

# Pirate Gold Helps To Enrich English Literature At Least

Morgan and Kidd Were Two Notorious Names on The Atlantic Coast in The Seventeenth Century.

English literature has been greatly enriched by the doings of the piratical gentlemen who, in the days when the British Empire was in the making, roamed the seas under the more or less euphonious title of buccaneer or freebooter. Among these gentry were some who attained a wide and lasting fame, notably Henry Morgan, whose exploits in the West Indies still form the theme for many stories and who was afterwards knighted, becoming Lieutenant-Governor of the island of Jamaica, British West Indies.

Another of these notable figures was Captain Kidd. Captain Kidd was born in Scotland and early went to sea privateering in the West Indies. In 1691 he received \$750 from the city of New York for protecting the colony against pirates. In 1696 he was commissioned by England to suppress piracy and sailed for Madagascar, headquarters of these nefarious gentlemen of those days. In the meantime, rumors reached England that Kidd himself was doing some piracy on the side and a warrant was issued for his arrest. After two years cruising about, Captain Kidd returned to the West Indies, a few months later landed in Boston where he was arrested and sent by the Governor to England for trial. He was found guilty, although protesting his innocence, and was hanged. Before going to Boston, Kidd buried a large treasure on Gardiner's Island, off Long Island, which was subsequently located and with what was recovered elsewhere is said to have amounted to about \$70,000.

The Spanish Main and the Caribbean Sea were the great hunting grounds for these buccaneers. Spanish galleons richly laden with loot from Mexico and Central America was the magnet which drew them, and Port Royal, located at the extreme end of a spit of sand which protects Kingston harbor, on the island of Jamaica, was their headquarters, which earned for the town the title of the finest in the West Indies and at the time the richest and probably most wicked spot in the world—that was in 1692. The Virgin Islands, three of which are owned by the United States and others by Great Britain, were familiar to these buccaneers. On Norman Island, in the British group, are old pirate caves in one of which an iron chest containing treasure was found some years ago. The waters of the Spanish Main and Caribbean Sea are becoming more familiar to Canadians and Americans alike through the regular series of summer and winter cruises of the "Lady" liners of the Canadian National Steamships from Canada to Bermuda, the British West Indies and British Guiana via Boston.

The comparatively close proximity of the Atlantic coast of Canada, particularly Nova Scotia, and the wildness of the country at the time, furnished ideal hiding places for these freebooters and the southwestern shore of the province is not without its legends of buried pirate gold.

Out where the waves from the Atlantic off the southwestern shore of Nova Scotia roll in among the 365 islands in Mahone Bay, off Chester, there is one, Oak Island, which stands out from all the rest in point of interest. It is not much in point of size as islands go but what it lacks in size it makes up for in its connection with the notorious freebooter, Captain Kidd. The very name of the bay is suggestive of pirate lore for it is derived from the French word "mahonne" for a low-lying craft used by pirates. If all the places where this famous pirate is supposed to have buried treasure were able to be located and the treasure dug up, it would probably make quite a tidy sum, particularly in these days with gold at a high premium.

It is not from lack of attempts that the loot which Captain Kidd is said to have buried in Oak Island has not been recovered as it is doubtful if any place has been dug over as often as has the site of this supposed treasure. Several companies have been formed but the efforts of each have come to naught. A few years ago a western company with headquarters in Victoria, B.C., was capitalized at \$150,000, but they, too, met with defeat. The latest is an American syndicate which is willing to sink some \$125,000 to see if they can find the treasure which legend places at around \$10,000,000. Records left by earlier diggers tell of weird sounds by night and during an attempt many years ago the workings became flooded with water from what is claimed to be a secret tunnel connecting with the sea which those who buried the treasure constructed to baulk attempts at its recovery by other persons. Borings have brought up pieces of cocconut fibre and oak, also a piece of gold chain but that is all that has ever been removed so far as is known.

Mahone Bay is not the only place along the southwestern shore, along which the line of the Canadian National Railways follows the coast from Yarmouth to Halifax, seems to have been a favorite hide-a-way with pirates and there are legends of buried loot around Port Mouton, farther south. The frame of one of these piratical craft driven ashore by pursuers can still be seen at low tide.

At Hall Harbor, on the opposite shore, is yet another site of supposed buried treasure. Here the legend recites a tragedy which

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happened around 1813. A pirate ship, the "Mary Jane," commanded by a Captain Hall, from whence the name, sailed up the Bay of Fundy and twice ravaged the little settlement but the third attempt found the settlers ready. The Indian sweetheart of one of the raiders secretly warned the raiders that the settlers were waiting for them. Her lover had been left to guard the treasure from the "Mary Jane" which had been brought ashore for safe-keeping. Upon the attack of the settlers the treasure was hastily buried in a secluded spot on shore and during the firing one of the settlers took aim at the Indian girl's lover seeing which she ran to protect him and received the bullet herself. The lover was also shot and killed. The survivors of the raiding party hurriedly made for their vessel, leaving the treasure behind and so far as is known it has never been found.

The Bay of Fundy seems also to have been familiar to Captain Kidd, for in the vicinity of St. Martins, in New Brunswick, are legends of the notorious pirate's doubloons buried on Isle Haute and along the shore. Treasure seekers have left evidence of their covert search for pirate gold in the pits which they dug at various places. Much digging during the dark silent hours of the night failed up to the present, from all accounts, to locate any of the treasure.

## EXPLORER OF DESERT GETS LOST IN LONDON, ENGLAND

London.—A man who can find his way home through Australia's trackless desert country is constantly finding himself "bushed" in London.

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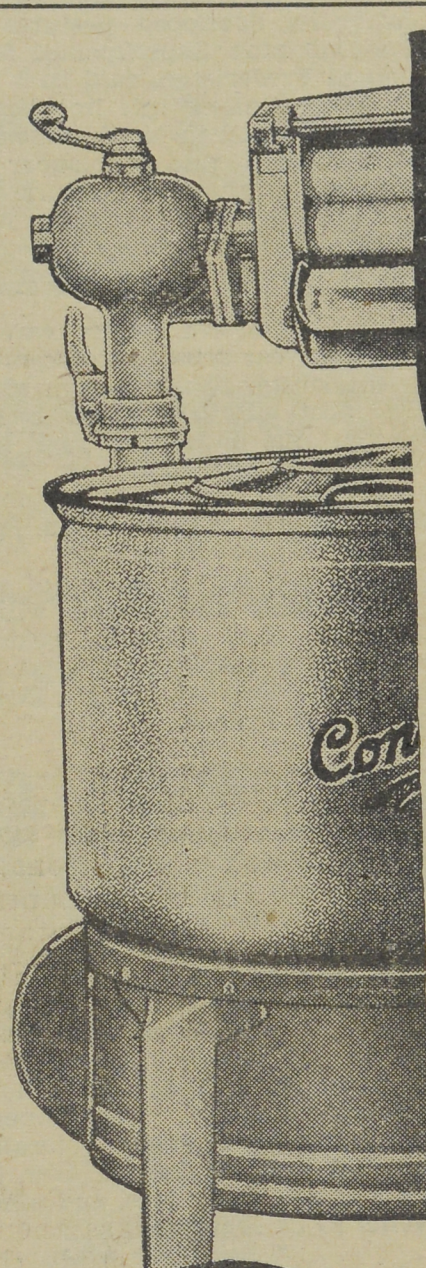
Berlin.—An Oriental institute for study of eastern languages and problems will be opened in Berlin in October. This new institute includes within its scope the already existing Oriental seminar, the Institute for Semitic and Islamic Sciences, the Sino-logical Seminar and the Indo-Germanic institute. The Japanese institute, however, in view of the special character of its work, will continue to exist independently of the new institute. The institute reflects the new interest of Germany in eastern expansion.

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