The Beach Comber and the Man-of-War

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hang a dozen men.

"I was away in the bush hunting wild cattle when the Sea Gull arrived, and that saved Jack—that and his own smartness. The vessel dropped into the lagoon at Salua early one morning and anchored about a mile from the shore, for it was a good, safe harbor, though rather small. Jack from his own hut saw her come in and guessed what she was after. Presently she lowered a boat, and a lieutenant, all gold lace, came ashore in style. Of course he went to my place, for it was the only papalangi house about, and I suppose they thought I would be able to tell them the whereabouts of Jack, having heard that he had been seen around Salua.

"When the lieutenant opened the gate, there was Jack, as bold as brass, sitting on an easy chair upon the veranda reading an old newspaper and looking very much at home.

"I nearly died of laughing when Jack told me the story afterward, mimicking the haw haw style of the lieutenant, who, of course, did not know a word of Samoan, and took everything that Jack said for gospel truth.

"Yes, girl, you can make some more."

"'You are Mr Williams, I suppose,' said the lieutenant as polite as possible, taking off his hat.

"'Yessir,' said Jack. 'Glad to meet you. Step right in and make yourself at home.'

"So the lieutenant sat down on the veranda and Jack fetched out a bottle of gin, and they had two or three nobblers quite sociable. The officer explained that he had come with a warrant for the arrest of one Jack Wilkinson, whom the British government wanted for murder, arson and a whole host of other crimes.

"In return the officer got a most amazing amount of information about the beach comber.

"'Do I know the man?' says Jack. 'Why, he's the greatest scoundrel unhung, and he's ruining my trade by the lies he tells the natives. I only wish you would clear him out of Samoa.

"'Help you to catch him? Why, I should think I would, and so will every native in the town when they see the man-of-war here to back them up. The fellow was here last week, but he's gone to his old place, Tanuna, to try and get some pigs.'

"When the lieutenant heard this, he was all in haste to get away.

"'Don't be in too much of a hurry,' said Jack. 'You'd better go slow. It's a most dangerous passage, and the chances are ten to one you'll get stuck on a reef, but if you'll wait a minute while I close the store I don't mind going with you and piloting you around. I'd do anything to get that wretch caught.'

"So Jack, putting on my best coat, went off with the lieutenant, and the captain, knowing nothing of the coast, was very glad to accept him as pilot, and gave him $20 for his services too.

"On the passage round Jack spun them a long yarn about the savage natives of Tanuna. They were terribly fierce, he said, always fighting, and Wilkinson would probably stir them up to attack the landing party and so prevent his arrest. They ought to go ashore with a strong, armed force and, if possible, a field gun or two.

"The advice sounded reasonable enough to the captain, and, of course, the officers and men were delighted at the prospect of a scrimmage.

"It was quite a little army which landed that afternoon. There was a whole bargeload of sailors and marines, all armed to the teeth, and a couple of small cannon, which they pointed at the big round chief's house in the center of the village. You may be sure the peaceful people of Tanuna were scared out of their wits.

"It was Jack's turn now, and he made the most of it. He called all the chiefs together into the marae—that's the open space in the center of the village where they always do their talking—and held a long fono. The lieutenant stood by all the time, not understanding a word of what was going on. Jack told the trembling Samoans that the great Queen Victoria in her palace of the big seas had heard of the way in which one of her people had been treated and had sent the man-of-war to blow the village into the air, to hang all the chiefs and to carry off the rest of the people as slaves.

"Naturally the chiefs, seeing all these soldiers with their shining guns, believed every word of the yarn, and groveled before Jack, imploring him at least to save their lives.

"The rascally interpreter explained to the lieutenant that the natives wished to pay homage to the queen, and that they would take steps at once to find out where Wilkinson was hiding.

"On the other hand, he told the chiefs that he had interceded for them, and that the officer had promised to spare their lives if they brought next morning a whole boatload of pigs and yams and taro and bananas, all the food they could raise. The natives were glad to get off so easily, the young men were sent at once to plantations, and they promised to have everything ready in the morning.

"After some more talk, just to cover up his deceit, Jack informed the lieutenant that the man they were after had gone to a place a few miles off in the bush, but that the natives would send after him and bring him back in the morning.

"So the officer, well satisfied, took his men and his guns back on board again, and Jack stopped with the natives, being treated now with the greatest respect.

"Next day he had the large village war canoe, which seated 76 paddlers on each side, loaded up with pigs and fresh provisions of all kinds, and went off to do some business with the Sea Gull. As they had had nothing but salt horse on board for a month, the purser was glad to buy the food, and Jack pocketed $100 by the transaction. He didn't give the natives a penny of it, but told them the man-of-war would let them off this time if they would promise to behave themselves in future.

"Then he informed the captain he had learned that Wilkinson had gone across the mountains to Salua, and that if he liked he would pilot him back there.

"On the way Jack thought of a new dodge. He knew that by this time I would have returned from the cattle hunting expedition, and that, if he went ashore with the officer, they would find out who he was. After the way he had fooled the man-of-war he felt certain that there would be no mercy for him. So he persuaded the captain it was no use going straight into Salua with the ship, for Wilkinson would only run away again as soon as he saw her coming.

"'You land me,' he said, 'at a point about a mile this side of the town and then stand out to sea for the night. I'll walk into Salua and tell Wilkinson you've abandoned the search and gone away. I'll keep him there for the night and next morning you can slip in quietly and arrest him before he has time to get away.'

"The land to the westward of Salua juts out in a long point, so that a vessel coming from this direction, if she keep well inshore, cannot be seen until she is right off the bay. The man-of-war lay to the other side of this point, and Jack, who knew of a handy boat passage through the reef, was put on shore. In the afternoon he walked into my house and found me wondering where he had got to, as I wanted him to help salt down a fine cow I had shot.

"'Never mind the blanked beef,' he shouted. 'Get the gin quick or else I shall die of laughing.'

"He just held his sides and screamed for about half an hour, and then when he had swallowed a couple of stiff nips he told me all about it.

"I couldn't help laughing, too, though I did not half like being personated by such an old scoundrel, and, besides, I was afraid I might get into trouble when the captain found out the trick. He might think I had been helping Jack to deceive them, and perhaps arrest me instead.

"I told Jack this, but he only laughed the more. Then I got angry and told him to clear out at once or else I would give him up when the ship came back, but he wouldn't go for a long time, not until he had finished the bottle, and before he left he wrote a letter to the captain. He wouldn't let me help him, though he was not much of a scholar. Said he wanted to have the joke all to himself. I kept a copy of the letter as a curiosity. This is what he wrote:

"DEREE CAPTING—This is to thank you for you grate kindenes in takin me for a passige to Tanuna any times you wants a pilet I shall be glad to be of servis. ef you want any more pigs my friend williams will suppli them. I am goin back to the bush, ef you want me you must fetsh me from their. Your grateful servint, J. WILKINSON.

"Then he went off into the thick bush which covered the mountains in the interior of the island, where no white man could catch him.

"Next morning I had to bear my share of the joke. When the lieutenant came on shore, he found me sitting on the veranda, just where Wilkinson had been a couple of days before. He made sure he had got his man. It was no use my explaining. So I was arrested and taken off to the man-of-war, and I gave the captain Jack's letter. He was mad when he read it, but then, like a gentleman, he saw the joke, though it was against him.

"'We've been sold,' he said; 'most damnably sold,' and then he told his officers, and they all laughed together.

"They treated me well on board when they found that I was innocent, and I got them some Samoans to guide the party which went into the bush in pursuit of Jack, but it was no manner of use their trying to catch him, even if the natives had not taken care to lead them astray. So after fooling around in the bush for a couple of days, climbing up and down mountains and nearly falling over a precipice, they gave it up, and the man-of-war sailed away."

"And did Jack get off, after all?" I asked, for I could not help sympathizing with the cunning scoundrel.

"Oh, Jack!" concluded the trader. "He came back to my place after awhile and hung round for a month or two, but Samoa, he could see, was getting too warm. So he took the first opportunity of escaping to Fiji, which hadn't been annexed then."

AMERICA'S JUST CAUSE.

A late issue of the London Speaker commenting upon the difficulties of the Americans in the Philippines and asserting that the new series of troubles which is said to be inevitable, even after the capture of Malolos probably puts an end to the Filipino republic, says:

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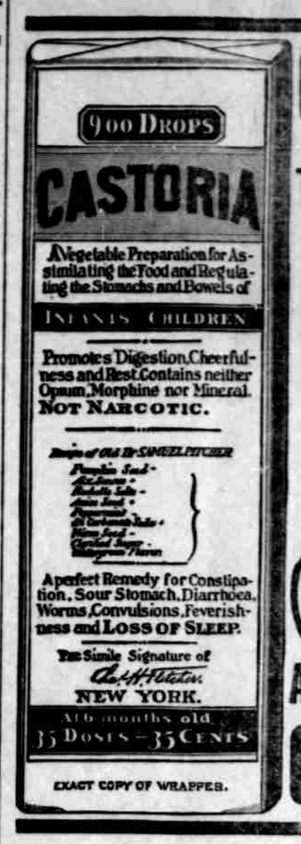

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