

A Trespasser

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The snow had disappeared from the valley, hedged upon three sides by mountains, but far up in the slopes there were still great white areas of it. Grigsky worried a great deal about these snow patches. At night when the camp was still, he lay awake hour after hour considering the matter.

The New York stockholders who had sent the young mining engineer out to explore and test the mine had given him no information as to how, when or where to protect his workings.

On Tuesday of the previous week a great wedge of snow and ice had loosened from the peak, had lurched down the mountain side, gathering speed and size as it went, and had killed Jim Grady, the foreman, without even stopping to drop him after the deed was done.

"The oldest inhabitant" told Grigsky that such would probably be the programme until spring had set in thoroughly.

So for several nights Grigsky worried. Then on a certain cold, drizzly morning he called the men from the mine and set them, one and all, at work on his idea. The idea consisted of a great "V" with its apex turned up the valley, and when completed the engine house over the mine was to set snugly in the angle of a great fence of logs and bowlders. It took three days to complete the idea, and when it was done Jack Grigsky squared his handsome shoulders, set his teeth firm on the amber stem of his pipe and said: "There, by gum! I'd like to see a snowslide harm that."

The oldest inhabitant, who stood by Jack's side, grinned.

"You've put a lot of work on that thing," he said.

"Well, it's worth it," replied Jack.

"Huh," answered the old miner, "I could 'a' told you something that wouldn't 'a' been any work at all and would 'a' been just as effective as that."

"A nice time to be telling me that!" exclaimed Jack. "Well, what is it?"

The old man pulled a dejected looking envelope out of his pocket, after a long search found a stubby pencil and made a few marks on the envelope back, then walked over to a tree and tacked the paper up on the trunk. Grigsky followed him curiously. On the envelope was written:

"Avalanches are requested not to trespass here."

Jack roared. "Well, you're a great joker."

The old man grinned, but shook his head. "Just as good as your wedge," he answered. "You ain't seen a real slide yet. You ain't seen your mine, that's what you want to do."

Grigsky looked a little troubled. "The president of the company and his daughter are due here this afternoon, but the weather has been so snappily lately I guess we are safe."

"Then to himself as he walked away, 'I'd give the world and all to see Madge, but'—Then he looked at the V shaped rampart. "Gee, that would stand anything," he said.

The visitors were not expected until late in the afternoon, but it was only 1 o'clock when the short, fat millionaire and his dainty, slender daughter dismounted from their horses and left them at the group of shacks on the mountain side. Then they descended into the gulch, where their shaft opened.

"Now, remember, Madge, no nonsense," the president was puffing. "These young engineers are all right at their places. But their places are not as some-in-law of mine. Seems to me you've been showing rather a lively interest in young Grigsky."

Madge sniffed, but made no reply to her father's admonitions. They were an old tale, whose moral did not interest her. Her father took the chaparone of his pretty daughter very seriously.

Jack Grigsky ran toward them with bare head and outstretched hand, but the president had little time to waste in greetings.

"What in thunder is that mountain of rubbish built around the plant for?" he demanded.

Jack explained the mission of his cherished idea, but the president shook his head.

"Took, pooh!" he scoffed. "Fearful looking mess. Better tear it out. Don't need that to keep off a little snow and ice."

Madge interposed tactfully. "Oh, come on," she cried. "I want to see everything."

The three walked slowly over toward the engine house, Jack explaining eagerly.

"Where are all the men?" asked Madge.

"In the mine, even the engineer. We are having some men."

The oldest inhabitant grasped Jack's arm.

"For heaven's sake," he gasped, "ring the bell. It's coming!"

The three followed his gaze. Far up the mountain, at the foot of the valley, a roar, and with the roar it seemed as if the whole side of the mountain was sliding down into the valley—a great, grey mass, that gathered to itself all that barred its path—huge trees, cable-big stones, and always with a roar, increasing in volume to the din of a thousand trains.

"The men are safest in the mines," Jack cried.

He grasped Madge's arm, but the oldest inhabitant thrust him one side. "Manage the old man," he said; "I'll take the girl."

Then with his arm about Madge's

WAUCONDA MENTION.

Attended the dance at Lake Zurich Saturday evening, June 9th. A good time will be yours if you attend.

Harrison Bros. have bought out Rossy & Hillman's meat market.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Murphy and Miss Nina Pratt were Chicago visitors Monday.

Mrs. E. L. Harrison and Miss Lora Harrison visited relatives at Ringwood Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Golding, of Liberty, spent Memorial Day with local relatives and friends.

Miss Iva Turnbull is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Shaw, at Nunda.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Flannagan, of Chicago, were guests at the Lake View house over Sunday.

Mr. Davis, of Minnesota, is visiting with relatives and friends in our village and vicinity.

Mrs. Young and daughter, Pauline, have arrived from the city to spend the summer at their cottage here.

The dance last Friday evening was attended by about 75 couples. A fine time is the universal report.

Miss Elvora Arps, of Palatine, was the guest of Misses Myrtle and Grace Mullen Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nettie Murray, of Chicago, attended the dance here last Friday night, and remained until Sunday.

The home and contents of Mr. and Mrs. Van Natta, near Burton's Bridge, was destroyed by fire last Saturday. About \$500 insurance was carried.

Miss Daisy Graevener and pupils will give a Basket Social in the Bennett school Saturday evening, June 2. All are most cordially invited.

Five members of the local Masonic lodge, viz. E. Dahms, H. C. Harris, G. B. Stroker, Dr. M. E. Failer, and Geo. Glynn, were entertained by the Waukegan lodge Monday evening.

Messrs. J. A. Barnes, R. C. Kent and E. L. Carr, Mesdames E. L. Harrison and R. C. Keel, and the Misses Elvora Arps and Lella Glynn, attended the commencement exercises at Miss Mabel Mullen's Avon school last Saturday evening.

J. L. Harris, our sailor boy, and Miss Grace E. Jonaidson, of Milwaukee, were united in marriage at the Shimway home at Waukegan Monday afternoon, Rev. Chidester performing the ceremony. Lewis is well known in this vicinity as quiet, industrious and thrifty young man. His wife will be remembered as having visited here for a short time about a year ago when she won many friends, who now join in wishing the young couple a long, happy and prosperous journey through life. Lou has returned to Navy to finish his term of enlistment, while Mrs. Harris has returned to Milwaukee, to await his home coming.

Pike's Peak Centennial Celebration.

Denver, May 18.—The passenger department of the Chicago & North-Western Railway announces that the rate to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, in September, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the discovery of Pike's Peak, will be \$25.00 round trip from Chicago. The lines east of Chicago will probably announce a correspondingly low rate from all points.

PALATINE LOCAL NEWS

Attend the dance at Lake Zurich Saturday evening, June 9th. A good time will be yours if you attend.

Chas. Hartung died Monday, May 23, at 11 p. m. Funeral Saturday at 1 p. m. Obituary next week.

Fred Gormans and Miss Dora Grebe were married Saturday, May 26. A small company witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. Austin returned to her home in Minneapolis last week, having helped her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd, get settled.

Willie Williams had his vacation for the last two weeks. He and his wife are settled in their new home now.

J. H. Arps, wife and son, and Miss Tena Arps, of Cary, spent Saturday evening with their brother, G. H. Arps and family.

The Woman's Relief Corps gave a reception to those who assisted in the drama, and their husbands and friends, last Saturday night. A light luncheon was served.

Mesdames G. H. Schierding, G. H. Arps and M. R. Reynolds returned Friday from Galesburg, where they had attended the W. R. C. convention.

The Highland Grove school and the Wentz district school will close this week. The Plum Grove school, where Miss Elvora Arps teaches, will close June 10th with a picnic and dance in the grove.

Woodmen, Notice! Barrington Camp 899, M. W. A., will hold memorial services Sunday, June 3rd, at 10 o'clock. Members are requested to meet at the Woodmen hall to attend services at the M. E. church. In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the members will again assemble at their hall to march to cemeteries to decorate graves of deceased neighbors.

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