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For Denby's Successor In The President's Cabinet We Nominate Houdini—He Can Get Out Of Any Cabinet At Least Two Steps Ahead Of The Investigators.

G. O. P. LEADERS FACING ADDED TROUBLES RIGHT NOW

OIL PROBE BARES CAREER OF "GUM SHOE" MEANS, "GREAT INVESTIGATOR", ONCE ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Only Few Years Back He and Wife Lived In Furnished Room—Received $177,000 From Kaiser's Representatives For Assistance With German Propaganda In U. S. Prior To War.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Gum shoes, mysterious connections, a strange and kaleidoscopic past entered the Teapot Dome oil scandal probe at Washington this week when Gaston B. Means, one of the strangest characters in all the oil-soaked, oil-greased paths that has led from politics to millions was a witness before the Senate Inquiry committee.

Now under two indictments, this "gum-shoer" somehow or other got into the good graces and confidence of the biggest men of the time. He has been tried and acquitted for one of the strangest murders in all America's criminal history, and he was a part and parcel of the insidious, deadly machine of Captain Karl Boy-ed, German naval attache at Washington for the Kaiser, where he worked under cover until the United States Government sent him home without the benefit of a clergyman.

Just a few years back Gaston B. Means and his wife lived in a New York City furnished room; his income then was $25 a week as a private detective engaged by William J. Burns. Now he looms up as one of the agents who kept the line of communication open between Washington

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IT'S A QUESTION.

An emigration bill has been introduced in Congress, the enactment of which would mean an increase of "Nordic" emigrants and the virtual exclusion of those races that come to us from Southern and Eastern Europe.

One's estimate of the "Nordic" is somewhat like that of the eggplant—a matter of taste.

To try to tell the man who prefers artichokes that the dependable eggplant is the king of vegetables is useless, but no more so than to insist upon the superiority of the "Nordic" to one who prefers Southrons.

There are days when we lean toward the Southrons ourselves, so that if this country were a truck garden we would say plant both, likewise all other edible varieties.

The problem to be solved by our emigration policy is somewhat more complex, however. Human beings of markedly different racial strains do not as a rule live happily and peacefully side by side like well-behaved vegetables. One radical group always seeks to dominate the others, and when race quarrels arise free institutions flutter out of the window.

Almost every present threat to this free institution of this country—prohibition, the Ku Klux Klan, Anti-Bolshevist hysteria, Lord's Day Alliance, censorship, and others have their roots in race prejudice or distrust; such movements thrive because one "Nordic" majority insists upon coercing the various racial minorities into conformity with its own standards and to say that it should not do so is to say that the wind should not blow.

The bill introduced in Congress contains some minor provisions, but in the main faces in the right direction, the direction of national and racial unity, and therefore of liberty and sanity.

There's no particular point in constituting this country an asylum for all the down-trodden and oppressed of other lands if it's to be a lunatic asylum.

A SIMPLE METHOD TO AVOID SCANDALS.

When a man is elected to public office his only compensation must be his salary and his honor in serving the people.

'Tis a fine conception—but realize its effect in application.

There would be no oil lease scandals, no Veteran's Bureau frauds, no illegal whiskey releases; there would have been an observance of many derelictions on the part of officials and citizens which have brought shame to the Nation.

Yea, hundreds of thousands of columns of exciting newspaper reading matter would never have been written. Bryan would have been lost to the Chautauqua circuit and the probabilities seeming are endless.

MEDICINE KILLS LAD

4 Year Old Child Swallows Tablets Prescribed For Father.

Medicine prescribed for his father caused the death of Gideon Lee Sauter, 4 years old, Rolling Road, Catonsville.

Monday the boy swallowed a number of tablets which had been left on the dining-room table. When the mother returned to the room several minutes later the child was suffering convulsions. Frequent hypodermics were given. He died several hours after taking the medicine. Dr. Marshall West, Catonsville, was in attendance.

Gideon N. Sauter, the boy's father,

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MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO ORGANIZE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

After the disastrous fires recently in the Fork and Glen Arm sections, a movement is on foot to organize a volunteer fire company.

If Wisconsin Senator Goes On Third Party Rampage, "Bright Lights" Of Party See Only Defeat

SEEKS ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

William C. Ebb Files Bill Against Wife Alleging Unfaithfulness.

William C. Ebb, through R. E. Kanode, attorney, filed a bill in the Circuit Court at Towson in which he asks for an absolute divorce from Mrs. Nettie G. Ebb, on the alleged ground of unfaithfulness. The bill states that the parties were married in Philadelphia on November 25, 1908, and that they resided together in Baltimore county until the month of May, 1923.

APPROVES DISTRICT PLAN.

Catonsville Imp. Ass'n Favors Metropolitan Bill—Names New Officers.

Approval of the proposed metropolitan district plan for water, sewers and garbage disposal was unanimously voted by the Catonsville Improvement Association at its annual meeting at the Catonsville High School.

The bill concerned is Senate Bill 175, which provides for a metropolitan district in Baltimore county contiguous to Baltimore City to provide for the construction of water supply, sewerage and storm water systems. It is understood that Catonsville will be the first district to be affected under the plan.

Officers were elected as follows: President, George M. Kimberly; vice-presidents, Harvey H. Robinson, Joseph J. Hock and Oscar B. Coblentz; treasurer, G. Herbert Rice; secretary, George J. Grim.

ENROUTE SOUTH

Officials Of B. & D. Mfg. Co., With Wives, To Attend Convention In New Orleans.

Mr. S. Duncan Black and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Black and Mr. Robt. D. Black left yesterday (Friday) for the South, where they will attend the convention of The Automotive Equipment Association to be held in New Orleans the coming week.

All the men folks are officials of the Black & Decker Mfg. Co., at Towson Heights, and on the return trip will visit branches of the concern in Florida, Louisiana and Georgia.

"ZIEGFELD FOLLIES" NEVER HAD ANYTHING ON THIS SHOW NOW PLAYING IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

FORMER STUDENT OF M'DONOGH SCHOOL LEAVES INSTITUTION $25,000 IN WILL.

Was One Of First Students Entering In 1873—William H. Harding, Donor, Died In Philadelphia On March 12th—First Job Paid Him Three Dollars Per Week.

McDonogh School, at McDonogh, this county, is $25,000 better off today than it was the first of the month, due to the will of William H. Harding, who died in Philadelphia, March 12th.

In 1873 Mr. Harding entered the school as an orphan and upon graduating began his business career with the old Consumer's Gas Co., of Baltimore, at a salary of $3 per week—but through the years of his climbing in the business world "Will" Harding did not forget the school.

When a student at McDonogh he was in all that went on—quick to resent a wrong from an older or larger boy; he was equally as quick to defend a smaller lad who needed a champion.

This aggressive spirit followed him through life. After serving six years with the gas company in Baltimore he became secretary of the Baxter Motor and Manufacturing Company.

Four years later he went to Chicago as manager of two electric light companies, the South Side and the Fort Wayne. Three years later further promotion took him to New Orleans as vice-president and general manager of the Louisiana Electric Light and Power Company. The General Electric Company then made him general agent of its many enterprises

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COMMISSIONERS SUED

Damages Aggregating $37,500 Is Asked For Following Joppa Road Auto Accident.

Damages aggregating $37,500 are claimed in three suits filed Friday in the Circuit Court at Towson against the County Commissioners of Baltimore County as a result of the ditching of an automobile on the Joppa Road, near Baynesville, on December 2 last when Miss Mildred Gonce was killed. Miss Gonce, together with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Gonce, were passengers in the automobile, which was owned and driven by Charles A. Tillack. It is alleged in the declaration that the Joppa road, at the point of the accident, is very narrow and badly crowned, and on each side was deep ditches which at the time of the accident were not apparent to the driver of the automobile by reason of being covered with underbrush, and in attempting to pass another machine the driver ran into a ditch in attempting to extricate his machine collided with a tree.

TO ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF AID SOCIETY.

On the evening of March 25th a meeting of the Aid Society of Perry Hall Church will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson.

LAFOLLETTE FRIGHTENS THEM OUT OF THEIR BOOTS WITH HIS FRANKNESS OF SPEECH.

Whichever Way He Jumps, Means Mischief To Grand Old Party In This Year's Presidential Election—Third Party Would Sap Strength From Republican Strongholds.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Added to their other troubles, the Republican party leaders have on their hands—La Follette. Whatever it is that the Wisconsin Senator is up to—whichever way he jumps—means mischief to the Republicans

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TO FACE COURT MONDAY.

Leon Schmidt, Alleged Slayer Of Policeman, To be Tried At Towson.

Monday is the day set for the trial of Leon Schmidt, alleged slayer of a Baltimore City policeman, the case having been removed from Baltimore City to Towson, and in anticipation that the trial will bring a large crowd of spectators, Marshal of Police Carroll E. Stansbury has arranged to have several patrolmen on duty to handle the situation.

While the Schmidt case is not likely to attract as many as that of Walter Socolow here a year or more ago, there is every reason to believe that a goodly number will be on hand as the case is a rather sensational one, and has gotten a great deal of publicity.

State's Attorney Herbert R. O'Conor, of Baltimore City, will be assisted in the prosecution by State's Attorney H. C. Jenifer, of Baltimore County, while the accused will be represented by Attorney Eugene O'Dunne.

CLAIMS $1000 DAMAGES

Harry C. Mann Dockets Suit Against Fred. Thorne—Result Of Auto Mishap.

A bill was filed in the Circuit Court at Towson by Harry C. Mann against Fred. Thorne, claiming $1000 damages. It is alleged that the plaintiff's automobile was damaged on the Reisterstown road by a motor vehicle owned by the defendant colliding with it. Attorney Foster H. Fanseen appears for the plaintiff.

YE GODS! CAN IT BE TRUE?

Yesterday, according to the weather man, was the first day of Spring, but Old Man Winter hung around just the same—but this "snapshot" of him shows that he's tired out.

HOME-SITES PLANNED

Place Of Late Thos. W. Offutt, Towson, To Be Divided Into Building Lots.

"Highland," which was the home of the late Col. Milton W. Offutt, on Chesapeake avenue, Towson, is to be developed for restricted home sites. A boulevard is projected to be opened through the property, starting at Chesapeake avenue and by a widening course terminating at Charles street avenue. This would provide a number of beautiful sites for homes. The view is fine. A sign on the property states that it is being sub-divided by the Roland Park Company for restricted home sites, with reservations by the Southland Company.

NEW PURCHASER NOW OCCUPYING "JOHN WOODEN HOMESTEAD."

The property near Parkton known as "the John Wooden Homestead" is now occupied by Mr. John H. Parker, its recent purchaser.

TELEPHONE LACKS BUT ONE YEAR OF HALF CENTURY IN AGE

In 1875 First Words Were Transmitted Over Wires---Four Years After First Test Maximum Distance For Conversation Was 45 Miles.

(By Nancy Hanks)

The snowstorm recently wrought much damage to the telephone service in Baltimore county. Many poles, with their tangled wires, fell under the weight of the wet, clinging snow. The service, not only locally, but over a large area, was badly crippled.

How many of us in our warm offices or homes thought of the men working under difficult conditions—falling snow, bitter wind, icy water—to repair the damage and as quickly as possible restore the service? Or, thoughtlessly did we complain, when the operator said, in reply to our call, "The lines are down."

There are times when the English language hardly contains adjectives strong enough to express our feelings over some things about the telephone service when we can not understand. But we "keep in," and wax all the madder. Was it the "Hare" or the "Hatter" in "Alice in Wonderland" who sometimes was mad inside and out?

But times of annoyance are forgotten in thoughts of admiration as we recall what the linemen and other operators do amid great hardships to put our phones in service as soon as possible after a destructive storm. Our hearty appreciation of their efficient work is the least we can say, but we say it sincerely.

While it is not the purpose of this article to write the above, however, it is true, and we are glad to say it. But our purpose was to give readers a little historical view of the telephone in our country. It is very suggestive.

The telephone service lacks one

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REQUEST POLICE AID

Mother Of Missing Lad Wants County Authorities To Search For Him.

Baltimore County Police have been asked to aid in the search for Ludwig Matteo, of Baltimore City, who disappeared this week.

When last seen he was wearing a white sweater, black shoes and stockings. His hair is black, he has dark eyes and is about four feet eight inches in height.

CORBETT YOUNGSTERS SUFFER FROM MEASLES.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brannan, of Corbett, have been confined to their home with measles.

OPINION RENDERED BY JUDGE OFFUTT IN CASE OF CHARLES H. STEFFEY, INC.

Sustains Demurrer Filed To Bill Of Complaint Against Lillie Schissler—Involves Location Of Structure Erected At "Anneslie."

Chief Judge T. Scott Offutt has rendered an opinion in the Circuit Court at Towson in the case of Chas. H. Steffey, Incorporated, against Lillie Schissler and others, sustaining the demurrers led to the bill of complaint against the defendants. The case involves the location of a store building erected on a lot at the corner of the York Road and Register avenue, at Anneslie, near Towson.

Judge Offutt says in part:

"The controlling, and in fact the only question in this case is whether a certain restriction contained in a deed from Charles H. Steffey, Incorporated, to George Schissler and others to the effect that no house shall be erected on the lots conveyed by said deed nearer than twenty-five feet of said lots means in the case of a corner lot, the lines binding on each of the streets forming the corner, or whether it means only the street upon which the lot fronts or passes. The question arises in the following manner:

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STORM AVERTED IN LEGISLATURE OVER METROPOLITAN WATER-SEWER BILL

Return Of Budget Cancels Threat To Hold Up Report---Supply Measure Taken Up---U. Of M. Bill Involved In Clash.

(From the Annapolis Correspondent of The Jeffersonian)

Obstacles in the way of the Metropolitan Water and Sewer Bill were removed when the Budget Bill was returned from the State Printer.

Senator McIntosh had laid plans to force the hand of the select committee, which now has the matter under consideration, and to demand that the measure be reported out immediately. To combat this plan the committee virtually threatened inactivity unless the Budget bill was brought out first.

Senator Curran led the committee in balking, with the idea, no doubt, of paving the way for consideration of his University of Maryland bill, which, under a ruling by the Attorney General must await passage of the budget. No objection was voiced to the Baltimore City Senator's bill, and, on the contrary, complete acquiescence of the City in the plan was reported.

Following a conference between Senator McIntosh and Senator Curran, it was reported that things had been settled amicably, and that favorable action on the Metropolitan measure would follow.

The Metropolitan Water and Sewer bill provides for the construction, maintenance and operation of a water supply, sewerage and stormwater drainage system in an area of Baltimore county contiguous to Baltimore city. Certain powers in connection with it would be delegated to Baltimore city and to Anne Arundel county. It had gone first to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, subsequently being referred to a select committee of Baltimore city, Baltimore county and Anne Arundel county Senators. In this latter committee it has rested since March 12.

YOUNGSTER RECOVERING FROM ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

Little Lewis Walter, of Perry Hall, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is rapidly recovering.

GIRL STRUCK BY AUTO

Charles Heuisler, Driver Of Car That Runs Down Pedestrian On West Joppa Road.

While on his way from his home in Overlea to the Towson High School, the automobile driven by Charles Heuisleer struck little Miss Isabel Davull.

The girl, it is reported, was not seriously hurt, but suffered from nervous shock from the ordeal.

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