PAUL VANE'S WIFE

CHAPTER LXIII.

Annie Seasholtz had taken the liberty of sitting down unasked in a rustic chair beside Mrs. Lisle, and she gazed into the old lady's face with such truthful eyes that no one could doubt her honesty.

But Mrs. Lisle looked at her with piteous eyes, as if wishing that everything she had asserted might prove to be false. Her feeble voice was almost a moan, as she cried:

"Loraine not my grandchild? Loraine an impostor, smuggled into the place of Edgar's child. Where then, is the true heiress of Arcady. What is her name?"

That is more than I can tell you, madame, for I do not know any more."

"Perhaps you are deceiving me, girl. If you know so much you ought to know more!" cried Mrs. Lisle, impatiently.

"No, Mrs. Lisle, for all the rest was written down in the paper that the man gave Miss Loraine. He only told her a part, and said that she would find the rest in Mr. Lisle's confession—the lady's name, and all, and the reason for the dreadful fraud. And she did not tell you anything about it, ma'am."

"Not a word! And it seems strange that she would confide such a secret to her maid!" the gentle old lady observed with suspicion.

"La, Mrs. Lisle! you don't suppose she told me. Not a bit of it! I may as well own the truth. I was listening behind the library curtain."

"For shame, Annie!"

"I know it wasn't right, but la! I never meant no harm, ma'am!" Annie Seasholtz exclaimed, airly. "You see, it was this way: When the man came and called for her I seen he was one of them rough-looking gypsies that were camped in the woods of Arcady, and I thought my mistress had got him to come up here, private-like to tell her fortune. I wanted to hear what he said, and just for a lark I hid behind the curtain. And no harm done neither! For I never opened my mouth to a living soul about anything I heard that night," concluded the bright little maid, intelligently.

Mrs. Lisle sat a moment in grave silence, while her tearful eyes wandered to the far-off sky with a patient, pathetic gaze.

Annie waited a little while, then, thinking herself forgotten, ventured timidly:

"I did not really know whether you had heard the truth from Miss Loraine or not, and I thought after she had turned out so wicked that maybe you ought to know."

"Wicked?" Mrs. Lisle said, gently reproachful.

"La, ma'am! she took Mrs. Vane's husband from her, they do say; and, worse than that, or as bad, she and Mr. Vane have stolen Mrs. Vane's child and run away to unknown parts with her. If all that ain't wicked—well, I do say it beats my time!"

Mrs. Lisle had heard all about the wonderful restoration of Vivian's child in a letter that Vivian herself had written to her old friend—a letter that Mrs. Lisle had never answered, for she felt that it would be most embarrassing for Loraine if her grandmother were to acknowledge the identity of Paul Vane's wife. In her loyalty to beautiful Loraine, who had always been most cold and indifferent with her gentle relative, Grandmere Lisle had slighted and ignored Vivians' letter, although her heart bled with remorse over this cruel act that she felt to be a necessity. Family pride was a strong point with the old Virginia gentlewoman, and she knew that it was imperative to her to uphold Loraine in her reckless course. So she must ignore Vivian Vane, who had come back from the grave to claim her husband when another woman had taken him away. And how was she to know that it was really Vivian: She had stood in tears above a coffin that everyone said held Vivian Vane's drowned remains. There was a stone in Forest Churchyard that bore her name. How could she be alive?

Yet Mrs. Lisle had wet Vivian's letter with some bitter tears, for she knew the beautiful, clear chirography well, and she could not fool her own heart any longer with the convenient doubts she had been fostering. She had loved sweet winning Vivian better, to, than proud, coquettish Loraine, and she rejoiced in secret that little Star had been given to her mother's arms to save her heart from breaking.

"But I must dissemble. I must not acknowledge Vivian, for that would be to condemn my granddaughter and her husband. And surely they must be honest in declaring their disbelief in her. Loraine was to proud for such a sin, and Paul Vane was too godly. What grand sermons he used to preach in Forest Church! The new rector does not do half as well. Ah, I wish all these terrible happenings could fade away like a dreadful dream, and I could wake and find myself in Forest Church with Paul Vane reading the litany from the high pulpit, and Vivian sitting near, with the sunshine on her white dress and golden head!" she sighed to herself every day; and only Heaven knew how many tears she shed, or how many prayers she offered up that the tangled web of fate might be made straight and smooth again.

So when Annie Seasholtz told her about the disappearance of little Star, Mrs. Lisle started and caught her breath in agony. Stolen! Vivian's child—the sole comfort left to her desolate life—stolen away from her loving arms! Now, indeed, the young mother would surely die of heartbreak.

She made Annie tell her all that she knew, which was but little, after all. Vivian had come to Italy with some friends—a Miss Point that Annie did not know, and two others that she did. They had been friends of Miss Loraine and visitors at Arcady—Mr. Willie Benners and Miss Beryl Meadows. They were married now, and had come abroad on their bridal-tour. With them had come the baby Star, and Mrs. Vane had brought it to Rose Villa, but her husband and his second wife had driven her away in scorn. The next morning they were gone, and a few hours later the child was stolen.

"And you knew nothing of their going, Annie? Are you quite, quite sure?"

"My mistress had told me that she wanted her trunks packed, as she would go to Switzerland soon. But, dear, I hadn't half finished, and she must have done it herself, after I was asleep, so as to get away without me. And my quarter's wages not paid, either," indignantly.

"I will attend to that, Annie,' said the old lady, kindly.

"Thank you, very much, ma'am; and perhaps I ought to go now." Annie rose, the lady waved her back to her seat, [illegible] would like for you to remain at Arcady awhile. I have many questions to ask you of your young lady's wife since she went away, for she has forgotten to write a snigle line to me,' 'she said.

"La, me, but that was mean!" cried Annie Seacholtz. Then she continued, a little timidly "Have you got the same butler, Mrs. Lisle?"

"Yes, John Howard is still here, Annie."

"Is he married yet?"

"No, indeed, child! Why, what are you blushing about, Annie? Oh, I see! John has been waiting for you to come back. Well, he is a clever fellow, and will make you a good husband."

"Thank you, ma'am," with a shy little courtesy. "If you are done with me, ma'am, I'd like to go and see John."

"One minute, Annie. That paper you spoke of. What did my—what did Loraine do with it?"

"The Lord only knows, ma'am. I peeped around the curtain, and seen the gypsy give it to her, and she tucked it in her bosom and gave him some gold pieces. Then she flew up to her room, locked the door, and stayed in quite a long time. I kind of watched, and when she came down again and mixed with the crowd her face was quite white and her eyes just a-flashing."

"Do you think she could have destroyed the paper, Annie?"

"Very likely," Mrs. Lisle.

The old lady sighed as if the answer had quite crushed her; but presently she plucked up heart again.

"Perhaps she only hid it," she said, hopefully. "You shall search for the paper, Annie. Begin to-morrow, and never give up the search until you find it."

"But she may have carried it away with her, Mrs. Lisle."

"There is a chance that she did not, and we will act on that chance. To-morrow you will begin the search, Annie. Now, you may go."

Annie courtesied and went. The mistress of Arcady leaned back in her chair with close shut lids, under which big tears trickled down upon her pale, worn cheeks.

"Oh, cruel, cruel!" she sighed, indignantly. "Not even to tell me that Edgar was dead! Oh, my boy, my boy, whom I have waited for so long, hoping and praying for your return! You are dead, dead, and I am never to know how you died, nor where your lonely grave is made! Heaven pity me, I have nothing left to live for now! Yes, yes, I have! It is to do what you wished, Edgar—to oust the usurper from her proud place as heiress of Arcady, and find the rightful claimant. Who is to help me? The best man I know, the man I hoped Loraine would marry—Colonel Fairlie! I will write him to come, and tell him all."

the pet is suffering the pangs of hunger and cold and unkindness somewhere in this wide, cruel world. I look up often to the sky, almost believing that she is

CHAPTER LXIV.

Colonel Fairlie was thinking seriously of sailing for Europe when the letter from Mrs. Lisle reached him. Within twenty-four hours he was in Virginia, driving up the broad main street of Lisle, past the closed rectory, with its tangled, weed-grown garden, past Forest Church with its haunting memories and its lying grave-stone, toward Arcady.

"I could think of no one so likely to help me in my trouble as yourself, Colonel Fairlie. You always seemed to me so wise and strong," the sad-eyed old lady said to him as he held her tremulous hand in his firm, sympathetic clasp, and he assured her that he would be glad to serve her in any way.

"I am going to confide a secret to you, Colonel Fairlie, a strange, dark secret," she said, and told him unreservedly all that she had heard from Annie Seasholtz.

"Does it not sound incredible? Ought I to believe this strange tale?" she asked him, nervously.

"I should like to see the girl and question her myself, before I decide," he answered, cautiously. But Annie's honest story impressed him with its truth. "I believe her," he said to Mrs. Lisle. "But I think that Loraine most probably destroyed the paper. Still, it may be as well to keep up the search for it a few days longer. If we are unsuccessful, the next thing to do is to place a detective on the track of the gypsy tribe that encamped in Arcady wood that summer. If we can find the man we may learn everything from him. Mrs. Lisle, I will attend to it for you, and I think you from my heart for your confidence in me, for through my conversation with the maid I have gained what I believe to be the clue to another mystery."

"Another mystery!" she echoed, in alarm.

"You know of the loss of Mrs. Vane's child—Annie told you?" he asked.

"Yes, I know," the old lady answered, flushing at her secret consciousness of her cruel treatment of poor Vivian's letter.

Colonel Fairlie continued:

"I do not believe that little Star is with Paul and Loraine. The cruel nature of the woman could not brook the presence of her rival's child—the child whose mother she is so bitterly wronging. She would be fearful, too, that the innocent, loving little one would soften the father's heart toward the first wife. No; baby Star is not with them; but I can well believe that Loraine, in her bitter hatred and jealousy of Vivian, has had the child stolen away in order to drive the mother into madness or heartbreak."

"And the clue you have found?"

"Annie Seasholtz told me that Gordon Hall has haunted Rose Villa for months. You remember the man, Mrs. Lisle? I always thought he had an evil nature. He worshiped Loraine, and she coquetted with him, as she did with many others, only to laugh him to scorn. He tried to take revenge on her at the time of her marriage by bringing Vivian forward during the honeymoon to blast her happiness. Well, you have heard all that; but Annie Seasholtz tells me that this man still follows Loraine—that she had a private interview with him the evening before she disappeared so strangely from the villa. The suspicion is strong upon me that Loraine used her power over Gordon Hall to induce him to steal little Star and make away with her in some mysterious fashion."

"Could Loraine really be so wicked?" asked the tremulous old voice, wonderingly.

"I could tell you of many wicked things that she has done," Colonel Fairlie answered, with flashing eyes; then he paused in pity for her feelings. She had reared this wicked girl. Possibly she still cherished some affection for her, and while there remained a single doubt if Loraine were really her granddaughter he would spare her outraged heart. But he thought with silent wrath of Loraine's guilty career—of her many sins. How long would God delay her punishment, he wondered.

(To be continued.)

RINGWORM

STUBBORN CASE

HEALED BY ZAM-BUK.

The most troublesome and obstinate of all scalp trouble is ringworm. Mrs. H. Girdlestone, of 100 Rawdon street, Brantford, Ont., says "My daughter had ringworm very bad, so bad that I was compelled to have her hair cut off. I obtained a preparation from the druggist to paint the sores, but instead of curing, the Ringworm developed into nasty sores mattering and smelling badly. I saw Zam-Buk advertised in the newspaper and immediately sent for a box. After several applications I could see a great improvement, and as I kept up the Zam-Buk treatment daily the disease was soon checked. The nasty sores were thoroughly cleaned and healed and all trace of Ringworm banished from the child's scalp in a few weeks after commencing with Zam-Buk. I cannot recommend Zam-Buk too highly."

Zam-Buk cures cuts, burns, chapped hands, cold sores, itch, ulcers, eczema, running sores, catarrh, piles, bad legs, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, abscesses and all diseases of the skin. Of all druggists and stores, 50c., or postpaid upon receipt of price, from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto. 6 boxes $2.50.

EIGHT KILLED.

BIG FOUR PASSENGER TRAIN STRUCK ELECTRIC CAR.

A Dozen Injured, Two Fatally—Conductor Saw Train Coming and Ordered Car to Stop, But Motorman Did Not Obey Signal.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb 15.—Eight people were killed and a dozen injured when a Big Four passenger train struck a Toledo & Western electric car at the Michigan Central crossing in West Toledo to-night .The dead:

James Myers, motorman; Mrs. William Fisher, Roy Fisher, Clarence Beech, Hiram Parker, Mrs. John W. Neipp and her two sons, Lincoln and Theodore.

The injured included: Mayor Jones and wife, of Sylvania, Ohio; Joe Boehmever, Trilby, fatally; George Braddon, Toledo, fatally.

According to an eye-witness, the conductor stopped at the crossing to flag the car across. Seeing the train coming, he motioned to the motorman to stop, but the signal was either misunderstood or not heeded for the car came ahead and the collision followed.

COMPANY DENIES FRAUD.

Mutual Reserve Life in the Hands of Receivers.

New York, Feb. 15.—Receivers were appointed to-night for the Mutual Reserve Life Isurance Company, upon the application of a committee of policyholders.

The receivers are Charles W. Gould of the law firm of Gould & Winstow, and Archibald C. Haynes, President of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company. Each receiver was put under a bond of $100,000. Mr. Russell and Mr. Haynes qualifying immediately. Mr. Gould is to qualify on Monday.

Insolvency and inability to meet its obligations were given in the court's order as the reason for the appointment of receivers.

In the company's answer to the complaint, the allegations made by the complainant as to fraud in the management of the company's business were denied, but the company admitted the allegations made as to its inability to carry out its contracts with its policyholders.

A report made by examiners to the Superintendent of Insurance on November 10, 1907, and which explained the condition of the company down to the last day of August last, showed total liabilities of $5,418,717, and admitted assets of $3,701,602.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT.

New Labor Organization Completed at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Organization was completed here to-day of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor. The organization, which is to be subsidiary to the American Federation of Labor, is composed of members of national and international building trades organizations, which are affiliated with the federation.

A constitution was adopted to-day, officers were elected, and it was decided that the next convention of the body which is to be the head of the various building trades organizations of the country should be held in Denver, Colo., next November. The constitution provides that the President of the body shall receive an annual salary of $2,200 a year; the Secretary-Treasurer $3,000, and the five Vice-Presidents a per diem stipend when actually attending to the business of the organization.

I. M. Kirby, of Chicago, was elected President, and J. N. Spencer, Cleveland, Secretary-Treasurer.

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DRUNKEN SAILOR'S ANTICS.

Performed Up Aloft on Telephone Wires and Received Fatal Injuries.

Victoria, Feb. 15.—In a spirit of bravado a half-intoxicated sailor at an early hour this morning undertook to walk the telephone wires between two of the 100-foot posts on Government street. When discovered in mid-air by the police, who were attracted by the man's singing, an alarm was turned in for the fire brigade, who spread the fire escape nets in order to save the man's life should he fall. He, however, made the trip all right and had descended to within 25 feet of the pavement when he missed his footing and fell with a crash on the sidewalk, fracturing his skull, with the result that he died a few hours later at the hospital.

Halton Liberals have nominated Mr. R. D. Warren, editor of The Georgetown Herald, for the Legislature.

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Is your buying opportunity. Already hundreds have taken advantage of it, HAVE YOU?. If not, come to-morrow and make your selections.

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$37.50 Wilton Squares, size 10.6 x 9.0, for $28.50
$40 Wilton Squares, size 12.0 x 9.0, for $30
$60 Wilton Squares, size 12.0 x 11.3, for $41.75
$70 Wilton Squares, size 13.6 x 11.3, for $47

Brussels Squares

$14 Brussels Squares, size 9.0 x 6.9, for $10
$20 Brussels Squares, size 9.0 x 9.0, for $13
$22 Brussels Squares, size 10.6 x 9.0, for $15
$24 Brussels Squares, size 12.0 x 9.0, for $16.50
$30 Brussels Squares, size 13.6 x 9.0, for $19.75
$33 Brussels Squares, size 12.0 x 11.3, for $21.75
$37 Brussels Squares, size 13.6 x 11.3, for $25
$39.50 Brussels Squares, size 15.0 x 11.3, for $27

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$8.50 All Wool Squares, size 9.0 x 7.6, for $5.63
$9.75 All Wool Squares, size 9.0 x 9.0, for $6.75
$12.50 All Wool Squares, size 10.6 x 9.0, for $8.50
$14 All Wool Squares, size 12.0 x 9.0, for $9.75
$16 All Wool Squares, size 12.0 x 10.6, for $11.25
$18 All Wool Squares, size 13.6 x 10.6, for $12.75
$20 All Wool Squares, size 13.6 x 12.0, for $14.50
$23 All Wool Squares, size 15.0 x 12.0, for $16

February Sale of Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs 5c Each

500 dozen of fine Irish Linen Handerkchiefs, nicely hemstitched in ¼ inch hems, regular 10c, on sale ..... 5c each

Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 10c

300 dozen of very fine linen finished Cambric Handkerchiefs, nicely hemstitched in ¼ inch hems, regular 5c each, on sale 3 for 10c

Manufacturers' Culled Handkerchiefs 10c Each

2,000 dozen of Manufacturers' culled Handkerchiefs, fine linen and Swiss, beautifully embroidered in scolloped edge and ¼ inch hemstitched hems, slightly damaged, worth up to 30c, on sale ..... 10c each

Embroidered Handkerchiefs 3 for 50c

500 dozen of dainty Swiss Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered in eyelet and shadow designs, with fine shell edges, also fine hemstitched hems, regular 25c and 35c, on sale 3 for 50c

Special Sale of Veilings 25c Yard

100 pieces of Paris Veilings in black, navy, brown, white, grey, green, red, with self chenille spots and fancy combinations worth up to 60c, on sale ..... 25c yd.

Housefurnishing Savings

Special Blanket Sale Tuesday

Without doubt, this is the best time to procure Wool Blankets. We are making a big special sale in almost every line, in the all-wool, double bed size, white and grey. Compare the regular and special prices, and realize the savings to be made Tuesday:
Regular price $4.00, $5.25, $4.75, $5.75, $6.75. Grey, $4.00, $5.00.
Special price $2.98, $3.98, $3.48, $4.48, $5.48. Wool, $2.98, $3.86.

Tapestry Curtains to Clear at $4.48c

22 pair Crimson Tapestry Portieres, with deep fringe top and bottom, dainty designs and fast color, durable triple weave, a snap, regular value $6.50 and $7.50, Tuesday $4.48

500 Yards Sash Net at 12½c

Pretty little Bobbinet Curtains, with lace and insertion, also 3-inch frill, width 30 inches, regular price 20c, Tuesday 12½c
Something better, regular price 25c, Tuesday 18c
Extra fine quality and design, regular price 35c 22c

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125 Window Shades, size 37x72, colors light and dark green, cream, green and drab, regular price 45c, Tuesday 29c
Shades, all colors and sizes, made to order.

Black Voiles at Special Prices

Just passed into stock a big shipment of all wool black Voiles, the correct material for a dressy gown or separate skirt, to-morrow will be your chance to secure a length at very special prices, 44 and 46 inches wide, bright blacks and in medium and heavy mesh.

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Swiss Embroidered Muslins 19c

Fancy White Swiss Muslin Shadow Embroideries, figure and floral patterns, regular value 35c, special purchase sale 19c

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45-inch White Irish Lawn, transparent weave, a new blouse material, specially adapted for fancy wash waists, regular value 45c, special purchase sale 29c

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500 yards best Wash Goods Ends, in lengths up to 8 yards; White and Colored Muslin, Ginghams, Chambrays, Lawns, Wrapperettes, Kimona Cloths, worth up to 35c, clearing Tuesday morning at only ..... 10c yard

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Fine, Soft Finish English Long Cloth, yard wide, a special underwear quality, worth 12½c, for 11c

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Cream Damask 50c

42-inch Heavy Cream Damask, all linen, slightly imperfect, worth 65c, for 50c

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Rubber Sheeting, good quality:
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Extra quality White Flannelette, warm, fleecy finish, 15c value, for 12½c

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50 dozen Odd Napkins, slightly imperfect, worth $2.50 dozen, for ..... 15c each

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G. T. R. SANITARIUM.

Property on Gull Lake Has Been Purchased.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—It is rumored that officials of the Grand Trunk Railway Company intend to erect a large sanitarium on the shore of Gull Lake, near Gravenhurst, in the near future, where persons suffering from tuberculosis will be given the most up-to-date treatment. The sanitarium will be modelled after the institutes at Battle Creek and Mount Clemens, Mich. Officials of the Grand Trunk Railway visited Gravenhurst a few months ago, and since that time the company has purchased several blocks of land on Gull Lake. The lake, which is only a few miles from Gravenhurst, will be beautified in every way, and a model resort for consumptives will be laid out. It is also stated that the Gravenhurst station will be moved from its present location to a site near the proposed sanitarium.

THE COWBOY BARONET.

Montreal Man Mistaken for Him on Steamer Celtic.

London, Feb. 16.—Mr. H. E. Cave-Brown-Cave, of Montreal, who was a passenger on the Celtic, has been mistaken for Sir Genille Cave-Brown-Cave, the missing cowboy-baronet. In an interview he laughingly disclaimed the honor, and said he did not know the whereabouts of his cousin On the Celtic he received reverent attention from a passenger who had read glittering stories about the wandering baronet and the untold millions he was coming home to inherit.

JANUARY LAKE LEVEL.

Lake Ontario Shows Highest Stage in Twenty-two Years.

According to the report of the United States Lake Survey the stage of the water for Ontario for January was 246.73 feet above tide water, New York.

Lake Ontario was nearly three feet higher than in January, 1896, three and a half inches higher than last year, and eighteen and one-half inches higher than the average January stage of the past ten years; but it was 10 inches lower than in January, 1886. This lake shows the highest January stage in twenty-two years. With heavy ice in the St. Lawrence River to check the outflow, the coming season should show exceptionally high water for this lake.

ALMOST VICTIM OF COAL GAS.

Family of Rev. N. B. Topping Have Narrow Escape.

Smith's Falls, Feb. 15.—The family of Rev. N. B. Topping, of Perth, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation by coal gas a few nights ago. Mrs. Topping and one of her daughters awakened about the same time. Miss Topping could neither move nor speak, and it was with the greatest difficulty Mrs. Topping succeeded in reaching a window. Though in a half-dazed condition, she managed to break a pane of glass and the sweep of fresh air partially revived her just as she felt consciousness leaving her. By almost a superhuman effort she aroused some of the other members of the family, and by their united efforts all were taken to the air and their lives were saved. Two of her sons were unconscious for some time, and all were very ill, but are gradually recovering. The dampers of a coal stove had been shut too closely and this accounted for the gas being in the house.

FATHER AND SON DEAD.

Sad Fate of Two Oxford Citizens Within Few Days.

Woodstock, Feb. 16.—While his father, Wm. Gerrie, was lying dead and awaiting burial, the son, David Gerrie, a prominent young farmer, who resided at Governor's road, three miles north of Ingersoll, passed away yesterday morning. The cause of death was blood-poisoning, which is said to have originated from chilblains.

The Winnipeg Police Commission has decided to ease off in the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, and in future prosecutions will be made for only the more flagrant infractions.

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FOUR MEN ARRESTED.

Serious Case of Assault on a Young Woman.

Kingston, Feb. 16.—Late last night a girl came to the police station and complained that four young men whose names she gave, assaulted her in or near Soward's coal yard. She alleged that she was seized by the throat and prevented making a noise. The marks on her body are evidence that she had been cruelly treated.

The police then went in pursuit of the accused quartette, arrested them and they are now held in the station pending developments in the police court tomorrow morning.

Their names are James Brickwood, "Reddy" Devine, Mozier and Crozier. Complaints have been made by girls lately that they have been followed in lonely places by young men and at times accosted by strangers, so that few have been willing for some time to go out on the streets alone.

EIGHTY THOUSAND IDLE.

Distress Becoming Acute in Berlin—Socialists Demand Relief.

Berlin, Feb. 15.— More than 80,000 workingmen in this city are without employment, and a council of ministers was held a few days ago to provide measures for their relief. The Socialistic party in the Reichstag is very insistent that something shall be done, and the Ministry had to face the situation. No practical conclusions were reached.

BIG SCOTCH FAILURE.

Had Contracts for Street Railways in Athens and Moscow.

London, Feb. 16.—The firm of Bruce & Co., Peebles, Scotland, has suspended. Among its current contracts are those for the building of the great dock at Shanghai and a street railway system at Athens.

It also lately contracted to construct a street railway system at Moscow, the amount involved being $10,000,000.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon Resigns.

London, Feb. 15.—The Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, has made definite his resignation of the pastorate, which was postponed from March last year. His health is still poor

RAILWAYS

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