

## THE WAGES OF SIN.

An American Woman Wrecks Home and Honor.

AND PUTS A BLOT ON A GOOD NAME.

Admiral Baldwin's Daughter the Cause of a Tragedy—She Yields to the Seduction of Loose French Morals and Her Paramour Dies in Her Bed-room at Her Husband's Hand—High New York and Boston Society Shocked—Beauty's Downfall.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The American colony has been startled by a terrible tragedy which occurred at Cannes Wednesday evening. Edward Parker Deacon, a citizen of the United States and a member of an important banking firm in this city, returned unexpectedly Wednesday night to the Hotel Splendide at Cannes, where he has been stopping during the winter with his wife. After exchanging a few words with the porter on duty, Mr. Deacon ran upstairs to his wife's bedroom, burst in the door, and found her there in company with M. Emile Abeille, a Frenchman who was a friend of Mr. Deacon.

**Shot His Betrayal Dead.**  
It seems to be clear from the appearance of both Mrs. Deacon and M. Abeille, who was in her company, that the husband had good grounds to conclude that his wife had been unfaithful. He found his wife in bed and M. Abeille standing only partly dressed by her bedside, evidently having sprung out of bed with the intention of escaping when he heard the noise at the door. After exchanging a few hot words with M. Abeille Mr. Deacon pulled a pistol and shot the Frenchman, who fell to the floor dead.

**The Erring Wife's Terror.**  
While this was going on Mrs. Deacon moaned with terror. She crawled from the bed, fell on her knees and piteously implored him to spare her. After killing the destroyer of his honor Mr. Deacon turned on his wife and said: "I have a good mind to kill you as I have killed that dirty dog, but killing is too good for you. You shall be reserved for a worse fate. You shall live and I will have a finger pointed at you during the rest of your life. Never let me see your deceitful face again."

**Spattered with Her Paramour's Blood.**  
Mrs. Deacon was picked up insensible by the hotel attendants and carried to a room where she had been attracted by the sound of the shooting. In falling the woman had bespattered herself with some of the blood of the dead man, and the first impression was that Mr. Deacon had killed her after or before killing Abeille. But she soon revived. Mr. and Mrs. Deacon were leaders at all the social gatherings frequented by the very best people on the Riviera. They had always been admired by their friends and were looked upon as being a most happy, devoted couple, proud of their four young children, and satisfied in every way with their condition in life.

**He Was a False Friend.**  
M. Abeille was a prominent "man-about-town," an ex-attache of one of the French legations and a bachelor. He seemed to have plenty of money, was a member of several swell clubs, a crack shot, a distinguished yachtsman, and a good judge of race horses. It is true that recently it was whispered about that M. Emile Abeille, who was also well-known in society, was a little too attentive to her, but then he was regarded as a great friend of Mr. Deacon, and that seemed to explain matters to the satisfaction of almost everybody.

**They Justify His Deed.**  
All the American colony—that is the men—fully justify Mr. Deacon for his action. They think it will have a good effect on Frenchmen, who are too much given to practicing with American women the loose principles of morality which obtain in this country. It was evident from the first that Mr. Deacon had the sympathy of everybody in and about the hotel, and that even the police officials were loth to interfere with him, for he was allowed to pass the rest of the night in the hotel without being taken into custody, and he could have escaped if he had desired.

**THE DAUGHTER OF AN ADMIRAL.**  
New York Society Shocked at the Tragic News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker Deacon were known among members of the fashionable set, both in this city and in Boston, as people of excellent social standing. Society is terribly shocked by the news. Mrs. Deacon is said to have been received in Europe in a way that has seldom been the fortune of an American woman. In addition to this she is said to have been called the handsomest woman in Paris. She and her husband have of late years frequently been guests of the Rothschilds at their summer home, and Mrs. Deacon is said to have been a special favorite and protegee of the Princess de Logan.

**Disgraced a Good Name.**  
Mrs. Deacon was the daughter of Admiral Chas. H. Baldwin, U. S. N., and sister of Charles Baldwin now living and owning a large ranch in California. She was married to Deacon when only about 17. Mr. Deacon lived in Boston up to the time of his marriage. His family connections are all Boston people of wealth and high social standing. His mother was the daughter of Peter Parker, of the old Boston Parker family.

**Ward McAllister's Comments.**  
Admiral Baldwin is not alive to learn of his daughter's shame. Ward McAllister said last night: "It is a very sad and unfortunate affair. That is all I can say about it. Mrs. Deacon is a woman of the highest possible social position. She was received by fashionable society abroad as well, perhaps, as any other American woman that ever went to Paris, if not better than any other. Two years ago they spent the summer in Newport, and received every attention."

**The Newspaper Men Adjourn.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—At the closing session of the American Newspaper Publishers' association yesterday the annual election of officers took place with the following results: President, James W. Scott, Chicago Herald; secretary, L. L. Morgan, New Haven Register; committee on standard type measurement—Arthur Jenkins, Herald, Syracuse; Gilbert Jones, Times, New York; H. J. Ellison, Dispatch, Richmond, Va.; and W. H. Mathews, Democrat-Chronicle, Rochester, N. Y. A banquet was held last night.

**Five Men Badly Burned.**  
DEWITT, Ia., Feb. 19.—The Cyclone Manufacturing company's works burned yesterday afternoon. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas engine. George Morris, Fred Johnson, Frank Jones, Homer Reed, and Norman Hall, employees, were badly burned.

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- Two lots, fine shade, south front, good location, \$750.
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- Thirty-four ft. on East street with buildings, \$9,000.
- House and one lot on Mazon Ave., close to business, \$1,300.
- One and one-third acres of ground just west of Brick school house, \$1,200.
- Two lots on Delaware st., a bargain, \$600.
- Three lots on Delaware st., corner property, \$1,500.
- House and three lots well improved, corner, in fine location, \$4,000.
- House and two lots on Chippewa st., a bargain to anyone at \$1,500.
- Eight lots, will divide, corner Chicago and James st., fine, \$2,500; inducements to purchasers.
- House and lot on Delaware st., half block from business center \$2,200.
- A fine business corner, 114 ft. frontage on Franklin st., room for four fronts, \$3,500.
- Fine new modern house in fine location for \$4,000.
- Two lots on North st., facing the Park, \$700.
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- House and two lots, corner North and Clinton streets, \$1,700.
- New modern house and one and a half lots on Mazon Ave., right in town, \$6000.

- A fine modern house, that cost the money alone, and 2 lots, \$6,500.
- House and three lots near Hahn's farm, \$1,000.
- House and two lots on Seminole st., 13 rooms, new, will pay for itself in two years, \$3,750.
- One and a half lots on Delaware st., \$500, or one lot for \$350.
- House and one lot on Delaware st., corner property, \$1,000.
- House and two lots on Waupansic street, \$2,600.
- House and lot on Delaware st., close to business, \$2,600.
- Two very fine corner lots on Seminole street, \$1,300.
- Two very fine lots close to Franklin street, \$350.
- Three fine lots on Renfrew Ave., \$750.
- House and two and a half lots south front, fine location, \$2,100.
- One lot on Delaware street \$250.
- House and 4 lots on Seminole street \$1,350.
- House and lot on Delaware street, not far from new club site, \$3,000.
- House and two lots on South street, \$2,500.
- A fine house, five lots, fine improvements, shade, etc., \$6,000.
- Barn and five lots in Odell, will divide, \$1,500.
- Good dairy business for sale.
- House and lot on Seminole street, nice location, well improved \$2,000.
- Fine new house with three and a half lots, a bargain at \$3,600. Will sell with less ground.
- House and lot on Chippewa street, good property, \$2,100.
- One lot on Seminole street, \$500.
- Block of 14 lots in southeast part of town, \$2,100; will divide.
- Two lots east of East Side school house, \$1,000.
- House and two lots \$2,200.
- One lot on Mazon Ave., \$750.
- Eighteen fine lots, will divide in any amount. These are fine.
- House and four lots, or any amount, will sell the house without lots.
- H. McLane, one and a half lots on Waupansic st., \$700.
- Business Block, stock and lease for 2 years. He is a ch. ce.
- House and lot on Delaware st., \$1800.

We have opportunities in the investment. If anyone's property is not shown in the list it is for want of space.

### Farm Property for Sale.

- Eighty acres of land in Murray county, Minn., \$1,000.
- Eighty acres of land in Pipestone county, Minn., \$1,000.
- Eighty acres four and a half miles south of Dwight, a fine eighty at \$60 an acre.
- A fine eight hundred acre stock farm, the finest in Central Illinois; \$85 an acre. Lands in Arkansas, Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Minnesota for sale or trade.
- Three thousand acres of timber and coal land in Kentucky.
- One hundred and sixty acres and a half miles southwest of Odell, tiled, etc. at \$60 per acre.
- One hundred and sixty acres, fine tiled farm, with good improvements; \$50 per acre.
- 315 acres, white oak, poplar and hickory, timbered land in Williamson county, Ill.; 5 miles from R. R. Price \$10 per acre. Cut from 3 to 5 thousand feet per acre.
- 80 acres, cut from 5 to 8 thousand feet per acre, 7 miles from R. R. in Williamson county, Ill.; price \$15 per acre.
- 100 acres 1 1/2 miles west of Gardner, a fine farm. Space will not admit an outline of improvements. \$62 per acre.
- Five miles from Gardner and seven from Dwight, a fine quarter section at \$60 per acre.
- 100 acres of four miles south and two miles east of Dwight, \$55 per acre.
- 80 acres 5 miles northwest of Dwight; a fine farm, well improved, all kinds of fruit, and tiled, \$68 per acre.
- 100 acres five miles east of Dwight, fair improvements, \$55 per acre.
- 3 miles from Reddick, a fine 160 acres well improved, \$62.50.
- 2 1/2 miles west of Dwight; fine 160 acres at \$75 per acre.
- Eighty acres, 3 1/2 miles from Dwight, improved as follows: 1 1/2 story house twenty-eight by twenty-four and kitchen, in good shape, all kinds of fruit, good barn, buggy shed, granary, crib, flowing well and tiled complete, \$7,500.
- 160 acres, 3 miles east of Dwight, well improved, worth the money; any one wishing a good farm of 160 acres will do well to investigate; \$70 per acre.
- One hundred and sixty acres, 4 miles south from Dwight, a well improved farm, needs only to be seen to be convinced that it is a bargain, ten thousand dollars.
- We have located in the German settlement a fine farm of two hundred acres, four miles from Dwight. Two good houses, one which contains 9 rooms, fine shade, 3 good wells, one 404 feet deep that will never fail. All fenced and middle fenced. Fine shades, milk cooler, new, and a fine barn 92x53, crops never fail. Investigation will prove the above a bargain at \$70 per acre.

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