

HALF A CHANCE

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CHAPTER II.

A MESSAGE TO THE ADMIRALTY. HE following night Captain Macpherson, in his cabin, rolled up carefully the chart he had been scanning, deposited it in a copper cylinder and drew from his pocket a small pipe. The weather had turned nasty again; above the wind sounded loudly. Now, It descended on the ship like a flerce scoiding virage, then rushed on with wild, shricking dissonance. Suddenly something happened that caused him to change his mind; abruptly buried to the other end of the cabin, he found himself lying half stunned on the floor. A hubbub of noises filled the air-snappings, crashings, the rending

Captalo Macpherson staggered to his feet and, swaying like a drunken man, stood a few moments holding his hand to his brow. Then his fist elinched, and he shook it at the cylinder that had fallen from the table.

"Ye viperous, lying thing!" he cried and ran from the cabin to the deck. A single glance told all: two of the ship's giant spars had gone by the board; entangled in her own wreckage, the vessel thumped and pounded with ominous violence against some sunken reef. Captain Macpherson groaned.

"Mr. O'Brien!" he called loudly.

"Aye, aye, sir." "How long do you give ber?" "Half an hour, sir."

The master shook his head. nae last that long."

"Any orders, sir?" asked the chief

Captain Macpherson recovered himself; his tone became once more quick and incisive. "Ye're right; I'm gone daffy. We'll get this business over in a decorous and decent manner." A number of orders followed.

As the chief mate disappeared to ex-ecute the commands he had received the harsh noises of the breaking ship, the seething of the sea about her, the Sapping of canvas like belpless, broken wings, was supplemented by a babel of new and terrifying sounds, the below, their biasphemous shricking to be let out! To this turmoil and uproar were added the frantic appeals and inquiries of the passengers who, more or ess dressed, had hurried to the deck and who were now speaking to the master of the ill starred vessel. He answered them briefly. What could be done would be done.

"It's a question of the boats, I suppose?" Sir Charles, one of the calmest of the ship's cabin party, asked quick-

"In ten minutes they'll be ready for the taunching with one lack of water

COMPANY Captain Macpherson's voice seemed to anticipate a movement of panic among the seamen on deck; if there had been any intention to rush the already well loaded boat it was ye for the keys to the convicts' deck. Mr. O'Brien, get in and take charge.

boat with the crew can come alongside. It's as well to keep company. Are the lines clear? Let ber go." The boat was lowered and at the moment touched a receding Captain Macpherson waited until the chief officer called out that they were safely away, then gave his

Hold near the ship until the other

"And now, lads, ye can be lookin' to ourselves!

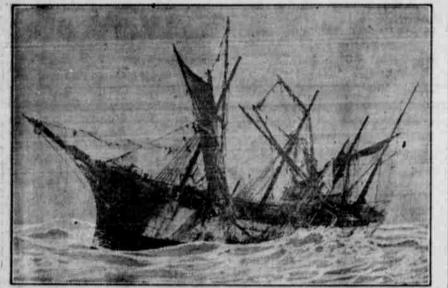
They did. The master turned and ward the convicts' cells. Suddenly a number of mad, leaping human figures ssued with horrible cries from one of

"The life rafts!" Shrieking, calling down maledictions on the captain, they ran about, when suddenly an angry black wave swept the deck. A crest; several were buried against the bulwarks, limp, lifeless things, swirled back and forth. One of their number. a big fellow of unusual strength, was shot toward the open companionway leading to the main cabin. As he plunged down he clutched at and caught the railing. Considerably shaken, dripping with water, he pulled himself together, and, raising a face, sodden and flerce, like a beast brought to bay, he looked around him. The light of one or two swinging lamps that had not yet been shattered revealed dimly the surroundings, the dark leather upholstering, the little tables. Uncertainly the convict paused; then suddenly his eyes brightened; the lustful anticipation of the drunkard who had long been denied shone from his gaze as it rested on a sideboard across the

"Bottles!" he said, steadying himself. He had started toward the sideboard, with its bright gleaming ware and its divers and sundry receptacles of spirits and liqueurs, when suddenly his look changed and his jaw fell.

"What the"- A flow of choice billingsgate, mingled with the sailor's equally eloquent Golden Gate, completed the sentence. The convict stood stock still

From the door of a stateroom at the far end of the cabin a figure appeared. ard. floated around it. Clinging to a brass



ENTANGLED IN HER OWN WRECKAGE THE VESSEL THUMPED AND POUNDED.

and provision. Get pienty of wraps and greatcoats. It'll be a bit disagreeable nae doubt out you in the wee craft."

The boat was soon overhauled, the lockers and water butt were filled, and the passengers, one by one, set into it. On the whole, at that moment for leaving the ship their conduct left little room for criticism. One or two of the women who had appeared on the verge of bysterics now restrained audible manifestation of emotion. Sir Charles proved a monument of helpfuiness, assisted in placing the women here and there and extended a helpful hand to Lord Ronsdale, who had become somewhat dazed and inert. Total darkness added to the difficulties of their task, for the moon, which until then had shone with much juster, now went behind a curtain of cloud. But Captain Macpherson coolly called out by name the men to handle the lifeboat, and with no evidence of disorder they crowded in, none too soon. As the boat with its human freight bung in readiess for the lowering the remaining spar of the Lord Nelson fell with a

Remember the name of your ship

rail that ran along the side of the cabin, she approached, her eyes all members present, alight as if well satisfied with something. Amazed beyond power of action, the man continued to gaze at her. at the tiny feet in the little pink slippers, at something she carried. "By the great horn spoon, the Christmas doll!" he muttered boarsely. Then, forgetting his purpose, the bottles, he lurched quickly toward her.

"I slipped out." said the child, holding the rail tighter as perforce she

"W'at you doin' here?" he demand-

paused to answer. "I thought it would take only a moment." "Slipped out?" he repeated.

"Of the lifeboat, I mean. It was dark, and they didn't see me. I just happened to think, and I had to do it. If I'd told them they mightn't have let It would have been very wicked if I'd gone away and forgotten. Don't you think so? And now I'm going back. Only I am afraid I've been longer than I thought I would be. The door of my stateroom seemed to stick, and I was a few minutes getting

(To Be Continued.)

AEROPLANE FLIGHT

Hamilton Says It Can Be Done in 24 Hours, But Is Expensive as It Would Require a Large Machine With Much Fuel.

NEW YORK, June 3 .- Charles K liamilton, the aviator, who was the first to suggest the offering of a \$25,000 prize for an aeroplane flight between New York and Chicago, and who volunteered a subscription of \$2000 toward the project, believes the time will soon come when some aviator will succeed in crossing the Atlantic in an aeroplane. This prophstayed. "Mr. Gillett, I'll be troubling esy he made following his statement that he would be a competitor for the New York-Chicago prize, which Steer southeast with a bit of rag; it's he says he does not consider too difbest chance to get picked up. ficult.

"The trans-Atlantic problem will come next," he continued, "and crossing the Atlantic in the air would be a far greater feat than that of Columbus. The expense of a trip across the Atlantic rather than the irsk of life involved is the one factor which is keeping aviators from attempting the passage.

"It would require a large machine with capacity for a great quantity of with some difficulty made his way to- gasoline. The Atlantic could be crossed at its narrowest point in 24 hours. One of the requisites for such a trip is a fast boat built especially for such a trip which could develop and sustain a speed of 40 to 50 miles an hour. While such a motor bont could not keep up with the aeroplane, few went overboard with the bissing the latter could make circles in the air and fly back every time it got too far ahead," said Hamilton.

Hamilton, who will go to Chattanooga later in the month for a series of government aeroplane tests, is 29 years old and possessed of an independent fortune. He is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale and is a lineal descendant of Alexander Hamilton.

AVIATION PRIZES NOW **TOTAL OVER \$100,000**

NEW YORK, June 3 .- Aviation prizes totaling \$110,000 are offered today to daring aviators seeking to establish new long distance records. It expected that the total will be greatly increased in the near future.

Among the prizes offered are \$10,-"Rum! Well. I guess there ain't | 000 for a flight from Karsas City to much chance for any of us, and a Denver, offered by the Denver Post \$5,000 for a flight from Indianapolis to Chicago, offered by an Indianapolis manufacturing company; \$20,000 for a flight from Washington to New York offered by the Washington Chamber of Commerce and the Aero Club of America,

Among the aviators who intend to compete for the prizes are Curtiss, Mars, Harmon, Hamilton and Will-It is believed that Louis Paulhan, the Frenchman, may compete in A great shawl draped the small form. han, the Frenchman, may compete in The golden hair, a flurry of tangles. the machine with which he won the London-Manchester prize.

The Wrights today said that the terms of the New York-St. Louis flight should allow a week's time in which to make the journey.

NEW DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 3 .- William J. Connors, retired as chairman of the New York Central committee and John A. Dix of Washington county was elected to succeed him.

The change was the most important step taken today at the meeting of the Democratic leaders here who meet to prepare for the coming state campaign at which they hope to elect a majority of members of the legislature and send a Democrat to the United States senate to succeed De-

Charles Murphy, Tammany leader, and Connors greeted each other cordially and their show of "harmony" was commented on by the committee

Murphy recently denounced Connors but his friends brought about peace pact.

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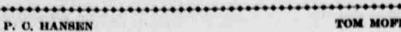
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