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REVOLTING TALE TOLD BY A YOUNG GERMAN SAILOR

Captain and Mate of Bark Lying at Bonaventure Inflict Horrifying Cruelties Upon Him.
Bound for Days and Fed on Burnt Crusts.

BOTH ARRESTED AND TRIAL IS NOW ON.

From the little village of Bonaventure comes a tale of cruelty which savors of the dark ages and which would seem incredible but for the testimony of eye witnesses. The victim of the cruelty was a young, fair-faced German and his oppressors were, it is alleged, Captain K. S. Kristiansen of the Norwegian bark Agat and the first mate of the same vessel.

The Agat arrived at the port of Bonaventure on Sept. 1st to load lumber and finished loading on Sept. 18. The cruelties to which the German boy was subjected came under the observation of Stevedore Gallagher and his men a day or two after they began loading. One morning they found the boy tied to a ring-bolt on deck. Both his hands and feet were tied and he could scarcely move a half a foot. He was kept in this position for days. It is alleged that the only food handed out to him consisted of burnt crusts and water. He told the Stevedore that the mate had thumped his head against the deck until it had driven him mad.

Mr. Gallagher asked the captain why he kept the boy in that position and the captain's reply was that the boy would not work.

But if the spectacle of the boy tied to the deck was a revolting one, the men who were loading the vessel were unwilling witnesses of a still more revolting spectacle. The boy was taken, bound as he

was, a rope attached to him and lowered over the side of the vessel. Then he was dipped several times into the water and at length brought out more dead than alive.

On another occasion the longshoremen saw the mate chase the boy up through the rigging with an iron bar, the boy all the while screaming in a terrified manner.

Baring his neck and shoulders the boy showed Oswald Smith of Campbellton and others, marks which he said had been inflicted by the mate with a red hot iron.

Mr. Smith remonstrated with the captain for treating the boy as he did, saying that the boy couldn't understand his orders. The captain replied that the boy could understand. But all that could be got out of the unfortunate young fellow was "no stand."

The second mate, it is said, was about the only member of the crew who sympathized with the boy. He told Stevedore Garrett that if he was treated the way the boy was he would kill every man on board and then himself.

Stories of the cruelties inflicted on the boy were brought ashore by the men loading the vessel and they reached the local authorities with the result that officers went on board the vessel and took the boy ashore. They also wired some of the facts in the case to the German consul at Montreal. The consul wired

back to have the captain and mate arrested. On information laid by the boy warrants were issued for the arrest of the two officers.

Early Friday morning L. P. LeBel and a constable visited the ship to place the mate under arrest. With an axe over his shoulder and the crew behind him the mate stood and defied the officers to arrest him. The officers retreated. They went ashore and found the captain. They placed him under arrest and took him down to the ship. He talked for a few minutes to the mate from the wharf. He advised his subordinate to submit to arrest, saying that the officers would take him, if they had to take him under fire. The mate, who is said to be handsome and somewhat polished then went into his cabin and dressed himself after which he went with the officers. Both the captain and mate were taken to New Carlisle and locked up.

The captain came to Campbellton Saturday evening in the care of the sheriff. He had a long interview with W. Albert Mott, the Norwegian consul, with the result that Mr. Mott went down to New Carlisle on Monday to defend both him and the mate.

The preliminary examination was begun on Tuesday before Magistrate Tromley and is still in progress. J. Hall Kelly is looking after the interests of the German consul.

Another German boy who was also the victim of ill-treatment on

board the Agat ran away. He was located by the authorities and is one of the witnesses against the mate.

THE EXAMINATION

(From a regular correspondent)
New Carlisle, Sept. 26.—One of the most thrilling cases ever heard in the Court House here, took place this week, lasting four days. On the first of September the Norwegian bark Agat, arrived at the harbor of Bonaventure. While being loaded the parties do this work often heard a sailor complaining and crying, and a few days afterwards he escaped from the ship on shore. He could not make himself understood, but his scars and bruises told the tale. J. H. Kelly took up the case for the sailor. The latter swore that while at Bonaventure, he had been tied to the deck by the captain from nine to three. That during that time he had been compelled to hold a cat in his arms, and if he moved he was beaten by the mate. He also stated that he had been beaten by the first mate every day with a heavy rope, several times a day, over the head, his hair pulled out by the captain, his teeth broken; that he had been stripped naked and a rope put around him on a cold, windy day and thrown overboard, where he had been left in the water with simply his head above the waves; that after passing half an hour in the water he had been pulled up, and left to hang by the body for
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SUMNER SELLS TO AMERICANS

Lumber Property in Gloucester County Now Owned by Syndicate

\$250,000 WAS PAID

One of the biggest lumber deals in the history of the North Shore counties of New Brunswick was consummated the other day, when Sumner and Company sold their entire property in Gloucester county to American capitalists.

The property sold includes large saw mill at Bathurst, general store at the same place and extensive timber areas throughout the county. The price paid is said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

On August 1st the new company took over the timber lands, and they will take over the mill and store on December 1st.

The company will carry on the business on a larger scale than heretofore. At present they have three hundred and ten men in the woods. The machinery of the mill will be changed so as to cut American standards instead of British. The new company will find the market for its output in the United States. It is their intention to build a branch road from the I. C. R. to the mill. All shipments will be made by rail.

The property of Sumner and Co. is the fourth industry on the North Shore to be gobbled up by Americans within the past year or two. There is no doubt that the future holds a good deal in store for these Northern counties and American capitalists are recognizing it more and more every day.

OUTPUT TO BE CURTAILED OVER ONE HALF THIS YEAR

English Lumber Market Stagnant and Restigouche Operators Will Not Cut More Than One Half Usual Cut

SOME LUMBERMEN WILL NOT OPERATE AT ALL

A large amount of lumber will be held over this season. The operators on the Restigouche, with the exception of the Shives Company, will not cut more than half of the usual amount. The price of lumber is away down in both the English and American markets.

Such was the "cheerful" information conveyed to a reporter for "Events," yesterday, by a man prominent in the lumber industry of this county.

He went on to say that the market price has dropped off at least \$4 a thousand since Spring. The reason for this is that the market is overloaded. There is more lumber for sale in England today, than there has been for years and the English dealers are aware of the fact that large quantities are held here. The worst of it is that prices will not remain stationary, even at the present low prices.

Two or three cargoes that were sent from St. John and ports in Nova Scotia are now stored at the ports to which they were sent, the owners being unable to get a price for them.

There is no general depression in Great Britain, but the lumber trade is overdone. When Russia was at war with Japan she shipped no lumber, but since then she has been making up lost time. This is one reason why Great Britain is overstocked.

The Shives Company recently changed their market and are now

shipping to South America and Australia. The Richards Company, however, which ships exclusively to Great Britain will hold over from five to seven million feet. Several small operators who cut from two to three million feet will not operate at all this winter.

Notwithstanding the curtailment in the cut, men are very scarce. It is almost impossible to get them. Wages are very high ranging from \$28 to \$38, a month. A number of our men go to Ottawa where wages for cutting pine are still higher.

NEW RICHMOND

We are sorry to say we lost two of our New Richmond girls, viz.—Hilda McColm and Lizzie Fallow, who left today for Montreal.

Miss Bella McKay and her brother, Scott were visiting friends here last week.

Howard Woodman was the welcome guest of Arthur McWhirter, Sunday evening.

Miss Ruby McKay of Grand Caspédia was visiting her uncle, here for a couple of weeks.

Miss Grace Campbell is now very ill. We hope to see a speedy recovery.

Miss Cora Fallow was visiting her uncle in Grand Caspédia for a few days last week.

MANY MATTERS BEFORE BOARD

Town Council Disposes of a Lot of Business Tuesday Evening

COAL BILL CUT

The Town Council met on Tuesday evening, Mayor Murray in the chair. All councillors were in attendance.

An application from Tom LeBlanc for barber shop license was referred to the Police and License Committee.

A communication from August Stevens declining to act as Collector of Dog Taxes was placed on file.

S. W. Dimock made a request for exemption of license fee for marine performance of Stoddart Stock Co., and also for exemption of license fee for a moving picture show which he proposes running. The request in regard to marine performance was granted, but the other request was left with the Police and License Committee.

The supreme court writ in the suit of C. S. O. Crockett against the town which was served upon the Mayor on Friday, was read by the clerk.

It was moved by Coun. Andrew seconded by Coun. McLean, that the writ at the suit of Charles S. O. Crockett be referred to the Town solicitor, W. A. Trueman, with instructions to defend the case and that a special committee be appointed to confer and consult with the
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