

aby's golden hair. The subject of our conversation ooks in a bewildered fashion from one face to another: then, with a sigh so big that you wonder it could have

> says: "Me want dassie."

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I have not calculated on such a re-

eption as this. I draw myself away rouble my lady." and sit down on the edge of a chair Lovs looks at me and says nothing. and wish myself anywhere but where lift the boy onto my knee and I am. Theo lies back in her chair and attempt to speak; and

hough I feel something is expected of me. I cannot think of anything to say. At last I remark stupidly that we were very much shocked when we

heard the news, and that it was awfully sudden.

"Very," says Theo; "but don't talk about it. It was all very horrible. and it does no good to talk about it Of course you've heard everything

from the servants." I feel that no other topic will be untie?" I ask. acceptable, so sit in uncomfortable silence, and wish Adrian and I had not hurried up to town so soon. Ther Theo says that, if I go down, I shall

find supper in the dining room, and that perhaps I will excuse her seeing ne again to-night. So I kiss her and o, to find Adrian waiting for me watch." He tells the servants that they need not wait, and, when we are alon

asks if Theo is much upset. creeping more closely to his side, "it "Not a bit." I answer; "she's just is horrible! I can't believe it!" as cool and composed as ever she "No, poor fellow: it's almost in was, and won't say a word about it. credible. Theo is very young to be a "Stunned?" suggests Adrian. "Well, perhaps. You will see for

"Very-only twenty-and with two yourself to-morrow." I say, calmly: little children. Well, it is a good 'hut I never saw such a widow in al' thing they are rich, isn't it?" my life." As is generally the case in times

In the morning Loys comes, and of sudden bereavement. I forgot that omes alone, for Teddy cannot be Theo and I have been other than spared. She has left the baby for the the tender sisters we were in childfirst time, and is anxious accordinghood. Ay, there are many gaping ly. After that, people are coming al

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the telegram, announcing the death

of Lasselles. Adrian and I are speed-

ing toward London as fast as the ex-

"I wonder if it was an accident!

"I should think so: it must have

been very sudden." says Adrian.

"Evidently, he was all right when

"Oh, Adrian," I cry, shivering and

Theo wrote to Lovs, two days ago.'

I say, in an awe-stricken voice.

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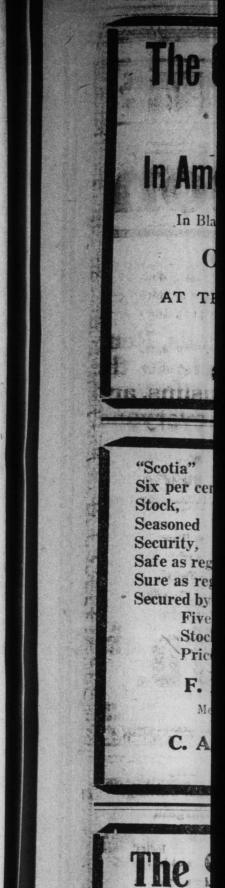
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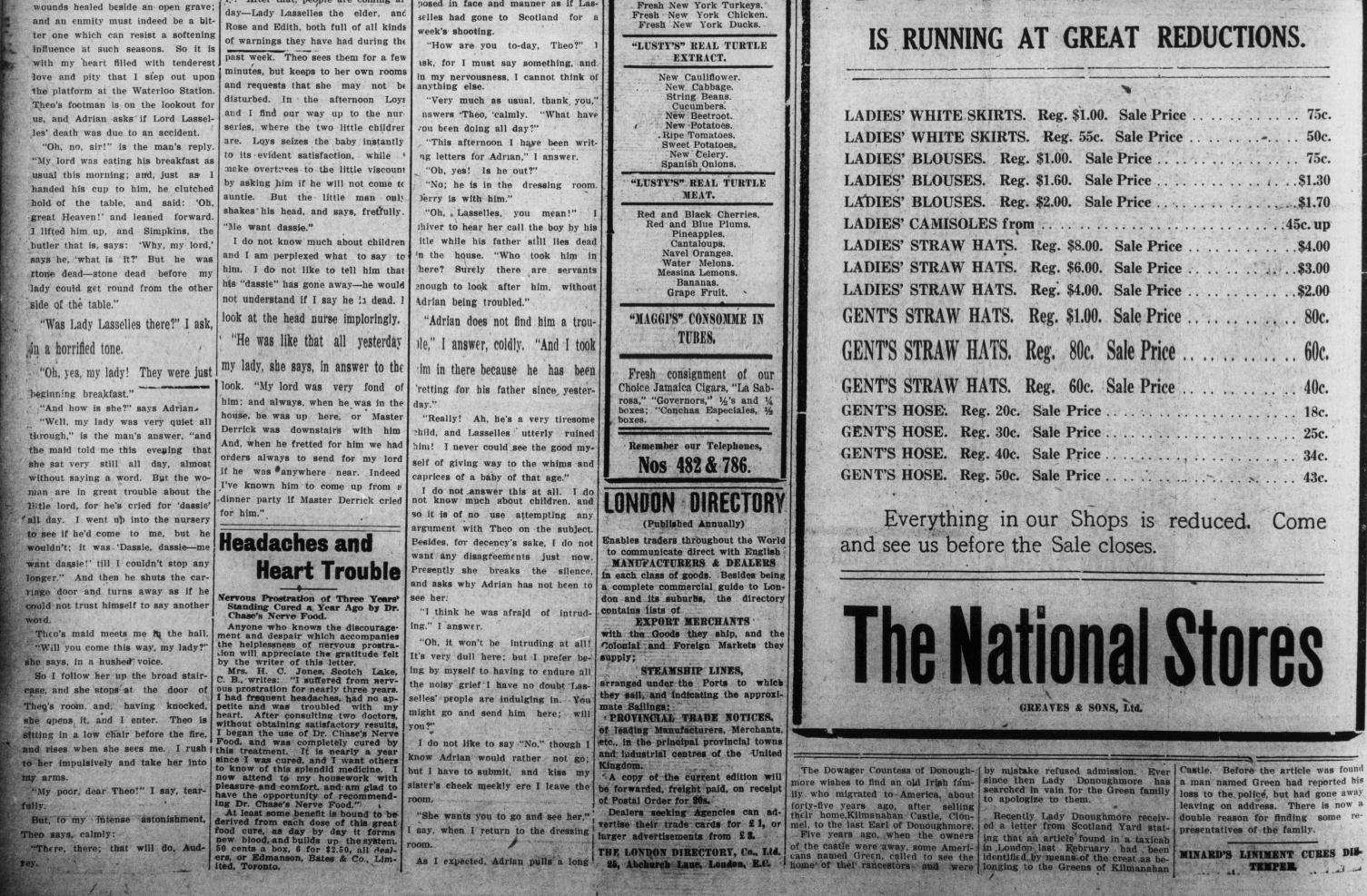
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