

A Crazy Engineer.

The following extract is from the log book of a Mississippi river steamboatman:

During the late war I was engaged as an engineer on board a government transport. At the memorable siege of Vicksburg my boat was ordered there with a load of troops. On the 4th of July the city of Vicksburg was surrendered. A few days before the fall of Vicksburg I was ordered from one of the sidewheel transports on to a large sternwheeler, then undergoing repairs at Mound City. Immediately on taking charge of the new boat I was ordered to raise steam, and when we were all ready orders came to back out. We were under sealed orders, which on being opened, proved to be instructions for us to go to Vicksburg, and there take on 300 wounded soldiers and transfer them to Louisville. Our down trip was unattended by anything more than a stray shot now and then from the guerillas in the thicket. Our crew consisted of a full complement of officers, fifteen men on deck, and 100 soldiers as a consort to guard us against an attack from the enemy. When we were safely moored at Vicksburg carpenters were set to work converting the boat into a hospital. All things being ready we backed out with our 300 Confederate soldiers, that were being taken to a Northern hospital. Our voyage was unusually quiet, the woods seemed less dangerous than at any time since the war, no shots having been fired at us since our downward trip. We were at the foot of Island Thirty-seven when the incident occurred that prompted me to write this sketch, an incident that caused my blood to almost freeze in my veins as my fancy wanders back to the time when I saw death staring me in the face and me powerless to avoid it. I came on duty at 2 o'clock at night, and as I walked down the guard a feeling of indescribable loneliness seemed to seize my fancy, and in spite of all my efforts to throw it off it seemed to increase as I neared the engine room. I entered the engine room, and, as far as I could see, everything was in good order, and my partner was in splendid spirits and jokingly said: "Don't blow her up with all these people on board."

I was at that time an old and experienced engineer, with an established reputation for skill, and the strange admonition rather confused me. I felt sure the same feeling had taken possession of my partner that haunted me; however, I made no response, but proceeded to inspect the machinery, as was my custom. I might have been an hour looking round, when looking up I saw a wild looking man appear in the engine-room door, wearing a uniform of the Confederate army. I paid no attention to him, but went on with my duty. Presently I thought I heard some one slipping up to me. I turned my head and saw the man standing near me with an iron wrench raised over my head. I raised my hand to ward off the blow, but too late; only a dull dizziness and I knew no more.

When I came to I saw a light that almost paralyzed me; there I was, bound and gagged, while the man that struck me was watching the steam gauge with eagerness, and which already indicated a pressure of 175 pounds. The "doctor" was stopped. As I opened my eyes they caught the eye of the soldier, who, with a maniacal laugh, said: "There's a boat after us, and I'm going to keep ahead of her. This boat don't make steam easy, so I thought I would stop the 'doctor,'" and he laughed again at his own perspicuity. Great heavens! was it true that I was bound by a madman, who imagined he was racing with another steamboat, and was raising more steam in order to win the race? I knew that in a few moments a horrible explosion must inevitably follow and hundreds of people probably be killed. What if he should happen to change his fancy and start the "doctor?" Steam increased until it indicated 210 pounds. I held my breath and closed my eyes. Eagerly the mad soldier watched the increase of steam, and, with a fiendish look, said, "I guess I'll start for the 'doctors.'" I saw him put his hand on the throttle valve, saw the 'doctor' start with a thump that shook the whole boat, and for several seconds the doctor run, but was not throwing any water. I held my breath, expecting to be hurled into eternity, and when I saw the engineer enter the door. At a glance he saw it all, and with a wall directed blow felled the maniac to the floor. Instant orders to haul fires saved us; and many a prayer was offered up for our safe deliverance. The man that came so near blowing up the boat had once been a steamboat engineer, but, going into the army, received a wound on the head from which he lost his reason. On this night he had escaped from his guard.

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