

THE FOUR SPANIARDS.

(Concluded.)

As evening approached, I saw the land. It would be dark ere we would reach it; and thus far all went hopefully. Yet never had the blood-stains upon the brig's deck looked more hideous than now. Hope had in a measure broken the nightmare of horror, and more fully than before I realized the awfulness of the tragedy which had been perpetrated.

Strongly the north-easter pined—it would not fail me now—and the clouds were thick and the night would be very dark. Then upon the lee bow gleamed a light, and presently away off the weather bow shone faintly another. Oh, the anxiety of that moment! I was right. There they were, the two beautiful lights—yes, beautiful indeed to me. But the hour of greatest peril was at hand; and like a dramatic author who fears for his last act, I studied again and again the various contingencies that might cross my plans, and reveal my intentions to the murderous Spaniards.

We passed between the lights at a considerable distance from both, and many were the inquiries of the pirates as to our position. I told them that we had but a few miles further to run, and then we should have reached the anchorage at the watering place. Darkness prevented them from seeing the land, and they had not the most distant idea of their surroundings. The lights they imagined to be upon two islands—at least they took my word for it, and had no suspicion of our real whereabouts.

On and on flew the Isabel; and if ever, at one time more than another, I have tried to exert my nautical judgment and forethought, it was then. We saw other lights; but the pirates supposed them to be upon the ocean coast, along which they believed themselves sailing. At length I requested to take in the light sails and the courses. This completed I called out—and it was with a dreadful thrill at my heart, I assure you,—“Let go the top-sail halyards, and clew up!”

It was done; and I could see that a dark bank was rising under the lee bow. “Stand by to let go anchor,” I shouted, “while I bring her up in the wind!”

I clapped the helm hard down, while the four pirates ran to obey my last direction. Oh, heaven! how my blood seemed to suffocate me! They were all away forward. It must be now if ever. A hundred times a day I glanced at the yawl, and the tackles that held it; and now, quickly, and with a steady hand, I sprang to the davits-fall. First the larboard, then the starboard, I seized; but was careful to lower away both simultaneously, that the boat might not be swamped. Then, clapping my hands on the taffrail, I dropped into her, unhooked the trackles, and with my hands against the brig, pushed with a force that sent the yawl shooting from under the counter. At this moment, I heard the anchor go overboard. I had just time to grasp an oar, and commence sculling with all my might when the pirates ran aft. Bacalardo's tone rang fierce and loud. His horrid Spanish oaths might at another time have curled my blood; but now I had him upon the hip.

“Ahoj the fort!” I shouted; “ahoj there the fort!” For well I knew the dark bank so close at hand. The voice that answered was the most blessed sound I ever heard. It was from one of the United States' sentinels, and I was gliding under the wall at old Point Comfort! Escape for the pirates was impossible, for the strong easterly wind must preclude all hope of getting to sea, while the fort could have disabled the brig in an instant. A boat, with armed soldiers, now boarded her. Three of the pirates were taken into custody, but Bacalardo was found dead in the cabin. Dismay, disappointment, and the certainty of his doom, had impelled him to draw his Spanish knife across his throat. The others, when brought to trial, had the effrontery to profess themselves innocent. Bacalardo had duped them—Bacalardo had done all—they had injured no one; but the United States Court thought differently, and they were hung at Norfolk.

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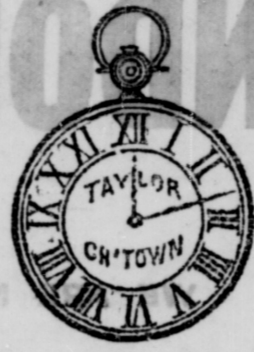
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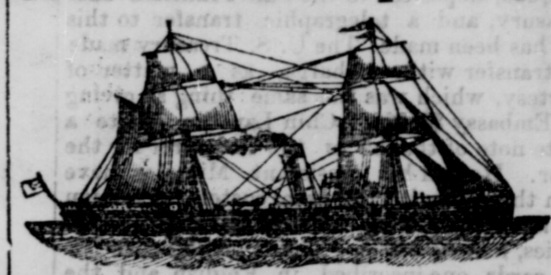
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Complainants

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JAMES REDDIN,

PIERCE GAUL,

MARGARET McCRAITH, Guardian of

James Barry McCraith, Arthur Edgworth McCraith, Mary Louisa McCraith, Augustine McCraith, Margaret McCraith, Ellen McCraith and Beatrice Marion McCraith,

Defendants.

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