

# JACK LONDON TELLS OF TRAVELS

Writes to Friend of Trip in Snark and Gives Reason for Abandoning Little Vessel—Cruise in Solomon Island.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Honolulu, May 29.—Jack London, whose intended seven years' cruise in the Snark came to an end after 18 months, before he had more than fairly started on the long voyage which he expected to take him to almost every corner of the globe, has written a letter to E. E. S. Goodhue of Honolulu, Hawaii, in which he gives the first detailed explanation of the reasons which induced him to give up the cruise and abandon the Snark to be sold at Sydney, Australia.

London, according to his letter, seems to have acquired a choice collection of diseases since he sailed from San Francisco, and found himself utterly incapacitated to go farther on his journey. In his letter to Dr. Goodhue London writes from Tasmania:

**Leaves the Snark.**  
"I left the Snark at anchor in the Solomons and came down to Australia by steamer to go into a hospital. I expected to return to the Solomons and go on with the voyage around the world."

"So confident was I upon my arrival in Sydney of soon getting well that I agreed to give a series of lectures—a double series of lectures—all over Australia. All plans were arranged, etc., when my condition compelled me to cancel all lectures, forego all the things that would be a nervous strain upon me, and to dispatch a navigator to the Solomon islands to bring the Snark down to Sydney. I shall sell the Snark here and return to California."

"Somewhere, and God knows how, in the past year and a half in the tropics, I have had my nervous equilibrium overturned. I arrived in Sydney, Australia, suffering from five serious afflictions; one of them, requiring an operation, had caused me great pain for months, at times compelling me to navigate the Snark from a cot on which I lay on deck, at times rendering me so helpless that I could not walk hundred yards without being exhausted and in terrible agony. This operation was successfully performed in Sydney. One of the other afflictions, contracted in the Solomon islands, and a most distressing thing it was, has been cured. The third affliction, namely, malarial fever, is not yet cured, but I am through the worst of it; the attacks are much lighter now, and more infrequent, and it is a matter of a short time when it also will be cured."

"Remain two other sicknesses, both nervous in origin. One of these the doctors thoroughly understand, and are agreed in their diagnosis. It is, however, a mysterious disease, for which there is no known cure, and about which the specialists themselves, not merely in Australia but in all the world, are very pessimistic. There are numerous cases of spontaneous cure, in themselves as mysterious as the malady itself. This disease is still in my system."

**Mysterious Disease.**  
"The fifth disease, most mysterious of all, is so far as ascertainable, absolutely unknown. The biggest specialist in Australia, in this branch confesses that not only has he never observed anything like this, but that not a line has been written about it by other observers. He was so hopelessly at sea about it that he did not even care to experiment on me—which I refused to allow. He allowed him to do, had he so desired."

"I was in hopes that the nervous overthrow had been brought about by the trouble that required an operation, and that when the operation was successfully performed the other disorders would right themselves. It was a vain hope."

"There are many boats and many voyages, but I can only go by body, and after waiting and watching my condition carefully all these months, I have prescribed for myself my own climate and environment, and have always before my nervous equilibrium has been maintained."

**Boatboard Voyage.**  
"Not only do I refuse to be a boarder for me to attempt to continue the voyage in my present condition, but it would be practically impossible. At times this mysterious malady so affects me that my physical reactions as to make me helpless—physically helpless. At such times it would be impossible for me even to take the wheel of the Snark to steer."

"At such times it would be impossible for me to hold on while on deck to escape being thrown overboard by the rolling. In short, at such times, did I continue the voyage, I would be compelled to have myself tied down in my bunk in order to escape injury by being thrown about."

"I expect to be home in three months from date (February 3, 1909). I desire all my friends to forego congratulating us upon the abandonment of the voyage. We are heartbroken over the abandonment."

**JACK LONDON.**  
**NEW YORK BUTCHERS TO FIGHT MEAT TRUST**  
New York, June 12.—The retail butchers of New York have organized to protect their patrons from the meat trust as far as they are able. Edward F. O'Neill, president of the state branch of the United Butchers of America, the retailers' national organization, has announced the plans.

**MARRIED WRONG GIRL; WAITED FOR LEGACY**  
Fort Wayne, Ind., June 12.—Edgar Milton Holden, a brakeman on the Nickel Plate railroad, has gone to Providence, R. I., to claim an inheritance of \$15,000 from his grandfather's estate, from which he says he was kept for eight years because he married a girl other than the one designated in his grandfather's will.

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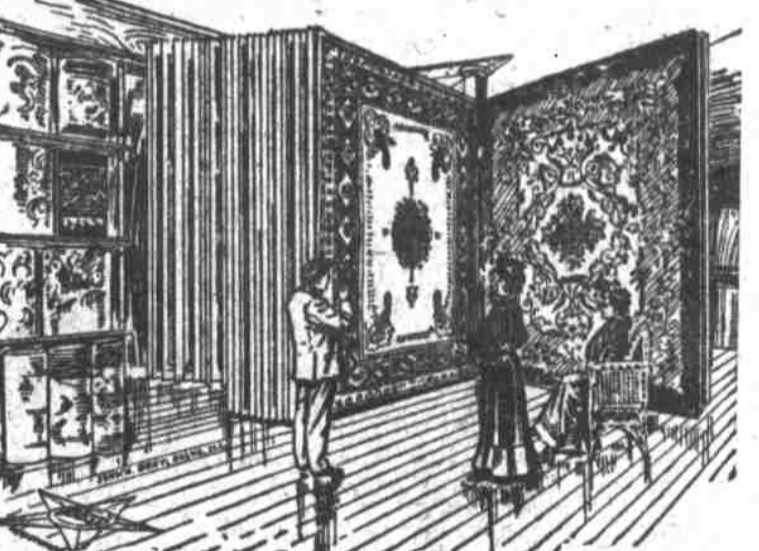
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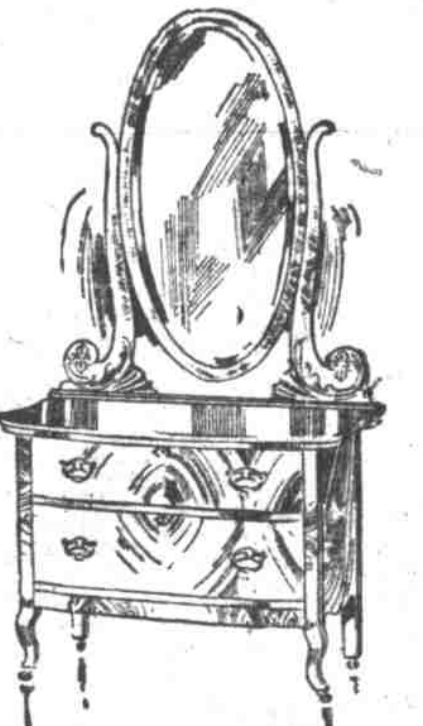
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