

PAUL VANE'S WIFE

Sailing round the moon! Every one wanted to go first, every one made a dash for the little steps leading up into the gaily decorated car; but Frank Barrett, waving them back suavely, exclaimed: "Only a couple at a time—and, first of all, our beautiful hostess, Miss Lisle, with either of her subjects she chooses to honor." Miss Lisle was there, leaning on Paul Vane's arm. She looked at him with a luring smile in her dark-blue eyes. "I choose you," she said, carelessly, and he bowed assent, then glanced around for Vivian. The young wife was not far away, and she looked at him with a smiling consent; but in her heart she wished that it were she, not Lorraine, who would be his companion in his romantic moonlight ascent. Paul Vane led his beautiful companion forward; they ascended the steps of the little car, and in a few minutes a joyous shout from those below announced the ascent of the balloon with its two occupants. When the brief, dizzy trip was ended and they returned to terra firma, there was a grave look on the rector's hand some face and a strange light of elation in Lorraine's eyes. Others followed, amid general excitement and pleasure, and for more than an hour the balloon was busy conveying delighted passengers "up among the stars." Vivian Vane, who had almost forgotten her depression of a while ago in the exhilaration of this novel entertainment, had waited eagerly as a child for her own turn to come, and hoped that Paul might be her companion; but, through some clever manoeuvre of Lorraine Lisle's astute brain, she found that Colonel Fairlie was to go with her in the heavenward ascent. Lorraine stood close to the car when it leaped into the air, and she smiled cruelly when she stealthily withdrew her hand from the rope, hiding in the folds of her dress a glittering knife with which she had severed the rope from the balloon, letting it shoot up wildly into the sky. CHAPTER XVII. An hour of terrible temptation had come to Lorraine Lisle to-night, and, yielding blindly to her weakness, she had staid her soul with an awful crime. While afloat in the aerial car with Paul Vane, the thought of this cruel deed had come to her with a suddenness that almost took her breath away, and during the hour that followed her descent she had carried out unflinchingly the programme of her wicked plot. Lorraine, with others, had stood close to the rope that held the captive balloon, and from time to time a little ardent work with the pretty jewelled dagger that fastened her belt had skilfully hacked the last round of the rope. Each time it became weaker and weaker, with the great strain upon it, until at the desired moment it parted easily from the few strands that held it, and the ascending balloon shot rapidly skyward, to the consternation of all below who witnessed it and of the two voyagers, whose smiles of a moment before had turned to exclamations of horror when they realized their deadly peril. It was the work of a fiend, this deed of Lorraine Lisle's, but no shade of regret dimmed the radiance of her splendid eyes as she saw the complete success of her undertaking. The captive balloon—captive no longer, but freed by the stealthy work of her cruel hands—bounded like a feather, up, up into the moonlit sky, among the hosts of little stars, and the shrieks of the appalled observers rang like music in her ears, for she had broken the deadly peril of the two whom she had bound with a bitter hatred that longed to compass their death. "And they are going now to their doom. There is not one chance in a thousand that they can be saved," she thought, with secret exultation, while she pretended to be dismayed at the awful accident. That was what they all called it—an accident—and Lorraine thought with secret glee of her clever work. Every one who examined the stub of rope that remained fastened to the windlass declared that it had broken at an imperfect place. It was not sharply cut; it was cleverly haggled by the dull dagger, and in the moonlight it certainly looked as if it had been worn loose by the action of the strong strain upon it. No one thought of anything else, and loud and wild were the lamentations that arose upon the air. "But where is Mr. Vane? Oh! where is Mr. Vane? It is very strange that he did not go with his wife!" cried Miss Thornton, wringing her white hands despairingly. "Mr. Vane was sent for just now to the death-bed of one of his parishioners, and left promising to return at the earliest moment. Oh, Heaven! who will break this awful news to him?" cried Miss Lisle, in a voice of anguish, as she knelt by her poor old grandmother, who had fainted and lay prostrate on the grass. No one volunteered—no one was brave enough to read a strong man's heart with the tidings of his wife's awful peril. Frank Barrett, honest, genial, manly fellow that he was, was appalled at the result of the novel surprise he had taken such pleasure in providing for the guests of the evening. He grew pale as death, and a sob rose in his throat as he looked up and saw with despairing eyes the light balloon sailing far into space at its own wayward will, with its precious freight of two human souls. "That lovely noble woman and that glorious man—Gene! my best loved friend!" he cried, and, sinking on his knees, prayed silently and fervently that God would spare the two precious lives tossing overhead at the mercy of that frail air-balloon. The ball broke up in disorder. Who could dance now? Pale, weeping, half-fainting women were placed in their carriages by men with ghastly faces and trembling hands, and sent home. Horror brooded over every heart. Lovely Vivian, who was idolized by half the country, was beside herself with grief and despair. Noble Fairlie, the gallant soldier! Who else could have been so lamented as these two? "And the worst of it all," Grandmere Lisle said, plaintively, hours later, to the young ladies who sat about her sick-bed condoling with her over the awful accident, "all too excited to sleep—the worst of it all, Lorraine, is that my poor dear girl, my pretty Vivian, expected a very interesting event in about two months. Did you know that, my dear?" "No, I did not know it," answered Lorraine; but, among the hum of surprised explanations that echoed around her, she added to herself: "If I had known it sooner I would not have spared her—I would have done the same." "Well, it is true," said Grandmere Lisle, and the bitter tears ran down her withered old cheeks. "Oh, how I loved that sweet, motherless girl!" she sighed, and "And I was so interested in the happiness that was coming to her, and she talked to me about it so prettily, with such warm blushes and such shy pleasures; for she was so bashful over it, she could talk to no one about it except myself and her husband." "It was not a very interesting subject," Lorraine commented, with a curling lip; but what her grandmother had said made her hate Vivian even more bitterly in her secret heart. "No, I do not suppose it would be very interesting to you," Mrs. Lisle averred, with a pained sigh. "But to me it made Mrs. Vane seem lovelier and dearer than she was before. I do not remember to have been so much interested in any young wife before, except your dear mother, Lorraine, before you were born." Mrs. Lisle's voice broke, and the sound of a low sob rose above it. Josie Thornton's warm heart had been melted by what she had heard, and every girl in the room was in tears, except Lorraine, who bit her lips to keep from scolding "the whole silly lot," as she termed them to herself. "Grandmere, I am very, very tired. I will retire if you think you can do with your maid," she said, ungraciously. CHAPTER XIX. "Yes, go, dear," said the old lady, gently. "Do not let me keep any of you," she added, kindly. "Come, girls, let us all go to bed," said the mistress. "My grandmother told me much better, I am sure; and she was glad when she herself was locked into the solitude of her own room, where she could throw off the mask of solicitude and give vent to her real feelings. "Mrs. Lisle, at the window and looked with strained, dark eyes up into the stary empyrean, to see if there yet remained any signs of the floating death-trap to which she had consigned the man one wildly loved, now relentlessly hated, and her lovely, innocent rival. "There was no sign. My lady moon sailed high in the cloudless vault of deep, dark blue, with the planetary jewels clustered about her in shining glory, but no dim speck against their splendor showed where the wandering air-ship sailed above. "Perhaps it has gone down," she thought, and her eyes wandered to the river, of which she caught silvery gleams in the distance as it wandered on to lose itself in the bay. "Drowned, perhaps," she muttered, and saw in fancy their dead faces dripping with the brine of the sea when they should be discovered at last, those helpless victims of her malice. Shuddering, she turned from this gruesome vision to other musings. "What a change has come over me!" she cried, in wonder, as she walked slowly up and down the luxurious apartment. "When I came to Akeley, a month ago, I scorned the calm-faced rector, who disapproved of me and dared to preach at me from his pulpit—at me, Lorraine Lisle, who have scorned a hundred men of higher rank than he. Yet now—now I would kneel, spank-like, at his feet for one word of love, for one caress. I love him, love him! Strange contrariety of my woman's nature, that I am attracted always by the unattainable! It was Eugene Fairlie's keenly felt scorn that attracted me first, that made me vow to win him. But I failed, and at this moment he feels the full force of my vengeance! Ah, but does he? There's the rub! He is drifting in to his death, but not alone. By his side is the one fair woman he adores. Deny it though he did, I read his secret in those grave brown eyes when they turned so often on her lovely face, with its dimpling smile and wild-rose bloom. There is some consolation for him in her presence. They will die together, and even though her last thoughts be of the husband from whom she was so cruelly parted, in death she will be Eugene Fairlie's." A mocking, discordant laugh filled the room, and Lorraine, peering suddenly before a full-length mirror, contemplated her reflection with startled eyes. (To be continued.)

AT R. MCKAY & CO'S., SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1908

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Saturday Bargains in Hose and Underwear Section Space will only permit us to mention a few of the many bargains. Hose 19c Pair Another lot of Children's Wool Hose, all sizes, best quality, a nice soft yarn, regular price 25c to 30c, on sale Saturday for 19c pr. Hose 3 Pair for \$1 Ladies' full fashion fine Cashmere Hose, with spiced toes and heels. Made from a nice soft quality of yarn, Saturday special sale price \$3.50, 5 pair for \$1 Black Tights 59c Pair Ladies' Black Tights, three-parts wool, ankle length, elastic tops. Regular 85c values, Saturday sale price \$59c pair Vest and Drawers Ladies' Pure Wool Vests, shaped, with buttoned fronts and long sleeves. Regular \$1.25 values, Saturday sale price \$75c, 5 pair for \$1 Drawers to match \$75c pr.

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Immense Reductions in Whitewear Dept. THIRD FLOOR \$1.35 Night Dresses 98c Ladies' Flannel Gowns, splendid quality and trimmed with tuckered yokes, fancy stitching and embroidery, regular \$1.35, Saturday \$98c 75c Corset Covers 39c Fine Nainsook Covers, full front, trimmed with lace yoke, beading and edging at neck and sleeves, regular \$75c, Saturday \$39c \$1.50 Night Dresses 98c Ladies' Fine Cambric Covers, trimmed with tuckered lace and insertion, beading and edging at neck and sleeves, special Saturday \$25c 75c Corset Covers 39c Ladies' Drawers, of fine cambric, umbrella style, deep full fill, trimmed with hemstitched tucks, special Saturday \$25c

Saturday Bargains in Corset Department Corsets \$1, Regular \$1.25 Two special lines of new Straight Front Corsets, in white or drab coutil, with long drop hips and medium or girde tops, perfect fitting corsets, sizes 18 to 26-inch, with or without hose supporters, regular value \$1.25, for Saturday \$1.00 Corsets 75c 5 dozen Straight Front Corsets, made of fine quality imported white coutil, with high bust and long military hip, having hose supporters attached at front and hip, sizes 18 to 26-inch, regular value \$1.00, while they last Saturday \$75c

January Clearance Sale Entire Remaining Stock of Women's and Misses' Winter Coats At Great Price Concessions Winter Coats \$5.98 10 only Black and Dark Colored Cloth Coats, ripple box, in all wool materials, 3/4 lengths, all up-to-date styles, strictly tailored. These Coats are worth \$8.50 and \$10; while they last, on Saturday morning at \$5.98 Misses' Coats \$3.49 In light and dark colors, all beautifully tailored and trimmed with strap lengths of cloth. The materials in these Coats are all wool and very pretty patterns. They are worth \$8.50, on sale Saturday morning at \$3.49 Tailored Suits. Read Price Reductions. Excellent Values and Great Reductions \$20 Prince Chap Suits \$10.98 \$25 Tight Fitting Suits \$15.00 \$50 Sewell Tailor-made Suits \$25 \$22.50 Tailor-made Suits \$11.00 \$80 Fur-lined and Fur Coats \$37.50 \$125 Persian Lamb Coats \$75.00 \$40 Astrachan Coats \$25.00 \$175 Persian Lamb and Mink Coats \$150.00 \$80 Near Seal and Mink Coats \$55.00 \$50 Near Seal Coats \$32.50 \$83.50 Mink Muffs \$38.50 \$70 Mink Stoles \$47.50

Extraordinary Bargains in Blouses and Underskirts \$2.50 Blouses for 98c Lustrous and Cashmere Waists in navy, cream and black, back and front, nicely tuckered, worth regular \$2.50, Saturday's sale price \$98c \$1.50 White Waists for 98c Fine White Lawn Waists, nicely tuckered and trimmed with embroidery, open front or back, worth regular \$1.50, Saturday's sale price \$98c \$4 Silk Waists for \$1.98 Dainty White or Black Jap Silk Waists, made with tuckered yoke and trimmed with Valenciennes insertion, tuckered back, worth regular \$4, Saturday only \$1.98 \$1.50 Black Cardigans for 75c Ladies' Black Cardigan Jackets, without sleeves, worth regular \$1.50, Saturday's sale price only \$75c Baby Department 75c Bonnets for 25c Children's White Beattie Bonnets, made in Dutch style and trimmed with rucheing, worth regular 75c, Saturday's sale price \$25c Infants' Jackets for 25c Infants' White Wool Jackets, worth regular 75c, Saturday's sale price 25c \$1.50 Shawls for 79c White Wool Shawls worth regular \$1.50, Saturday's sale price \$79c

Special Bargains for Saturday Visit Our Busy Staple Section Bleached Damask 89c 72-inch Bleached Damasks, rich satin finish, deep border designs, regularly \$1.00 and \$1.10, special \$89c Table Cloths Napkins \$2 Dozen Pure Linen Cloths, 2 yards wide, border all around, worth \$1.35, for \$99c, 35 dozen Pure Linen Napkins, 5 1/2 size, extra range of patterns, worth \$2.50, for \$2.00 dozen Pillow Cotton 44-inch Circular Cotton, round, even thread, special 18c yard Nainsook 18c Fine, soft finish Nainsook, 42 inches wide, 25c quality, for \$1.50 Flannelette 13 1/2c Extra Heavy White and Cream Flannelette, warm, fleecy finish, 17c value, special \$13 1/2c \$1.50 Wrapperette Wrappers for 79c Wrapperette Wrappers made of superior quality, wide skirt, with deep flounce in cardinal and navy, worth regular \$1.50, Saturday only \$79c

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DUNDAS FAIR HAD DEFICIT. North Wentworth Society Will Assume the Liabilities. One Fatal Case of Diphtheria in Greenville Lot. Personal and General News of the Valley Town.

ing to be held on Thursday evening next, January 30th. The following officers were elected: President—W. H. Brooking. First Vice-President—G. C. Wilson. Second Vice-President—W. H. Moss. Secretary-Treasurer—J. M. Knowles. Directors—W. E. Stock, Wm. Lawson, Thos. W. Whalley, Wm. Dwyer, W. G. Mallett, F. C. G. Minty, E. F. Twiss, J. J. Grafton, J. W. Lawson, James Burt, Bert Maynard, N. H. Bodon. Auditors—John S. Fry and W. H. Dixon. The dates of the show were left open for the present. There has been one fatal case of diphtheria in Greenville, that of Frank Robillard, 12 years of age. Other patients are reported as progressing favorably. Rev. Dr. Brown, Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, who was for some years a missionary in India, will occupy the Baptist pulpit on Sunday morning. Miss McKinlay, of Calgary, has been a visitor with Mrs. Jacob Markle, Park street. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Weir left on Wednesday for a six weeks' trip to Cuba, Mexico and other southern places. Mrs. Conklin, Vancouver, B. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Scott, Creighton road. Walter Booth, who had a foot amputated at the Hamilton City Hospital, was able to leave the hospital on Wednesday, the operation being quite successful. Layton Steele is home from Meaford on a visit. The condition of Nelson VanEvery continues about the same—no improvement. James Cummings, of Rochester, is visiting his parental home here. Daniel Sullivan, against whom a charge of attempted robbery was brought, but dismissed, was tried yesterday on a charge of vagrancy, and fined \$5 or 21 days. The fine was paid by his sister, Daniel McKenna, his pal, better known as Garry Ganah, received a similar dose—and took the time. A. S. Cain had the misfortune to fall

on the ice yesterday, breaking two ribs. He will be confined to the house for some time. DYNAMITE AS CHILD'S TOY. Galt Four-Year-Old Was About to Hammer Stick on Stove. Galt, Jan. 23.—A four-year-old member of the family of John McKenna, moulder, discovered that the youngster termed "a nice toy." It was in the shape of a cylindrical stick, and on examination was found to be dynamite. It is over a foot long, and the child was about to hammer it on the kitchen stove, when the mother interposed, and prevented an explosion that would have wrecked the house and killed the innocent child. An expert, who disclosed the nature of the "toy," said there was enough of the explosive to destroy a block. The child said he was given the plaything by some boys passing the house. NAME NOT EXCLUSIVE. Salvation Army of United States Denied Injunction. New York, Jan. 23.—The right of the Salvation Army of the United States, of which Gen. Wm. Booth is the head, to the exclusive use of that or any similar name, was denied to-day by Justice Newburger in the Supreme Court. Justice Newburger's decision was on an application made by the Salvation Army of the United States for an injunction to restrain the American Salvation Army, headed by James W. Duffin, from using that name. Counsel for the applicant, in arguing for the injunction, declared that the Duffin organization had brought discredit on the Salvation Army of the United States. You Are Permitted To be mitted with a lined mit for 25c. We are overstocked in this line. Our pants at \$1 and \$1.25 are the best value in the city. Our \$1.25 and \$1.50 shoes speak for themselves. Call, examine and let it tell the story. M. Kennedy, 240 James street north.

LABOR IN CANADA. LABOR GAZETTE GIVES REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1907. Outlook for 1908 Regarded as Favorable, in View of Railway Construction, Etc.—Hundred and Forty-Nine Trade Disputes in 1907. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—This month's issue of the Labor Gazette contains an extended review of the industrial and labor conditions throughout Canada during the calendar year 1907. The condition of industry and of general employment is described in the opening paragraph of the article in part, as follows: During the first nine months of 1907 the general prosperity of trade and industry and the very active conditions of employment that were more pronounced in 1906 than in any previous year in the history of the Dominion were continued without abatement. Prices and wages, which went steadily upward in 1906, reached still higher levels in the spring and summer of 1907. With the close of the summer season, however, the growing stringency in the money markets of the world began to be felt in Canada in the way of checking the rapid increase in production and equipment, which had been uninterrupted for some time before. The yield of wheat and grain in the Northwest provinces, and in Ontario also, showed a falling off as compared with 1906, and although the Atlantic fisheries and coal mines had an exceptionally busy year throughout, with labor in active demand, and though the volume of traffic and the earnings of the railway companies were the largest ever recorded, the output of manufactured goods and of the various metals was less in the closing months of the year than in the corresponding season of 1906. The lumbering industry both in British Columbia and in Ontario and the eastern Provinces was also quiet throughout the autumn, with preparations under way for a smaller cut than last year.

With the close of the season of outdoor activity, more than the usual number of unemployed were reported in certain of the larger centres, though the prolongation of mild weather in western Canada enabled an unusually large amount of land to be prepared for the season of 1908. During the closing weeks of the year there was a noticeable improvement in the general tone of the labor market and in industrial and commercial circles following upon the somewhat easier financial conditions. The outlook for 1908 was regarded as very favorable in view of the large amount of railway construction and other work in progress, the vast extent of land still unoccupied in western Canada, and the prevailing opinion that the money shortage would be overcome. The issue also contains a special review of the trade disputes occurring in Canada during 1907. Altogether, 149 trade disputes, affecting 34,084 workpeople, and causing a loss of 613,986 working days, occurred in 1907, compared with 138 disputes affecting 26,611 workpeople and causing a loss of 489,773 working days in 1906. AUSTRALIA'S TARIFF. An Average Duty on All Goods of 19 1/2 Per Cent. Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 23.—Mr. Best, Vice-President of the senate, in moving the second reading of the tariff bill, with which he agreed, stated that the average duty on all goods, excluding certain species of stimulants and narcotics, was 17 1/2 per cent. compared with 16 1/2 per cent. in Canada and 22 per cent. in the United States. The immense benefit conferred on British trade by the preference which was given on 25 per cent. of the imports from Great Britain could be estimated as an actual saving of £26,000. To Ransom Caid McLean. Tangier, Jan. 23.—The British Consul has gone to Larache to be the ransom money, which is to be \$100,000, for the release of Gen. Sir Harry McLean from the hands of the bandit chief Raisuli. A settlement is expected next week.

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