

## MARRIED MAN ACCUSED IN HOSPITAL BABY CASE

### CLIFF BRICKER IT IS ALLEGED DECEIVED GIRL

### CLAIMED HE PASSED AS JOHNSON

Quite a sensation was created on Wednesday night by the arrest of Clifford Bricker, a well known young married man and shoe worker by trade, upon the charge of being the father of the child found in a coal shed near Hempstead hospital, where it had been abandoned by the mother about ten days ago.

This sensational feature to the baby case which for two days stirred the entire community followed a visit Bricker made to police headquarters to see a friend, Alex Arnold who was under arrest upon a charge of having assaulted a woman named Margaret. Bricker had not left the police station more than five minutes when two young girls came rushing into the office. They were Margaret Spears and Vina Mingus. They excitedly told of having just seen "Albert Johnson," the man who they said, had ruined the former's sister, Lucy Spears. They said they had seen him walking down Second street.

to accompany the girls and bring in the young man accused. They overtook young Bricker and a party of friends in front of Fuller Bros. undertaking establishment.

The girls pointed out Bricker who they said was known to them as Albert Johnson. Bricker was asked by the officer to return to police headquarters. He was somewhat taken back and pleaded that he had just been there a moment before and surely had done nothing wrong.

When he arrived at the station with the officer Bricker was confronted by the girls. They were positive in their identification of Bricker. He with a laugh denied knowing them although saying he had frequently seen them on the streets.

Chief Baucus decided the case one worthy of further investigation and he ordered Bricker taken before the judge. Bricker was placed in the patrol in custody of Officers Flowers and Sautter. Arriving at the hospital they learned that the young woman was asleep. Miss Roma Lambert, the superintendent, awakened her and a few moments later Bricker was ushered into her presence.

"Ever see this man before?" asked one of the officers. Carefully sizing him up from head to foot as she gradually recovered from the effect of her sleep the girl, without a falter, replied affirmatively.

"Who is he?" demanded the officer. "He is Albert Johnson, the father of my child," she replied.

Here Bricker interrupted her by saying: "I am Clifford Bricker."

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### AN APRIL FIRST BOOM.



## BREWERY CO. SELLS ITS TWO ICE PLANTS

### An Oil Bark Exploded

Marseilles, April 1.—French tank bark, Jules Henry, in the oil trade between Philadelphia and Cote, blew up this morning and was totally wrecked. Twelve members of the crew were killed and many others wounded. It is presumed the oil flames in the tanks exploded.

### JILTED MAN IS A SUICIDE

Huntington, W. Va., April 1.—Carl Duncan, 25, despondent because Bertha Floyd would not marry him, shot himself to death. He left a note reading: "Good bye all; good bye, Bertha, you are the cause of it all." CARL.

### Army Left Cuba Today

Havana, April 1.—With the departure of the last American soldiers on the transports Sumner and McClellan, the existence of the army of pacification in Cuba came to an end this morning. The American flag was hauled down late Wednesday and the Cuban banner replaced it.

### BURTON NOW OHIO'S BOSS

Cleveland, April 1.—James H. Cassidy, long private secretary to Congressman Burton, was nominated for congress to succeed his chief at a Republican primary held Wednesday. Burton dictated the nomination.

The Stockham Ice, Coal and Produce company through deals closed Thursday morning gained full control of the artificial ice business in Portsmouth this being the deal mentioned in Wednesday's Times.

The Stockham company purchased the plant of the Portsmouth Ice and Cold Storage company located on East Tenth street and also took charge of the selling end of the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company's ice plant in the West End taking over the entire ice business of the two concerns together with all wagons and horses and good will.

The negotiations which were brought to a head Thursday had been pending for the past three months. The Stockham company not only purchased the business of the Tenth street company, but also the equipment and building. The brewery company will continue to operate the West End plant using what ice is needed for its own use in the manufacture of beer while the Stockham company will have charge of all delivering.

The terms of the two deals were not made public but the figure is said to be a big one. The transfer of the two plants became effective at once and all of the old employees have been retained by the Stockham Co. which announces that there will be no material changes in that respect. The two plants will be run in connection with the Stockham company's plant at Eleventh and Chillicothe streets. The company with the added plants will have a combined daily capacity of over 80 tons together with over 175,000 cubic feet of cold storage space.

### NOVELIST IS IN SHADOWS

Sorrento, Italy, April 1.—F. Marion Crawford, novelist, is critically ill with bronchial and pleuritic troubles.

### 8 Hour Day Is Begun

Seranton, Pa., April 1.—There was complete suspension of mining in the anthracite region today in celebration of the inauguration of an eight-hour working day in the soft coal field.

Anthracite coal strike commissions award which fixed wages of mine workers for the last six years expired yesterday but the miners return to work under the old agreement pending action to be taken by a conference to be held in Philadelphia next Wednesday between representatives of operators and mine workers.

### LOST HIS LIFE IN WYOMING

Wellston, O., April 1.—Information has been received here that Pearl Pittenger, aged 33, lost his life in a coal mine at Cumberland Wyoming, last Saturday, but just how has not yet been learned. The remains are on the way home, in care of his brother, Philip.

### DEATH CAME AT NEWARK, O.

Word has been received of the death at Newark, O., Tuesday evening of Joseph Stevenson, who was a resident of Portsmouth six years ago. He was in the employ of the Prudential Insurance company while living here and had many friends who will regret to learn of his death, which was caused by pneumonia. He leaves a wife and four children. The remains will be taken to Gallipolis Friday for interment.

### Whole Family Sick

Miss Bertha Schwartz has taken very ill, her mother and brother, both of whom are on sick beds, are improving.

## TELLS COURT HE FEELS HE IS GOING INSANE, WANTED LOCKED UP

### Shoots Girl, Then Self

Toledo, O., April 1.—Mathias Mannes, foreman in the barns of the Toledo Railway and Light company, shot and badly wounded Miss Hulda Kleyer, a domestic and then killed himself. Unrequited love is believed to have been the cause.

### SALOONS ARE NOW CLOSED

Ashland, Ky., April 1.—Ashland and Catlettsburg both went "dry" at noon Wednesday, at which hour all the saloons of these cities closed their doors, not to reopen until next Tuesday morning, after the local option elections of Monday. This is by mutual agreement, the saloonists feeling that by so doing they will aid their cause in the coming elections.

### Air Ship Is Helpless

Munich, April 1.—Count Zeppelin's airship with the Count himself on board, is out of control and being swept helplessly over the country by a high wind. The airship left Friedrichshafen last evening and arrived here this morning.

Besides Zeppelin, the airship is manned by several officers of the engineer corps and a crew of soldiers from the German army. It was the Count's intention to land here in the presence of the Prince Regent and the entire garrison. When an attempt was made it was seen the ship could make no headway against the wind and was being driven sideways down with the wind. When last seen the balloon was being driven rapidly in a northerly direction.

### PRES. ELIOT DECLINED

Washington, April 1.—It is stated today that President Eliot of Harvard University, when tendered the ambassadorship to Great Britain by President Taft yesterday, expressed the belief he would be unable to accept the post.

See Newman's for shoes, dry goods and notions. 29-6

Frank Whigham, the horse dealer, who was accused of obtaining a horse from Frank Krause, under false pretenses, waived examination before Squire Tucker of the West Side Tuesday evening.

Wingham was bound over to common pleas court in the sum of \$300. Attorney James S. Thomas, whom Wingham has retained to defend him, went his security.

Wire fencing, all kinds. Stahler.

### WHOLE FAMILY APPENDIXLESS

New York, April 1.—By submitting to an operation for the removal of his appendix Henry Halsey, village trustee of South Orange, N. J., achieved for his family the novel distinction of being collectively appendixless. Within the last year Mr. Halsey's wife and both of his daughters have undergone the same operation.

Bicycle Stolen. Carl Moeller reported to the police Thursday that his black Emment bicycle had been stolen.

Everything on wheels. Stahler.

## Shot Two In His Yard

Mason City, W. Va., April 1.—Everett White shot and instantly killed his father-in-law, John Fisher and a neighbor, John Layburn, in the dooryard of his home here today. White also attempted to shoot his mother-in-law and his wife but was dissuaded by passersby. White and wife had separated. The shooting occurred when an attempt was made to remove furniture from the White home to the Fisher residence. People are greatly excited and there may be a lynching before night.

### FOUR DEAD IN MINE BLAST

Charleston, W. Va., April 1.—By an explosion at the Echo mine, in the New River district, four men were killed and two injured. The dead are Sam and Andy McIlhenny, brothers; Charles Jones and John Brumfield. Injured are George Lynch and son.

Charleston, W. Va., April 1.—The number of dead as a result of the mine explosion in the Echo mine in Fayette county yesterday was increased to six today. Four bodies were recovered last night and the others this morning. Eleven men were in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Sweet pads 22c, hains 25c. Stahler.

### Ran in Here For Repairs

The Kanawha towboat Sallie Marnet had a breakdown several miles below the city Thursday morning. She laid up here for repairs.

Ray Saffron and Frank Moore of Peebles, O., were in the city Wednesday and Thursday on business. They represent the Saffron Nursery Co. and the trip home was made overland. Mrs. Saffron is in the city, but will return home the last of the week.

Emerson's shoes for men. See Lehman's.

Moves 'Cross Creek. Jean Jeanguenaut, an employee of the Veneer Works, is moving to one of his houses on the West Side. He has sold the other house to Mrs. Newt Long of Dry Run.

### MURDERER IS REPRIEVED

Columbus, April 1.—Governor Harmon today reprieved Harry Edward Crooks, Dayton wife murderer who was sentenced to be electrocuted April 13th to June 1st in order that the Montgomery county court can hear the appeal in the case.

Mr. Lied is a former member of the Columbus Board of Public Service and was given a four-year sentence for accepting a bribe in connection with some city paving contracts.

### REPUBLICANS NAMED THREE

Huntington, W. Va., April 1.—At the Republican primary election here Wednesday, to select a board of commissioners under Greater Huntington's new charter, out of nine candidates the following three were successful: Floyd S. Chapman, Lester H. Pollock and W. B. Smith.

### TARIFF BILL DISCUSSED

Washington, April 1.—The plan of Republican leaders to close general debate on the tariff bill to-day having been abandoned, there was only a slight increase in attendance when the house met. Among the speakers was Gaines, of West Va., who made a general defense of the bill.

New Funeral Car. Roy Lynn, the enterprising West End undertaker, Thursday, placed an order with the Riddle Coach and Hearn company of Ravenna for an elegant new funeral car. It will be delivered here in two weeks.

This April Fool business is punk I think. And if I had hold of the fellow who sent me that registered package this a. m. I'd make him think so too. Yes the package was registered mail and looked like it contained about \$10,000. Ah, ha, says I, them kidnappers have become conscience-stricken and are sending back granddad's money. But not so, the only thing the bundle contained was a lot of old paper and on one sheet was written "April Fool." If I thought the public did it I'd give it some bum weather by way of getting back, but not being certain about it I'll hand out this: Ohio, West Va. and Indiana. Partly cloudy tonight, Friday warmer.

## PRISON IS BURNED

### Girls, Don't Blondine

Birmingham, Ala., April 1.—At the second day of thirteenth annual convention of the National Dentists association, pyorrhea a disease of the gums, was discussed.

Some members declared this trouble is more prevalent among women whose hair is made blonde by artificial means than in any other class of people. The statement was made that nearly every woman whose hair is artificially colored is a victim of this trouble. It is also communicable by kissing.

### JACK LONDON IS DISABLED

Boston, April 1.—Word has just reached here from Australia of a mysterious malady that has afflicted Jack London, the novelist, who was making a trip around the world in his yacht, The Snark.

The nature of the disease is not known, but it has been learned that he will be unable to accomplish the purpose with which he started upon the trip about a year ago.

### DAN CROSSIN AN ASPIRANT

Columbus, O., April 1.—Dan Crossin of Jackson, is an aspirant for the position of member of board of managers of the Ohio Penitentiary. He saw Gov. Harlan Wednesday and was hosted by T. S. Hogan and Horace L. Chapman.

Legansworth, April 1.—It took 1200 United States soldiers to maintain order and prevent prisoners from escaping during a fire which destroyed four buildings of the federal military prison here early today.

All of the 800 prisoners were marched out of their cells when it seemed the whole prison would be destroyed and were held under heavy military guard until the fire was under control.

The cell houses were not damaged and after they had cooled sufficiently the prisoners were marched back again.

When the fire started there was gloom among the prisoners, but when the wind whipped smoke into the nearest of the three cell houses, the fume of the inmates changed and they begged to be taken out.

The fire started in the prison tailor shop and consumed the industrial departments of the prison, including paint, tailor, carpenter shop and laundry. It is believed the fire was caused by defective wiring. The loss is \$65,000.

### WANT RATE TO STATE FAIR

Columbus, O., April 1.—The Ohio Railroad Commission has called a conference of the passenger agents of Ohio to be held in Columbus on April 12 to discuss the proposition of low rates for the state fair. The governor, local board of trade and state board of agriculture will also participate in the conference. The railroad rates have refused to grant low rates for the fair since the passage of the two-cent law but it is thought they will grant the concession this year.

Car Repainted. Fuller Bros. funeral car which was repainted in Cincinnati, was returned here by the steamer Greenwood, Thursday.

