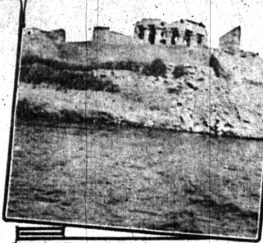


ON THE BORDER

By WALLACE N. STEARNS

How would you like to be brought to light 2,000 years after you had been buried and to have the story of your life told again from what was found in your grave? Probably not a thinkable could be gathered together, not a shred, not even a nail or metal scrap. Yet from the old cemetery of Egypt the story of an extinct civilization is being wrought out anew. Kings and princes long since forgotten, arts long since lost, an almost endless panorama of a life that was hoary with age centuries before Homer sang. Solomon sat in judgment, while Europe was still the haunt of scrofulous savages.

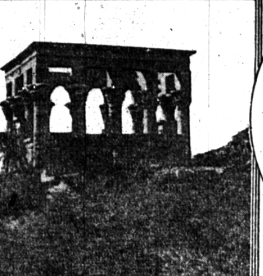


RUINS OF ANCIENT CITY

and before England had been snatched from the continent by the arms of the sea. Think of the rubbish heaps of these ancient cities being dug up and of there being sifted out from the debris the story of the daily life of people 3,000 and even 6,000 years gone by. Think of a bundle of letters 3,000 years old that re-echoed in the palace corridors the story of Palestine when the patriarchs were still alive. Think of digging from the ruins of an ancient metropolis the records of 7,000 years.

The Egyptians were a people of great deeds, of incredible achievements. Their first great structures, the pyramids, surmounting in magnitude the works of modern times. Khufu's pyramid covered thirteen acres and was 400 feet high. Seven hundred and fifty square feet—more than a seventh of a mile. Over 400,000 cubic feet of material quarried out, dragged to the Nile, floated down the stream, dragged up to the desert, and piled into place. How they did it engineers are still puzzled to know. So closely were these stones fitted together that in the outside courses, which now are in place only at the base, beneath the sand, the lines were scarcely visible and must be outlined with charcoal to be photographed.

Scarcely less wonderful were the temples of the obelisk flanks. The gateway at Luxor was 100 feet wide and 40 feet high, and was flanked by obelisks 2 1/2 feet high. Before the temple at Thebes stood a 90-foot statue of the king. Leading from Luxor to Karnak was a great avenue more than a mile and a quarter long, 80 feet wide, and flanked on either side the entire distance by colossal sphinxes. In the great Hall of Columns at Karnak stand 12 columns 25 feet in circumference and 60 feet high. Flanking these are 122 columns 27 feet in girth and 40 feet high. Crowding these are hundreds of architects. Here stood huge obelisks 30 and 22 feet high, one obelisk weighed a thousand tons. In the city were 14 of these huge monoliths. More than 2,000 years ago the genius of man carved these cyclopean blocks from the rock, transported them for miles down stream and across country, and finally lifted them onto high walls or set them up on end, an enigma to modern engineers.



PYRAMID AND SPHINX

Such stupendous undertakings called for equipment on a considerable scale. By the courtesy of Sir Gaston Maspero, the government has loaned to the Fund a light railway with equipment. Work must be rapid. December 1 to April 1 marks the working year. Every moment is precious. Every ear must count. Every shovelful of earth must be carefully sifted where there is a possibility of a find. Even a basket of earth is sometimes pressed into use. As soon as some apparently valuable piece of looted workmen are called off, experts are sent in, every man is on guard, carefully every inch of soil is watched as the baskets of earth are removed. Every fragment must be saved and laid away until everything has been recovered. Think of the disappointment when a magnificent statue comes out, for example. Think of the conjectures as to the whereabouts of the missing piece and the future when, perhaps weeks afterward, the lost is found. There is an air of hushed expectancy, a suppressed excitement hovering over, that keeps men up under the most tense strain under which the work is of necessity conducted.

America has joined hands with the old world in presenting the work. An American professor, Dr. Whittemore, is now with the staff in Luxor. An American secretary, Mrs. Marie N. Burton, has been assigned to the direction of the American office, located in Tremont temple, Boston. Wonderful are the results attained. Every student of history and literature, every student of the Bible is vitally concerned in the confirmations yearly coming to light from the sands of Egypt.

There is need of haste. To extend the arable district of Egypt is an economic necessity. Accordingly, the British government has erected at Assuan a great dam, whose 95-foot head has sent the waters of the Nile back over great areas of hitherto dry ground. Already a dozen great temples have been flooded, and one long will be forever lost to sight. Already beautiful Philae, at the head of the first cataract, is gone. The soil is becoming infertile, and the stores of treasures, especially the papyrus manuscripts, are being ruined even before the waters cover the ground above.

SCENE ON THE Nile

Not only are there such outward evidences of Egypt's wealth. From the burials come the very objects with which the people were wont to surround themselves. The tombs of the kings have given us the grave of Ioua and Toua with its chariot, funeral sledges, mummy, chairs, beds, and jewel box—all gilded and paneled, alabaster vases, and ladies still stored with food. Even the feather cushions have been preserved these 2,000 years.

The excavations of 1906 brought to light the wonderful Harbor shrine with its statue of Egypt's cow-goddess, pinnacled and crowned with the lunar disk, trailing lotus blossoms from her splendid head and with the stars of heaven gleaming along her form. Beneath her knees the lotus petals, and beneath her feet, before her stands the dead king whom she protects.

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FEDERALS ATTACK AGUA PRIETA, BUT ARE DRIVEN BACK AFTER 4 HOURS' BATTLE.

HAIL OF MACHINE GUN BULLETS FELL WITHIN THE CONFINES DOUGLAS, ARIZ.

United States Troops Guard Border and Hold American Spectators Back While Battle is in Progress.

The long expected attack of the Mexican federal troops on Agua Prieta opened in deadly earnest at 6:30. The fighting was the fiercest on either side. The rattle of musketry was continuous. The hail of bullets from the federal machine guns fell within the confines of the city of Douglas. Both sides exhibited desperate courage. The federal forces, by massing themselves to the southeast of the town and moved slowly within rifle range of the rebel position.

The insurgents facing in three directions, lay low in the trenches and waited for the attack. The federal fire raked over them and into both Agua Prieta and Douglas. It was evident from the outset that the casualties on both sides were destined to be very heavy.

Rebels Riding With Bullets.

The federal and carried missiles from the federal guns leap far over the international line and pelted their way into the buildings of Douglas. The federal fire raked over them and into both Agua Prieta and Douglas. It was evident from the outset that the casualties on both sides were destined to be very heavy.

The cavalry dropped back slowly and the federal troops, with an evident intention of gaining the border in order to attack the rebel position, which had been established at the water hole five miles south of Agua Prieta. They marched slowly to a point southeast of Agua Prieta, with an evident intention of gaining the border in order to attack the rebel position, which had been established at the water hole five miles south of Agua Prieta.

Federals Stand Galling Fire.

With the first calling fire from the rebel position, the federal troops were seen to waver momentarily, but the movement was quickly checked. For four minutes the federal troops held their respective positions while the deadly fire continued. This minute after the other abandoned their positions and fell back to the barracks toward Agua Prieta. The federal advance was slow and in open order, with almost continuous firing. The rebels with great skill continued over the range of the line.

While the rebels were falling back to the second row of entrenchments they fought boldly in the open. They were seen to stop and to fire at the advancing national line and the final attack.

The backward movement of the rebels toward Agua Prieta, however, was steady. Many had fallen on both sides.

Kill Machine Gun Men.

At 7 o'clock a motor car carrying U. S. Marshal Overlock, U. S. Secret Service Agent Thompson and the Associated Press correspondent, passed through the guard line on the American side to the international line. The hail of bullets at this moment drove the party to the shelter of the U. S. customs house, but the building was in direct line with the fire being from the southeast. The motor car was hit by a bullet. Others dug up the ground on all sides and there was a continuous whizz of bullets overhead. It was considered too dangerous a post and the observer party retired across the line to Four corners.

Suddenly, as for some unexplained reason, the federal machine guns were ordered to stop firing. However, kept up without intermission. It was apparent that the rebel sharpshooters were concentrating fire on the machine gun operators and were slowly picking them off. Time and again the same appeared to be unannounced.

Federals Drive Back.

The fire from the rebel trenches had its effect on the right wing of the federal force and these nationals were driven back. In falling back, however, they swung around to the east and north far enough to come into contact with the rebels lying in the trenches which had been dug to prevent a left flank movement.

Here a heavy body of rebels was posted to prevent the federal advance. The rebels fired the line of machine bullets sped across the line into the trenches of Douglas and into two school buildings.

As the federal fell back, "Red" Jones, the rebel commander in chief, pushed forward his men and, with others coming up to support them, continued to engage the retreating federal right wing. The firing grew fiercer as the federal retired on this quarter.

Following this the fire slackened to the southeast and it became apparent that the attack of the federal force had been a failure. As far as could be learned the federal had about 1,000 men killed, including 200 cavalry, under Commandante Barran, chief of the rurales in Sonora. The rebels showed no organized organization throughout the battle.

It is stated at the foreign office that the visit of the American naval squadron to the Gulf has been arranged so that the American ships will be anchored in Kiel harbor for three days during Kiel week.

Expressing disapproval of the method used of appointing a senator, Rep. Herbert C. Wilkinson for last year's pastor of the Boston Street Methodist church, Wilkinson announced his withdrawal from the Senate nomination. He stated he has applied for ordination as a priest in the Episcopal church.

Parents and Children's Faults.

Parents ought to collaborate with teachers in helping to develop the best in their children, and consequently to eliminate the worst. Instead of this view of the matter we say Ella Wheeler Wilcox find parents taking a stand against the teacher who tries to talk to the faults of their children and discuss a remedy, and all the work which the teacher has hoped to do in character building falls to the ground under the lifted hammer of the unwise and belittling parent, who insists that my child must be without faults, and that the teacher who sees faults in an enemy, not a friend. It is seldom, indeed, that a man or a woman accusing the opinion of a teacher is prejudiced or has personal or party motives for criticizing a child.

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Opposite Methods.

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WRITTEN LAWS

There is a class of unwritten law which does not and cannot become written law, says Case and Comment, because it approaches so near the danger line that man dare not recognize it to the extent of publishing it and declaring it as a part of the positive law.

It is the unwritten law of the sea that a captain must get down with his ship. Men dare not write it into the contract, and nations dare not incorporate it in their navy or marine regulations, yet the tyrants of the sea know the law, and behave that they obey it better than they do, and there are few instances of its being disregarded.

It is the unwritten law of the army and navy that an officer shall not seek cover, or at least shall not show apprehension of danger to his person, in time of battle and in the presence of enemy or common sailors. In the Franco-Prussian war nearly four thousand officers of the German army were killed and the greater majority of them gave up their lives because they believed in this law of conduct.

In obedience to this law Farragut bound himself to the mast, Lee rode to the head of his charging column at the bloody angle, and Lawton

Traditions Which Have Almost the Force of Statutes

walked coolly in front of the line and was shot in the presence of his men.

The law of the right of revolution has been much talked about and much written about. Every citizen believes that he has the right, under certain conditions to oppose the established government of his own land and join in an effort to establish another in its place. Just prior to the outbreak of the Civil war there was much discussion in this country by learned men on either side of the right of revolution and the "higher powers" above the law.

The law justifying one person in the killing of another has required the serious consideration of every country. Every criminal code provides certain punishments for homicide, and many of them graduate the punishment with minute particularity, according to the circumstances of the killing, so that any one of six crimes may be involved in a single tragedy. Such codes also attempt to define what killing is justifiable and what is excusable, and with their interpretation by the courts attempt to describe the only conditions under which one human being can kill another.

The Hebrew code almost stands alone in its recognition of man's desire to kill and his right to have that desire and that climax of all satisfactions which comes to him who under great provocation slays another. It is not at all strange that in his tradition, and in the story of a code of unwritten as well as written law, unwritten law and always to be unwritten for the reason that the recognition given by its embodiment in the statutes would be taken as a license by dishonest men and would result in harm rather than good.

It is an unwritten law among the officers of the army that if a subordinate officer kills a superior officer he is liable for the death of the officer by striking him or by other action equally humiliating than the court-martial will not condone. This law was well known by General Nelson when he struck Lord, at Louisville, Ky. "How many men have you?"

General Davis replied, "About" giving an approximate number.

Nelson said, "You 're an army officer and say 'about.' Why don't you 'know how many men you have?'" And with that he struck Davis in the face with his glove. Davis shot and killed him, and the court-martial acquitted Davis.

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Man Whose Conscience Disturbs His Peace Writes Letter of Explanation in Third Person.

It had to see how they could have improved upon it:

Dear Thoinius (it begins): There was once an old man who had a little daughter off at school—away off, yes, it was most 300 miles; and he was so mean that he forgot to give the poor child any kind of a letter. He was, like a mouse and it kept gnawing at his bosom, until at last he fired up a check and sent it in a letter. The thought he was very easily explained. You know smoking stunts grow big boys."

A Horrible Example.

"The tallest soldier in the British army has been smoking since he was 14 years old."

The thought he was very easily explained. You know smoking stunts grow big boys."