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and second finger were accrated, and it is feared that to the injuries. Mr. Fitz- but a plain merchant, Nicholas Korpahas been operating machin- noff, traveling from Moscow to Irkutsk,

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the czar, apparently satisfied with 1 if. out to pass somenow or other such his scrutiny, went to his bureau and motioning to the chief of police to seat himself, dictated in a low voice a letter of not more than a few lines. The letter penned, the czar reread it attentively and then signed it, preceding his name with these words, "Byt po semon," which, signifying "so be it," constitutes the decisive formula of the Russian emperors.

The letter was placed in an envelope, which was sealed with the imperial

The czar, rising, told Michael Strogoff to draw near. Michael advanced a few steps and then stood motionless, ready to an-

The czar again looked him full in the face, and their eyes met. Then in an

"Thy name?" he asked. "Michael Strogoff, sire." "Thy rank?"

"Captain in the corps of couriers of the czar."

"Thou dost know Siberia?" "I am a Siberian."

"A nat've of"-"Omsk. sire."

"Hast thou relations there?" Yes, sire.'

"What relations?" "My old mother."

The czar suspended his questions for moment, then, pointing to the letter which he held in his hand, he said:

"Here is a letter which I charge thee, Michael Strogoff, to deliver into the hands of the grand duke and to no other but him."

"I will deliver it, sire," "The grand duke is at Irkutsk." "I will go to Irkutsk."

"Thou wilt have to traverse a rebellious country, invaded by Tartars, whose interest it will be to intercept this letter." "I will traverse it."

"Above all, beware of the traitor Ivan Ogareff, who will perhaps meet thee on the way." "I will beware of him."

"Wilt thou pass through Omsk?" "Sire, that is my route." "If thou dost see thy mother, there

will be the risk of being recognized. Thou must not see her!" Michael Strogoff hesitated a moment.

"I will not see her," said he. "Swear to me that nothing will make thee acknowledge who thou art nor whither thou art going."

"I swear it." "Michael Strogoff," continued the czar, giving the latter to the vonng courier take this letter. On it depends the safety of all Siberia and perhaps the

life of my brother, the grand duke." "This letter shall be delivered to his highness the grand duke." "Thou wilt pass whatever happens?"

"I shall pass, or they shall kill me." "I want thee to live." "I shall live and I shall pass," an-

swered Michael Strogoff. The czar appeared satisfied with Stro-

goff's calm and simple answer. "go for God, for Russia, for my brother | chael Strogoff.

and for myself." The courier, having saluted his sov- the courier of the czar. The young girl ereign, immediately left the imperial | took it after placing by her side a mod-

"You made a good choice there, general," said the czar. "I think so, sire," replied General

Kissoff, "and your majesty may be sure that Michael Strogoff will do all that a man can do." "He is indeed a man," said the czar.

CHAPTER III.



HE distance between Moscow and Irkutsk, about to be traversed by Michael Strogoff, was 5,200 versts. Before the telegraph wire extended from the Ural mountains to

the eastern frontier of Siberia the dispatch service was performed by couriers, those who traveled the most rapidly taking eighteen days to get from Moscow to Irkutsk.

In the first place, however, he must not travel as a courier of the czar usually would. No one must even suspect what he really was. Spies swarm in a rebellious country. Let him be recognized, and his mission would be in danger. Also, while supplying him with a large sum of money, which was sufficient for his journey and would facilitate it in some measure, General Kissoff had not given him any document specifying that he was in the emperor's service, which is the sesame par excellence. He contented himself with

furnishing him with a podorojna. The podorojna was made out in the name of Nicholas Korpanoff, merchant, living at Irkutsk. It authorized Nicholas Korpanoff to be accompanied, if requisite, by one or more persons, and, moreover, it was by special notification made available in the event of the Mus-

covite government forbidding natives of any other countries to leave Russia. The podorojna is simply a permission to take post horses, but Michael Strogoff was not to use it unless he was sure that by so doing he would not excite suspicion as to his mission-that is to say, while the sage was that in the sage of the insurgent to say, while he was on European terhis left hand came in Siberia, while traversing the insurgent the knife. His thumb provinces, he would have no power over the relays either in the choice of horses in preference to others or in demanding conveyances for his peared that manding conveyances for his peared to use. Neither was Michael Strogoff to use. Neither was Michael Strogoff to Two local physicians forget that he was no longer a courier,

many years, and this is the and as such exposed to all the impedi-**TORONTO** accident he has sustainments of an ordinary journey. To pass unknown more or less rapid-

were the directions he had received. Thirty years previously the escort of a traveler of rank consisted of not less than 200 mounted Cossacks, 200 foot soldiers, 25 Baskir horsemen, 300 camels, 400 horses, 25 wagons, 2 portable boats and 2 pieces of cannon. All this

was requisite for a journey in Siberia. Michael Strogoff, however, had neither cannon nor horsemen nor foot soldiers nor beasts of burden. He would travel in a carriage or on horseback when he could, on foot when he could

There would be no difficulty in getting over the first 1,500 versts, the distance between Moscow and the Russian frontier. Railroads, post carriages, steamboats, relays of horses, were at every one's disposal and consequently at the disposal of the courier of the

Accordingly on the morning of the 16th of July, having doffed his uniform, with a knapsack on his back, dressed in the simple Russian costume, tightly fitting tunic, the traditional belt of the moujik, wide trousers, gartered at the knees, and high boots, Michael Strogoff arrived at the station in time for the first train. He carried no arms, openly at least, but under his belt was hidden a revolver and in his pocket one of those large knives with which a Siberian hunter can so neatly disembowel a bear without injuring its pre-

A crowd of travelers had collected at the Moscow station. The stations on the Russian railroads are much used as places for meeting not only by those who are about to proceed by the train, but by friends who come to see them off. It indeed resembles from the variety of characters assembled a small news exchange.

The train in which Michael took his place was to set him down at Nijni Novgorod. There terminated at that time the iron road which, uniting Moscow and St. Petersburg, will eventually continue to the Russian frontier. It was a journey of about 400 versts, and the train would accomplish it in ten hours. Once arrived at Nijni Novgorod, Strogoff would, according to circumstances, either take the land route or the steamer on the Volga, so as to reach the Ural mountains as soon as possible.

michael Strogoff ensconsed himself in his corner like a worthy citizen whose affairs go well with him and who endeavors to kill time by sleep. Nevertheless, as he was not alone in

his compartment, he slept with one eve open and listened with both his ears.

In fact, the rumor of the rising of the Kirghiz hordes and of the Tartar invasion had transpired in some degree. The occupants of the carriage, whom chance had made his traveling companions, discussed the subject, though with that caution which has become habitual among Russians, who know that spies are ever on the watch for any treasonable expressions which may be

At the Wladimir station fresh travelers entered the train. Among others, a young girl presented herself at the "Go, then, Michael Strogoff," said he, | door of the carriage occupied by Mi-

A vacant place was found opposite cabinet and in a few minutes the New est traveling bag of red leather which seemed to constitute her luggage. Then, seating herself with downcast eyes, she prepared for a journey which was still to last several hours.

Michael Strogoff could not help looking attentively at his newly arrived fel-10W travetor. As she was so placed as

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to traver ... the ner back to the engine. be even offered her his seat, which she might prefer to her own, but she thanked him with a slight bend of her grace-

The young girl appeared to be about sixteen or seventeen years of age. Her bead, truly charming, was of the purest Slavonic type - slightly severe, and which would when a few summers had passed over her unfold into beauty acuer than mere prettiness. From beneath a sort of kerchief which she wore on her head escaped in profusion light golden hair. Her eyes were brown, soft and expressive of much sweetness of temper. The nose was straight and attached to her pale and somewhat thin cheeks by delicate mobile nostrils. The lips were finely cut, but it seemed as if they had long since forgotten how to

The young traveler was tall and upwas still a very young girl in the liceral sense of the term, the development of her high forehead and clearly cut features gave the idea that she was the possessor of a great moral energy, a point which did not escape Michael spot. Strogoff. Evidently this young girl had already suffered in the past, and the future doubtless did not present itself to her in glowing colors. But it was none the less certain that she had known how to struggle and that she had resolved to struggle still with the trials of life. Her energy was evidently prompt and persistent and her calmness unalterable even under circumstances in which a man would be likely to give way or lese his self command. Such was the impression which she

produced at first sight. Michael Strogoff, being himself of an energetic temperament, was naturally struck by the character of her physiognomy, and, while taking care not to cause her annoyance by a too persistent gaze, he observed his neighbor with no small interest. The costume of the young traveler was both extremely simple and appropriate. She was not rich-that could easily be seen-but not the slightest mark of negligence was to be discerned in her dress. All her luggage was contained in a leather bag under lock and key, and which, for want of

room, she held on her lap. She wore a long, dark pelisse, which was gracefully adjusted at the neck by a blue tie. Under this pelisse a short skirt, also dark, fell over a robe which reached to her ankles and of which the lower edge was ornamented with some an ple embroidery. Half boots of worked leather and thickly soled, as if chosen in the anticipation of a long jour-

ney, covered her small feet. Michael Strogoff fancied that he recognized by certain details the fashion of the costume of Livonia, and he thought that his neighbor must be a native of the Baltic provinces.

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READ THE POST

Fitzsimmons Automobile Body Plant An Industry With Splendid Future

Lindsay undoubtedly possesses in of Toronto. the Fitzsimmons automobile industry, which recently moved from Can- A member of the firm informed the caught. Most of the young fellows nington, a concern which will un- Post representative that their reas- have not the patience to sit for three doubtedly figure prominently in its ons for locating in Lindsay were, or four hours in an open boat when down. I was really industrial growth, which now gives first, because they had decided to en- the bass are not biting. too weak to walk and promise of enjoying an era of expan- large their business and build a larg- Water fowl are numerous; the

AUTOMOBILE AGE

stance to the strides that will be and they decided to locate here. made in the future. The demand for

INDUSTRY WILL GROW simmons industry an institution with the paper, but felt that the article The water lillies are now in bloom great possibilities-one that is unto Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. doubtedly destined to expand and be- the views of the citizens whom he ing. It is surprising that no upsets come a most important industrial had met in that city.

IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS in temporary quarters in the old Central school until such time as a more suitable location is secured-where they will have ample room to meet the expansion in business which is bound to come their way.

FIRM AT WORK has not been heralded by a blare of trumpets. The plant has been quietly of our citizens to strengthen the installed and very few of our citizens were aware that a portion of staff were at work until they heard may share in the industrial revival, Patrick Ryan, formerly a parish the song of the saw and the planer.

On Thursday afternoon a Post reporter paid a visit to the Central School and was agreeably surprised at the wonderful transformation that had taken place. In the different rooms where for years, hard working pedagogues had labored to teach the right, as well as could be judged of her young minds how to shoot, were in-

> MEN OF EXPERIENCE their industry. They are both men of good; 'lunge fishing seems to be more Mrs. Hammond Lee, William-st. experience as builders, both in Canada and the United States. Mr. J. A Fitzsimmons is a graduate of the New York School of the Mechanics' Institute for carriage and automobile draughting and designing. Since they have launched in business they have never had an automobile body return-

WHAT THEY MANUFACTURE The nature and capacity of the industry must not be gauged by the size of the temporary plant installed the school. Messrs Fitzsimmons have only a portion of their machinery in position. New machinery has been ordered and is being manufactured in Galt, but this will be installed when new quarters are secured.

The machinery used in the manufacture of the bodies are: saws, planers, fitting machines, metal working machines, automatic power hammers, beading machinery and moulding machines. These will be used in the manufacture of fine automobile bodies, in wood, steel or aluminum. Special bodies are manufactured for special designs in touring bodies, torpedoes, torpedo roadsters, limousines etc.

The firm is building bodies for leading automobile concerns in Canada, and a number of them were noticed in course of construction. Nothing but the best material is used in their

TO FULL CAPACITY In a few days the firm expects to

GOOD WAGES PAID. None but experienced mechanics are any similar industry in Canada. Besides, this industry is the only one building such a line of bodies north

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Lindsay, therefore, has in the Fitz- smiled, and said he did not know has not developed. did not reflect the spirit or express and numbers gather some every even-

The new firm has installed its plant our Industry Commission, which has and grasp the stems and pull sideways labored loyally, persistently and con- instead of running the boat as close sistently in order to promote our as possible to the flower and then pull industrial growth. Very little been recorded of their public-spirited be attended with disastrous conseendeavors, which are now beginning quences. to show fruit. The Commission has other industries in view, and The arrival of the firm in Lindsay prospects for landing them are of a roseate hue. It is the bounden duty hands of the Commission in every possible way in order that Lindsay which is becoming general throughout

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR

figure from the very simple and ample stalled wood and metal working ma- the banks of the Scugog come up to Bishop Conroy, of Ogdensburg. Archpelisse that covered her. Although she chinery of different designs, turning Lindsay every day, either by canoe or deacon Casey of Lindsay also atout material for the automobile bo- launch, to replenish their store of pro- tended, representing His Lordship dies. A dozen men were busily engag- visions. Others procure a rig from a Bishop O'Connor. The new bishop ed in turning out the bodies, and neighboring farmer and drive, wel- was born in Corraugh, Ireland, in the old school was certainly a busy coming an occasional change from lo- 1864, coming to Canada at an early comotion by water. All have a heal- age. He was ordained to the priestthy coat of tan. Milk and eggs are se- hood in 1887. The reporter was welcomed by the cured from the farm houses. Ice, in members of the firm.-Messrs. W. J. most of the camps, is a negible quan- Mr. Alfred Vaughan of Raven Lake and J. A. Fitzsimmons. Both are tity, but a cold spring in the vicinity was in town today on business. young men and appeared to be very makes up partially for this deficiency. Miss E. Smith, of Peterboro, has optimistic regarding the future of They report the fishing to be fairly returned after being the guest of

popular than bass, as a proportion-

was very despondent sion, thanks to the public spirited er plant and they, therefore, wished young of the mud hen and diver are and loyal efforts of our Industrial to be in a centre, where advantages now fast reaching maturity and can in the line of good shipping facilities be heard "squaking" in the reed as well as cheap power at unlimited beds, occasionally appearing in an This is the automobile age, in fact quantities could be enjoyed. Second- open space among the water lillies. the automobile industry might be said ly, because of the scarcity of exper- The young bitterns are now learning health and strength to be in its infancy. True, wonderful ienced labor, and the difficulty of in- to fly, and can be seen steering a progress has been made in the manu- ducing mechanics to locate in a small doubtful course through the air, to facture of automobiles during the past centre. The advantages offered by drop suddenly among the rushes. few years, but this is not a circum- Lindsay appealed to them strongly, Cranes are as numerous as ever and are seen fishing persistently in the shallows. The ubiquitous woodpecker automobiles is increasing with leaps Messrs Fitzsimmons have great is everywhere, heralding his apand bounds. The machine is not a faith in the town's future, and have proach with his shrill cry of triumph. No other medicine for woman's ills has fad, but a necessity, and has come to been deeply impressed with the kind- Wild ducks are scarce, only a few received such wide-spread and unquali- stay. As the demand increases, the ness meted out to them by the citi- black ducks staying here for the sumfied endorsement. We know of no other necessity for a car, combining safety zeoc. Their relations with the indus- mer. The first stretch of cold weather and speed and efficiency, and one that trial Commission were of a most will bring them down in flocks. The will meet the demands of the moder- cordial and business like nature, and crop of Indian wild rice will be very ate purse, will be forced more and they have nothing but words of good this year. It was thought that more on the manufacturers, and we priase for the manner in which their the high water in the spring and the tion, tumors, irregularities, periodic may expect to see machines on the business relations were conducted. subsequent rapid fall, would cause the In referring to an article which ap- stalks to topple over, and thus ruin a peared in the Peterboro Examiner a chief source of the Hiawatha Indian's few days ago, a member of the firm livelihood, but this possible danger

have taken place in gathering them, OUR INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIOA. as their stems are tough and wiry. This is the first industry secured by Many people reach out over the side has upwards. An upset in the weeds might

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Pembroke, July 26-Rev. Father priest of Renfrew, was yesterday consecrated auxiliary bishop of Pembroke, the ceremonies being conducted in St. Columbian's cathedral here by Archbishop Gauthier of .ttawa. Among the other dignitaries of the church present were Bishop Failon, and Mgr. Aylward, of London, Ont., A number of those camping along Bishop Scrembs, of Toledo, and

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