## The CONVICT COUNTRY: or FIGHTING for MILLION

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The next day Louis - I may was united-cording to the ritual of the Roman Catholic church; for strange as it may seem, there was a priest in Paradise City. A lawful marriage was an unusual occurrence in the city, but owing to the standing of Pearl, so different from the other inhabitants, it caused from the other inhabitants, it caused from the other inhabitants, it caused with the continuent of the result of the standing of Pearl, so different from the other inhabitants, it caused from the standing of Pearl, so different from the other inhabitants, it caused with the standard of Schiller this set was at the same time gail and wormwood and the sweetest honey—and this "royal" knight could not forbear to taunt Dr. Huntington with the fact that part of his revenge at least was fulfilled—'marriage with a convict." Dr. Huntington, in his turn led the Dr. Huntington, in his turn led the Lawful of the standard the same could be caused that it would soften Pearl's int and Louis on the plan, while Rogers reasoned that it would soften Pearl's int and Louis on the plan, while Rogers reasoned that it would soften Pearl's int and Louis on the plan, while Rogers reasoned that it would soften Pearl's int and the way the sting of compution.

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"Whatever we do," said Lang, "must be done soon, if we intend to have the individual use of this tunnel. It would be a case of extreme hard luck if the convicts were to tunnel into this passageway before we were ready for the insurection.

After care marking the spot opposite where noises were heard, the two pressed on. At last they article the spot opposite where noises were heard, the two pressed on at last they article the spot opposite where noises were heard, the two pressed on the passage, and found themselved to the passage, and found themselved to their view. Upon olled blankets and covered with the same were about fifty rifies, revolvers and as many knives; while in one corner were several casks of giant powder and boxes of cartridges. "If we had entered a room," said Lang, "I should imagine this to be had entered a room," said Lang, "I should imagine this to be had entered a room," said Lang, "I should imagine this to be had entered a room," said Lang, "I should imagine this to be had entered a room," said willow, and forced to room. But as it is, I am forced to room. But as it is, I may be a seven the said willow, and the said willow, which were the said willow, which were the said willow, and the said willow, "Piaced here evidently for some such purpose," replied Lang, "Now the question, are we near the treasury or simply about to enter some bouse, Golden's for instance?"

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Consulting the time, they were surprised to find it about two o'clock.

After deep thinking, Lang came to the conclusion that the time was ripe for making further search. The outlines of a door were visible to the eye, and by diligent search in the floor and sur-



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underground river, with its source doubtedly in the higher region out:

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sun would arise wherein it would be necessary for him to be called back for the entertainment of any visitor that might be called in. Thread and string enough was produced, so that communication could be had by Fearl was a string enough was produced, so that communication could be had by Fearl was a revelation to everybody but Lang. Formation of the Conspiracy. Through the influence of Schiller flow that a tunnel existed at all was a revelation to everybody but Lang. "You have succeeded in discovering fin a week." said Wilson enthusiant-cally, "what I have not been able to discover in years, though I have made digitings and soundings in almost every direction.

"True," replety walked in the post of the first days after the progression of the first days after the young people, performing medical type in the progression of the furth of the first days after the young people, performing medical type in the progression of the furth of the was a sum of the ductor. The second entrance then; where the progress was necessarily slow. In order than the progress was necessarily slow. In order the progress was necessa

world. To enlist the convicts was Lang's first idea.

The convicts depended largely upon Wilson in the matter of furnishing information in regard to the outside condition of affairs, and he was approached in regard to the cause that was tunnel the head of the gang that was tunnel that it was proposition of aid to them. Wilson learned that most of the prisoners were political prisoners, insurrectionists and men of ideas, and that they had formed a plan almost similar to the one contemplated by Lang, only the series of the contemplated by Lang, only the contemplated by Lang, only the contemplated by Lang, only the series of the contemplated by Lang, only the contemplated by Lang, only the series of the contemplated by Lang, only the contemplated by Lang, only the series of the contemplated by Lang, only the series of the contemplated by Lang, only the contemplated by Lang, the total end of the contemplated by Lang, the contemplated by Lang, the contemplated by Lang, the vening after the disappearance of Dr. Huntington, made a critical survey of the territory survounding the haunted house and seemily, it became necessary for him, then, to push his plans forward as fast as possible to avoid conflict from that tracter. He resilted that it would be convicted. Thumber being dug by the convicted.

SAVED BY LAUNDERED COLLAR.

Prisoner's Good Use of the Present Day Abordination. Washing, to-day, is a question of chemicals, not of labor," said a dele-gate to the national convention of laundryme in Philadelphia.

He sat down, and there was a burst of applause. But Carter McGrath of

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"It is well for us to look to the chemistry of washing and to get our labor-saving machines, but there is still another thing for us to look to: Let us try to make clothes washed by us last as long as they used to do when washed at home."

Mr. McGrath smiled.

"A cynic told me a story the other day," he said, "and it is our duty to knock the bottom out of such yarms, to destroy, their reasons for existing.

"Bound of the same of the same properties of the jailer had just tossed in." "Saved, he cried hysterically, and opened the packet, and taking from it a stand-up collar, the poor fellow cut his way swiftly through the steel window bars to freedom with the saw like edge."

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Tipped by the Court.

F. M. Beckford of Laconta, N. H., was once arguing a case in the Belknap country, and began his argument as follows:

"Your Honor and Gentlemen of the Jury: This case is one peculiar in circumstance as well as in fact. It came to me as a legacy from my late brother, Col. Thomas J. Whipple, who brother, Col. Thomas J. Whipple, who here the second of the leading witnesses, 'too, are dead.

"All of which, "said the court. "remained su of the uncertainty of human life. Proceed, or none of us will be able to see the case through."

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That M. Wilte has a sense of humor is again made evident in a story concerning him. It appears that, while arranging to propose a toast at a dinner given in his honor before leaving America, it was suggested that he propose the health of the crar. "Is that customary in this country" he asked. "Can one propose the president without including the people" health of the crar dient without including the people" when the president without including the people" when the president without including the people. I suppose, "It is the difference between a republic and a most archy."—Harper's Weekly.

COURT CLASH IN JUNTGEN CASE BROTHERS FIGHT FATAL DUEL DECIDES WATER POWER CASE

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District Judge Issuits Writ of Certiorari and Takes Jurisdiction.

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courts develoed Stonday in the trial
of Walter W. Junique Cuesto of dy
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the purpose of destroying the books
and records. Judge Craig of the county court at Paris Issued a writ of attachment for United States District
Attorney W. E. Trautman, alleging
contempt for failure to produce the
bank books and records in court, and
overruled a motion of Trautman's attoracy for the removal of the case to
the district court. The district Judge
at once issued a writ of certiorari, ordering the case removed to the federal
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SCHOOLGIRL SHOOTS A RIVAL

Quarrel Over Young Beau Lead to Serious Wound for One.

A revolver was used with serious effect by a 15-rea-rol girl in a school girl quarrel with a neighboring farmers 16-rea-rold daughter in Farrington township. A rivalry for the preference of an 18-yea-rold beauther the neighborhood is given as the cause Stella Edmundson, 15, shot Maggie Helms, 16, and James Wilson, 16; the shooting. Two shots were fired, or the shooting. Two shots were fired, or the shooting. Two shots were fired of the girl. The former wound may produce serious results.

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Charles Rodebaugh, a young school teacher, was beaten and robbed of \$80 in cash and a twenty-dollar watch, twenty miles north of Willow Hill. He had started to pay off a note. Two highwaymen placed a barbed wire across the road, and when the young man got out of his bugg to disentangle his horse they pounced that the heavy of the pool of the heavy and eached. Mr. Rodebaugh's lipluries are not serious.

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The funeral of Thomas J. Cox was held at the First M. E. church, Litch-field, under the auspices of the Masonic order. The board of education, of which the deceased was secretary, turned out in a body, as did the twenty-eight teachers and over 800 school children. While Rev. J. W. Wright, pastor of the church, was delivering the funeral sermon he suffered a paralytic stroke which rendered him almost speechless.

Horticultural Officers.
The fiftieth annual convention of the illinois state horticultural society at Urbana elected officers as follows: Fresident, George G. Foster, Normal; vere-president, S. C. Souchill, Tiskil, vere-president, S. C. F. C. Tandall of the University of Illinois read papers.

Violate Food Laws.

John Sullivan, John Sullivan, Jr.,
Louis Wies, the Lutties Bros. Mercantile Company. Theodore Trebbe,
Diettrich A, Becker, Robots of Bat St.,
Louis were each finet 25 and costs
by Justice Wangelin of Belleville on
pleas of guilty to violating the lilinois
pure food laws.

Negro Slayer is Sentenced.
Thomas Watters, a negro barber,
was found guilty of murdering Mrs.
Lydia Grant, a white woman, and his
punishment fixed at fourteen years'
imprisonment by a jury at "Ginton.
Watters intended shooting Mrs. Aider
Jackson, a white woman, with whom
he was in love, but missed his aim
and killed Mrs. Grant.

National Guard Orders.
Adjutant General Scott to-day issued Illinois National Guard orders as
follows: Resignation of First Lieutenant Michael J. Prandy, Company F.
3d infantry, accepted; election of First
Lieutenant W. A. Johnson, Company
C, 6th infantry, confirmed.

Fatally Shot by Cousie.

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Drops Dead Beside Casket, Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, aged 80, dropped dead at Quincy, while standing beside the casket containing her dead son, William T. O'Brien.

Greek Boy Remembers Father.

Gus Ymbros, a 13-year-old Greek, who has been working at a shoe-shining establishment in Alton, has sent a Christmas present of \$250 to his father, who is living at the old home in Greece. The boy, although Scarcely able to speak English, has managed to accumulate \$275 in seven months. He says that when he came to America seven months ago he dressed himself in long trousers and hired out as a man with a railroad construction gang at \$1.75 a day.

BROTHERS FIGHT FATAL DUEL
Guarrel Over Division of Estate
Brings Death to Two.
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CHIEF ENGINEER.

Michael J. Butler, just 'elected for the tenth term as Chief Engineer of Division No. 19. Brotherhood of La-comotive Engineers of the Chicago & Alton system, is a resident of Bloom-ington and has been handling trains on that road between Bloomington and Chicago for a quarter of a cen-



tury, being in charge of the Alton Limited, the finest train on the road. His choice for ten terms as the leader of the brotherhood is a remarkable compliment to the trust reposed in him. He has also represented the order at three international convenders of the continuous commenced his matter of the continuous commenced his continuous continuous was William Cotter, now manaser of the Pere Marchard Cotter, now manaser of the Pere Marchard Lines.

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of the small mines in southern introduced to Couple Hurt in Runaway.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Freeburg were thrown out of their buggy during the runaway of their horse near that the runaway of their horse near that the runaway of their horse near that of them were caught under the wreekage of the buggy. Mrs. Hill had her right wrist fractured and was badly bruised. Her husband sustained a dislocated shoulder, aprained wrist dislocated shoulder, aprained wrist and severe bruises.

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The United States senate has passed without classent the bill introduced by Senate Hatchers and the for the establishment of the state of Senater Hatchery on the Illinois rivers and of Senator Cullom and other friends, who promptly pushed it through when the opportunity came.

Establishes Woman's Rest.
The civic department of the Pana
Woman's Ciub has rented a room,
which will be used as a waiting room
by the families of farmers who come
into Pana to trade. The room will be
nicely furnished and will be called the
Woman's Rest.

Coal Mine is Soid.

The Williamson county mine, near Dewmaine, known as the Calp mine, has been purchased by the St. Louis and Big Mudy Coal company, of which James C. Brush of this city is general manager. The consideration was \$125,000.

Acquits Poor Farm Keeper.
Justice Joseph Wilson acquitted
John Thompson, keeper of the county
poor farm, of the charge of shusing
an inmate, brought by F. W. Restasch,
as former resident of Chandlerville.

Court's Decision Followed by Agreement as to Rijbhts Below Joilet. By a decision of the icreati court at Joilet and by an agreement entered into immediately after the decision, the interests represented by Attorney Charles A. Monroe of Chicago come frow many complete possession of the water power of the many complete possession of the water power of the Illinois. It is the head waters of the Illinois. It is beach and the District of the Illinois and Indiana will be developed at an immense plant to be built at the head of Lake. Joilet. The decision removes all obstacles to the development. The drainage board had absolutely no interest in this and absolute and in the properties of the pro

The lid is sure to be on in Dixon. A special meeting of the felty council Monday revoked several saloon li-censes. Mayor Edwards stated that when he took his oath of office he promised to see that the laws of the city of Dixon were obeyed, and that from now on all the saloons would not meet an end of the city of Dixon were obeyed, and that from now on all the saloons would not meet and remain closed on Sunday.

W. R. C. Election.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Jacksonville, has elected the following offleers: President Mrs. Anna Perguson;
junior vice president, Mrs. Anfarws;
vice president, Mrs. Anfarws;
junior vice president, Mrs. Angalait, Mrs. Sophia Benson; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Taylor; conductor,
Mrs. Anna Vincinia; guard, Mrs.
Martha Happy.

Prohibitionists Name Ticket.

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The Prohibition county convention
at Harrisburg nominated the following candidates: Judge W. L. Modsinger: sheriff, C. C. Skelton: treasurer, Eving S. Glasscock: clerk, A. D.
Lamb: superintendent of schools, Albefore the state, congressional and senatorial conventions
were named.

Smallpox in Two More Counties.

Dr. E. S. Baker, inspector for the state board of health, has been sent to Kane, Greene country, to investigate supposed cases of smallpox, thought to have been communicated from Jerseyville. An inspector also was sent to Nunda, McHenry country, where a number of cases of smallpox are reported.

Public Building Bilis.

Peoria's public building is to be improved, repaired and enlarged at an expense of \$250,000, provided a bill for that purpose introduced in the house by Representative Graff is passed. A new public building at Centralia, to coat \$30,000, is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Dickson.

Jacksonville G. A. R.

The newly elected officers of the G.
A. R. post of Jacksonville are: Commander, George W. Foz; senlor vice,
D. F. Songer, C. Piatt; Junior vice,
D. F. Songer, C. A. Kirby; sergeant,
A. T. Bartt: officer of the day, J.
W. Wooller; officer of the guard, Joseph Victria.

Patrick Kirby, a resident of Ridgely, is lying at St. John's hospital at Springheld in a critical condition, as the result of a ratek made on him the result of a ratek made on him by a gang of ruffians in Ridgely, and George Guymon, said to be leader of the gang, is in the county jair.

Veteran Struck by Car.

Sergt. Fred A. V. Hotchkiss, who
was admitted to the Soldiers home at
Quincy from Chicago in 1899, was
found unconscious beside a street car
track. It is supposed he was struck
by a car while crossing the track. His
condition is serious.

Aged Man is Slashed.

John Butler of Rock Falls, 72 years
old, was attacked and horribly mutilated with a razor by unknown parties
at Sterling.

Gets Bargain in Farm.
Thomas H. Land has purchised
W. A. Raglin a 300-acre farm in Cartownship at a cost of \$16,000.

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Heads Springfield Bail Club,
At a meeting of the directors of the
Springfield Baseball association of the
Springfield Baseball association of the
Three-Eye league Richard F. Kinselia
was elected president, William H. Coskling secretary and C. K. Minary
treasurer. Kinselia recently secured
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