

THE HEIRESS OF DENSLEY WOLD

BY FLORENCE WARDEN

"What is the matter? Ah, Mr. St. Quintin, it is you? How is it that you did not tell this gentleman that we are not receiving today?"

"Your servant did his duty, Monsieur Leblanc, and told the lie you ordered him to tell. But as I felt sure it was a lie, I presumed to disregard it. I have come to see your niece, my fiancée, and as I know she is in the house, you can scarcely deny me the right to see her."

"It is not unusual for gentlemen," said Monsieur Leblanc, with a slight stress upon the word, "to disregard an order given by a lady?"

St. Quintin smiled drily.

"Do you mean to say that Marie gave that order, that she was not to be at home if I called?"

"I gave it," said Monsieur Leblanc, suddenly becoming bolder, though he still spoke very quietly, and was very pale.

The footman had retreated, leaving his master and the visitor to fight their battle out by themselves. St. Quintin stood his ground.

"Am I to understand, then, that you deny me the right to see your niece?"

"As a right, yes, I do deny it. It is not true that you are engaged to her—yet. That may come, I hope will come, when Mr. Williams—"

"Oh, Mr. Williams! He has been here! He asked for me, and I told him my address, and I'll settle that difficulty without delay."

The young man had raised his voice, speaking angrily and with impatience; Monsieur Leblanc dragged him hastily away from the drawing-room door, and thrusting him inside the dining-room, went in, shut the door, and faced him, frowning.

"You are behaving in a very singular fashion, Mr. St. Quintin. You surely cannot think you have a right to try to bully me in accepting you as a suitor for my niece?"

"Of course not," said St. Quintin, trying to keep as quiet as the Frenchman, but not succeeding in keeping his voice well under control. "All I ask is that I may be allowed to see her when I know she is in the house. That is a very

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"Indeed, Monsieur Leblanc, I think it would be the most satisfactory thing for us both to meet and understand exactly how we are being treated by you," he said drily.

"Do you mean to insinuate, sir, that I am treating either of you except as I should?"

"When I have seen Captain Darnell I can tell you better."

Monsieur Leblanc shrugged his shoulders and waved his hands deprecatingly. But for a few moments he said nothing. He was evidently considering what was the best course to pursue with this obstinate and presumptuous young Anglo-Saxon. St. Quintin, however, was impatient, and in no mood to be specially gentle. He remembered the condition in which Ince had returned from his call at the lodge, and although he did not know exactly the circumstances which had thrown his friend into such an unusual state of agitation, he was quite sure that the solution of the mystery would prove to be unfavorable to Monsieur Leblanc.

He therefore abruptly decided to take fresh counsel with his friend as to making the acquaintance of Captain Darnell, and turned to the door.

"Perhaps, monsieur, you are right," he said. "I can make Captain Darnell's acquaintance on a future occasion, if you feel disinclined to receive me now."

And he was opening the door and leaving the room, with no other farewell than an inclination of the head, when his host, probably seeing that nothing could be worse, from his point of view, than to see the outsider go away offended to consult with his legal friend, changed front with great rapidity, and coming towards him with outstretched hands and a spasm of glacial vivacity cried:

"No, no, I am wrong. Why should I mind your meeting each other? After all, you know my niece has other suitors, do you not? and that you must not count too much on my favorable opinion of your pretensions, until we have seen Mr. Williams also and learned his views?"

St. Quintin was about to suggest that the lady's views were the most important factor in the case, but he wisely decided to be satisfied with having gained his point, and said nothing. Monsieur Leblanc went on:

"You say your friend, Mr. Ince, is outside? In which direction? I will send a servant out to ask him to join us. We cannot do so until he has seen you. We could not be so inhospitable!"

To this St. Quintin agreed, wondering very much how these two would meet, each other, and whether he should be able to find out by their demeanor what had occurred on Ince's first appearance.

The next moment Monsieur Leblanc rang the bell and told Saunders, who answered the summons, to go outside to look for Mr. Ince, and to ask him to come in. He thus avoided the danger of allowing the two young men to consult together before being introduced into the society of the ladies.

Then Monsieur Leblanc led St. Quintin across the hall into the drawing-room, where Marie was sitting with her aunt and Miss Stanley and Captain Darnell. This new acquaintance proved to be a tall, thin, pallid young man, slightly bald, and with a long, dark, mouse-colored mustache. He had a cold manner, and wore a single eyeglass.

These were the salient features that St. Quintin remarked as their host introduced them to each other.

Miss Densley flushed deeply when St. Quintin looked at her with his hand with a faint and timid smile, which was reassuring on the one hand as to her interest in him, but alarming on the other, as it lacked the impulsive glow which she had treated him on his previous visit.

On the whole, the reassurance he felt was stronger than the alarm. The one thing he wanted to be doubly sure of was that she cared for him. If that were so, since he believed implicitly in her purity and faith, he could look upon all the unpleasant circumstances which surrounded her as so many obstacles to be overcome on the way to their happiness together.

The other ladies, however, joined so rapidly and so effectively in the conversation, which they instantly made general, that there was no opportunity for these two young people to do more than shake hands. Then St. Quintin was given a seat at the table, and, as Miss Densley, and instantly found himself wedged in between the two elderly ladies, while Captain Darnell was left with Marie and Monsieur Leblanc hovered about, the only person standing, like an evil genius over the assembly.

And a very few minutes later the door opened and the footman, who was still pale and nervous, as St. Quintin duly noted, and announced:

"Mr. Ince."

(To be Continued.)

FIRE ON THE MAJESTIC.

Southampton, Feb. 1.—A fire on the White Star steamship Majestic this afternoon gutted the smoking-room and several cabins before it was checked.

The Majestic is scheduled to sail for New York, on Feb. 5.

It was said at the office of the White Star Line in this city yesterday that the Majestic would miss one trip because of the fire, which caused damage estimated at about \$5,000. All the passengers had been landed when the fire occurred. The first-class smoking-room had been gutted and a large portion of the second cabin burned, besides four staterooms on the after section of the upper deck.

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CANADIAN

Mrs. C. Bowman, of Preston, is dead.

Mrs. Martha Ward, of Kingsmill, is dead, aged 23.

Mrs. Herbert Bedford, of Windsor, is dead, aged 26.

Newmarket has installed seventy-nine electric meters.

Citizens eligible to serve on the jury number 884 in Collingwood.

Alfred Wood is chairman of the Hamilton board of education.

Maple Public Library is embellished by \$50 worth of new books.

Ministers' salaries in the Manitoba Cabinet are to be increased \$2,000.

Wentworth jurors ask for an increase to \$2.50 per day from \$2.

Hon. A. S. White has been appointed a puisne judge of New Brunswick.

Rev. A. J. Miller is the new pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Galt.

Roland Hills, secretary of the Canada Life for forty-six years, is dead, in Toronto.

Senator Landry asked for the appointment of a French minister for the Senate.

Miss Mary Proudfoot, well known in Galt, is dead at her Blair road residence.

Parliament is asked to incorporate the Security Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Bishop Williams confirmed a large class at Trinity Church, St. Thomas, yesterday.

Turkey-shooting season up North York was wound up with a big match at Zephyr.

Farmers from Rugby took their teams into Orillia to help in the local option fight.

Havelock ratepayers will vote on a bylaw to raise the hotel license fee to \$500.

The C. P. R. is to push its line through from Coldwater to Orillia next summer.

Owen Sound snowfall measured 52 inches up to Jan. 1, plus sixteen inches up to Jan. 12.

Freelton neighborhood loses its oldest inhabitant in the death of Joseph Sutton, aged 90.

W. C. Forbes, jeweler, is president of the Retail Merchants' Association of St. Thomas.

The G. T. P. telegraph line from Portage la Prairie to Winnipeg, has been completed.

Several rooms in the public school at Preston had to be closed during the cold weather.

Edward Cromwell, of Denver, Col., a descendant of the great Protector, is dead, aged 87.

Galt board of trade asks for more letter boxes in the town and more frequent deliveries.

Potato King Farm is the full name of one of the prize places of Orange Valley.

The Bowmanville Statesman describes its own Chief Jarvis as "a terror to horse thieves."

The G. T. R. has nearly 100 engineers, each drawing over \$100 a month, running out of Sarnia.

Tenders for the Winnipeg Union Station will be called for by April 1, Wm. Mackenzie says.

Jan. 1, 1857, fifty years ago last New Year's day, the date of Collingwood's incorporation as a town.

Navigation in the Niagara River at Niagara-on-the-Lake was blocked on Wednesday by floating ice.

P. H. Roy, mayoralty candidate of Montreal, is suing Ald. Payette, his opponent, for \$25,000 damages.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dutcher, of Bradford, have celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding.

The appointment of Mr. Justice F. E. Barker as chief justice of New Brunswick, has been gazetted.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wingham, reports one of the most successful years in its history.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ben, of South Fredericksburg, lost three of their children by scarlet fever in ten days.

The customs revenue of Canada, according to the early closing law, was \$49,421,802, an increase of \$6,917,473.

Pricewise, Grey County, was the scene of a dance, at which Arch. McMillan of Montana, was floor manager.

The Great West Railway petitions Parliament to have its head office at Nelson, B. C., removed to Port Arthur, Ont.

Thomas Johnson, of Bracebridge, is deputy judge of the district during the absence on leave of Judge Mahaffy.

Dundas pays \$950 to its public school principal, and \$375 as minimum and \$500 as maximum for assistant female teachers.

After twelve years' service in the teaching profession, Miss Sadie Galt, of Baldwin Schoolhouse has retired.

Orillia General Hospital fund was enriched by a contribution of \$500 from the Standard Lumber and Stone Company.

A creamery is to be established at Orono to serve the surrounding fifteen mile area in Clarke and Darlington Townships.

Good sleighing is the reason why Parry Sound is able to buy first-class greenwood at \$2 per cord, and even less, this winter.

Well-diggers at Harpley, Parkhill district, have to go down 110 feet to the rock and four feet into the rock, before they strike water.

Peterboro boasts of the genuine prize hog, a dainty little creature, weighing 412 pounds, bred by J. Moore, Smith Township.

Perry Sound notes a sign or two of a slight mining revival, a few claims having been applied for in Strong Township, and other points.

Carnia Canadian boasts that its place of publication is the best town for railway men on the whole G. T. R. system, from Chicago to Portland.

A couple of Newmarket youths were fined \$1 and costs for thumping a high school boy who wanted them to stop annoying girls skating on the pond.

Chainworks, with forty forges, is

now running at Sarnia, with thirty hands a week, and 100 to be employed when the whole plant is operated.

Thomas Whitten, a life-long resident of St. Catharines, is dead, aged 33 years.

Hiram A. Calvin, ex-M. P., has resigned from Frontenac County Council as a protest against the present expenditure.

The funeral of the late Premier Peters took place at Charlottetown Friday, and was attended by thousands of people.

The Very Rev. Dean B. J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mount Forest, was found dead in bed, Sunday morning.

Two train loads on the Grand Trunk were snowbound between Toronto and Owen Sound. The line is completely blocked with snow.

The crew of the Canadian barkentine Aquilla, reduced to a derelict in mid-Atlantic, lived on sea-soaked biscuits for five days.

A number of bills failed to get their second reading in the Senate because Senator Landry found that they were not printed in English.

The three-masted schooner wrecked on Little Duck Island ledges, off the Maine coast, is the Perry Company, of Painesboro, N. S.

Wm. Proudfoot, K. C., of Goderich, has been nominated by West Huron Liberals for the Legislature, as M. G. Cameron, M. P., is retiring.

Lightweight butter seized from farmers at the Guelph market is given to hospitals instead of having the owners appear in police court.

Mr. Ambrose Zapke, of Strathroy, was presented with a handsome gold-headed umbrella prior to his departure for Brussels, by the St. Johns choir.

North Bay board of trade are strongly in favor of the Georgian Bay ship canal, and consider a commission would only delay the project.

A petition signed by 9,000 electors asking that Winnipeg's hotels be subjected to the early closing law, was presented to the Manitoba Government.

Senator Landry told the Senate Friday that that day was the last day of the second term of Sir Louis Jetté, as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

F. E. Armstrong, of Roseland, tells with regret that three Sudbury lots which he sold for \$50 each twelve years ago, brought \$5,700 a short time since.

The G. T. R. water meter on the Galt, at the town, owing to its failure to record the gallons supplied to the railway.

Probably lame for life is the fate of Mrs. Guy, who was shoved off the platform of the trolley station at Sutton the day of the Conservative picnic last summer.

Rather than contest Allan Huber's motion to unseat Mayor Tuttle, of Berlin, the whole council will resign after its next meeting, and a new election will be held.

W. J. Shreve, the defeated candidate for the deputy reeve of Lehigh Township, will take proceedings to upset an election, as there are said to be many irregularities.

Hamilton council has appointed a special committee to consider the erection of a street lighting plant and the making of a power contract, and the members want to meet other Western Ontario municipalities.

FRANCE LIKES TREATY

No Doubt New Arrangements Will Develop Trade Between Nations.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The report on the Franco-Canadian treaty was presented in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Jules Siegfried, member for Havre, in the name of the customs committee, and has been issued as a parliamentary paper. M. Siegfried's report is in favor of the ratification of the treaty, as it leaves France free to do as she likes in the revision of her tariffs. He had no doubt the new arrangement will develop trade between the two countries. French exports will be stimulated by the lowering of the duties on French products, and on the other hand, many Canadian products will profit by the French minimum tariff. But France has agreed to no permanency in the dates of this tariff. M. Siegfried does not believe the increased sale of Canadian products in France can do any serious harm to French agriculture or industry.

COUNT SZECHENYI'S "DOT"

Five Millions Deposited for Him in a Bank at Budapest.

New York, Feb. 2.—Five million dollars were deposited yesterday in the Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank, in Budapest, in the name of the Count and Countess Szechenyi.

The money came from New York, according to dispatches received here last night, and was in the shape of a credit draft upon one of this city's largest institutions, known to be a depository of part of the Vanderbilt wealth.

It was the first tangible evidence of the "dot" which the young heiress brought to her titled husband. Ever since their engagement was announced, however, the sum has been generally reported as five millions.

As the deposit in the Budapest bank was made in the joint names of the count and countess, and not solely in Szechenyi's name, it lends credence to one of the stories told before the wedding, to the effect that the count would not be allowed to spend more than a certain sum each year without his wife's permission.

Glady's Vanderbilts' brothers, it is said, insisted that the contract should be so arranged that in the event of death or divorce the money could not go out of the family.

None of the Vanderbilts who were in town last night would discuss the five million dollar settlement. Neither would Attorney Morris Cukor, who drew up the contract for the count.

Count Dionsy Szechenyi, the bridegroom's eldest brother, admitted the other day: "Yes, Lizzie got a 'dot' from the Vanderbilt family. Why not? It is the universal European custom. But he did not get any fabulous amount. It was rather modest. Persons who heard the news last night were wondering what Dionsy would call a fabulous dot."

The young bride and bridegroom are still in their secluded honeymoon hiding place. They will remain there until the week after next, when they take passage for their future home in one of the Szechenyi castles in Hungary.



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PUBLIC SCANDAL SCAPEGOAT

London, Feb. 2.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that the result of the viceregal commission's inquiry into the mysterious disappearance of the jewels of the Order of the Knights of St. Patrick from the strong room of Dublin Castle in July last is that Mr. Birrell, secretary for Ireland, Viceroy, the Ulster king at arms, who had custody of the jewels, be superseded.

The report of the viceregal commission, which has been published, expresses the opinion that Sir Arthur Vickers, as custodian of the jewels, did not exercise due vigilance and proper care. The report says that there is no evidence to support the suggestion that Francis Skeelton, the Ulster king at arms, was the author of the crime.

The Gazette announces that Capt. Wilkinson will supersede Sir Arthur Vickers. The latter has issued a letter reiterating his wish for a public inquiry, and appealing to his countrymen to help him to obtain it.

Sir Arthur resigned from the investigating body on Jan. 10, for the reason

that the inquiry was not to be thorough, and was not to be made in public. This went to confirm rumors that the official intention was to screen someone much higher up than Sir Arthur Vickers, and make him the scapegoat. Meanwhile the facts of the disappearance of the jewels and of their recovery, if they have been recovered, are still an official secret.

It is believed that behind the theft there is a hideous scandal similar to that recently exposed in the German courts.

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