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THE COURIER OF THE CZAR

By Jules Verne

CHAPTER I

IRE, a fresh dispatch. "Whence?" "From Tomsk."

"Telegraph hourly to Tomsk, general, and let me be kept informed of all that occurs."

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CHAPTER II

THE door of the imperial cabinet was again opened, and General Kiseoff was announced.

"The courier," inquired the czar eagerly. "He is here, sire," replied General Kiseoff.

"Have you found a fitting man?" "I will answer for him to your majesty."

"Has he been in the service of the palace?" "Yes, sire."

"You know him?" "Personally, and at various times he has fulfilled difficult missions with success."

"Abroad?" "In Siberia itself."

"Where does he come from?" "From Omsk. He is a Siberian."

"Has he coolness, intelligence, courage?" "Yes, sire; he has all the qualities necessary to succeed even where others might possibly fail."

TOOT! TOOT! TOOT! FREE Steam Engine



No one can visit the Ninth Regiment armory where the revolver practice of the police goes on daily without realizing the efficiency of the force in this respect.

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UNCLE SAM'S ARMY.

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Rescue of Blind Horse. Nobs Swam Under a Pier Following His Master's Voice.

An old black dray horse, blind as a bat, stood in a stable near the North pier yesterday and held a public reception. Teamsters, neighbors, waterfront loafers and policemen dropped in to look him over and pat his glossy neck.

Continuing the analysis of salaries, we find that 72.7 per cent. of all the classified employees on salaries receive less than \$1,000 a year. The number of male employees who get more than \$2,500 is 1.1 per cent., and the percentage of females who are paid above \$1,000 is 0.7 per cent.

It is not generally known that many of the handsome summer hats worn by the women of this country are literally made from wood "shavings."

A negro was arrested for stealing. He had been caught helping himself to the contents of the cash drawer in the store of Mr. Appleton. The magistrate before whom the negro was brought knew the man and was much surprised to learn the charge against the prisoner. Looking at the negro earnestly, he said: "Sam, I'm sorry to see you here. Didn't you know that no good could come from stolen money? There's a curse on it."

THIS HANDSOME FUR SCARF LADY'S OR GIRL'S SIZE also a Beautiful Pearl and Diamond Ring Will be Given FREE SWEET PEA SEEDS

WE TRUST YOU With a few lines... Mrs. Patrick Campbell is so far recovered from her accident that she expects to return to New York in three weeks and begin rehearsal in other parts than the Sorceress.