

The Herald and News

STOCKTON'S GREAT COURAGE

DUKE OF THE FAMOUS OFFICERS DESCRIBED IN A LOG BOOK.

Maritime Adventures of One of the Most Celebrated Fighters in the Old American Navy.

An old sailor's log, brought to light by the Princeton Alumni Weekly, records some startling adventures of Capt Stockton, afterwards the famous Commodore Stockton, of the United States Navy. The courage and reckless daring of this member of the historic New Jersey family are remembered at Princeton, yet the events set forth in the log eclipse anything that has ever before been generally known of his doings.

The log was kept by an officer named Squibb, on board the United States stowship Erie, off Gibraltar, in 1849. The story of the Commodore's adventures on this occasion has been told in his family and the version of it in Squibb's diary corresponds minutely with theirs. Charles S. Squibb, of Brooklyn, a son of the author of the log, has sent the excerpt to the Stockton family. He says that he is sure it is authentic, because his father was very careful in such matters. Here is the story as told by the elder Squibb's log:

"This Gibraltar in the place where the English officers were taught to be more civil and more sparing in their use of opprobrious epithets to ward off officers and countrymen after the last war. This lesson they learned, too, upon their own impregnable ground.

"Our Mediterranean ships at that time frequently came in here to buy supplies, and, as the officers were commonly insulted in the streets, duels were by no means uncommon and generally terminated in favor of our side. To such an extent was this carried that the governor first prohibited fighting within the garrison and prohibited his officers from going outside, and next prohibited American officers from coming ashore, except under peculiar circumstances.

"About this time an English officer grossly insulted the consul, who was a peaceable old man of family and did not resent the affront. This very ship Erie came in soon after, under the command of the fire-eating Stockton, of Princeton. He, hearing of this insult to an old consul, sought out this officer and grossly insulted him in return, with a view to eliciting a challenge. Finding his efforts unavailing, he challenged the officer, who promised to make arrangements for the duel, notwithstanding the prohibition.

"A few days after Stockton received a note telling him that if he would land at the Ragged Staff Sisi, and take certain roads up the mountain to a certain precipitous ledge, at an appointed time, he would find his adversary ready. The latter pledged his honor that Stockton would be allowed to return to his ship unmolested if he escaped being shot.

"Stockton went, of course, and on reaching the spot found his adversary ready. But just as they were about to take their places a guard was seen coming up by the way Stockton had taken. He, however, insisted on having a fight, since they had come for that purpose, before the guard arrived. They took their places and fired, the Englishman falling, not killed, but maimed for life. Stockton started then to go down the hill in a direction opposite to that by which the guard was coming, but soon found himself opposed by another guard in front. He therefore returned to the ledge in front and met the officer of the first guard just as he was mounting upon the ledge. He asked to be allowed to pass, but was told that he was a prisoner. He then stated that the honor of the regiment was pledged for his return to his boat, and was insolently told that there was no dependence to be placed on his word. Stockton immediately clinched with the officer and sprang with him over the precipice, falling a distance of 30 or 40 feet. When he regained his senses he found the Englishman dead in his arms. He made the best of his bleeding and bruised toward his boat.

"When he had come into the public road again he saw an officer on horseback and begged him, if he had any pity or honor, to lead him his horse. The officer replied that he

would see all the Yankees in creation banged first. This was enough for Stockton. He seized him by the log, capsized him off his horse, got into the saddle and rode to the Ragged Staff Stairs. Here he found himself impeded by two soldiers with fixed bayonets, with orders to arrest every one who attempted to pass. Talking and explaining to them he got close upon them and pushed their bayonets aside and sprang over the parapet. Here again he lost sensibility and was only aroused by the victorious cheering of his boat's crew, who had picked him up, pulled into the bay and stopped to cheer.

"The result of this expedition was that Stockton immediately challenged the whole regiment for their dishonor and bad faith to him. Some time after that he received notice that if he would come upon neutral ground just before sunset on a particular day he might get his satisfaction. Now, both the English and Spanish guards had orders to arrest any officers seen together upon the plain. Stockton, knowing this, picked out a boat's crew of his best men, armed them with pistols and cutlasses and started for the rendezvous. Leaving the crew at the boat, he crept on his hands and knees until he came within sight of the meeting place.

"There he saw the English officers disarmed and in charge of a guard of seven or eight Spanish soldiers, all sitting down, with their arms stacked close by, evidently waiting for the result of some message which they had sent to the Rock. Stockton returned to the crew, explained what he was going to do, and told them to desist as long as possible from the use of their arms, particularly pistols. They all crept softly up, took the guard by surprise and, before they could use their arms effectually, had them all tied upon the ground. 'Now,' says Stockton to the officers, 'we can have our fight undisturbed.'"

Squibb's diary then tells how several of the English officers went aside to determine by lot which of them should meet the captain, while Stockton, seated on a rock, conversed with one of their number; how the lot fell the man with whom he was talking, and how Stockton said: "I don't want to fight this man; he's the only one among you I know, and although I have only known him for twenty minutes, yet I believe him to be a gentleman. I would rather fight any two or three of the rest of you than this one man." The Englishmen, amazed at the unflinching nerve of the Yankee, consulted together again, and then requested that the affair be called off, promising that the "single coward" among them, who had failed to keep his word to Stockton, should be immediately sent to England, cashiered. Later an American midshipman was insulted by the English and the captain sent a challenge to the Governor of the place, "which," says the log, "produced an apology and put an end to the cause of disturbance by inducing the English to mend their manners."

Commodore Stockton was the officer who commanded the fleet sent along the Pacific coast during the war with Mexico and, in co operation with Fremont, did more than anybody else to accomplish the cession of California to the United States. He commanded the United States steamer Princeton, on which, during its trial trip up the Potomac during President Tyler's term, one of its guns exploded, killing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Navy and Mr. Gardiner, whose daughter President Tyler afterward married. After his retirement from active service Commodore Stockton was prominent both in national and State politics.

It took the jury in the Molineux case but fifteen minutes to render a verdict of "not guilty." The verdict in reality meant "not enough proof to convict."

Three insane negroes were burned to death in the insane ward at the Charleston hospital last week. The fire originated in this ward and it was impossible to save these inmates.

Ben Henderson, the negro barber who was recently shot and killed by a policeman in Chester, left \$1,505 in cash in his safe, which was found when the safe was opened. In his will he left this and his home to his two girls and the shop to his two boys, 10 and 14 years old, who, with the assistance of an older barber, are now running the shop.

CONDENSING NOVELS.

A New Trade Which is Growing Demand and Requires Brains. [New York Sun.]

"There goes one of those condensers," said the publisher, pointing to a tall slender young fellow wearing glasses and with a number of books under his arm. "His business is condensing novels, and when a man becomes an expert at it he doesn't have to look for work.

"This has been a very busy world for some time. There are thousands of people who want to keep up with the novels of the day, but haven't the time to read them as they are originally written. So there are hundreds of readers and elocutionists who go about reading condensed novels to literary circles, clubs, church societies and private families.

"The demand for readers for private families is growing astonishingly. The readers go to this house or that one night a week, or possibly twice a week. The head of the house invites in a few friends, or maybe he and his family have the reading all to themselves.

"They don't want a continuous performance; they must have at least one story an evening. If the stories they want are too long for one evening they must be cut down to fit the time.

"That fellow who just walked into the ferry boat tackled 'The Crisis' a little while ago. The order was to cut the book down to two hours.

"He found it took eight hours to read it as it was written. It took him over a month, working regularly a part of every day or evening to cut it down. Then the people who hired him made up their minds that it must be shorter, so he had to go to work to hack it down to one hour and a quarter. What do you think of that?"

"He did it, although it was a fearful job. It took him longer to cut off that last 40 minutes than it did to get rid of the first six hours.

"It requires more brains sometimes to cut a book down than it does to write it in the first place. Nothing of importance must be left out. All the strong features, the pretty scenes, the amusing dialogues and so on, must be left in.

"It is really surprising, however, how little that is important is cut out. If you had read the original 'Crisis' and then heard the condensed story you would have to cudgel your brain a little to make out exactly what is missing.

"There's a knack about it, there is to anything else. The condenser must first read the story carefully to get its general effect. Then he very often reads it to study the mechanism.

"At first reading he has seen passages that may be dropped and no one is much the wiser. On second reading he takes out even more, and pretty soon he has the thing out down perhaps half. 'Very likely he will now take a copy of the book and cut all the pages loose. The pages he has marked out he throws away, and the fragments of pages he pastes together to make the requisite number of lines for a page.

"He is now getting things down to a working basis, and here it is that his real genius comes out. He plays strange tricks with that story as he goes on, and he often surprises himself at the things he dares take out. Every now and then he reads the condensation to some member of his family, or to some friend who had read the book, and on whose judgment he can place some reliance.

"They tell me it is really most engrossing work, while it is very fatiguing at the same time. That fellow who went into the ferry boat just now is an enthusiast. He makes far more money than many of the chaps who write the original stories. Honestly, I don't know but what he deserves it."

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