

Heroism on the Lakes

Noble Act of Two Sailors In a Winter Storm on Inland Seas

HERE died the other day in Grand Haven a man mourned by all who had shown by one incident in his life, if by no other, that he was the bravest of the brave, a man who willingly risked his life in the face of the gravest peril to help his fellow man. His name was Dan F. Miller, and for years he had been captain of craft that plied in the great lakes.

Nov. 15, 1880, was one of those peaceful days not unusual at that season in



THE YAWL WAS BUFFETED BY GIANT WAVES.

the lake region. But many times they prove the forerunners of autumnal gales of unusual violence. Late in the afternoon the small schooner Driver left Chicago, Captain Dan F. Miller in command. The captain's brother, Dave Miller, was first mate, and in the crew were one Pat Dally, a square rigged, middle aged sailorman, and a boy named Wilson.

There was a gentle southwest breeze after leaving Chicago, and captain and crew were certain of making Grand Haven harbor early the next forenoon. The course from Chicago led diagonally across Lake Michigan, due northeast. Captain Miller went below early, leaving his brother at the wheel. At 10 o'clock the latter noticed that the wind was changing and was then about due west and increasing in force. At midnight it was in the northeast and blowing a gale.

Early the next morning Captain Miller saw that it was useless to try to make Grand Haven and put about to run before the gale. He estimated that within three hours the storm would have spent its force, and he would be able to make the run to Grand Haven without fear. During all this time not another vessel had been sighted, but at noon Pat Dally, who was at the wheel, sighted a little steamer five miles away, and a little north of the schooner's course. In the uncertain light he could tell little of the vessel, but hastily picking up the schooner's glasses he saw a flag of distress displayed from the short foremast. Dally informed Captain Miller and the rest of the crew.

Despite the fact that the gale had not diminished, Captain Miller had the Driver again put about at the imminent risk of being swamped by the mountainous seas. After an hour of working into the gale and when about a third of a mile from the disabled steamer, Captain Miller cried out:

"My God, men, that steamer is the H. C. Akeley of Grand Haven! Must we lie here and see our townspeople drowned like rats before our eyes without giving a helping hand?"

Over the raging seas which separated the sinking Akeley and the little schooner the crew of the big barge could be seen huddled on the leeward side of the forward cabin. It was plain to be seen that the boat was past help. Already the steamer was rapidly settling at the stern. The crew were out, the smokestack had been carried away, the after cabin, and in fact nearly all the upper works of the Akeley had been demolished by the seas. Captain Miller's experienced eye told him she would be resting on Lake Michigan's sandy bottom in thirty minutes and that her crew, caught like rats, would go down to a terrible death with the wreck. Their small boats had been carried away, and they could not save themselves.

Captain Miller was a man of few words, but for physical activity he was noted.

"Boys," he said, addressing the crew, "listen to twenty men. All of them, including me, are ready to swim there. God knows that to help us here is

Akeley will be gone. Are we going to lie here and see this happen without doing something? It's life or death, of course, but I will take the Driver's yawl with the man of you who will go with me and take the chance of saving some of those poor fellows."

Without a second's hesitation Dave Miller stepped forward, but Pat Dally was before him, and, pushing Dave aside, said:

"One man in a family is enough in this business."

The Driver's yawl was hastily lowered. Miller and Dally pulled away from the schooner when the first opportunity came between the big seas. There were no sentimental handshakings or farewells said, but the two men left on the Driver never expected to see their comrades again. They watched with anxiety the long and dangerous journey their shipmates were taking. Often the yawl and its human occupants were lost to sight between the giant waves, only to come in view again on the top of some great breaker. Miller and Dally were not particularly good oarsmen, but they exhibited rare judgment on this occasion, and twenty minutes later, every minute of which they thought would be their last, they reached the Akeley's side and made fast to the lee side of that rapidly sinking ship.

The crew of the Akeley had watched the journey of the two life savers with the breathlessness of dying men. Captain Stretch of the steamer refused to leave his boat, and five of his crew decided to remain with him. Between the chances of drowning from the little yawl or going down with the Akeley they preferred to chance it with the latter, hoping against hope that some large steamer would come along and give them aid. There was no time to lose. Captain Miller secured a long pole with which to steer the yawl and, with Dally and eight of the Akeley's crew, again put out across the angry waters for the Driver.

Of this journey little can be said. Miller stated afterward that nothing but Providence kept the small and overloaded yawl from swamping. How they did it they did not know, but finally the Driver was reached, and rescued and rescuers were pulled aboard. Captain Miller wanted to turn about at once and return for those still aboard the Akeley, but in the exhausted condition of all it was impossible to think of this for the time, and five minutes later the Akeley's bow shot upward, a terrible cry of despair came across the waters and six brave men, Captain Stretch among them, went down to graves in the element which had furnished them a livelihood and now was to be their resting place for all time.

Shortly after the sinking of the Akeley the gale subsided, and the next morning the Driver reached Grand Haven. Dally is still following the great lakes, one of those homely, forgotten heroes whom the people honor and as soon forget.

Held Up the Prince With a Pitchfork

When Edward VII. of England was an undergraduate at Oxford university, he had an adventure which led to a newspaper article at that time to describe the "prince as a prisoner." It said that "not very far from Oxford, at a place called Steeple Barton, there was a farmer named Hedges, a man of much independence of character, commonly known as 'Loed Chief Justice Hedges.'"

On one occasion the prince and his friends were out with the South Oxfordshire hounds; but meeting with indifferent sport, they resolved on riding home across country. This they did, galloping over the lands of Farmer Hedges and presently riding into his farmyard.

There they were confronted by the farmer himself, armed with a fork. He closed the gates and informed the party bluntly that they had been trespassing on his ground and trampling on his young wheat and that he would not allow one of them to leave his farmyard until he had been paid a fine of a sovereign for the damage done. They whispered that the prince himself was of the party. "Prince or no prince," he replied shortly, "I have my money!"

There was little glory to be had by fighting a resolute farmer armed with a fork. They therefore made up their minds to pay, and all. When he had the money in his pocket, and sat all there, Hedges opened the gate and let them go.

With the only day of December, the

The Candid Peppy.

No man has ever yet succeeded in painting an honest portrait of himself in an autobiography however sedulously he may have set to work about it. In spite of his candid purpose he omits necessary touches and adds superfluous ones. At times he cannot help draping his thought, and the least shred of drapery disguises it. It is only the diarist who accomplishes the feat of self-portraiture, and he, without any such end in view, does it unconsciously. A man cannot keep a daily record of his comings and goings and the little items that make up the sum of his life and not inadvertently give himself away at every turn. He lays bare his heart with a candor not possible to the self-consciousness that inevitably colors premeditated revelation. Unknowingly he wears his heart upon his pen for daws to peck at. While Mr. Samuel Peppy was filling those small octavo pages with his perplexing elpther he never once imagined that he was adding a photographic portrait of himself to the world's gallery of immortals. We are more intimately acquainted with Mr. Samuel Peppy, the inner man—his little meannesses and his generousities—than we are with the persons we call our dear friends—T. B. Aldrich in Atlantic.

Punctuation.

In the earliest Latin inscriptions and manuscripts no system of punctuation is followed. The full point (.) was gradually introduced, being placed on the level, middle or top of the letters. In the minuscule manuscripts of the eighth, ninth and following centuries the period, on the line or high, was first used; then the comma and semicolon and the inverted semicolon, whose power was rather stronger than that of the comma. Some say that the Caroline minuscules of the ninth century exhibit the note of interrogation, for which the inverted semicolon, which was gradually dropped, may have furnished the mark. The Greeks use the semicolon as an interrogation point. In English the colon is said to have been introduced about 1485, the comma about 1501 and the semicolon about 1570. In Sir Philip Sidney's "Arcadia" (1587) all the punctuation points appear, including the note of interrogation, asterisk and parentheses.

Incorrigible.

It was decided that Mr. Wright must administer a stern lecture to his four-year-old daughter Florence. The little girl had been naughty, but she did not seem to appreciate the fact, and Mr. Wright reluctantly undertook a "scolding."

He hated to make the tender little heart ache and to see the dear child cry, but he forced himself to speak judiciously and severely. He recounted her misdeeds and explained the why and wherefore of his stern rebuke. Mrs. Wright sat by, looking duly impressed.

Finally Mr. Wright paused for breath and also to hear the small culprit acknowledge her error. The scolding was never continued. Florence turned a face beaming with admiration to her mother and said innocently: "Isn't papa wonderful?"

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Kinston, N. C., November 12th, 1903.
Administrator of Henry Green, dec'd
W. D. MEWBORN

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Ed Hinson deceased, late of LaGrange, Lenoir county, N. C. This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of December, 1903, or this notice will be filed in lieu of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are expected to make prompt payment.
This 15th day of December, 1903.
W. D. MEWBORN,
Administrator.

Administrator's Notice

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Duck Smith, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the administrator on or before the 15th day of December, 1903, or this notice will be filed in lieu of recovery. Parties indebted to said estate are expected to make prompt payment.
Kinston, N. C., December 9th, 1903.
Administrator of Duck Smith, dec'd
L. HARVEY

Administrator's Notice

All persons having claims against the estate of Stephen Davis, deceased, will present the same on or before the 15th day of Dec., 1903, or this notice will be filed in lieu of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment, as further indulgence cannot be given.
Dec. 15th, 1903.
C. M. JORDAN,
Administrator of Stephen Davis, deceased.

Sale of Town Lot for Partition.

By virtue of an order made by the Superior Court of Lenoir County, on the 20th day of December, 1902, as a special proceeding for the sale of land for partition entitled "The City of Lenoir and J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, vs. The City of Lenoir, County of Lenoir and George Hill, Executor," the land of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate in the town of Kinston, County of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, and being the lot of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on North side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, and being the lot of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on South side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, and being the lot of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on West side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door, in Kinston, N. C., on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The terms of the sale are that the purchaser shall pay for the same the sum of \$100.00 in cash, and the balance of the purchase money shall be paid in three equal installments, to-wit: one-third on the 1st day of February, 1903, one-third on the 1st day of March, 1903, and one-third on the 1st day of April, 1903. The purchaser shall also be bound to pay for the same the sum of \$100.00 in cash, and the balance of the purchase money shall be paid in three equal installments, to-wit: one-third on the 1st day of February, 1903, one-third on the 1st day of March, 1903, and one-third on the 1st day of April, 1903. The purchaser shall also be bound to pay for the same the sum of \$100.00 in cash, and the balance of the purchase money shall be paid in three equal installments, to-wit: one-third on the 1st day of February, 1903, one-third on the 1st day of March, 1903, and one-third on the 1st day of April, 1903.

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North Carolina Superior Court.
Lenoir County.
Lucy Baskins, Administratrix by Publication.
Henry Baskins, the defendant in the above entitled matter is hereby required to make his appearance in this cause to be held on the 22nd day of January, 1903, at the Court House in Kinston, North Carolina, at the 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and answer or demur to the complaint of Lucy Baskins, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on West side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, and being the lot of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on South side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, and being the lot of J. E. Lockwood, next heirs to George Hill, Executor, situate on West side of Canal street, on the first corner of Third street, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door, in Kinston, N. C., on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly, of North Carolina, at the session of 1903, for changes in the Charter of the Town of Kinston, N. C.
By order of the Board of Aldermen.
Dec. 16th, 1902.
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