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A portrait of Pugachov, painted from life with oil paints.

Yemelyan Pugachyov attempted to start a major revolt by leading a cossack-peasant army into the city of Kazan, 239 years ago today, on July 23, 1774. The rebels were soon driven from the town and Pugachyov was later captured and taken to Moscow, where he paid for the insurrection with his life.

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