

A SHORT SAGA Of The Sea

I am in a melancholy mood—of the lure of the sea is upon me—It must be that restless, roving spirit of my Viking ancestors for as the shades of night are descending, I find myself alone out on the spit—a narrow strip of beach that extends precariously out into the ocean at the turbulent Chetco's mouth.

A storm is on and the surf is running high with occasional heavy bursts of rain, vainly trying to freshen the briny shores and drive the lingering gulls to their rocky shelters for the night.

The ocean stubbornly tries to beat back the river as the river, freshed and flooded, rushes out to meet it. It is as if an irresistible force is meeting an immovable body, only to writhe about locked in each other's torturing embrace and finally to be pushed on out into the gloom and lost in the vastness of the sea.

Heavy breakers come roaring

in, beating on the helpless shore and returning to the deep, spitefully carrying avalanches of rocks and sand with them. It seemed to me that long, white, foamy fingers, which crept far up on the beach, were reaching for me as I stood in the shadows just beyond their reach. That Old Devil, the Sea, he even tries to come ashore and get people!

There is no satiating his avaricious appetite, for in his greedy maw lies the battered and barnacled hulls of stately steamers and mighty ships of war; the ghostly forms of ancient galleon and luckless three-masters and even the ancient, open craft of Viking bold, whose fetish carved bow and stern, it was hoped, would placate the Gods of the storm and the great unknown.

No longer satisfied, though his dripping jaws have, since time immemorial, devoured every manner of man and every manner of craft, he now reaches for the men of the sky and as their wounded, cloud-like ships spiral crazily into his waiting arms, receives them in one last, quick

suffocating embrace.

That Old Devil, the Sea—He feeds us and he robs us — He sends the storm-cloud and the rain to save us and last of all, he is the great undertaker who buries us in dripping shrouds from Davy Jones Locker in the luckless hour we trust him.

John LeRoy Johnson.

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Weather Report

Sunday:	Max.	Min.	Rain
Oct. 18	53	48
Oct. 19	60	48
Oct. 20	53	48
Oct. 21	61	45
Oct. 22	67	46
Oct. 23	60	52	.89
Oct. 24	63	46	.02
Rain for week			.91

Don Greenway, head of the administration department of State College of Washington will speak on "Resort Management in the Pacific Northwest" at 2:00 p. m. assembly, on Monday, Nov. 8, during the 18th annual Oregon Coast Association convention, at Newport, November 7, 8 and 9.

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