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were aboard, were but so many unan- fax's room." swcrable questions arising in my mind. Where could it have come from, unless from that strange Dutch bark? If of nothing else. I determined to as thought that perhaps-" conclusion that the boat must have men up here."

be reduced to a whisper. it is; do you not suppose I know? This chose. here presently."

te net sail frum thar dis time-no. a somewhat more discreet but piping our luck at sea once more." Milton, Ont. We cum here from ze Barbadoes," he explained brokenly, "wiz cane sugar ing of all you tell about, Estada."

The two men went on to discuss dark figures.

In spite of my efforts the two vessels were drifting rapidly apart. Dor. tiously. othy appeared at the door of the "Ay, captain," and another figure "And see the pretty girls waiting-

prise at the bark, while the moment "We await you." he caught sight of her Sanchez went "Good. I rather questioned if you as to cause me to notice the gesture. have you here?"

cressed the deck to the wheel. There Are there suspicions?" he stood watching the bark for some "None, senor. We have cruised outside mest of the time. There is no They moved off one by one, Estada wrist, but found there no answering "The Englishman, you say? He was Full information from all Grand "What do you make of her, Car- warships in these waters. You said leading, along the narrow strip of throb of life.

"So do I, sir," I answered promptly. "A dog of a servant who came over even following their vanishing figures loss of what I might answered."

"He went down there, senor. The dog stabled me three times. It was "So do I, sir," I answered promptly. A deg of a servant who came over whatever else he may be, he's ne with us—one of Monmouth's brood. The pight had awallowed them the pight had a wallowed "Whatever else he may be, he's ne with us one of Monmouth's brood.

peaceful Dutch trader. That fellow watches me like a hawk.

We had some words sheard and there the gloom concealing the deck I could board?"

with us one of Monmouth's brood. until I reached the sloop. Through the gloom concealing the deck I could board?"

hides for market he wouldn't be near-"May I ask your plans, senor?" ly so high out of water. That bark . "Yes, I am here to explain. This G. RAMSHAW by see high out of water, That bark les, I am here to explain. This was in ballast or I miss my guess. Be- planter, Fairfax, has returned from sides if he was a trader where was England with a large sum. It is in his crew? I tell you the men on board gold and notes. It represents the prothat hooker had orders to keep down." ceeds of the tobacco crop of himself with his face toward the bay. I ven- plunging the blade deep into the flesh "I believe you are right," he admit- and a number of his neighbors. Withted frankly. "There is something out doubt it will be upward of fifty steed en the open sand, scarcely a was in a bear's grip, the very breath wreng there. I'll tell Travers and thousand pounds. This still remains yard to his rear. Seme vague sense crushed out of me, yet, by some water. have him send a runner overland to in his possession, but a part will be of my presence must have influenced chance, my one arm remained free, dispersed tomorrow; so if we hope to the man, for he swung suddenly about, and I drove the sharp steel into him gain the whole we must do so now. uttering a stifled cry of startled sur-twice before he forced the weapon

Where I leaned alone against the

The voice hardened to sudden ferocity. "But, mark you, with one exceptionthe Englishman is not to be killed, if the can be taken alive. I would deal with him." "Then after that," Sanchez went on deliberately, as though murder was of small account, "you will follow me up the bluff. Who are the others with

we have to fear are those fellows on

the sloop, and they will have to be at-

tended to quietly without any alarm

reaching the house. I am going to

leave that job to you-it's not your

"The old sea orders, captain?"

"Carl Anderson, Pedro Mendez and

"Well chosen; Mendez is the least valuable, and we will leave him with the prisoner at the boat. The big ne-

gro, Cochose, together with Manuel, can attend to Travers and the two negresses—they sleep below. That will leave you and the Swede to get the chest. No firearms if they can be avoided. I have been over the house and drawn a diagram. You can look it ever in the cabin of the sloop. The Where the craft could be bound; for stairs lead up from the front hall. what secret purpose it was affoat; wno will go with you to the door of Fair-

"And you, senor—the girl?" "What know you of any girl?" "That there was one on the deck of Main Street, t really came from the Namur of Rot. the sloop—an English beauty. It was terdam had it been sent in answer to when you turned to greet her that some signal by Sanchez? I could think you gave me the signal. I merely

sure myself as to the identity of these | "Then stop thinking," burst forth strangers. If they had actually landed Sanches enraged. "Thinking has nothit would require only a few moments ing to do with your work. If there to ascertain the truth. The distance is a girl I attend to her. Let that sufproved somewhat greater than antici fice. Dios! am I chief here, or are pated, because of the deep curve in the you? You have my orders; now obey shore and I had nearly reached the them and hold your tongue. Bring the

rounded the point and gone on when The little band of men emerged suddenly I was brought to a halt by a from the concealment of the for veice speaking in Spanish—one of noiselessly. I could distinguish no these harsh croaking voices never to faces, scarcely indeed the outlines of their separate forms in the gloom, but "Not the spot Manuel? Of course one was an unusually big fellow-Co-

is the place and now there is nothing Lads," he said incisively, a sharper to do but wait. The senor—he will be note of leadership in the tone, "it has been a bit quiet for you lately; but "Ay, unless you misread the signal," now I am back again, and we'll try

"But why anchor in a place like plans evidently communicated to Es- "We'll begin on a job tonight. There this? Why not go on up to the tada by Sanchez from England. I was are fifty thousand pounds for us in about to creep nearer, when a new- that house yonder, and I waive my "Vye not? For ziz-I no trust my comer moved past me scarcely a yard share. Estada will explain to you the crew ashore. Zay Vest Indy niggers, distant, along the narrow strip of work I want done. By daylight we an' vud run avay ven ze chance cum. sand. Directly opposite my covert he shall be on blue water, with our course set for Porte Grande. How is it, bul-"Estada." He speke the name cau- lies, de you sniff at the salt sea?"

"Ay, ay, captain." cabin and stood there gazing in sur. emerged noiselessly from the gleom, and hear the chink of gold?" "Ay, senor."

"Then do not rail me tonight-and hastily forward, removing his hat with caught my signal. I was watched and remember it is to be the knife. Esse peculiar a flourish as he approached ebliged to exercise care. Hew many tada, I have forgetten one thingscuttle the sloop before joining me. Fairfax waved his hand to me to "Four, senor, with Manuel Estevan." "Tis better to make all safe; and now." resume our course. Shortly after he "Quite sufficient. Hew is it here? strong arms, and good luck. Go to

Trunk Ticket Agents or C. E. Horn-lyle?" he asked finally. "I believe that you were being watched on the sleep. sand, five of them, on their mission of With the death-dealing knife still with? What became of the fellow?" murder. The leader remained alone, gripped in my hand I raced forward "He went down there, senor. The

perceive only dim figures, a riot of men, battling furiously hand to hand, A Victory and a Defeat. I arose silently to my feet, fully the darkness in larger outlines than and there has not been so aware that all hope of thwarting this the others-Cochose, the negro. Everything is ready, and there is not prise, as we met face to face. For an from my fingers. I thrust an elbow met at the wheel." the slightest suspicion of danger—not instant we were locked so clesely beneath the brute's chin, and thus even a guard set over the treasure." within each other's desperate grip, his forced his head back until the neck net aboard, then? Santa, Maria! rail my eyes followed the Spaniard in "In an iron-bound chest, in the room fingers clutching at his throat to block He was too strong, too immense of what difference, so he be dead. doubt and questioning, nor could I assigned to Fairfax for the night, any call for help, that he possessed no stature. Apparently unweakened by entirely banish from mind rialey's de Only two servants sleep in the main knowledge of his assailant's identity. his wounds, the giant negro, thore overboard—no, bullies, never mind; scription of that buccaneer bearing a house, the cook and a maid, both But the man was like a tiger. The oughly aroused, exerted his mighty let them lie where they are, and sink similar name. Yet, in spite of my un- women. Fairfax is vigorous and will surprise of attack was to my advan- muscles, and, despite my utmost effort an auger in the sloop's bottom. What conscious desire to connect these two put up a fight if he has any chance. tage, yet almost before I realized what at resistance, thrust me back against is that out yonder, Cochose?" together, I found it simply impossible He must be taken care of before he was being done he had railied, broken the stern rail, where the weight of his "A small boat, senor—a dory, I make

to associate this rather soft-spoken, ef- does have any. Travers is an old man, my first hold, and his eyes were glar- body pinned me helplessly. With a it." feminate dandy with that bloody vil- to be knocked out with a blow. All ing straight into mine. Then he knew roar of rage he drove his huge fist into me, his free hand instantly grasping my face, but happily was too close to Now come along with me." There was no outcry, no neise, excep that of our heavy breathing and trampling feet. Personal hatred had ascendency in both our hearts-I doubt if he ever thought of aught else but the desire to kill me there with his own hands. Only once did he even! utter a word, hissing out the sentence

as though it were a poison: "To hell with you, you sneaking!" English cur!" What followed has to me no clearness, no consistency. Never have fought with deeper realization that every trick of wit and skill. Now quicker movement; I excelled draw blood, before I succeeded ! knee, hoping thus to foll my purpose There was the sharp crack of a bone,

struck his teeth deep into my cheek.

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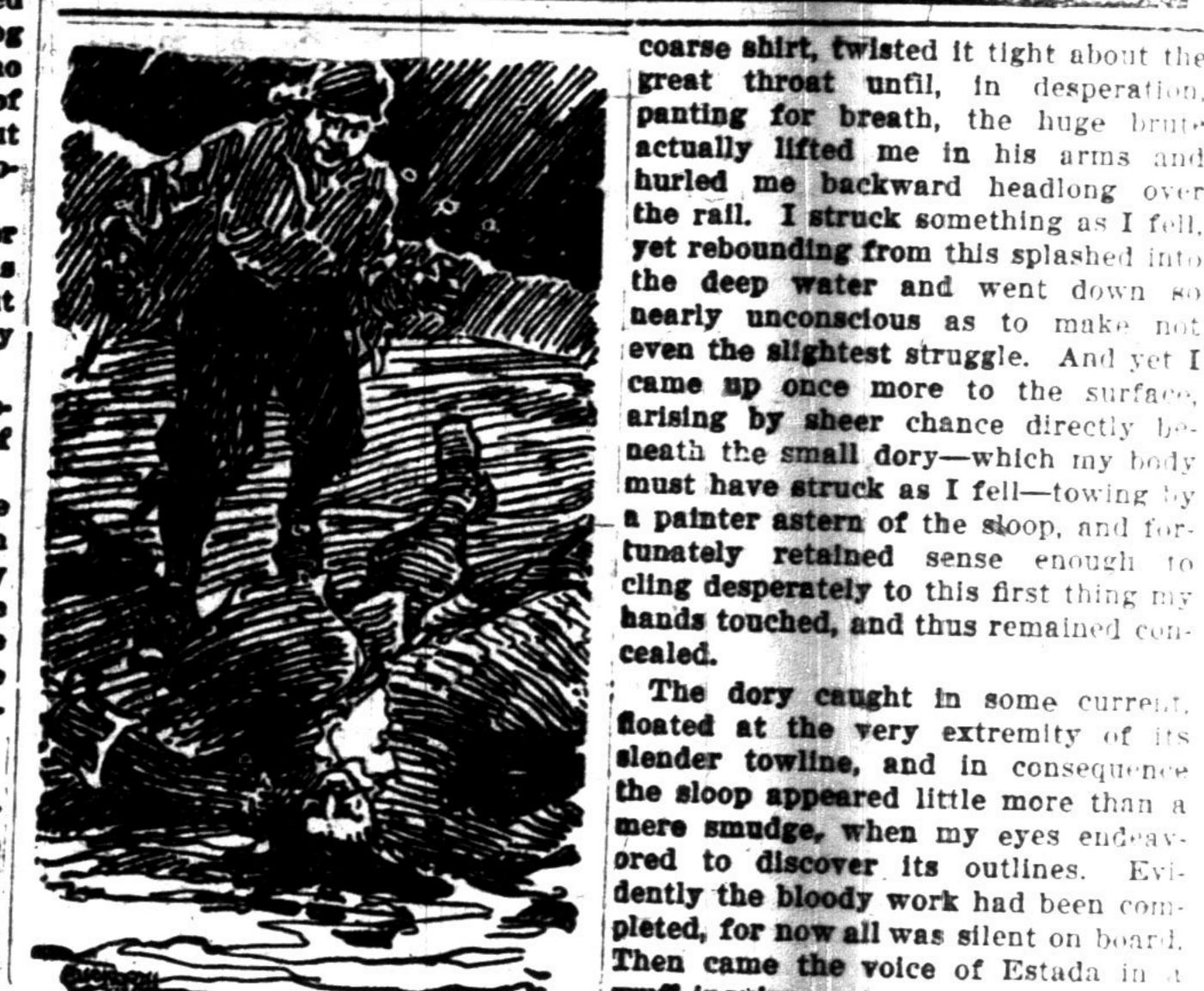
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floated at the very extremity of its slender towline, and in consequence

the sloop appeared little more than a mere smudge, when my eyes endeavored to discover its outlines. Evidently the bloody work had been completed, for now all was silent on board. Then came the voice of Estada in gruff inquiry:

coarse shirt, twisted it tight about the

great throat unfil, in desperation.

panting for breath, the huge brute

actually lifted me in his arms and

hurled me backward headlong over

the rail. I struck something as I fell,

yet rebounding from this splashed into

the deep water and went down so

nearly unconscious as to make not

even the slightest struggle. And yet

came up once more to the surface.

arising by sheer chance directly be-

tunately retained sense enough to

cling desperately to this first thing my

The dory caught in some current

"So you are hiding here, Cochose? What are you looking for in the sen! your task, and if one fails me it will over his heart, detecting no murmur man. Mon Dieu! He fought me like of response; touched the veins of his a mad rat."

"Ay, with his ribs crushed in, and yet out of the ruck loomed through He's never come up even-I've watched

ripple where he sank." The two must have hung in silence over the rail staring down. I dared not advance my head to look, nor ever move a muscle of my body in the

"How came you aft here?" "Because that fellow leaped the rail from the wharf. I saw him, and we "From the wharf, you say? He was

know not what that may mean. Yet "Cut the rope and send it adrift.

at his knife. Even as he jerked it give much force to the blow. My own The darker loom of the sloop vanforth I crushed his wrist within my hands, gripping the neckband of his ished slowly, as the slight current (TO BE CONTINUED)

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needed every ounce of strength and knew the fellow possessed greater knowledge of the game than I and o weight of body and coolness of brain. Twice he pricked me deep enough to twisting backward the arm with which he held the blade. He met the game too late, falling half back upon one as his useless fingers let the knife drop, a snarled curse of pain, and then, with the rage of a mad dog, Sanches

utline. I rested my ear

It was already quite dusk when we finally drew in beside Travers' wharf and made fast. Our approach had been noted and Travers himself-a white-haired, white-bearded man, yet

still hearty and vigorous, attired f white duck-was on the end of the dock to greet us, together with numerous servants of every shade of color, who immediately busied themselves toting luggage up the steep path leading toward the house, standing conspicuous amid a grove of trees and Weekly Star.. 2.00 3.85 on the summit of the bank. The others followed, four fellows lugging with difficulty an iron-bound chest, the two older men engaged in earnest conversation, thus leaving Sanchez apparently well satisfied with the opportunity alone to assist the girl. Except to render the sloop completely secure for the night, there remained little work for us to perform

CHAPTER VI.

The Mysterious Sall.

on board. The four of us passed the Main St. West. early evening undisturbed smoking and talking together. So the time passed quickly, and it must have been nearly midnight before we brought out blankets from the forecastle and lay down in any spot we chose on deck. It was a fair, calm night, but moonless, with but little wind stirring, and a slight haze in the air, obscuring the

Eyes Followed the Spaniard.