Mystery Of the Caribbean

BY JULIAN HAWTHORNE,

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"You know," said Colonel Enderby, "it's 200 years to a day, almost, since that DuCasse affair occurred along this very bit of coast we are looking at.'

When the colonel begins a piece of infermation by the words "you know," I am always prepared to hear some thing concerning which I was totally ignorant; and I fancy the colonel would be surprised to find it otherwise.

Now, it so happened that I had heard of the French admiral. DuCasse, as having had some connection with Jamasca; nevertheless, not to disappoint my friend, I murmured, in a semi-interrogative tone: "Oh...DuCasse?" "You know what I mean," proceeded

with confidence. were backing up the Old Pretenderthe son of James II. by Mary of Mohe could pick up. It was a couple of sunk Port Royal; but there was plenty of booty to be had in the island yet, yonder, and set ashore a part of his the coast, at Cow bay-we drove along by there this morning. Well, he caught his rabble were no better than the worst of pirates. They made bloody work of it, I tell you; men, women and children-slaughtered 'em all, sir, by Jove! Well, it's a good while since; but I've always wished I could have a chance to get back at 'em; and maybe the time may come yet-there's no telling oh?"

"Did they get much plunder?" I inquired.

"Plunder!" cried the colonel, his warlike mustachlos bristling, "Loaded down with it-loaded to the gun'l And slaves!-they carried off near fifteen hundred of 'em. We gave 'em a touch of our quality before they got off, added the grizzled warrior. "Col. Beeston was governor- Sir William he was then-who used to own the that French scoundrel tried to repeat

Besides, what should a Chinese junk be doing here? "There's a reef out thereabouts," remarked the colonel. "If she isn't careful, she'll find it out!"

"She appears to be sailing without any wind," said I. "She's well manned I should think there might be fifty or sixty men on board. And they're working as if their lives depended on it. But either they're very awkward. or that fellow on the poop, with the red cap on-or is it a red feather in his hat?-doesn't know what he's about. He can't intend to come ashore here; and yet that's just what he seems to be

"He's a duffer; he might be a Frenchman, by the way he behaves," said the colonel, resuming the glass. "They're an outlandish-looking gang, sure enough, those chaps are; look as if they might be the remains of some of DuCasse's pirates, kept alive for their sins," he added with a chuckle, "Recollect I came across some legend to that effect, in a manuscript chronicle in

my collection, the other day. I'll look it up. By Jove, that red-feathered fellow is bound to the deuce, sure enough! And how he manages to move in the dead calm, at that rate, is beyond me. He must be the Flying Dutchman! He'll be high and dry on the reef in ten minutes, whoever he is!"

"He's caught in some current, I supnose," said L "Confound this light!" growled the colonel; "it's failing us just when we

want it." In fact, the sun was setting; and, as our outlook was toward the southeast. the shadow of the gigantic Blue Peak was thrown upon that part of the offing dena-and that scoundrel DuCasse was where the ship was. She was merged sent out here with a fleet to see what in it, and it was no longer possible to distinguish what was going forward years after the great earthquake that on her decks. It seemed that the sheets were hauled aft, as if to take advantage of a breeze imperceptible to and the Frenchman knew it. He us; but the effect was to head the ves-fetched up one fine day off Morant bay, sel directly toward the reef, from which she now seemed to be but a few force there, and a part further down hundred yards distant. On she came, the water rippling from her bluff bows, and rising and sinking slowly on the us napping, that's the truth. He and long swell. She was moving obliquely relative to us, her port side being half turned to us. Now a long line of white surf broke almost under her nose "By Jove, there she goes!" cried the

colonel, jumping to his feet excitedly. 'He's done it!'

As he spoke her forward part was heavily on the reef. The shock caused her main topmast to break short off at | two centuries of piracy." the cap, and it hung down amidst a distinguish what device it bore.

most at the moment the ship struck the air seemed to become perceptibly darker. Probably a cloud had passed tramps," said I. "Howver, I will bring southeast, however, a mass of cloudy land Kingston now stands on. He was vapor was beautifully lighted up by a stiff old chap, was Beeston; and when the reflections of the sunset splendor and colored with tints of exquisite delhis infernal tactics at Carlisle bay, leacy. It moulded itself into various Beeston was down on him with the similitudes of form and finally took



"There She Goes," Cried the Colonel.

cutthroats behind him." "By the way, colonel," said I, after a pause, "wasn't it that same DuCasse who afterwards defeated your Admiral

Benbow in these same waters?" The colonel was obviously taken by surprise; he had no notion that I knew that." He hummed and hawed, frowned and bristled; but there was no getting round history, "Oh, Benbow! Fine old chap, Benbow; but rather a duffer, I fancy." Oh, well, it was a long time ago, that; a long time ago. Charles! bring us two more, do you hear! and

'Yassah, Massa Cunl, sah!" responded Charles, and vanished with the glasses and an indulgent smile.

jump, now!"

Colonel Enderby had been an honored resident of Jamaica for twenty years or more; he came here with a brilliant reputation, won in the Indian mutiny, He was the owner of several estates on the island and was on a round of visits to them, and had invited me to take a seat in his carriage. We were at this moment sitting on the veranda of one of them, a little way up a mountain side, enjoying the air of the late afternoon and a most delicious prospect of sea and coast.

During the pause that followed the order given to Charles my eyes were caught by a ship some miles distant in the offing. She added the needed touch of human interest to the view, and I watched her proceedings with pleased and idle attention.

"What sort of a craft do you call that, colonel?" I asked, at length. "She looks to me more like a Chinese junk than anything."

"Eh? Oh-that? Chinese junk, eh! Well-hardly! She is a queer-looking affair, though. Where's the telescope Where the deuce has that rascal—oh, gone after the Why doesn't he get back? Charles!"

"Yassah, massa," said Charles, re appearing with what he had been sent for and the same charitable smile. "Humph! Fetch me the telescope,

Charles." "Tel'scope? Yessah!" "By Jove, she's an odd fish-a very odd fish!" muttered the colonel, after a prolonged scrutiny through the in-strument. "I can't say that I quite * * * See what you make of her." I took the glass and looked. I am ings, and her spars and rigging, also. The colonel growled, called for had a very antique look. She resembled Charles, ordered him to have dinner as a Chinese junk more than anything; soon as pos-but there were differences; she was instructions painted black, which no Chinese junk expedition. eyer was, that I heard of; and her sails were of canvas, much torn and defaced. I night turned out perfectly fine and still,

militia, and wiped him off the island, I that of an antique vessel very much reby Jove, leaving seven hundred of his sembling the one on the reef-a gigantic ghost of a ship, which glowed with phantom fire through its port-

> gray, diaphanous smoke. The practical and energetic colonel doubtless did not witness this picturesque ornament of the scene. His mind was full of the actual situation down there on the reef; and though he had so vigorously denounced the stupidity of the "red-feathered chap," and even gone so far as to accuse him of Frenchiness, he now began to consider plans

holes, and finally vanished in a pillar of

for succor. "Why don't he show any lights, though?" he muttered. "Has he the idea that he has come ashore on an un-

nhabited island?" "If he has been cruising about since 1694, possibly he has run out of his stock of rockets and candles?" I sug-

gested. "Do you see any signs of his putting off a boat?" continued the warrior. "He's got boats, for I noticed a couple of them before the light failed. Why, what the deuce alls him? Anybody would think that every man-jack of em had been struck dead by the same blow that stove in her bottom."

Indeed, there was not a sign of life m board the questionable stranger; she lay dark and inert, as if she were the wreck of generations ago. Not so much as the flash of a lantern or the report of a gun came from her. And yet, a minute ago, her decks had been a-swarm with life.

"What do you make of it-ch?" demanded the colonel, chafing under

his perplexity. "The case strikes me as very simple," I replied. "She is, as you say, a sort of Flying Dutchman affair. She has been doomed for a certain number of years or centuries to sail the seas that witnessed her crimes; and tonight her season of earthly purgatory has expired. Her crew, who of course were simply dead bodies animated by demons, having navigated her to the point she started from, have now taken

flight to their own abode-Here the colone! interrupted me with an indignant snort.

"Jesting is all very well," quoth he but what's to be done about those poor devils down on the reef? It may come on a storm before morning, and every mother's son of 'em be drowned before our eyes. I'll tell you what it is; if they haven't sent on shore to communicate with us by the time we're through with our dinner, I shall take a boat and go out and see what's up, in person. That's what I shall do! Would

you care to accompany me?" "Nothing would please me better. I have always wanted to board a phan-The colonel growled, called for

soon as possible, and gave him further instructions relative to our proposed Fortunately for our purpose, the

and there was a moon, which rose just about the time we were ready to embark on our trip-between 8 and 9 o'clock. We had driven down from the colonel's house, some two or three miles, over a rough road, in a singleseated buggy; on arriving at the beach, we found the faithful Charles await-

ing us.
"Has the fellow made any signs of life yet?" demanded the colonel, as his servent helped him to alight.

"No, Massa Cun'l, sah," Charles replied. "Dey's like as if dey wus gone to sleep, sah. De boys here, dey don' like it, sah; say it ain't right, an' I was bliged for to promise 'em extra pay to ake us out, sah."

"Ah, the rascals! Let them alone not to lose a chance of turning a penny! So, the crew out yonder's asleep, are they? Well, we'll wake 'em before long. Push off, give willy, there, and be lively!"

The rowers-there were four of them -bent to their oars, and we swept out into the still lagoon, the rising moon sending her level rays into our faces from the left, and the end of the colonel's big cigar glowing beneath his grim mustache. Owing to the position of the moon, it was difficult to discern anything of the ship, which lay upwards of two miles out; she was a shadow, and little more. As we advanced, a silence fell upon us; nothing was heard but the regular breathing of the men, the clip of the oars as they took the water, and the creak of the rowlocks. After we had proceeded for about twenty minutes, another sound became audible-the gentle breaking of the swell upon the reef. We were now scare a mile away from it, and the ship was silhouetted against the whitish glisten of the sea beyond her. But no noise, no movement, no light announced that there were living beings on board. It was certainly mysterious. I glanced at the colonel, who sat with the tiller ropes grasped in his hands steering straight for the ship. His bushy eyebrows were drawn together, his square jaws were set, and he looked as if he were leading a forlorn hope right up to the enemy's

"Well, what do you think of her? said 1.

"I shall hold her commander to an account for his conduct," replied the veteran. "The ocean is not my element; but I know what proper behavior is, affoat or ashore."

As he spoke her forward part was "It is my opinion," I pursued, "that uplifted by a roller and came down he means to lure us on board and then cut our throats, as a final act of his

"An officer of her majesty's service tangle of cordage. Meanwhile, unless is not lured into ambuscades by coastmy eyes deceived me, a flag was run up to her mizzen; but it was too dusky to retired list!" returned the colonel, with sternness, "Rest assured, I shall know Tropical twilights are short; and al- how to make myself respected."

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"The letter has been taken," said the colonel, turning to me angrily, "and, confound you, there has been nobody in the room but you and I." As he the table. "Then," said I, "by Jove, you have taken 4t" and I also thundered my fist down—but accidentally not upon the table. There was there standing a moving desk at which. I presume, it was the colonel's habit to write, and on this movable desk was a large bottle full of ink. My fist unfortunately came down on the desk, and the ink at once flew up, covering the colonel's face and shirt front.

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For Northumberland, Pitiston, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Bloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and the South, Northumberland and intermediate stations, 5.09, 9.55 a.m. and 1.39 and 6.07 p.m.

Nanticoke and intermediate stations, 5.09, 9.55 a.m. and 1.39 and 6.07 p.m.

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Commencing Monday, day, July 30, all trains will arrive at new Lackawanna avenue station as follows:

Trains will leave Scrantermediate points at 2.20, 5.45, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.25, 9.10 and 11.20 p.m.

For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m. at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m.

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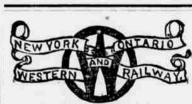
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Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.40, 9.34 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 3.40, 4.54, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.33 p.m.

From Honesdale, Waymart and Farview at 9.34 a.m., 12.30, 1.17, 3.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.

From Montreal, Saratoga, Albany, etc., at 4.54 and 11.33 p.m.

From Wilkes-Harre and intermediate points at 2.15, 8.04, 10.05 and 11.55 a.m., 1.16, 2.14, 3.39, 5.10, 6.08, 7.20, 9.03 and 11.16 p.m.



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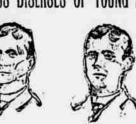
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