a more castarciy punt of to map out.

"Not I," growled Pierre. "Even La-ro, scoundred as he was, never did a worse thing. And if we decline this, Jean, then what is it to be, or did they not do us the honor of doubting our ac-contance."

lare to return to the brig, and report here at moon to-morrow."
"Are, sir." replied the boatswain. Eight cars touched the water as one, and the English boat went her way. Pierre soon began to row more slow their recent talk," "Hend you ever of a more dastardly plan for white men to map out."

CHAPTER XXI.

Having emerged from the building.
Lafitle saw, as he was locking the door, that many of his men, armed with guus, had gathered within the stockade, the greater number of them standing around another loghouse at the farthermost end, where two of his subsequence of the farthermost end, where two of his subsequence of the farthermost end, where we have been gathered there, asked if anyone knew of the latter's whereabouts.

"He was outside, my captain, when last I saw him. He was sitting on the blurt, smoking, and swearing that the last I saw him. He was sitting on the blurt, smoking, and swearing that the load of beauties lying off shore," replied Dominique-You, his warthy face wrinking with a grin.

The shadows were falling fast, and the dampening air was meloidofis with the notes of the mocking-birds that "led the trees about the fort, while faint but sweet came other while faint but sweet came other minefing with the occasional ery of an owl, or the relterative note of a whippoorwill; and now and then the manifical scream of a loon came from the edges. On the edge of the bluff was Pierre. men gathered there, asked if anyone knew of the latter's whereabouts. "He was outside, my capitain, when last I saw him. He was sitting on the bluff, smoking, and swearing that the wind to be an item of bluff, and the swearthy face with the notes of the mocking-birds with the notes of the note

are kept quiet, and that nothing occurs to prevent my returning the two officers safely to their boat."

Several-times during the night Jean and Pierre, singly or together, went outside to reconnoitre, but the hours passed without disturbance.

Once, while Jean was pacing up and down beneath the bright stars with the hounds for company, the sound of a far-off worlds cry changed, as the bear of the desired by the current of his thought.

Was it really coming, and so near as it seemed—the day for which he had longed, holding for him the chance of redeeming himself in the estimation of the island Rose? And were not events seeming to shape for enabling him to fulfil the promise made upon Elba—that he would erase the stigma from the name of Laftte in Louisland.

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CHAPTER XXII.
At sunrise a change had taken place in the appearance of things about the stockade. Before the now opened gates a brawn Irishman, one of Belache's trusted followers, fully armed,

sates a brawn Irishman, one of Beloche's trusted followers, fully armed, paced to and fro, and Loper stood guard before the locked doors of Latitte's house.

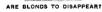
An Pierre Jean and the two underly and the stood of Latitte's house, and the two underly and the stood of the latit the "Star of the Gulf" had come to anchor in the habor, and was flying a signal for this presence on board. "It is Zendamer, from Mexice, at last," he said, glancing at Jean, "and I am glad to know of his safe arrival. He should have been in a week ago. "Will you go, or shall !" Pierre anked, as Jean renained silent. The latter, like Pierre, knowing the fill meaning of the sienal, replied that he would no aboard, and, leaving the first in charge of matters at the stood late, he took his way to the house.

stockade, he took his way to the har-hor.

Returning in an hour's time, he was coming up the path from the beach when he heard unmistakable sounds of tumult, followed by the roar of the gun mounted upon a pivot in front of his own house, as a protection against possible disturbances.

Pierre, Be-luche and Dominique-You were standing upon the steps of the house, shouting apartify at the rioters— for such they were, who, armed, and filled with murderous list, crowded before them, demanding "The two English spies".

(To be centinued.)



ARE BLONDS TO DISAPPEARY

Probability That in the Future We
Shall All Se Brunettes.

The main and that the blue eyed,
roben haired and light complexioned
variety of the human race is in the
course of extinction, and that, within
a few more generations, blonds are
likely to become so rare in the world's
population that they may be looked
upon as curlostities, somewhat as albiros are today. The blond type has
deen so often chosen by artists and
poests to represent their noblest conceptions of human beauty that no one
can 'regard even the bare suggestion
of its extinction without dismay.
Moreover, some of the world's greatest races and many of its most masterful personalities have belonged to
this type, and its admirers by the
times gen and its admirers by the
colored eyes, are the favored livery of
the bighest genius.

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premable claim, yet. It cannot be de-

the highest genius.

This is undoubtedly an extreme and menable claim, yet it cannot be denied that history shows an extraordinary number of men and women of the first rank in all the higher fields of intellect who possessed the characteristic marks of the blond, and this mot only in countries where the light type prevails, but also in lands like taily, where the excernal completion of the population is dark.—Success.

So He Could Sleep.

A guest at one of Kansas City's large hotels surprised the ker clerk Tuesday night by stepping up to the desk at 10 o'clock and saying: "I am going to bed now. Please call me at

Iusmas desk at 10 o'clock and man, and agoing to bed now. Picase call me at midnight.

The clerk couldn't understand why the man who to get up at that hour.

"Not." replied the guest. "You see, I'm always called in the morning at home and I can always go into a sound sleep after the call. To slath the fact that I'm in a strange bed may keep me awake, so I thought I'd try to get to sleep through the call method. See!"—Kansas City Times

Illinois Legislature

MAY PROLONG SESSION.

The introducers of a score of bills Wednesday, which adjournment will kill without yote, started an agitation for the week of legislation. Many of the property of the profit of the property of the pro

no russed through the scenate without a hitch in order to be finally approved by Saturday.

Civil Service Bill Passes.

The Norden state civil service bill
passed the scenate by a vole of 37 to 3
and the house immediately concurred
in the minor scenate amendments. The
bill will be approved by Gov. Deneen
and on or before Nov. 1 the act will
become effective. The bill places under civil service all offices and places
of supplyoment in the state charitable
the state board of charitable. It will
affect 2,300 out of 2,900 state employes. It is provided that the goverror shall appoint a commission of
three members not later than thirty
days after the act goes into effect,
which means not later than Aur. Is
The commission is required to classithe commission is required to classithe commission is required to classicharitable comployes are affected by
the act. The commissioners' salaries are fixed at \$1,000 a year and the
salary of the chief-examiner at \$3,500
and traveling expenses. All members of state charitable boards, trustees and commissioners, superintendent of charitable institutions and oncrapher for each institutions are expected to form the classified service. The
principal senate amendment provides
that for original and promotional appointments of the commission shall
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the eligible list instead of one, as propointments and the record of
the commission. Only two of the
commissioners may belong to they
same political party, one being appointed for two years, one for four
years and one for six years. After
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Factory Inspector, Davies took exception to the employment of very small boys as pages.

"It has been called to my attention," he sald, "that there are five pages in the house and four in the senate who are under 14 years of age. One of the boys is but 10 years of age, and the idea of working him here until all hours of day and night looks wrong to me.

The child labor law specifies that. The child labor law specifies that The child labor law specifies that the sald law sork after 6 o'check and loves from 14 to 16 murt not be worked after 7 o'check. While the law does not include the legislature, it would appear that men who make laws should set a good example to the business men of the state. I am given to understand that the members personally are responsible for the presence of the young boys. "The same proposition created a furore in the Wisconsin legislature, and now no boys under 16 years are employed there as pages. I shall recommend by same for illinois at the exit season."

next session."
Fight Board of Trade.
The final struggle between supporters of the board of trade bill, who are in Springfield in force, and their opponents, in the legislature and out of it, is warm. Country members of the house declare the farmers of the house declare the farmers of the house declare the farmers of the state don't want board of trade transactions lezalized, and the grain exchange men charge that much of the opposition is being stigred up by lobying in the interest, of the bucket shops. The bill which passed the senate has not been reported to the house, being held up at the request of its friends, who are analous to insure that when reported it will not be

Work for Convicts.

Dudgeon's bill providing for the employment of convicts in the manufacturing of supplies needed by state in stitutions and providing further that in case of a surplus 49 per cent may be sold on the open market.

Creation of Levee Districts.

Senate bill 453 authorizing on a refendum the creation of levee or drainage districts along streams and rivers
subject to overflow has been sent to
the governor.

Double-Tracking the Santa Fa.
It would be a colossal underfaking to
double track the Santa Fa, all the way
from Chicago to California and the
Juli of Mexico.
To seriously suggest it now would
provide a smile from men who know
the cost of such a project.
Telt in may happen some day, if busicase in the last decode.
This plan of two tracks from the
Oreat Lakes to Pacific Ocean does not
occessarily imply that the tracks will
be laid side by side. In many cases
cut-offs will be used, thus saving in
mileage as well as train operation.
Using the term in it is restricted
sense, by the end of 1905 the Santa Fawho will be such that the saving in
his track in operation of the saving
are now being built as follows: To faish the gap between Chicago and Joliet; between several points in Missouri,
aggregating of miles; to complete the
Emporia cut-off; east, west and south
of Newton, in Kanasa, and on both
sides of Raton Mountain, in Colorade
und New Mexico.

Indian Head, N. W. T.
Jan. 1904, 1904.

Immigration Branch, Department of
the Interfor, Ottawa, Canada:

An seending you the return of twe
farm yast year. These returns are
perfectly accurate, and not over-setmated.

I summer-failow about one-third of
my farm very year, and afterward sent to the committee on miscel eous subjects, which has been m a grave for the house bills on same subject.

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Juvenile Bille.

Justice T. D. Hurley of Chicago, who has three times previously visited the capital in the interests of juvenile court laws, arrived in Spring-field Tuesday and the impetus given to his six bills before night fell was a marvel to his friends.

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to his six bills before night fell was a marvel to his friends.

Pive of the bills which had been languishing in senate committee-rooms after being passed by the boused doubless will be passed by the boused doubless will be passed before adjournment. The sixth bill, an act to provide for visitation of children placed in family homes, has won the sympathy of Gov. Deneen, who has promised to get it out of the hands of the appropriation committee the appropriation committee. This bill requires the official sixth and and the appropriation to the sympathy of the appropriation committee families to the end that the children may receive for building and and maintenance.

House bill No. 498, one of the five bills, is an amendment to the act regarding training schools and requires proper double to the same law for the parents of girls.

An act to regulate the surrender and transfer of children, house bill No. 502 recommends the same law for the parents of girls.

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Representative Presen and Phillips defended the bill, but the country was foredowned as sone as, the clerk was foredowned as sone as, the cle

would not stand for it and its defeat was foredoomed as soon as the clerk began calling the roll.

Mr. Pierson appealed to the farm-ers and business men of the house to support the bill in the interest of frogress. "I cannot appeal to the lawyers," said he, "because lawyers seldom change their ways or opin-ions."

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Mr. Craig insisted that the passage of the bill would mean the disorgan-ization of the practige of law in Illi-"The bill is longer than the moral law." said Mr. Provine, "and its length is exceeded only by its absurd-ity and ambiguity."

ca will be pleased to furnish that its for rates.

Every housekeeper enould know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because over sticks to the iron, but because pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in % pound packages, and the price is the same, 18 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is tree from all injurious chessicals. If your grocer tries to sail you at 130 a package, in shecause he has a 130 a package, in shecause he has continued to the same that the same that the same that the same that it is not a same

Representative Relli's bill to regu-late the use of trading stamps was ad-vanced to tijird reading. The bill was inspired by the trading stamp episode of Stegel, Cooper & Co., of Chicaso. It prohibits any person or persons or corporations or their agents from sell-ing, offering for sale or etving away coupon books commonly, known as the of the common of the coupon of the ton of the act punishable by a fine of \$200.

Chicago Charter.

The Chicago Charter bill as amended forbids aldermen to hold other electoral offices. Consolidates the offices of corporation counsel and city attorney and abolishes the fee system in city offices. The treasurer is considered in the control of the control of

ing. Defance never aticks.

"The Adirondarks and How to Reach Them" is a nice folder with maps and references to localities, bot less bearding bouses, mountains and rivers in the great wilderness of Northern New York known as the Adirondack Mountains. If you visit, this region once, you will be sure to go again. A copy of "The Adirondack Mountains and How to Reach Them" will be mailed free, postpaid, to any address, on receipt of a two-cent stamp, by George H. Daniels, General Passapper Agent, Grand Central Station, New York. protect against loss.

Primary Bill is Passed.

Gov. Deneen's bill, was amended in
the senate through Lleut. Gov. Sherman's influence: It was changed so
that delegates to all conventions cannot release themselves from instructions after a first ballot, but are
wary with by a majority of the convention. The bill was sent to third
reading and passed.

Cook County Assessments

tral Station, New York.

"Hecla Sandwith," the new novel by Edward Uffington Valentine, deals with life in central to south. The state of the state Cook County Assessments. The senate passed a bill to make the Cook-county board of review hold sessions every month and alter reactate assessments annually. A large real estate board lobby supported it.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in pack-age and sells at same price as 18-ounce packages of other kinds?

The fools are not all dead. In fact, a lot of them haven't been born.

Profit from one slowing. \$13.38
I am sending you the yield of these
two fields which are both in my home
farm. I thought they might be interenting reading for you. Had 18.500
brashels of wheat on my different
cats and barley. Show and \$5.000 of
cats and barley. Yours very truly.
(Sgt)
Agents of the Government of Canda will be piecked to furnish full information as to rates.

Profit after expense.....

\$3.15

\$15.55

Mrs. Window's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the guns, reduces to fammation, alleys pain, cares wind soils. See a bottle. It isn't always the head of a family that foots the bills,

"Dr. David Kounedy's Favorite Remedy gree me prompt and complete relief from dyspepsia and fore decomment." B. T. Trysbridge, Mariam R.R. R.

Too many bills are apt to make a



"Pacing up and down with the hounds for company."

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powerful arms worked with the subject of the third of the

Pierre soon brought his boat alongside the other one, and Jean, laying a
hand on its gunwale, inquired, "Who
is in command here?" one of the men,
"I am sir." replied one of the men,
rising so that his powerful form stood
out above the others. "I'm bow'n of
the brig."
"Here are your orders," said Lafite,
"Here are your orders," said Lafite,
"Here are your orders," said Lafite,
when the seeled paper to the nearest man, who passed it along. "You
and Dominique see to it that the men

Objects to Young Pages.

A ripple of excitement fluttered through both house and senate when Factory Inspector Davies took excep-tion to the employment of very small

Lurton's Bills Pass.
Lurton's bills, one requiring street car companies to equip cars with vestibules as a protection against cold and rain and another requiring "individual" insurance companies to file liability bonds, were passed.

Railway Employes' Bill.
House bill No. 626 providing that railway employes shall not be allowed to work continuously for more than sixteen hours has been sent to the governor.