

# The Times' Daily Short Story.

## THE MISSING ENGINEER

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There had been trouble in the village to the west of Gwallor for many weeks, but more particularly at Ardme. Once in every five years the government of India has a survey of all public land which is tillable and then names a sum for the rent and another for the taxes.

It was claimed that on the last survey made the civil engineer for that district had shown great partiality, and at Ardme the owner of a plot of ground affirmed that a portion of it had been taken away from him and rented out.

There are always disputes and complaints after every survey, and for a long time the commissioner at Gwallor refused to be disturbed. However, after two or three riots, in which several people were killed, he felt compelled to do something, and the engineer was sent down to Ardme to see whether any mistakes had been made, with a view to doing justice.

The man was a hard headed, obstinate Scotchman, and when a surveyor showed him that he had made errors on the previous one he hung out about correcting them.

This was particularly the case where a strip of ground had been taken from the owner. Only a portion of the plot of twenty acres was tillable. About fifteen acres were covered with the ruins of an old temple. The strip was taken from these ruins, and the owner, whose age no one knew, complained.

"These stones are holy relics. Here was once the greatest temple in all India. It was built a thousand years before I saw the light, and it was in ruins when my great-great-grandfather was a child."

"My ancestors took a vow when they bought the land to preserve the ruins, and that vow has come down to me and will descend to my children."

"Can I keep my vow if the government takes away a portion of it? It has done that, and he who rented is preparing his seeds for the few bare spots. I will have my own or I will fight in the courts."

The obstinate engineer didn't want the matter to go to court, and he didn't want to alter his survey. Here was an old man and a fanatic who had been despoiled and was making threats, but the engineer remembered that he had cowed others, and he said to him:

"Cease to cry out. The survey is right, but I will give you an equal strip on the other side. Should you make further complaint I will take the whole away from you. Who are you that you should shout at the top of your voice?"

"I am who I am," replied the old man, "and I demand justice. Here is my deed, and I want my land."

The engineer made further threats.

and the fanatic stuck to his point, and as a result he was arrested as a disorderly person and thrown into jail. When looked up he appeared to be cowed, and after a few hours he sent for the engineer and said:

"Sahib, I denied your survey, and I was wrong to do so. I spoke to you as I should not, and I am sorry for it. I will make you no more trouble."

"I thought you would come to your senses," sneered the other. "In the morning you will be let go, but let me hear no more of your prattle. I believe that I shall recommend to the commissioner that your ruins be taken to build culverts and bridges along the line of the new railroad. The blocks of stone are good for naught else. Yes, I think I will do so."

"But before you do that let me tell you a secret. It has been a secret since the great mutiny."

The engineer sniffed concealed treasure and cocked up his ears.

"Will the sahib be fair with me? Will he take only half?"

"Is it treasure?"

"It is treasure," whispered the old man—"a great treasure. It was placed in my hands by a great rajah when he had war. I have guarded it for forty years. I alone have any claim to it now. I was keeping it for my children, as I am old and must die soon, but if the sahib will leave the rest of the ruins alone I will tell him the secret. You are to have half, but only half. Do you give me your word?"

"Of course I do," replied the engineer. "I will take half and say nothing, and the ruins shall remain."

Next morning the old man was set at liberty, and at midnight of that night he accompanied the engineer to the ruins. They carried spade and crowbar, and at a certain spot the dirt was cleared away and a flat stone exposed.

It took the strength of the two men to pry up this slab and expose a vault beneath, and as the cover stood on end the Hindoo whispered:

"The sahib has only to drop down and light his lantern and handle the treasure. Remember, only half."

"Only half," replied the engineer as he dropped into the treasure house.

He had just struck a match to light his lantern when the heavy slab fell into place, and ten minutes later it was covered a foot deep with dirt and the Hindoo was treading it down with his feet.

Next day the villagers waited for the engineer. The next day after that the commissioner at Gwallor waited for him. No one had seen him since that evening.

There were no robbers to waylay him, no tigers to carry him off. They searched the fields and dragged the pools, but found no trace. It was months before they gave up, and only one man knew.

"It is queer where the sahib went to," he musingly said, "but he should not have made a mistake in his survey. The spirit of the ruins must have been angered with him."

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## THE REBELS GROW BOLDER

Macedonians Threaten Town Sixty Miles From Constantinople.

### INHABITANTS TAKE FLIGHT

Christians, Greeks and Mussulmans Leave Neighborhood of Midia, Fearing Massacre—Lighthouse in Inada Bay Abandoned.

Constantinople, Aug. 25.—According to Turkish advices, when the insurgents captured Vasiliko, in the eastern part of the vilayet of Adrianople, they killed the garrison, consisting of fifty soldiers, and about 100 of the inhabitants.

The insurgents are now threatening Midia, sixty miles northeast of Constantinople, on the Black sea, and are reported also to be attacking the important town of Kiri-Kilisseh, thirty-two miles from Adrianople. Christian, Greek and Mussulman refugees have arrived at the mouth of the Bosphorus from the neighborhood of Midia, fearing a massacre. They have been sheltered in the lazaretto at Anadolli-Kavak and are being fed by the authorities.

The lighthouse at Kuru-Burun, in Inada bay, is not working. It has been abandoned by its keepers on account of the nearness of the insurgents.

The Italian embassy has notified the porte that it will hold the porte responsible for any injury which may be done to the consul of Italy at Monastir and demands the punishment of those who insulted the consul recently by calling him a ghour (infidel).

### RUMORS OF MASSACRE

Turkish Atrocities Reported in Florida and Monastir.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 25.—The Turks are reported to have massacred all the women and children in twenty-two villages of the districts of Florida and Monastir and to have burned the villages. They are also alleged to have killed a number of prisoners.

The streets of Krushovo are said to be strewn with dead, and the survivors are afraid to bury the bodies.

Following the proclamation of the revolution throughout the vilayet of Adrianople the insurgents cut all the telegraph lines connecting the city of Adrianople with the eastern parts of the vilayet.

There are unconfirmed rumors here that fighting and massacres are proceeding in the streets of Adrianople.

Reports from Monastir, authenticated by the Russian and Austrian consuls, give horrifying details of the massacres and atrocities. At the village of Arsenko the Turks destroyed 150 houses out of a total of 157 and massacred every man, woman and child.

The women were subjected to the most terrible atrocities by the soldiers. Eighty revolutionaries, captured at Krushovo, who were sent in the direction of Monastir in chains, were slaughtered by their guards.

The sanitary conditions of Krushovo are described as revolting. The dead are lying in the streets, stripped of every garment, the Turks even taking the vestments off the body of a priest.

Russia Recalls Warships. St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The Russian Black sea squadron, which was ordered to Turkish waters and which arrived at Inada, eastern European Turkey, on Aug. 19, to support Russia's demands on the sultan growing out of the assassination of M. Rostkowski, the Russian consul at Monastir, has sailed for Sevastopol, the squadron's point of departure.

Turkish Town Attacked. Vienna, Aug. 25.—The Neue Freie Presse's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that a band of Bulgarians has attacked the Turkish town of Urgas, south of Inada, on the east coast of Turkey, and has blown up the government building with dynamite. It is reported that 200 persons were killed.

Murdered His Rival. Chicago, Aug. 25.—Meeting his rival in front of the home of Miss Lottie Hallock, to whom both had been paying attention, Joseph Jacobs shot and fatally wounded Charles A. Basler. The bullet was fired from Jacobs' revolver, which he had loaned to Miss Hallock. Jacobs demanded the revolver from Basler and it was turned over by Basler. On receiving the weapon Jacobs shot his rival and escaped.

Death of Prominent Politician. Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Aug. 25.—William H. Ludue is dead at his home in Cold Spring, N. Y., the victim of a runaway accident in which he was thrown into a culvert. In 1899 Ludue was the Democratic member of the state assembly. He was prominent in banking, fraternal and municipal matters in Cold Spring.

Assigned by Mistake. New York, Aug. 25.—Owing to a misunderstanding papers were filed in the county clerk's office announcing the temporary assignment of Edgar C. Jurgensen of the New York Stock Exchange. An hour later the papers were withdrawn and the assignment canceled. At Mr. Jurgensen's office, 20 Broad street, it was said the papers had been filed by mistake.

Car Will Visit Vienna. Vienna, Aug. 25.—It is announced that it is definitely settled that the czar will pay a five days' visit to Emperor Francis Joseph here at the end of September. Foreign Minister Lamdorff will accompany the czar.

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TO SUCCEED VAUGHAN.

Congregation of the Propaganda Chooses Bishop of Southwark.

Rome, Aug. 25.—The congregation of the propaganda met under the direction of Cardinal Gotti, the prefect. After some discussion it was decided to propose to Pope Pius that he appoint the Right Rev. Francis Bourne, bishop of Southwark, England, as archbishop of Westminster in succession to the late Archbishop Vaughan.

The decision of the congregation of the propaganda to propose to the pope the appointment of Bishop Bourne of Southwark to the archbishopric of Westminster somewhat surprised the English Roman Catholics. He was the third choice of the bishops, who only nominated him by a majority of one vote.

Since he became bishop of Southwark Mr. Bourne had been energetic, but he was considered arbitrary, especially in regard to the finances of the diocese. On one occasion he publicly declared he was accountable therefore "only to God and the pope."

The pope received in private farewell audience the Right Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick, recently appointed bishop of Cebu, Philippine Islands.

New Bishop Off to Manila. Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—Right Rev. Dr. Denis J. Dougherty, recently ordained bishop of Nueva Sagoria, Philippine Islands, has left this city for San Francisco, where he will embark for his post. The bishop takes with him to the Philippines the Rev. Dr. McGinley, professor of dogmatic theology at the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, this city; the Rev. James J. Carroll, professor of moral theology at the same institution, and the Rev. James McCleeky of this city and the Rev. Edgar Cooke of Phenixville.

OLDEST WOMAN DEAD. At Age of 114 She Was in Perfect Condition of Health.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says: "Widow Victor Marie Deransbourg, colored, supposed to have reached the age of 114 years, is dead at her home here."

"According to statements made by members of the family the woman was born in the year 1789 in St. Charles parish and was the property of Pierre Larlo, a rich planter, who afterward removed to the lower coast of Algiers."

"The woman was a slave until 1852, when she was purchased from the Larlo family by her husband, Victor Deransbourg, with nine children."

"All told, deceased has given birth to twenty-two children, of which number nine survive, the eldest being sixty-nine years old and the youngest forty-seven years. Her husband died twenty years ago."

"The woman had never known any severe illness and had only been confined to her bed two weeks before her death. Prior to this event she was perfectly sound and could move about without assistance. Her hearing and sight were almost perfect."

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## BAD WRECK IN WISCONSIN.

Thirty Passengers Hurt, Some Fatally, and One Killed.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Aug. 25.—The Chicago and Northwestern passenger train from Chicago has been wrecked near Eden, three miles south of here. George W. Zulike of Fond du Lac was killed. Conductor Moy of Chicago and thirty passengers were injured. The entire train, express car, baggage car, two coaches and three sleepers, was thrown down a twenty foot embankment.

The injured passengers suffered from contusions, abrasions and lacerations, and it is believed none of them will die. They were conveyed to a nearby farmhouse, where physicians from this city, who were sent to the scene in carriages immediately upon the receipt of the news of the accident, attended to their wounds.

Later all the wounded were brought to this city.

Escaped From Mattawan Hospital. Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Wardach Fartenski, aged fifty years a Russian, escaped from Mattawan State hospital Saturday night or early Sunday morning. He was in the infirmary tent when he made the break for liberty. He went away in his stocking feet, and on the Livingston farm, adjoining the hospital grounds, he stole a pair of overalls. A thorough search is being made.

Another Folsom Refugee Caught. Reno, Nev., Aug. 25.—Joseph Murphy, one of the convicts who escaped from Folsom prison some time ago, has been captured here. Convict Frank Miller was with Murphy at the time, but jumped off the sidewalk into the willows. Several shots were fired at him, but he escaped in the darkness. A large posse is on the trail of Miller, and his capture is expected soon.

Fourth Class Postmasters Appointed. Washington, Aug. 25.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed:

Pennsylvania—William F. May, Dardburg; William Grant Wilson, Ledger; Warren C. Swartz, Shelby.

Chinese Can Buy Arms. Berlin, Aug. 25.—An Imperial Decree just issued removes the prohibition on the export of arms and ammunition to China.

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