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The Courier Of the Czar

By JULES VERNE

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CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

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the provisions of the kibitka, they were not exhausted, and each one took his share. Then, after having knelt before a modest picture of the Panaghia that was hanging on the wall and which the last flame of a lamp still lit up, Nicholas and the young girl fell asleep, while Michael Strogoff remained awake, his anxiety driving away all sleep.

The next day, 26th of August, before daybreak the kibitka was traversing the park of birch trees to reach the banks of the Yenisei, which was crossed by the little party on an improvised raft.

Michael Strogoff could at length believe that the route was free as far as Irkutsk. He had entrapped the Tartars, and when the soldiers of the emir should arrive at Krasnoiarsk they would only find an abandoned town there and no means of immediate communication between the two banks of the Yenisei; hence a delay of some days until a bridge of boats, difficult to construct, should open a passage to them.

For the first time since the unhappy meeting with Ivan Ogarev the courier of the czar felt himself less uneasy and could hope that no new obstacle would arise to the accomplishment of his plans.

The kibitka, after having proceeded about fifteen versts toward the southeast, came to and retook the long high-road across the steppe.

On the 28th of August the travelers had passed the town of Balaisk, which was eighty versts from Krasnoiarsk, and by the 29th that of Ribinsk, forty versts from Balaisk.

The next day, after traveling more than thirty-five versts, they arrived at Kamsk, a more considerable town, watered by the river of the same name, a small affluent of the Yenisei, which descends from the mountains of Sayansk.

On going out from Kamsk Michael informed Nadia and Nicholas that they would find only one little town of some importance, Nijal Oudinsk, before Irkutsk. Nicholas answered that he knew that there was a telegraphic station in that town. Therefore if Nijal Oudinsk had been abandoned like Kamsk he would certainly be obliged to seek for some occupation in the capital of eastern Siberia.

From Kamsk to the neighboring town was very long, about a hundred and thirty versts.

After having crossed the little river of Birousinsk the kibitka reached Birousinsk on the morning of the 4th of September. There, very fortunately, Nicholas, who saw his provisions becoming exhausted, found in an abandoned bakery a dozen cakes, prepared with mutton fat, and a large supply of boiled rice.

After a reasonable halt they continued their journey once more on the afternoon of the 5th of September. The distance to Irkutsk was not more than 500 versts. Nothing in their rear signaled the advance guard of the Tartars. Michael Strogoff had therefore settled down to think that his journey would not again be interrupted and that in eight days or in ten at the most he would be in the presence of the grand duke.

In coming out of Birousinsk a hare crossed the road about thirty paces in front of the kibitka.

"Ah!" said Nicholas.

"What is the matter, friend?" asked Michael Strogoff eagerly, as a blind man whom the least noise held on the watch.

"Did you not see?" said Nicholas, whose smiling face suddenly became cloudy.

Then he added:

"Ah, no, you could not see, and it is happy for you, good father!"

"But I have seen nothing!" said Nadia.

"So much the better! So much the better! But I—I have seen!"

"What was it, then?" asked Michael Strogoff.

"A hare that came across our path!" answered Nicholas.

In Russia when a hare crosses the path of a traveler popular belief looks upon it as a sign of approaching evil.

Nicholas, superstitious as are the greater part of the Russians, had stopped the kibitka.

Michael Strogoff understood the hesitation of his companion, although he did not share his credulity regarding hares crossing the path, and he wished to reassure him.

"We have nothing to fear, friend," he said to him.

"Nothing for you nor for her, I know, good father," answered Nicholas, "but for me!"

"And, continuing, said he:

"It is my destiny."

And he again put his horse to the trot.

Meanwhile, in spite of the sad prognostications of the day passed by without any accident.

Next day, Sept. 9, at noon the kibitka halted at the town of Alaslevsk, as deserted as was the surrounding country.

There on the threshold of a house Nadia found two of those knives with long, sharp blades used by Siberian hunters. She gave one of them to Michael Strogoff, who hid it under his coat, and she kept the other for herself.

The kibitka was not more than six or seven versts from Nijal Oudinsk.

Nicholas during the last two days had not been able to regain his usual good humor. The evil omen had affected him more than one could have believed, and he who up to that time had never remained an hour without talking had now long spells of silence, from which even Nadia could with difficulty withdraw him.

In spite of all his somewhat fatalistic resignation he would not believe himself safe except within the walls of Irkutsk. Many Russians would have thought like Nicholas, and more than one, pulling the bridle of his horse, would have turned back after seeing a hare cross their path.

The next day, toward 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Nicholas descried on the horizon the high bellies of the churches of Nijal Oudinsk. They were crowned with thick columns of vapor which could not be cleared.

Nicholas and Nadia looked and commented to Michael Strogoff the result of their observations. They must decide their course of action at once, if the town had been abandoned, they could pass through it without any risk, but if by a movement that they could not explain the Tartars already occupied it they must turn it at any price.

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"Let us advance prudently," said Michael Strogoff, "but let us advance!"

Another verst was made.

He was about to propose to Nicholas to leave the route and in case of necessity only to remain it after having turned Nijal Oudinsk, when the sound of a gun was heard on the right. A ball hissed, and the horse in the kibitka, struck in the head, fell dead.

At the same instant, a dozen horsemen threw themselves on the road, and the kibitka was surrounded. Michael Strogoff, Nadia and Nicholas, without having had time to recover themselves, were prisoners and being led rapidly toward Nijal Oudinsk.

The next day, 11th of September, the detachment passed through the town of Chilibirinskoe.

At that time an incident occurred which was to have very serious consequences.

The night had come. The Tartar horsemen, having had a halt, were more or less drunk. They were about to continue their journey.

Nadia, who up to that time, as though by a miracle, had been respected by those soldiers, was insulted by one of them.

Michael Strogoff had been able to see neither the insult nor the insulting person, but Nicholas had seen for him.

He quietly, without having reflected, without perhaps having any consciousness of his action, Nicholas made straight for the soldier, and before the latter could make any movement to stop him, snatching a pistol from the pommel of his saddle, he discharged it full at his breast.

The officer who had command of the detachment ran up immediately at the sound of the pistol.

The horsemen were about to cut Nicholas in pieces, but at a sign from the officer they bound him fast with cords, they swung him across a horse, and the detachment set off at a gallop.

The cord which tied Michael Strogoff, gnawed by him, broke at an unexpected dash of the horse, and its rider, half drunk, carried away in a quick run, did not even perceive it.

Michael Strogoff and Nadia found themselves alone on the road.

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How a Man's Life Was Saved at the Very Last Moment.

The following stirring incident of the two flags happened at Valparaiso, Chile, and was related at Montreal in 1881 by the Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck. Dr. Peck said:

"The man who gave me the facts I am about to relate was Mr. Haskins, an American sailor who had sailed to a port in Chile. On going ashore, he said, to enjoy his day of liberty he drank a little and became hilarious. One of the police officers, instead of warning him not to make a noise in the street, drew his sword and, striking him a blow, knocked him down. On that the American sailor got up and knocked the policeman down in return. He was on that arrested and tried and condemned to be shot in the morning of the following day.

"Mr. Loring, the American consul, expostulated with the authorities that he would be monstrous to shoot the man for such an offense, but they paid no attention to him, so he thereupon made a formal protest in the name of the United States government against the barbarous act. Mr. Haskins, the sailor, was in the morning brought out and imprisoned to be shot.

"As the English consul was preparing to hoist the union jack he saw the crowd in the field opposite, where the execution of the American sailor, of which he had heard, was to take place. Rushing over the American consul, he said, 'Loring, you're not going to let them shoot that man!'

"What can I do? he said. 'I have protested against it. I can do no more.'

"Quick as thought the English consul shouted, 'Give me your flag!' And in a trice the stars and stripes were handed to the English representative. Alarmed by his way through the crowd and soldierly, and running up to the doomed man, he folded the American flag around him and then laid the union jack over it. Standing a few paces back, he faced the officers and soldiers and shouted defiantly, 'Now shoot, if you dare, through the heart of England and America!'

"And they dared not do it, for they feared the consequences, so the man was at once released. 'In telling me,' said Dr. Peck, 'Mr. Haskins said to me, with tears streaming down his cheeks, and then, 'They loosed me then, and oh, how I longed to embrace those two flags!'—Anglo-American.

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"Then the farmer answered, 'I heard what you said.'"—New York Herald.

Terrible Effect of Eloquence.

An unfortunate man has obtained access to rich Baron Rapieneu. He depicts his misfortunes, his misery, in so moving a manner that the baron, with tears in his eyes and his voice choked with sobs, calls to his servant:

"Jean, put this poor fellow out in the street! He is breaking my heart!"—Exchange.

Know Your Own Capacity.

If the people about you are carrying on a race which draws the life out of you, resolutely take a slower pace; be called a laggard, make less money, accomplish less work than they, but be what you are meant to be and can be. You have your natural limit of power as much as an engine—ten horsepower or twenty or a hundred. You are fit to do certain kinds of work, and you need a certain kind and amount of fuel and a certain kind of handling.—George S. Merriam.

A Good Name.

Tess—Oh, yes, she married a man with a highly honored name.

Jess—What I never considered Jess'd a highly honored name.

Tess—Well, you should see the way it's honored at the bank.—Philadelphia Press.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Jane W. Tobias, Mary C. Welch, Margarette A. Tobias, Lulu V. M. Mason and A. Levi and D. Levi, Executors of the last will and testament of M. Levi, deceased, Defendants.

Mary Tobias, Henry Tobias, Elizabeth Tobias, Sarah Tobias, G. M. Mason and A. Levi and D. Levi, Defendants.

Decree for Partition and Sale.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Judgment Order of the Court of Common Pleas, in the above stated action, to me directed, bearing date November 20, 1901, I will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at Clarendon Court House, at Manning, in said county, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, being salesday, the following described real estate:

All that plantation or tract of land lying, being and situated in the county of Clarendon and State of South Carolina, containing two hundred and thirty-six (236) acres, more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of the estate of M. Levi and lands of Esther Watt; east, by lands formerly of C. S. Land, now said to belong to E. L. Wilkins; south, by lands of J. J. Holladay, and west by lands of Thomas Wilson.

Purchaser to pay for papers, J. ELBERT DAVIS, Sheriff Clarendon County, Manning, S. C., December 11, 1901. [19-4t]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Caroline B. Salinas, C. Edward Salinas and Anthony J. Salinas, co-partners, trading under the firm name of A. J. Salinas & Sons, and S. A. Rigby, Plaintiffs, against Isaac Rhame, Hiram Rhame, otherwise called Hiram Tension, David Rhame, Henry Rhame and others, Defendants.

Judgment for Foreclosure and Sale.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Judgment Order of the Court of Common Pleas, in the above stated action, to me directed, bearing date of November 26, 1901, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at Clarendon Court House, at Manning, in said county, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, being salesday, the following described real estate:

All that tract or parcel of land situated in the said county in said State, containing one hundred acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: On the north, by lands now or formerly of Dr. William E. Dinkins and one of the public roads of said county; on the east, by lands now or formerly of said Dr. William E. Dinkins and lands of the estate of P. M. Butler; on the south, by lands of the said estate of the said P. M. Butler and Nat's branch and by lands of the estate of Obediah Rhame, now lands of John W. Rhame; on the west, by the public road, Nat's branch and lands of the estate of Obediah Rhame, the said premises being the same which were conveyed to the said Joseph Rhame by William W. Richardson.

Purchaser to pay for papers, J. ELBERT DAVIS, Sheriff Clarendon County, Manning, S. C., November 6, 1901. [19-4t]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

H. P. Spear and A. H. Silcox, as Administrators, with the will annexed, of F. A. Silcox, deceased, Plaintiffs, against William G. Frierson, Defendant.

Decree Foreclosure and Sale.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Judgment Order of the Court of Common Pleas, in the above stated action, to me directed, bearing date November 20, 1901, I will sell at public auction, at Clarendon Court House, at Manning, in said county, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, being salesday, the following described real estate:

All that certain plantation or tract of land in Clarendon county, State aforesaid, measuring and containing nine hundred acres, more or less, butting and bounding to the north by edge of Potato creek; east, by Wyboe swamp; South, by Santee river swamp, and west by lands now owned by J. A. Quakenbush, and being the lands allotted to the defendant in the division of his father's estate.

Purchaser to pay for papers, J. ELBERT DAVIS, Sheriff Clarendon County, Manning, S. C., December 11, 1901. [19-4t]

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