TALE OF THE BLOCKADE ::: RUNNER :::

HOW A GRIM CAPTAIN WAS BOUGHT AT A PRICE.

his argument.

"Mr. Rutherford," said the captain

"You name terms which I fear my

superiors will never accept, Captain

"If you think that it will do any

erford, the conditions which I name

He was as good as his word. On

him was Le Fevre, chief of the Uni-

He received them with a quiet court-

There was silence for a moment af-

ter the party had seated themselves.

it. "To comply with your conditions

of a madhouse, Captain Blondin," he

"I have my reasons, sir. With re

Liverpool to collect it. As to the stip-

ulation, regarding the port of desti-

my employers and do not wish to vio-

any port, until such time as I may

feel free to act upon my own ac

which I might make with you."

esy which became him well.

might be arranged."

the hour."

count.

ill concealed sneer.

that I do not earn."

by us, Captain Blondin."

letter of our agreement."

sire my presence."

It was Rutherford.

into the cabin.

"In the cabin for the present. The

sibly altered.

sociates."

The Banshee, the finest and fleet- and down the cabin. At last he approached the table

est of the many blockade runners trading between Liverpool and Wil- Rutherford felt instinctively that the mington, lay at anchor in the river critical moment had come; here he Mersey. She had completed a suc- must win his fight or lose it. He cessful voyage under the command of braced himself in his chair, his lips Captain Blondin and was about to partly open, his tongue ready to voice start upon another.

Her decks, clean as those of a yacht, gave no indication of her be- "I will accept your offer upon the foling the carrier of a cargo of great lowing conditions. You are to bring value to the Confederacy, but below this money on board the ship and decks it was different. Huge oblong make the trip with me; and I am not cases had been carefully hoisted to know the name of my port of desaboard and stowed away. "Machin- tination until I ask for it. The Banery," they were marked, "machinery shee sails tonight at 10 o'clock. I of war" would have been nearer the mention this so that you may know a glance at Rutherford. truth, for they were guns, destined for just how much time you have in use by the southerners. Other cases which to get the money on board." there were, smaller and more nearly square, also labeled "machinery," containing the gun mounts, and the vanished. He reflected for a moment ammunition, and further aft still before he replied. smaller cases, containing small arms and ammunition for use in the Confederate army. Nor were the means Blondin," he said disappointedly. "I of repairing physical damage forgot- do not know absolutely that they will ten. The after part of the hold was refuse. Perhaps if you would have filled with small packages of surgical an interview with them the affair instruments and medical supplies.

Taken all in all, the cargo was a valuabe one, and Messrs. Croft & good, I shall be pleased to see them Duncan, brokers, the owners of the here, sir. But remember, Mr. Ruth-Banashee, had good reason to congratulate themselves upon the selection cannot be changed." by the Confederate agents of a ship to carry this cargo, and still more his chair. "I will go for them," he reason to congratulate Captain Blondin, whose skill and daring had made this selection possible.

Captain Blondin, small and slim of figure and immaculate as to dress, Success had not turned his head and ted States secret service bureau at the seclusion of his cabin and upon most trusted subordinate. Captain the high seas.

He had just finished an interview with Mr. Croft when Dalton, his first mate, came below to say that a Mr. Rutherford desired to see him.

"I suppose that I must see him, Dalton," he said with a sigh, "but I wish that all this calling would come to an end; I am heartily sick of it."

Big and coarse, a red faced giant with small gray eyes that twinkled said. genially yet never looked one squarely in the face and a would be jovial and familiar manner, soiled as to linen and unkempt as to person-such a man was Mr. Rutherford, the very antithesis of Captain Blondin, in all things.

As Captain Blondin looked at him for a moment, before speaking, a feeling of disgust almost overcame him. He was a man of strong likes and dislikes, and there was that about Mr. Rutherford which was calculated to arouse the latter feeling within him. It was hard, however, to overcome his natural habits of courtesy and almost involuntarily he inquired what he could do for his visitor.

"Much or little, captain," replied Rutherford as he took a seat, unbidden, and placed his elbows upon the table and rested his face in his hands. "Much or little, captain. My name's Rutherford. My errand here is to put money into your pocket, if you're willing to have it put there. How would you like to run over a coolhundred thousand dollars, captain?" For a few moments the two men

sat gazing at each other in silence. Captain Blondin's face flushed, then paled, as he looked steadily at his visitor; Rutherford's shifty eyes wavered between Captain Blondin's face and the objects in the cabin, but not the slightest movement or expression upon the former escaped him.

turn for this sum?" inquired Captain spoke his manner and tone had sen-"What is expected from me in re-Blondin at last, his voice quite calm and even.

"Nothing much, captain. Nothing that is hard to do. Are we alone?" He cast a suspicious glance around the cabin

"We are alone. Go on, sir." "Well, then, captain, it's this: I'm a representative of the United States government. We want to put a stop to this blockade running. I know just what you have below hatches. It's a cargo that we can't afford to have get away, and we are willing to pay you

Captain Blondin's reply was prompt and decisive. "You scoundrel!" he said hotly. "You hound! Do you think that your paltry dollars will buy me "

to the proposition?"

decide finally," he said coolly. "Remember, I don't ask you to do much,

whisper, "for this you'll receive the them awaiting their decision. sum of just one hundred thousand in good British gold." watched Captain Blondin's face. He is sent on board after nightfall. It and vain and bombastic as he was it read there first, loathing, then inde- will be sent off to the ship in a proved to be a theme of great interest

cision, then what he took to be a lighter about nine o'clock in charge to him. sudden gleam of cupidity. And as of Mr. Rutherford, whom I have he noticed this last, despite himself, selected to accompany you." Captain Blondin sat down at the cabevening a large lighter in tow of a and it was with a feeling of surprise table, utterly weak and spent. Faintin table opposite him, lost in deep puffing tug drew up alongside of the that he heard Captain Blondin say one ly and as though the words were ut-

"One hundred thousand in gold," shrouded in a greatcoat, clambered dred thousand in gold-a fortune."

"A fortune," repeated Rutherford. "It means much to a young man who tain," said Rutherford. "A hundred and have decided to abide by my has a long life before him in which thousand in good English sovereigns, agreement with Mr. Le Fevre." to enjoy it; it means position, friends, Where will you have them stowed?" power; I wish that I were in your tackle is ready to hoist them in." place, captain, and that you stood in

"Stop. Do not disturb me. I must to that of the Banshee, where stout you. Remember our compact. Eight erford?" inquired Captain Blondin think. Will you have wine or a ci- seamen bore them aft to the cabin. o'clock tonight, is the earliest that I gar? You will find both upon the Then Captain Blondin led the way care to hear it."

sideboard." Rutherford rose, helped himself ed back quite at his ease, regarding aid us.

his sister, Rutherford permitted an amusement to become apparent. exclamation of surprise to escape and figure was enhanced by the band pointments to the very minute. of gold which rested upon her glossy will proceed to business, Mr. Ruther- voluntary one. black hair like a coronet and the ford. But first we must have witnesses of gold.

Coarse and uncouth as he was, Rutherford had an eye for beauty. His lighten them." manner ordinarily bold and assured, was hesitating and confused, before the gaze of her eyes. He felt inexpressibly relieved when the ceremony of introduction was over.

Briefly Captain Blondin explained to Marie what he wished her to do. She assented and the count went rapidly on. Finally it was finished and the last of the boxes renailed and stowed way in a small compartment under the cabin floor.

"How much money is there?" asked Marie curiously as the trap was put into place and the lock sprung. "One hundred thousand dollars."

replied Captain Blondin. "One hundred thousand And it's all for the Confederacy?' "It is all for the Confederacy," with

"I'm glad," she said softly. Confederacy needs all that it can get to carry on the war. But I shall As he spoke the look of exultation be happier when we have conquered upon Rutherford's face gradually the North and the strife ... over. Good night, brother, good night, Mr. Rutherford.

She left the cabin. Both men stood in silence for some little time after her departure. Then Captain Blondin turned to Rutherford. "She thinks that the money is for

the Confederacy. She is a truer patriot than her brother." "Women often get those mistaker ideas," growled Rutherford. "And they stick to 'em, too, against all rhyme

and reason."

"And vet. Mr. Rutherford, I almost Rutherford bowed and rose from repent of my bargain. To blacken an unsullied name; to give up the laurels said. "I will have them here within which I have so fairly and hardly won, to exchange the confidence and friendship of my old associates for their disof the two men who returned with gust and scorn-these are not things to be lightly set aside. No, no. I cannot, I will not do this. My good Liverpool; the other, Montague, his name is worth more to me than the reward of my projected treachery. Take back your gold, sir, and release

me from my pledge." The earnestness with which he spoke alarmed Rutherford and caused him to fear for the ultimate success of Le Fevre, a small dark man, with an his project. His training, however, impressive face, was the first to break stood him in good stead and his countenance showed no trace of the disapwould be a deed befitting the inmate pointment that he inwardly felt as he

"I'll not insist, if you're so opposed to it, captain. But, once you come to gard to the money, I have pressing think things over you may see them and immediate need of it and it will in a different light. Suppose that you not answer my purpose to return to take me and the money along with you anyway? If you decide not to carry out your part of the bargain, why, we nation, I enjoy the full confidence of have your promise to return both to Liverpool I'm satisfied to trust both late it by entering into a definite myself and the money in your hands. agreement to deliver the Banshee at For some minutes Captain Blondin was silent.

"I will do as you suggest," he said at last. "There is plenty of time to reach "Rather a nice distinction, Captain a final deciison, and, as you say, I ma Blondin," remarked Le Fevre, with an change my mind."

After Captain Blondin had left the "Perhaps, sir, but I am privileged cabin Rutherford drank a glass of to make it, if I so desire. There is wine, lit another cigar and stretched always the chance that circumhimself comfortably in his chair. stances may arise to prevent my "That was a narrow squeak," he

carrying out my part of the agreemuttered to himself. "As near to a ment. For instance, I may be enbackdown, without being one, as I ever trusted with messages of importance, saw." the delivery of which would be more When Rutherford came upon deck binding upon me than any agreement

the next morning he found the mate, "In which case we would be out Dalton, in charge. It was an ideal just \$100,000," remarked Le Fevre, morning at sea, the breeze was fresh and the waves danced brightly in the "Not at all sir. If I fail to deliver clear sunlight. The smoke of several the Banshee and her cargo at the steamers could be seen and the upper port designated by your agent your sails of several ships, but at such a money will be returned to you at Liv- distance that the Banshee with her erpool. I do not wish to take money low top hamper was probably invisible to them.

The faces of his listeners plainly Dalton touched his cap respectfully showed astonishment, mingled with in answer to Rutherford's salutation. admiration. When Le Fevre again The latter alluded to the Banshee's

"She's a fast boat, sir," replied the "You seem inclined to deal fairly mate. "Fast, but ticklish. We have to watch her. She's so narrow-nine "I am, sir. If I take the money at times her beam in length-that if she all it must be in accordance with the traveled light a good slap on the broadside from a big roller might make "If you will allow us the use of your her turn turtle."

cabin for a conference you may have A few minutes later Captain Blondin our answer at once. Before deciding joined them. Rutherford turned to him finally I wish to consult with my as- after he had relieved Dalton of the command of the ship.

"Well, captain," he inquired, "how "It is entirely at your service, sir. There are none here to disturb your do you feel upon the subject after a councils." He threw open the doors night's sleep?" of the staterooms opening into the

"Hardly like discussing it," replied wen for it. A numered thousand dol-lars is not to be picked up every day, cabin as he spoke, showing that they the captain, smiling. "I will let you were vacant. "A single tap upon that know my decision when we have reachthe contrabrand. What do you say gong at your elbow will call one who ed the point where it would be neceswill summon me when you again de- sary to change the Banshee's course, in case I should decide to go on with

A long and earnest consultation the matter." followed his departure from the cab- The only thing left for Rutherford to in. Experience had taught the three do was to acquiesce. This he did with secret service men wariness. There a very good grace. After that interwas a division of opinion among view he devoted most of his time to proof; he did not move from his seat. them. Montague stoutly holding out Marie Blondin. They spent hours to-"Hear me out, captain, before you for a refusal despite all the argu- gether either walking up and down

could bring to bear upon him. It great cabin. was nearly an hour after the captain He found her a most agreeable comof it, a fortune without risk. All I had left them that the boy who did panion. As they grew better acquaintask of you is that you will take the Banshee to a certain port that I will as he stood idly upon the quarter- dropped the mask of self-restraint name, anchor her in the harbor and deck and informed him that they de- which he had imposed upon himself leave her with your crew. And for sired to see him. He quietly descend- at the beginning of their acquaintance this, merely this," his voice sank to a ed the cabin stairs and stood before and at times both his manner and speech were coarse and vulgar. But "I have decided to accept your she did not appear to notice the change terms, Captain Blondin," said Le in him. She was a good listener and As he spoke Rutherford keenly Fevre. "I will see that the money she encouraged him to talk of himself

> Engrossed in his flirtation with Marie Blondin, Rutherford scarcely breathed rather than spoke. At a few minutes before nine that noted the swift passage of the days, Banshee. A bulky figure, heavily afternoon:

"Today is the eighth day out, Mr. he said after a time, rather to him- clumsily up the ship's side and pre- Rutherford. Tonight at 8 o'clock I self than to Rutherford. "One hun- sented itself before Captain Blondin, shall expect to hear from you the name It took him some minutes to recover of our port of destination. I have "I am here with the plunder, cap- thought the matter over ,carefully,

> Rutherford was much elated. "I can give it to you now," he began. But Captain Blondin's small, One by one the heavy boxes were gloved hand rose in protest.

said Captain Blondin. lifted from the deck of the lighter "Not now, Mr. Rutherford, I beg of

At 8 o'clock that evening Ruther-"We must have help if we are to ford and Captain Blondin sat in the generously to the wine and selected a finish within the hour," said Captain cabin. Upon the table before the cap- me? That I had my price? Well, fat, black cigar and lit it. Then he Blondin as they broke open the third tain lay his watch, at which from time you have bought me, and at my price. returned to his chair, where he lean- box. "I will call my sister, Marie, to to time he glanced. Rutherford was What think you of your bargain?" secretly amused at the captain's over-

"It is 8 o'clock," said the captain at the thought that the money will be him. The delicate beauty of her face last. "I always aim to keep my ap- well used and that you have at least and wastes something that can never

know about this sooner or later, and now is as good a time as any to en-"They are both satisfactory to me,"

Captain Blondin struck the gong later the cabin boy appeared. "Tell my sister and the mate that I

replied Rutherford.

request their presence in the cabin, said the captain. He was standing beside the table

when they entered and he still stood regarding them for some moments afat last he spoke his voice was low and Sun.

"I have summoned you here to act as witnesses to a bargain between Mr Rutherford and myself," he said. "In consideration of \$100,000 in gold paid me by Mr. Rutherford's superiors I am to take the Banchee into a port which Mr. Rutherford will name, disembark my crew and leave the ship in the hands of the port authorities."

He paused for a minute to permi the full significance of his words to enter the minds of his auditors. Dalton's countenance expressed surprise dismay. She was the first to speak. "This is a jest," she cried. "You are trifling with us."

"It is no jest. I never was more i earnest in my life." "In a moment of weakness you have listened to this vile creature;" she cast upon Rutherford a look of withering contempt which made that worthy wince. "It is not too late to alter you decision. You are upon the high seas and you are master of your ship

Change it I beg of you." "It is too late," said Captain Blon din coldly. "I have decided." "The Blondins are not traitors Charles--"

"One at least seems to be, my sis ter. Argument is useless. You but waste time in pursuing it."

Marie glanced wildly about her. "Then I renounce you," she cried. I renounce you as one not worthy of the honored name you bear. The lowest and most degraded slave upon our plantation would be more faithful to the name than you have been. Nay,

"You forget yourself, Marie. Be si lent, I pray you. Dalton would speak and I would hear what he has to say before going on with the transaction." "Since even the honor of the Blondin name cannot keep you from this deed of treachery, captain," observed the old sailor bluntly, "there is little that I can say to move you. But the

"I will provide amply for them out of the reward which I receive for my treachery, as you see fit to style it." "I hope that every man who takes any of it may be forever accursed, sir. But they'll not touch it, captain, they'll not touch it-it's blood money."

"You have nothing further to say?"

"Then we may as well go on with the transaction." He seated himself at the cabin table and opened a drawer before him, fumbling for a moment among the papers which it contained. He straightened up, closing the drawer with his left hand; his right hand suddenly rose and shot forward over the table. It bore a heavy service revolver, which was trained full upon Rutherford's face. "You are to name the port, Mr.

Rutherford," he said blandly. "I would suggest Wilmington, North Carolina.

Rutherford stared at him dazedly, his usually ruddy face the color of ashes and great beads of perspiration standing upon his brow. Marie uttered a cry of joy as she saw and understood the artifice which had been practiced. Dalton swore vigorously and delightedly, and whipped out a revolver, with which he also covered Rutherford.

"I would suggest Wilmington," repeated Captain Blondin sharply. "Come, we have but little time to waste, Mr. Rutherford. I await an expression of your opinion."

Rutherford was no coward. His first surprise was over. He realized that Captain Blondin had seen the only weak point in the agreement between them and had taken advantage of it. Even with death staring him in the face he was cool and collected enough to reflect that if he did not name the port of designation Captain Blondin would feel in honor bound to return the reward, and himself as well, to Liverpool. He therefore resolved upon a refusal of the captain's demand.

"I have nothing to say," he growled defiantly." "You are running this

"And you, as one of the performers in it, will do exactly as I wish you to do or"-Captain Blondin gestured significantly with the revolver. then took out his watch. "I give you one minute in which to decide, Mr. Rutherford. If you decide to name Wilmington your chances of a long life are good; if unfavorable"-Another wave of the revolver emphasized the unspoken threat. "The minute is beginning."

The seconds passed swiftly. Captain Blondin called, "Five-ten-twentythirty-forty-fifty." At fifty the revolver rose in his hand until it bore directly upon Rutherford. The captain's eyes gleamed with a deadly menace that made the latter quake. His nerves gave way under the strain. "Wilmington, North Carolina," he

Then he bowed his head upon the Blondin's politely expressed thanks for his compliance with his "request." control. When at last he straightened up and looked about him he found that Dalton and Marie Blondin had left the cabin, and that Captain Blondin was sitting opposite him, regard-

ing him steadily. The revolver, that potent source of terror, had vanished. "You are feeling better, Mr. Ruthsent. "Very good. I wish to have a talk with you." "So you thought that you could buy

Rutherford groaned. "I shall de-Captain Blondin. The latter had risen from his chair and was pacing up cabin a few minutes later leading but he was careful not to permit his cause of the Confederacy, Mr. Ruther-

We posed as a patriot, although an in-

"As for yourself, we will run the richness of the gown she wore, which to our transaction; what say you to blockade off Wilmington in the early Philosophers and political economists was of purple silk with a broad girdle my sister and the mate? Both must hours of the coming morning. After we are in port. I will arrange to have port, unless, indeed, you prefer to who makes two blades of grass grow make the return journey with me. I can assure you that were all known which stood upon the table. A moment about you which might be told you would find the climate of Wilmington exceedingly unhealthy.

"And now, Mr. Rutherford, one closing word of advice. The next time you seek to bribe a man in the running trade I trust that you will exercise a little more discrimination ter they had seated themselves. When in selecting your man."-New York

WAR IS WASTE

We Should Reckon the Cost Before We Intervene in Mexico.

Americans may be extravagant and and foodstuffs does not constitute and physical powers. In the communal sense he wastes nothing, though ' saves nothing. His "high cost of living" creates no stringency in the money market. When we have hard times it is under-consumption, not

Throughout the world today money stringency exists, though happily ess severe in the United States than elsewhere. This condition is traceable directly to the Balkan wars. War is waste. Industries are paralyzed in the midst of active operations. Whenever men are withdrawn to serve with the colors, crops are lost and mills

over-consumption, that hurts.

ford. You may console yourself with hands of the clock, and the man who remains idle and unproductive lose in all ages have written this, but the

sum of all wisdom on this subject i you sent back to Liverpool aboard contained in the Bible when it speaks the first runner which leaves for that of the hidden talents and of the man where one grew before. Not only have men stood idle o

have been withdrawn from gainful occupations during the Balkan war. but the people throughout continental Europe have withdrawn from circulation and hoarded vast stores of gold literally hiding their talents in the ground. If every adult person in the ground. If every adult person in the United States took \$50 out of circulation and hid it away or kept it idle in his pocket the whole circulating meium of this country would disappear, and absolute stagnation would prevail. To whatever extent such hoarding is practiced the resulting injury is

in direct proportion.

if the borrowed money is spent in the cost of "high living" may be too producing something of value. Canagreat, but in the true economic sense da is loaded down with enormous high rate of consumption of goods debts of all kinds, but the resiliency now being displayed in its business waste when it is accompanied by in- and financial circles proves the ecodustrious production. The skilled nomic theory that money spent for workman, who earns high wages and improvements is not a drain on respends all he makes on himself and sources. Canada has spent hundreds and incredulity, Marie's horror and his family, helps business, including of millions of dollars on railroads, cahis own industry, so long as he does nals, waterworks and every conceivnothing to weaken his own mental able improvement, but has wasted none in war. Her people possess tangible assets to show for their money, but Europe has nothing to show for billions of war debts. One good crop has put Canada on its feet and made its new railroads profitable, but Europe's new war debts will throttle generations yet unborn. The United States has paid off its war debts to all

intents and purposes, but war cost this country 20 years of depreciated cur-rency and 50 years of high taxes. lowed in the southern states. Yet we have many among plunge gayly into war in Mexico that would not imperil our own posses-sions, but would waste our resources stand idle. The worst of all waste is of men and money.—New York Com-loss of time. We cannot turn back the mercial.

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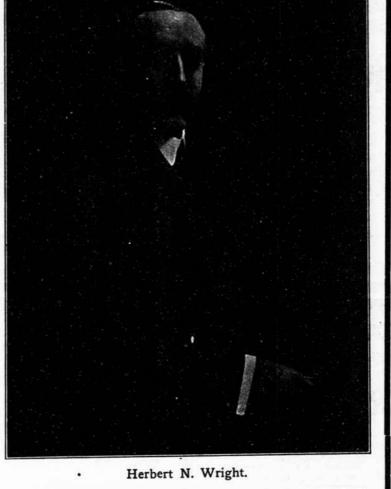
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