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"Sir Harry Morgan!" shouted a voice to run you down!"

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A wild yell of elation broke from the pirates. They were completely possessed by their success now, but Morgan stopped the noise in an in-

"Silence!" roared the captain. "W are not yet free! Back to your stations! Stand by the larboard bat-

swept close under the Port Royal shore. Everybody in the town knew that something had happened on the frigate. The garrison of the fort was out, and the guns were loaded and bore fair upon the channel. Softly, for they were within earshot distance of the fort, Morgan passed the word to train the guns of the battery on the parapet of the fort. He also told off all the men with smaff arms to line the side, with instructions for them to

# BUCCANEER

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The king will triumph!

fire at the portholes of the fort as they

passed, and he charged every one un-

der pain of death to keep all fast until

he gave the word. Hornigold bent all

his mind to getting the ship safely out

of the harbor. Two or three reliable

men were stationed in the gangway,

whose sole business it was to repeat

his commands without fail during the

confusion, no matter what happened.

They were right in the entrance now

and coming opposite the fort. The

men below were still keeping up a

great noise, but a hail which came

across the water from the rampart

was entirely audible, the distance not

"Hello, the Mary Rose! Hello, the

"Where are you going? Where's

There was no answer. The rapidly

moving ship was fairly abreast the

fort now. In thirty seconds she would

"We have killed the governor and

Kempthorne, and this is the ship of Sir

Henry Morgan, bound for the Spanish

main on a buccaneering cruise. Fire!"

A perfect hail of shot at point blank

range belched forth from the twenty-

four guns of the larboard battery of

the onrushing ship. In the surprise

and confusion caused by this murder-

ous discharge at short range the frigate

slipped by, and, although every gun in

the fort, whether it bore or not, was

finally discharged by the infuriated

soldiery, no serious damage was done

to the ship. Here and there a man fell.

Pouring an effective musketry and pis-

tol fire upon the surprised garrison,

the frigate slipped through the chan-

nel. Before the cannon could be re-

loaded they were out of range. There

before them lay the open sea, bounded

to the southward by the rich and un-

"We're out of the harbor, sir," cried

"That's well!" said the commander.

"Secure the guns and muster the crew

We'll divide into watches and bear

"Long live Sir Henry Morgan, king

of the buccaneers!" cried a voice out

of the darkness, and amid a tremen-

dous roar of cheers the vessel swept

CHAPTER V.

Much had happened in the interval.

In the first place, Morgan had organ-

ized and drilled the ship's crew re-

lentlessly. With the aid of the five

principal adventurers, whom he had

brought the motley crowd which he

had shipped into a state of compara-

tive efficiency and of entire subjection

to his fron will. The co-operative

principle which had been the main-

spring of action as well as tie which

produced unity among the brothren of

the coast had ceased to be regarded

so far as Morgan was concerned. He

took care, however, to be upon fairly

amicable terms with the officers in

command and the veterans, though he

treated the rest of the riffraff like the

dogs they were. They murmured and

raged, but did not revolt, although it

was quite possible if he pushed them

too far and they found a leader they

In accordance with Hornigold's ad-

vice, after deliberation between Mor-

gan and the leaders, the Mary Rose

had first run up to La Vaca island,

south of Hispaniola, and the number

of original marauders had been in

creased by fifty volunteers, all those,

indeed, who could be reached from the

small pirates who made that delectable

spot their rendezvous. In addition to

those the crew had also been re-en-

forced largely from those of the unpaid

and discontented seamen and soldiers

of the frigate who had happened to be

under hatches the night of the capture.

might make trouble.

from Port Royal the Mary

Rose was tumbling southward

Hornigold, coming aft to where Mor-

gan stood triumphant on the poop.

away to the southward."

the blue and languid seas.

protected cities of the Spanish main.

being more than half pistol shot.

"Aye, aye! What is it?"

Lord Carlingford?"

be beyond it.

frigate!"

The guns of the fort commanded the harbor mouth and under ordinary circumstances would have made it impossible for a ship to enter or leave without permission. The mouth was narrow and dangerous, but the best pilot in the West Indies stood forward leaning over the knightheads, conning the ship. Raveneau and Velsers, than whom no better seamen ever held a spoke, by Morgan's orders were stationed at the wheel to steer the frigate. Rock and Teach distributed the best of the men among the guns of the spar deck battery on the port side. As was usual, the guns were already charged. There were no loggerheads available, no matches with which to fire them, but Morgan instructed those who seemed to have some skill in gunnery, whom he placed in temporary charge of the cannon, how to fire them by snapping their pistols at the touchholes, which were primed from a powderhorn that had been brought by the

The land breeze was fresh and strong, and the Mary Rose vindicated her claim to be considered a fast sailer. She fairly ripped down the harbor, threading her way through the channel under Hornigold's nice pilotage until she came near to the narrow entrance. By Morgan's orders each man re-



mained motionless at the place where he had been stationed, and the ship so far as human noise was concerned was as still as death. Even the soldiers below, finding no attention paid to their cries, had subsided into comparative quiet. The silence was broken only by the creaking of cordage, the dashing of water against the bows and the groaning of the timbers. Ever and anon Hornigold's deep voice, crying "Larboard!" or "Starboard!" as the case might be, rolled along the deck to the watchful men gripping the wheel Suddenly the old buccaneer cried out

"There's a boat right ahead, sir." "Run her down!" answered Morgan

instantly. "Aye, aye! Starboard! Starboard again! Let her go off another half

point. Steady! Now! Meet her

The ship swept around slightly and rushed directly at the boat. It was the boat of the governor. Instantly wild cries arose from the men on the thwarts. They were stopped by a stern

"Ahoy, the Mary Rose!"

"Ahoy, the frigate! What are you doing? Where is Admiral Kempthorne?"

At that instant the soldiers beneat the hatches suddenly resumed their commotion, thus apprising the men in the boat that something was sadly

"Larboard your helm," cried a voice from the boat, "or you'll be on us. Who's in command? What are you

out of the darkness. "And we mean

"Back water, for God's sake! Stern all!" cried Lord Carlingford to the paralyzed rowers, but before they could move the looming bow of the frigate was upon them. Carlingford had risen in his boat before the collision, and with dauntless courage he shook his bared sword in the darkness toward the ship.

swept on.

At that time the entrance to the harbor was very narrow, and the channel

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all, because even at that date it was considered a meritorious act to attack a Spaniard, some seventy cast in their lot with the rest.

Among the 220 members of the heterogeneous crew so constituted were to be found natives of almost every race under the sun, even including one or two Spanish renegados, and it would be safe to say that the lowest and meanest representatives of the several races were assembled on that very ship. The officers and men who had been recruited from Isla La Vaca as well as the older original members of the crew of the Mary Rose, together with a select few of the remainder, were men of approved courage. The officers, indeed, bore reputations for hardihood and daring not to be surpassed. Most of the rest, however, were arrant cowards. As a body the band could not compare except in leadership with the former bands of buc-

Morgan himself, however, almost made up for all deficiencies. His eye was as keen, his hand as steady, his soul as reckless and his skill as high as when he had led the greatest buccaneer fleet that had ever assembled on the famous Panama expedition. Ev erybody on the ship hated him except young Teach and the faithful Black Dog. But they all feared him as much as they hated him, and they admired him as much as they feared him.

So far as he was concerned, discipline was absolute. No admiral of the fleet was ever served more promptly and respectfully than he. Even his nearest associates were treated with a certain haughtiness, which they bitterly resented and which they would have called in question had the situation been other than it was. Truth to tell, influenced by Hornigold, they had em barked upon a mad enterprise, and EN days after her departure they needed Morgan to bring it to a successful conclusion. Without him

before a gentle breeze through | the slender coherence which already existed would fail and anarchy would be the state upon the ship. So long as they remained together it was certain that Morgan would lead them on some successful enterprise, and they might get some reward for their risks and constituted his lieutenants, he had crimes. In his safety lay their safety. The ship, however, was a floating

colony of suspicion, treachery and hatred. Morgan himself never appeared without being loaded with weapons, not for bravado, but for use should occasion rise, and his back was always protected by the silent and gigantic maroon, whom the sailors, catching the title from those who had known him of old, referred to with malignant hatred as Black Dog. That was a name, indeed, which the taciturn half breed rather rejoiced in than resented. Morgan had been able to awaken love in no hearts except those of young Teach, whose feeling was admiration rather than affection, and this half breed maroon. Whether it was from his black African mother or from his fierce red Carib father that he inherited the quality of devotion was not apparent. Devoted he had been and devoted he re-

mained. There was one among the officers Morgan was sure of and upon whom he could depend in an emergency, and that was young Teach. He had flattered him by unusual marks of kindness, and alone among the officers this fellow did not seem to cherish the rancor and suspicion of the others. He was too young to have experienced a betrayal, as had the rest. This was his first venture in actual piracy, and he

Presented with the choice of instant found it marvelously pleasant. death or adherence to the band, most of them had accepted the latter alterna-The officers, too, were all suspicious tive, although, to their great credit be of one another. As each one nursed his it said, not until one or two of the loyal | ewn private designs he suspected the others of doing likewise, and with reaveterans who had hotly refused to have son. But there was as yet little outanything to do with their ruffianly capward friction among them. Raveneau. tors had been forced to walk the plank for instance, was most scrupulously as an example to the rest should they polite to the captain and his associates. prove recalcitrant. Partly through ter-Velsers was too stupid in his cupsror, partly through discentent, partand he was generally in them-to do ly en account of promises of the great mere than growl, and the Brazilian reward awaiting them, speciously urged had all the capacities of his race for by Mergan himself, for he could talk as well as he could fight, and, most of subtle concealment.

Although the necessary orders for



working the ship were obeyed at Morgan personally imposed implie obedience and respect for his com mands, no duties other than those required were performed by the men During the day when not at work or at drill they drank, smoked, gamble: and fought at pleasure, although, a the captain mercilessly exercised the during long hour; at the great gun and with small arms, they did not hav any too much leisure for play. During the night they kept watch and watch of course, but in it all they took no care of the ship, and filth and dirt abounded. If they had anticipated long cruise things would necessarily have been different, but as they had gone far to the southward now and might make a landfall at any moment there was no necessity for bothering about mere cleanliness. Morgan had not communicated his ultimate purposes to his men as yet, but as he was the only navigator on the ship he was perforce allowed to have his own way.

Breakfast had been served - a meager breakfast it was, too, for all hands were on short allowance of everything but spirits, on account of the unprovided state of the ship. Fortunately for their contentment there was plenty of rum on board. The men were congregated forward on the forecastle or in the waist, wrangling and arguing as usual. The officers gathered on the quarter deck, and Morgan paced the high raised poop alone. overlooking them, when the lookout suddenly reported three sail in sight. The half drunken sailor who had been sent aloft at daybreak had ke t negli gent watch, for almost as soon as he had made his report the ships were

observed from the deck of the frigate. The Mary Rose had the wind on her quarter, her best point of sailing, and she was covered with canvas from her trucks to her decks, from her spritsail yard to her huge mizzen crossjack, a lateen sail. The wind was light, but she was making rapid progress toward the approaching strangers, who, with their larboard tacks aboard, were beating up toward the English.

Attended by the maroon, Morgan, pistol in hand, went forward to the forecastle, kicking his way clear through the sullen, black browed mass of sailors. He ran a short distance up the weather fore shrouds and took a long look at the strangers. They all flew the yellow flag of Spain. One was a huge galleon, the other two smaller ships, though larger in each instance than the Mary Rose, and all heavily

One of the plate ships from Porto Bello was due in this latitude about this time, and Morgan instantly surmised that the galleon was she and that the two others were Spanish frigates to give her safe convoy across the ocean. Spain was at peace with all the world at that time, and the two frigates would have been ample to ward off the attack of any of the small piratical craft which had succeeded the buccaneer ships of the Caribbean. The Spaniards had no idea that such a vulture as Morgan was afloat; therefore, although they had sighted the Mary Rose long before she had seen them, because they kept better watch, they came on fearlessly and without hesitation. It was evident to the experienced officers among them that the vessel was an English frigate, and as Eng-

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Presently Morgan sprang down upon the forecastle and faced his men. "Lads," he said, "those are Spanish

"Aye, aye, sir," came from one another as he paused a moment to let the significance of his announcement sink in. "And," he continued, raising his

voice so that it was audible throughout the ship, "the great one will be one of the plate ships homeward bound -but she'll never get there-from Porto Bello!" A perfect yell of delight drowned his

further remarks. The men shrieked and shouted and hurrahed at the joyous announcement, as if all they had to do was to go aboard and take the ships. When the hullabaloo had subsided, Morgan continued:

"I'm glad to see you take it so bravely, for while there is treasure enough under her hatches to make us all rich, yet we'll not get it without a fight, for yonder are two heavily armed frigates. We'll have to dispose of them before we get at the galleon. It means a little fighting, but think of the prize!" he cried, playing skillfully upon the cupidity of his men. "Some of us will lose the number of our messes perhaps before nightfall, but," he continued, making a most singular and effective appeal, "there will be more to divide for each man that is left alive. Are you with me?"

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