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We Sometimes Wonder As We Study The Career Of Former Secretary Fall, Of The Department Of The Interior, That We Have Any Interior Left At All.

SCHMIDT VERDICT MEANS HANGING OR LIFE SENTENCE

Court To Hear Arguments On Motion For New Trial Monday—Case Attracts Quite A Bit Of Attention

AL JENNINGS, REFORMED BANDIT, SAYS JAKE HAMON GAVE MILLION DOLLARS TO ELECT HARDING

Hamon, Shot To Death By Clara Smith, Put Up Big Sum In Exchange For The Interior Secretaryship—Others Got Hand-Out According To Testimony Before Senate Committee.

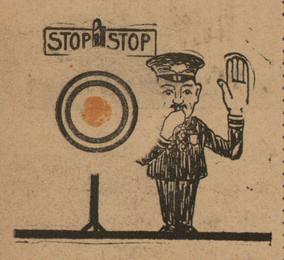
(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Al. Jennings, notorious bandit, who reformed and became a politician, told the Senate Teapot Dome Investigating Committee that Jake Hamon, shot to death by Clara Smith, put up $1,000,000 to elect Harding in exchange for the job of Secretary of the Interior, which he never got.

The late Bois Penrose, boss of Pennsylvania, got $250,000 in the same deal, while Will Hayes, secretary of the Republican National Committee and Attorney General Daugherty got $25,000 each.

Jennings told the committee that he went to Hamon"s hotel and Hamon told him that he was going to be the biggest man in the United States, and insisted that he (Jennings) run for Governor of Oklahoma. Jake told him that he had been East, had talked with Penrose and that he could name the next President; he said "Money talks," and that he was going to put up the dough, so that Harding could be nominated.

"Harding will be nominated tomorrow and it will cost me a million," said Hamon, according to Jennings' testimony. He further said that Daugherty and Hays had agreed to make him Secretary of the Interior.



THE APOSTLE OF SILENCE SPEAKS.

Radio devotees in Baltimore county were amused and surprised the other night to hear broadcast from Washington a cry of distress from President Coolidge.

No, it wasn't a hurry call for relief for the western wheat growers or even the German orphans, but an S. O. S. for "Tige," a young tom cat attached to the White House staff.

The President was reported as being much distressed over the critter's disappearance, but Cal has again lapsed into silence since it has returned from what was probably a social engagement.

Official Washington is hoping nothing else will happen to disturb the "apostle of silence."

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OIL FILLS THE ATMOSPHERE.

The Teapot Dome oil scandal investigation being conducted at Washington is reaching the stage in which rumor is confounded with evidence, and suspicion creates a mist in which many innocent may be lost and some of the guilty escape.

The entire object of the investigation—which is the punishment of the guilty persons and the restoration of Government oil lands to the Nation—is likely to be defeated if the flood of immaterial testimony continues to engulf the Capitol.

From now until election day we Americans might as well prepare to live in an atmosphere filled with oil and be contented.

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YE GODS! WHICH WAY ARE WE HEADED?

Now there is a bunch of New York actors going to produce a 'movie" in which the hero is a negro and the heroine a white woman. It is a love romance of a white man for a colored woman, and leads to their marriage.

To make it as realistic as possible, a white girl plays that role and a negro plays the part of her lover; the balance of the cast is about evenly divided as to color.

This sort of stuff may be alright in New York—they may approve of it there and the darn fool inhabitants willing to spend their "cold cash" to see it, but here in Maryland we think more of the colored race. In fact we think so well of the negro that we don't believe we would have asked any colored man to drag himself down to the slimy level of the class of a white woman willing to play opposite him.

PRESIDENT INVITED.

Coolidge Will Consider Offer To Attend Timonium Field Event.

Preseident Coolidge may wend his way to Baltimore county on May 24th to attend the horse show and military field contests at the Timonium Fair Grounds for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. T. Edward Hambleton and Mr. John A. Hambleton went to Washington this week to extend an invitation to the President.

Troops from Camp Meade and members of the Officers' Reserve Corps and Maryland National Guard will participate.

VERNON CHURCH AID SOCIETY ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. S. Oscar Almony entertained the Aid Society of Vernon Church at her home on Thursday afternoon.

3 KILLED—4 INJURED

"Joy Ride" Ends In Machine Crashing Into Pole On Eastern Avenue.

Three persons were killed and four badly injured after midnight when an automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telegraph pole At Mace and Eastern Avenues, Essex.

The dead are George Hillemeyer, of Philadelphia; Anthony Tedaldi, New York, and Joseph Beringham, New York.

The injured are Louis Bemhofsky, of Baltimore City; Russell Kennington, New York; Lillian Meyer and Nellie Harrington, Baltimore City.

The accident while the party was on its way to the city after an evening spent at a shore along the water front.

"HAND CUFF" KING FOOLED

"Bracelets" Put On Wrist Of Expert By Police Chief Are Unmovable.

Over at Pikesville the other night a performance was given by Battery A, and among the celebrities on the stage was a "Hand-cuff King."

After wriggling out of a straight jacket, a tightly tied mail sack and doing other stunts the "wizard" had someone put on his wrists numerous pairs of hand cuffs, all of which he shook off, following which he asked if there was anyone in the audience who had a pair to bring them up and he would show how easy it was to get out of theme.

Marshal Stansbury arose and walked to the stage, adusting a pair of "bracelets," the regulation equipment of the Baltimore County Police Department, upon the man's wrists. He announced that in 5 minutes his hands would be free—6 minutes elapsed, then ten, and when he had wriggled and squirmed for fifteen, gave up the battle, for the handcuffs were as tight around his wrists as when the Police Chief placed them there.

STIFFLER TRIAL APRIL 2ND

James Stiffler, Charged With Killing Father, To Face Court Here.

James Stiffler, charged with the murder of his father, Samuel Stiffler, whom he is charged with having fatally wounded with a shot gun, at Hoffmanville, will be placed on trial on Wednesday in the Circuit Court at Towson. Stiffler will be defended by Attorney C. Gus Grason.

A TICKLISH PERFORMANCE AT THAT.

YOUNG WOMAN, 18, MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS FOLLOWING VISIT TO AUNT IN GREEN SPRING VALLEY.

Niece Of Mrs. John K. Shaw Motored To Station To Board Train For Philadelphia, But Never Arrived At Destination Where Mother Waited.

Miss Florina Adams, 18 years old, society girl of Philadelphia, has mysteriously disappeared.

The girl had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John K. Shaw, at her home in the Green Spring Valley. Sunday she motored to Union Station, Baltimore city, to board a train for "the city of brotherly love," but never arrived at the station where her mother waited.

Police have admitted that the parlor car chair secured for Miss Adams was occupied, but whether the occupant was Miss Adams or not, they are unable to say.

The theory advanced by the police is that the young woman had a desire to earn her own living, hating the social life. Mrs. Harry T. Adams her mother, admitted her daughter had often said she wanted to make her own way in the world, but discredits the theory of the authorities.

In co-operation with Philadelphia and Baltimore City police, Marshal Stansbury, head of the Baltimore County Police Department, is working on clues in this locality.

HOLABIRD OFFICER WEDS ARMY NURSE.

Capt. Charles J. Mabbutt, reputed to be the largest man physically in the United States Army and former motor transport officer at Camp Holabird, who is a frequent visitor at Towson, no longer is a bachelor.

The jovial 300-pound officer athlete and Miss Florence Grace Gerhardt, a former army nurse, were married in Reading, Pa.

Captain Mabbutt met Miss Gerhardt during the war when the latter already had attained the grade of second lieutenant in the nursing service. Subsequently Miss Gerhardt became a nurse at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, and more recently has been nursing at a hospital in Virginia.

SOCIAL CLUB TO BE ENTERTAINED TONIGHT.

Misses Edna and Thelma Burns entertained the White Hall Social Club at its last meeting and Miss Sara Williams will entertain the club tonight (Saturday) in the hall.

EVEN JOB AS STATION AGENT ON "MAW & PA" RAILROAD HAS HUMOROUS SIDE

Station Master Livingston Relates Some Amusing Circumstances In Sending Telegrams—Negro Feared Message Was Washed Off Wire.

(By Nancy Hanks)

The job of being a station master on a railroad like the "Maw and Pa," where a fellow has to be ticket agent, train dispatcher, freight and express clerk and the telegeraph operator as well has its humorous sides at that.

Livingston, the obliging and genial station agent at Towson, was peaceably pursuing his routine in the little red brick station one day when a negro walked in who wanted to send a telegram to a relation in Ohio, when the spring floods were playing havoc with that section. He wanted the Ohio folks to send him some money.

The message was tap-ta-tapped over the wires and in a day or so, when the reply failed to come, in walks the colored gentleman again.

"You'all don't think the water's too high out there, do you," he said to Livingston, whereupon the Station Agent stated he did not quite understand what he meant.

"I mean dat water ain't high 'nough to wash that message you done sent foh me off the wire."

On another occasion a negro came in to send a message to his wife down South. He was looking through his pockets for his message, which he had written out beforehand and pulled out an empty whiskey flask, putting it on the counter. When he left he forgot to take it with him, and Livingston put it in a cupboard.

That night he returned to see if there was any reply, and he was told there was not.

"Look here," said Livingston, "you left a whiskey flask here and I thought you wanted that to go with

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SCHOOL TO GET FLAG

"Old Glory" Will Be Presented To Educational Institution By Jr. O. U. A. M.

Sparks High School will be given an American flag by the Junior Order U. A. M., the ceremony to take place April 11th.

A 40-foot pole will be set in a concrete base on the proposed community building site today (Saturday).

An interesting program for the occasion has been arranged by the committee in charge.

CONVENT AT COUNTY SEAT BEING ERECTED.

The exterior walls of the new convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame, adjacent to the High School of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate at Towson, have been built.

VALUE OF CHURCH TO A COMMUNITY SET FORTH BY TOWSON CLERGYMAN

What It Does Demands Support Of Right Thinking And Right Living People, Says Rev. Richard H. Wickes, Pastor Of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson.

(By Richard H. Wickes)

When we speak of "The value of a Church to a community" it is understood that we are speaking of that local body of people who have organized for worship. It may be and is a stimulating thought to consider oneself a part of a great world-wide organization for there is a strength and catholicity that fascinates. But when all is said and done the community is interested in the local organization and its value and contribution to the life of that particular part of the world. What it does for a community demands the support of right thinking and right living people in that community.

This is an explanation for the growth of church groups without regard to denomination or creed. Few men to day are attracted enough to unite with a church because of its peculiar doctrines. Scores join themselves notwithstanding peculiar doctrines and customs. Thousands are kept out of the church on these same grounds.

There are people who have been

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AFTER DELIBERATION OF FORTY-FIVE MINUTES, JURY BRINGS IN FIRST DEGREE MURDER VERDICT

Man Convicted Of Slaying Policeman Sags And Trembles In Hushed Court-Room As Foreman Announces Findings—Wife Hysterical.

After deliberating 45 minutes a jury in the Circuit Court at Towson brought in a verdict of "guilty" in first degree murder against Leon Schmidt, charged with the killing of Patrolman Frank Latham of the Baltimore City Police Department on the evening of February 29th, when

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STATE FILES ANSWER.

O'Connor Asks That Petition In Case Of George Ryan Be Dismissed.

State's Attorney Herbert R. O'Connor, of Baltimore City, has filed an answer to the petition filed in the Circuit Court at Towson to secure the release of George E. Ryan, World War veteran, from the Maryland Hospital for the Insane, at Spring Grove, where he was confined after being tried for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Fannie A. Ryan, and acquitted by a jury on the ground of insanity.

It is stated that Ryan was brought before Judge Henry Duffy on February 6 last, under a writ of habeas corpus, and was remanded back to the hospital.

The answer states that Ryan, at the conclusion of the habeas corpus hearing, by his conduct and manner, indicated an irrational and unbalanced state of mind. That it would be to the best interest to society if the said Ryan were to be left in the Spring Grove Asylum until such time

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INVITATION EXTENDED

Officers Of Dover Sunday School Invite Children And Parents At Gathering.

Officers of Dover M. E. Sunday-school on the Hereford Circuit, want all scolars and parents to be on hand at the pre-opening service of the Sunday-school to be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 10.30 A. M.

A special program has been arranged for the occasion, and several important matters will be discussed.

WELL! SHE'S HERE.

Spring, according to the weather man, has arrived, but from her general make-up and chilliness one can hardly realize the fact.

SEIZES FIRST SHIP.

Uncle Sam "Grabs" British Mail Liner Valued At $3,000,000.

(Special to The Jeffersonian)

An open-and-shut case of outright defiance of the Customs law, the Federal Narcotic Act, and the Prohiition law is seen in the smuggling and boot legging activities of certain members of the crew of the "Orduna," British Royal Mail liner.

Because of the smuggling propensities of less than a dozen men, the U. S. District Attorney of New York seized this $3,000,000 vessel and later released her only under heavy

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MR. AND MRS. THEODORE S. ARCHER HOSTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Archer entertained the White Hall Aid Society at their home on Friday night.

WHO IS OWEN J. ROBERTS, PROSECUTOR, APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT?

His Legal Career Devoid Of Pyrotechnics—Transformation From City Lawyer To National Prosecutor Effected Overnight.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

A telephone wire, reaching from the White House to the various exchanges over miles of distance, and ending in the living room of a house in Philadelphia, was the means by which a comparatively obscure lawyer was suddenly drawn into the limelight of the nation's politics. Cotemporary American biographies contain many instances of rapid rise to prominence and fortune, yet no man has recently been hailed to the fore quite as rapidly as was Owen J. Roberts, choice of President Coolidge as prosecutor of the oil manipulators.

He was a Philadelphia practitioner pursuing the even tenor of his ways, hardly known outside the courts of his native State—today he is charged with a goodly portion of the task of bringing justice to those who would barter the natural resources of their country for private profit.

In a word this is the story of Owen J. Roberts.

The entire transformation of the city lawyer to national prosecutor was effected overnight—within a few hours—and, irrespective of the ultimate result of the oil scandal prosecutions, the reputation of Mr. Roberts has been made through the memorable telephone call.

Fame struck Owen J. Roberts with the swiftness of lightning. His life and his career so far have withstood the terrific searchlight of inquiry. Every activity he ever had indulged in was raked over the coals of inves-

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JUDGE DUNCAN DUE HOME TODAY.

Judge Frank I. Duncan, who spent the winter in Florida, is scheduled to arrive home today (Saturday). His health is much improved, and he will resume the discharge of his official duties.

ALEX. DONOVAN DEAD

Funeral Services Held From St. Alphonus' Church. Burial At Ellicott City.

Funeral services were held at ten o'clock yesterday (Friday) morning for Alexander Donovan, at St. Alphonsus' Catholic Church, at Woodstock. Burial was at St. Paul's Cemetery, at Ellicott City. Mr. Donovan died on Monday in Chicago, and was the manager of the Chicago Athletic Club. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Donovan.

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