### Where Pirates Once Roamed.

ragic Story of Blackbeard and the Termination of His Career.

ORFOLK, Va.-Something about | the serene landscapes, and quiet waters girdling Norfolk emed to have charmed the piand freebooters of the early days colonists. Most of them manfind time to visit Hampton and at least one of them spent at this locality so famous in Among those whose names ociated hore of the control of about Norfolk are Captain Blackbeard, Bonnet and Jean Even Sir Henry Morgan is have visited the city of Norfolk, aptorious Thatch, or Blackbeard

all these corsairs. He had black beard which he braided into three h tail was tied at with a bright colored and semetimes the ends costume, making his great y conspicuous, he derived Blackbeard.

al years prior to his death headquarters on the shore en Bay, an inlet running thern shore of the Chesaen Cape Henry and Sew-Ter-Centennial exposition, ext year. There still exot which Blackbeard used Lynnhaven Bay, a large in height and 150 in is said to be part of his many years was suppo a buried treasure. Many

It is certain that Blackbeard built his fort in the neighborhood and made it the scene of much hilarity and frequent carouses when he made a good haul. During these periods he was wont to visit Norfolk, then not much more than a village, and terrify the populace with his great strength and brutal jests.

coasts of Virginia and the Carolinas. No one seemed bold enough to underwearled by the corsair's growing impu-dence, Governor Spotswood, of Virginia, fitted out an expedition against him and after a sharp fight the expedi-tion returned with the pirate's head dangling from the yard arm of the ves-

Early in his career Blackbeard made a trip to Honduras. On his return he cruised back and forth in front of Charleston harbor and captured 11 ships richly laden with the products of the colonies. Several hundred prisoners were also taken and these the wily pirate ransomed for three hundred pounds of medicines what he sorely needed. After this he enjoyed a vacation lasting through one season. During this period he made the acquaint-ance of the governor of North Carolina, and, for a while, the two were on ex-cellent terms. Inaction soon palled upon the pirate. At the end of one season of quiet life ashere with the great folk of the land, he longed for the sea and felt his wild life calling him once

His first trip after that was to Philadelphia, where, while walking about seeling the town, he narrowly escaped capture. Then he proceeded along sugar. He said he had found the craft descrited floating about the high seas. Nobody believed him, of course, knowing his bloodthirsty character. After this all sorts of bloody deeds were of daily occurrence along the

coasts of Virginia and the Carolinas. Blackheard grew bolder every day. At length North Carolina people declared they could stand him no longer, and their own governor being unable to do anything they appealed to Gov. Spotswood of Virginia. The Virginia legislature offered a reward of 500 pounds for his capture. Feeling that this was insufficient. Gov. Spotswood fitted out two sloops with gung and put one of them under the command of Capt. Maynard. The other was under the command of Capt. Brand. Preparations to assault Blackbeard were made. Finally the two sloops put to sea with the governor's commission to capture Blackbeard, dead or alive. Blackbeard was at this time on board his vessel in Ocracoke Inlet, on the shore of North Carolina. As soon the two sloops came in range of him they received a broadside discharge of 80 cannon. The Virginians, un-daunted by this returned the fire with spirit. In the midst of the cannonade Blackbeard got into a small boat with 20 more of his desperadoes and rowed to the sloop commanded by Maynard. In a few minutes he was aboard that vessel and for half an hour a furious struggle raged on the decks of the little craft. Through all the scuffle Maynard looked for Blackbeard and Blackbeard and Blackbeard and Blackbeard and Blackbeard and Blackbeard. Blackbeard was equally anxious to reach the captain of the sloop. At last they met. Blackbeard had found his match. Realizing that Maynard tempted to shoot him with a pisto Maynard meantime bassed his rapler through the neck of the pirate. Black-beard's bloody career was at an end. With their leader dead, the remainder of the pirates jumped overboard or

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The excavations have added 1,300

diminutive cave-dwelling race lived there, A landmark in its Biblical his tory is that the city was given by the king of Egypt to his daughter when verge of the territory inhabited by that mysterious race the Philistines, and when David routed them he went in pursuit as far as Gezer.

of public sympathy dried Among the many Old Testament stories which have fascinated humanity are the idyll of Rebecca (Genesis xxiv) and the exploits of Samson.

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the patriarch, Isaac, and the mother of Esau and Jacob. The uncarthing of houses at Gezer helps experts to fill in the story of the woolng of Rebecca by reconstructing for us the home of the mulden and her interesting brother

The death of Sampson, narrated in the Book of Judges, has been ranked as a myth by critics who could not ac cept the possibility of his supposed achievement in pulling down the pillars and killing so many Phillistines. But in a stratum at Gezer, some 300 years older than the time of Sampson the excavators have found a forn building which answers to a remarkable extent the conditions of the story. It is

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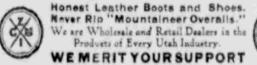
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