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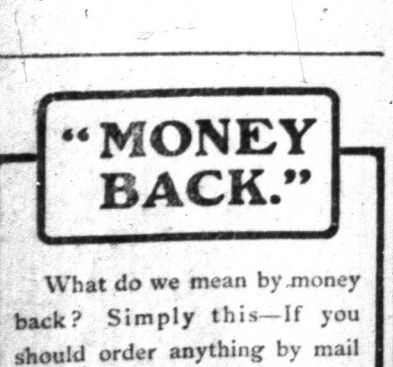
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THE COURIER OF THE CZAR

By Jules Verne

Seen from a certain distance, from the top of the mountain which runs along the great Siberian route at a distance of some twenty versts, with its domes and bellies, its graceful spires, like those of minarets, its spiral domes, it has a somewhat oriental appearance. But that oriental appearance vanishes from the eyes of the traveler from the moment he enters the town. The town, half Byzantine, half Chinese, becomes at once European by its macadamized streets, bordered with sidewalks, with their rows of gigantic birch trees, by their brick and wooden houses, some of which have several stories, by its many splendid equipages—in due, by the whole body of its inhabitants being very advanced in the progress of civilization, and to which the latest fashions of Paris are not at all strangers.

At that epoch Irkutsk, refuge for the Siberians of the province, was crowded. It abounded in resources of every kind. Irkutsk is the emporium for all that countless merchandise which is exchanged between China, central Asia and Europe. They did not fear to draw there, the peasants from the valley of the Angara, the Mongols-Khalkas, people from Toungouze and Boubret, and to allow the wilderness to stretch out between the invaders and the town.

Irkutsk is the residence of the governor general of eastern Siberia. Under him is a civil governor, in whose hands is concentrated the administration of the province, a head of the police, who has a great deal to do in a town where exiles abound, and lastly a mayor, one of the leading merchants, an important personage by his immense fortune and by the influence which he has over his fellow citizens.

The garrison of Irkutsk was then composed of a regiment of foot Cosacks, which numbered about 2,000 men, a body of foot gendarmes, who wore the helmet and blue uniforms striped with silver.

Besides, it is known that on account of particular circumstances the brother of the czar had been shut up in the town since the commencement of the invasion.

That situation must be given in detail. It was a journey of political importance that had led the grand duke into those distant provinces of eastern Asia. The grand duke, after having visited the principal cities of Siberia, traveling in military rather than princely style, accompanied by Cosacks, had gone even as far as the countries beyond the Balkan mountains. Nicholas, the last Russian town which is situated on the shores of the sea of Okhotsk, had been honored by his visit.

Having reached the boundaries of the immense Muscovite empire, the grand duke was returning to Irkutsk, from whence he would soon return to Europe, when the news reached him of that invasion, which was as sudden as it was menacing. He hastened to re-enter the capital, but when he arrived there communication with Russia had been cut off. He still received a few telegrams from St. Petersburg and Moscow. He could even answer them. Afterward the wire was cut under the circumstances already known to the reader.

Irkutsk was isolated from the rest of the world.

The grand duke could do nothing but organize resistance, a thing which he did with that firmness and coolness of which he had given under other circumstances incontestable proof.

News of the taking of Ichim, of Omsk, of Tomsk, came successively to Irkutsk. They could not count on being soon relieved, but they must prevent at all price the occupation of the capital of Siberia. The few troops scattered over the province of Amur and those in the government of Irkutsk could not arrive in sufficient numbers to arrest the Tartar columns. Besides, since Irkutsk could not possibly escape being invested, it was of the utmost importance to put the town in a position to sustain a siege of some length.

Those works were begun on the day on which Tomsk fell into the hands of the Tartars. At the same time as that last news the grand duke learned that the emir of Bokhara and the allied khans were directing the movement in person, but what he did not know was that the lieutenant of those barbarous chiefs was Ivan Ogareff, a Russian officer whom he himself had cashiered.

From the first, as has been seen, the inhabitants of the province of Irkutsk had been ordered to abandon the towns and villages. Those who did not seek refuge in the capital were compelled to retire beyond Lake Baikal, to where the invasion would not likely extend its ravages. The crops of corn and forage were requisitioned for the town, and that last rampart of Russian power in the extreme east was prepared to resist for some time.

Irkutsk, founded in 1611, is situated at the confluence of the Irkut and the Angara, on the right bank of the river. Two wooden bridges, built on piles and as arranged as to open the whole width of the river for the necessities of navigation, joined the town with its outskirts which extended along the left bank. The outskirts were abandoned, the bridges destroyed. The passage of

the Angara, which was very wide at that place, would not have been possible under the fire of the besieged. But the river could be crossed either above or below the town, and as a consequence Irkutsk was in danger of being attacked on the east side, which no rampart protected. It was also contemplated. After taking his food he would scream with pain, and although he seemed always hungry, his food did him no good. He was so restless and sleepless that I was almost worn out. Medicine seemed to do him no good until we gave him Baby's Own Tablets. I gave him the Tablets and they helped him almost immediately, and in a very short time he began to gain in weight, and is now rosy and healthy. Baby's Own Tablets cured my baby when nothing else helped him, and I would not be without them in the house.

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Mr. Donald Ferguson, 10th concession, died on Monday last, after an illness of about two years. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, was one of the best known and most highly respected men in the Township of Howard, where he lived all his life. He was a Presbyterian in religion and has been an elder in the church here for several years. In politics he was a staunch Reformer. Besides a widow, he leaves two sons, Hugh, accountant in the Traders' Bank, and Duncan, at home. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Munro at the house and interment in Greenwood cemetery. —Ridgeway Standard.

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District Dashes

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Married — At Blenheim, Mr. G. Thompson, to Mrs. H. Ellwood, both of Highgate.

Mrs. H. A. Thomson visited Chatham friends last week. —Ridgeway Plaindealer.

There passed away at Florence on January 12 one of the pioneers of the district, in the person of William Walker, aged 80 years and 18 days.

Reeve Campbell, of Aldborough, has been served with a notice of action to disqualify him, entered by ex-Reeve Tolmie, on the grounds of irregular voting.

A Merlin man has a Poland China Tamworth sow that has netted him \$175 since last June in hogs sold besides retaining two for his own private use.

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