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# THE COURIER OF THE CZAR

By Jules Verne

It was necessary, then, that he should be blind, that he should be so for all, even for Nadia—in short, that he should be so everywhere and that not a gesture at any moment could cause any doubt of the sincerity of his role. His resolution was taken. Even his very life must be risked in order to give to all the proof of his blindness, and one knows how he risked it.

His mother alone knew the truth, and it was on the square of Tomsk that he had whispered it in her ear when, bending over her in the shade, he had covered her with his kisses.

We can now understand how when Ivan Ogareff had placed the emperor's letter before his eyes, which he believed to be blind, Michael Strogoff had been able to read, had read that letter which disclosed the hateful designs of the traitor; hence that energy which he displayed during the second part of the journey; hence that unchanging will to reach Irkutsk and on arriving there to fulfill with his own voice his mission. He knew that the town was to be given up by the traitor. He knew that the life of the grand duke was threatened. The safety of the brother of the czar and of Siberia was still in his hands.

In a few words all this history was recounted to the grand duke, and Michael Strogoff told also, and with what emotion, the part which Nadia had taken in these events.

"Who is this young girl?" asked the grand duke.

"The daughter of the exiled Wassili Feodor," answered Michael Strogoff.

"The daughter of Commander Feodor," said the grand duke, "has ceased to be the daughter of an exile. There are no more exiles at Irkutsk."

Nadia, less strong in joy than she had been in sorrow, fell at the feet of the grand duke, who raised her with one hand, while he held out the other to Michael Strogoff. An hour afterward Nadia was in the arms of her father.

Michael Strogoff, Nadia, Wassili Feodor, were reunited. It was on all sides complete happiness.

The Tartars had been repulsed in their double attack upon the town. Wassili Feodor, with his little troop, had crushed the first assailants who had presented themselves at the Bolchaia gate with the expectation of finding it open.

At the same time that the Tartars were driven back the besieged had derided themselves masters of the fire. Before daybreak the troops of Feodor-Khan had returned to their encampments, leaving a good number of dead under the ramparts.

Among the dead was the gypsy Sangaar, who had tried in vain to rejoin Ivan Ogareff.

For two days the besiegers attempted no new assault. They were discouraged by the death of Ivan Ogareff. That man was the soul of the invasion, and he alone, by his long continued plots, had sufficient influence over the khans and their hordes to be able to lead them to the conquest of Asiatic Russia.

Meanwhile the defenders of Irkutsk had held themselves on their guard, and the investment continued, but on the 7th of October from the first streaks of day the boom of cannon resounded on the heights around Irkutsk. It was the relieving army which had arrived under the orders of General Kisseloff, who thus signalled his presence to the grand duke.

The Tartars did not stay any longer. They did not wish to risk a battle under the walls of Irkutsk. The camp of the Angara was immediately raised. Irkutsk was at last delivered.

With the first Russian soldiers two friends of Michael Strogoff had entered the town. They were the inseparable Blount and Jolivet. By gaining the right bank of the Angara along the barrier of ice they and the other fugitives had been able to escape before the flames of the Angara had reached the raft. This had been put down by Alcide Jolivet, in his notebook and in this manner, "Was near ending like a lemon in a bowl of punch!"

That joy was great to once more find Nadia and Michael Strogoff safe and sound, especially when they learned that their brave companion was not blind, a statement which led Harry Blount to jot down this observation: "A red-hot iron is perhaps insufficient to destroy the sensibility of the optic nerve. To be modified."

The two correspondents, well installed in Irkutsk, occupied themselves in putting in order the impressions of their journey. From these two interesting chronicles of the Tartar invasion were sent to London and Paris, which, strange to say, only contradicted each other on points of less moment.

For the rest the campaign was bad for the czar and his allies. That invasion, useless, as are all those that attack colossal Russia, was most fatal to them. They soon found themselves cut off by the troops of the czar, who retook successfully all the conquered towns. Besides, the winter was terrible, and of those hordes, decimated by the cold, only a small number returned to the steppes of Tartary. The route from Irkutsk to the Ural mountains

was free.

The grand duke was in haste to return to Moscow, but he delayed his journey in order to assist at a touching ceremony which took place some days after the entry of the Russian troops.

Michael Strogoff had sought out Nadia and in the presence of her father had said to her, "Nadia, my sister still, when you left Riga to come to Irkutsk had you no other regret but that of leaving behind you your mother?"

"No," replied Nadia; "none whatever."

"So that no part of your heart has remained down there?"

"None, brother."

"Then, Nadia," said Michael Strogoff, "I do not believe but that God in bringing us together, in allowing us to pass through these great trials together, has wished us to be united forever."

"Ah!" said Nadia as she fell into the arms of Michael Strogoff, and, turning toward Wassili Feodor, "My father," she said, blushing deeply.

"Nadia," said Wassili Feodor, "my joy will be to call you both my children."

The marriage ceremony took place in the cathedral of Irkutsk. It was very simple in its preparations, but very beautiful in the concourse of the military and civil population, which thus wished to show its gratitude to the young couple whose strange journey had now become legendary.

Alcide Jolivet and Harry Blount of course assisted at the marriage, of which they wished to give an account to their readers.

"And does it not make you envious to imitate them?" asked Alcide Jolivet to his companion.

"Bah!" exclaimed Harry Blount. "If, like you, I had a cousin!"

"My cousin is not any longer marriageable," laughingly answered Alcide Jolivet.

"All the better," added Harry Blount; "for they speak of difficulties which are about to arise between London and Peking."

"Would you not like to see what is passing there?"

"Why, my dear Blount," cried Alcide Jolivet, "I was about to propose it to you!"

This is how the two inseparables set out for China.

Some days after the ceremony Michael and Nadia Strogoff, accompanied by Wassili Feodor, started on their journey to Europe. That road of sorrows was only one of happiness on their return. They traveled very rapidly with one of those trains which glide like an express over the frozen steppes of Siberia.

Meanwhile, arrived at the banks of the Dinka, just opposite Briskoe, they stopped there one day. Michael Strogoff sought out the place where he had interred poor Nicholas. A cross was planted there, and Nadia prayed for the last time on the tomb of the humble and heroic soul which neither the one nor the other would ever forget.

At Omsk, old Marfa was awaiting them in the little house of the Strogoffs. She pressed in her arms that noble girl whom in her heart she had already a hundred times called her daughter. The brave Siberian on that day had the right to own her son and to say that she was proud of him.

After some days passed at Omsk, Michael and Nadia Strogoff returned to Europe, and Wassili Feodor being well fixed in St. Petersburg, neither his son nor his daughter had any occasion ever to leave him, only when they went to see their old mother.

The young courier had been received by the czar, who attached him specially to his person and decorated him with the cross of St. George.

Michael Strogoff afterward attained to a high post in the empire. But it is not the history of his success, but the history of his trials, which has deserved to be chronicled.

THE END.

Rights of Chinese Parents.

The law and custom of China still give the parents supreme control over their children. As far as it is possible for an outsider to get to know this people, whose "ways are dark," it does appear that this power of life and death is not often exercised unless in the case of infants. Now and again, however, instances occur which prove that this barbarous right is still claimed and exercised.

A man in the Nam Ho district has just put his son to death in most cruel fashion; and the law takes no cognizance of the murder, for surely it cannot be called by any other name.

The boy had been often reproved for associating with gamblers and robbers, and his record was a bad one. This much may be said in extenuation of the father's diabolical act. For a long time the father was unable to lay hands on his son. This he succeeded in doing by offering a reward to any one who could bring him home. During the day of his return the father gave no evidence of his wicked designs. This put the lad off his guard. But when night came the father threw off his mask, seized his son, bound him hand and foot and then proceeded leisurely to strangle him.—China Mail.

## A Mother's Warning

SPEAKS OF A TROUBLE THAT AFFLICTS MANY YOUNG GIRLS.

Headaches, Dizziness, Heart Palpitation, Fickle Appetite and Pallor the Early Symptoms of Decay.

From the Sun, Orangeville, Ont.

Hard study at school, coupled with the lack of attention which every young girl emerging into womanhood should have, is responsible not only for the many pale faces and attenuated forms met with such lamentable frequency, but is responsible also for the loss of many valuable young lives. First there is an occasional headache, and a sallowness of complexion, from which stages, if these early symptoms are neglected, the condition gradually grows worse and worse until decline or consumption sets in and death claims another victim of parental neglect. Upon mothers especially young girls are neglected. This was followed by a listlessness and an utter indifference to the things that usually interest young girls. We consulted a doctor, and she took bottle after bottle of medicine, but with no benefit. Often she would arise in the morning after an almost sleepless night, her limbs all a quiver and her head reeling. She would be attacked with spells of dizziness, and on the least exertion her heart would palpitate violently, and we were really afraid she would not recover. At this stage my husband suggested that we should try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which he brought home several boxes. Kate had only taken the pills a few weeks when there was a great change for the better. She grew stronger, began to eat better and to have better color, and from this stage it was not long until she was again enjoying the best of health and able to resume her studies at school. I might also tell you that these pills cured my daughter Emma of an attack of rheumatism, so that you see we have much reason to praise them, and I earnestly recommend them to all mothers whose daughters may be suffering as mine did.

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A COASTING ACCIDENT.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Jan. 30. — A frightful coasting accident occurred at Keeseville this morning, in which one young man was killed and two young women fatally injured. A large party was coasting on Academy Hill, using a large bob-sled, holding from ten to twenty. The bob became unmanageable and ran at great speed. Wilfred Graves, aged 23 years, was almost instantly killed, and his sister, Rachel Graves, and Edith Bulley were crushed so that it is feared they cannot recover. Among the others hurt were Harry Miles, broken leg; John King, arm broken; Geo. Ladue, arm dislocated. The young people are of the best families in Keeseville.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow—The First Persecution—Acts iv, 1-12.

Golden Text—"There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The healing of a born cripple of 40 years had collected a great crowd in Solomon's porch; his soundness proved the soundness of the doctrine of the risen Jesus, mighty to save, that Peter preached. The Sadducees denied the resurrection of the dead; such preaching grieved them and must be stopped. So the preachers are made prisoners, while five thousand souls rejoice in the liberty wherewith Christ had made them free. The rulers took council together against God's anointed, but Peter's inspired speech condemned his judges, as crucifying their Messiah. He was the rejected stone, but now head over all, blessed for ever, and through His name every one that believeth on Him receives remission of sins and life everlasting.

### Church Notes.

Rev. R. McCosh will conduct the services and preach in Christ Church on both occasions to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Knowles, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will preach in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning and evening.

Rev. T. Beverley Smith, rector, will occupy the pulpit of Holy Trinity Church to-morrow.

Rev. Dr. Hannon, pastor, will occupy the pulpit in Park St. Methodist Church on both occasions to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. T. C. George, will occupy the pulpit of the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church to-morrow.

Rev. J. J. Ross will conduct both services in the William St. Baptist Church to-morrow. Morning subject, "The Method of the Holy Spirit in pre-Pentecostal Ages"; evening, "The Secret of Continuous Christian Cheer."

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a. m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a. m., Christian fellowship at 3 p. m., soul winning services at 7:30 p. m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

Services will be held in the Saints' Auditorium, next Aberdeen bridge, to-morrow as follows:—Prayer meeting at 2 p. m., Sunday school at 3 p. m., preaching at 7 p. m.

Regular services in the St. John's A. U. M. P. Church to-morrow as follows:—11 a. m. Scripture lesson and preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Selvey, 3 p. m. Sunday School, 7 p. m. song service, 7:30 p. m. preaching by the pastor.

Services will be held in the First Baptist Church, King St., to-morrow as follows:—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. L. Bradley, Sunday school at 12:30 p. m.

The holy communion will be administered in Christ Church to-morrow at the 11 o'clock service.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid in connection with St. Andrew's Church will meet on Monday afternoon at 3:30, at the residence of Mrs. Greening's.

Christ Church Sunday School meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Church C. E. Society on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Holy Trinity Sunday School will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the William St. Baptist Church in connection with the evening service to-morrow.

Campbell A. M. E. S. S. will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Christ Church Guild meets every second week.

Regular prayer meeting in connection with the First Presbyterian Church every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Park St. Methodist Sunday School meets to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Holy communion is celebrated in Christ Church on the first and second Sunday of each month.

J. W. Humphrey's Bible Class for ladies meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the S. S. hall of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church.

Weekly prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Church lecture hall on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Christ Church choir meets for practice every Wednesday and Saturday evening.

The B. Y. P. U. of C. E. will meet on Friday evening at eight o'clock. All young people heartily welcomed.

The Sunday School of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church is held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

William St. Baptist Sunday School will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Church Woman's Missionary Society of Christ Church meets in the S. S. Hall every Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. R. McCosh's Bible Class for young men will meet in the S. S. Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. R. V. Bray's Bible Class for young ladies meets at the same hour. All young ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend these classes.

Divine service will be held in Christ Church every Wednesday evening beginning at half-past seven.

Park St. Methodist Church prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Christ Church Young People's Society meets in the S. S. Hall every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Church S. S. and Bible Class will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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