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*The Arab Lives Largely On Dates—This Explains Why They Call A Certain Alleged Species Of Genus Homo, That Abounds Here, There And Everywhere In The United States, A Sheik.*

# BERGDOLL, DRAFT DODGER, OFFERED CLEMENCY BY HUGHES

## *German Paper Says Administration Wanted Him To Return To U. S. To Divert Interest From Oil Scandal*

## PUBLISHES DETAILS OF ALLEGED PARLEYS BETWEEN MAN AND THREE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES.

### Agents Said To Have Carried Credentials From Secretary Of State, Military Evader Being Assured He Would Be Given But Four Months In Prison.

(Special to The Jeffersonian)

Charges that the American Government attempted to lure Grover Cleveland Bergdoll back to the United States with a promise of a light sentence in order to provide the American public with a sensation that would divert interest from the "oil scandal" are made by the Eber-

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## JIM STIFFLER CONVICTED OF SHOOTING FATHER, GOES TO "PEN" FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

### Crime Committed Near Hoffmanville In Upper End Of County On February Eleventh—Case Tried Before Court—Accused Intoxicated When Apprehended.

James Stiffler, charged with fatally shooting his father, Samuel Stiffler, with a shotgun at Hoffmanville, was convicted in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary. The prisoner elected to be tried by the Court, and the case was heard by Chief Judge T. Scott Offutt and Associate Judges Frank I. Duncan and Walter W. Preston. The State was represented by State's Attorney H. Courtenay Jenifer, and his assistant, James C. L. Anderson. Attorneys C. Gus Grason and James P. Kelley appeared for the defendant.

In passing sentence Judge Offutt said that the crime had been a brutal one, and the Court was deterred from rendering a verdict of first degree murder by the absence of evidence showing a motive, and deliberation, and by the testimony relating to the prisoner's condition at the time of the homicide.

The testimony for the State showed that the dead man was found at his home in a pool of blood by Louis

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HA—HAH! HA—HAH!

It was rather amusing to read the article that appeared in our esteemed contemporary, the "Onion—News recently, calling attention to the fact that that staid old Republican Organ did not cater to sensational news, depending solely upon its correspondents for neighborhood gossip—which by the way is self-evident.

'Tis no wonder this G. O. P. battle-ax in Baltimore county abhors sensational news, especially at a time when the nation is saturated with the odor of oil eminating from Washington.

The "Onion"—News seems to have overlooked the fact that the "prairie schooners" have long since gone West, the stage coach supplanted by the railroad and that Buffalo Bill is dead, hence we might suggest that Old Rip Van Winkle brush the cob-webs from his editorial sanctum and get awake to the times.

### FOR SALE—AN ELEPHANT.

Captured in the wilds of Africa, trained by an experienced trainer; easy to keep, eats only breakfast foods and sour milk. Very fond of children and guaranteed to keep agents away from the door. Will push the baby carriage on Sundays and the vacuum cleaner on Fridays—Price reasonable.

No matter whether you have an elephant to sell, an automobile, furniture, horse, cows, pigs, chickens or what not, a little want ad in The Jeffersonian will do the trick.

### KU KLUXERS TO REFORM.

Leaking out of the inner circles of local Ku Klux Klans in Baltimore county, the fact became known recently that elimination of the mask and changes in the present form of rule will be proposed when the Ku Kluxers gather at Atlanta, Georgia, pretty soon in response to a call for a National Klan Congress.

The Congress was called by E. Y. Clarke, Imperial Giant, for the purpose of bringing about drastic reforms within the order, and in event such cannot be accomplished, to discuss ways and means of disbanding.

## *RECEIVES GIFT.*

### *State Senate Presents Speaker From Baltimore Co. With Silver Service.*

(From the Annapolis Representative of The Jeffersonian)

President David G. McIntosh, Jr., of Baltimore county, speaker of the Senate, was the recipient of a silver service presented by members and employees of the body. The gift was made following a recess just before adjournment of the General Assembly. Brief speeches of presentation were made by Senator Mitchell, majority floor leader, and Senator Tower, minority leader.

Mr. Mitchell was given a gold watch, the presentation remarks being made by Senator Gambrill. Mr. Towers received a silver water set, Senator Robb making the presentation on behalf of the donors.

### "CHARLIE" WISE PASSES 66TH MILESTONE.

A few of the neighbors were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wise, of White Hall, to celebrate the sixty-sixth birthday of Mr. Wise on Tuesday.

### GONE TWELVE WEEKS

#### No Promising Clues Found As To Whereabouts Of Jack Hart, Escaped Convict.

Twelve weeks ago today (Saturday) Jack Hart and William Tilson escaped from the Maryland Penitentiary.

Hart was serving a life sentence for the part he played in the robbery and murder of William B. Norris at Park Avenue and Madison street, Baltimore City, on August 19, 1922. Tilson was serving a five-year term for highway robbery from Baltimore County.

No trace of the men has been found.

Neither the police nor the prison authorities have the slightest clue as to the movements of the men since they climbed out of a window of the prison at 12.30 A. M., January 13th.

## LANSDOWNE WOMAN GUILTY.

### Emma J. Reardon Convicted Of Maintaining Disorderly House.

Emma J. Reardon, of Lansdowne, was found guilty by Judge Walter W. Preston in the Circuit Court at Towson of maintaining a disorderly (bawdy) house and fined $250 and costs and sentenced to three months in the House of Correction.

According to the testimony offered in behalf of the State two girls, Hazel C. Cline, 1811 Presstman street, and Dorothy Fowble, 1824 Presstman street; and two men, William McCrossin, 314 N. Eutaw street, and Joseph Bealis, 400 N. Carrollton avenue, Baltimore, spent the night of December 13 last at the Reardon house and the whole party, including the proprietress, became intoxicated. Miss Fowble testified that she was 15 years of age at the time, although she admitted having given her age as 18.

The Reardon woman was convicted of a similar offense in 1920.

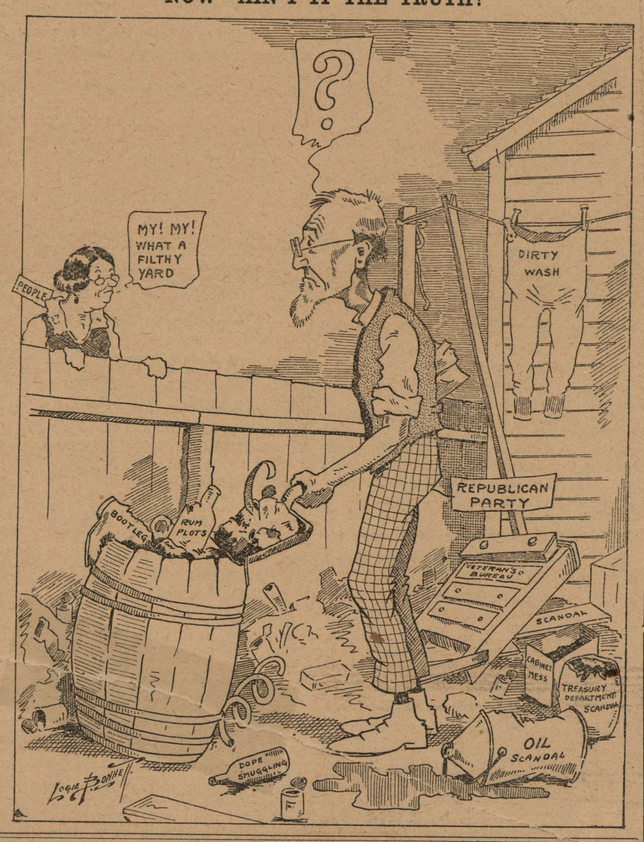
### MAKES RECORD

#### Sparrows Point Plant Exceeded All Previous Production Marks For March.

Production records at the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company were broken during March, officials of the company announced.

Approximately 73,000 tons of steel were produced last month, which exceeds the record production of all other months.

### NOW—AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!




## "UNCLE JACK" TARBERT SEEKS COURT'S AID TO REGAIN LOST PROPERTY.

### Bill Filed At Towson Alleges Second Wife Began Relentless Campaign To Make His Life Unbearable And Humiliating, Compelling Him To Leave Her.

Andrew J. Tarbert, familiarly known about Towson as "Uncle Jack," filed a bill in the Circuit Court at Towson against Mrs. Mary C. Tarbert, his second wife, in which he asks the Court to declare null and void two deeds alleged to have been executed as the result of undue influence and fraud practiced upon him by the defendant.

The bill states that the plaintiff's first wife, Mrs. Sarah A. Tarbert, died April 13, 1922, and that at the time of her death he owned certain valuable real estate in Towson which it was agreed and understood between his deceased wife and himself should be held by him for life and at his death devised to Elsie Gerstmeyer, whom they had raised as their own daughter, but had never formally adopted. It is further stated that the plaintiff, at the time of his first wife's death, was 76 years of age, and by reason of his bereavement and bodily afflictions, coupled with his advanced age, was mentally enfeebled and impaired to such a degree that he was unfit for the transaction of any business and incapable of making a valid deed or contract,

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### FOUR INJURED IN ACCIDENT

#### Priest And Three Others Hurt In Auto Smash-Up On Liberty Road.

The Rev. Bernard J. McNamara, well-known Catholic priest, was one of four persons injured in an automobile accident near Harrisonvile.

Father McNamara was taken to Mercy Hospital, Baltimore city, where it was said he is injured severely but will recover. His leg and a rib were fractured, and he suffered severe bruises and cuts on the hands and face.

The priest was injured in a crash between a motor truck and an automobile driven by Charles Peach of Randallstown, who was cut and bruised. Mr. Peach was taking Father McNamara to the Holy Family Church at Harrisonville and to St. Joseph's Church at Sykesville, where he was to celebrate mass.

### NEWCOMERS TAKE UP ABODE IN GLEN ARM.

The property at Glen Arm recently vacated by Mr. Lawrence Litzenberger, is now occupied by Mr. Patreck Boyle and family.

## SIX MEN HELD

### Round-Up Of Gang Will Stop Freight Car Robberies Police Believe.

Six men suspected of a series of frieght car robberies in Baltimore Harford and Anne Arundel counties during the last three months are held by the county police.

Following the arrest of Henry S. Bayner, 29 years old, who gave his address as Barney and Charles sts., Baltimore city, police say they recovered 32 pairs of shoes from the saloon of Thomas Cook, 29 years old, 14 East Cross street. The shoes, police said, are reported to have been stolen from a freight car at Kingsville at the same time the railroad station at that point was robbed.

Bayner, according to Marshall Stansbury, implicated Harry Fuller, 1700 block Clarkson street; John Hyson, 1600 block Harmon street; Richard McCullough, 1605 Light st.;

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### FIRE WRECKS GARAGE

#### Hambleton Home At Lutherville Endangered—Fire Engine Companies Respond.

The home of T. Edward Hambleton at Lutherville, was endangered when fire wrecked the garage and a large water tank on the property.

None of Mr. Hambleton's family was at home when the fire was discovered by a negro boy, who gave the alarm. The Towson, Lutherville, Cockeysville, Pikesville and Brooklandwood Fire Departments responded.

### WEALTH OF NATION PUT AT $320,803,862,000.

The wealth of the nation is $320,803,862,000, more than one-half of which is real property and improvements. The per capital wealth is $2918.

Statistics of the country's wealth as of December 31, 1922 issued by the Census Bureau, revealed that the total wealth increased 72.2 per cent. and the per capita wealth 49.6 per cent. in the 10 years from 1912. All classes of property increased in value in the decade except live stock, which decreased 6.9 per cent. to $5,807,104,000.

## *GIVE UP HOPE.*

### *Aunt And Mother Of Missing Girl On Verge Of Breakdown.*

Friends of Miss Florine Louise ("Honey") Adams, eighteen, missing society girl of Baltimore and Philadelphia, have definitely abandoned all hope of finding the girl.

Mrs. John K. Shaw, of the Green Spring Valley, an aunt, whose home Miss Adams left to return to her home at 6120 McCallum street, Philadelphia, March 22, is overcome with grief.

Philadelphia dispatches declared Mrs. Harry L. Adams, the girl's mother, is on the verge of a breakdown. Mrs. Adams has kept a ceaseless vigil.

### WEDDING AT MARYLAND LINE APRIL 12TH.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton Hershner, of Maryland Line, have issued invitateons to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth L. Hershner, at their home on Saturday, April 12, at 5 o'clock, to Mr. Webster McClury Anderson,

## *"JEFFERSON WEEK" BEGINS TOMORROW BIRTHDAY FALLS ON APRIL 13TH.*

### *Special Nation-Wide Commemoration In Honor Of Man For Whom This Paper Is Named---"Monticello," Old Home On Mountain Top, Scene Of Event.*

(By Nancy Hanks)

Tomorrow (Sunday) is the beginning of "Jefferson week," and is set apart for the special comemoration of Thomas Jefferson, for whom this paper is named. His birthday falls on Sunday, April 13th, and on this date a nation-wide observance will have its center at "Monticello", the beautiful old home the great Democrat erected on a mountain top in Albemarle county, Virginia.

Monticello, the home of Jefferson, is set on a mountain top. To us, heirs of the romanticism of which he was the American pioneer, there is nothing strange in this, but in his day it was wholly new, even in Europe. From his boyhood home in the watered valley, his spirit yearned toward the heights, with that profound reverence for nature to which he once gave expression at a prospect of the Alpes Maritimes: "Fall down and worship . . . you never saw, nor will ever see such another." From Monticello there unrolls on the west a mountain panorama of the Blue Ridge scarcely less magnificent, while to the east stretches the endless plain, his "sea view," as he called it.

Here, when scarce out of college, he dreamed of creating, in what was then still wilderness, natural gardens with cascades, enriched by temples

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### SCHEDULE CONTINUES

#### 45-Minute Service Sanctioned On Trackless Trolly Line—Deficit $1,000 A Month.

The present schedule of the Liberty road trackless trolley cars will continue in effect until May 1, the Public Service Commission ordered.

Before that date a hearing will be held to determine whether the 45-minute schedule shall be further continued or shall be reduced to 30 minutes, as demanded by the property owners of the section.

L. H. Palmer, general manager of the United Railways, said at the conference that 30-minute service might be possible if the cars were allowed to turn in the center of Randallstown instead of running beyond. He said the company is now losing $1000 a month on operation of the line.

### YOUNG WOMAN SUFFERING FROM TONSILITIS.

Miss Mildred Pearce, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas G. Pearce, of Glen Arm, has been quite ill with tonsilitis.

### MAN DROPS DEAD ON STREET CAR ENROUTE TO SISTER'S FUNERAL

#### Over-Exertion From Cranking Stalled Auto Believed Cause—Harrisonville Resident, Brother Of Deceased, Kept Ignorant Of Fact.

Enroute to attend the funeral of his sister, Howard F. Marshall dropped dead on an Emory Grove electrec car.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall left their home in Arlington by automobile to attend the funeral. Their machine stalled in the heavy snowdrifts at Slade avenue and Reisterstown road. Failing in his efforts to crank the car Mr. Marshall pushed the machine to the side of the road and with Mrs. Marshall boarded a street car.

At Grey Rock Mr. Marshall fell to the floor. Mrs. Marshall thought her husband had fainted and was not aware of his death until the motorman, aided by passengers, took the body from the car to the Fox home. Dr. J. Frank Miller, of Reisterstown, was summoned and pronounced Mr. Marshall dead. Death is thought to have resulted from over-exertion in attempting to start the automobile.

Only the widow and a few members of the family knew of the death until after Mrs. Berryman had been

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## *VALUE OF MINISTER TO COMMUNITY TOLD BY TOWSON CLERGYMAN*

### *Too Often Folks Think Parson Is Hired To Preach Twice On Sunday And Fuss Around To Make His Church Known And Flourish.*

(By Richard W. Wickes)

The most natural question for a young man to ask himself when he thinks of the ministry as a life work is: "Of what value will I be in this work?" There are some professions that a young man may enter without this being the dominant thought, but if there is other than this in the mind of the candidate for the ministry he is doomed to failure before he enters the doors of a theological school.

And thes idea must persist even after one has listened for three years to the professors of theology, church history, psychology, religious education, Hebrew, Greek, etc. When he has received the O. K. of his chosen school and is at work in some parish this must be the idea that controls his every thought and desire in life.

This article is written with the belief that few people realize that this is the controlling motive in the life of the minister. Too often they think that he is one who has been hired to preach twice on Sunday, offer a prayer for them because they are afraid to pray, seek to win members for their particular church, supervise bakes and entertainments and do the round of petty things that will make his church known and flourish.

It may be true that these duties belong to him, but to think that these

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### SHAD SUPPER AT GLEN ARM TONIGHT.

Under the aupsices of the Ladies Aid Society of Waugh M. E. Church a shad supper will be held at Glen Arm tonight (Saturday).

### FILLING STATION ROBBED

#### Towson Man In Charge Of Place Relieved Of $291.30 By Lone Bandit.

A narmed negro bandit locked William C. Ward, manager of the service station of the Interocean Oil Company, Thirty-third street and Greenmount avenue, Baltimore City, in an ante-room of the plant and left with $291.30, it was reported to police.

Ward, who lives in Towson, said he closed the station at 11 o'clock the night before and locked the receipts of sales for the day in the safe. He said he opened the place at 7 o'clock the next morning and was counting the money, prepatory to turning it over to the company's collector, when the negro entered.

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