

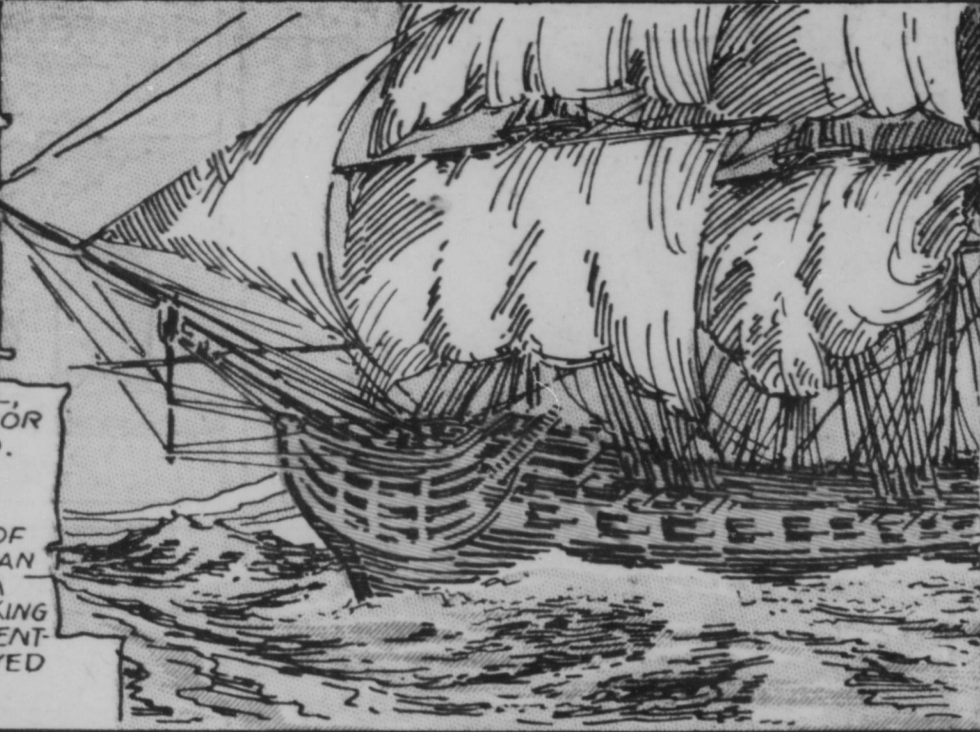
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American Naval Heroes by AUGUSTUS J. ROBINSON

THE VICTORY OF THE "BONHOMME RICHARD" OVER THE "SERAPIS" MADE PAUL JONES ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROES IN OUR NAVAL HISTORY.

AFTER THE BATTLE — JONES SAILED THE SERAPIS TO THE PORT OF TEXEL, HOLLAND — THERE, HE CHANGED HIS FLAG TO THE "ALLIANCE" — THEN BOLDLY SCUDDING DOWN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, HE ARRIVED IN THE HARBOR OF L'ORIENT ON FEB. 10, 1780.

ON REACHING PARIS JONES WAS THE HERO OF THE DAY — THE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS PAID HIM EVERY HONOR — AND THE KING OF FRANCE, LOUIS XVI, PRESENTED HIM WITH AN ENGRAVED GOLD-HILTED SWORD.



HE WAS AWARDED THE GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT AND MADE A CHEVALIER OF FRANCE.

AT THE OPERA, A LAUREL WREATH WAS HUNG OVER HIS HEAD, BUT JONES LEFT HIS SEAT — AN ACT OF MODESTY THAT IS HELD UP TODAY AS A MODEL FOR FRENCH SCHOOLBOYS.



ON FEB. 18th, 1781 PAUL JONES ARRIVED IN AMERICA

HE WAS THE HONORED GUEST OF THE GREATEST MEN OF THE AMERICAN COLONIES.

CONGRESS PASSED RESOLUTIONS IN HIS HONOR — PRESENTED HIM WITH A GOLD MEDAL — AND COMMISSIONED HIM HEAD OF THE NAVY — AN HONOR WHICH HE RIGHTFULLY DESERVED.

MEANTIME THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED JONES AS A PIRATE — AND PUT A PRICE OF 10,000 GUINEAS ON HIS HEAD.



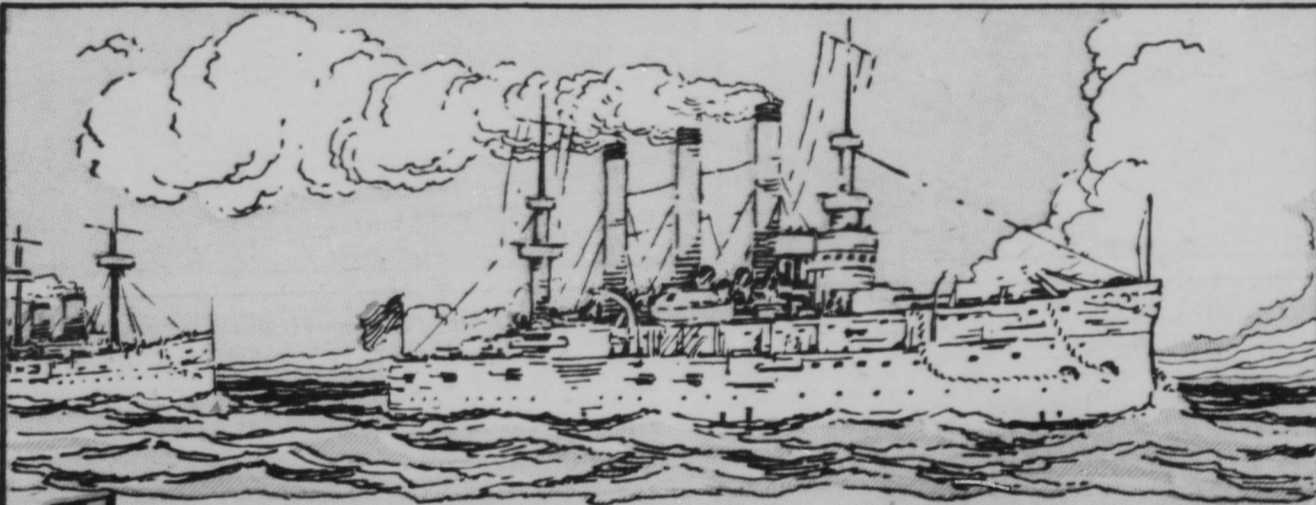
SOME YEARS AFTER THE REVOLUTION, THE RUSSIAN EMPRESS CATHERINE, WHO WAS THEN AT WAR WITH TURKEY, INVITED JONES TO LEAD HER FLEET.

THUS HE BECAME A RUSSIAN ADMIRAL AND COMMANDED THE SQUADRON IN THE BLACK SEA — WHERE HE INCREASED HIS FAME BY WINNING VICTORIES OVER THE TURKS.

AFTER HIS SERVICE WITH RUSSIA HE RETURNED TO FRANCE AND LIVED IN RETIREMENT.

UNDUE EXPOSURE HAD WASTED HIS STRENGTH — HE BECAME ILL — AND DIED IN PARIS ON THE EIGHTEENTH OF JULY, 1792 AGED 45 YEARS.

NOT UNTIL YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH DID MEN COME TO KNOW PAUL JONES AS A MODEL NAVAL OFFICER — HIGH-MINDED IN HIS PATRIOTISM — PURE IN HIS LIFE — ELEVATED IN HIS SENTIMENTS — AND AS COURAGEOUS AS A LION.



JONES' BODY LAY FORGOTTEN UNTIL IN 1905 AMBASSADOR PORTER SEARCHED AND FOUND THE REMAINS IN ST. LOUIS CEMETERY, IN PARIS.

PRES THEODORE ROOSEVELT ORDERED REAR ADMIRAL SIGSBEE TO PROCEED WITH A SQUADRON TO FRANCE AND BRING BACK THE BODY. IN JULY OF THE SAME YEAR THE CASKET WAS PLACED IN A VAULT AT ANNAPOLIS. ON JAN. 26, 1913 JONES' BODY, WITH DUE CEREMONIES, WAS PLACED IN THE CRYPT OF THE BEAUTIFUL NEW NAVAL CHAPEL.



THE CHAPEL ON THE NAVAL ACADEMY GROUNDS AT ANNAPOLIS, MD.

IN A CRYPT BELOW THE MAIN FLOOR LIE THE REMAINS OF JOHN PAUL JONES, NAVAL HERO OF THE REVOLUTION.

MAY HIS HEROIC DEEDS AND DEVOTION TO HIS COUNTRY BE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL AMERICANS. — SO ENDS A THRILLING STORY OF THE SEA...

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK - CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY, FATHER OF THE U.S. NAVY! DON'T MISS IT!

SAILOR'S KNOTS

A simple way to finish off the end of a rope.

The WALL KNOT

