

those medically unfit for service, concludes that the single men actually available would hardly exceed one hundred thousand.

The Canada Gazette announces that the counties of Queen's and Shelburne, N. S., will vote on the repeal of the Scott Act. If the votes are favorable this will render the province practically all dry outside of Halifax, where liquor is sold under license.

Frontenac county council voted \$30,000 to the Patriotic Fund. Norfolk council doubled the monthly grant to \$2,000, and Perth Council raised the monthly grant from \$1,400 to \$2,000; Lambton council granted \$1,000 a month, Hastings council \$2,000 a month and Middlesex council \$6,000 a month.

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THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY 'He don't know what's the matter with him all the time now, Miss Esther,' whimpers Quabba. 'Some wire toose, maybe? Eh, what you think?' 'We are far ahead of them,' says Esther encouragingly. 'Even if the motor will only do this well they will not overtake us. It seems to me we have gone miles and miles through this dreadful darkness. The driver of the stage told me about these mines this is the main tunnel he told me about, I know. It goes straight through the mountains for four miles to the openings at the workings in the opposite valley.' 'She stops; she don't go no more,' means Quabba as the little motor grinds and halts, then goes forward a few feet and stops with a jerk. 'Do you think you can fix it?' asked Esther eagerly. Quabba's courage returns as he notes in Esther's question a tone of confidence in his ability as an amateur electrical engineer. 'Ha!' he says. 'Plenty time I fix the organ. I find what's the matter and fix it.' And he jumps from the seat, and under an electric light in a



Vivian Marston Lies in the Cabin of the Yacht.

wide part of the tunnel where the motor was halted he proceeds to examine it with the air of one who desires to impress all beholders with his deep knowledge of electrical mechanics. There was light enough at this point to make any slight repairs, provided poor Quabba was competent to do so. But an intimate knowledge of the mechanism of street pianos is hardly of avail in repairing balky electric motors. 'Do be careful!' cautions Esther. 'If anything should happen to you you never forgive myself. I have heard of men being killed tampering with electric wires. And look!' And Esther pointed to a sign at the side where a new heading from the main tunnel plain in the light from the overhead incandescent bulb, was a dingy yet plain sign of warning that read: 'Danger! Blast Ready!' Near it was a small black box with a plunger protruded and to which coils of insulated wire were attached. Even to Esther's inexperienced eyes the purpose of the grim looking little box and the coils was apparent. It was mechanism to set off a blast of the blast, as the sign warned, was ready.

Quabba realized the fact as well as Esther and redoubled his efforts to locate the cause of the trouble in the motor and to get out of the danger zone. The young girl and the poor hunchback, fleeing from the peril of human enemies, were now in danger of annihilating death in the deserted mine tunnel at this point. But such a death Esther did not dread as she dreaded the worst fate that might come to her if she fell again into the hands of Blair Stanley.

For Luke Lovell, brutal as he was, Esther had not the fear she had of Blair. Her old association and authority over Luke as the daughter, as she was supposed to be, of Hagar, the queen who ruled the Romany people with strong decision. Esther knew would make the gypsy hesitate in any evil intent he might have toward her. Esther knew, too, that Luke, for all his brutishness, had ever been attached to her. He had protected her in some measure before. Perhaps he would do so again. But dominated as he was by greed and the stronger, wickeder mind of Blair Stanley, Esther felt no great confidence in Luke Lovell's further protection, if protection it might be called.

While Quabba fussed and perspired in his inexperienced efforts to remedy the cause of the halting of the motor Esther sat listening with straining ears to the weird and eerie subterranean sounds of the ceaseless dripping of the water from the mine roof and the occasional rattle and fall of loosened earth and rocks in the dark depths of the tunnel. Then there came through the darkness from far off behind them the sound of footsteps through the water that covered the tunnel floor. Like moving stars in the distant darkness she saw the lights of the candle flames

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The relentless pursuing Luke and Blair. She knew it must be them, for the mine and all its workings had been as deserted as a piece of the dead battery. 'They are coming, Quabba!' she cried. 'What shall we do?' The hunchback's usual kindly face took on a set expression of murderous determination as he looked at Esther. 'This time I kill them!' he exclaimed. 'Wait; you see?'

CHAPTER XXXII. The Spoil of the Pelican. LEAVING his task of searching for the trouble in the mechanism of the motor, Quabba slipped across to the back of it and pushed the little machine, with many grunts and straining efforts, from the dangerous spot near the set blast and its warning sign.

Pushing and pulling, he shoved the heavy little machine over the water covered tracks a hundred yards or more down the tunnel. Then he rushed back under the electric light by the set blast and, seizing the blast battery by its leather handle and uncoiling the loops of wire, the other ends of which were fastened deep down in the blast holes to the detonator in the dynamite. Quabba slipped back through the darkness and called to Esther's ears a whisper to come around behind the shielding bulk of the motor with him. From the blast battery box he carried trailed the length of wire that would carry the vital spark of the forces of destruction.

Now Blair Stanley and Luke Lovell had located them by the single light upon the electric motor. They pressed forward with exultant shouts; that just as they reached the wide space where the blast was set at the new heading Quabba, a hundred yards away and shielded, with Esther, behind the motor, drove the plunger of the battery down swift and hard. There was a deafening boom and crash, a burst of fire, the sound of showering rocks, a heavy fall of earth and debris that seemed to heave out and groan and rattle and settle—then a choking fog of blast smoke and silence.

Whatever had been the matter with the motor, the shock and jar of the explosion had settled the loosened wire back in place to a proper contact, for when she shined with fright and excitement, Quabba had dragged Esther aboard the motor again and turned the lever the little machine moved forward like a living thing slowly at first and then, gaining speed, glided smoothly and swiftly out of the smoke and on and on, swifter, faster, until the hunchback and the trembling girl felt a breath of fresh air from outside blow upon them and saw a gleam of daylight and sped on and out from the dark world of the mine into God's dark sunlight! (To be continued.)

Six Persons Killed in Berlin rioting London, Feb. 1.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam states that food riots have been resumed in Berlin, and that six persons were killed and seven injured by troops who were called to suppress the riots disturbance.

Thomas Bowers, aged 84, died at St. Catharines yesterday, while his brother was being buried at Kingston.

Before Magistrate Blake at Galt, Harold Henderson was found guilty of making insulting remarks to two members of the 11th Battalion, C. E. F. He provided \$500 bonds that he won't repeat.

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JURY BROUGHT IN VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH Late Henry Lambrooke Came Thus by His Death on G. T. R. Tracks. FOUR WITNESSES WERE HEARD Jury Never Left Court-room to Bring in Their Verdict.

That the late Henry Lambrooke came to an accidental death while trespassing on the G. T. R. railway on Tuesday, January 26th, was the verdict given by the Coroner's jury last evening at the inquest held at the police court. It was a very short inquest and only four witnesses were heard. The evidence was so plain that the jury did not even adjourn. The inquest was dismissed within fifteen minutes. Loconer Fessette presided and the jurymen were T. G. Boles, foreman, J. Hall, G. Townsend, All. West, A. Percy, A. Pitcher, G. Walker.

A G. T. R. section foreman Paul Calommo, was the first witness examined by A. J. Wilkes, crown attorney. He stated that he saw the dead body between 10 and 11 o'clock on that Tuesday morning, lying about six feet outside of the west bound track. From the position in which it was lying, it appeared as if deceased had been struck by an incoming express.

M. Lennox, also a G. T. R. employee was examined and was unable to give any further information.

M. A. Sharpe had seen the deceased the previous day in a local barber shop at three o'clock. He had just stepped in to read the paper and seemed to be all right. This witness knew the late Mr. Lambrooke very well, and said that he sometimes had wandering spells, on account of his old age. But on this day he had been perfectly clear in his mind.

Mr. Dennis Halloran was the next and only witness. He stated that the deceased man had left at two o'clock the day previous to the death. When he didn't appear early in the evening, search was started and was continued through most of the night and next morning until news came of the accident. He had been accustomed to going on long walks daily, and had been without a doubt accidentally struck while walking on the tracks. Then the Coroner said that it was quite unnecessary to hear any further evidence as to the cause of the accidental origin. The jury made its verdict immediately and the inquest was adjourned.

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