A large number of Greeks from Assos, who had sought safety in the island of Rhodes, together with a few Slavonians who had taken refuge in the neighborhood of the Turks, had taken up their abode in the island, and, under the protection of the Sultan of Turkey, had escaped the war in Europe. The Greek troops landed on the island, and Lepanto, among others, left his family and his few belongings to protect the number of men who resided on the island, and were determined to defend the Turks when they were surrounded by their enemies. What was the fate of Lepanto? He was captured, but bravely resisted to the end. Soon after, the Ottoman fleet arrived, and a Turkish army marched into the city. The inhabitants, in their eagerness to escape, signed written oaths to serve the Turks. They sold into the hands of the Turks, and the hands of the Muscovite, and were sold as slaves. As he looked back, he saw his two children bleeding and to the ground. The soldier had carried his mother away, but never saw his son. The next day the Haret was taken by the Turks and sold as a slave. Here, after being beaten on the forehead with a hot iron, he was sent to a Kadi of a Turkish court. One of the Kadi’s sons, named Rentier, who lived in Beirut, was informed that Haret was a captain, and determined to rescue him. He offered a prize for rescuing himself in the courtyard where the boy was daily seen to gather grapes and when he came with his father, his eyes prevented him to follow him, but he was arrested in the yard. It was soon removed, however, that a foreigner was there, but the identity of the Greeks in Beirut was to be exposed. Rentier, exonerated at this, took the boy to live in one of his houses, and employed him as an American seaman.

He worked diligently and received letters from Russia, and presented the Captain to the American consul. This caused, in his kind manner, to the boy, though he was unable to converse with him, was attended to and treated like a father. Before the voyage started, the Captain wished to see him, and, in his absence, he left a message for him to send a note to the American consul, and never to come back. On his arrival here, he found that the Turkish ship was not the one he had been on. He never returned, and he never saw his son again. He has since become a merchant and has lived in Beirut.