

THE FROZEN PIRATE.

BY W. CLARK RUSSELL. [Continued.] CHAPTER XXII.

A CHANGE COMES OVER THE FRENCHMAN. Tassard was dogged and scowling. Such was his temper that had been in a small or weak man, a person likely to prove submissive, he would have given loose to his foul tongue and would have handled me very roughly. But my demeanour was cold and resolved, and not of a kind to improve his courage. I levelled a deliberate semi-contemptuous gaze at his own fiery stare, and puzzled him, too, I believe, a good deal by my cool reserve. He muttered whilst we ate, drinking plentifully of wine, and garnishing his draughts with oaths and to spare; and then, after falling silent and remaining so for the space of twenty minutes, during which I lighted my pipe and sat with my feet close to the furnace, listening with eager ears to the sounds of the ice and the dull creaking of the wind, he exclaimed sulkily, "Your scheme is a failure. The schooner is fixed. What's to be done now?"

"I don't know that my scheme is a failure," said I. "What did you suppose? That the blast would blow the ice with the schooner on it into the ocean clear of the island? If the ice is so shaken as to enable the swell to detach it, my scheme will have accomplished all I proposed."

"If" he cried scornfully and passionately. "If will not deliver us nor save the treasure. I tell you the schooner is fixed—as fixed as the damned in everlasting fire. Be it so," he cried, clenching his fist. "But you must meddle no more! The Boca del Dragon is mine—mine, I say, see, now that they're all dead and gone but me!"—smiling his blood—and if ever she is to float, let nature or the devil launch her: no more explosions with the risks your failure has made her me run!"

"His voice sank; he looked at me in silence, and then with a wild grin of anger he exclaimed, "What made you awake me! I was at peace—neither cold, hungry, nor hopeless! This demon forced you to bring me to what—to bring me back to this?"

"Mr. Tassard," said I coldly, "I don't ask your pardon for my experiment; I meant well, and to my mind it is no failure yet. But for disturbing your repose I do sincerely beg your forgiveness, and solemnly promise you, if you will return to the state in which I found you, that I will not repeat the offence."

He eyed me from top to toe in silence, filled and lighted his hideous pipe, and smoked with his back turned upon me. Had there been another warm place in the schooner I should have retired to it, and left this surlily and scandalous savage to the enjoyment of his own company. His temper rendered me extremely uneasy. The arms-room was full of weapons; he might draw a pistol upon me and shoot me dead before I should have time to clutch my hand. Nor did I conceive him to have his right mind. His panic-terrors and outbreaks of rage were such extremes of behaviour as suggested some sort of organic decay within.

After sitting a long while sullenly smoking in silence, he fetched his mattress and some covers, lay down upon it, and fell fast asleep. I admired and envied this display of confidence, and heartily wished myself as safe in his hands as he was in mine. The afternoon passed. I was on deck a half-dozen times, but never witnessed the least alteration in the ice.

When I was getting supper Tassard awoke, quitted his mattress, and came to his bench. "Has anything happened whilst I slept?" he said. "Nothing," I answered. "The ice shows no signs of giving?" "I see none," said I. "Well," cried he, with a sarcastic sneer, "have you any more fine schemes?"

"This your turn now," I replied. "Try your hand. If you fail, I promise you I shall not be disappointed."

"But you English sailors," said he, wagging his head and regarding me with great deal of wildness in his eyes, "speak of yourself, as the finest seamen in the world. Justify the maritime reputation of your nation by showing me how we are to escape with the schooner from the ice."

"Mr. Tassard," said I, approaching him and locking him full in the face, "I would advise you to sweeten your temper and change your tone. I have borne myself very moderately towards you, submitted to your insults with patience, and have done you some kindness. I am not afraid of you. On the contrary, I look upon you as a swaggering bully and a hoary villain. Do you understand me? I am a desperate man in a desperate situation. But if I don't fear death, depend upon it, I don't fear you—and I take God to witness that if you do not use me with the civility I have a right to expect, I will kill you."

stand between us? I leave the choice to you. If you will treat me civilly you'll not find me wanting in my disposition to render our miserable state tolerable; but if you insult me, use me injuriously, and act the pirate over me, who am an honest man, by God, Mr. Tassard, I will kill you."

He stepped away from me, and raised his hand in a posture as if to fend me off, and cried in a whining manner, "I lost my head—this gunpowder business hath made a hellish disappointment, look you, Mr. Rodney. Come! We will drink a can to our future amity!"

I answered coldly that I wanted no more wine and bade him beware of me, that he had gone far enough, that our hideous condition had filled my soul with desperation and misery, and that I would not have my life on this frozen schooner made more abominable than it was by his swagger, lies, and insults, and I added in a loud voice and in a menacing manner that death had no terrors for me, and that I would dispatch him with as little fear as I should meet my doom, whatever shape it took.

I marched on deck, not a little astounded by the cowardice of the old rascal, and very well pleased with the marked impression my bearing and language had produced on him. Not that I supposed for a moment that my bold comportment would save me from his knife or his pistol when he should think proper to make away with me. No. All I reckoned upon was cowering him into a civiler posture of mind, and checking his aggressions and insolence. As to his murdering me, I was very sure he would not attempt such an act whilst we remained imprisoned. I expected he would have more horrors for him than for me; and though my machinery of mines had apparently failed, he was shrewd enough, despite his rage of disappointment, to understand that there was to be done by two men than by one, and that between us something might be attempted which would be impracticable by a simple pair of hands, and particularly old hands, such as his.

I stayed but a minute or two on deck. Such was the cold that I do not know I had ever felt it more biting and bitter. The sound of foaming waters filled the wind, and the wind itself was blowing fairly strong, in gusts that screamed in the frozen rigging or in blasts that had the deep echo of the thunder-claps of the splitting ice.

I returned below and sat down. The Frenchman asked me no questions. He had his can in the oven and his death's head in his great hand, and puffed out clouds of smoke of the color of his beard, and indeed in the candle and the light looked like a figure of old Time with his long nose and bald head. I addressed one or two civil remarks to him, which he answered in a subdued manner, discovering no resentment whatever that I could trace in his eyes or the expression of his countenance; and being wiling to show that I bore no malice I talked of pirates and their usages, and asked him if the Boca del Dragon fought under the red or black flag.

"Why, the black flag, certainly," said he; "but if we met with resistance, it was our custom to haul it down and hoist the red flag, to let our opponents know we should give no quarter."

"Where is your flag locker?" said I. "In my berth," he answered. "I should like to see the black flag," I exclaimed; "it is the one piece of bunting, I believe, I have never viewed."

"I'll fetch it," said he, and, taking the lantern went aft very quietly, but with a certain stagger in his walk, which I should have put down to the wine if it was not that his behaviour was free from all symptoms of inebriation. The change in him surprised me, but not so greatly as you might suppose; indeed, it excited my suspicions rather than my wonder. Fear worked in him unquestionably, but what I seemed to see best was some malignant design which he hoped to conceal by an air of conciliation and a quality of respectful bonhomie.

He came back with a flag in his hand, and we spread it between us; it was black, with a yellow skull grinning in the middle, over this an hourglass, and beneath a cross-bone.

"What veneration has this signal caused and does still cause!" said I, surveying it, whilst a hundred fancies of the barbarous scenes it had down over, the miserable cries for mercy that had swept up past it to the ear of God, crowded into my mind. "I think, Mr. Tassard," said I, "that our first step should ever find ourselves about this ship, must be to commit this and all other flags of a like kind on board the deep. There is evidence in this piece of drapery to hang an angel!"

He let fall his ends of the flag and sat down suddenly. "Yes," he answered, sending a curious rolling glance around the cockpit and at the same time bringing his hand to the back of his head, "this is evidence to dangle even an honest man than you, sir. All flags but the ensign we resolve to sail under must go—all flags, and all the wearing apparel, and—and—but"—here he muttered a curse—"we are fixed—there is to be no sailing!"

that they have neither beds nor seats on board. "The English," he answered, speaking slowly and letting his pipe drop whilst he spoke with his eyes fixed on deck, "not the Spanish. 'Tis the custom of most English pirates to eat and sleep upon the decks for the sake of a clear ship, as you say. The Spaniards loves comfort—you may observe his fancy in this ship."

"How is the plunder partitioned?" I asked. "Everything is put into the common chest, as we call it, and brought to the mast and sold by auction—'Strange! he cried, breaking off and putting his hand to his brow. "I find my speech difficult. Do you notice I halt and utter thickly?"

I replied, No; his voice seemed to be the same as hitherto. "Yet I feel ill. Holy Mother of God, how this feeling coming upon me!" O Jesus, how faint and airy! He half rose from his bench, but sat again, trembling as if the palsy had seized him, and I noticed his head dotted with beads of sweat. He had drunk so much wine and spirits throughout the day that I am wondrously glad to see him so sober.

I said, "I expect it will be the blow on the back of your head, when you feel just now, that has produced this feeling of giddiness. Let me help you to get down" (for his mattress was on deck) "the sensation will pass, I don't doubt."

If he heard he did not heed me, but fell a-muttering and crying to himself. I looked on and did certainly remark a hard now in his voice that was new to my ear; it was not, as he had said, a labour or thickness of utterance, but a dryness and parchedness of old age, but with many breaks from high to low notes, and a lean nose of falling threading every word. He sweated and talked and muttered, and this was from sheer terror; he did not swoon, but sat with a stoop, often pressing his brows and gasping about him like one whose senses are all abroad.

A peculiar note and appearance of age had entered his figure, face, and voice. Then an extraordinary fancy occurred to me: Had the whole weight of the unhappy wretch's years suddenly descended upon him? Or, if not wholly arrived, might not these indications in him mark the first stages of a gradually increasing pressure? The heat, the vivacity, the fierceness, spirits and temper of the old man had been instrumental in restoring to him probably illustrated his character as it was eight-and-forty years since; that had flourished artificially from the moment of his awaking down to the present hour; but now the heat of the sun upon this man, whose age was above a hundred. He might be decaying and wasting, even as he sat there, in such an intellectual condition and physical aspect as he would possess and submit had he come without a break into his present age.

I got up and laid my hand on his shoulder, on which he turned his face and stared me with one eye closed, the other scarce open. "How are you falling now?" said I. "Sleepy, very sleepy," he answered. "I'll put your mattress into your hammock," said I, "and the best thing you do is to go and turn in properly and get a long night's rest, and tomorrow morning you'll feel yourself as healthy as ever."

I shouldered his mattress and slung a lantern in his cabin, and then returned as if to rise, but he trembled so violently that he sank down with a groan, and I was obliged to put my whole strength to the lifting of him to get him on to his bed. He leaned heavily upon me, and heaving a deep sigh, he said, "When we got to his cabin I perceived that he would never be able to climb into his hammock, nor had I the power to hoist a man of his age so high. To end the perplexity I cut the hammock down and laid it on the deck, and covered it with a rug of clothing, unslung the lantern, wished him good-night, closed the door, and returned to the furnace."

(To be continued.) A Sea of Fire. FORESTS IN MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN IN A FLAME—IMMENSE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. Special despatches report destructive fires raging in North Minnesota and Wisconsin. Already immense damage has been done to standing timber and many towns are threatened with destruction. A fire from Duluth says, "A cloud of smoke from burning brush and timber hangs over the city. Fires of a dangerous character are raging in nearly all directions from the city, and within 50 miles or more. In some instances the houses of settlers have been burned. The fires seem to be worst on the line of the Duluth and Iron range west of Thomson and south beyond Baroun, and on the Northern Pacific as far as Norman, 20 miles beyond the Northern Pacific junction. There are reports of a large number of settlements back of this city on country roads, from the Ashland division of the Northern Pacific and elsewhere. The Northern Pacific treats near Waldridge, Wis., on the Superior line, was burned yesterday. Ashland, Wis., advises say furious fires are raging in the northern Wisconsin forests, and the loss will be very heavy."

On the Hermitage road, near here, every dwelling for four miles has been destroyed. It is feared some lives have been lost. In coming, farmers reported a vast sea of fire, which is sweeping everything before it. High winds are blowing and the fire moves with great rapidity. Telegraphic communication is interfered with. South of Ashland for 150 miles the forests are ablaze. Cumberland, Wis., is almost wholly surrounded by fire. The losses aggregate \$40,000. North of Grantburg, Wis., fire has swept the country, destroying everything in its path. Along the Northern Pacific, in the neighborhood of Cromwell, the Home of the same Doctor, which usually in the way are being burned. Near Lincoln, Minn., Thomas Campbell and Ernest Lowell were surrounded by fire. They took refuge on half an acre of ground, but were terribly burned and will die. The damage to settlers, farmers and stock will be great. A good deal of stock is probably destroyed. Everywhere the cry is for rain.

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Mortgage Sale. To Alexander Morrison, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, and all other persons to whom it may concern: TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 6th day of November, 1887, and made between the said Alexander Morrison of the one part, and John McLaughlin then of the County of the other part, of the County of Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, of the second part, there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Post Office in the Town of Chatham, on the 15th day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, the following piece of property described in said Indenture of Mortgage, viz.—All that certain parcel of land and land covered with water situate in the Parish of Chatham and bounded on the upper or westerly side by lands owned by Alexander Morrison and William Morrison, and on the lower side by lands formerly owned by the late Henry Curran and on the north or in front by the Miramichi River, and on the west by the Highway. Together with all the buildings, rooms, barns, privies, outhouses, and all water courses, Right of way to the said piece of land. Dated this 11th day of April, A. D. 1889. JOHN McLAUGHLIN, Mortgagee. Chatham, N. B., March 30th, 1889.

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