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On July 8, 1910, in the early morning, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, who was in British custody, escaped from the toilet porthole of the *SS Morea* docked in the Mole C at Marseilles port, France, and reached French soil. With this one act he shook the world! This was a shining beacon for the freedom movement of India. This was a crushing blow to the pride of the British Raj. This is what legends are made of.

Like any legend, Savarkar's heroic escape is cloaked in mystery and shrouded by the mists of time. Fortunately, in today's world of technology, and thanks to the meticulous records maintained by the British, the books preserved by the U.S. libraries, and the inter-library loan service offered by the Watertown Public Library (my local library,) it has been possible to blow away the cobwebs and reveal the truth of this daring, dynamic escape.