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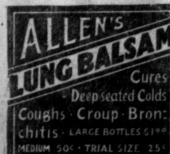
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pursued Michael. Here were Kirgnis, with flat faces like the Kalmucks, dressed in coats of mail. Some car-

As to the prisoners, they were to be

which free he could not have found on

Paria."

Alcide Jolivet thought it better not to mix sacred things with profane as his colleague had done, and he answered by a joyfut chorus of Beranger to the verses of the Bible.

At that moment a commotion shook the telegraph office. A shell had entered the wall, and a cloud of dust filled the waiting room.

ed the waiting room.

Alcide Jolivet was just finishing his verse, "as red as an apple, who, with-out a penny," but without stopping threw himself on the shell, took it in his hands before it exploded, threw it out of the window and came back to the wicket. It was all done in an in-

In five seconds the shell burst out-

perfect coolness, Alcide Jolivet wrote:

For Michael Strogoff there was no room to doubt but that the Eussians were repulsed from Kalyvan. His last resource was, then, to hasten over the

But then the general discharge of guns was heard terribly near the tele-graph station, and a hailstorm of bullets crashed through the window. Har-ry Blount, struck on the shoulder, fell. Alcide Jolivet was at that moment

about to transmit this supplement to Harry Blount, reporter of The Delly Telegraph, falls at my side, struck with a piece of bombshell.

But the eperator told him with imperturbable coolness:

"Sir, the wire is broken." And, leaving his window, he quietly took his hat, which he brushed with

his sleeve, and, always smiling. out through a small door which Mi-chael Strogoff had not before noticed. The station was then invaded by Tartars, and neither Michael Strogoff nor the journalists were able to effect Alcide Jolivet, with his useless Als-

patch in hand, ran to Harry Blount, stretched on the floor, and, kind hearted as he was, took him on his scoulder with the intention to flee with nim. It

was too late!

Both were prisoners, and with them
Michael Strogoff, taken by surprise
when he was about to jump through
the window into the hands of the Tar-

CHAPTER X. l' a day's march from Ka lyvan, several versts be-yond the town of Dia-chinks, stretches a wide plain, planted here and there with great trees,

principally pines and ce-dars. Therestood the Tartartents. There Feofar-Khan, the terrible emir of Bok-hara, was encamped, and there on the following day, the 7th of August, were brought the prisoners taken at Kaly-van after the annihilation of the Rus-sian force, which had vainly attempted the 2,000 men who had engage resolving to protest later and to obtain with the two columns of the enemy, the bases of which rested on Tomsk satisfaction for such treatment. But the journey was not the less disagree-able to him, for his wound caused him and Omsk, only a few hundred remained. Thus events were going badmuch pain, and without Alcide Jolivet's ly, and the imperial government ap-peared to-have lost its power beyond assistance he might never have reached

the frontiers of the Ural, for a time at least, for the Russians could not fail eventually to defeat the savage hordes of the invaders. But in the meantime the invasion had reached the center of Siberia, and it was spreading through the revolted country both to the east-ern and the western provinces. If the troops of the Amur and the province of Takutsk did not arrive in time to

ing managed to draw off his coat, he found that the shoulder had been only grazed by the shot.
"This is nothing," he said; "a mere occupy it, this capital of Asiatic Russia, being insufficiently garrisoned, would fall into the hands of the Tarscratch. After two or three dressings you will be all to rights." tars, and before it could be retaken the "But these dressings?" asked Biount.
"I will make them for you myself." grand duke, brother of the emperor, would be sacrificed to the vengeance of

Feofar's camp presented a magnifi-cent spectacle. Numberless tents of skin or silk glistened in the rays of skin or silk glistened in the rays of the sin. The lofty plumes which sur-mounted their conical tops waved amid banners, flags and pennons of every color. The richest of these tents be-longed to the Seides and Khodjas, who are the principal personages of the khanate. A special pavilion, ornament-ed with a horse's tall issuing from a sheaf of red and white sticks artistically interlaced, indicated the high rank of these Tartar chiefs. Then in the distance rose several thousand of the

ry, stretching himself on a bed of dry leaves which his companion had ar-ranged for him in the shade of a birch of these Tartar chiefs. Then in the distance rose several thousand of the Turcoman tents, which had been carried on the backs of camels.

The camp contained at least a hundred and fifty thousand soldiers, as many foot as horse soldiers, collected under the name of Alamanes. Among them and as the principal types of Turkesian would have been remarked the Tadjiks from their regular features, white skin, tall forms and black eyes and hair. They formed the bulk of the Tartar army, and of them the khanates of Khokhand and Koundough had furnished a contingent nearly equal to that of Bokhara. With the Tadjiks were mingled specimens of different races who either reside in Turkestan or whose native countries border on it. There were Usbecks, red bearded, small in stature, similar to those who bad to do. I assure you I have no intention of remaining a prisoner to these Tar-tars for an indefinite time."

"Nor I either."
"We will escape on the first oppor-"Yes, if there is no other way of re-

ing his handkerchief, made lint of one piece, bandages of the other, took some water from a well dug in the middle of the inclosure, bathed the wound, which

happily was not serious, and skillfully placed the wet rag on Harry Blount's

"I thank you. M. Jolivet," said Har

"Yes, if there is no other way of regaining our liberty."

"Do you know of any other?" asked Blount, looking at his companion.

"Certainly. We are not beligerents; we are neutral, and we will claim our freedom."

"From that brute of a Feofar-Khan?"

"No; he would not understand," answered Jolivet; "but from his lieutenant, Ivan Ogareff."

"He is a villain."

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dressed in coats of mail. Some carried the lance, bows and arrows of Asiatic manufacture, some the saber, a matchlock gun and a little short handled ax, the wounds from which invariably prove fatal. There were Mongols, of middle beight, with black hair plaited into pigtails, which hung down their backs, round faces, swarthy complexions, lively deep set eyes, scanty beards, dressed in blue nankeen trimmed with black plush, sword belts of leather with silver buckles, boots gayly braided and silk caps edged with fur and three ribbons fluttering behind. plain of kidney trou do not co in some form.
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and three ribbous fluttering behind. Brown skinned Afghans, too, might have been seen. Arabs, having the primitive type of the beautiful Semitic. races; and Turcomans, with eyes which looked as if they had lost the pupil-all enrolled under the emir's flag, the flag of incendiaries and devastators. When the prisoners were brought into the camp, the emir was in his tent. He did not show himself. This was fortunate no doubt. A sign, a word, from him might have been the signal for some bloody execution. But he in-trenched himself in that isolation which constitutes in part the majesty that caused him the greatest misery. had tried plasters and other remedies, nothing gave him the permanent robtained from these Tablets. The wdifficulty has quite disappeared and it the accompanying weariness and lacenery. He has no headaches nor kit trouble, but is enjoying perfect health can honestly recommend these Tablet anyone having any trouble with the backs." of eastern kings. He who does not show himself is admired and, above

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treated, poorly fed and exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather, they would await Feofar's pleasure. The most docile and patient of them all was undoubtedly Michael Strogoff. He allowed himself to be led, for they were leading him where he wished to go and under conditions of safety to doubt, but the Think is a sian. He knows that it does not e trifle with the rights of men, and has no interest to retain us. On contrary. But to ask a favor of gentleman does not quite suit escape before reaching that town was to risk again falling into the hands of

"But that gentleman is not in camp, or at least I have not seen here," observed Blount. the scouts who were scouring the At the same time with Michael Strogoff and many other prisoners Harry Blount and Alcide Jolivet had also been "He will come. He will not f taken to the Tartar camp. Their forria is cut in two now, and very cel mer traveling companion, captured like them at the telegraph office, knew that

ly Feofar's army is only waiti them at the telegraph office, knew that they were penned up with him in the inclosure, guarded by numerous sentinels, but he did not wish to accost them. It mattered little to him, at this time especially, what they might think of him since the affair at Ichim. Besides, he desired to be alone, that he might act alone if necessary. He therefore held himself aloof from his former acquaintances. "And, once free, what shall we "Once free, we will continu the time comes when we can ma way into the Russian camp. We

not give up the game. No, indee have only just begun." The event so much wished for livet and Blount, so much dread

fore held himself aloof from his former acquaintances.

From the moment that Harry Blount had fallen by his side Jolivet had not ceased his attentions to him. During the journey fror. Kalyvan to the camp—that is to say, for several hours—Blount, by leaning on his companion's arm, had been enabled to follow the rest of the prisoners. He had tried to make known that he was a British subject, but it had no effect on the barbarians, who only replied by prods with a lance or sword. The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph was therefore obliged to submit to the common lot, resolving to protest later and to obtain

Khan's tent.

olfed coldly to the deference sort of impudent bravado Jolivet, whose practical philosophy never abandoned him, had physically and morally strengthened his compan-As he was about to ride on passing among the officers of lon by every means in his power. His first care when they found themselves definitely established in the inclosure was to examine Blount's wound. Havess before him.

"Nothing?" asked Ivan Oga "Nothing."

"Have patience." "Is the time approaching w vill force the old woman to spe "It is approaching, Sangarre "When will the old woma "When we reach Tomsk."

"And we shall be there"-"In three days." A strange gleam shot from Se great black eyes, and she reti

a calm step. Ogareff pressed into his horse's flanks and, for his staff of Tartar officers, roc the emir's tent. Feofar-Khan was expecti tenant. The council, compose

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stood before the emir.

Feofar Kahn was a man of forty, tail, rather pale, of a fierce countenance end cyes with an evil expression. A curly black beard flowed overhis chest. With his war costume, coat of mail of gold and silver, cross belt glistening with precious stones, scalbhard curved like a yataghan and set with sparkling gems, boots with golden spurs, helmet ofmamented with an aigret of brilliant diamonds, Feofar presented an aspect rather strange than imposing fc. a Tartar Sardanapalus, an undisputed sovereign, who directs this pleasure to life and fortunes of

imposing ft. a Tartar Sardanapalus, an undisputed sovereign, who directs at his pleasure the life and fortunes of his subjects, whose power is unlimited, and to whom at Bokhara by special privilege the fitle of emir is given.

When Ivan Ogareff appeared, the great dignitaries remained seated on their gold embroidered cushions, but Feofar rose from a rich divan which occupied the back pert of the tent, the ground being hidden by the thick velvet pile of a first and the control of th

gave him a kiss, the meaning of which he could not mistake. This kiss made the lieutenant chief of the council and placed him temporarily about the

Then Feofar addressed himself to Ivan Ogareff.

"I have no need to question you," said he. "Speak, Ivan. You will find here ears very ready to listen to you."
"This is what I have to make known to you," answered O reff. Ivan Ogreff spoke in the Tartar law

garage, giving to his phrases the em-phatic turn which distinguishes the lancage of the orientals.

"This is not the time for an lea of your troops you know. The lines of the Ichim and the Irtish are now in the Ichim and the Irtish are now in our power, and the Turcoman horse-men can bathe their horses in the now Tartar waters. The Kirghiz horder rose at the voice of Feofar-Khan, and the principal Siberian route from Ichim to Tomsk belongs to you. You can therefore push on your troops as well toward the east, where the sun rises, as toward the west, where he sets."

toward the west, where he sets."
"But the armies of the sultan of St. Petersburg?" said Feofar-Khan, designating the emperor of Russia by this

strange title. "You have nothing to fear from them, replied Ivan Ogareff. "The invasion has been sudden, and before the Russian army can succor them Irkutsk or Tobolsk will have fallen into your powers." er. The czar's troops have been overwhelmed at Kalyvan, as they will be

everywhere where yours meet them."
"And what advice does your devotio to the Tartar cause suggest?" asked the emir after a few moments' slience. "My advice," answered Ivan Ogareff quickly, "is to march to meet the sun.
It is to give the grass of the eastern
steppes to the Turcoman horses to consume. It is to take Irkutsk, the capital

sume. It is to take Irkutsk, the capital of the eastern provinces, and with it a hostage the possession of whom is worth a whole country. In the place of the ezar the grand duke, his brother, must fall into your hands."

This was the great result aimed at by Ivan Ogareff. To listen to him one would have taken him for one of the cruel descendants of Stephen Razine, the celebrated pirate who ravaged southern Russia in the eighteenth ceatury. To seize the grand duke, murder him pitilessly, would fully satisfy his hatred. Besides, with the capture of Irkutsk, all eastern Siberia would pass under the Tartar dominion.

"It shall be thus, Ivan," replied Feefar.

"What are your orders?" moved to Tomsk." Ogareff bowed, and, followed by the sch-begul, he retired to execute the

emir's orders. As he was about to mount his horse to return to the outposts a tumult broke out at some distance, in the part of the camp reserved for the prisoners. Shouts were heard and two or three shots fired. Perhaps it was an attempt at revolt or escape, which must be sura-

marily suppressed.

Ivan Ogareff and the househ-begul walked forward a few steps, and almost immediately two men, whom the soldiers had not been able to keep back,

appeared before them.

The househ-begul, without more in formation, made a sign which was an order for death, and the heads of the two prisoners would have rolled on the ground had not Ogareff uttered a few words which arrested the sword already raised.

The Russian had perceived that these prisoners were strangers, and he or-dered them to be brought up to him. They were Harry Blount and Alcide

On Ogareff's arrival in the camp they had demanded to be conducted to his presence. The soldiers had refused. In

presence. The soldiers had refused. In consequence, a struggle, an attempt at flight, shots fired which happily missed the two correspondents, but their execution would not have been long delayed if it had not been for the intervention of the emir's lieutenant.

The latter observed the prisoners for some moments, they being absolutely unknown to him. They had been present at the scene in the posthouse at Ichim in which Michael Strogoff had been struck by Ogareff, but the brutal traveler pald no attention to the persons then collected in the common foom.

Bioint and Jouve, on the contary, recognized him at once, and the latter said in a low voice: "Helio! It seems that Colonel Ogarest and the rude personage of Ichim are one!"

Then he added in his companion's

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