

MORSKI RAZBOJNIK

A. Š.

"Garniziji v Basseterre po veljuje neki lopov, po imenu Coulevain, s katerim imam poravnati star račun. Ta račun je že leto dni star, a sedaj se bliža plačilni dan. Vojna mi daje zdaj to priložnost. Tako bom z enim samim udarcem služil Španiji in sam sebi."

Blood si je nažgal pipo in začel kaditi. Njemu se ni dozdevalo tako zasluženo delo za Španijo, da bi se kar tako-le riskiralo veliko in lepo ladjo pri napadu na malo naselbino.

"No, če že ni drugače, bom vsaj profitiral na svojih izkušnjah, ko se bom nahajal na krovu ladje, ki je v boju," je dejal. "To bo stvar, katere ne bo tako lahko pozabiti, razen, seve, če nas ne bodo njihovi topovi potopili."

Don Juan se je zasmeljal. Pri vsej njegovi gizdavosti in lahkoživosti se je zdelo, da nima možak nobenega strahu pred bitko. Nasprotno, te prilike se je celo veselil. Proti večeru je pričel vleči močnejši veter in ladja je jadrala zdaj z večjo brzino naprej. Don Juan je bil tega večera kaj dobre volje. Doli v svoji kabini, in med glasnim smehom in pripovedovanjem sta on in Blood popila mnogo težkega španskega vina.

Kar se tiče francoske naselbine, proti kateri so jadrali, in njenih naselnikov, je bilo Bloodu zanje resnično žal. — Toda bil je povsem brez moči in ni mogel dvigniti niti prsta v njihovo obrambo; še več: bil je tako rekoč prisiljen piti na njihov pogin, na pogin njihovega generala v splošnem, in polkovnika Coulevaina še posebej.

Zjutraj, ko je prišel na palubo, je opazil Blood dolgo obrežno črto Dominike, oddaljeno kakih deset ali dvanajst milj, še dalje notri pa sivo maso, o kateri je vedel, da je gora, ki se dviga sredi okroglega otoka Mariegalante. Po noči so prišli južno od Dominike, zapustili karibeanske vode in dospeli v odprti Atlantik.

Don Juan, ki je bil izredno dobre volje in kateremu se ni prav nič poznalo snočnje popivanje in krokanje, je prišel na krov ter se pridružil kapetanu Bloodu.

Ko so se približali otoku, ki se je dvigal iz morja liki zelena stena, je postalo moštvo na ladji aktivno in delovno na signale matove piščali. Krov so naglo izpraznili in očistili, nato pa razpeli nad njim mreže, ki naj bi prestregle ruševine, katere bi utegnile padati na krov od jaborov. Topove so spravili v prave pozicije in odvezlo se je usnjene pokrove, ki so bili nameščeni pred njihovimi žreli.

Na krovu ob Don Juanovi strani je stal kapetan Blood in z zadovoljstvom gledal nastop mušketirjev, ki so se, v jeklenih kirasih in prsih in s šlemi na glavah, strumno začeli uravnavati na krovu.

Nato sta šla v kabino h kosilu, kjer je Don Juan Bloodu hrupno pripovedoval, da je boj neizogiben. Iz njegovega obraza je izginila barva in roke so se mu od nervoznosti nekoliko tresle. Jedel je malo, pa še to naglo, pil pa je mnogo in sedel je še vedno ob mizi, ko je prišel v kabino eden njegovih častnikov, prijeten mladenič po imenu Varaguas, ki ga je obvestil, da bo čas, da on sam, Don Juan prevzame poveljstvo.

Don Juan je vstal izza mize in s pomočjo svojega zamorskega služabnika Absaloma se je oborožil in opravil: nadel si je jeklen oklep, ki mu je ščitil prsi in hrbet ter se pokril z jeklenim šlemom, nato pa odšel na krov. Spremljal ga je tudi kapetan Blood, dasi ga je oni svaril, naj se nikar ne izpostavlja nevarnosti, razen če si tudi on nadene oklep.

Ladja Estremadura se je bila med tem približala v bližino treh milj pristanišča naselbine Basseterre. Na jaboru ni imela nobene zastave, ker ni hotela oglaševati svoje narodnosti še bolj, kakor jo je že oglaševala izgradnja ladje sama. Ko so dospeli v bližino ene milje, je Don Juan nastavljal na oči daljnogled ter izjavil, da ni v pristanišču nobene bojne ladje. Torej bo trdnjava edini nasprotnik v dvoboju, ki se bo zdaj razvil.

Strel, ki je zdajci zagrmel ter pognal kroglo preko ladje Estremadure, je označil, da poveljnik trdnjave pozna svoje dolžnosti. Kljub temu strelu, ki je pomenil, da se mora ladja ustaviti, je Don Juan

naglo jadral naprej, s čemer si je zaslužil tiho priznanje kapetana Blooda. S forta je zdaj zagrmela salva, on pa je še vedno zadrževal svoj ogenj, dokler ni imel trdnjave skoraj pred nosom, nakar je dal izstreliti nanjo vso vzdolžno stran, se s sijajnim manevrom naglo obrnil, nato ji pa dal še drugo stran svojih topov. Ko je zagrmela njegova druga salva, je ukazal ladjo naglo obrniti ter odjadrali v stran, da iznova nabijejo topove, nudeč pri tem francoskim topničarjem samo neznan tarčo zadnjega dela svoje oddaljujoče se ladje.

Ko se je vrnil v napad, je dal odvezati tri čolne, skupno s čolnom, v katerem je Blood prijadral, nakar je otvoril zopet ogenj na fort. Toda zdaj so ga dosegle tudi krogle iz trdnjave, ki so povzročile občutno škodo na njegovem krovu. Spet je udaril na fort z obema vzdolžnima stranema svojih topov, ki so zadeli tako v živo, da je trdnjava za hip umolknila.

Spet se je obrnil, in ko se je vrnil, je vlekkel za seboj čolne, ki so bili natrpani z njegovimi mušketirji. Te čolne je privlekel v bližino sto jardov do obale za neko skalovje, sam pa je ostal v položaju, v katerem ga trdnjaviški topovi niso mogli doseči, in od tam je kril izkrcanje svojega moštva. Ko so Španci dosegli obalo, so planili v naskoku na trdnjavo, prazne čolne pa so veslarji naglo odveslali nazaj proti ladji po nadaljnje moštvo.

Dočim se je to godilo, se je Don Juan spet obrnil ter treščil nadalno salvo na fort, da bi povzročil v njem tem večjo zmešnjavo. V tem trenutku se je zaslislal od forta sem radosten krik mušketirjev, ki je značil, da so slednji zabili užgalnike trdnjaviških topov, ki so bili poslej neuporabni.

Zdaj se je Don Juan sam pripravil, da gre z ostankom svojega moštva na kopno, kamor je povabil tudi kapetana Blooda. Ta pa je ostal zunanjje hladni in mu je mirno odgovoril:

"Moja narodnost mi prepoveduje, da bi se udeležil tega napada in boja, Don Juan. Holandci niso v vojni s Francozi."

"Vraga! Kdo pa naj ve, da ste Holandec? Bodite za enkrat cel Španec, ne samo na pol, po materi, Don Pedro, in uživajte življenje! Kdo naj ve?"

"Jaz," je odvrnil Blood. — "To je vprašanje časti."

Don Juan se je zasmeljal, potem pa odšel po viseči lestvi v čoln, ki je čakal ob trupu ladje.

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME
Weekly Review

Baseball

Today all members of baseball teams are requested to be at Gordon Park, diamonds 4 and 5, at 1:30 p. m. Practice games will be played and complete rosters submitted. All members who as yet are not connected with any team will have the opportunity to contact managers this afternoon. Also various details will be discussed and decided upon. Everyone is welcome.

As good sportsmanship is a requisite and in order that no misunderstanding will arise during the year every player must be present because information regarding eligibility and demeanor on the diamond will be discussed.

Foresters Initiate

The Catholic Order of Foresters is an organization well liked by Slovenians in Cleveland. Four branches, one each in St. Vitus, St. Mary's, St. Lawrence's, and St. Christine's parishes testify to its popularity. Tomorrow, Sunday afternoon these combined Slovenian branches are holding a second degree initiation in the St. Vitus Church Hall. All members are asked to help solemnize the occasion by being present at the initiation at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At 8 p. m. the local society, Court Baraga C.O.F., will continue festivities by holding a dance in the school hall. Mu-

sic by the well known Johnny Pecon and refreshments testify that a good time will be had by all. Everybody is invited. Admission 25c.

Friday Socials

The usual Friday evening party will be held May 22 in the church basement. As this will be the second last social of the year all patrons are invited to be present.

Catholic Charities Corp.

Today is the last day of the current Catholic Charities Corp. campaign. A few prospects have not yet been visited but will be during the day. As this money is requested for a worthy cause, all who have not donated should do so today.

Activities Dance

The Holy Name Activities Dance is only two weeks away. Everybody who has attended a Holy Name dance remembers the fun. Here is a splendid chance to trip the light fantastic, though when speaking of certain prominent members of the Holy Name Society the word order is reversed to "Fantastic trips." Names furnished on request. This information given to protect the weak and defenseless. Various methods of dancing can be used from Ballroom to beer-room with emphasis on the former. Tickets for this gala affair may be obtained from any Holy Name member.

The Younger Set at St. Christine's

Mother's Day Program
Draws Crowd

Nearly 300 people were in the audience which attended the program in honor of Mother's Day at our school hall. Beginning with the little tots and ending with the eighth graders the participants gave a good account of themselves. They sang, played and declaimed like veterans. Of particular interest were the following acts: the plays named "Two Deaf Men," and "The Red Parasol"; the Balloon Dance and Clown Land. Much credit is due to the good Sisters of St. Francis who worked so painstakingly and tirelessly to make the occasion a success.

Altar Society Communion
and Social

The members of the Altar Society are expected to receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7 o'clock Mass tomorrow.

In the evening they are to give a social at St. Christine's Hall. That includes a supper which is to be followed by a dance. Bobbie Turk is to furnish the music. The admission for non-members will be 25 cents.

First Communion

A long awaited event will take place at our Church on May 24. And that event is the reception of First Holy Communion. There are 37 in this year's class: 22 from St. Christine's and 15 from public school. Let us hope everything turns out favorably for them on that Sunday so as to make it a memorable day in their young lives!

Easter Duty?

We are positive in saying that some of the younger set in this locality have not as yet made their Easter duty. Now, the extended time allotted for this purpose expires on Trinity Sunday, June 7. You still have an opportunity to receive the Sacraments, that is, if you wish to

St. Mary's Spectator and Commentator

Half the month of May has slipped by, sped along by the cheerful and sunny days of the past week or so. Remember,

Let's Go to Girard!

By Sophie Cekuta

Oh the beautiful month of May with its blossoms and lively refrains of birds. Doesn't it make a person happy and lively? Doesn't it inspire a person to rejoice that the long and cold winter is over? So, why shouldn't we all rejoice— young and old—for it is the month of May, the month of blossoms and new life!

The Slovenian Home Inc. of Girard is sponsoring a May Dance next Saturday, May 23, at the Slovenian Home.

Music will be furnished by Eddie Simms and his ever popular orchestra.

We invite all our Barberton friends to pay us a visit. Come on, Frances Bertoncel, bring your folks to Girard and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gabrovsek, give her a hand and all come.

We expect to see our many friends from Sharon and Farrell and we depend on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kramer to bring their troupe of friends.

A few weeks ago I met through Mr. and Mrs. John Globokar a charming young lady, Miss Steffie Stefancic. We hope that she liked Girard, her honeymoon town, and wish that she'd keep true to her promise and bring her host of friends to our May Dance.

Mr. August Kollander, now that you've got a limousine, how about bringing it to Girard the 23rd. I'm sure all Girardites will be glad to see you.

Last but not least we invite Mr. and Mrs. James Debevec to come and bring their numerous friends. I'm sure we Girardites know how to sing that 88 verse song. In fact I think we know it better than Mr. Debevec by now.

So, come one and all. The welcome sign is out and the public is invited. The committee is busy and on the job so there will be plenty to eat and of course plenty to drink. Therefore, mark down the date—23rd of May—and reserve it for Girard. I'll see you all there.

ber, May is the month of Mary, the mother of God. If you haven't done anything so far in the way of special devotion, just try to repeat that short ejaculation that means so much. At work or at play, it need but take a minute.

A group of children will receive Holy Communion tomorrow morning at the 8:00 Mass for the first time in their young lives. May it always be a remembrance to them of a sweet and pure joy, ever to be treasured in their hearts.

The Holy Name Juniors held their regular monthly meetings last Thursday evening. Report of the meeting was too late for publication—results next week. It is very clear that the Holy Name is not getting the co-operation it is entitled to from the younger group of this parish. The number of members is entirely out of proportion with the size of this parish—the group ought very easily to comprise 300 members. Remember, it is your duty to participate in the parish activities—make the HolyName your guide. Members will be received at every meeting.

On Friday evening, May 22, 1936, at 8:15 p. m. a movie "Tabiara" will be presented under the auspices of the Junior Holy Name Society at the Slov. Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. This is a drama of early Christianity, of the persecutions and cruelties under the Roman emperors. Many of you recall the book of the same name, used at St. Mary's School several years ago, written by Cardinal Wiseman. The movie is a graphic portrayal of the scenes in the story. There will also be an afternoon presentation at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Some pickups from hither and yon: a Latin version of an old story:

Nightibus darkibus, no lamporum,
Boyibus kissibus sweeta galorum,
Pater puellae enterum parlorum,
And kickibus boyibus exit by doorum.

If you can't get it, get Joe Zelle to give you a hand on it. . . . Bill Habjan lost one of his pipes last week, and now he hasn't felt the same since . . . heard Father Kuznik challenging everybody to a ping-pong match . . . who was that gang from our parish in the prize waltz at the SDZ Honor Guard dance . . . Father Vic will give anybody a race in that new V8—watch the Fords go by (no advt.) . . . just a reminder to Bertie that she lost that bet some time ago . . . Zee signing off—pinchhitting for F. J. Pierce who had a test the day this article was to be submitted.

All parishioners are cordially invited to the card party Sunday night, May 17th in the Church basement. This card party will be held for the benefit of singing chorus Iliria Juniors. It is arranged so you can't miss by attending—best refreshments, card playing, friends, new and old, galore, dancing to Swell (capital S, because it will be so) music. And the admission is just a quarter—two bits—25c.

Come one, come all and help our junior singers, who some day will be an honor to the parish and to our Slovenian nation.

