



English and French forces burning down storerooms and barracks in Kotkan saari on June 20, 1855. Tone lithograph according to Commander Henry B. King. From the series King, Gulf of Finland, London 1856. National Board of Antiquities.

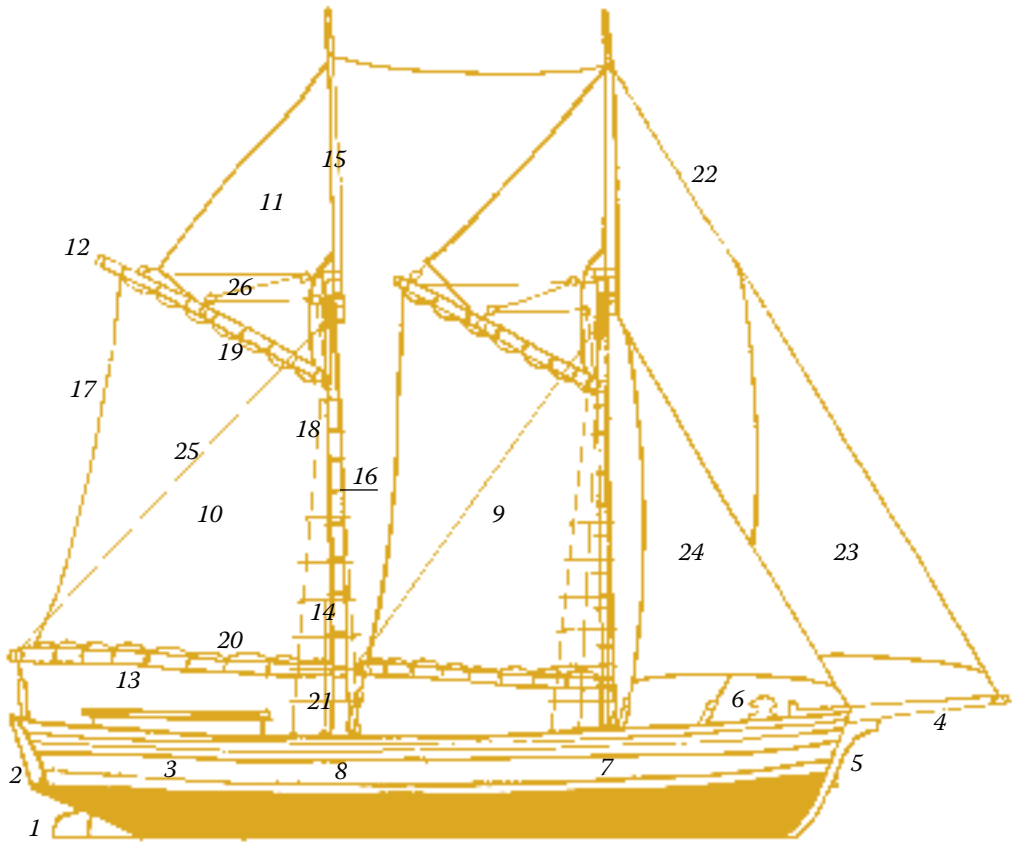
77 vessels of the Western powers began bombarding Viapori off the coast of Helsinki on August 9, 1855. The bombarding carried on for two days, during which about fifty defenders of the fortress were killed. Even after this, the enemy tried to attack Vaasa and Kokkola without any real success.

During September of the same year, the war was settled when the Russians lost Sevastopol in Crimea after almost a year of siege. The peace treaty was signed in Paris in March, 1856. The Black Sea area was calmed down and Turkey was given control over the Bosphorus. At the same time the demilitarization of the Åland Islands was agreed upon.

The outcome of the war was gloomy in Finland. 43 per cent of our merchant fleet had been destroyed, altogether 235 vessels. 60 per cent of



Sailor's outfit as described on page 64. Sources: several nineteenth century newspaper illustrations and paintings.



1 rudder and rudder post, 2 transom, 3 cabin, 4 bowsprit or boltprit, sometimes called puksprööti in Finnish, 5 prow, 6 capstan, 7 fore mast, 8 mizzen mast, 9 main sail, 10 mizzen sail, 11 top sail, 12 top gaff, 13 boom, 14 lower mast, 15 top mast, 16 hanks, 17 leech (horsehair ropes were sewn inside the edges of sails), 18 luff, 19 head, 20 foot, 21 shrouds supporting masts (see image on page 84), 22 stay, 23 jib, 24 stay sail i.e. second jib, 25 line i.e. rope supporting the boom, 26 tackle systems made of combinations of blocks and ropes.

Jähti - Sailing Ship of the North.

Sources: photographs, paintings, Komu: Kun vielä jäheillä seelattiin, Lahti 1999.



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*A jähti ship in Oulu harbour around the year 1898.
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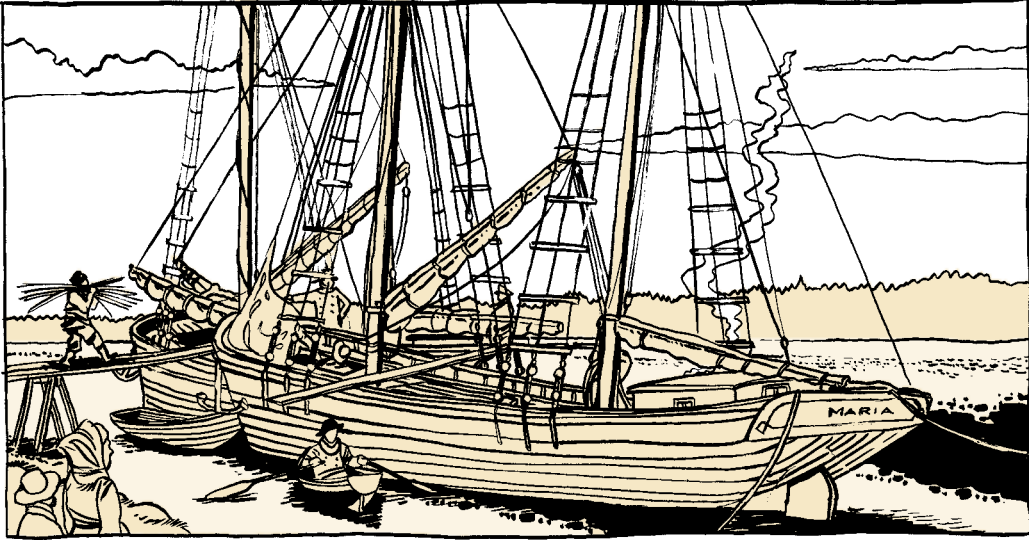
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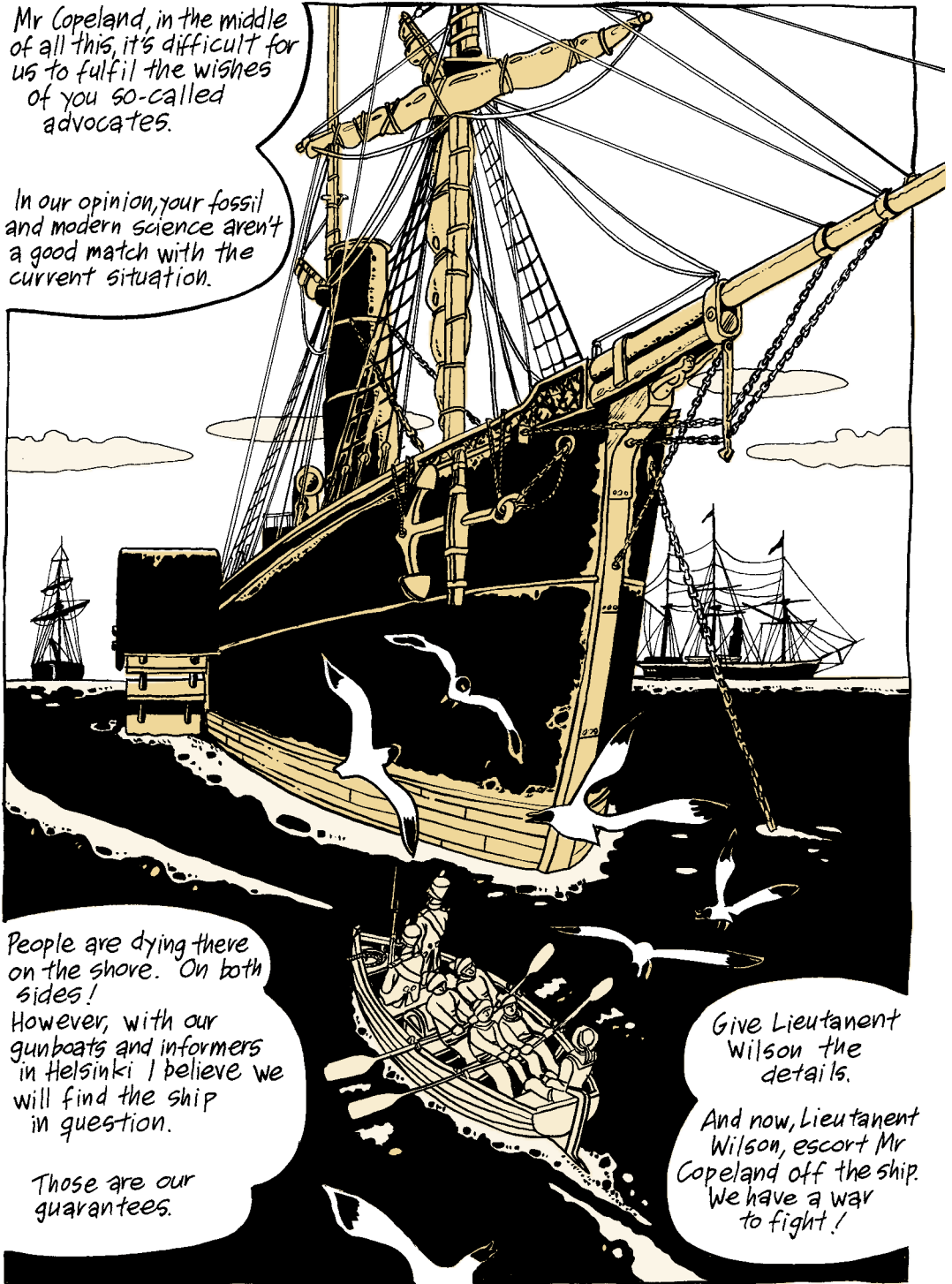


Kuivaniemi, Grand Duchy of Finland, May 1854.



Mr Copeland, in the middle of all this, it's difficult for us to fulfil the wishes of you so-called advocates.

In our opinion, your fossil and modern science aren't a good match with the current situation.



People are dying there on the shore. On both sides!

However, with our gunboats and informers in Helsinki I believe we will find the ship in question.

Those are our guarantees.

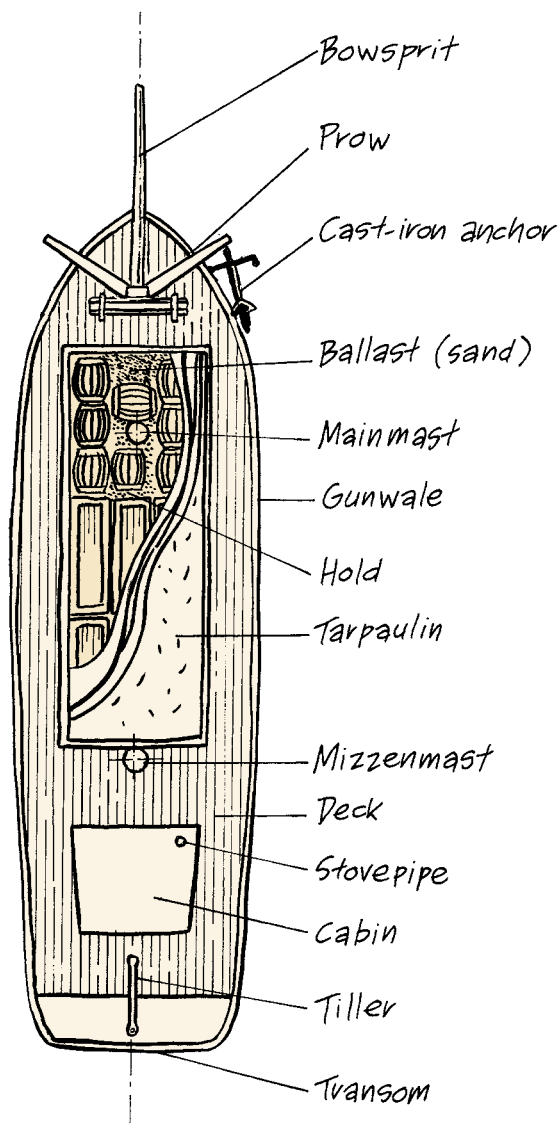
Give Lieutenant Wilson the details.

And now, Lieutenant Wilson, escort Mr Copeland off the ship. We have a war to fight!

Vähti HERTTA

Owner: Henrikki Wanha
 Home Port: Kuivaniemi
 Year of Building: 1847
 Type: Half-Decked

Length: 15,7 metres
 Width: 4,6 metres
 Draught: 0,9 m
 Tonnage: 14,92 Swedish
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Crew of Hertta, seven-year-old ship of many past voyages, consists of the experienced jähti captain and the owner of the ship Henrikki (Old Man) Wanha and his son, Johan Wanha, whose first voyage this is, as the deck hand.



