

**Government Agents
May Sail on Aquarius**

Possibility that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll is a stowaway aboard the American steamer Aquarius, which arrived here Wednesday from Nordenham, Germany, and which is docked at the Seaboard terminals, is still considered among a number of Legionnaires and other persons.

Unofficially it was learned yesterday that the department of justice will probably detail agents to accompany the steamer to New Orleans next week. The Aquarius will discharge only part of its cargo here, the remainder being consigned to the Louisiana port.

Mariners point to the possibility that Bergdoll could be concealed somewhere aboard the Aquarius, citing the fact that the shaft alley, which encloses the shaft, runs more than half the length of the vessel, and it is said that this alley is large enough for a man to stand within. It is also said that there are many other places on board that a stowaway could be successfully hidden from laudsmen searchers.

It was learned yesterday that Department of Justice Agent J. C. Meekins, Jr., of Washington, who headed the boarding party that searched the steamer at sea early Wednesday morning, will not leave Wilmington until next week, and perhaps not then, as he is awaiting instructions from the department.

**Chief Bank Examiner
Here For Conference**

William J. Schechter, chief national bank examiner for the fifth federal reserve district, was in Wilmington yesterday, conferring with Examiner W. P. Folger regarding the Commercial bank. He arrived yesterday morning at 9:45 o'clock, and departed for Raleigh en route to Washington, in the afternoon.

Col. Wade H. Cooper, of Washington, president Continental Trust company, was also in the city yesterday.

**A Splendid Hair Grower
and Wonderful Beautifier**

Here's good news for men and women whose hair is falling out, who are growing bald, and whose scalps are covered with dandruff, and itch like mad.

Any good druggist can now supply you with the genuine Parisian Sage (liquid form), which is guaranteed to quickly and safely abolish every sign of dandruff, stop itching scalp and falling hair and stimulate new hair to grow or the cost, small as it is, will be refunded. Thousands can testify to the excellent results from its use; some who feared baldness now glory in their abundant hair, while others who suffered for years with dandruff and itching head got a clean, healthy scalp after just a few days' use of this simple treatment.

No matter whether bothered with falling hair, matted, stringy hair, dandruff or itching scalp, try Parisian Sage—you will not be disappointed. It's a scientific preparation that supplies all hair needs. The first application will make your hair and scalp look and feel 100 per cent better. Don't delay—begin tonight. A little attention now insures abundant hair for years to come.—adv.

**ITCHING ECZEMA
DRIED RIGHT UP
WITH SULPHUR**

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, says a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation instantly brings cast from skin irritation, soothes and heals the eczema right up and leaves the skin clear and smooth.

It seldom fails to relieve the torment and discomfort. Sufferers from skin trouble should get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like a cold cream.—adv.



**The Song of
the Cobbler**

When your good old shoes wear out Please be sure what you're about; For those shoes, if thrown away Can not walk another day.

Let me fix those shoes up right, Leave them with me overnight; Give those shoes new soles and heels, Then they'll wear like iron wheels.

Just Phone—We'll Call
SHOE FIXERY
Ray C. Kelly—Clarence Borrell
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Telephone 2283 218 Market Street

LOST

The lady who lost a Platinum Santosir Watch somewhere in the shopping district Saturday, wishes to express her appreciation of the efforts of the police force, merchants and friends that led to its recovery.

**Abandoned Rice Lands in Georgia
Devoted to Growing of Flower Bulbs**

Abandoned rice lands of Georgia are being put to service with the growing of flower bulbs, according to a recent magazine article, copy of which has been handed to the chamber of commerce by John D. Bellamy of this city.

"The story of the disappearance of the rice planters of the South Carolina and Georgia coasts would be interesting and instructive. The rice plantations were operated with slave labor, and when that passed away, the industry perished from natural competitive causes. The fields where once was grown the best rice that the world ever produced, are now silent and abandoned.

"These lands are ocean made and most of them are covered with water at high tide. They constitute an irregular coast line of low, marshy land from Charleston, S. C., to the Florida line, much of it difficult to get at by land. Most of the rice planters reached their places by boat. Through these lands and separating them into many parts, run numerous channels, water-ways and lagoons of both fresh and salt water. These rice and fall with the tides. The rice planters had them dyked, so that the fields could be submerged generally in high tide with fresh water.

The soil is bluish black, on a clay base, rich in humus, chemical phosphates and nitrates from the decayed fish, birds and vegetation, the result of submergence by the tides for ages. On this land, well drained, ordinary grasses, such as timothy, grow 15 feet high. The soil is rich enough for fertilizer. By analysis, it is richer in fertility than the Zuyder Zee, the lower Rio Grande, or the Mohawk valley. The region around Darien, Ga., where the Altamaha river enters the ocean, covering a wide stretch, constitutes a sort of pocket or sheltered area where a mild and mellow atmosphere in present throughout the entire year. It never freezes. It has snowed only once in 16 years. This area, with its numerous connecting water ways, was the seat of the oldest and richest rice plantations.

The agricultural authorities of Georgia have for some time recognized these lands as constituting a wonderful opportunity for growing the flowering bulbs of commerce and recently experiments of a local character have been made on this coast, particularly with the Amaryllis, Gladiolus and Narcissus with amazing results. With the making of the state highways and other roads, many of the abandoned rice fields have become accessible from the higher lands inland and to the markets.

"In this climate and on these lands, subject to being irrigated without rental for the water, the bulbs never fail to perfectly mature. Every florist knows from experience what this means. To insure vitality and strength all varieties of flowering bulbs must have length of season and at the time of maturing abundant moisture. The bulbs in size exceed all other sections and have a fine healthy, external appearance valuable to the trade.

"Planting begins in December. There are no floods. It is a good low country climate. Even the heat of the summer is tempered by the ocean breezes. Artesian water is to be had for domestic purposes anywhere by drilling. Fish, oysters and shrimp are abundant in the waters. The natives of south Georgia know little about bulb culture, but two bulb farms, one of 200 acres, planted, ditched and dyked, are in operation and others in prospect. The abandoned rice lands of this section, with intelligent effort, appear to be capable of supplying the United States with bulbs.

**STOP RHEUMATISM
WITH RED PEPPER**

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion and the old rheumatism torture is gone. Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, neuritis, headache, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Almost instant relief awaits you. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.—adv.

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94 per cent air and 6 per cent kerosene (coal oil).

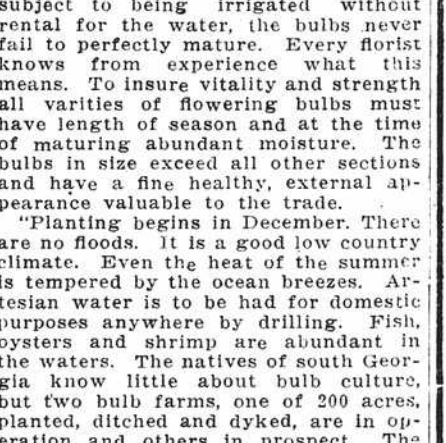
The inventor, S. L. Johnson, 642 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain now you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.—Adv.

**Former Widely Known
Publisher Penniless**

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—Once publisher and owner of daily newspapers in Toledo, Ohio, and several Illinois towns, but now unable to obtain employment because of the handicap of his age—85 years—Richard Sterns yesterday applied for a charity permit to sell pencils on the streets of Cincinnati.

**Elizabeth
Fishplate
Buck**

has just returned from New York and is now showing the new creations in



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**Spring
Millinery**

Come in and View the New Season's Modes

108 1/2 N. FRONT STREET (Cromartie's)

Notice!
Effective Monday, Jan. 8th
The Evening Meal (Supper) will be Discontinued in Our Dining Room.

Following the practice of large department stores in the east, we will hereafter concentrate all our efforts to the preparation and service of the one meal

Luncheon from 12 to 3
Daily Except Sunday

SPECIAL LUNCH 50c **TWO SERVICES** **QUICK LUNCH 30c**

Private Dining Room

Open to the public for use without charge during store hours, for Meetings, Parties and Gathering Place

Efird's Department Store

Dining Room Department

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MONDAY SALE
Blankets and Comforts

Prices Smashed to Close Out Our Big Stock of Blankets and Comforts Monday

Fine All-Wool Wool Mixed and Cotton Blankets

Never Before Has Such An Opportunity Been Offered the Buying Public of Wilmington

We Advise Boarding Houses and Hotels to Come to This Sale and Buy Their Bedding Needs for This and Next Season

Here Are the Prices

\$1.85 **\$3.75** **\$4.98**

\$6.75 and up to \$8.95

Palmolive Soap Per Cake 5c
On the opening hour, 8:45, and for one hour only, Monday morning, we will sell Palmolive soap at, per cake
5c
(Limit 10 Cakes) Third Floor

Guaranteed Electric Irons \$2.98
Monday morning, 8:45 and while they last, we will sell 50 guaranteed electric irons, each
\$2.98
(Limit One) Third Floor

Hall Mirrors for 98c
Monday morning at 8:45, pretty hall mirrors, with dust-proof backs, each
98c

All Comforts Reduced

Cold Nights Are Ahead of Us, and You'll Find These Comforts Will Come In Handy Before the Winter Is Over

WE MEAN TO CLOSE OUT OUR STOCK MONDAY, AND IF PRICE MEANS ANYTHING TO THE PEOPLE OF WILMINGTON, OUT THEY GO!

Just Three Lots
\$2.98 **\$3.98** **\$4.98**

New Dress Ginghams on sale Monday; pretty new spring patterns and colors. Ginghams bought before the recent price advances, and sold at the old prices. Better start with some of your spring sewing now. We sell McCALL PRINTED PATTERNS.

Efird's Department Store
Wilmington, N. C.