

# *North and South*

## *Episode 3*

### *Sorrows and hopes*



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# The Great Exhibition



INTERIOR OF THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF ALL NATIONS.





- The Great Exhibition of 1851 was held in London inside an enormous structure of iron and glass known as the Crystal Palace.
- In five months, from May to October 1851, **six million** visitors thronged the gigantic trade show.
- The stunning display of inventions, works of art, and objects collected in distant lands was something of a precursor of a World's Fair.
- The rulers of Britain intended to show the world that technology was bringing uplifting changes to society and **Britain was leading the race into the future.**



# A Brilliant Showcase of Technology

- The idea of the Great Exhibition originated with Henry Cole and Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria.
- Albert knew that the show would have placed Britain at the **forefront of technology** by displaying its latest inventions, everything from massive steam engines to the latest cameras.
- Other nations were invited to participate, and the official name of the show was **The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations**.
- The Crystal Palace, was constructed of prefabricated cast iron and panes of plate glass and it was designed by architect Joseph Paxton.





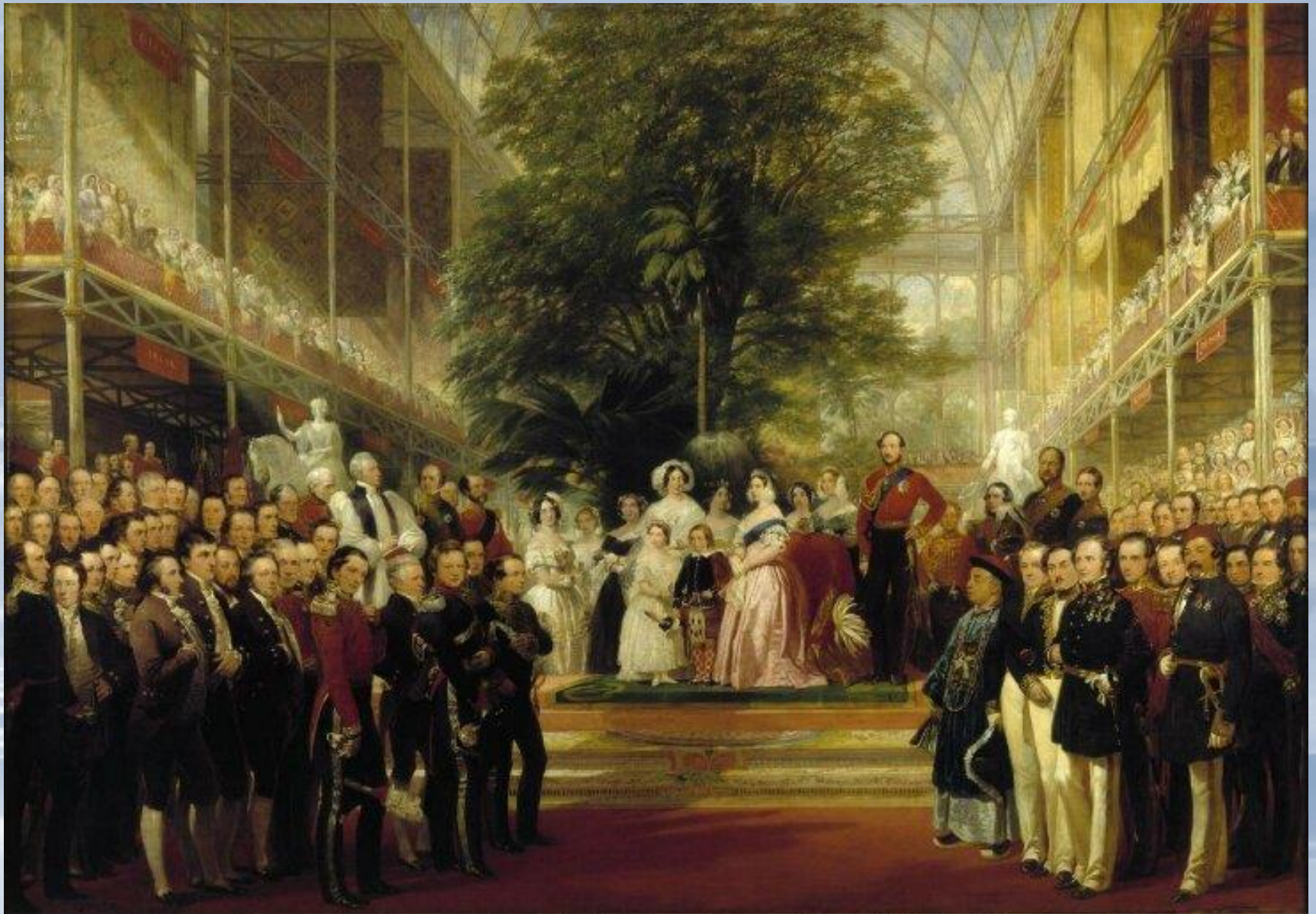
# Spectacular inventions

- Crowds flocked to see gleaming steam engines designed to be used aboard ships or in factories.
- The Great Western Railway displayed a locomotive.

## Why is Thorton there?

- As machines that turned raw cotton into finished cloth were in the show. Spectators could watch spinning machines and power looms manufacture fabric before their eyes.
- Queen Victoria formally opened the Great Exhibition.
- More than a half-million spectators watched the royal procession move through the streets of London from Buckingham Palace to the Exhibition.







# A Mutineer

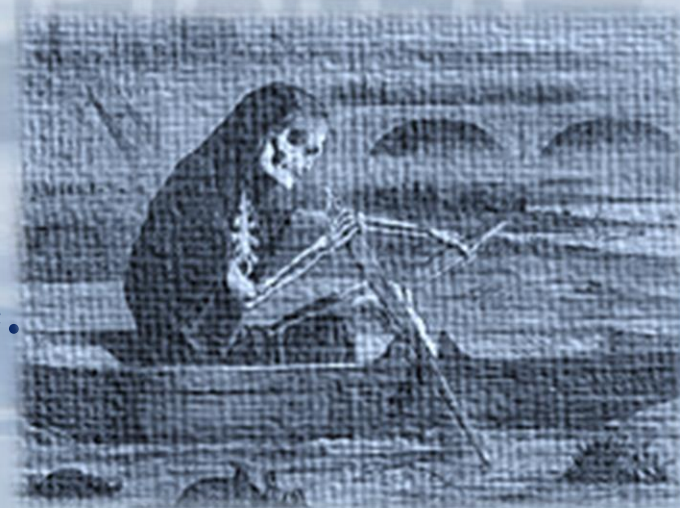
- A mutiny is an organized rebellion against a legally constituted authority, especially by seamen against their officers.
- A person who is found guilty of attempted mutiny, mutiny, sedition, or failure to suppress or report a mutiny or sedition could be punished by death or such other punishment as a court-martial may direct.
- That is why Margaret's brother lives in Spain and his life is at risk when he comes to England to see his dying mother.





## A purple river

- “...It had a black canal in it, and a **river** that **ran purple** with ill-smelling dye, and vast piles of buildings full of windows where there was a rattling and a trembling all day long..”(Dickens, Hard Times)
- The river runs purple with some sort of "ill-smelling dye" because of the industrial waste.
- That is why, when Boucher's body is found, his face is purple.



# Being a Magistrate

- Mr Thorton is the **magistrate** in Milton, which is a great honour, and shows his importance.
- Magistrates court deals with smaller crimes like minor assaults, breaches of the peace, drunk and disorderly conduct, vagrancy and minor poaching, etc.
- Victorian magistrates would generally deal with local cases, and if the cases dealt with are quite serious, they would be sent off to the high courts.





- In industrial cities, it was the successful middle-class manufacturers that were nominated for the post.
- This meant a conflict of interests.
- When workers wanted to state their grievances towards their master, it would be a fellow mill owners that judged the case.
- Although we can assume that Thornton would be a fair judge, he also used his power to his own advantage.

Milton's Magistrate



- By ruling that the death of Leonards was accidental, he saved Margaret from a further embarrassing inquiry.
- This must have cost Mr. Thornton a great deal, as he used his influence to protect the honour of the woman who had rejected him.
- In truth, it shows that people of a certain class would act to protect one another.
- Had Margaret not been present at the station, Thornton would have demanded a further investigation.





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## Love and Understanding

