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## A Story of The Sea

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Jim Mulford and I were engineers on a tramp steamer. One morning when I was sitting in the engine room waiting to relieve him he told me this story:

In 1892 while in the Java sea, having quarreled with my captain, I left the ship at Borneo. I found an Englishman who wanted to take a tug to Hongkong and agreed to go with him, we two being the sole crew. The tug proved to be a tub, and we soon found something the matter with the connections between the firebox and boiler. We lay to, put out the fires, then cleaned out the firebox, which it was necessary to enter.

While I was hunting for the trouble with a lighted candle the Englishman was keeping watch on deck. Presently he called for me to come up and showed me a suspicious looking craft on the starboard quarter. She didn't fly any flag, set low in the water and appeared to have no especial purpose.

"She's a pirate," he said.  
 "Nonsense!" I replied. "There are no pirates nowadays."

"Don't you believe it. These waters are full of them. They're not the regular thing they used to be. They're robbers and murderers in a small way, but they're pirates all the same."

While we were talking the craft veered and came toward us. What could we do? There was no fire in the box, and if there were we couldn't make more than six knots an hour, while the pirates, if they were such, could make ten or twelve. Of course we were nothing of a prize, but there was no expectation that we would escape with our lives anyway. We cast a wistful glance at one of the Anambas islands, not more than five miles away on the port side.

"I'll tell you what we'll do," I said. "We can't swim ashore, but we'll make believe we've tried. There's one chance for us here. We can get into the firebox, and if they don't happen to open the door they won't know we're aboard. What do you say?"

"One chance in a thousand, but we'll take it. There's nothing else to do."

Well, we waited till we were satisfied there was murder aboard the coming craft, then went down, got into the firebox and pulled the door to. The hatch came down with a click. Then for the first time I remembered there was no means of opening the door from within and we must meet death in one of two forms.

It wasn't long before we heard voices, then a bump, then the sound of people jumping on to the deck. There was a perfect babel of voices that neither of us understood. Then I heard a quick step coming down, and in another minute the furnace door was thrown open.

Instinctively we crouched on either side of the opening. After a hasty glance the door was closed with a bang. It had been opened to see if the fire was out. I hadn't counted on not being discovered. I had supposed that if they opened the door they would surely see us.

The jabbering on deck was kept up, and I was sure a promiscuous lot of dark skinned devils were debating what to do. Presently two voices rose

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above the rest in hot dispute, and there was a pistol shot. After that one of the two voices was alone heard, and I made up my mind that the leader had asserted his authority and would settle the matter to suit himself. Some one went down into the hold, and in a moment I heard the boring of an augur. The tug was being scuttled. The man below came upstairs; the footsteps above grew less frequent, then ceased altogether. The pirates had departed and left us to sink slowly to the bottom.

There was one chance. Perhaps the latch on the firebox door hadn't fallen. I gave the door a push, but it didn't move. That settled the matter. We were fastened in, and within an hour all would be over. I can't conceive of a more horrible fix to be in, and it takes the starch out of me even now to think of it. This is the last time I'll ever tell it.

How long we had been caged I don't know—I had no idea of time—when I heard something outside like a groan. I listened and heard it again. Some one was there and suffering. I beat with my fist on the door. We shouted—made noise enough to wake the dead. There was no reply. Then we gave it up.

Some time passed, during which there was no sound except the plash of the waves against the sides of the tug, when we heard the latch lifted and the door moved ajar. My companion thrust an arm through, and I forced the door wide open.

A copper colored man covered with blood had crawled to the door and opened it. He couldn't say much, and we couldn't understand what he did say, but in time we learned that he was one of the pirates and his captain had shot him for differing with him about the disposal of the tug. Supposing him to be dead, they had left him to go down with her.

The first thing we did was to plug the bottom. Then, having found the difficulty with our connections and patched it, we fired up and proceeded on our course. We put the pirate ashore on Great Natuna Island and led like pirates ourselves by telling the people there that he was a good man. He had saved our lives, and we did not propose to give him away.

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U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 12th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Otto R. Schiller, of Richland, Oregon, who, on November 19th, 1913, made Homestead Entry, No. 012824, for SE 1-4 NE 1-4, NE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 21, W 1-2 NW 1-4, Sec. 22, Tp. 9 S., R. 44, E. W. M., and on May 8, 1915, made Ad. H. E. 014712, for S 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 15, and NE 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Woodson L. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Baker, Oregon, on the 14th day of November, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: David D. Jacobs, A. Francis Bales, and Martha Wilcox, all of Richland, Oregon, and Thomas Ritch, of Baker, Oregon.  
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Notice is hereby given that John M. Smith, of Durkee, Oregon, who, on Nov. 5th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 013909, for Lot 2, S 1-2 NE 1-4, Lots 3, 4, 5, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, and Lot 6, Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 46 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 27th day of November, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Palmer Kennedy, W. L. Kirby, and George Kennedy, all of Durkee, Oregon; and Richard Kirby, of Richland, Oregon.  
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Notice is hereby given that Arthur H. Mills, of Richland, Oregon, who, on July 7th, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 013512, for SW 1/4, Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court of Baker County, at Baker, Oregon, on the 14th day of November, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: A. B. Miller, T. O. Welch, J. E. Sinclair, and T. R. Jeffords, all of Richland, Oregon.  
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Notice is hereby given that Hans P. Mikkelsen, of Durkee, Oregon, who, on July 24th, 1912, made Homestead Entry No. 010916, for NW 1-4 SW 1-4, Sec. 2, NE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 3, and on Jan. 21, 1915, made Ad. H. E. No. 014253, for SW 1-4 SW 1-4, Sec. 2, SE 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court of Baker County, at Baker, Oregon, on the 10th day of November, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: James Gallagher and Lee Bland, of Durkee, Oregon; William L. Chase and William P. Patterson, of Richland, Oregon.  
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Notice is hereby given that John H. Allen, of Richland, Oregon, who, on Oct. 10th, 1912, made Homestead Entry No. 011229, for 8 1/2 SW 1/4 and E 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. J. Shelton, United States Commissioner, at his office at Halfway, Oregon, on the 12th day of November, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: R. H. Goodwin, H. P. Lambert, Frank Bork, and J. E. Wallace, all of Richland, Oregon.  
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