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DRAKE AT THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

It was their ill-fortune that Robert Pyke had had too much of the heady Spanish wine and must flounder to his feet among the tangled 1937. jungle growth beside the trail. He was pulled down at once, but the mischief was done. After weeks and months of planning for daring raid on the rich overland gold caravan, Drake and his men had drawn blank! Near this very spot he and John Oxenham had planned such a raid. It was hard by this place that they had climbed a giant ceiba tree and caught their first glimpse of the Pacific. From the forest giant their eyes had first Englishman to sail upon it, which he had kept to his own death at Lima, as a pirate and English heretic.

It had all seemed simple enough. They had landed at Dairen and obwith two score hardy seamen they tery had got word of a caravan expected hourly with a mule train of trade goods and precious bales of gold from the Peruvian mines.

Yes. It had seemed so easy. There would be a guard of thirty or forty Spanish Argubusiers—but with a score of Englishmen each side of the ray and the advantage of surprise The rascals were so lazy that they made at Harvey Station. even gave their arquebusses to their indian slaves to carry!

But Pyke, the drunken sot, must stagger to his feet in his white shirt and although they had pulled him lown at once, the alarm had been given. A guard galloped down to the rear of the train. The Spanish Cantain was a quick-witted man. It mighted be nothing-but he would take no chances! Halting the caravan he held the mules loaded with gold at the rear and sent forward those of the pack train which carried trade goods.

Let us draw a veil over the hearty curses of the English mariners as they ripped the bundles apart to find hides, feathers, and bolts of cloth in place of gold ingots and dust. Their chance was gone. The gold was being hurriedly withdrawn. They would be lucky to reach their ship again

ery hour counted in their retreat. Let us spare a passing thought of pity for the luckfess Robert Pyke as he reeled forward, stumbling over roots and creepers, stashed by jungle thorns, bitten by ants and insectshis hangover just beginning and his angry comrades to face on shipboard.







Cargo of Gold Shipped to New York

NEW YORK, N. Y., January 19-The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been notified that \$9,400,000 EXPECTATIONS more gold had been acquired abroad for shipment to this country, of which \$3,600,000 was English and \$5,800,000 Japanese gold.

cent, in December over December of

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, sales of department Royal Air Force said that secret tests stores in Canada in December, showed a decrease of 3 per cent. in dollar volume as compared with a year

DIED AT SAINT JOHN

The death occurred at an early hour yes erday at Saint John of William travelled across a vivid carpet of Crews Bourne, formerly of this city emerald green jungle to glimpse a while in the employ of the Dominion far off gleam of blue ocean, many Experimental Station here. The death been the fashion leader of Britair. leagues away. And John Oxenham of Mr. Bourne, who was well known is expected to set the fashions in had sworn a great oath to be the in the city, will be mourned by a great many friends.

The body arrived in this city Governor-General there upon the gallows in the great square this morning at 9.30 and will be taken to Christchurch Parish Church resting there until the hour of service, 2.30 p.m. The service will be conducttained a guide from the Mosquito In ed by Venerable Archdeacon S. C. dians who hated all Spaniards and Gray. Interment will be made in the loved the English, Advancing inland Wilmot Section of the Rural Come-

DIED AT HARVEY

The death occurred at Harvey Station Tuesday afternoon of Reginald Glen Bell, aged three years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bell of that place. The funeral will take place tothis afternoon with service at the they could make short work of them! home at 2 o'clock. Interment will be

> A search for mysterious pirate reasure thought to be buried on the ninhabited island of Suwarrow, 900 miles northwest of Tahiti, will be arried out by the owner and crew of the New Zealand yacht Ngataki.

NEW BOMBING PLANE EXCEEDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.-The first United States built war plane ordered by the British air ministry was on view at Floyd Bennett Airport yes-Primary power output of the Hy- terday. The plane a Lockheed bombdro Electric Power Commission of er with speed reputed equal to a Ontario, showed an increase of 5 per yet built, is the first of 250 planes ordered by the air ministry.

It traveled from Burbank, Califor nia, to New York in 12 hours. Squadron Commander James Adams of the exceeded expectations.

The European population of aouthwest Africa, a former colony of Germany, is now estimated at 30,000, including 21.000 South Africans, 6,000 Germans who are naturalized British subjects, and 3,000 unnaturalized

The Duchess of Kent who Australia, while her husband Australia, while her husband is

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Listen, Mr. Picobac. said Les



Razor in hand, Les Sharples, proud proprietor of the original two-chair barber shop of Essex Centre, paused and declared, "Nobody trusts a mugwump. Your never know which side of the fence he is on."

"I'm not talking about mugwumps," replied Mr. Picobac brushing the blue smoke aside. "I'm talking about keeping an open mind. An M.P. should vote and smoke as his conscience guides."

"You always smoke the same kind of tobacco. I

"You bet I do," rejoined the Burley philosopher. "I smoke Picobac, the pick of Canada's Burley Crop-grown in Sunny Southern Outario. I like a mild... cool . . . sweet smoke. The more I smoke it, the better I like it. But I'm open-minded. You show me anything better and I'll try it; but you can't do it."



