

The Midnight Guest

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CHAPTER I. At Whose Hand?

A hansom pulled up in front of 783 Park Lane, and a slim figure of a woman, dressed in deep mourning, ran up the broad flight of marble steps leading to the house. Her features were closely concealed by a thick veil, so that the footman who answered the ring could make nothing of the visitor. Her voice was absolutely steady as she asked to see Lord Ravenspur at once.

know, and put up at the Grand Hotel. You see, I have never been in London before, and so I know nothing at all about it. If we had only gone straight to our own house in Fitzjohn Square this dreadful thing—but why do I think of that? You know the house was not ready for us, and that was the reason why we went to the Grand. After visiting a theatre last night, Louis announced his intention of going as far as our house. I understood him to say that he required something from his studio. There were no caretakers on the premises, but Louis had a latchkey, so that was all right. I went to bed about twelve o'clock, thinking no evil, and not in the least alarmed because Louis had not come back. As you know, he had always been a terribly late man, and I thought perhaps he had met one of his old companions, or perhaps he had turned into the Garrick Club. Still, when I awoke this morning about ten, I found that he had not returned, I became genuinely alarmed. I took a cab as far as Fitzjohn Square, and went into the house.

"One moment," Ravenspur interrupted. "I don't quite understand how you managed to get into the house. I thought the front door was closed. The latchkey was still in the lock. I only had to turn it to obtain admittance. I went straight to the studio and there on the floor—but really cannot say any more. Strangely as I am I could not describe it to you. I suppose I cried out, and when I came back to a proper comprehension of things the place was full of people. For the last two hours I have been with them answering all sorts of questions. Then something told me to come to you, and here I am. And whatever you do, please don't leave me alone. I could not bear to be alone."

"I am absolutely certain," Mrs. Delahay replied. "Well, that is a strange thing," Ravenspur went on. "It so happens that I had an accident to my own studio a day or two ago, and until yesterday the workmen were in repairing the glass roof. I was engaged upon a small work which I was anxious to finish, and it occurred to me that I might just as well make use of your husband's studio as my own. I am prepared to swear that it had turned half-past one before I left your house, and there was no sign of Louis up to this time."

"It is inexplicable," the woman said wearily. "When I try to think myself feeling that is commonly felt in spring or early summer, can be easily and quickly altered by taking as Dr. Sheep's Restorative. One will absolutely note a changed feeling within 48 hours after being given it. It builds up and strengthens the circulation often slows up, the kidneys are inactive, and even the Heart in many cases grows decidedly weaker. Dr. Sheep's Restorative is recognized everywhere as a genuine tonic and restorative. It builds up and strengthens the worn out, weakened nerves; it sharpens the falling appetite, and universally gives strength, life, vigor, and ambition. Try it and be convinced. Sold by all druggists."

MORE UNIFORMS FOR FERRY MEN

Captains And Mates Will Have New Clothes As Well As Deck Hands.

At a special meeting of the Ferry Committee last evening the tender of the Union Ferry for repairs to the machinery of the ferry steamer Western Extension was accepted. Applications from the engineers and others for increase in pay were laid on the table. The superintendent declined to make any recommendation on the ground that the expenses of the service were already very heavy. After considerable discussion the question of painting the Western Extension by tender or by day work, it was recommended that the superintendent prepare specifications and call for tenders. It was decided to supply uniforms to the captains and mates as well as to the deck hands.

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF ANDREW HUGHES

Frederick, May 11.—Andrew Hughes, coachman at the Quena Hotel, died at 7 o'clock this evening at his home, Sanderson street. He had been about town today apparently in his usual good health, and this evening drove passengers to the 5:30 train. He returned to his home shortly after 6 o'clock, and after supper went for a stroll in the yard and was stricken down with scarcely a minute's warning.

Dr. Vanwart and Irvin were called in and after examining the body expressed the opinion that death had resulted from a rupture of a blood vessel. Deceased was about fifty-seven years of age, and survived by a widow and five children. He was well and favorably known to the travelling public and his death is much regretted.



Geo. Spillman



THE LONELY GUARD

BY NORMAN INNES, Author of "The Surge of War" (London Magazine, British Week, 1900); "Parasol Court" (Eveling Week, 1901).

(Continued.) Eye in the Heart of Rohm. I had found Rohm's treasure, no doubted that I had read the riddle of the wealth of Red Beard Karl. Knight of old renown who whose name fame has woven that of a golden hour, surely thy dust stirred neth its rusting mail when two of the keep of Rohm held the legend of thy treasure fulfilled.

My tale is told; henceforward it runs smoothly as the stream of my life, not without a rock or an eddy here and there; but what stream, worthy the name, meets with some such in the end of lives sluggish, to fall in slough and moras nor reach the wider sea. I, on a day, I and the Lady Elia left Rohm with two of her waiting women and an escort of hussars, the women in a way lay through Salzburg, of which forest it traversed Colonel an Nettern had been suddenly relieved of the command, and at last we reached Vienna, where the Countess von Rohm woke jealousy in the hearts of the beauties of the court, and I the envy of every girl.

And we learned how the Spaniard, and the Queen in the Countesses' behalf, confessing his theft of the pearl necklace, asking no mercy for himself, nay, saying that come what might, he had his reward in the knowledge of having achieved the quest to which a wayward lady had pledged him.

And quenleike, as a daughter of the Hapsburg race, Maria Theresa had given him pardon, owing that the jewels had been well and nobly worn, and further, my hand. He should indeed have reached Rohm before Marshal Khevenhuller, but had been delayed by mischances of the road. Now all this while Leon de Portugal lack in Rohm, nursed by Father Juan and the elder Countess, Death's hand

25 YEARS ECZEMA DEVELOPED BLOOD POISON Theological Student Says Zam-Buk Saved His Leg

The dreadful irritating skin disease Eczema includes amongst its victims the rich and poor, the student and the illiterate. Mr. Geo. E. Williams, who now resides at 69 Mutual St., Toronto, was intended for the Ministry, and to this end studied Theology at King's College, London England. He says—"Whilst there I began to suffer from Eczema, and had not been there two and I concluded I was doomed to suffer for life. A few weeks ago I was called to Hamilton on business, and had not been there two days when I was forced to lay up, the pain in my legs was so severe. My wife examined the parts that were so painful, and discovered a great patch of badly discolored skin. She did all she could think of to relieve me, but failed. We obtained advice, and it was found I was suffering from Blood Poison, and that I was in danger of losing my legs, if not my life. At this point I decided to try Zam-Buk, which I had seen advertised. The first application gave me great relief, and the poisonous matter which came from the wounds convinced me that I was on the right track. I therefore persevered with this healing balm. The first two boxes had cleaned the sores, and my legs looked as though they were full of holes. From this time on the healing work commenced, and I am thankful to say that the after using 4 boxes of Zam-Buk all the wounds were healed, and my legs cleared of the horrible Eczema that had affected me for 25 years, and my skin looks as clear and as healthy as a child's. I give you this testimonial in the hope that every sufferer from Blood Poison or Eczema will give Zam-Buk a trial. I feel it my duty to make the merits of Zam-Buk known to everyone."



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knocking querulously upon the chamber door meanwhile his footsteps dogging the threshold. But the Spaniard's frame was stout, his heart 'em stouter, his pride marbled, and now close pressed as he was, he had no thought of defeat. Never had suffered a nurse like to Inez von Rohm. Dauntless she faced the enemy beside her lover that long summer-time through. And she won him from Death's clutch, though in the struggle her face grew very grave, her lips lost their assurance her spirit its pride, perhaps. What recked she of the cost so that she won him, so that the strong came by his strength again, her heart to its rest!

HON. WM. PUGSLEY AND HIS ACCOUNTS WITH PROVINCE

The Amounts He Owed the Province at Various Times Placed Before the Legislature—The Overdraft at One Time Was \$8,000.

Frederick, N. B., May 11.—The house met at 3 p.m. The act to amend the probate court act was read a third time. Several bills passed their second reading. The report of the standing committee was presented by Hon. Mr. McLeod, recommending a number of private bills. In answer to Mr. Sprout's inquiry regarding the circumstances connected with Hon. Mr. Pugsley's overdraft of \$4,331.64, Hon. Mr. Fleming said the overdraft occurred in a battle between strikers and fifty constables set up from Toronto by the Canadian Pacific railway this morning.

C. P. R. STRIKERS AND POLICE CLASH

Eight Men Injured, Two of Them Possibly Fatally, at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, May 11.—Four men, seriously wounded, by being struck on the head with lumps of coal, three men suffering from gun wounds and one unaccountably beaten over the head with a brick were the casualties that occurred in a battle between strikers and fifty constables set up from Toronto by the Canadian Pacific railway this morning. The trouble began when it was learned that during the night the company had brought up fifty special service men. There was intense anger for the yards, and in a few minutes nearly 1,000 people, including strikers, sympathizers and spectators, swarmed over the yards and when the same was completed it would be submitted to the house.

At this juncture a constable came up and deliberately fired at the men. Another constable opened fire prominently on the crowd who stood their ground, and dropped coal on the retreating constables' heads. At the east end of the sheds another battle was in progress. The mob forced the constables stationed at the foot of George street to retreat to the east end of the ship. Here on a small bridge they caught John McIntosh, one of the strikers, and five men began to club him viciously. He had been knocked down by a woman who was now at his side. The special, who came up from Toronto, were accompanied by General Superintendent Osborne and Divisional Superintendent Nelson. Provincial Detective Rogers also came up, under the direction of the provincial government, to act, if possible, as intermediary in securing settlement. While the battle was at its height, in company with Mayor, but word of settlement was not received before the 2 o'clock train left.

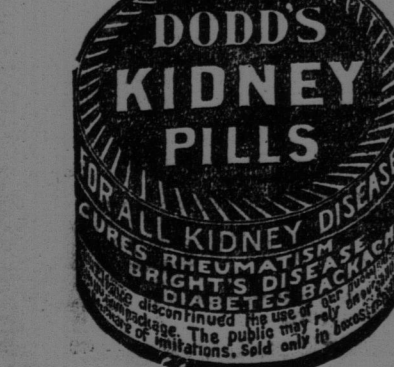
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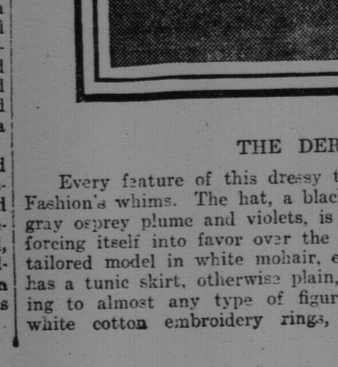
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