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CRUELTY PRACTICED BY WHALERS **ALMOST BEYOND HUMAN BELIEF**

Graphic Story of "Jack" Hayes and His Companions Furnishes Facts for Investigation by the Government of Cowardly and Unprincipled Methods of Men Who Bunko the Unsuspecting Sailor

afforded of the inhuman treatment of men enlisted as whalers than in the subjoined story told at Washington, D. C., for The Oregon Sunday Journal by John Underwood, a mine owner of Nome, and a gentleman who has for years been assisting in furnishing data from the far north for the bureau of commerce and labor. The writer tells the thrilling story of one Jack Hayes and his companions and of the flight of a brutal ship captain who was employed by one of the big whaling companies. Here is Underwood's story as furnished the Washington correspondent of The Journal:

"The captains and officers of whaling vessels, who ply their vocation of slaughter for profit in the Bering sea and Arctic ocean, have a peculiar kind of religion. They are of a kind of faith healers, or spiritualists, or some-thing of that kind. They believe in alleviating every form of disease by a laying-on of hands, also of boots shod with heavy soles, and likewise of trongbacks and capstan bars and mar-in spikes, or any other kind of an im-lement of offense that may be lying round loose.

plement of offense that may be lying around loose. There are only two kinds of dis-sames aboard a whaling vessel in the Arctic. The first is known as malinger-ing and the second as insubordination. If a man is too sick to work the of-ficers drag him from his bunk and a liberol external application of the boot of the first mate, from which he has forgotten to remove his foot, quickiy rejuventies the flagging energies of the porary unsophistication, has been in-duced to ship for a passage aboard one of these firsting hells of the frozen same of the northland. At times, how-ever, the monotony of this treatment is varied by other methods, more scien-tific, and the cruelty is more refined. The diabolism of these freebooters of the Arctic is so horrible in some remes that the reading of the history of the Spanish inquisition is very colorless matter by comparison and means the credible in these days of modern civi-tienton.

"In the summer of 1996, I was i Nome and became acquainted with man named Jack Hayes, a miner and in man named Jack Hayes, a miler and a prospector, one of those strong, sturdy, courageous individuals who frequently go into the wilderness alone for a year at a time and subsist on the product, of their rifles and their own ingenuity and resources. Hayes had just arrived from Fairbanks, having reached that place after one of the most dreadful

to pass the time until the spring would release the vessel from the ice and per-mit him to make his way southward. "This was in January, and in a place where the cold is so intense that the quicksliver drops out of sight in the thermometer. About two weeks after his arrival at the vessel he accom-panied the crew on one of their daily pli-grimages to the land to cut and haul ice, which is melted for water. These trips are made in turn by the members of the crew, about six men being har-nessed to a sield like so many mulea, and, accompanied by a couple of offi-cers, driven to and from the ice fields. On this particular occasion, the expedi-tion was accompanied by the first and fourth officers, the latter a Portuguese negro, and the boat steerer. "When the sailors were harnessed,

fourth officers, the latter a Portuguese negro, and the boat steerer. "When the sailors were harnessed, preparatory" to returning to the ship, one of them, a youth about 18 years old named Rudolph, dropped his cape; as he stooped to recover it the fourth officer gave him a kick. "Rudolph formerly had been a Texas cowboy, and his spirit had not yet been broken by the treatment which he had received in the north. He also was a fighter of no mean ability. The kick infuriated him, a sea of blood ran be-fore his eyes, and, rushing at the negro, he downed him with a crashing punch on the chin. The first officer interfered and met a similar fate; but, at this time, the boat steerer came up with a 'strongback,' a bar of iron which is used for the purpose of holding down a small hatch, and dealth Rudolph a blow on the forehead, which rendered him temporar-ily unconscious. When he recovered, he found himself bound hand and foot and being drasged back to the ship in a manner which was not distinguished by its gentleness. With blood pouring from the wound above his eye, and still insane with anger, his hands were re-leased preparatory to handcuffing him, and, for answering back an insulting results. leased preparatory to handcuffing him, and, for answering back an insulting re-mark by the captain, he received a heavy blow in the face. The blow once more roused his fighting spirit, but he was soon overcome by the numerical strength of the officers and chained to the west. The captain who had such

the mast. The captain, who had rushed back to the cabin to secure a pair of handcuffs, returned about this time, and blinded by the blood from his mouth, Rudolph thought that Cook held a sizshooter. "Don't you shoot me. Captain, you

Texan, and for reply he received another crashing blow on the forehead with the handcuffs, which again rendered him unconscious.

Thrown Into Bunk.

"He was then thrown in his bunk like a log of wood, and several buckets of water were thrown over him to revive." When found, Hayes had with him water were thrown over him to revive.

Seldom has a better insight been streams, and with the simple faith of manded his guns and ammunition, and men of his kind, he could not believe but that everything must be all right men enlisted as whalers than in when a woman was about; so he settled down to lead the life of a whaler and a tan-pound sack of rolled oats from be could not believe but that everything must be all right when a woman was about; so he settled to pass the time until the spring would his scanty store. He went to the police the teleform the location of the adount teleform the location of the adount terms at the time until the spring would be and started for the mission. The mission at the police terms at the time until the spring would be and started for the mission of the police terms at the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the time until the spring would be and the started the the police terms at the transment the spring would be the adount terms at the transment the spring would be the adount terms at the transment the spring would be the adount terms at the spring would the spring would the started the spring would th a ten-pound sack of rolled cats from his scanty store. He went to the police headquarters, but learned that their supply of provisions, like those of the missionary, had failed to arrive the previous summer.

Gloomy Outlook.

Gloomy Outlook. "He then determined to strike out for civilization. To go back along the coast, where there was practically no game, was practically impossible, so he elected to take a chance on finding his way acfoss the coast range to the Yukon river. Imagine his condition: "Situated at least eighteen hundred miles from any place where he could procure food, and that across an un-known and unexplored country, where the mountain peaks stretched up to the heavens, and nothing, save a ten-pound sack of rolled eats, to sustain himself and his dog team. True, he had a rifle and an abundance of ammunition, but caribou herds are not seen every day in the wilderness, and that he would be able to accomplish the jour-ney was extremely doubtful. The coun-try through which he was to pass was one in which strong winds prevailed almost without cessation throughout the winter, and the temperature frequently dropped until the thermometer indicated 10 degrees below zero. "To proteot himself against these bit-ing Arctic winds and whirling snows, he had the clothing usually worn in that section and a reindeer sleeping-bag. Besides this small outfit, he had a package of letters. These contained algued statements from the members of the crew-in regard to the crimes which had been perpetrated aboard the whaler Bowhead. He promised the sullors that if he survived the journey he would mail the statements to the United

if he survived the journey he would mail the statements to the United States district attorney at San Fran-"Let me pass over the narrative of

Hayes' fearful suffering and privation. Suffice it to say that, nearly eight months later a party of Yukon Indians, months later a party of Yukon Indians, who were going up the Porcupine river on a caribou hunting expedition, found, lying in a slough and partly submerged by the water which was rising, the body of a man, thin and emaciated. He was living, but too weak and exhausted to drag himself from his uncomfortable position.

"Jack Hayes, the man of indomitable courage and undying energy, had given up. His resource, his initiative and his great physical strength had been taxed to the uttermost and he had laid down absolutely unable to walk another step, for the last big sleep. He was nursed gently and kindly by the Indians, and taken to Fort Yukon. He was fed at first only upon a soup made from boiled fish, for the Indian is wise in the method of treating a starving man. Subsequently he made his way to Fair-banks.

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Attempt to Incaps.

AND NOW CHEHALIS "Two men in the Nome roadstead at-tempted to escape from the ship by swimming ashore, but they were cap-tured. As one of these men was being dragged down the companionway to be chained, Captain Cook, when the men's head was level with the deck, kicked his teeth out.

"His teeth out. "His partner, a man named Anderson, afterwards received a kick in the chest from the effects of which he died three months later. Two days before his death, when almost unable to stand, he was dragged from his bunk, assaulted, and made to sweep the deck. He fainted soon afterwards, and recov-ered consciousness for only a few mo-ments. His only medicine was while oil. The man was kept chained to the gridleys, a hot place above the en-gine room, for three months, and fed to bread and water. Many men were chained in the cold hold of the vessel for periods ranging from three days to a month. Chehalis and Centralia city councils Chehalis and Centralia city councils have now declared the franchises grant-ed the Centralis-Chehalis Electric Rall-way & Power company for an inter-urban line null and void. Ben Weeks, of Tacoma, secured the franchises some time ago and on account of the financial stringency was unable to put up his \$1,000 cash forfeit in either city. At first the councils granted him exten-sions, but when he appeared this week with request for further extensions until April the councils demurred and voted the company out.

Change in Schedule.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

every day in the year.

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chained in the cold hold of the vessel for periods ranging from three days to a month. "Assaults of more or less violence were of almost daily occurrence for a period of 39 months. One man, forced to go aloft in a gale of wind when he knew it was dangerous was drowned soon after the vessel left San Francis-co. No attempt was made to save his life. Rudolph, the youth who was so brutally assaulted and nearly killed, was turned away from the ship just prior to leaving the mouth of the Mac-kensie for the south. Cook knew that this man would prove a dangerous wit-ness against him. It was through the assault on Rudolph that Jack Hayes was marconed two thousand miles from nowhere, and nearly lost his life as a result. Ludolph made his way up the Mackenzie river, and more than a year and a half later, he reached civilization. For all Cook knew or cared, Rudolph might have died on his journey. It is highly probable that Cook hoped he would die. "Yet this human fiend, this tiger shaped like a man, was allowed to es-cape, through official negisct and care-ies.n. "Somewhere in the world today, per-Change in Schedule. Hawthorne avenue cars, P. Ry., L. & P. Co., beginning on Monday, January 27: Hawthorne avenue cars will leave First and Alder streets for Reservoir, first car 6:20 a. m., then every 10 min-utes to and including 8:10 a. m., then every 20 minutes to and including 3:50 p. m., then every 10 minutes to and including 6:50 p. m., then every 20 min-utes to and including last car, 12:30 a. m., for Mt. Tabor junction every 10 minutes from 6:20 a. m. to 12:30 a. m., inclusive. nelusiv

inclusive. Leave Reservoir—First car 5:50 a. m., then every 10 minutes to and in-cluding 5:40 a. m., then every 20 min-utes to and including 4:30 p. m., then every 10 minutes to and including 7:20 p. m., then every 29 minutes to and including last car, 12 midnight. Leave Mt. Tabor junction (Forty-ninth street)—First car 5:55 a. m., then every 10 minutes to and including last car, 12:05 a. m. Mt. Scott cars leaving First and Al-

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p. m., inclusive, will not stop on Haw-thorne avenue from Grand avenue to Forty-eighth street to let off passen-gers. Daily except Sunday. Mt. Scott cars loaving Mt. Tabor function (Forty-eighth street) between 6 a. m. and 8:40 a. m., inclusive and between 4 p. m. and 6:50 p. m., in-clusive, will not stop to take on pas-sengers from Forty-eighth street to Grand avenue. Daily except Sunday. son. "Somewhere in the world today, per-haps on the high seas and maybe in a foreign country, this inhuman, with the bull neck and long arms of the gorilia, is glancing furtively around to see if there is an officer at his elbow. "Away to the northward of Nome among the innumerable hills that form the north coast range of Alaska, where the quicksliver freezes and the wind howls like the wolves, Jack Hayes is perhaps crunching the snow under his feet, tralling a moose, or following the sign of a stray carrbou through the wilderness, and ever keeping a vigilant eye for the source from which came the copper stains that he found there nearly three years ago. He has food today, and plenty, and is otherwise well equipped to battle with the elements. "The men who were aboard the Bow-"Somewhere in the world today, per-ns on the high seas and maybe in a



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Captain Cook Introduced. "Captain Cook, however, insisted that Hayes give into his care the rifle and dix-shooter which he carried, as well as his ammunition. He noticed that, in the forward part of the ship, where the crew's quarters are located, there were no capstan bars or marlin splkes, or implements of any kind that could be converted into weapons of defense or of-fense in case of emergency, and as he had a considerable sum of money on his person, he was rather interested in this person, he was rather interested in this condition of affairs; but, as the captain had his wife aboard the ship, he thought everything must be all right. He had lived his life among the forests and



case where whale oil would not prove efficacious. Wet to the skin and shiv-ering with the cold, the unfortunate youth was then taken below in the hold of the ship and was triced up by the thurobs with his hands stretched up so far behind him that he was in a stoop-ing position, and which caused him ex-cruciating mains in the muscles of the

ing position, and which caused him ex-cruciating pains in the muscles of the arms, back ind shoulders. "Hayes, who had been a witness to the entire proceedings, remained impas-sive, yet he was inwardly consumed with anger. There was murder and re-sentment in his heart yet he restrained himself and made an effort to

with anger. There was murder and re-sentment in his heart yet he restrained himself and made an effort to secure his guns from the captain's cabin, where they had been placed when taken away from him on first coming aboard the vessel. Of course, he failed. He then made a demand of the captain and his band of ruffians and marine thugs that the man who had been triced up be released at once. He was told that he would receive similar treatment, if he attempted to 'butt into' matters which did not concern him. Hayes was determined that the cruel-ty must end, even if he had to kill a few people to accomplish it; that night he secretly left the ship and walked 30 miles across a snow and icefield, in a temperature about 60 below zero, to Herschell island, where he endeavored to secure a rifile from the misionary. He implored the disciple of the gospel to help him, but the latter would do noth-ing but refer nim to the Canadian po-lice, two of whom had been established in quarters at the mouth of the Mac-kenzie river.

"Almost exhausted, but with the vis-"Almost exhausted, but with the vis-lon of the suffering Texan triced up up by the thumbs ever before him. Hayes made another pligrimage. At the post he found Sergeant Fitspatrick and a policeman. He told them of the hor-rors he had witnessed that day. The officials agreed that it was infamous, but as the vessel was lying in American waters they were unable to interfere. Hayes appealed to their humanity, but Fitzpatrick insisted that he had orders in regard to these matters and these orders forbade him from officially med-ding in matters which were without the

Break for Liberty.

"Well armed and in a raging blizzard in which the snow whirled so thickly that they could scarcely see 100 feet ahead of them, Hayes and Fitzpatrick started with the first streak of dawn for the ship. Fitzpatrick made a formal demand for the release of Rudolph, but Captain Cook, who was wise in the mar-itime law, flatly refused Fitzpatrick's request.

itime law, flatly refused Fitzpatrick's request. "Then,' said Hayes, raising his rifle towards his shoulder with the hammer viciously curled back like the head of a striking adder and its mussle pointed ominously in the sea bandit's direction, I guess we will have to release him durselves." "The captain took the hist. Rudolph was released from his agonizing posi-tion. He had fainted several times and was on the verge of mental and physical collapse.

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"When Hayes related this story to me, I informed the marshal, Thomas Cader Powell, at Nome, and he referred me to Acting District Attorney Grigsby. Hayes made a statement to the latter official, but was informed that unsup-ported testimony was not sufficient for ported testimony was not sufficient for the issuance of a warrant,

ported testimony was not sufficient for the issuance of a warrant. "Some two months later, however, the sloop Gjoa, Captain Amundsen, which had just successfully accom-plished its celebrated journey through the northwest passage arrived in the Nome roadstead. Amundsen had lost a man at Herschell island and his place was taken by Walter Bouvier, of the whaler Bowhead, whom Captain Cook released as a matter of accommodation to Lieutenant Hansen, the second in command of the sloop. Bouvier was given one dollar for his thirty-nine months' work on the vessel, but he ac-cepted it willingly, glad to escape with his life. He had kept a diary of his trip, and he confirmed every statement that Hayes had made in regard to the a number of other crimes alleged to have been committed by Cook and his hired thugs. Still the officials failed to act. "A revenue cutter, the Thetis, had been dispatched into the Arctic, and the captain, when he met the Bowhead, or-dered Cook to release a number of the they had been chained to the gridleys, that they had been beaten, but Cook, for some reason, was not arrested by the revenue officers. The sick men, tothat they had been beaten, but Cook, for some reason, was not arrested by the revenue officers. The sick men, to-gether with the shipwrecked crew of the whaler Alexander, were placed aboard a tender and were ordered back to San Francisco. Cook, whose wife had be-come demented, was also put on the ves-sel. Three of these men. Hazelton, Ho-gan and Bowen, as well as their cap-

ding in matters which were without the province of the governmentwhich em-ployed him. To his credit, be it said, however, he finally came to the conclu-sion that he would make an effort to secure the release of the unfortunate wouth



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