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A South-Sea Islander.

dearly selling their lives on the beach. For every white man that fell, six of the misguided natives were slain. The savages shrank back with amazement, as the undaunted mariners mowed down their ranks, and opened a spacious path through the crowd.

By this time the approaching boat had reached the edge of the shore. Guns were fired at the savages, and the little band on the beach now reduced to seven in number, made a successful retreat to the boat. Her progress through the waters was slow, and the canoes of the natives gained upon her very fast. But the cannons of the Antarctic soon swept them from the face of the wa-

ters, and the remainder of the unfortunate crew reached the vessel in safety. A favorable breeze sprung up soon after, and the Antarctic quitted the Massacre Islands.

After a few months, Captain Morrell made a second visit to these islands. He arrived there on the 14th of September, and the natives immediately commenced a furious attack upon the vessel. They advanced in their canoes, and sent a shower of arrows from their bows. Captain Morrell now gave the word to his men to fire. For ten minutes nothing was heard but a loud roar of cannon. The savages were driven in alarm to the shore.