

PART I.

VOLUME VIII.

HIS WIFE OR CHILD

The Awful Question S. C. Willets Has to Solve.

HIS DAUGHTER IS HIS WIFE

A Story in Real Life That It Written by a Novelist Would Be Pronounced Absurd and Horrible.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Counsel was retained today in one of the strangest cases ever brought to the notice of the public. The facts of the case outdo those of any of H. Rider Haggard's novels and verify the old maxim, that truth is stranger than fiction.

About forty-five years ago, according to the story told by Mr. Willets, his wife was married to Miss Mamie Evans of Erie, Pa. He was but 17 years old, while she was just turning 16.

The child grew and prospered in health and when 17 years old he entered the employ of the firm of Harding, Davis & Co., while the mother and father were on the road by the firm.

Finally the door opened and the welcome visitor came in. He was not alone; with him he brought a young and beautiful wife. She was a Miss Helen Wright, and young Willets had met and won her in Cleveland, O., while traveling for the firm.

Mr. Willets took a strange fancy to his son's bride, and as time flew on it was difficult to say which loved her the most, father or son. For twenty-eight years the couple lived happily together.

A singular attachment had sprung up between them and on January 18, 1890, they were married in West Kensington, London, England, by Wayne McCommas, an Episcopal minister.

Since then he has learned that his first wife after deserting him went to Cleveland, O., where in less than seven years she married a man named John Wright.

Miss Wright left alone, sought employment and married her living husband, the late George Willets in a house in which she was boarding, and fell in love with him.

Chicago Lawyer Loses His Life in a Land Quarrel.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Anton M. Fougner, an attorney having an office in the First National Bank building, was shot and killed by James Daiton at Rogers park at 5 o'clock this morning.

San Francisco Hotel Fire.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—The Stewart hotel was destroyed by fire early this morning. Loss \$195,000. Insurance \$85,000.

Trust Company Suspends.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 5.—The Continental Trust company, which did a small banking business, closed its doors at noon today and posted a notice that it was in the hands of the assignee, O. G. Young.

More Dogs Seized.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—The third valuable seizure of opium of this week was made this morning by customs inspectors while examining a number of barrels of salmon on the dock of the Oceanic Steamship company.

FROM O'ER THE SEA

England Is Wild at the Interference of America

REGARDING IRISH-AMERICAN

Political Prisoners While the Marquis of Lorne Would Be Post-Laureate—Von Capriv Will Settle Bismarck.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The interference of the Washington government in behalf of the Irish-American political prisoners has not been well received at the home office.

She called at the post office last night about 7 o'clock, and got a letter and inquired of the postmaster when the City of Mackinac would be in.

She was found this morning a few rods away from her house, lying in the ditch. A part of her clothing was found a few rods from where she lay.

It is every appearance of an outrage committed and murder to conceal the crime. The jury are sitting on the case now and probably there will be an autopsy held this evening.

QUIET AT NEW ORLEANS.

No Arrangement Has Been Made With Strikers.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5.—At 5 o'clock this evening the street car drivers all left work and tied up all the lines in the city. The cotton handlers did not go out and the gas workers are still at work.

Journalists at Varsin have endeavored in vain recently to learn Bismarck's intention as to entering the reichstag this winter.

CHARGED WITH LIBEL.

Editor of the Buffalo Times Hurts a Candidate's Feelings.

BUFFALO, Nov. 5.—A bench warrant was issued by Justice Green this morning for the arrest of Norman E. Mack, publisher of the Times, on a charge of criminal libel sworn to by Henry F. Emerson, the republican candidate for superintendent of education.

LOVE'S DREAM ENDS.

Michigan Elopers Come to Grief in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Nov. 5.—An eloping couple from Michigan have come to grief here. Over a month ago John Salsbury and Mrs. Cora Lemon of Owosso, Mich., decided to run away.

Crabbed Age and Youth Go Together.

MINDEN CITY, Nov. 5.—Carrie Pearson, aged 15, and her uncle, Herbert Hoskin, aged 60, have left home together and are by this time supposed to be in Canada.

Thousands of Spinners Idle.

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