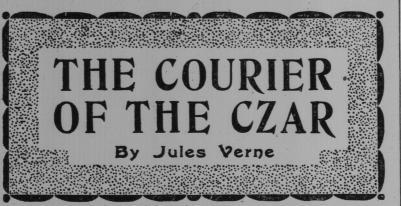




ST. JOHN STAR, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1905.



#### (Continued.)

"Have you changed your mind as regards the statement you made to me when, three days ago, I interrogatea. you at Omsk?"

"So you are ignorant of the fact that your son, Michael Strogoff, courier of the czar, has passed through Oms?" "I am ignorant of it."

"And that the man that you believen to have recognized as your son at the posthouse was not he-was not your son?"

"He was not my son." "And have you not seen him since among the prisoners?" "No.

"And if he were shown to you would you recognize him?"

flexible determination to avow nothing. Eh, what-the devil, we must boil over a murmur of approbation arose from the crowd

Ivan Ogareff could not restrain a menacing gesture. "Listen," said he to Marfa Strogoff.

"Your son is here, and you go at once to point him out."

"All these men, taken at Omsk and at Kalyvan, are going to defile before your eyes, and if you do not point out Michael Strogoff you shall receive as many blows of the knowt as there shall be men who have passed before you." Ivan Ogareff had now realized that.

whatever threats he might utter and to whatever tortures he might subject her, the indomitable Siberian would not the troops encamped at Zabedeiro, and speak. To discover the courier of the amid the deafening sounds of drums czar he now counted not upon her, but upon Michael Strogoff himself. He did not believe it possible that when the mother and the son should be brought into the presence of each other an irre- gles announced his arrival.

and nimself, naving halted at the camp of Zabedeiro, were present at this

"My God," said he to Harry Blount, "these people of the north are rough men! Do we not owe some return to our companion of the journey? May Korpanoff or Strogoff succeed! What splendid revenge for the affair of Ichim!"

"Yes, revenge indeed," said Harry Blount. "But Strogoff is a dead man. For his sake it would perhaps be better not to remember him any longer." "And allow his mother to perish un-

der the knout?" "Do you believe that he has acted better by his rash haste than his mother and his sister?"

"I don't believe anything; I know nothing," answered Alcide Jolivet, "only had I been in his place I should not At this answer, which showed an ip- have acted otherwise. What a slash! sometimes. God would have placed water in our veins and not blood had he wished us to remain always and ev-

erywhere imperturbable." "What a splendid incident for a news-paper article!" said Harry Blount. "If Ivan Ogareff would only communicate us the contents of that letter!"

Ivan Ogareff, after having wiped off the blood which covered his face, had broken the seal of the letter. He read it again and again for a long time, as if he wished to fathom its contents. Then, having given his orders that Michael Strogoff, strongly fettered,

should be sent on to Tomsk with the other prisoners, he took command of and trumpets he marched to the town where the emir was awaiting him. They had not long to wait for the lieutenant of Feofar. Resounding bu-

"I shall die," fiercely answered Mi-chael Strogoff, "but your face of traitor, Ivan, will not the less bear and forever the infamous mark of the knout!" Ivan Ogareff at this answer became horribly pale.

"Who is this prisoner?" demanded the emir in a voice the more menacing because of its calmness.

"A Russian spy," answered Ivan Oga

Michael Strogoff was then led before the emir, and there he remained erect,

"Your face to the ground!" Ivan Oga-

"No!" replied Michael Strogoff. Two

guards wished to force him to bend, but it was they who were thrown to the ground by the hand of the robust

young man. Ivan Ogareff advanced toward Mi

"You are about to die," said he.

self upon ner.

without lowering his eyes.

reff cried out to him.

chael Strogoff.

In making out Michael Strogoff a spy he knew the sentence pronounce against him would be the more terri-

Michael Strogoff moved toward Ivan Ogareff. The soldiers stopped him.

The emir then made a gesture before which the whole crowd bent their heads. Afterward he motioned with his hand for the Koran, which was brought to him. He opened the book and placed his finger on one of the pages.

It was chance, or, rather, as the orientals think, God himself, who was about to decide the fate of Michael Strogoff. The people of central Asia give the name of "fal" to this practice. After having interpreted the sense of the verse touched by the finger of the judge they apply the sentence, whatever it may be.

The emir had left his finger resting on the page of the Koran. The chief of the ulemas, then approaching, read with a loud voice a verse which finished with these words: "And he shall see no more the things of the earth." "Russian spy," said Feofar-Khan, "you came to see what is passing in the camp of the Tartars! Look, then, with all your eyes! Look!"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

CITY S. S. ASSOCIATION.

Acqual Meeting Held Last Evening-

BORDEN CRITICISES LAURIER'S ACTION. Regarding the Autonomy Bill--Asks the Premier Why He Did Not Consult Sif-

## ton and Other Cabinet Ministers

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OTTAWA, March 9 .- The house op- | ity in a constitutional sense, yet in ened at three o'clock with galleries sible government in a country of such crowded by the bulk of the three hunvast extent as Canada, it is found nedred delegates here today from Mont- cessary to attach special responsibil real, Quebec and Toronto, trying to ity to each minister for the public afreal, Quebec and Toronto, trying to the province of the provin the presentation of over 110 petitions would admit to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, against imposing separate schools on that, taking his own stand of ministhe western provinces and then the in-troduction of some twenty private bills. On the orders of the day Borden sprang a mine on Laurier regarding above all others who should have been the autonomy bill. He said in sub- consulted, in the first instance about stance: "The particular thing to which those very provisions which at the pre I desire to call attention is that the sent time are causing some discus prime minister seems to have introduc- in the country, and if we may believe ed this legislation as a measure con- all we hear, some dissension curred in by all members of the admin- other side of the house. The prime istration, whereas we discovered af- minister has been a very strict stickle terward that this is not exactly the for constitutional usage in some of his case. My right hon, friend has always dealings with his ministers in day case. My right hon, friend has always vaunted himself a strict follower of constitutional usage. He has some-times done more than that because scme ten years ago he claimed for him-self the attribute of foresight and of courage, when a somewhat similar guestion to that which arises today. dealings with his ministers in days gone by. I will advert to only one case. We remember that the right hon, gentleman felt himself constrain-ed to ask for the portfolio of public works at that time held by. Hon. Mr. Tarte, because Mr. Tarte had seen fit, in the words of the prime minister to was to a certain extent agitating the been accential which had not yet was to a certain extent agitating the been accepted by the government. parliament and the people of this coun-Well, if that be a reason, have not the try. He said: 'My courage is not to make hasty promises and then to ig-man a right to demand his portfolio make hasty promises and then to ig-nominiously break them. My courage is to speak slowly, but once I have spoken I will stand or fall by my words.' I mention that because the prime minister, though he may have shown a great deal of courage in his action with regard to this measure, Laurier replice

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question to that which arises today .

does not at least seem to have com-

bined foresight with strict regard for

constitutional usage. It is beyond all

doubt that this house is entitled to re-

with the approval of the minister of

the interior, nor do we know to what

was consulted with regard to financial

opportunity to become acquainted with

its terms. Nor is it to be supposed, ir

view of the fact that the minister of

finance had sailed about a week be-

fore from Europe for this country,

that measures of such great import

extent, if any, the minister of finan

se would not betray them Certainly if he had only wished to gain possession of the imperial letter he could simply have given orders for all these prisoners to be searched. But Michael Strogoff might have destroyed this letter after learning its contents, and if he were not recognized and he should gain Irkutsk the plans of Ivan Ogareff would be all frustrated. Wherefore it was not only the letter which he must have from the traitor; he must have the bearer of it.

Nadia at length understood all, and she now knew who was Michael Strosoff and why he had wished to traverse, without being known, the invaded provinces of Siberia.

On the order of Ivan Ogareff the prisoners passed one by one before Marfa Strogoff, who remained immovable as a statue and whose regard expressed only the most complete indifference. Her son was in the last ranks. When

in his turn he passed before his mother, Nadia shut her eyes in order not to Michael Strogoff had remained ap-

parently impassible, but his hands were bleeding from the pressure of the fetters.

Ivan Ogareff was conquered by the son and the mother. Sangarre, placed near him, only said one word-"Knout!"

"Yes," cried Ivan Ogareff, "let this old jade have the knout and let the punishment continue until she die!"

A Tartar soldier, carrying that terrible instrument of torture, approached Marfa Strogoff.

The knout is composed of a certain number of leather thongs, to the ends of which are attached twisted iron wire. One can easily understand that to be condemned to receive a hundred and twenty blows from such a whip is the same thing as to be condemned to death. Marfa Strogoff knew it, but she also knew that no torture upon earth could make her speak, and she had already offered the sacrifice of her life for her son's safety.

Marfa Strogoff, having been seized by two soldiers, was thrown on her knees on the ground. Her robe, having been torn, exposed her naked back. A saber was fixed before her breast at the distance of only a few inches, and in case she should bend under the pain her breast would be pierced with the sharp

The Tartar raised the lash. He was waiting.

Go on!" said Ivan Ogareff. The whip hissed in the air, but before the blow had fallen a powerful hand had wrenched it from the hands of the Tartar.

Michael Strogoff was there! He had leaped before this horrible scene! If at the posthouse of Ichim he had re-strained himself at the blow from Ivan Ogareff, here before his mother, who was about to be struck, he was not able to master himself. Ivan Ogazeff had succeeded.

"Michael Strogoff!" he cried. Then, advancing, he said:

"Ah, was this done by the man of Ichim?" "Himself!" said Michael Strogoff, and,

raising the knout, he tore with it the face of Ivan Ogareff himself. "Blow for blow!"

"Well given!" cried the voice of a spectator, who fortunately hid himself in the tumult

Twenty soldiers threw themselves on Michael Strogoff, and they were about to kill him. But Ivan Ogareff, from

whom a cry of pain and rage had escaped, stopped them with a motion of his hand. "This man is reserved for the justice

of the emir!"

The letter to the imperial armies was found in the breast of Michael Strogoff, who had not had time to destroy it, and it was handed over to Ivan Ogareff. The spectator who had uttered aloud

rds "well given" was no other than Alcide Jolivet. His companion

Ivan Ogareff-the Hashed, as they al ready begun to call him-dressed this time in the uniform of a Tartar officer, arrived on horseback before the tent of the emir. He was accompanied by a body of the soldiers from the camp of Zabedeiro, who drew up along the sides of the plateau, in the middle of which he remained only during the time allotted to the amusements. One ould see a deep gash cutting obliquely the face of the traitor.

Ivan Ogareff presented to the emir his principal officers, and Feofar-Khan, without departing from the coldness which was the main foundation of his dignity, received them in a manner which made them satisfied with their

Alcide Jolivet and Harry Blount then joined the crowd and looked on in such a manner as not to lose any detail of a feast, which was to furnish a hundred good lines for the newspapers. They gazed with astonishment on Feofar-Khan in his magnificence, his women, his officers, his guards and all this oriental pomp, of which the ceremonies of Europe can give no idea. But they

turned away with disdain when Ivan Ogareff presented himself before the emir, and they waited, not without some impatience, for the feast to be-

"Do you see, my dear Blount," said Alcide Jolivet, "we are come too soon, like good citizens who must needs come or lose their money. All this is only the rising of the curtain. It would have been better taste to have arrived only for the ballet."

"What ballet?" asked Harry Blount. "The obligatory ballet, faith. But I think the curtain is about to rise." Alcide Jolivet spoke as if he were at the opera, and, taking his glass from its case, he prepared to have a look at, as a connoisseur, the first subjects of Seymour, James Robins Feofar's troop.

But a tedious ceremony was to pre cede the amusements

Meanwhile most of the prisoners had passed before the emir, and in passing each of them had to prostrate the fore

head to touch the very dust as a sign of servility. It was the slavery which menced with humiliation. When the unfortunates were too slow in bending, the rude hand of the guards cast ports. them violently to the earth. Alcide Jolivet and his companion could not assist at such a spectacle without feeling the greatest indignation.

"This is cowardly! Let us go away!" said Alcide Jolivet. "No," replied Harry Blount; "we

must see all." "See all! Ah!" cried Alcide Jolivet suddenly, seizing the arm of his com-

panion "What is the matter with you?" asked the former.

"Look! Blount, it is she!" "She?"

"The sister of our fellow traveler. Alone and a prisoner! We must save

her!" "Restrain yourself," coldly replied Harry Blount. "Our intervention in behalf of this young girl would be more urtful than useful to her." Alcide Jolivet, ready to rush forward, stopped himself, and Nadia, who had not perceived them, being half veiled

her hair, passed in her turn before the emir. without attracting his attention

In the meantime, after Nadia, Marfa Strogoff had arrived, and as she did not throw herself quickly enough into the dust the guards brutally pushed Marfa Strogoff fell.

Her son made a terrible movement, which the soldiers who were guarding him could with difficulty master. But old Marfa raised herself, and they were about to drag her when Ivan

Ogareff intervened, saying: "Let this woman remain." As for Nadia, she was thrown back among the crowd of prisoners. The

from Asua.

**Officers Elected For Ensuing** 

Year,

gard every measure brought down by The annual meeting of the City Sunthe prime minister or any other memof the cabinet as a governmen day School Association was held last measure, which is the result of the evening in the Y. M. A. hall of collective wisdom of the cabinet. Portland Street Methodist Church, The need not cite authority for that neeting opened with prayer, and then those who are all familiar with the usage as laid down by recognized conthe S. S. choir gave a selection. A re stitutional authorities. According to port was read by the president, deal-Todd's parliamentary government we ng with the past year's work. Miss have absolute right to regard the mea-.A. R. Robb, as secretary, also report-ed for the year. The treasurer, Miss sure brought down by the prime minister on February 21 as a measure in A. E. Estey, reported that there was respect of which every member of the on hand at the beginning of the year cabinet had to be consulted, and which, whatever difference of opinion

a balance of \$6.83; receipts amounted to \$11.69; total, \$18.52. Expenses were might originally have occurred with \$13.75, leaving a balance of \$4.77. regard to its terms, was in the end Mrs. Rodgers reported for the primconcurred in by all members of the ary department: Mrs. Bullock's report cabinet, and was one to which all of for the temperance department was read by Robert Reid. them would give their support

Interesting addresses were given by Rev. Geo. M. Young or Fairville, who took as his subject, Training the Rev. Mr. Colpitts spoke Teachers. long the same lines.

A resolution was put and una ly carried, calling upon the various Sunday schools in the city not to patonize on the occasion of their annual bicnics, those boats which run Sunday

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows : President, R. T. Hayes; vice president, Rev. A. H. Foster; primary superintenden Miss McAlary; teacher training, Wm. Kingston; temperance, Mrs. Bullock; home department, R. M. Currey; membership, E. W. Patterson; treasurer, T. Graham; secretary, Miss A. R. Robb; executive, Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Miss A. E. Estey, C. H. Doig, William Young, W. G. Parks, K. J. Wilson, R. Reid, E. M. Sipprell, Rev. E. A. Wicher, J. L. Law, J. L. Thorne, Mrs.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, NS, March 9-Ard, barktn ance as the financial clauses of this bill would be introduced, on the eve Mary Hendry, from New York. HALIFAX, NS ,March 9-Sld, strs of his return, without his having any Duncan, Pedersen, for New York; Meropportunity to advise with regard to cator, Kaisen, for Jamaica via Cuban it, or to give his colleagues the benefit of his wisdom and experience, which of course he must possess after a per British Ports. LIVERPOOL, March 9-Sld, str Tu-islan, for Halifax and St John, NB, position which he has filled. Under these circumstances I think we might via Moville. LIVERPOOL, March 8-Sld, bark well call for an explanation from th leader of the government as to why uniter, for St Johns, NF. QUEENSTOWN, March 9-Sld, str he brought this measure down withedric (from Liverpool), for New out vouchsafing to the house for on moment the explanation that two LIVERPOOL, March 9-Ard, strs members of his cabinet had not been Montcalm, from St John, NB; Iver- consulted at all with regard to its provisions, and that, so far as they nia, from Boston. Sid, str Welshman, for Portland. (and proceeded). Foreign Ports. outh, NS; sch Henry May, from ath winds; cloudy at sunset. ston for Norfolk. eanic, from Liverpool. NEW aisy Read, from Charleston. for New York. -No arrivals

were concerned, this was not the ac QUEENSTOWN, March 9-Ard, str of the government. The minister of bystric, from Boston for Liverpool the interior represented in the cabine the great west of Canada--represented more than any other man of the cab inet that portion of this country which BOSTON, March 9-Ard, strs Sax-is now being created into two new provinces. Farther than that, owing ey, Eng; Foresmore, from Antwerp; to his experience of some eight years Baker, from Halifax, NS; Boston, from in the position of minister of the ir terior, he might be supposed to posse Portland for Bridgeport (in the roads, a more intimate knowledge of the needs and requirements of that con CHATHAM, Mass, March 9-Light try than any other member of the cabinet. And yet the minister of the Passed south, str Kanawha, from interior was not consulted with regard to this measure, and that in the fa NEW YORK, March 9-Ard, str of the most explicit declaration mad by this administration, made no fa YORK, March 9-Ard, bark ther back than June 14th, 1904, that he was the man above all others wh NEW LONDON, Conn, March 9- should be consulted on this question sid, seh Harry Miller, from St. John When Lord Dundonald was dismisse from his position as general officer VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March commanding, the government passed an order in council in which action Passed, etr Duncan, from Hillsboro, the administration in that regard was NB, for New York. NEW YORK, March 9-Ard, bark one of the grounds put forward for the supposed) Andromeda, from Tra- interference of the minister of agri culture in a department which othe Ard below, sch Duchess of Cornwall, | wise he had no concern whatever, in deed the only reason was expressed "In the

that order in these words: case of members of cabinet, while To cure Headache in ten minutes use look of Ivan Ogareft had not fixed it Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents. have an equal degree of responsibil

marking he had little information give of which the opposition leader was not aware already, defending his position on constitutional grounds, but

ing to notice the reference Fielding's semi-obscurity. Laurier's fling that Borden was adopting Japanese army tactics, so as to know or which hill to plant his batteries, drew from the opposition leader the retort that whatever happened, he would not retire within the lines of torres vedras. some farther discussion the After bouse went into supply on the railway estimates and adjourned before eleven o'clock, after Foster had heckled Em-

wanted employment, 35 asked for remerson on many items to his heart's lief, and 33 sought advice. Out of 35 cases for receiving relief, 20 were recommended for assistance. Temporary relief was provided for 14 and 8 were

FISKE STOCK COMPANY.

referred elsewhere. Three applicants were not to be found by the visitors Hazel Kirk, a most pleasing pastoral drama, will be given tonight by the popular Fiske Stock Company at the Opera House. The drama will be Now it has turned out ,since the introduction of the measure, that Sifton given in the best manner and will be interspersed with new, bright specialwas not consulted about it. I do not or women were nursing, sewing, matknow how it may be with regard to other members of the cabinet. We ties, moving pictures and musical numbers. There will be the usual Sathave no information on this point. We urday matinee, and on Saturday night do not know whether or not the minthe famous play of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. ister of finance was consulted with re-Hyde will be presented, when those gard to the clauses which did not meet

BOSTON IDEA.

terms embraced in this measure. But we have this peculiar circumstance, a "Oskosh people," remarked the perleast, that the measure was brough dical idiot, "are getting quite Boston down two or three days before the re se in their ways."

turn of the minister of the interior Naturally we would not be led to sup asy mark pose that a measure of this import "The last time I was there," explain ce, with the terms of which the

minister of the interior is so intimately connected, would be brought down within two or three days of his return ly \$3 - Marked down from \$10 Trouto Ottawa without his having had an

when enquiries are made, and explains that the association has given her kind-ly assistance. This confession has frequently the effect of preventing the Report For February - Something Should be Done in Regard to the person visited from making enquiries of Mrs. Hall, who, as a matter of fact, Numerous Impostors,

has been giving a great deal of time and energy to the work of suppress-ing this swindler. The truth seems to be that the alleged Mrs. Beckwith is not married and happily has no chil-The March meeting of the board of nanagement of the Associated Charidren. She is believed to be an exceed ties was held on Wednesday, when ingly successful collector, and Mrs. Mrs. Hall, the secretary, submitted Hall has almost daily inc miries conthe report for February. During the month 194 applications cerning her. More often than not the person visited gives assistance first received; of these persons 76

ciated Charities

and asks advice afterward, which is a method quite satisfactory to the can Another well known and successful

operator, who appears under various names and hails from a large assortment of addresses, is Mrs. Dennis Murwere not to be found by the visitors at the address given. Some employment was found for 59 persons, 23 men, 27 women, 4 boys and for women were nursing, sewing, mat-Among her theatrical properties is a making, house-cleaning and washing; for men, snow-shovelling, work on the farm and carpenter work; for boys, errand work in stores, and the girls were sent to do light housework and been borrowed for the occasion.

Sixty visits were made and 20 letters still understood to be doing a profitable

At this meeting of the board serious attention was given to the conduct of two women who are known to the officers as habitual and fraudulent beg-gars. One of these gives the name of Mrs. Beckwith, who at last accounts these impostors. these impostors.

> One must advertise to make business, to hold it, and to increase it .- Chas. H.

condition of domestic poverty. This Slack, Grocer, Chicago.

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ed the p. i., "I saw a sign in a tailor's window which said, "These Pants On-

take care of children. Eight men have applied to be put up

