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THE COURIER OF THE CZAR

By Jules Verne

His mother, the old woman Marfa, was before him! Trembling, she smiled upon him. She stretched forth her arms to him. Michael Strogoff arose. He was about to throw himself—

The thought of duty, the serious danger for his mother and himself in this unfortunate meeting, suddenly stopped him, and such was his command over himself that not a muscle of his face moved.

There were twenty people in the public room. Among them were perhaps spies, and was it not known in the town that the son of Marfa Strogoff belonged to the corps of the couriers of the czar?

Michael Strogoff did not move. "Michael!" cried his mother.

"Who are you, my good lady?" Michael Strogoff stammered, unable to speak in his usual firm tone.

"Who am I, thou asked? Dost thou no longer know thy mother?"

"You are mistaken," coldly replied Michael Strogoff. "A resemblance deceives you."

The old Marfa went up to him and, looking straight into his eyes, said: "Thou art not the son of Peter and Marfa Strogoff?"

Michael Strogoff would have given his life to have looked his mother in his arms, but if he yielded it was all over with him, with her, with his mission, with his oath! Completely master of himself, he closed his eyes in order not to see the inexpressible anguish which agitated the revered countenance of his mother. He drew back his hands in order not to touch those trembling hands which sought him.

"I do not know, in truth, what it is you say, my good woman," he replied, stepping back.

"Michael!" again cried his aged mother.

"My name is not Michael. I never was your son! I am Nicholas Korpanoff, a merchant of Irkutsk."

And suddenly he left the public room, while for the last time the words echoed: "My son, my son!"

Michael Strogoff, of a desperate effort, had gone. He did not see his old mother, who had fallen back almost inanimate upon a bench. But when the postmaster hastened to assist her the aged woman raised herself. Suddenly a thought occurred to her. She denied by her son! It was not possible. As for being herself deceived and taking another for him—equally impossible. It was certainly her son whom she had just seen, and if he had not recognized her it was because he would not, it was because he ought not, it was because he had some cogent reason for acting thus! And then, her mother's feelings arising within her, she had but one thought—"Can I unwittingly have ruined him?"

"I am mad," she said to her interrogators. "My eyes have deceived me! This young man is not my child. He had not his voice. Let us think no more of it. If we do, I shall end by finding him everywhere."

Less than ten minutes afterward a Tartar officer appeared in the posting house.

"Marfa Strogoff?" he asked.

"It is I," replied the old woman in a tone so calm and with a face so tranquil that those who had witnessed the meeting with her son would not have known her.

"Come," said the officer. Marfa Strogoff, with firm step, followed the Tartar officer and left the posting house.

Some moments afterward Marfa Strogoff found herself in the chief square, and in the presence of Ivan Ogareff, to whom all the details of this scene had been immediately reported.

Ivan Ogareff, suspecting the truth, interrogated the old Siberian woman.

"Thy name?" he asked in a rough voice.

"Marfa Strogoff."

"Thou hast a son?"

"Yes."

"He is a courier of the czar?"

"Yes."

him to the face. He did not doubt but that she had recognized her son in this young Siberian. Now, if this son had first renounced his mother and if his mother renounced him in her turn it could occur only from the most weighty motive.

Every circumstance went to confirm his suspicions. If he could but lay his hand upon this pretended merchant of Irkutsk and strip off his disguise, would he not find a treasure indeed? Would not his superiors well reward his address and his success? Would not the czar of Russia scowl with rage when he learned that his courier was in the hands of his foes?

Ivan Ogareff had therefore no doubt that the pretended Nicholas Korpanoff was Michael Strogoff, courier of the czar, seeking concealment under a false name and charged with some mission which it would have been important for him to know. He therefore at once gave orders for his pursuit. Then he said:

"Let this woman be conducted to Tomsk," returning toward Marfa Strogoff.

And while the soldiers brutally dragged her along he added between his teeth:

"When the moment arrives, I shall know how to make her speak, this old sorceress!"

CHAPTER IX.

It was fortunate that Michael Strogoff had left the posting house so promptly. The orders of Ivan Ogareff had been immediately transmitted to all the approaches of the city and a full description of Michael sent to all the various commandants, in order to prevent his departure from Omsk. But he had already passed through one of the breaches in the fortifications. His horse was galloping over the steppe, and, not having been immediately pursued, the chances of escape were in his favor.

It was on the 29th of July, at 8 o'clock in the evening, that Michael Strogoff had left Omsk. This town is situated about half way between Moscow and Irkutsk, where it was necessary that he should arrive within ten days if he wished to get ahead of the Tartar columns. It was evident that the unlucky chance which had brought him into the presence of his mother had been truly his incoignito. Ivan Ogareff was no longer ignorant of the fact that a courier of the czar had just passed Omsk, taking the direction of Irkutsk. The dispatches which this courier bore must have been of immense importance. Michael Strogoff knew, therefore, that every effort would be made to capture him.

But what he did not know and could not know was that Marfa Strogoff was in the hands of Ivan Ogareff and that she was about to stone, perhaps with her life, for that natural exhibition of her feelings which she had been unable to restrain when she suddenly found herself in the presence of her son. And it was fortunate that he was ignorant of it. Could he have withstood this fresh trial?

Michael Strogoff urged on his horse, imbibing him with all his own feverish impatience, requiring of him one thing only—namely, to bear him rapidly to the next posting house, where he could be exchanged for a quicker conveyance.

At midnight he had cleared seventy versts and halted at the station of Koulikovo. But there, as he feared, he found neither horses nor carriages. Several Tartar detachments had passed along the highway of the steppe. Everything had been stolen or requisitioned both in the villages and in the posting houses. It was with difficulty that Michael Strogoff was even able to obtain some refreshment for his horse and himself.

To be Continued.

TELEGRAPH. Jordan has two small-pox cases.

Serious charges of cowardice are made against a few of the Walla Walla's crew in connection with the recent loss on the vessel.

Fighting has occurred between the Russian soldiers at Neuchwang, China, and the sailors of the United States cruiser Vicksburg.

From thirteen to seventeen men were buried at the Nogaunge mine, Michigan, by a cave-in. One man has been rescued, but little hope is felt that the others are still alive.

A lamp upsetting in the Free Methodist church at Verona set fire to the clothing of a number of worshippers. There was quite a panic, and five persons were seriously burned.

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