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TITLE.:- BLUE ENSIGN.

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Picture.:- They hated the idea of being out of work, so they clubbed together and bought the gallant little "Myorie R. Kirby".

She will run cargo, and, it is hoped, provide a respectable living to her owning syndicate, --

--five British ex-naval officers. Hard work holds no terrors for these staunch men of the sea, who unload their vessel as to the manner born.

Their plant is only of one-horse-power, but they manage quite well with it. Marvellous what you can do,--

--when you set your heart and mind to a thing ! One of the distinctive --

--features of the ship is the figurehead on her bow - a Victorian gentleman, complete with mutton chop whiskers.

Their own flag bears the letters X.N.O - ex-Naval-Officers. She will also fly the Blue Ensign because of that fact.

Here they are ! From the left - Stepleton, Webb, Milburn, With and Skinner. Just a happy family of good fellows, determined not to be "sat-upon" by adversity. Jolly good luck to every one of you, boys ! And "goodluck" to the "M.R. Kirby", too !