the freedom of the cabin and after deck, if he would make such a promise." "And he refused?"

"Emphatically; he even accused me of unworthy motives—you heard "It is something to me whather I'm She shook her head. "I hardly think safe in New York, or rotting in an Engso; I heard him offer odds against

White and a fellow known aboard as ly. "Besides, that's not all. I've got into that German port, and—oh, yes, Liverpool Red, both typical forecastle a deal on there that means more than and something about your not getting a million dollars! I can't afford to the girl-what girl?" I smiled, decidedly relieved by the "The saving of this boat and cargo lack of embarrassment in her manner. means more to Bascom than your mil-"Have we so many of your sex on

board," I asked, "as to leave that in "What's Bascom's affairs to me?" he any doubt?" "He—he referred to me! Why, J he? You seem to think I owe the man thought it might be something which "And there is no other way of saving something. I suppose he told you, or had occurred on shore—in New York. and else the girl did, that I crippled him Whatever was it he said?"

for life. Well, he deserved all he got. "Why, it seems the fellow guessed I pay my debts, let me tell you, and who you were in the boat—no doubt "Then we must go on, must we not? I've got some against you to be settled had seen you before, and recognized yet. Don't preach Philip Bascom to your face as soon as it was daylight. Before I could stop her, or add an- me. It's not for his sake you are hang. Then, however, it was too late for him other word, she was gone, and I was ing on here, and trying to get this ship to disguise his real self as he had reto Hamburg. I'm not so blind as all vealed it. His actions had made you despise him, and turn to me for profection. Naturally the man judges my

I saw your little game, too. There's father's daughter. Because I serve The sky cleared, although the wind money enough coming to her to make you is, to his mind, proof positive of a

perhaps, I loitered about on deck, but there is left me to play is the vil- to-to win my gratitude for some re-"That my father would pay for your seemed to smooth out, as his sense of

kindness to me?" "Well. Miss Vera." and I found it extremely hard to choose words, "his thoughts were more direct." Her face brightened, a sudden gleam

Isn't it too funny! Do you really think he supposes that true?" "I would not be at all surprised," answered, not altogether pleased at her reception of this suspicion. "It is wholly in line with his type. To me,

"There was a time when you never

"The mystery was attractive, I contem standing in the half-opened door You can scarcely conceive the impres-"Please, no compliments. I am so accustomed to those in New York I (TO BE CONTINUED)

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