

# The Deluge

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Joe's daughter, staying on and on at Dawn Hill, was chief lieutenant, and on principal, in a conspiracy to drift Anita day by day further and further into the routine of the new life. Yet neither of them had shown by word or look that a thorough understanding existed between them. My part was to be unobtrusive, friendly, never indignant nor eager, and I held to it by taking care never to be left alone with Anita; Alva's part was to be herself—simple and natural and sensible, full of life and laughter, mocking at those moods that betray us into the absurdity of taking ourselves too seriously.

I was getting ready a new house in town as a surprise to Anita, and I took Alva into my plot. "I wish Anita's part of the house to be exactly to her liking," said I. "Can't you set her to dreaming about what kind of place she would like to live in, what she would like to open her eyes on in the morning, what surroundings she'd like to dress in and read in, and then I'll make it for her? I had no difficulty in carrying out the suggestions. And by harassing Westlake incessantly, I succeeded in realising her request of Anita's desire for the exact shade of the draperies and the silk that covered the walls. By pushing the work, I got the house done just as Alva was warning me that she could not remain longer at Dawn Hill, but must go home and get ready for her wedding. When I went down to arrange with her the last details of the surprise, who should meet me at the station but Anita herself! I took one glance at her serious face, and much disquieted, seated myself beside her in the little trap. Instead of following the usual route to the house, she turned her horse into the hay-stack road.

"Several days ago," she began, as the bend in the station, "I got a letter from some lawyer, saying that a uncle of mine had given me a large sum of money—a very large sum. I have been inquiring about it, and find it is mine absolutely."

"I braced myself against the worst," she said, "but I thought that she was leaving," thought I. But I managed to say, "I'm glad to hear of your luck," though I fear my tone was not especially joyous.

"So," she went on, "I am in a position to pay back to you, I think, what my father and Sam took from you. It won't be enough, I'm afraid, to pay what you lost indirectly. But I have told the lawyers to make it all over to you."

"I could have laughed aloud. It was too ridiculous, this situation into which I had got myself. I did not know what to say. I could hardly keep out of my face how foolish this collapse of my crafty conspiracy made me feel. And then the full meaning of what she was doing came over me—the revelation of her character. I trusted myself to steal a glance at her, and for the first time I didn't see the thrilling azure sheen over her smooth white skin, though all her beauty was before me, as dazzling as when it compelled me to look at her. No; I saw her, herself—the woman within. I had known from the outset that there was an altar of love within my temple of passion. I think that was my first real visit to it."

"Anita!" I said, unsteadily. "Anita!" The color flamed in her cheeks; we were silent for a long time.

"You—your position is nothing," I said at length found voice to say. "Even if they did, I couldn't and wouldn't take your money. But, believe me, they owe me nothing."

"You cannot mislead me," she answered. "When they asked me to become engaged to you, they told me about it."

"I had forgotten. The whole repulsive, rotten business came back to me. And, changed man that I had become in the last six months, I saw myself as I had been. I felt that she was looking at me, was reading the degrading confession in my telltale features."

"I will tell you the whole truth," said I. "I did use your father's and your brother's debts to be a means of getting to you. But, before God, Anita, I swear I was honest with you when I said to you I never hoped or wished to win you in that way."

"I believe you," she replied, and her tone and expression made my heart leap with indescribable joy.

Love is sometimes most unwise in his use of the reins he puts on passion. Instead of acting as impulse commanded, I said, clumsily, "And I am very different from what I was last spring." It never occurred to me how she might interpret those words.

"I know," she replied. She waited several seconds before adding, "I, too, have changed. I see that I was far too guilty than you. There is no excuse for me. I was badly brought up, as you used to say, but—"

"No—no," I began to protest. "You need not be polite and spare my feelings. Let's not talk of it. Let us go back to the object I had in coming for you today."

"You owe me nothing," I repeated. "Your brother and your father settled long ago. I lost nothing through them. And I've learned that if I had never known you, Roebuck and Langdon would still have attacked me."

"What my uncle gave me has been transferred to you," she said, woman fashion, not hearing what she did not care to heed. "I can't make you accept it; but there it is, and there it stays."

"I cannot take it," said I. "And if you insist on leaving it in my name, I shall simply return it to your uncle."

"I wrote him what I had done," she rejoined. "His answer came yesterday. He approves it!"

"Approves it!" I exclaimed. "You do not know how eccentric he is," she explained, naturally misunderstanding my astonishment. "She took a letter from her bosom and handed it to me. It read:

"Dear Madam,—It was yours to do with as you pleased. If you ever find yourself in the mood to visit, Gull House is open to you, provided you bring no maid. I will not have female servants about. Yours truly,

"You will consent now, will you not?" she asked, as I lifted my eyes from this characteristic note.

I saw that her peace of mind was at stake. "Yes—I consent."

She gave a great sigh as at the laying down of a heavy burden. "Thank you," was all she said, but she put a word of meaning into the words. She took the first homeward turning. We were nearly at the house before I found words that

impermanently debauch themselves; others, thrust about blindly, reckless whether they strike innocent or guilty, I did not.

Probably many will recall that long before the "securities" of the reorganized coal combine were issued, I had in my daily letter to investors been preparing the public to give them a fitting reception. A few days after my whole being burst into flames of resentment against Anita, out came the new array of new stocks and bonds. Roebuck and Langdon arranged with the usual writers for a "rake" four times over subscription, as doled by the two greatest banking houses in the street. Despite this, the public refused to buy. I felt I had not been overestimating my power. But I made no more until the "securities" began to go up, and the financial reporters under the influence where actually in the pay of the Roebuck-Campbell clique—shouted that, "in spite of the malicious attacks from the gambling element, the new securities are being absorbed by the public at prices approximating their value." Then—But I shall quote my investors' letter the following morning:

(To be continued.)

THREE YEARS OF BRONCHITIS

After four doctors failed, Catarrh cured Mrs. Boyd of Bronchitis and Throat Trouble.

Among the large number of New Brunswick people who have recently been cured by Catarrh is Mrs. H. R. Boyd, of Leonardville, whose case baffled four good physicians. It was finally cured by the healing vapor of Catarrh.

Ms. Boyd writes: "With the least change in temperature, I was attacked with bronchial discomfort, wheezing, hoarseness, sore throat, partial loss of voice and stiffness in the head. I was treated without benefit by four doctors."

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HOTEL WRECKED.

ACETYLENE GAS EXPLODED AT SOURIS WITH GREAT FORCE.

A Toronto Traveller, Mr. W. Durkin, Had Just Left the Room in Which the Explosion Occurred—saw in a Pipe the Supposed Cause.

Souris, Man., Feb. 7.—An explosion of acetylene gas occurred in the King Edward Hotel this morning, wrecking several rooms, but fortunately no person was hurt. A Toronto traveller, W. Durkin, who was assigned to the room in which the explosion occurred, was not in, but had left only a moment before. It is thought there was a leak in the pipe between the ceiling and the floor, and that someone, trying to locate it, caused the explosion.

The windows in the room above were blown out, and the floors and walls badly damaged, while the plaster was knocked off the ceiling beneath, and the walls throughout the building badly cracked. A fire started, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

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Child Was Murdered.

Peterboro, Feb. 7.—Chief Detective J. W. Murray, of Toronto, is in the city investigating the death of an infant whose body was found at the Ashburn dam a few days ago. A post-mortem examination showed that the child had been murdered before being thrown into the water. Coroner Gray and the local police have so far failed to obtain a clue.

It takes a certain amount of nerve to succeed, but it takes more to explain successfully why you don't.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Transparent Envelopes, With Addresses Inside, Barred From Mails.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The Post Office Department publishes notices to the effect that all mail matter enclosed for transparent envelopes, having the address on the enclosure, is to be treated as non-transmissible by mail in Canada, and the same regulation applies to matter in envelopes having a transparent front portion covering the address. Attention is drawn to the fact that the stamps used for prepaying postage on postcards or unenclosed cards mailed to other countries as printed matter must be placed on the front or address side.

The postal administration of the Commonwealth of Australia has given notice that the rates of postage on postcards sent from Australia to Canada have been reduced from one and one-half pence to one penny for single postcards, and from three pence to two pence for reply postcards, from Jan. 1.

A reduction has been made in the rates of postage on parcels sent from Canada to Dutch Guiana. The rate varies from 30 cents for one pound to \$1.60 for 11 pounds.

A convention has been arranged between the postal administrations of Canada and Trinidad for the direct exchange of parcels by single post. The limit of weight for parcel post is seven pounds. Parcel mails for Trinidad are made up at St. John, N. B.

Evening Train for New York.

And Philadelphia, via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley. Train leaves Hamilton at 5:55 p.m., daily. Through Pullman sleeper to New York. Cafe parlor car and smoking coaches to Buffalo. Three other express trains leaving at 2:25 a.m., 6:32 a.m., and 8:40 a.m. For tickets and Pullman calls at G. T. R. city ticket office.

We should all strive to let our light shine before men," remarked the ministerial individual. Quite rightly replied the next speaker, "but it isn't necessary to make a fireworks display."

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WANTS TO LAY A GAS MAN.

Caledonia Electric Railway's Application to Barton Council

Considered at Special Meeting Held Last Evening.

Is This Opposition to the Dominion Gas Company?

The Hamilton, Caledonia and Lake Erie Electric Railway promoters sprang a surprise on the members of the Barton Township Council at the special meeting last night. The company made application for permission to lay a natural gas main along the line of the railway, and a draft by-law, which had been prepared beforehand by Mr. W. A. H. Huff, the township solicitor, was presented by Mr. Walter Anderson, one of the promoters. The following are extracts of the by-law submitted:

"That upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter contained the consent, permission and authority of the municipal corporation of the Township of Barton in and for the County of Hamilton be and is hereby granted, maintained and operated a pipe line for the conveying of natural gas through the township of Barton along the line of the Railway of said company from the northern limits of the Township of Hamilton to the southern limits of the City of Hamilton."

"25b. The company shall well and sufficiently restore forthwith to as good a condition as they were in before, to the satisfaction of the Township Council all highways which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of the construction or repair of its gas main, pipes, regulators, valves, curb boxes, safety appliances and other appurtenances necessary for the transportation and supply of natural gas."

"25c. The location of all said pipes and works on said highway shall be subject to the direction and approval of the Township Council and all such pipes and works shall whenever it may in the opinion of said Council be practicable be laid on or along the sides of said highways."

"25d. The company shall have said pipes properly laid and covered and completed before the 15th day of June, 1906."

"25e. Meters shall be furnished by the company free of charge to all consumers of gas and no charge shall be made for any supply from the main to the margin of the street."

Mr. Anderson explained that the company would sell its surplus gas to residents along the line for 25 cents a thousand feet. The company had one large purchaser in Hamilton.

Councillors Gage and Hills wanted the company tied down to supply all residents of Barton. The company, however, objected, however, to the words "firms or corporations," which Mr. Huff put in the by-law to provide for free gas for heating and lighting the Township Hall. Mr. Gage wanted to compel the company to provide free lights along the road, but Mr. Anderson would not agree to that.

Mr. Anderson stated after the meeting that the company will get its gas at Selkirk and other points near the Dominion Gas Co.'s wells. He denied the statement made by one of the councillors that this company intended to sell its surplus to the Hamilton Gaslight Co.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresceto tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

## Slashing Reduction Sale of Blankets and Comforters

Friday will be the second of a grand three days' sale of bedding. We realize that the only thing to induce you to buy heavy bedding just now, is a reduction which will make it worth your while to carry these goods over the summer. We do not want to carry any over; room needed for other goods—hence these genuine underpriced values. All goods advertised are new and perfect in weave.

Blankets

Here's an offering of exceedingly high class, pure, firmly carded, all-wool blankets. They are positively delightful and will appeal to the most refined or fastidious. Must be sold in dainty blue or pink borders. Width 66 inches by 82 inches long, reg. \$3.25, marked ..... \$5.25 pair. 2 1/2 yards wide by 86 inches long, reg. \$5.50, marked ..... \$7.15 pair.

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Misses' Skirts \$1.49

We have a few Tweed Skirts to offer at above price. They are nicely stitched and strapped, regularly \$3.00, sale price ..... \$1.49

Specials in Hosiery and Underwear

TIGHTS 33c—Ladies' Black Tights, ankle length, elastic top, regularly 50c, to clear at ..... 33c pair

VESTS 33c—Misses' Heavy Fleece Lined Vests, soft and elastic, regularly 50c, to clear at ..... 33c pair

HOSE 35c—Odd lines of Boys' Fine Black Worsted Hose, regularly 50c, to clear at ..... 35c pair

Infants' White and Black Overdrawers, with feet, and drawstring at top, regular 90c, to clear at ..... 49c pair

2ND FLOOR BARGAINS

Ladies' Flannelette Corset Covers in pink, blue and white trimmed with lace regular 30c, for ..... 15c

Ladies' Flannelette Night Dresses, in pink, white and pretty stripes, regular 80c, for ..... 60c

French Val. Laces 3, 4, 5 and 6c Yard

Another shipment of fine French Val Laces 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches in width, dainty floral tennipie Honiton designs, with insertions, to match, very special selling at ..... 3, 4, 5, 6c yd.

Nottingham Torchon Laces 2 Yards for 5c

Dainty Nottingham Torchon Lace Edgings, 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 inches in width, in pretty open and close designs, suitable for trimming, fine garments, regular 4 and 5c yard, selling ..... 2 yards 5c

Flannelette Embroideries 5c Yard

20 pieces of fine Flannelette Embroideries, 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide, in pink, white, cream, sky, cardinal, grey, all open and blind patterns, with fine scalloped edges, regular 8 and 10c yard, for ..... 5c

\$25.00 Velvet Rugs \$19.00

15 only Heavy Velvet Rugs, in rich floral, Oriental and conventional designs, size 3 x 4 yards, worth \$25.00, special sale price ..... \$19.00

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POLICEMAN'S ERROR.

Mr. George Stanley, a Retired Canadian Merchant, Remained in Detroit Police Station Over Half an Hour Before Being Sent to a Hospital.

Detroit, Feb. 7.—Arrested for drunkenness while actually suffering from apoplexy and allowed to remain in a police station over half an hour before being sent to a hospital, George Stanley, a retired business man, was helped to his death because two policemen could not distinguish between a serious ailment and a spree.

Mr. Stanley, who was 63 years of age, was born in London, Ont. About forty years ago he went to Jackson, Mich., and engaged in the oil business. He retired from business last fall and made Detroit his home.

The coroner is investigating the case to find if there was further neglect after the initial one made by the two officers who sent Mr. Stanley to the Woodbridge street station.

A new move has been made in the dispute between the Grand Trunk and James Bay Railways, which the two roads ineffectually attempted to settle by means of dynamite and battering-ram on Tuesday. Forfeiting having proved ineffective, the Grand Trunk has now appealed to the law.

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