

THE EVENING NEWS.

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SEARCHING FOR A MURDER.

[CONTINUED.]
"What the deuce are you doing here? Did I not send you into the minister's to keep a lookout on the boat and the man in the water?"

"I saw the boat pulling straight for him, sir, so I thought I might come down."

"Did you see him taken into the boat?"

"No, sir."

"Then you ought to have stayed up!"

We could only wait the boat's approach, and hoped and expected that he had been got up, but were not sure of it. He might have gone down, exhausted, just as the boat was getting to him. A few minutes would solve the question.

Louis Bellamy was on the poop with the others. For the first time I observed something which told me that she, too, perhaps, might have had her feathers scorched from fumigation by the flame. There was no mistaking it; she was extremely agitated; her distress was real and very great, though she strove to hide it.

The boat was returning. Had they found him? "Yes," said one. "I can count six. No-stop hit. It's only five." "It's his last hit," said the captain.

"For I see him. Thank God!" and with the good words there arose a sudden commotion and flutter.

"What's the matter with Miss Bellamy? Oh dear! Miss Bellamy has fainted!"

It was true. They had to catch her as she was falling. The strain on the nervous system had been too great. Nothing was thought of it; she was quickly unfastened, layed off, and called herself stupid for fainting "at such a trifl."

The boat came alongside, and Armstrong scrambled up the side-ladder, grinning. His appearance, to say the least of it, was not elegant. Having divested himself of boots, coat and vest while in the water, he now appeared on the scene in a wet shirt and pantaloons that clung about him in folds and plumps.

Down he dived to his cabin; had a stiff glass of brandy and a heavy rub down. Meantime the boat was hoisted up, the sails were trimmed, and the ship kept on her course.

The weather continued fine, and in a few days we entered the Mozambique Channel. Here we got a fine southeast wind, which sent us blowing along nine or ten knots, with sunnals set along and alibut.

All this time Mr. Armstrong and Miss Bellamy seemed to go on as usual. He was constant and demonstrative in his attention. In fact, it was plain to every one on board how matters were with him. She, on the contrary, appeared as indifferent as ever, and teased him as if she were a child. Sometimes I fancied this indifference was assumed; but, if so, it was cleverly done. Events, however, were bringing on a crisis.

We had left the Cape about ten days. One evening, just at eight o'clock, I was relieved from watch. The steward had placed the usual grog and wine on the table, and I went into the cuddy. The captain was seated in his state room—the after one—a chart spread out before him. He called me in.

"You have the middle watch, I think?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, at midnight, when you come on deck, take all the stuns'ls in, and haul her up a couple of points. Keep a good lookout for the island. It's very low, so the chances are that you'll see something of it."

"Very well."

And I had just begun a game at chess in the cuddy, when the captain called me back again.

"Oh, look here, Mr. W.—I think you need not mind about the stuns'ls. I'll alter the course a point at once; that ought to take us well clear. However, you can keep a sharp lookout just the same. We are a hundred and twenty miles, or so, off at noon; and, as far as I can see, we are going to sail since she ought to be up with the island between 1 and 2 o'clock."

"Very good, sir," I repeated; "I'll keep a good lookout." And I turned to my game of chess. It did not last long, and I soon turned in.

At midnight, when I relieved the second mate, the night was fine and intervals of moonlight were visible over head. But on the water there was a sort of light mist, and the rays of the moon, which was now about two hours high, were dazzling. The breeze had freshened, and we had quite enough of it for the small stuns'ls. I took my turn round the deck, cast a sharp lookout man, and returned to the poop.

About half-past one I reckoned up, mentally, that we must have run the exact distance. "Davis," I said to the third mate, "just go forward and see if the lookout is nodding; if so, give him a trifle to remember you by. Stop on the forecastle yourself till call you off, and keep a sharp lookout."

I put on my night glasses, with my hands behind them, if we saw the island at all, we should be very close to it. I walked from side to side of the poop, looking anxiously around.

Suddenly a couple of gulls shrieked overhead. "By heavens!" thought I, "that's a warning, and I'll accept it. I must get down to the deck and be on the lookout myself. As I ascended the act of coming down, and not me."

"Is that you, sir? There's something ahead I can't quite make out. I was coming all to tell you. It looks like a sort of cloud."

Pushing past him, I took one look. For a second time my heart seemed to stop quite cold and stand still. I fell flat on the deck. The moon was right; the night had been too heavy. We were right bang on the top of the island! There it was, scarcely a mile off. I could see the surf distinctly with the glasses, and the ship was tearing for it, about an hour known.

We ought to have seen it sooner, but the glare of the moon rendered the horizon all round quite black looking; while at the same time its rays on the water made the surf impossible to be distinguished at a distance.

For a moment I thought nothing could save the ship. Fortunately, however, I have always been very cool, quite self-possessed in sudden emergencies, as in moments of the greatest peril. It is my nature to be so; and I wish all sailors could say the same. There was but one thing that could save us, and I tried it.

To be continued.

MARSHAL'S SALE.

PURSUANT TO an order of the State of Utah, in the name of the Territory of Utah, I shall expose at public sale on the steps of the State House, in the town of Salt Lake City, on the 20th day of June, A.D. 1871, at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described premises, to wit:

Lot three (3) acres more or less, a portion of Farm Survey No. 2, in the town of Farmington, bounded on the west by William Smith and Thomas Miller's road, and on the east by the State Road, and on the north by the State Road, and on the south by the Walker Land, containing 100 rods front by 10 rods deep, to be sold in lots, to the highest bidder, at the suit of John A. Moore,

for the sum of \$10,000.00, to be paid in full, May 1st, 1872.

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