

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

Fate of the Captain, His Wife, the Mate and Crew of the Mary Celeste.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The following circular relative to the brigantine Mary Celeste, found derelict at sea, has been issued from the Treasury Department, directed to collectors of customs and others:

You are requested to furnish this Department with any information you may be able to obtain, affording a clue which may lead to a discovery of all the facts concerning the desertion of a vessel found on the 13th of December last, in latitude 28° 20' north, and longitude 17° 51' west, derelict at sea, and which was towed into the harbor of Gibraltar by the British vessel *Del Gratia*, and there libeled by the salvors. From the log of the abandoned vessel she is supposed to be the American brigantine Mary Celeste, bound from New-York to Genoa, and it is supposed that she hailed from New-York, and that her master's name was Briggs. The circumstances of the case tend to arouse grave suspicions that the master, his wife and child, and perhaps the chief mate, were murdered in the fury of drunkenness by the crew, who had evidently obtained access to the alcohol with which the vessel was in part laden.

It is thought that the vessel was abandoned by the crew between the 25th day of November and the 5th day of December, and that they either perished at sea, or, more likely, escaped on some vessel bound for some North or South American port or the West India Islands. When discovered the derelict vessel was thoroughly sound, with the exception of the bows, which had been impaired by some sharp instrument. She was well found and provisioned, and no reason for her desertion was apparent. A sword, with the appearance of blood thereon, was on board, and marks of blood were found upon the sails. The vessel's documents and chronometer have not been found, but almost the whole of the personal effects of the master and his wife and child, and of the crew, were discovered in a good condition, and books, trinkets, gold lockets, and female wearing apparel of superior quality, were left untouched in the cabin. The log was complete to noon of the 24th of November. Many other details concerning the matter are in possession of the Department, and will be furnished on application if necessary. (Signed,)

WM. A. RICHARDSON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Reward for Perry, the Escaped Convict.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 24.—A reward of \$1,000 is offered by the Sheriff of Cayuga County, New-York, for the capture and return of Eugene Albert Perry, who effected his escape from the jail of this county on the night of the 14th inst., by knocking down and killing the jailer. Perry is described as being about thirty years of age, five feet eight inches in height, having light-brown hair, and a light mustache, which has been colored. Perry also has an India-ink band pricked on his left wrist, and a star pricked between the thumb and fore-finger of his left hand.