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IT WAS THE WAR OF 1812. THE WEAK, NEW LAND, AMERICA, WAS STRUGGLING AGAINST ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR POWERS, GREAT BRITAIN.

IN THE SOUTH, GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON HAD AN ARMY ILL-EQUIPPED TO FACE THE SUPERIOR FORCES OF THE BRITISH. THE TIME WAS LATE IN DECEMBER, 1814.

This book based on the CECIL B. DeMILLE presentation

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CHARLES  
BOYER

THE  
BUCCANEER

with  
MOR STEVENS  
HENRY HILL  
E. G. MARSHALL

with  
CHARLTON  
HESTON  
as Andrew Jackson

Produced by HENRY HALDOAN. Directed by ANTHONY QUAIN. Screenplay by JESSE L. LASKY, JR. and KRONG MORGAN. A Paramount Picture in VistaVision and color by Technicolor.

ONE EVENING, OUTSIDE JACKSON'S ENCAMPMENT...

WHERE YOU GOING THERE, BOY? COME ON--I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU.



THE DOG JUST KEPT BARKING. SUDDENLY

THAT HOUND MAKES A BETTER SENTRY THAN YOU, SOLDIER. THIS BELONGS IN YOUR HAND.

YOU-- BRITISH?



IF I WERE, YOU'D BE DEAD. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS ARMY?

SINCE DAY 'FORE YESTERDAY. AND I'M REAL HUNGRY.



SON, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HUNGER IS TILL YOU CAN WIPE YOUR EYES WITH THE SLACK OF YOUR BELLY.



YOU BEEN WITH OLD HAWKFACE LONG?

I AM OLD HAWKFACE.



GENERAL JACKSON HIMSELF-- BALLS O' FIRE!

THE THOUGHT SCARES ME, TOO, SOMETIMES. BUT WITH A MAN LIKE YOU GUARDING THE POST, I CAN REST EASY.



**JACKSON WALKED ON INTO THE ENCAMPMENT.**



EVENING,  
GENERAL.

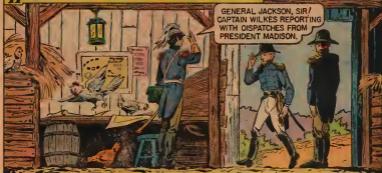
EVENING,  
BOYS.

OFFICER FELLOW RODE DOWN  
FROM WASHINGTON TO SEE  
YOU. WAITING  
IN THERE.

THANKS.



**HE ENTERED THE BARN WHICH SERVED AS HIS HEADQUARTERS.**



GENERAL JACKSON, SIR!  
CAPTAIN WILKES REPORTING  
WITH DISPATCHES FROM  
PRESIDENT MADISON.

HOW IS THE  
PRESIDENT?

IN GOOD HEALTH, SIR.  
WE ENGAGED THE  
ENEMY AT BLADENSBURG.  
THE HIGH QUALITY OF  
THE BRITISH INFANTRY--



WHAT  
HAPPENED?

DISASTER, SIR. COMPLETE  
ROUT. WASHINGTON  
CAPTURED AND BURNED.



IT IS EXPECTED THE BRITISH WILL STRIKE NEXT AT MOBILE.

MOBILE, EH? MY GUESS WOULD BE NEW ORLEANS. IF THEY CONTROL THE MISSISSIPPI THEY'VE GOT THIS COUNTRY BY THE THROAT.

WE'LL SET UP DEFENSES OUTSIDE OF NEW ORLEANS AND ON THE ISLAND OF BARATARIA.



BUT BARATARIA IS CONTROLLED BY JEAN LAFITTE. THAT PIRATE HAS MORE GUNS, SHIPS AND MEN THAN WE HAVE!

AS LONG AS LAFITTE'S BANDITS HOLD THE BACK DOOR TO NEW ORLEANS, WE CAN'T STOP A BRITISH INVASION WE TAKE BARATARIA!

GET THE MEN ON THEIR FEET. WE'RE MARCHING. IN TWELVE DAYS WE'LL HAVE THAT PIRATE LAFITTE STRETCHING A ROPE.



MEANWHILE, AT THE PIRATE'S MARKET ON BARATARIA . . .

KEEP YOUR CLAWS OUT OF MY FATHER'S CARGO!

IF YOU WEREN'T CAP'N BROWN'S DAUGHTER...



YOU WHARF RAT!



OTHER PIRATES JOINED IN AND THE FIGHT THREATENED TO GROW INTO A RIOT WHEN

THERE'S LAFITTE!

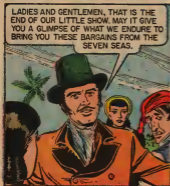




**AS LAFITTE ENDED THE BRAWL, A CARRIAGE ARRIVED.**



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT IS THE END OF OUR LITTLE SHOW. MAY IT GIVE YOU A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WE ENDURE TO BRING YOU THESE BARGAINS FROM THE SEVEN SEAS.



**LAFITTE TURNED AND STRODE TOWARD THE CARRIAGE.**



ANNETTE!

NO, JEAN. DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.





I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT YOU SAW. I CAN'T APOLOGIZE FOR MY LIFE.

BRAWLING LIKE ANIMALS IN THE DIRT-- IS THAT THE LIFE YOU WANT ME TO SHARE?



I DIDN'T ASK TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU. CAN A PIRATE DREAM OF BEING LOVED BY THE GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER? YET WE DO LOVE EACH OTHER.

A GIRL HAS TO BE PROUD OF HER LOVE-- NOT ASHAMED.



HOW CAN I TELL PEOPLE I'M IN LOVE WITH A MAN WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD? YOU'RE NOT-- RESPECTABLE!

RESPECTABLE! WHAT YOU WANT IS A COAT OF ARMS--NOT A MAN!



JUST THEN, THE DISTANT WARNING ALARM OF A CONCH SHELL WAS HEARD.

THAT'S A WARNING SIGNAL FROM ONE OF MY MEN.



IT'S GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE'S CARRIAGE!

**T**HE PIRATES SWIFTLY PUT THEIR GOODS INTO PIROGUES AND PADDOLED INTO THE BAYOU.



**T**HEN



CAN YOU EXPLAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHY I FIND YOU HERE IN A CYPRESS SWAMP WITH YOUR ARMS FULL OF CONTRABAND GOODS? MY OWN DAUGHTER, TOO!



FATHER, I...

YOU'RE A SCOUNDREL, LAFITTE. I'D DESTROY YOU IF THE LEGISLATURE WOULD GIVE ME THE MONEY AND MEN.

CAREFUL, GOVERNOR. WE'RE NOT IN NEW ORLEANS.



IN A FEW DAYS, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT. GENERAL JACKSON WILL BE HERE, AND HE HAS PROMISED TO BLAST YOU AND YOUR PIRATES OUT OF BARATARIA. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR YOU UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.



I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. I HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED THE AMERICAN FLAG. I'VE NEVER ATTACKED A SHIP THAT FLIES IT.



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS HOISTED ON THE BRIG CORINTHIAN, BOUND FOR LISBOA.

WELL, IT'S ALL YOURS NOW, CAPTAIN CARRUTHERS. JUST SIGN HERE-- RECEIVED GOVERNMENT CONSIGNMENT OF GOLD.



I'D SOONER CARRY A SHIPLOAD OF COBRAS THAN THIS DEVIL'S BAIT. I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.



MAYBE THE FOG'LL HOLD FOR YOU.



COME ON, PA, BEFORE IT DROPS IN YOUR MOUTH.

"DON'T TOUCH AN AMERICAN SHIP," SAYS LAFITTE. SO WHAT HAPPENS? ALL THE GOLD IN NEW ORLEANS SLIPS THROUGH HIS FISTS IN YANKEE HULKS.



JUST THEN A CARRIAGE DASHED UP TO THE DOCK. ANNETTE CLAIBORNE LEAPED OUT AND STARTED UP THE GANGPLANK.

YOU A PASSENGER, MISS?

NO. I'VE COME TO TAKE MY SISTER OFF YOUR SHIP!



MARIE, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES? YOU'RE COMING HOME WITH ME AT ONCE!

EXCUSE ME, ANNETTE. SHE'S COMING TO SPAIN WITH ME TO BE MARRIED.



ANNETTE, YOU CAN RUN FATHER'S LIFE. DON'T RUN MINE!



OH, STOP IT! YOU'RE ONLY THINKING OF YOURSELF. I THINK...

IT'S NO USE TALKING TO HER, ANTONIO. SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT BEING A LADY BUT NOTHING ABOUT BEING A WOMAN.



PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT.

ANNETTE, PLEASE, SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT.

ANNETTE, I'M SORRY.





IT'S ALL RIGHT, BABY. I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO TELL FATHER. TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, ANTONIO.



ANNETTE, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET A WEDDING GOWN SO I BORROWED YOUR NEW DRESS—THE ONE MADAME DUPRE MADE FOR YOU. I TOOK MOTHER'S LOCKET, TOO.



DID YOU LEAVE ME ANYTHING?

YES—FATHER.



GANGPLANK READY TO CLEAR, MISS.

ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN.



GOODBY, MY DEAR. I WISH I COULD BE AT YOUR WEDDING.



**B**UT ANNETTE CLAIBORNE WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WATCHED WITH INTEREST AS THE CORINTHIAN SET SAIL.

**T**WO DAYS LATER, ON BARATARIA .

BOSS, BROWN'S GONE. HE LOADED UP THE *VULCAN* AND SET SAIL LAST NIGHT.



SINCE WHEN DOES ONE OF MY CAPTAINS SAIL WITHOUT ORDERS?

THERE'S TALK THE *CORINTHIAN* SLIPPED OUT OF NEW ORLEANS TWO DAYS AGO WITH A QUARTER OF A MILLION IN GOLD ON BOARD.



BROWN COULDN'T BE THAT CRAZY! HE KNOWS MY ORDERS ARE TO LEAVE AMERICAN SHIPS ALONE.



YES, BUT ALL THAT GOLD, BOSS . . .

YOU'RE RIGHT. GET A CREW TOGETHER AND WE'LL GO AFTER HIM. I HOPE WE REACH HIM BEFORE HE REACHES THE *CORINTHIAN*.









DID HE GIVE A CHANCE  
TO THE PEOPLE ON  
THE *CORINTHIAN*? HER  
BOATS ARE STILL  
BURNING ON HER DECK!

GRAMBY, YOU'RE BROWN'S  
FIRST MATE. DID YOU HAVE  
A HAND IN THIS?

I TAKE ORDERS  
FROM MY CAPTAIN.

YOU CANNOT HOLD ALL THIS  
CREW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
WORD OF ONE MAN.

WELL, GRAMBY,  
WILL YOU FOLLOW  
BROWN OR ME?



YOU!

YOU,  
WHAT?

YOU,  
BOSS!

ALL RIGHT,  
HANG HIM!





**L**AFFITTE AND HIS MEN SAILED GLOOMILY BACK TO BARATARIA. THE NEXT DAY

TWO BRITISH MEN-OF-WAR ARE HEADING FOR BARATARIA BAY.



GIVE THE WORD TO MAN THE HARBOR BATTERIES! GUN CREWS TO THE SEA WALL!



THEY'RE SENDING OUT A SHORE PARTY UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE. GO SEE WHAT THEY WANT, DOMINIQUE. I'LL WAIT FOR THEM HERE.



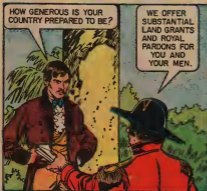
**D**OMINIQUE BROUGHT THE BRITISH OFFICERS TO LAFFITTE.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, GENTLEMEN?



I AM CAPTAIN LOCKYER OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S FRIGATE SOPHIA. I HAVE IMPORTANT LETTERS TO LAY BEFORE YOU.





DO YOU REALIZE WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH? THE SHIPS OF JEAN LAFITTE COMB THE WATERS OF THE WORLD--A HUNDRED CAPTAINS OBEY HIS COMMANDS!



AM I TO TAKE THAT AS YOUR ANSWER, LAFITTE?

YOU MAY HAVE MY ANSWER-- IN ONE WEEK.



WE WANT IT NOW!

I WILL GIVE YOU MY ANSWER IN ONE WEEK! YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES TO CATCH YOUR TIDE.

VERY GOOD. ONE WEEK.



WHEN THE BRITISH LEFT...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, JEAN?

GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE SHOULD FIND THESE LETTERS VERY INTERESTING.



THE MEN WON'T LIKE IT, AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE.

ALL RIGHT, TONIGHT THEY VOTE. EVERYTHING WILL BE DEMOCRATIC-- EXCEPT, PERHAPS, FOR A LITTLE GENTLE PERSUASION.





**L**AFFITTE WENT TO SEE GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE.

JEAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

BECOMING RESPECTABLE.



**I**N THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE...

I HAVE HAD A VERY GENEROUS OFFER FROM THE BRITISH, AS SHOWN IN THESE LETTERS. BUT I HAVE AN ARMY THAT WANTS TO FIGHT FOR YOU.



I MUST SAY THIS DISPLAY OF LOYALTY IS SURPRISING. WHAT DO YOU WISH IN RETURN?

ONLY A PARDON AND A PLACE UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.



I WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT YOUR GENEROUS OFFER RIGHT NOW, BUT I WILL HAVE TO GET THE APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE COUNCIL FIRST. I'LL CALL A MEETING AND SEND WORD TO YOU AT BARATARIA.



**T**HE DEFENSE COUNCIL QUICKLY GATHERED.

IT'S OBVIOUSLY A TRICK.

NO, I THINK LAFITTE CAN BE TRUSTED. BESIDES, WE NEED HIS HELP. JACKSON HAS ONLY 1,400 MEN TO MEET 16,000 BRITISH REGULARS.



I'M SURE JACKSON WOULD PREFER THE HELP OF THE DEVIL. NO, I'LL PUT SIX GUNBOATS OFF BARATARIA TOMORROW MORNING AND CLEAR UP THAT SINKHOLE OF TREASON.

IF YOU'RE WRONG, WE'VE LOST THE BEST HOPE THIS COUNTRY HAS.



**T**HE NEXT AFTERNOON, LAFITTE RETURNED TO BARATARIA.



WHERE'S THE LOOK-OUT? SOMETHING IS WRONG!

**T**HEN THEY ROUNDED THE BEND.



WELL, YOU'RE BACK LIKE YOU STARTED, WITH NO ONE TO TAKE ORDERS BUT THE MOSQUITOES.

HOW DID THE BRITISH MISS YOU?

THE BRITISH? YOUR AMERICAN FRIENDS PAID US A VISIT. WE WOULD HAVE FIRED ON THEM BUT DOMINIQUE STOPPED US. HE HAD EVERYONE OUT TO WELCOME THEM. THEN THE BEACH BLEW UP IN OUR FACES. SOME MADE IT INTO THE SWAMPS. SOME WERE HAULED OFF IN CHAINS TO BE HUNG.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

NEW ORLEANS. I'M GOING TO GET MY MEN OUT OF JAIL IF I HAVE TO KILL JACKSON HIMSELF!





THAT EVENING, JACKSON WAS HOLDING A COUNCIL OF WAR AT GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE'S HOUSE.



WE'RE SHORT OF POWDER, FLINTS, GUNS AND MEN. OUR POSITION IS HOPELESS!



THAT'S WHAT FOLKS THOUGHT ABOUT LEXINGTON AND VALLEY FORGE.



AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LAFITTE. OUR GUNBOATS MADE MINCEMEAT OF BARATARIA TODAY.



WHAT . . . WHAT HAPPENED TO JEAN LAFITTE?

HE WAS NOT AMONG OUR PRISONERS, MISS CLAIBORNE.



BUT THERE'S MORE SERIOUS NEWS. THE BRITISH FLEET HAS BEEN SIGHTED ON LAKE BORGNE.

THAT'S LESS THAN THIRTY MILES AWAY!

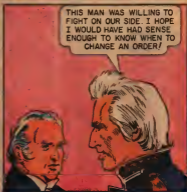


GENERAL, WHAT CAN WE DO?

KEEP OUR HEADS, SIR. GENTLEMEN, PLEASE LEAVE NOW. I'VE A HEAP OF THINKING TO DO.







GENERAL, EXCUSE ME, BUT THE BRITISH ARMY IS HERE! THEY CAME TO MY FATHER'S PLANTATION, EIGHT MILES FROM THE CITY. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED!



WE'LL HAVE TO STOP THEM AT CHALMETTE. MR. PEAVEY, HAVE THE BUGLER SOUND ASSEMBLY. GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE, GET EVERY MAN AND MUSKET INTO THE RANKS. ROUSE THE TOWN!



LAFITTE, HOW SOON CAN YOU GET ME THOSE FLINTS AND GUNS?

AS SOON AS YOU WRITE THAT ORDER RELEASING MY MEN.



ALL RIGHT, AND THERE'LL BE A FULL PARDON FOR ANY WHO'LL SERVE WITH US.

I CAN PROMISE YOU ONLY ONE MAN-- MYSELF.



YOU CALL THE TUNE-- THEY'LL START THE DANCING. SEE YOU AT CHALMETTE.



**LAFITTE HURRIED TO HIS STOREHOUSE NEAR NEW ORLEANS THERE**

I SAY EVERYTHING HERE BELONGS TO US. LET'S TAKE WHAT WE WANT AND GET AWAY FROM HERE.



THAT GOES FOR THIS STUFF FROM THE CORINTHIAN, TOO.



COME ON!



ANYONE OBJECT IF I TAKE MY SHARE?





**JACKSON'S FORCES FEVERISHLY PREPARED FOR BATTLE AS BRITISH ROCKETS STARTED BURSTING ABOVE.**

A MITE MORE TERRACE  
BEHIND THAT GUN, BOYS.



WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWDER  
FOR MORE THAN A FEW ROUNDS,  
ANDY, UNLESS THAT PIRATE  
FRIEND OF YOURS  
SHOWS UP.



HEY, ANDY!  
YOUR SCOUTS  
ARE BACK!





FIND OUT  
ANYTHING?

TROOP MOVEMENTS INDICATE  
ATTACK. THEY'LL ADVANCE AS  
SOON AS THERE'S  
ENOUGH LIGHT.



FULL FUSS AND FEATHERS, ANDY.  
PACKENHAM'S REDCOATS COMING BY  
THE WOODS AND THE NINETY-THIRD  
HIGHLANDERS ACROSS THE DITCH AT  
NUMBER THREE BATTERY.



WE'LL PUT LAFITTE'S MEN AT  
BATTERY NUMBER THREE. IT'LL  
TAKE SEASONED HANDS TO  
STOP THE HIGHLANDERS.



DO YOU REALLY THINK  
LAFITTE WILL SHOW UP?

OF COURSE,  
LIEUTENANT. IF  
I DIDN'T, MY  
HAIR MIGHT  
TURN GREY!



GENERAL, JEAN  
LAFITTE IS HERE!

GREAT HORNS  
OF SATAN!







**T**HE ROCKETS CONTINUED STREAKING  
OVER IN RAPID SUCCESSION.



LOUD,  
AREN'T  
THEY?

DON'T WORRY, MATES.  
THERE'S MORE BARK  
TO THEM  
THAN BITE.

MAYBE SO, BUT ONE  
SPARK IN THOSE  
BLACK POWDER  
CASKS AND WE  
ALL BLOW UP.





HOLD YOUR FIRE, BOY. YOU CAN'T SHOOT DOWN A ROCKET.



ISN'T THIS THE BATTLE?

NO, SON. NOT YET.



HOW'LL I KNOW WHEN THE BATTLE STARTS?

WHEN YOU GET TOO DANGED BUSY TO BE SCARED.



TELL ME WHAT THE EARTH SPEAKS, TALLFEATHER.



EARTH SPEAK WITH MANY FEET.

OUR WAITING IS OVER.

REMEMBER, REGULARS, FIRST VOLLEY.  
YOU PIR--GENTLEMEN, SECOND VOLLEY.



WE'RE NO STRANGERS  
TO THE WAYS OF WAR.



STEADY, NOW.  
THEY'VE STARTED  
THEIR ARTILLERY.



ALL RIGHT--  
FIRE!





DIRECT HIT FOR THE PIRATES, SIR.

I WISH I HAD A THOUSAND MORE OF THEM.



LOWER THE RANGE. THEY'RE CLOSE ENOUGH FOR GRAPESHOT AND CANNISTER.

**T**HE HIGHLANDERS KEPT COMING.



**S**OON THERE WERE ONLY A FEW.



**T**HEN . . .





THE BATTLE WAS WON AND NEW ORLEANS WAS SAVED. A FEW DAYS LATER.

ALL THE PEOPLE OF NEW ORLEANS JOIN ME, GENERAL JACKSON, IN DEEP APPRECIATION OF YOUR BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP TO AN ALMOST INCREDIBLE VICTORY!



I THANK YOU ALL MOST KINDLY FOR THESE HONORS. THERE'S ANOTHER MAN HERE WHO DESERVES A SHARE IN EVERY ONE OF THEM-- MR. LAFITTE.



HURRAH FOR JACKSON AND LAFITTE.



I HAVE DISPATCHED LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT COMMENDING YOU AND YOUR MEN.

IT WAS OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU, GENERAL.



GENERAL JACKSON, MAY A LADY SALUTE AN AMERICAN HERO?



OF COURSE, MISS CLAIBORNE. THIS IS CAPTAIN LAFITTE, WHO HAS WON THE RESPECT OF THE WHOLE ARMY.



AND THE HEART OF THE ENTIRE CITY.



MAY I STEAL THE CAPTAIN FOR A DANCE?



AH, JEAN, I'M SO HAPPY!



AM I RESPECTABLE ENOUGH NOW?















## BLOOD AND PLUNDER



**HENRY MORGAN** was born in 1635 on a farm in Wales. It is said that as a boy he was kidnapped at Bristol, England and sold as a slave at Barbados, an island in the British West Indies. It is believed that

from Barbados he eventually made his way to the island of Jamaica.

Numerous legends attached to the name of Henry Morgan have made him one of the most famous pirates who ever existed. But the charge of piracy was never proved against him. Some authorities now doubt whether he was a pirate at all.

In 1666, Morgan commanded a ship in the Edward Mansfield expedition which seized the island of Providence in the Indian ocean. Shortly afterward, Morgan was chosen by a group of buccaneers as their admiral.

In 1668, Sir Thomas Modyford, the English governor of Jamaica, asked Morgan to capture some Spanish prisoners in order to discover the details of a threatened attack on Jamaica. Morgan took two Spanish islands, Porto Bello and Puerto Principe, and captured several prisoners. He also collected a large sum from the governor of Panama.

Modyford soon sent him on another expedition. Morgan ravaged the coast of Cuba and sacked Maracaibo, a city in Venezuela. At Maracaibo, he found three Spanish ships waiting to intercept him. He soon disposed of them and captured a considerable amount of treasure the ships were carrying.

On his return to Jamaica, Morgan was commissioned commander-in-chief of all the ships of war in Jamaica. His orders were to levy war against the Spaniards. He captured the island of Santa Catalina near California in December, 1670.

In 1671, he took Panama. It was a long, bloody battle and many men on both sides were killed. But Morgan was the victor. On

February 24, 1671, Morgan and his men marched out of Panama with prisoners as well as 175 mules laden with gold, silver and jewels.

Meanwhile, on July 8, 1670, a peace treaty had been signed between Spain and England. Both Modyford and Morgan were ordered home under arrest to answer for their conduct. Morgan gained the king's favor. He was appointed lieutenant-governor of Jamaica and was knighted. But soon he was accused of committing crimes upon the sea and molesting other ships for his own gain. On October 12, 1683, he was suspended from his official duties in Jamaica. He died in August, 1688.

Another famous pirate who may or may not have been one, was William Kidd. Kidd was born in the early 1650's. He was the son of a Scottish minister.

Kidd followed the sea from the time he was a boy. By the end of the 17th century, he was a shipmaster sailing from New York. At that time, British commerce suffered greatly at the hands of pirates. The king commissioned Kidd to destroy them. With 155 men and 30 guns, Kidd set sail for the chief pirate haunts which were in the Red sea region and Malabar in India.

But no pirates were found. A cholera plague destroyed some of the crew and the supplies started to give out. The crew mutinied. They seized the ship and turned to piracy. They captured several small vessels, fought a Portuguese man-of-war and finally captured a rich Armenian ship.

At this point, Kidd regained his command. He transferred the booty to a sloop and set sail for America. He was arrested in Boston and sent to London for trial.

It was never really proved that Kidd was a pirate. But he was found guilty of piracy and hung.



## SUNKEN TREASURE

**M**ANY STORIES HAVE been told and retold of pirates and buried treasures; of the Jolly Roger, the black flag with the skull and crossbones; of captains and crews walking the plank while pirates sang their lusty songs. Each time a story like this is repeated it seems more exciting.

In ports all over the Eastern seas, from Singapore and Manila to Yokohama and 'Frisco, there are seafarers who are sure they know of caches of immense treasure ashore on lonely beaches and desolate islands, or sunken wrecks in the waters of the South Pacific or off the coast of China. Sometimes these yarns have a foundation of fact. Occasionally treasure is found on an island or deep down in the sea. Most of the time a lost treasure is never found because it never existed. But there is always a chance the treasure-seeker may find something valuable, old and lost and be richer than he imagined in his wildest dreams.

Many years ago, in Hong Kong, there was an old river pilot well known for his skill and business ability. The pilot had saved a little money and was considered to be quite thrifty by his friends. When he bought a sturdy new yacht they were puzzled. However, everyone was aware he bought it for some mysterious purpose which was constantly on his mind.

The old pilot became friendly with an American and invited him aboard the yacht. After dinner in his cabin one evening, the pilot cautiously looked around to see that there was no one in sight. Then he slowly unlocked a safe and took out a small chart. He turned to the American and whispered a romantic yarn.

As the old pilot spoke, he brought the map closer to the American. It was yellow with age, dog-eared and water stained. On it was a crude drawing of a coral reef and shoal northeast of the Philippine Islands. The spelling was archaic and there were a few words in Spanish.

Behind the chart was a strange story of treasure and adventure. It seemed that a Spanish galleon bound from Lima to Manila had floundered on this reef in the late 17th century. She was carrying an enormous treasure of silver plate and pieces of eight.

An English captain had gotten the chart

in the Philippines, where he was engaged in carrying valuable woods to Singapore and Calcutta. A rough diary the captain kept showed that he had suffered great hardships and losses. He tried to enlist the aid of a Manila firm to search for the treasure but his efforts were in vain. One evening he died on board his employer's ship. Before he died, the captain

handed the chart to his employer. But the new owner of the chart had some financial difficulties and sold the map to the old pilot for a trifle.

Soon after his talk with the American, the pilot set out to locate the wreck of the Spanish galleon. He was never heard of again. No one knows what happened to him. But it is quite possible that the old pilot may have found his treasure.

It is said by many seafaring men that there still are treasure wrecks scattered about the seas off the Chinese and South Pacific coasts. They are just waiting to be discovered by some brave and lucky adventurer.



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