

THE STORY OF A GREAT SECRET.

Millions of Mischiefs.

By HEADON HILL.

Author of "By a Hair's Breadth," "The Duke Decides," "A Race with Ruin," Etc., Etc. "And some that smile have in their hearts, I fear, millions of mischief."—Julius Caesar, Act IV., Scene i.

(Continued.) And once again I laughed in derision at the idea that I, Arthur Livingston, should have been deemed capable of having schemed with diabolical and cruel cunning to poison for the sake of a few paltry hundreds, the two women whom, next to one other only, I held most dear.

warder, accompanied by the colleague who was to take his place. One was wearing two tunics, the other two pairs of trousers, of which they promptly divested themselves of the outer ones. "Look sharp, and slip into them," said the day man, producing a "cheese-cutter" cap from the chest of his own tunic, which his colleague disburdened himself of a cleverly-concealed pair of boots.

I was beginning, from an instinct of self-preservation, to shape the course I had to steer. But I should have to keep a light hand on the tiller, with a keen eye for rocks and shoals; for this was no mean opponent, and he held me surely, so far as a grip which he would never willingly relax. "You have killed two women, both nearly related to you—killed them for paltry gain," he said, protruding his fleshy face towards me.

Morning News in Brief.

Local.

Rev. Samuel Howard, pastor of Portland Methodist church, has been asked by the congregation, to continue the pastorate for another year.

Dr. E. P. Peake, formerly of Fredericton but for the last thirteen years of Durham, Natal, has with his wife and family, been visiting his brother, Robert Peak of the western Union telegraph company, here, as well as friends in other parts of the province.

The annual meeting of the conservative Association for Westmorland has been called to meet in Moncton next Monday afternoon. At this meeting will be settled the question of opposition to Hon. F. J. Sweeney.

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and a computation of the vote shows a majority of 36,720 liberal votes.

Charged with having possession of the proceeds of the stocks of Shannon Copper Co., Utah, two men and a woman at New York yesterday, were held for examination in the Tombs police court. The men are Charles Levy, druggist; Philip J. Banzoff, of a departmental store and the woman is Mrs. Walley Seydenberg. The accused were remanded.

Fire at Silverton Col., yesterday, destroyed the "Midway Terminal" of the Silver Lake mine, cutting off the supply of ore from three mines to the mill and throwing 200 men out of employment. Loss, \$100,000.

A special cable from London says: The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company is anxious to secure the Canadian mail contract between Halifax and the West Indies, now held by Pickford & Black, of Halifax.

DRANK AND FELL DEAD.

The Fate of a New Brunswick Man in a Winnipeg Saloon.

(Winnipeg Telegram, Dec. 13.) George Johnson, a native of New Brunswick, dropped dead in the Manor hotel yesterday afternoon, in the midst of laughter and song.

Johnson was not feeling well, so he went to the bar for a glass of hot whiskey and water. Thomas Payne the bartender noticed that he did not look as well as he was accustomed to, so he inquired what was the matter. Johnson replied that he was not feeling very bright. A few moments later he staggered and fell to the floor. Several bystanders carried the prostrate body to the billiard room but it was dead before they got it there.

Dr. Andrews was called and pronounced life to be extinct. Decensed was head teamster for J. D. McArthur, and was about 40 years of age. An inquest will probably be held.

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JUMPED FROM THE TRAIN.

A German named Daniel Kern, jumped from the C. P. R. train yesterday as it was rushing along between Mooshead and Greenville, and escaped practically without injury. Kern is about 45 years of age, and was coming to St. John to take passage on the steamer Lake Erie for Antwerp. He had been acting strangely and a doctor who examined him is of the opinion that he is mentally troubled. He came here from the Western States. When Conductor Lefebvre brought in the Montreal express yesterday noon, he was short a passenger, a German who had been acting strangely. The conductor reported the matter to the station agent at Greenville and section men were instructed to be on the look out for him. A despatch says that a German who is believed to be Kern jumped from the Atlantic Express between Mooshead and Greenville and evidently walked to Greenville.

He threw his pocket book which contained \$29.78, to a section man and went to the woods. He was taken care of and a doctor who examined him found him suffering from mental trouble.

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