

WAYS OF MALAY PIRATES.

The Population That Lived by Piracy is Estimated at Sixty Thousand.

(Frederick Boyle, in Fall M.L.I. Gazette.)

Singapore is agitated just now by a tale of piracy, one of the old sort, legendary now. Some few weeks ago a Chinese junk was boarded near Johore, that is within sight of the island, if not of the city, and seven men were killed besides the captain, spared for torture until he surrendered his valuables. Police, blue jackets and volunteers are searching for the miscreants.

Perhaps there is no case on record so outrageous within a trilling distance from the men-of-war, in Singapore roasts, but elsewhere in those seas it would not have been remarkable less than fifty years ago. "Malay pirates" are so closely identified with fiction of the boys' adventure class that sceptics have doubted their existence in plain fact. But the wildest romancer would not dare to describe them as they actually were in their great day.

About 1850 Rajah Brooke put the number of those who swept the coasts of Borneo alone, going and returning with the monsoons, at 5,000. When consult at Bruni some what later St. John estimated the population which lived as one may call it by piracy at 60,000. And if "casuals" had been included, with their wives and children, it would have been vastly larger.

The judicious reader instantly replies that trade must have come to an end promptly under this infliction. But the ruffians did not depend on plunder. It was welcome, but they sought slaves. Inexplicable as it seems to use, the patompaks, though mostly Mohammedans, regarded their employment as a calling or profession to which they were born. With no thought of wrong-doing, apparently, they murdered harmless fishermen, sailors or peasants dwelling on the shore if too old or feeble to be worth transport and torture those whom they carried off. Among the most dreaded pirates also were the Seribas and Sakarran Dykas. Rajah Brooke's future subjects, who wanted heads and nothing more; all plunder they surrendered to the Malay chief who provided the praus and navigated them. But these were a local scourge.

It is not very surprising to learn that the worst Malay pirates were not Malays at all; that unfortunate race bears a good many imputations which it does not deserve. The Lanuns, or Ilanuns, dwelt originally in Mindanao, a great island of the Philippines, where Dampier found them peaceable enough, working gold. They were not a seafaring people then, though the chiefs had their gorgeous barges. The Balinini came from Sulu in fact that was a piratical name for the islanders, otherwise called Sulus.

THE STRAIGHT PUNCH.

J. J. Jeffries Discusses Styles of Old Time Time and Modern Fighters.

(J. J. Jeffries in Montreal Herald.)

If the boxing game is ever to keep Leach Cross, Matty Baldwin or any other place it has held in the esteem of those fellows. Not on your life. The Welshman jabbed them all silly for many years more science must with his straight left, just like Joe Coburn, Jim Dunne, Mike Donovan, Bob Farrell, Billy Madden and many in the style of fighting even during of the others of an earlier day. I believe a great deal in that the slugger alone who wins fights straight lead with the left that they teach in the Old Country.

Along with a good reach and a perfect timing of the footwork that straight left lead has the leads of the crouchers beaten for effectiveness. Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe knew how to lead straight. I met McAuliffe the other evening in New York, watching a couple of young swingers beating the air with their fists.

"They're a couple of willing boys," I said to the former champion.

"Yes, very willing," replied McAuliffe, "very willing and very rotten. It's a shame that somebody don't teach the young boxers of today how to spar. Why if either of those chaps had come at me with wild swings like that leaving himself wide open, I'd have had his head off inside two rounds."

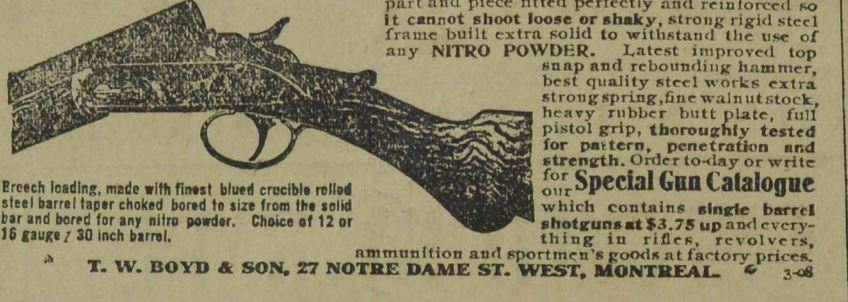
There they went round after round the same ding-dong way, and the result was a draw.

You remember Dempsey. He was an artist. No man ever led to him twice in the same manner without getting a return, and he never fought one round like another.

Some times he was aggressive and then again he would play possum on the defensive. Dempsey was a straight puncher, and the blows he started to deliver always got to the point he aimed at, because he understood when and where to hit.

I recall that four round match between that great little man George Dixon and Billy Plimmer in Madison

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Square Garden, in the early nineties. The match was for points. Plimmer was in the bantam weight class while Dixon was in the featherweights, and consequently had about ten pounds the better in the matter of avoidance, but the way Plimmer caught Dixon on the nose every time George rushed in with swings surprised every man in the crowd.

"It was simply another case of a straight clean puncher against a swinger.

Charley Mitchell taught Mike Cleary the same lesson when they met at the American Institute back in 1884. Cleary was a follower of Sullivan and belonged to the same school of fighting, but the latter could hardly put a glove on Mitchell for the latter got a wireless every time Mike started a swing and immediately side stepped it.

Cleary was a much surprised man at Mitchell's phantom foot work and straight jabs, as I will be if I don't get Mr. Johnson if we ever meet in a finish contest.

Why He Hurried.

A lower Broadway business man summoned his diminutive office boy the other day, instructing him to proceed to a nearby establishment. "Find out the lowest price at which they can give me a cinematograph outfit for parlor use," said he. "A what?" the youngster asked, a bit dazed.

"Cinematograph," repeated his employer. "But you needn't go for an hour. I want you for something else just now."

The boy dashed out and in five minutes was back with the needed information.

"I thought I told you not to go for an hour," said the boss.

"Hully gee!" the boy exclaimed. "I couldn't remember that word so long, and if I forgot it I might lose me job."

WHY AM I ILL? HOW TO TELL.

Octogenarian Kills Octogenarian.

Scranton, Pa., June 12.—A murder and suicide, remarkable because of the great age of the two principals, each being an octogenarian, occurred yesterday on a farm in Derry Township, near Honesdale, about 25 miles from here.

According to reports received here George Baker, a farmer, aged 87 years, was murdered, presumably by a shotgun, by his brother-in-law, Mark Vanduesen, aged 86 years. After leaving Baker dead in the barn, Vanduesen returned to the farmhouse and informed Mrs. Baker what he had done. Before the aged woman could summon neighbors, Vanduesen hurried out of the house and shot himself dead.

Federal Finances.

Ottawa, June 12.—The revenue of the Dominion for the two months of the current fiscal year, according to the unrevised statement issued yesterday, was \$13,613,974, as against \$11,899,381 for the same period last year. The Postoffice Department collected \$50,000 more than it did in May, 1908.

The expenditure for May was \$3,560,630, as compared with \$2,555,400 in May, 1908. The statement shows an increase of \$5,146,600 in the public debt, which is now \$313,120,831. The total gross debt is \$480,402,745, and the total assets \$167,275,914.

Took Indian's Word.

Brockville, June 12.—Notwithstanding that the hotelkeepers of Brockville a short time ago agreed to observe the liquor license law, H. Barker, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, was yesterday fined \$50 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday. His brother, Alfred Barker, who is a bartender, was fined a similar amount for dispensing liquids to M. Bero, an Indian. The defendants gave straight denials to the charges, but the magistrate accepted the testimony of the redman, on which he made the conviction.

Holidays En Bloc.

Ottawa, June 12.—The last shock to the Government employes of Ottawa is an order that the three week's holiday granted to civil servants must be taken at one period. It has been the custom of the service to take a day off when it suited them or a week now and then.

Want a Fire Engine.

Cornwall, June 12.—A majority of the freeholders of Chesterville have petitioned the council to purchase a steam fire engine, 1,000 feet of hose, hose reel and general equipment, the same to cost \$2,500, payment to extend over five years at 5-1-2 per cent.

New Gold Strike.

Port Arthur, June 12.—Mining Recorder Morgan has received a report of a new gold find north of the Transcontinental Railway, above Sturgeon Lake. It is said to be very rich, and shows the mineralized gold ore to be much larger than was ever expected.

Son Missing In Canada.

London, June 12.—Edward Potts, a Lancashire architect, who left \$125,000, directed that his son George Herbert, who had gone to Canada, should only get his share if he discloses his whereabouts within seven years.

South America Needs Missionaries.

Clifton Springs, N.Y., June 12.—South America as a field for missionary work was the burden of the addresses before the International Missionary Union here yesterday.

"No country needs missionaries to a greater extent than South America," said Bishop Neely.

Insane From Reading Papers.

Kingston, June 12.—It is claimed that reading newspaper stories of murder, suicide and crime caused W. T. Carr, Petworth, to go insane. Several dailies came to his home and he was taken to a hospital.

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