# PAUL VANE'S WIFE

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Loraine breathed a sigh of profound relief when she learned that Colonel Fairlie had gone, for with his coming the first flush of her happiness had faded, and shadows of the long ago had crept into her life. The simple utterance by his lips of the name of Gerald Holmes had seemed to evoke from she shades the cruel spectre that had been laid for months. Again it began to haunt Loraine—to appear before her in dim, twilight hours, with its ghastly face and menacing fingers, and more than once Paul Vane had heard his wife shriesing wildly, and, rushing to the spot, found her in convulsions. She would never give him any reason for these attacks, and he began to believe that she was simply hysterical over the anxiety regarding Vivian and the fear of losing him. The suspicion only deepened his love and made him doubly tender to his alored bride.

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As weeks went by and Loraine was still haunted by the dread spectre from her cruel past, her nerves became terribly disordered from the strain, and her nights were either sleepless or haunted by startling dreams. She found herself compelled to resort to opiates to induce rest.

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"My darling, I do not believe it agrees with you here; I must take you to another place. How would you like to go to Switzerland for a while?" Paul Vane asked her anxiously one day, when he found that she was resorting to rouge to conceal the pallor of her once glowing face.

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Lorame's wistful eyes, that were larger and darker than ever now from the thinness of her cheeks, looked at him with a sudden gleam of hope.

"Why did I not think of going away long ago—of fleeing from—" she exclaimed; then started and bit her lip in confusion.

"Yes, I shall go to-morrow, I am glad you thought of it. Paul. I shall be better, I think, away from here."
"Then you will tell Annie to pack our trunks, will you, love? And while you are resting I will do down and smoke cigar in the rose-walk." He stooped because the stooped will be to the stooped with the stooped will be to the stooped will

least, and I will make the most of that!"

He went quietly away, as Gordy Hall had done, and the latter kept silence over what he had seen and heard.

His curiosity had been aroused by Colonel Fairlie's muttered words, and he determined to watch him unremittingly, in order to find out how he proposed to punish the defiant mistress of the villa.

Day and night the sly, malicious Gordy kept Colonel Fairlie under an undreamed of surveillance, and when the soldier, after lingering several weeks longer, finally took his departure, the spy congratulated himself that he held the clue to the words that had so puzzled him at first, and he resolved that he, too, would take a hand in punishing wicked Loraine.

Loraine breathed a sigh of profound.

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It looked strange to Paul Vane to see visitors at Rose Villa, He and Loraine had made no friends—wished for none. They lived in a little world all their own—a world of unhealthy, feverish passion and emotion that had not yet begun to pall upon the taste, whatere reaction the future might bring. Many a man would have sickened of it long ago; but Paul Vane had a fuxurious, indolent, ease-loving nature and this intense life held him long a willing slave.

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He pasused when he saw the visitors in the rose-walk, and stared at them curiously, wondering who, they were and what had brought them to Rose villa. The child was a lovely little tot scarcely two years old—an infantile angel in a white lace dress and white kid slippers. A big white lace hat was tied with pale azure ribbons under a dimpled chin, and curls of the sunniest gold framed tha loveliest blue-eyed babyface that Paul Vane had ever beheld. It stirred his heart with a strange thrill as he gazed for it recalled a tender hope that had blossomed in his heart in that awest summer at Lisle, with his dainty, girlish bride, violet-eyed Vivian.

"If—if—she had lived," he thought, and his face grew livid, "we should have had a child as lovely as this to gladden our lives!"

He stood still, pale, shaken by this

the yielding form, and said, in a shocked tone:

"Dearest, what can you mean by those wild words? Are you afraid of that woman, that impostor, following us here? Give yourself no fears over that! She will not come, and if she dared we would send her away as summarily as we did before!"

Passionate murmurs of love and gratitude answered him, and Loraine pressed the crimeon flower of her lips to his in wildest love.

"You do not believe in her—you have never regretted her, Paul?" she cried, eagerly.

"Never, Loraine, since you became my worshipped bride!" he answered, returning her ardent kisses with fiendish intensity; then he drew back and looked cautiously at her.

She was threading her white fingers through his wavy, dark-brown hair, and she had paused to scrutinize one thick look with curious eyes.

"What is it, my queen?" he asked, carelessly.

"Your hair is turning gray, dear"

"After that one startled cry, Vivian spen.

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"What is it, my queen?" he asked, earelessly.

"Your hair is turning gray, dear Paul; and now I look closely at you, I see that you look thinner and older.

"It is quite time my hair should begin to turn grey. I am three-and-thirty," he replied, carelessly.

"But that is very young for a man, Paul. Are you sure—quite sure—that I make you happy? Let me see. We have been married almost four months. It is April now. Are you tired of me yet? Do you feel any remorse over—her-that impostor, I mean? Is it that, my love, that has changed you?"

"What nonsense are you talking, sweetheart!" said Paul Vane, carelessly. He caressed her until her moody, thoughtful fit had passed, then said: "So it is settled we leave here to-mor row, and travel about until you get better?"

"You. I shall go to-morrow. I am "You is like fightened. Had she come to take him from Loraine. He was conscious of only onec lear though. Why did not only make yield.

Then you will tell Amie to pack our trunks, will you, love? And while you have a sense of the control of the co

your wife, your child, the holiest relations under Heaven? And we forgive you everything? Does not that count for something? We only ask you to repent and take us to your heart again. You cannot disown us, you cannot deny us now, Paul. When I came to you before, my husband, I was sil alone, without our child. We were woman against woman, and she—that beautiful she-devil—triumphed over me by her cunning arts! It is different now; I have this little angel, my lovely Star, to plead her mother's cause. Why do you not speak to us, Paul? Why do you not this your child? she ended, reproachfully, as she pushed the little one eagerly toward him. Little Star, accustomed to nothing but love and petting, comprehended that her mamma wished her to make herself agreeable to the motionless stranger, and, moving forward, stood so close that her bonny curls touched his knee as she smiled up into his deathly pale face. Then a startling thing happened.

Paul Vane recoiled with such cruel force from the touch of his little child that she lost her balance and fell heavily upon the graveled walk, lifting up her voice in a loud wail of surprise and fear as she touched the ground.

Instantly Vivian bent to rescue the child; but, as if appalled by his own wickedness, Paul Vane was before her, and their outstretched hands touched as he lifted the child in his arms.

"She is not hurt—only frightened," he said, in a broken, agitated voice. But just then he heard something like a gasp of rage behind him, fingers of steel grasped his arm, and Loraine's great dark eyes fairly glared into his face. (To be continued.)

## WATERDOWN

Mr. John Reid is making a good recovery from his recent siekness.

A number of citizens attended the

Mrs. Sage is making progress to-wards better, health,

"If—if—she had lived," he thought, and his face grew livid, "we should have had a child as lovely as this to gladden our lives!"

He stood still, pale, shaken by this bitter-sweet memory, and his eyes moved almost reluctantly from the pretty child with her lap full of roses to the black-robed figure by her side.

The woman's face was bowed in her hands, and by the motion of her heaving shoulders he could see that she was weeping bitterly. She was young; the rich golden hair under the dainty black lace bonnet, and the exquisite curves of her bending figure, told him that, Her dress was soft, lusterless black silk with delicate real lace about the neck. Both her own dress and the child's betokened wealth and taste. But who was she, and thy was she here? he asked himself again in wonder.

A sob, deep, wild, uncontrollable, broke upon the air, startling him with its tone of anguish.

"Whoever she may be, she is in deep trouble, Perhaps she has found out that I am a minister and come to me—unworthy me—for spiritual comfort," he thought, and approached the woman with noiseless footsteps.

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"Madame," he said, geptly, and at the sound she started violently, her hands fell from her face, and she looked up at him with eyes that struck terror to his soul.

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"My God!" he exclaimed, recoiling in the face of Vivian, his disowned, deserted young wife. A strong impulse secized him to fly from the spot—a sense behind him a name without a struck of the undiscovered country he leaves behind him a name without a struck of the laves behind him a name without a struck of the laves behind him a name without a struck of the laves behind him a name wit

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* STONEY CREEK

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Ed. Snider has gone to California to spend a few weeks. R. Millen, who has been in California for a few days is expected to return

soon.

Mrs. Green and daughter, of Brantford, spent a few days of last week at
J. G. Nash's,
Mrs. T. Russel, who has lived in this
vislage nearly all her life, died very suddenly on Sunday, Feb. 9th.
Rev. Mr. McIrwin will conducts the
service in the Methodist Church on Feb.
16th.
Prof. Coleman, of the Toronto University, will address the League on Friday

sity, will address the League on Friday evening. His subject will be "South Africa.

## HARPER'S CORNERS

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Coulson were calling on friends in the neighborhood last week, Miss S. J. Harper, of Hamilton, accompanied them.

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Mrs. Wm. Blair, of Pushrich, has returned home after paying a visit to her parents, also to her sister, Mrs. Coburn, of Dundas.

Mr. Dunbar, of Hamilton, is visiting his sister, Mrs. P. Stewart.

Mr. A. Ford, of Winnipeg, has returned to the west after visiting his relations.

Mr. A. Nelson.

Miss M. Merritt, of Smithville, Miss M. Merritt, of Smithville,

AT R. McKAY & CO'S, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1908

# FRIDAY BARGAINS

Many Splendid Buying Chances Here To-morrow

Here is a list of Friday bargains that for real worth cannot be surpassed The Great February Sale continues with fresh bargains added each day. Although there is no mention in the list below of the great sacrifice sale of Rugs and Carpets, there is nevertheless a good selection left, although the selling has been fast and furious ever since the Rugs were placed on sale. Come early to-morrow and share in the great bargains,

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## Opportunities for Men

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Value Value

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Boys' odd sizes in Wool Underwear, and also a few fleece lined. They will all be sold during the sale at 25c, regular 50c.

### Values for Friday Cream Damask 50c

72-inch Cream Damask Pure Linen, slightly imperfect, worth 65c, for

Pillow Shams 25c Pair

Swiss Tambour Pillow Shams, neat patterns, well finished, worth 50

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65 pair of Assorted Portieres, in green and red designs, very rich and durable colors. These Curtains are finished, 3 yards long, with deep fringe top and bottom, regular price \$5, \$6 and \$6.50, Friday ... \$2.68

Window Shades

Big sale of Plain Window Shades, full 36 inches wide and 6 feet long, mounted on good durable rollers, complete with brackets and nails, colors light and dark green, light or dark cream, white and drab, regular value 50c, Friday

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ily, of Glanford, visited at his mother's some presents and many good wishes for his future happiness. eently.

Mr. George Hart is drawing sand, geting ready to build his new house in

Mr. Augustus Althouse has been suf-fering with grip, but is able to be

fering with grip, but is able to be around again.

Mr. James Jackson and daughter Maud are, at this writing, under the Mand are, at this doctor's cere.

Word has been received of the death of Allan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Johnstone, of Selkirk. The sympathy of their friends goes out to them in their

sorrow.

Mr. John Johnstone attended the funeral of his nephew at Selkirk on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradt visited t Mr. Joseph Bradt's, Fulton West, on

# MERRITT

week and spent
Mr. A. Nelson.
Mr. A. Nelson.
Miss M. Merritt, of Smithville,
visited L. Lampman on Tuesday last.
Miss D. Merritt and brother visited
their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartlett, on Sunday.
A number from this place attended quarterly service at Bethel on Sun-

Several ladies from this settlement attended an old fashioned carpet rag bee at Mrs. M. Merritt's, Fulton, on Wednesday.

Wednesday.

No correspondence from here last
week on account of the severe weather and heavy snowdrifts.

# SCOTLAND

Mr. Mac Miller, who had an auction sale recently, has moved to Kelvin:
Mr. and Mrs. John Barker were calling on friends south of the village

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Mr. E. D. Armstrong, T., H. & B. station agent at Brantford, was calling on friends here a few days ago.

Mr. E. Eadie has sold his farm of 100 acres near the village of Oakland to Mr. James Duckworth, of Windham, for \$6,000.

Some relatives of Mr. Geo. Johnson met at his residence, "Evergreen Farm," on Thursday, the 6th, and spent the day with him, it being a bithday anniversary. He received

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some presents and many good wishes for his future happiness.

Mr. Allen Beamer, youngest son of M. Peter A. Beamer, has been very ill with grip. Dr. Anderson, of this village, has been treating him. His friends will all be pleased to hear that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bigger and little daughter Aletta, spent Tuesday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. George and Miss Johnson.

Several have been in the village lately looking for houses to rent.

## SMITHVILLE .

At the last meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. Mr. John C. McKinnon gave a splendid address on the "Crusades," which was very much enjoyed by those present. Those addresses are very interesting and instructive, and should be heard by all

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The ladies of Smithville are putting on a very fine play next Thursday, the 20th, in Brant's hall, entitled "The Spinster Convention," which will be full of amusement. They ask all to assist in placing lights on the streets, for which the proceeds are to be devoted.

Mr. Nagle, of Fenwick, is acting teller and accountant at the Union Bank here during the absence of Mr. H. B. Robertson, who has gone home on sick leave.

Mr. Landis Cobb and family, who have been visiting Mr. Cobb's mother here for some weeks, left for their home at Ariel, Penn., on Monday last. enn., on Monday last.

Mrs. T. W. Shipman was in Hamilton isiting her daughter, Mrs. Hart, on

Yankees After the Times London, Feb. 12.—The Chronicle says that an American syndicate has made a substantial offer for the purchase of the Times. The proposal was discussed at a private meeting of some of the proprietors yesterday, and it was viewed, on the whole, unfavorably.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned merked on the envelope "Tender for Construction," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, at Ottawa, until twelve o'clock noon of Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1908, for the work required for the construction, in accordance with the plane, profiles and specificacions of the Commissioners, of the following thouse of the Transcontinental Railway, vix:—

(1) District 'A.'—From a point designated on the plane of the Commissioners, about the 55th mile weet of Monoton, to the crossing of the Intercolonial Railway at the about miles 97.7, a distance of about 39.7 miles

(2) District 'A'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, at or near the Tobique River to a point shown of the seald plans about 2½ miles west of the Town of Grand Falls, in the Province (New Brunswick, a distance of about 31.5

ly a distance of about 52.4 miles.

(5) District 'D'-From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, about eight miles west of the Abitbi River crossing, in the Province of Ontario, westerly for a distance of about 100 miles.

(6) District 'E'-From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, about 19½ miles west of the crossing of Mud River, near Lake Nepigon, in the Province of Ontario, easterly for a distance of about 75 miles.

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Plans, profiles and specifications may be seen in the offics of the Chief Engineer of the Commissions of the Chief Engineer of the Commission of the Chief Engineer School, and the Chief Engineers concernd, the Chief Chie

A separate tender must be submitted for

each section.

Tenders shall not be in any way entitled to rely upon the classification, or any other information given by any person on behalf of the Commissioners; and before submitting any tender, bidders should make a careful examination of the plans, profiled the property of the plans of the plans, profiled the profiled of the plans, profiled the profiled of the plans of the plans, profiled the profiled of the plans of the pl

Each tender must be signed and scaled by all the parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the order of the Com-missioners of the Transcontinental Railway, as follows:—

Any person whose tender is accepted shall within ten days after the acceptance thereof furnish such additional approved security as may be required by the Commissioners; sign the contract, specifications, and other documents required to be signed by the said Commissioners; and in any case of refusal or ta accepted to complete and execute a contract with the said Commissioners, and to furnish the additional approved security within ten days after the acceptance of the tender, the said cheque shall be forfeited to the Commissioners as liquidated damages for such refusal or failure and all contracts such refusal or failure and all contracts such security within the days after the acceptance of the tender shall be forfeited. The cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are accepted will be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General of Canada as part of the security for the due and faithful performance of the contract ascording to its terms. The contract ascording to its terms, are rejected will be returned within ten days after the sligning of the contract.

Attention is called to the following clauses

in the form of contract:—
"All mechanics, laborers, or other persons who perform labor for the purposes of the construction of the works hereby contracted for, shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, and if there is no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasable rate; and, in the event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair than the contract of the commissioners, whose decision shall be final.

"This agreement is subject to the regula-tions now in force, or which may at any time hereafter be in force during the con-struction of the works hereby contracted for, made under the authority of the Department of Labor, and which are, or shall be, applic-sion of the contract of the contract of the contract of the ment wages determined upon by said De-partment will form part of the contract.)

"The contractor shall in connection with the whole of the said work, as far as prac-ricable, use only material, machinery, pigmt, supplies and rolling stock manufactured or produced in Canada, provided the same can be obtained as cheaply, and upon as good terms, in Canada as elsewhere, having regard to quality and price."

The contractor shall conform to the fire regulations adopted by the Commissioners, and also to the laws and regulations respecting fires in the different provinces wherein the work is being performed. The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

P. E. RTAN.



Department of Railways and Canals, Canada TRENT CANAL ONTARIO-RICE LAKE DIVISION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS EALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Trent Canal," will be received until 16 o'clock on Thursday, 12th March, 1908, for the works connected with the construction of Section No. 3, Ontario-Rice Lake Division of the Canal.

No. 3, Ontario-Rice Lake Division of the Canal.
Plans, specifications, and the form of the contract to be entared into, can be seen on and after the 8th February, 1868, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Levi of Railways after the state of the Chief Engineer of the 18th of the Original Chief Chief

Duke of Devonshire III.

London, Feb. 12.—A news agency despatch from Cairo reports that the Duke of Devonshire, who went to Egypt to recuperate from his recent serious iill ness, has suddenly become worse. His heir and nephew, the Hon, Victor Cavendish, M. P., will go to Egypt forthwith.

Explosion in Starch Factory.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—Two men are missing and believed to have been killed, following an explosion and fire which wrecked the starch factory of C. S. aTnner at South Water and Silver streets, late to-day.

Which Schedule will form part of the contractors will not be considered, unless there of Devonshire, will not be considered, unless there are the comparate for the corporation, and place of residence of each member of the firm.

An accepted bank cheque for the sum of 150,000 must accompany each tender, which sum will be forfeited, if the party tendering declines entering into the contractor whose tenders are missing and believed to have been killed, following an explosion and fire which wrecked the starch factory of C. S. aTnner at South Water and Silver streets, late to-day.

By order,

L. K. JONES,

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