#### -end the Worst Is Yet to Come



#### THE HOLLOW OF HER HAND

By GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON

Author of "Graustark," "Truxton King," Etc.

vehemently. "I have a right to defend

self: "I don't want to know! I don't want

A few minutes later she was critically

You are not to say anything

said

"You mean that I am notto reveal, even

"But I cannot permit you to judge me,

"My name is Hetty Castleton. My father

Colonel Braid Castleton, of-of the Brit-

not seen him in more than five years. He

deserted my mother. That's all there is to that side of my story. I appeared in

two or three of the musical pieces pro-

Interrupted Mrs. Wrandall quickly.

"Had-had you seen him before? In

"Had—had you seen him before? In London?"
"Never. Well, we became acquainted, as people do. He—he was very handsome and agreeable." She paused for a moment to collect herself.
"Very handsome and agreeable," said the other slowly.
"We got to be very good friends. There were not many people on board, and ap-

were not many people on board, and ap-parently he knew none of them. It was too cold to stay on deck much of the time,

to you, the causes which led up to-

"I am not asking you to defend your-

Slowly the girl crept out of bed, confused, bewildered, stunned, "Where are my own things? I-I cannot accept these. Pray give me my

self." said Mrs. Wrandall shortly. Then, unable to remain longer, she rushed from the room. In the doorway she turned for an instant to say: "Do as I told you. Teleshope. Dress as quickly as you can." Mrs. Wrandall checked her.

"You must obey me, if you expect me
to help you. Don't you understand that
I have had a—a bereavement? I cannot
wear these things now. They are useless phone. Dress as quickly as you can."
She closed the door swiftly.
Standing in the centre of the room, her
hands clenched until the nails cut the
flesh, she said over and over again to herto me. But we will speak of all that later on. Come, be quick; I will help you to dress. First, go to the telephone and ask them to send a waiter to—ehese rooms. We must have something to eat. Please inspecting from the

flush suffusing her face, a shamed look springing into her eyes.

"Thank you, I can—get on very well. I only wanted to ask you a question. It has been on my mind, waking and sleeping. Can you tell me anything about—do you know his wife?"

The garagian and should but she compiled without a word.

"Now you may tell me who you are, and the graphit wait. You are not to say anything."

The question was so abrupt, so start- -but wait ling, that Mrs. Wrandall uttered a sharp little cry. For a moment she could not reply.

"I am so sorry, so desperately sorry for her," added the girl plaintively.
"I know her," he woman managed to say with an effort.

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Mrs. Wrandall grasped her by the arm. Mrs. Wrandall grasped her by the arm. "Nothing—absolutely nothing,"
"You did not know that he had a wife?" Mrs. Wrandall firmly. The girl's eyes flashed with a sudden,

Gerce fire in their depths.

"God in heaven, no! I did not know it without to me. - Oh. I can't speak of it! should you be interested in hearing it?"
Mrs. Wrandall drew back and regarded the girl's set, unhappy face. There was a curious light in her eyes that escaped the other's notice—a light that would have puzzled her not a little.

"But you will tell me—everything—a little later," she said, strangely calm.

Where do you live? Who are your friends? Where is your family?"

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"Not now, but—before many hours have
passed. First of all, you must tell me
who you are, where you live—everything
"I will tell you the truth," she said. except what happened in Burton's Inn. I don't want to hear that at present— perhaps never. Yes, on second thoughts, will say never! You are never to tell me just what happened up there, or just what led up to it. Do you understand?

The girl stared at her in amazement,

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The partial from Mrs. Holcombe. They gave me that from Mrs. Holcombe, notifying me that from Mrs. Holcombe, notifying me that my services would not be required. There was no explanation. Just that.
"On the steamer I met—him. I

own home at little expense.

Secure from your druggist 1 oz. Parmint (Double Strength), about 75c worth Take this home, and add to it ¼ pint of hot water and 4 ozs, of moist or granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablescoonful four times a day. chair was next to mine. I noticed that his name was Wrandall—'C. Wrandall' the "You crossed on the steamer with him?"

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dinner at a queer little cafe, far down town. We-" "And you had no friends, no acquaint-

"And you had no friends, no acquaintances here?"

"No. He suggested that I go into one
of the musical shows, saying he thought
he could arrange it with a manager who
was a friend. Anything to tide me over,
he said. But I would not consider it, not
for an instant. I had had enough of the
stage. I—I am really not fitted for it.
Besides, I am qualified—well qualified—to
be a governess. But that is neither here
no there. I had some money—perhaps
forty pounds. I found lodgings with some
people in Nineteenth street. He never
came there to see me. I can see plainly
now why he argued it would not be—
well, he used the word 'wise.' But we
went about in a motor—a little red one.He went about in a motor—a little red one. He ent about in a motor—a little red one. He—he told me he loved me. That was one night about a week ago. I——" To Be Continued.

E. W. Nesbitt, of North Oxford, 2 Shows How Farmers' Interests Are Neglected.

**FAVORS MANUFACTURERS** 

Millers and Railways Would Not Be Hurt By Free Wheat Law.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Jan. 23.—E. W. Nesbitt, the outspoken Liberal representative of North Oxford, said some frank things in a plain way on the naval question, the tariff and the cost of living to his fellow-members of the Commons

In the first place, he said that he was not surprised that the Government should have dropped the naval The people did not like it, and the Government had come to realize the Government had come to realize this. Germany had not been encouraged by the refusal of Canada to send the ships, but if Canada had sent the ships Germany would have been stirred to greater efforts. The Germans were human, and they had the ability and resources to extend their navy to almost any degree. It would be folly to encourage them to do so. The people did not want thirty-five milions sent out of this country, but they did want a permanent naval policy brought down without delay.

What the Farmers Want. Men had been out of employment in Canada in 1907-8, but who then heard any outcry against the high cost of living. He doubted that cold storage raised prices, though it tended to equalize food prices throughout the year. The Government proposed to help the farmers by giving them a million dollars' worth of farming in-We must have something to eat. Please do as I tell you."

Standing before her benefactress, her fingers fumbling impotently at the neck of the night-dress, the girl still continued to stare dumbly into the calm, dark eyes before her.

A lew minutes later she was critically inspecting the young woman who came from the bedroom attired in a street dress that neither of them had ever donned before. The girl, looking fresher, prettier and even younger than when she had seen to stare dumbly into the calm, dark eyes before her.

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"You are so good. I—I—"

"Let me help you," interrupted the other, deliberately setting about to remove the night-dress. The girl caught it up as it slipped from her shoulders, a warm flush suffusing her face, a shamed look springing into her eyes.

"Thank "Thank "Real and when she had seen to have accepted the garments and the situation in the same spirit of resignation and hope; as if she had decided to make the most of her slim chance to profit by these amazing circumstances.

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Manufacturers Are Heard. He had been charged by the Finance Minister with stating that the high cost of living commission was a rotten commission. "I said it." he remarked, "and here repeat that it is a farce. The farmers of the west ask for free wheat. Why does not the Government give them what they ask? When the manufacturers ask for anything they get it, but when the farmers ask for anything this Government refuses.

Free wheat wouldn't hurt the millers or the transcontinental railways. Both the millers and the railways to—well, you might say to acquit me—without hearing the story. It is so vital were well able to look after themselves. To reduce the cost of living the Government would have to do "I can judge you without hearing all of the—the evidence, if that's what you more than give free food.

mean. Simply answer the questions I There were other things which shall ask, and nothing more. There are certain facts I must have from you if I should be dealt with to solve this problem. The manufacturers might require some protection, though many of them are now able to successfully compete in the open markets of the world. It was evident that there was now no competition among many ines of manufacture in Canada. It was about time that the Government made up its mind that it could no sh army. My mother is dead. She was Kitty Glynn, at one time a popular music longer cajole the farmer with stateshall performer in London. She was Irish. She died two years ago. My father was a gentleman. I do not say he is a gentleman, for his treatment of my mother relieves him from that distinction. He is in the Far East, China, I think. I have not seen him in more than five years. He ments that he was benefitted by protection.

Farmers Able to Compete. Canadian farmers knew that they were able to compete with the farmers of other countries in the markets of the world. The Canadians who raised and sold and made cheese for the English market knew this. Times were hard in the west, and would be harder with the farmers unless the Government did something. The men on the land were told to go into mixed farming. They might as well try to fly as to do this without wider markets being provided, and the wider markets could be had for the asking. Unless wider markets were speedily provided, many of the smaller ers had been wrecked not far from farms of the west would shortly be deserted.

No Reference to Shipping Disastre. The shipping disaster on the Great Lakes was referred to by E. N. Lewis, of West Huron, who said he was surprised that there had been no reference to disaster in the speech from

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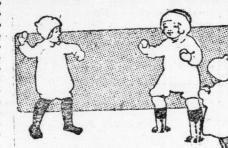


New and attractive styles made up from good quality English serges, all wool and fine texture, to sell at prices that you could scarcely buy the material and have them made for, and all the Worry saved by having them all finished ready to put on in sizes for misses from ages 8 to 14 years, suitably trimmed and finished for any use you may require, school or better wear.

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### Italian Coat Lining 19cyd

Three pieces in castor, gray and seal brown, 54-inch Farmer's Satin, good colors, but defective in quality. The price of this lining was 85c a yard. Three pieces from our manufacturing department which came imperfect and will be sold at Lining Counter. To clear quickly, at yard..... 19¢ Main Floor.

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Pre-stock-taking clearing of Buttons. All kinds and shapes and colors, large and small, metal, bone, etc., for trimming or fastening. Prices up to \$1.00 a dozen. A few gross on sale 

ity that has ever occurred on the where banks did this they should be Great Lakes, where traffic had so required to increase the rate of in-

approach of the storm, but at the in- Aise called Tetter, Sait Rheum, Pruritus, Milk-

in prison.

WINTER BEDDING

grown that in 1911; 23,778 ships, with

56,275,120 tonnage, passed through the

Soo canals. On Nov. 9, tweive steam-

Goderich, and of these eight disap-

peared utterly. A hundred and ninety

lives were lost. The storm was so

severe that one new boat of 505 feet

length had been turned bottom up. It

was snowing heavily at the time, but

had the harbor of Goderich been pro-

perly equipped, had all the boats been

equipped with wireless and had a hur-

ricane call been sounded, not a ves-

sel nor a life would have been lost,

as all could have been warned to shelter in time. There was ample

Neglect in Notifying Ports. The weather bureau knew of the

quiry it was explained that there had

sed their interest on loans from six

# Two Specials in Chil- Winter Bedding Sale

See Dundas St. Window

75 Down Comforters at 1-4 Less Than Yesterday's Price

\$6.00 to \$28.00 qualities for \$4.50 to \$21.00. Customers who have been through our stock this season and are watching for this final clearing, will realize what an opportunity this reduction affords, as with our increased output in this section, stocks carried this season have been much larger than ever before, and therefore the assortment left for clearing is better and bigger than that of any previous sale. But remember there are only 75 in the whole collection, and every comforter is marked at exactly one-quarter less than yesterday's price, which we consider was excellent value, but the end of the season is near and stock-taking also. A double reason for this sale. Besides, all are new, fresh goods, good sizes, and well fitted with pure down and in first-class condition. We cannot take space to describe them, but the color blendings and designs are beautiful. You will find shadings to blend with any color scheme you wish to carry out. We quote here a complete price list showing reductions, as follows:

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SALE Continues This Week. Fourth Floor.

terest they paid depositors. In con-

clusion, he asked that the Government

should indemnify an Italian named

Fatzari, recently found innocent and

liberated after spending some years

Afraid of Big Interests.

John Sinclair, of Guysboro, declared

that the Government was so afraid of

to raise its finger to aid the people

Hon. Arthur Meighan, the solicitor-

general, who represents a western

constituency, talked on highways, and

declined to refer to the question of

Crust, Weeping Skin, Etc.

in their present distress.

the throne. It was the greatest calam- to seven per cent. He thought that free wheat, as the tariff was business of the Finance Minister. E.C. Killingsworth WYOMING .- Mr. D. A. Graham, sec-

> Smith, Son & Clarke Undertakers the big interests, that it was afraid 118 DUNDAS ST. PHONE 586.

explosion in that city.

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herd of thoroughbred Durham cattle in

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quiry it was explained that there had been neglect in notifying the ports of the approach of the storm because there was no telegraph in operation at that time of the night. Since the disaster telephones had been used all night. It should be compulsory on lake boats to carry wireless, and captains should be compelled to seek shelter when warned.

Importance of Goderich.

In 1909-10 Goderich had handled one-third of the grain traffic from the west, and was the only lake port which competed with Buffalo. He wished to impress the House with the importance of Goderich, in the hope that it would be made a harbor of refuge, in fact, as well as in name. Some of the banks in Ontario had raised their interest on loans from six

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