



MEN OF TEARRING

by Stokie Allen

*As bold and cruel a rover
as ever grasped hilt in hand.*

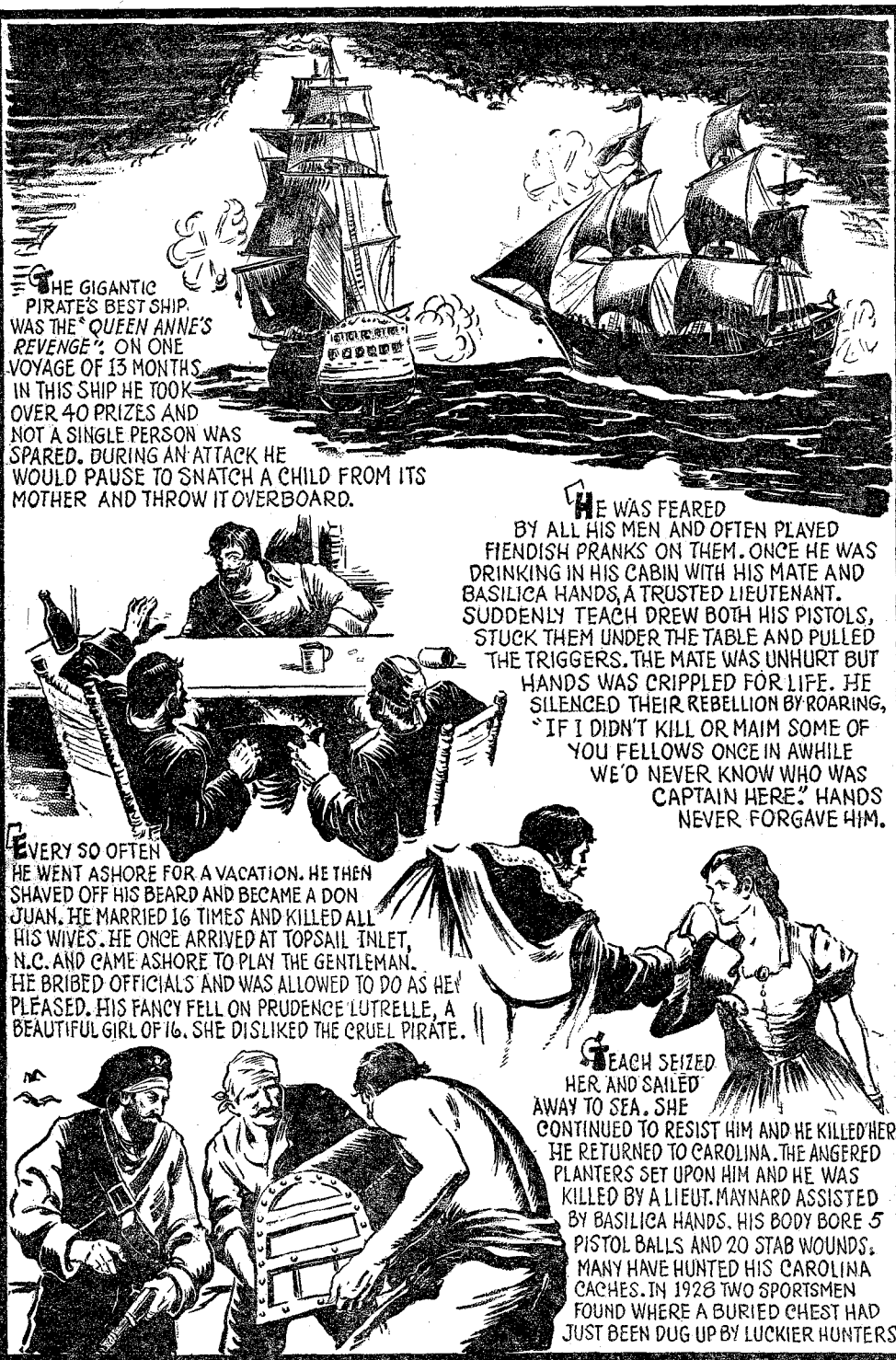
**EDWARD
TEACH**

**"THE FAMOUS
"BLACKBEARD"
WHO BURIED MORE TREASURE
THAN ANY OTHER PIRATE THAT
EVER LIVED.**

BEFORE LONG HE LED A CREW TO MUTINY AND ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS CAPTAIN. AS A PIRATE HE BECAME KNOWN AS "THE TERROR" AND NO MORE FEROCIOUS AND BRUTAL KILLER EVER LIVED. IN THE SHORT SPAN OF 3 YEARS HE BECAME THE KING OF THE PIRATE FRATERNITY.

HE WAS A GREAT SHOWMAN AND MADE UP FOR HIS ROLE AS METICULOUSLY AS AN ACTOR. WHEN AT SEA HE LET HIS BEARD GROW LONG AND SHAGGY, AND DRESSED HIMSELF TO LOOK AS FIERCE AS POSSIBLE. HE WAS 6½ FT. TALL AND WHEN LEADING HIS CUTTHROATS IN A CHARGE DOWN THE DECK OF AN UNFORTUNATE VESSEL HE WAS ENOUGH TO STRIKE TERROR IN THE STOUTEST OF HEARTS. HE WAS UNBELIEVABLY CRUEL.

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THE GIGANTIC PIRATE'S BEST SHIP. WAS THE "QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE". ON ONE VOYAGE OF 13 MONTHS IN THIS SHIP HE TOOK OVER 40 PRIZES AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON WAS SPARED. DURING AN ATTACK HE WOULD PAUSE TO SNATCH A CHILD FROM ITS MOTHER AND THROW IT OVERBOARD.

HE WAS FEARED BY ALL HIS MEN AND OFTEN PLAYED FIENDISH PRANKS ON THEM. ONCE HE WAS DRINKING IN HIS CABIN WITH HIS MATE AND BASILICA HANDS, A TRUSTED LIEUTENANT. SUDDENLY TEACH DREW BOTH HIS PISTOLS, STUCK THEM UNDER THE TABLE AND PULLED THE TRIGGERS. THE MATE WAS UNHURT BUT HANDS WAS CRIPPLED FOR LIFE. HE SILENCED THEIR REBELLION BY ROARING, "IF I DIDN'T KILL OR MAIM SOME OF YOU FELLOWS ONCE IN AWHILE WE'D NEVER KNOW WHO WAS CAPTAIN HERE." HANDS NEVER FORGAVE HIM.

EVERY SO OFTEN HE WENT ASHORE FOR A VACATION. HE THEN SHAVED OFF HIS BEARD AND BECAME A DON JUAN. HE MARRIED 16 TIMES AND KILLED ALL HIS WIVES. HE ONCE ARRIVED AT TOPSAIL INLET, N.C. AND CAME ASHORE TO PLAY THE GENTLEMAN. HE BRIBED OFFICIALS AND WAS ALLOWED TO DO AS HE PLEASED. HIS FANCY FELL ON PRUDENCE LUTRELLE, A BEAUTIFUL GIRL OF 16. SHE DISLIKED THE CRUEL PIRATE.

TEACH SEIZED HER AND SAILED AWAY TO SEA. SHE CONTINUED TO RESIST HIM AND HE KILLED HER. HE RETURNED TO CAROLINA. THE ANGERED PLANTERS SET UPON HIM AND HE WAS KILLED BY A LIEUT. MAYNARD ASSISTED BY BASILICA HANDS. HIS BODY BORE 5 PISTOL BALLS AND 20 STAB WOUNDS. MANY HAVE HUNTED HIS CAROLINA CACHES. IN 1928 TWO SPORTSMEN FOUND WHERE A BURIED CHEST HAD JUST BEEN DUG UP BY LUCKIER HUNTERS.

Next Week: "Black Jack" Pershing, a Born Fighter



Gene's rush was stopped

Sunken Dollars

By CAPTAIN DINGLE

Two ships circled in the wreck-strewn waters of Cape Horn, ready to fight over the secret of a sunken windjammer

LEADING UP TO THIS CONCLUDING INSTALLMENT

IT was just before the turn of the last century, before the Panama Canal had been completed and when ships rounded bleak Cape Horn, that the windjammer Godiva set out from Melbourne for England. She never reached England.

Rupert, merchant and part owner of the ship, a man who had a financial hold on Captain Larking, her master, loaded a cargo of silver dollars aboard the Godiva. He did not sail on her. Fellow plotters of his did sail on her, though, and when she reached Cape Horn she was deliberately wrecked by Purbrick, the second mate, and sank in fairly shallow water.

Many lives were lost, but Captain Larking, Purbrick, Benjamin, the steward and Mr. Jolly, the mate, got away in lifeboats. Two others aboard her saved themselves: Judy Larking, the captain's daughter, and Gene Selwyn, son of the rich Melbourne insurance man who had insured the Godiva's cargo. Gene had taken the trip as an adventure—and because Judy Larking smiled at him from the ship's rail as he was passing by.

Just before the Godiva struck, Purbrick had ordered Gene locked in the lazaret. Gene and Judy, picked up by a passing ship, go on to Judy's home in England, where Larking, Rupert and Purbrick have already gone.

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