

CHAINED TO A ROCK

How the Turks Once Imprisoned a Greek Battleship.

DARING OF A YOUNG OFFICER.

His Peck and Strategy Resulted In Making the Powerful Enemy Vessel Lie Helpless Within the Landlocked Waters of the Gulf of Arta.

It was during the war between Greece and Turkey in 1897 that the inhabitants of Gala Krind—a large village, since destroyed by the Turks, on the shores of the gulf of Arta—awoke one morning to find that a Hellenic battleship had entered the gulf and cast anchor off the shore. The surprise of the inhabitants of Gala Krind was nothing compared with that of a party of five Turkish officers, who, from the very crest of a hill towering above the village, watched the vessel through their telescopes.

These Turkish officers were on an urgent and important mission—to block out the Hellenic fleet from the gulf of Arta, behind them, at the bottom of the deep ravine, were a number of heavy guns which had been dragged all the way from Saloniki, a long and difficult task, and with this artillery they had been ordered to fortify the strait.

To reach the strait, however, the Turkish column had to run the gauntlet of the battleship's heavy guns, which meant sheer destruction. Somehow or other they must escape the man-of-war or prevent her interference with their work, but to do this seemed impossible.

In the midst of their discussion a young officer who had been listening said he could hold the vessel a prisoner if they would allow him. His pleading won, and, hurriedly changing his clothes for those of a shepherd, he descended in that disguise to Gala Krind.

Like that night a number of figures stole through the dark alleys of the village toward the shore. Close to the water's edge was an old outhouse, used as a shed for repairing boats. This the party silently entered and by the flickering light of a taper searched the black interior. At length there was a gentle rattle and from the gloom emerged Hlasmus, stepped to the waist, dragging a heavy chain. This, with the help of his comrades, he began to pull, and after an hour's laborious work the end of the great chain—once the cable of a Turkish vessel—was reached.

From the leech the chain was loaded on board a large cog, whose sides and floor had been covered with cloth to deaden the sound. This task accomplished, three men got in with Hlasmus and rowed with muffled oars toward a large rock in the middle of the gulf. Round this rock the chain was laid and securely fastened. One man having been landed on the cog to keep guard over this end, the boat set out cautiously for the large ship, bounding like a phantom in the distance. Not a sound did the man make as he pulled by the massive chain, was put out over the stern into the still water till they reached the vessel.

There was an excited gleam in Hlasmus' eyes as, with a shout to his comrades, he grandly leaped himself into the dim water, making Hlasmus by his side as they over the battleship's stern. As they neared the open water the hull was all but his anxious companions in the boat, though he could then a reassuring yell was sent to him that Hlasmus held, directing Hlasmus how to pay out the chain. Hours rather than minutes seemed to have gone by ere the young officer came to the surface. So exhausted by his long drive was he that he had to be almost lifted into the boat.

"It is round the propeller," he gasped. "I have fixed it so that nothing can move it. Back you go."

Then back by link the tedious work was renewed until the boat returned to its starting point, where the other end of the chain was secured. The risky task was done, and the Hellenic battleship was securely moored to an immovable rock by a double thickness of cable.

The early rays of dawn revealed a sight which astonished the Greek commander. A whole regiment of Turks were on the march toward the strait of Arta, with train after train of artillery, the last of which disappeared beyond the intervening head before the ship's guns could be brought to bear on them. The commander gave orders for the guns to be run out and decks cleared for action, while the anchor was weighed, his intention being to prevent the Turks from fortifying the strait before they had become too strong. "Full speed ahead!" went the order to the engine room, and, propelled by her mighty screw, the battleship advanced, only to lurch backward as if dragged by some unseen force. Work as the engines would, the vessel seemed to be in an enchanted circle, beyond which it was impossible to go.

It was not until the sun's rays had penetrated the deep blue water alongside that the secret was revealed and the massive chain was discovered passing round the ship's propeller and the adjacent rock.

Before it could be removed, however, the strait had been sufficiently fortified by the Turks and a powerful Greek warship lay a helpless prisoner within the landlocked waters of Arta.

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.—Bovee.

HE MOVED HIS WELL.

It Wasn't Pulled Up Nor Gawed Up, but It Did Change Place.

There is an old story about the man who pulled up a well and took it to a more desirable location and another about the man who took up a well, sawed it in sections and used one of the sections for a mud roller. They were exaggerations, but the experience of Ezra Tetterlow proves that it well can not always be classed as a permanent fixture. Ezra had a well in front of his house. It had never been a success as a well. Ezra wanted it filled up. One way would have been to haul stones or earth and use the material to fill it. But Ezra had no team.

So he went at it with a shovel. Working on the side of the well next to the road, he began to dig and to throw the dirt into the well. He kept this up until he had filled it, which was not a difficult job, as the well was rather shallow.

But when the task seemed finished Ezra found that he had made a new hole by the side of the one he had been filling. There was but one thing to do—he proceeded to fill it in the same manner. Of course this resulted in still another excavation, which in turn received similar treatment.

As all of Ezra's digging had been on the side of the well nearest the road, the result was that the hole in the ground was finally moved out into the highway.

Judson Tolliver was commenting on the exploit one day down at the corners. "Queer thing Ezra did," he remarked. "You know that old well that stood in his front yard? Well, sir, he's moved it thirty feet from where it was—moved it clear out into the road!"

"How'd he do it?" inquired another representative citizen.

"You'll have to ask Ezra," replied Judson. "But he did it, sure enough. I saw the well in the road yesterday, and I saw the track he made movin' it. The thing plowed a furrow four feet wide all the way."—Youth's Companion.

OUR GOLD CERTIFICATES.

Why These Notes Have Never Been Made Legal Tender.

Answering the question, "Why are gold certificates not legal tender?" the New York Times says:

The first gold certificate act was passed in 1863, and at that time the issuance of these certificates was confined to certificates drawn to order. It was not until later that bearer certificates were put out.

These certificates were issued at the request of New York banks which at that time were handling large amounts of gold and which sought the issuance of gold certificates by the government as a matter of convenience, thus obviating the constant handling and rehandling of gold coin. These certificates were regarded not so much as money as warehouse certificates for money, being exchangeable at all times upon demand for the actual coin.

The question of making the certificates legal tender was not, to the knowledge of the authorities consulted, discussed when this suggestion of the New York banks was carried into effect by act of congress. The fact that it was decided, to begin with, to limit these certificates to certificates to order would have been a barrier in the way of making them legal tender had the suggestion been advanced.

So much for the authorization of gold certificates and their not being made legal tender then. Financial authorities point out that there has been in the years since no practical need for taking this step. Gold certificates are in practice accepted as in every way as good as the gold itself, and they are immediately convertible into legal tender by surrender and exchange into gold.

Wit of Disraeli.

There is a story about Disraeli that is much like him and will give an idea of what he was at this time (1877). As he was leaving a house he asked some one to give him his arm down Piccadilly. The man, who must have been a person of some wit, said, "At such a time as this I should wish to be met by my creditors." "No," said Disraeli, "it is not at such times that your creditors meet you. Your creditors meet you when you are carrying a bundle."

There you have the literary quality of the man.—E. S. Nadal in Outlook.

Queer Human Nature.

"Man's a funny proposition!" "What now?" "When he reads a medical book he fancies he has every disease described, but let him read the work of a moralist and all the faults pointed out he sees not in himself, but in his neighbor."—Boston Transcript.

Dound to Rise.

"He is one of the most stupid bores I ever met." "And yet he seems to have accumulated money. Fortune appears to have knocked at his door." "I don't believe she merely knocked; she must have broken right in."—Brooklyn Citizen.

No Cause For Complaint.

"Oh, my tooth aches dreadfully! I don't see why we can't be born without teeth." "I think, my dear, that if you will look up some authority on that point you will find that most of us are."—London Telegraph.

A Real Wonder.

Aladdin was exhibiting his wonderful lamp. "It's an auto lamp," he explained, "that won't go out just as a traffic cop heaves in sight."—Pittsburgh Post.

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 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$5.00 value 3.89
 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$4.50 value 3.69
 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$4.00 value 3.29
 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$3.50 value 2.99
 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$3.00 value 2.49
 All Men's Gun Metal, Patent, Tan and Vici Oxfords, \$2.50 value 1.99
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