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jar, another, and another. He listened intently. He heard a steady throbbing sound. The ship was moving—moving! That meant that Bruce was ashore—that he need not fear that door there. He snartled to himself, suddenly arrogant with courage. To the devil's pit with John Bruce!

He reached up then unforcement the

dow, drew the shade, and opened the window itself.

And then, for a long time, puxaled, his brows drawn together, he stood there staring out. Close at hand, though but faintly outlined in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see the shore. And it was not implicated in the darkness, he could see innumerable little lights twinkling.

It was strange! He rubbed his eyes. Here was something e'se! The window opened on a narrow, dimly lighted and deserted deck—one of the lower decks, he remembered. Below this deck, and evidently alongside of the stranger's hall, he could make out the upperstructure of some small vessel.

A figure came along the deck now from the forward end—one of the crew, Crang could see from the other's diess, as the man drew nearer. Crang thrust his head out of the window.

It say, look here!'' he called, as the other came opposite to him. "What's all this about? Where are we?"

"Down the bay a bit, that's all, sir." the man answered. "We've had some engine trouble."

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He began to work at his bonds now—at first with a measure of contained persistence; and then, as he made no progress, angry impatience came, and he began to struggle. He tossed now, and twisted himself about on the bunk, and strained with all his might. The gas ichoked him. The bonds but grew the tighter and cut into his wrists. He became a madman in his frensy. Passion and fury lashed him on and on. He flogged himself into effort beyond physical endurance — and finally collapsed through utter exhaustion, a limp thing bathed in sweat.

Then he began the struggle again, and after that again. The periods came in cycles • • the insensate fury • exhaustion • • recuperation

After a time he no longer heard the throbbing of the engines or the movement of the ship during those moments when he lay passive in weakness, nor did the desire for freedom, for merely freedom's sake, any longer actuate him; instead, beneath him, in his pocket, he had felt the little case that held in hypodermic syringe, and it had brought the craving for the drug. And the craving for the wuntil the heart of the win-deventing for the drug. And the craving for the wuntil the came.

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'Another bour, eh?'' he muttered.

'Then, I'll get you yet, Bruce—ha, ha, I'll get you yet, Bruce—ha, ha, I'll get you yet? But I'll make sure of Claire first this time! That's where I made the mistake—but Dr. Sydney Angus alike!''

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He got up from the bunk and turned on a single incandescent light. Bruce had thrown the key in through the window, thrust his head outside again. The deck was clear, there was not a faul in sight. He unlocked them under his bean outside again. The deck was clear, there was not a faul in sight. He unlocked the door now, stepped noiselessly out on the deck, tropped the pleces of rope with which he had been belook it in the air.

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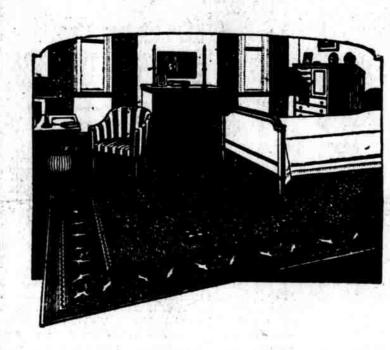
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"There isn't much time left," he said coldly. "About ten minutes."
At the end of five, Crang, bound hand and foot, and gagged, lay lashed into his bunk.
A bugle sounded the "All ashore!"
John Bruce tossed the ticket on the couch.

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"There's your ticket!" he said sternly. "I wouldn't advise you to come back—nor worry any further about exposing Mr. Larmon, unless you want to force a showdown that will place some very interesting details connected with the life of Dr. Crang in the hands of the police!"

The bugle rang out again.

John Bruce, without a further glance in Crang's direction, opened the cabin window slightly, then unlocking the door, he motioned Larmon to pass out. He locked the door on the outside, stepped to the deck, tossed the key through the window to the floor of Crang's cabin, and drew the window shut again. A minute more and with Larmon beside him, he was standing on the dock.

Neither John Bruce nor Larmon UNITED JOINT HAMBURG PAMERICAN

Neither John Bruce nor Larmon

CHAPTER XIX

spoke.

And presently the tugs caught hold of the big liner and warped her out of her berth.

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Cabin H-14

For a time Crang lay passive. Fear was dominant. He could move his head a little, and he kept screwing it around to cast furtive glances at the cabin door. He was sure that Bruce was still outside there, or somewhere near—Bruce wouldn't leave the ship until the last moment, and * * * * The craven soul of the man ahriveled within him. Bruce's eyes! Damn Bruce's eyes, and that hideous touch of Bruce's pocketed revolver! The fool would even have killed him back there in the cellar if it hadn't been for Larmon! He could still feel those strangling fingers at his throat.

Mechanically he made to lift his hand to touch the bruised and swollen flesh—but he could not, move his hands because they were bound behind his back and beneath him. The fool! The fool had wanted to shoot. Perhaps with Larmon out of the road, and just at the last minute, that was what he still meant to do—to open the door there, and—and kill. Terror swept upon him. He tried to scream—but a gag was in his mouth.

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