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PREFACE.

THE following pages are printed to preserve a record of one of the most important criminal trials ever had in the Courts of the United States. Honorable Nathan Clifford, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Honorable John Lowell, District Judge of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, presided at this trial, and decided many closely contested points of law argued in behalf of the prisoners by eminent counsel, two of whom have lately held the office of Assistant Attorney General of the United States, and in behalf of the Government by the Honorable George P. Sanger, Attorney of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, and his able assistant, Prentice Cummings. Mr. Justice Clifford's charge to the jury is very full upon the relative duties of the court and the jury in criminal causes and the law of evidence relating to confessions, and his remarks to the prisoners, Miller and Smith, on passing sentence, clearly define the safeguards which the law has provided for persons charged with crime.

A stenographic report of the trial enables me to present the evidence exactly as the several witnesses gave it. The story of the mutiny, as told by Mrs. Patterson, the captain's wife, will be long remembered by the excited crowd of spectators who thronged the court-room while she was on the witness stand. This story loses none of its interest by being reproduced in print.

JOHN G. STETSON.

Boston, Jan. 1, 1876.

The following table shows the results of the experiment on the effect of the temperature of the water on the rate of the reaction between hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide. The reaction is exothermic and the rate is measured by the volume of oxygen gas evolved in a given time.

Temperature of water (°C)	Volume of oxygen gas evolved (cm ³) in 10 minutes
10	10
20	20
30	40
40	80
50	160
60	320
70	640
80	1280
90	2560

The results show that the rate of the reaction increases rapidly with an increase in the temperature of the water. This is because the molecules of the reactants have more energy and are therefore more likely to collide with sufficient energy to overcome the activation energy barrier.

The activation energy of this reaction is approximately 50 kJ mol⁻¹. This can be determined from the Arrhenius equation, which relates the rate constant (k) to the activation energy (E_a) and the temperature (T):

$$k = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

where A is the pre-exponential factor, R is the gas constant (8.314 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹), and T is the absolute temperature in Kelvin. By plotting the natural logarithm of the rate constant (ln k) against the reciprocal of the absolute temperature (1/T), a straight line is obtained, the slope of which is equal to -E_a/R.

The following graph shows the relationship between the natural logarithm of the rate constant (ln k) and the reciprocal of the absolute temperature (1/T) for the reaction between hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide. The activation energy can be determined from the slope of the line.

The slope of the line is approximately -5000 K. Therefore, the activation energy (E_a) is approximately 50 kJ mol⁻¹.

The rate of the reaction is also affected by the concentration of the reactants. The rate is directly proportional to the concentration of hydrogen peroxide and the concentration of potassium iodide.

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Circuit Court of the United States,

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE JEFFERSON BORDEN MUTINY.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GEORGE MILLER,

v.

JOHN GLEW,

WILLIAM SMITH.

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.

INDICTMENT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

At a Circuit Court of the United States of America, for the District of Massachusetts, begun and holden at Boston, within and for said district, on the fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five,

The JURORS for the United States of America, within and for the District of Massachusetts, upon their oath, present :

That heretofore, to wit, on the twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, George Miller, John Glew and William Smith, otherwise called Ephraim Clark, mariners, in and on board of a certain American vessel, to wit, the schooner called the

"Jefferson Borden," then and there owned by and belonging to George G. Towne, Asa F. Tift, Charles Tift and William M. Patterson, all then and now citizens of the United States of America, on the high seas, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the said United States, and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State thereof, with force and arms, piratically, feloniously, wilfully and of their malice aforethought, upon one Corydon Trask Patterson, in the peace of the said United States then and there being, an assault did make, and that the said Miller, then and there with a certain piece of iron, piratically, feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did strike the said Corydon in and upon the head of the said Corydon, thereby giving to the said Corydon, and upon the head of the said Corydon, with said piece of iron, and by said striking with said piece of iron, one mortal wound, — a more particular description of which wound is to your said jurors unknown, — of which said wound said Corydon did then and there instantly die; and that said Glew and said William Smith, otherwise called Ephraim Clark, then and there knowingly, piratically, feloniously, wilfully and of their malice aforethought, were present, aiding and abetting the said Miller, the said piracy, felony and murder, in manner and form aforesaid, to do, commit and perpetrate; and so the jurors aforesaid, on their oath aforesaid, do say and present that the said George Miller, the said John Glew and the said William Smith, otherwise called Ephraim Clark, piratically, feloniously, wilfully and of their malice aforethought, him the said Corydon Trask Patterson then and there, in manner and form aforesaid, did kill and murder; against the peace and dignity of the said United States, and contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

And the jurors aforesaid, on their oath aforesaid, do further present that heretofore, to wit, on the twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, George Miller, John Glew and William Smith, otherwise called Ephraim Clark, mariners, in and on board of a certain American vessel, to wit, the schooner called the