

RACE TO SAVE A MAN'S LIFE

A Mile Run For a Rifle That at First Refused to Do Its Work—A Shot That Brought the Great Brute to the Camp as Food For Men and Dogs.

The long arctic night was breaking. Like hibernating polar bears, we had lived the winter through under cover of a great drift of snow. This served as a thick blanket for our little hut and helped to keep warm the thirty-nine shipwrecked men who had been marooned on the desert island of Rudolph, in the frozen wastes of the polar sea.

One day, after a flurry of storm, I took a walk to Cape Saulem. On my way back to camp I stopped on the highest rocks of the moraine to look out toward the ice covered sea. Northward and westward great black steaming streaks in the white revealed the open water, and overhead hung dark clouds of vapor, another indication of a "lead," or open water, underneath.

Turning my eyes southward toward Teplitz bay, I beheld the panorama of the camp spread out before me, the hut and stable tent, the two little observatories and the numerous caches of food stores giving the appearance of an arctic village. Down in the tide crack where the ice of the bay met the fast frozen land sheet I could distinguish the silhouette of one of my men taking a fide observation. Behind him rose a bristling ridge of ice pinnacles, which effectively blocked his view toward the sea.

From my greater elevation I made out the form of a great polar bear crossing the rough ice toward the land. As I watched he reached a high cake of ice and, climbing upon it, raised himself up on his hind quarters and looked over toward the spot where Mr. Long, the observer, was at work. Then I realized his object. There was no one else in sight, and Long was unarmed. Could I reach camp, seize a rifle and make my way out on the bay before the bear began his attack?

In the cold, crisp air I ran the mile or so toward the hut, a race that fortunately was down grade. I rushed into the house, secured my rifle and set off as fast as my legs would carry me toward where I had last seen the bear. Usually the dogs at camp thought it great sport to join in such a chase, but this time they crouched around the hut, whining and whimpering and refusing to follow as I ran past them with my rifle. I soon came up to Long and, warning him to look out for the approaching bear, of which he was still all unconscious, proceeded at reduced speed, as the ice was now very rough, in the direction of the advancing beast. As I was crossing the top of the first pressure ridge I saw the bear coming my way. He caught sight of me at the same moment, raised himself on his haunches to get a better view, and then started in a lunge over the ice cakes in my direction.

I raised my carbine, took a quick sight and pulled the trigger. Instead of the usual quick snap and explosion I felt the slow, gummy motion of the bolt that told me that the lock was frozen. In cleaning the gun a few days before I must have left some oil in the lock.

I worked the bolt back and forth, trying to warm up the mechanism by friction, the great bear climbing rapidly and surely over the broken ice cakes toward me all the while. Once more I pulled the trigger. The unexpected happened, and the cartridge exploded, but in my haste, although so close, I made a clear miss.

However, the flash and the report must have frightened the bear, for he made off. I climbed in pursuit, but on account of the heavy ice did not see him again until he had placed about 200 yards between us and was still going with great leaps in the direction of the open sea.

I aimed and fired just as he leaped between two great ridges. This time he fell in a heap. With the bear's fall the dogs set us such a howling, barking and yelping as I had seldom heard, even from that noisy pack. Every dog in camp now started for the fallen king.

The bullet had gone through his back, paralyzing his hind quarters, but he was able to swing around on the flat foe and deal fearful blows with his great fore paws. But the combat was too unequal. One more bullet and

the great bear was beyond all further pain.

The men from camp had now arrived, and the dogs were caught and harnessed to a sledge. Upon it was lashed the carcass of the bear and then, cutting a trail back to land, hauled our load to the hut, a welcome addition to the larder for men and dogs.—Anthony Fraile in Youth's Companion.

An Interesting Animal. Higgins—My "vet" was greatly pleased with that horse you sold me. Wiggins—What pleased him about the animal? Higgins—Why, he discovered twelve new diseases he never suspected before.—Illustrated Bits.

The Easy Part. He—This shopping business is an awful nuisance! She—Why, Henry, you have no reason to complain. I've done all the shopping. All you do is to carry the parcels!

FIRE HEMS IN ELEVEN

Miners Trapped 1000 Feet Underground in California.

Drytown, Cal., Dec. 2.—Eleven miners are imprisoned by a fire in the Fremont-Gover gold mine, and it is feared that they have perished. When the first skip containing 13 men was lowered in the Fremont shaft, reaching the 1000 foot level, volumes of smoke were encountered, showing that the mine was on fire. The skip became jammed at this point and could neither be hoisted nor lowered. It is supposed to have been thrown off the track by one of the men being overcome by smoke and falling against the front wheels of the skip. Two of the men aboard got out and climbed to the surface by means of the ladder. Great volumes of smoke are rising from the shaft.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Fifty Quarts of Nitro-Glycerine Accidentally Set Off.

Butler, Pa., Nov. 30.—Through the explosion of nitro-glycerine at a gas well on the Jane Whitmire farm, near Boydstown, James Holland was killed. Irwin Whitmire was seriously injured and a derrick and pump house were burned. A shot did not explode when hit by the "go-devil," and Holland and Whitmire carried a lantern into the derrick to investigate. Gas ignited from the lantern, causing an explosion that set off a 50-quart can of nitro-glycerine left standing on the floor.

Tillman's Son Now a Miner.

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 3.—Benjamin Tillman, Jr., son of the South Carolina senator, is now a miner in the southwestern Missouri district. He came here last week, and after visiting a few days with his cousin, J. B. Tillman, of this city, caught the "miling fever." Senator Tillman has mining interests here, and he will assist in taking care of them after learning the business.

Jamestown Exposition Closed.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2.—The lights of the Jamestown Exposition were turned off by President Tucker, after formal exercises, Saturday night, and the exposition, which has been running since April 26, came to an end. Director General Martin authorized a statement showing the total admissions since the opening to have been 2,800,000, of which 1,500,000 were paid.

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STEEL PLANT PERILS.

Recklessness a Psychological Factor That Must Be Considered.

Recklessness is certainly a psychological characteristic of men in steel plants. All tradition teaches them to be reckless. The very example of their superiors teaches them to be reckless. The assistant superintendent of the plant that the Illinois Steel company maintains at Joliet stepped on an unprotected gear and lost his leg just after he had warned his men not to be guilty of any such culpable negligence of their own safety. I am willing to admit the existence of culpable negligence altogether apart from the negligence of the company. And not only that, but I am also willing to give a specific illustration.

I was standing one day on the platform of a blast furnace. All at once, unexpectedly, I heard the four whistles that indicate danger. There was a "hang" in the furnace. The whirling, eddying mass of ore, coke and limestone in the high interior of that furnace had got caught somewhere, somehow, and was refusing to come down. When it did come down there would be a crash and perhaps an explosion.

I ran and got behind a brick pillar. On coming into the plant that morning I had signed a piece of paper, just the same kind of a piece of paper that every visitor signs, saying that I would not hold the Illinois Steel company responsible for anything that might happen to me. I reflected that nobody would profit by my demise. But observe what the other men around that blast furnace did!

I could see them as I peered out from behind my brick pillar. Those of them who were already in front of the furnace looked up at it with an expression of profound curiosity on their faces. Two other men who had been standing at the back of the furnace ran all the way round it and came out in front. There they all stood hurling their mute interrogatories at the crafty, reticent volcano that might nevertheless the next moment hurl forth an indignant answer to their heads!—Everybody's Magazine.

A Domestic Breakdown.

A well known lord discovered a thief in his London house. Aided by the butler, he secured the man and then rang the bell. A servant appeared, whom the peer requested to "go into the kitchen and bring up a policeman or two." The domestic returned and said there were no policemen on the premises. "What!" exclaimed his master in incredulous tones. "Do you mean to tell me that with a cook, two scullery maids, a kitchen maid and three housemaids in my employ there is no policeman in my kitchen? It is indeed a miracle, and our prisoner shall reap the benefit. Turner, let the man go instantly!"—London Standard.

The Venus de Milo.

It is questionable whether the real Greek woman of that immortal epoch when sculpture meant something more than a decorative end to an architectural means possessed the chaste loveliness accredited to her in the chiseled remnants left to us. It has ever been the whim of artists to work away from the physical facts of their models toward the ideals of their fancy. The sculptor is usually a proudly careless historian and but a poor reporter. All Greek sculpture doubtless is a highly glorified record of true Greek ethnology; but, granting such a woman as, say, the Venus de Milo did exist in all her bodily and facial perfection, she would meet with but cold reception at the hands of our critics of femininity today. Her modern woman associates would, I am certain, adjudge the classic lady a frump. Ideals change with the centuries if nature does not.—Ferriton Maxwell in Bohemian.

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