COMING RIFLE MEET

Preparations Now Being Made at Sea Girt.

TEN MATCHES PROPOSED

WIMBLEDON CUP AND PRESIDENT'S MATCH MOST IMPORTANT.

Contests in the New Jersey State Rifle Association Tournament—Interesting Program.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

SEA GIRT, N. J., August 24, 1904.

As an opening festivity for the annual rifle meet on the splendid Sea Girt ranges the New Jersey State Rifle Association will entertain their friends at an elaborate military ball in the pretty club house of the association at the ranges. A number of riflemen have already arrived at Sea Girt and by Saturday all the prominent teams which are to take part in the shoot will be on hand. Notwithstanding the fact that the national match was held at Fort Riley this year, the Sea Girt shoot will be recognized as the big event of the year, for, with the exception of the Hilton trophy, all the big matches are on the Sea Girt schedule, and upward of a dozen states will have representative teams here, as well as individual rifle shots. The contests this year will be attended by about 300 marksmen and will begin September 1, continuing for a period of ten days. The visiting riflemen will be quartered in tents on the Jersey camp grounds and the comforts of the inner man will be well taken care of at special messes and at the club house.

Officers of the Big Shoot.

The officers of the big shooting tournament are as follows: Executive officer, Brigadier General Bird W. Spencer, inspector general of rifle practice of New Jersey; statistical officer and post adjutant, First Lieut. Albert S. Jones, secretary National Rifle Association; assistant statistical officers, Lieut. Col. E. J. Dimmick of Washington, D. C., and Capt. Charles Reynolds, 5th Regiment, N. G. N. J.; post quartermaster, Mr. George Height, superintendent of the state military reservation; post surgeon, First Lieut. Walter S. Whitmore, assistant surgeon 2d Troop, N. G. N. J.; range officers in charge of revolver matches, Lieut. Reginald H. Sayre, Squadron A, N. G. N. Y., treasurer National Rifle Association, and Lieut. Robert Hale, 1st Regiment, H. A. M. V. M., of Boston, Mass; range officers in charge of Schuetzen matches, Harry Pope and Thomas H. Keller; electrical officers, Capt. Earl T. Dabb, 4th Regiment, N. G. N. J. (assisted by a detail from the New Jersey Signal Corps.)

General Spencer is president of the National Rifle Association of America and the vice presidents are: Brigadier General George H. Harries, commanding N. G. D. C.; Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs, commanding N. G. Maryland and J. Amory Haskell of New York. The treasurer is Lieut Reginald H. Sayre, I. S. A. P., Squadron A, N. G. N. Y. The secretary is Lieut. Albert S. Jones, N. G. N. J., of Passaic, N. J.

The officers of the regular service and the District of Columbia National Guard on the board of directors are: Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs, Lieut. Col. C. H. Lauchheimer, Capt. S. E. Allen, Brigadier General William P. Hall, Brigadier General George H. Harries, Major James E. Bell, Captain E. L. Zalinski.

Matches of National Association.

The matches of the National Rifle Association are ten in number. The most important of these are the Wimbledon cup match and the President's match. The latter is for the military championship of the United States. The Wimbledon cup match is open to all citizens and residents of the United States. Distance, 1,000 yards. Twenty shots. Weapon, any rifle. Position, any without artificial rest. The prizes are: First, the Wimbledon cup, presented by the National Rifle Association of Great Britain to the National Rifle Association of America, to be competed for on conditions to be decided by the National Rifle Association of America, and to be held by the winner till the next annual meeting, when it will be shot for on the same conditions. Value, $500. A medal and $25 to the winner; second, $15; third, $10; fourth, $5.

The President's match is open to all the members of the army, navy, Marine Corps, Naval Reserve and state militia or national guard. Rifle, U. S. army service Ammunition, optional with contestant; 200, 300, 500, 600, 800 and 1,000 yards; seven shots at each distance; to be shot in two stages—First stage, 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards; second stage, 800 and 1,000 yards. The fifty competitors having the highest aggregate scores at the first stage will shoot in the second stage. The same rifle must be used at all distances. The competitor having the highest total of the aggregate scores of all ranges will be declared the winner.

The other matches of the National Association shoot are the members' match, the Seabury long range match, the national marksman's match and the revolver team match. The Leech cup match on the long range and the interclub match are also included in this, as is the regimental skirmish match, one of the most interesting of the whole big shoot. The regimental skirmish match is open to teams of six men each from the following: Regiments, battalions and separate organizations of the United States army, United States navy, United States Marine Corps and organized militia and naval reserves of the states, territories and District of Columbia. Provided, that though organizations may enter more than one team, no competitor shall be permitted to shoot on more than one team.

Added to the National Association matches is the cadet match, which is open to teams of five cadets from (a) any male institution of learning in the United States where there is maintained a course in military instruction with an officer detailed from the War Department, (b) West Point and Annapolis Academies. This was not shot last year, as the cadets from the two national academies were unable to secure the necessary leave. It is likely to be held this season, but consent from Annapolis and West Point has not yet been received.

New Jersey State Tournament.

The New Jersey State Rifle Association tournament is held coincidently to the National Association. The officers of the Jersey organization are: President, Franklin Murphy, governor of New Jersey; vice presidents, General P. Farmer Wanser, General George E. P. Howard and William Hayes; treasurer, General Bird W. Spencer; secretary, Lieutenant Albert S. Jones.

The chief matches of the New Jersey shoot are:

The Dryden trophy match, for the beautiful bronze, presented by Mr. John F. Dryden, United States senator from New Jersey, to be shot for annually, under the auspices of the New Jersey State Rifle Association. 1. Open to teams of eight from the following: (a) Army of the United States. One team from the troops stationed within each of the military departments. (b) United States navy, one team. (c) United States Marine Corps, one team. (d) National Guards or uniformed militia of the several states and territories, including the District of Columbia, one from each state and territory.

Regimental team match, open to teams of six from the regimental, battalion and separate company organizations of the National Guard and Naval Reserve of the United States, the United States army, navy and marine corps of any foreign government. Organizations may enter more than one team, but no competitor shall shoot on more than one team.

Company team match, open to teams of five from any company of the National Guard of any state, territory or District of Columbia, the United States army, marine corps, navy or any foreign government. Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards.

Company team match (Tyro), open to teams of three from any company, battery or troops of the organized militia of any state, the United States army, any ship's company of the Naval Reserve or United States navy or marine corps. Members of the teams to be eligible to shoot in this match must never have been a winning team in any team match at Sea Girt previous to the 1904 meeting; five shots at 200 yards and five shots at 500 yards.

Carbine team match, open to teams of five men from any regiment, squadron or troop of cavalry or any military organization armed with carbine of the army, National Guards or any foreign government.

The Columbia tropy match, presented by the District of Columbia National Guard to the National Guard of New Jersey. The competition will be between teams of six men from each regiment, troop, battery and separate company of the National Guard or battalion of the naval reserve of New Jersey.

Schuetzen match (German ring target), open only from September 1 to 5, inclusive. All comers' continuous match. Entrance fee, 50 cents per ticket. Tickets unlimited. Distance, 200 yards. Position standing, body free from support. Number of shots, three, on the German ring target. Any weight rifle, with any trigger pull, sights (including telescopic sights) and palm rest allowed. Cleaning allowed between shots. Allowance for military rifles, three points on each string. The aggregate of three scores to count for all prizes. And the following: Veteran organization team match, Kuser trophy rapid-fire match, inspector's match, consolation match, members' match, all comers' military match, the Hayes match, the Gen. E. P. Meany match, N. J. S. R. A. trophy match, the Spencer match, the Reading match, souvenir medal match and the hyposcope match.

There will be seven matches of the New Jersey tournament for revolver and pistol marksmen. They are as follows: Novice military revolver match, all comers' military revolver match, all comers' rapid-fire military match, any revolver match, pistol match, disappearing target revolver match and all comers' squadded revolver match.

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Description by Lieut. McCully, the American Naval Attache.

Raymond R. Ecouly, correspondent of the Paris Temps at Liao-yang, has telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"I was fortunate this morning to travel with an American naval attache, Lieut. Newton McCully, who has just returned from Port Arthur, after a sojourn there of three months. The news he gives me is entirely different from the pessimistic reports received lately concerning the situation at the fortress.

"The American attache left the fortress August 14. The Japanese were then four and a half miles from the city. The Russian positions, upon a chain of rugged hills 200 meters high, were protected by trenches, mines, networks, barbed wire and cannon, and, according to the American officer, it was impossible to take them by assault. Japanese shells fell in the city, but each position possessed a dugout, in which the occupants were able to secure shelter. The Japanese heavy guns ceased firing every night, fearing that the Russians would detect their exact location by the flashes during the darkness.

"There were considerable stocks of provisions at Port Arthur. The Russian soldiers had a fresh-meat ration daily. The reports that Russian officers were subsisting on onions and black bread were absurd inventions. The stores were still open, and the population promenaded the streets.

"The regiments took turns in the trenches. Part of the garrison was always resting. The Russian sailors assisted in the defense of the fortress. They made excellent sharpshooters. The heat had not been unbearable. The American attache believes that the Japanese losses have been very heavy, at least ten times those of the Russians. In short, Port Arthur can hold out much longer than people believe.

"When the officer left Port Arthur the French naval attache, Lieut. de Cuverville, was still there. Entering and leaving the fortress was then very difficult, as the Japanese were sinking all the junks.

"The American officer landed at Shanhaikuan with some French women and one little girl."

DISTRICT MAN WON A MEDAL.

Private Pile Secured Bronze Souvenir and $25 Prize—Close of Tourney.

A dispatch from Fort Riley, Kans., last night says: The firing in the national individual rifle match at the national range at Fort Riley was finished this afternoon with the completion of two skirmish runs by each competitor. In addition to the skirmish runs, the 500-yard score in rapid fire, left over from yesterday's program, was shot off. In the two days' work the possible score was 500. Following are the twelve competitors making the highest scores, together with scores and medals and cash prizes to be presented tomorrow:

First Sergeant George Sergeant, 15th United States Infantry, 462, gold medal and $69.

Sergeant H. Baptist, Marine Corps, 461, gold medal and $62.

Captain Thomas Q. Donaldson, jr., 8th United States Cavalry, 458, gold medal and $55.

First Lieutenant K. V. Casey, 71st New York National Guard, 457, gold medal and $49.

J. F. King, U. S. N., 455, silver medal and $41.

Captain Frank L. Graham, Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry, 451, silver medal and $37.

Lieutenant D. C. Shaw, 27th United States Infantry, 449, silver medal and $31.

Sergeant F. A. Lonsdale, Marine Corps, 444, silver medal and $29.

Private R. L. Pile, District of Columbia National Guard, 440, bronze medal and $25.

Color Sergeant George M. Jefts, Massachusetts National Guard, 439, bronze medal and $20.

Corporal C. M. Schriever, Marine Corps, 439, bronze medal and $17.

Private F. C. Wilson, Georgia National Guard, 439, bronze medal and $15.

In the skirmish runs today, where the possible score was 100, Capt. W. H. Hay, 10th United States Cavalry, made the highest score, 96. The score closest to the high one was 91, made by a number of competitors.

Practically all of the remainder of the National Guard teams will leave the national range tomorrow, but several of them will be represented in the national pistol match, which begins tomorrow morning. There are only fifty entries for the pistol match, and that competition will be finished tomorrow and will be the completion of the national rifle and pistol competition.

REQUIRED FOUR TO ARREST HER.

Heavyweight Washington Woman Makes It Lively for Police.

A dispatch from New York, last night says: Agnes Daily, thirty-one years old, wearing many diamonds and plentifully supplied with money, was arrested today at Coney Island and locked up on a charge of intoxication. She was accompanied by a young woman who appeared to be sober.

The Daily woman weighs 265 pounds, and when informed she was under arrest she refused to move. The policeman rang for the patrol wagon, but that vehicle was out on another call. He summoned three other policemen, and an ice cream wagon was backed up to the curb. The officers had a hard job to get the big woman into the wagon.

At the police station she said her home was in Washington, but that she had been spending the season at Coney Island. Sentence was suspended.

Court-Martial Ordered.

A dispatch from Annapolis, Md., last night says: A general court-martial has been ordered to convene on August 31 to try Private of Marines Carr, who enlisted under false pretenses. Commander W. F. Halsey is senior member of the board.

The monitor Terror, which has been attached to the Naval Academy as gunnery vessel for instruction of midshipmen, has been ordered away.

The board of trustees of the Annapolis high school have appointed Miss Lottie Baker teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Anna S. Brady.

Miss Clara Little of Washington, with a party of four ladies from Baltimore and one from Annapolis, was picked up in a rowboat last night by a government tug from the Naval Academy. The party lost control of the rowboat and were drifting out into the bay when rescued.

George L. Englis, an amateur chemist of Chicago, while endeavoring to make a photographic flashlight powder, brought about an explosion that fatally injured him, severely hurt his wife and destroyed his $12,000 residence.

PATENT MEDICINE MEN

To Fight the Post Office Department.

A FUND TO BE RAISED

LAWYER TO MAKE A TEST CASE IN COURT.

Policy of Government is to Issue Fraud Orders Where Alleged Medicine Has No Curative Power.

An effort is being made to raise a fund for the purpose of fighting, in the courts, the vigorous crusade against certain patent medicine concerns and exploiters of proprietary medicines, recently inaugurated by the Post Office Department. The department seeks, with the aid of government scientists, to eliminate from among American advertised industries what is said to be one of the most extensive frauds ever practiced. The bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture has, at the request of the Post Office Department, analyzed a number of different remedies, and, although the work is still in the initiatory stage, sufficient evidence, it is said, has already been discovered to warrant the conclusion that many of the widely advertised patent remedies are rank frauds. Most of them, it is stated, rely on alcohol to produce temporary exhilaration and are likely to lead eventually to chronic alcoholism.

Government control of the mails will, it is believed, make it comparatively easy for the department to drive out of business the individuals and institutions which seek to delude and defraud the public. The department has the power to exclude from the mails every letter addressed to and every circular sent out by a concern which, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, is conducting a fraudulent business. The department can, it is said, go even further and exclude from passage through the mails every publication which persists in carrying the advertisements of the concerns so excluded. No legal proceedings are necessary, it is stated, to accomplish these ends, and the entire burden of proof rests on the proprietor of the patent medicine or the concern to which the use of the public mails was forbidden.

Movement for the Fund.

The action of the Post Office Department has caused considerable uneasiness among patent medicine advertisers, and it is to prevent a wholesale issue of fraud orders that the fund is being raised. The movement was inaugurated by Stanley Day, publisher of a monthly journal for advertisers, and also the head of a well-known advertising concern. A lawyer, who is said to be one of the best informed in the country on postal matters, has been consulted, and, it is stated, has agreed to represent the medicine men. This lawyer has, it is understood, advised that the threatened action of the Post Office Department against the patent medicine concerns in clearly illegal and cannot prevail if fought in the courts. It is said that arrangements have been made with this lawyer to bring a test case, which, he says, will establish the legal principle that the Postmaster General may not issue fraud orders where no lottery question is involved. The fund, which is to be raised by subscription, is to be used to defray the expense of this test case. It is estimated that at least $2,500 will be required at the outset, and it is stated that the lawyer who handles the case is to receive a fee of $10,000 if he wins, making a total of $12,500 to be raised. An effort is being made to have 100 firms contribute $25 each to the fund, and agree to pay $100 more if the move is successful. The names of the subscribers are to be kept secret. This is done, it is said, because there are a number of firms who would not openly contribute to such a fraud for fear of gaining the ill will of the post office authorities. As a reason for the combination of advertisers, it is stated that it is doubtful if any single advertiser will fight the matter, on account of the expense of federal litigation, as such cases are of infrequent occurrence, and the few able men who devote themselves to them have to be well remunerated to make it worth while.

Should this fund of $12,500 materialize, an extremely interesting legal battle is looked for. It is not known just what action, if any, the Post Office Department will take when it is learned that a fund is being raised to frustrate its plans, but it is thought that it will not deter the authorities in the least from carrying out the campaign mapped out. It is stated that the department has entered upon the crusade against the alleged fraudulent medicine concern only after careful thought and preparation and it is also stated that the Postmaster General has the assurance of the Department of Justice that even if those concerns excluded from the use of the mails seek to compel a reversal of the Postmaster General's decision in the courts, such suits will prove unavailing. Upon what point the lawyer to be engaged by the medicine advertizers bases his hopes for success is not stated, but it is hinted that he intends to secure a new interpretation of the fraud order law, and that he will attempt to show that the Postmaster General cannot issue fraud orders unless a lottery question is involved.

Plans of Post Office Department.

The present plans of the Post Office Department, it is understood, does not contemplate the prosecution of any patent medicine concern, nor will an official censor be established to pass upon every patent medicine advertisement appearing in the newspapers. The department, it is understood, intends to eventually issue fraud order against all remedies that are shown by analysis made by government chemists to contain harmful ingredients, or which are composed of ingredients that have no medicinal value in the complaints for which they are designed and sold. The department also expects to notify the publisher in whose paper the advertisement of such concerns as have come under the ban is printed, and the publisher will be expected to eliminate such advertisements from all succeeding issues of his paper. In the event of the publisher's failure to eliminate such advertisements the mails will be closed to his publication.

A decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of a Chicago afternoon paper published in 1895 is cited as carrying with it full warrant for the course now proposed by the Post Office Department.

Died Aged Over 100 Years.

A dispatch from Akron, Ohio, last night says: Dr. Charles F. H. Wilgons, aged 100 years and eight months, died here today. He was of remarkable mental and physical vitality until a week ago, and was able to walk for miles. He was born in Denmark in 1803. His father was a doctor in the German army, and he followed the German army in the same capacity. He enlisted in the cause of Polish independence, and was wounded four times in the battle of Ostrolanka. In 1827 he went with an arctic exploring expedition in a sailing vessel. He came to America later and spent most of his years practicing medicine in Doylestown, Ohio.

Virginia State Board Elects Officers.

A dispatch from Norfolk, Va., last night says: The Virginia state board of trade adjourned here this afternoon after electing these officers: President, John B. Pinner of Suffolk; vice presidents, M. H. Harlow of Alexandria, T. S. Southgate of Norfolk and James R. Gordon of Richmond.

Walter Hatton, aged forty, was held for the federal grand jury here this afternoon upon the charge of stealing brass from the Norfolk navy yard, where he was employed as a mechanic.

Warning From the Gallows.

A dispatch from Charleston, S. C., last night says: Henry Jones, the negro murderer of Constable Columbus Jones, was hanged this morning at the jail in Pickens, in the presence of 1,200 men, of whom not more than fifty were negroes. Jones made a brief address warning his race against the possession and use of firearms. The large crowd dispersed quietly after the execution.

Stumph & Lyford

631 to 639 Massachusetts Avenue

Great Discount Sale!

It is absolutely necessary for us to make a complete clearance of this present stock in order for us to find room for the very large fall stock that we have purchased and which is already commencing to arrive. You can see by the following quantities that we still have a great many goods on hand, and we are offering extremely liberal discounts to hurry their departure. The selection is very extensive, although the assortments are becoming incomplete in certain lines; but what you lack in selection is more than made up in price. The goods are all of superior quality and recent design. This sale offers an opportunity to buy high-class furniture at the usual cost of second-rate goods; and thousands are wisely taking advantage of it.

140 Sideboards at Discounts ranging from 15% to 40%.
216 Dining Tables at Discounts ranging from 10% to 50%.
38 China Closets at Discounts ranging from 20% to 40%.
82 Couches at Discounts ranging from 10% to 60%.
217 Dressers at Discounts ranging from 20% to 45%.
124 Chiffoniers at Discounts ranging from 10% to 40%.
45 Mirrors at Discounts ranging from 15% to 60%.
34 Wardrobes at Discounts ranging from 15% to 35%.
180 Parlor Suites at Discounts ranging from 20% to 50%.
29 Parlor Cabinets at Discounts ranging from 25% to 35%.
83 Hall Racks at Discounts ranging from 10% to 30%.
64 Hall Seats at Discounts ranging from 20% to 40%.
600 Rockers at Discounts ranging from 15% to 50%.
175 Pedestals and Tabourettes at Discounts ranging from 10% to 60%.
24 Combination Bookcases at Discounts ranging from 20% to 30%.
44 Bookcases at Discounts ranging from 15% to 30%.
40 Go-Carts at Discounts ranging from 25% to 40%.
68 Music Cabinets at Discounts ranging from 15% to 50%.
210 Writing Desks at Discounts ranging from 25% to 40%.
110 Library Tables at Discounts ranging from 10% to 50%.
320 Parlor Tables at Discounts ranging from 10% to 50%.

Many odd pieces of Parlor Furniture, Easy Chairs, Hall, Library and Den Pieces, Shaving Stands, Toilet Tables, and odd pieces of every description at discounts ranging from 10 to 60 per cent.

ON THE RIVER FRONT

WEEMS LINE ANNOUNCES ITS NEW FALL SCHEDULE.

Steamers to Make Tri-Weekly Trips—Foreign Schooner to Fly American Flag—Briefs.

Commencing this afternoon the Weems line, operating steamers between this city and Baltimore, will withdraw the steamer Northumberland from the Potomac river route and will run a tri-weekly service from this city to landings on the river to Baltimore. The present schedule called for five round trips and the steamers Anne Arundel, Capt. Geoghegan, the Calvert, Capt. Bohannon, and the Northumberland, Capt. Smith, were in service. Under the new schedule the steamers will leave here every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m., and will make landings in Coan and Yeocomico rivers, Va., and in the Wicomico river, St. Clement's bay, St. Mary's river and Smith's creek in Maryland, as well as at a few piers in the Potomac proper. On the return trip the steamers will leave Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 p.m. and will arrive here early on Thursday, Saturday and Monday mornings.

The river schooner Clara Leonard, Capt. Fegan, owner and master, which has been at one of the boat building yards at Solomon's Island, Md., for several weeks being rebuilt and put in the best of order for service, is completed and will at once return to service on the river between this city and points along the Potomac. The Leonard has the distinction of making more trips in a month between this city and river points than has any vessel of her size in service on the river.

The hull of a handsome little power launch built on the lower river for this city was brought here Thursday in tow of a sailing vessel to be fitted with a gasoline power explosive engine. The launch, it is stated, is owned by parties living along the lower river.

It is stated that a party of northern capitalists will establish a health resort at Cockpit Point on the lower river before the coming of the next summer season. A big wharf and hotel are to be built at the point, and the Norfolk line steamers will make it a stopping point both going from and returning to this city. It is also stated that local capital will during the winter build a steamboat to carry 2,500 persons, and will have her ready for service on the Colonial Beach route before next summer. The new boat is to be speedy, and will decrease the time between this city and the Beach considerably.

The schooner J. D. Bell has been hauled out on the marine railway at Bennett's boat yard for such repair work to her hull as may be necessary. The schooner Osceola, which was to have been hauled out, has taken a cargo aboard here and has gone to the lower river.

Will Fly the American Flag.

The Norwegian schooner Iberia, which was sunk in a collision in Baltimore harbor in the early part of the spring, and which was afterward raised by the insurance underwriters and sold at auction, has been rebuilt and granted American registry. She will in future fly the American flag and will be known as the Dorothy, after the youngest daughter of her new owner, Mr. Isaac M. Merritt, jr., of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company. The Dorothy is an iron-hulled sloop of 302 net tons, and was built at Bergen, Norway, in 1891. She measures 147 feet long, 24 feet 7 inches wide and 18 feet 7 inches deep.

There is a big demand for steamboats around Philadelphia and New York. Within the past month several steamboat brokers have visited this city and made efforts to charter or purchase steamers now in service on the Potomac, but were not successful.

The excursion season on the Potomac is rapidly drawing to a close, but little over two weeks remaining. The season at the nearby resorts will end September 4, Labor day.

The big schooners John J. Hanson and Ida E. Southard were brought into port Thursday afternoon by the tug M. Mitchell Davis of this city. The first named vessel brings a cargo of stone for the new highway bridge and the Southard has aboard a cargo of ice from the Maine ice fields. She will unload at the wharf, foot of 13½ street.

The Allegheny Coal Company has a large Philadelphia coal barge under charter, in which to carry coal from the company's dump on the Eastern branch to points about the harbor, as it is wanted.

Mr. E. M. Beall of Colonial Beach was a passenger to this city from the Beach on the steamer Harry Randall Thursday.

The schooner Virginia, laden with fertilizer material from Baltimore, has arrived at Alexandria and is unloading her cargo at Smoot's wharf.

The schooner Flora Kerwan, with phosphate aboard, arrived at Alexandria Thursday, consigned to one of the fertilizer manufacturing plants there.

The four-masted schooner E. R. Huntt, laden with over 1,600 tons of ice for the American Ice Company, came into port yesterday afternoon in tow of a Baltimore tug.

The schooner Sidonia Curley has arrived in port with a cargo of pine lumber from a Virginia lumber port for the dealers.

The schooner Grace M. Bennett came into port yesterday afternoon laden with shingles from North Carolina for the dealers.

The schooner Columbia F. C. has arrived at Alexandria, laden with canned goods from Murday's Point, Va.

Oldest Life Guard Drowned.

A dispatch from Atlantic City, N. J., last night says: Alfred Davis, one of the oldest life guards in the service, was drowned today while attempting to rescue a bather who had gone beyond his depth. The bather was being carried out by the treacherous undertow, when Life Guard Conover went to his assistance. The latter became exhausted by the rough sea, and Guard Davis started to his assistance. Conover and the bather reached the beach in safety, but Davis was drowned.

Columbia and Minneapolis in a Race.

A dispatch from Newport, R. I., last night says: The United States cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis, Prairie and Topeka sailed for Hampton Roads, Va., this afternoon. The voyage will take the form of a race between the Columbia and Minneapolis, as the Navy Department wishes to determine what is the best speed the two warships can make at the present time. Formerly the cruisers had a sped of 22 knots.

Before leaving for the south all four cruisers engaged in fleet maneuvers outside of Newport. The practice was confined to formation movements.

Admiral Chadwick at Johannesburg.

A cablegram from Johannesburg last night says: Rear Admiral Chadwick and other officers of the United States south Atlantic squadron arrived here today as the guests of Lord Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa. A banquet was given the officers tonight at the Athenaeum Club.

Man Found With Throat Cut.

A dispatch from Cumberland, Md., last night says: A man named Peter Fernandez was found in the woods near Oakland, Md., yesterday, with his throat cut. He was still alive. He stated that he was waylaid by three men, who, after assaulting him, robbed him of his money.

Ashby Martin of Charlottesville, Va., the son of a banker of that state, is in jail, charged with burglary. Martin had two revolvers on his person when arrested.

READY FOR THE CHANGE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE TO INSTALL MACHINES.

Record Room Cleared for Their Reception—Foreman O. J. Ricketts a World's Fair Judge.

The installation of typesetting machines in the government printing office will soon be accomplished. In anticipation of the arrival of thirty-five up-to-date machines, a force of workmen, under the direction of Foreman John R. Berg and his assistants, have cleared a greater part of the Record room. Many of the compositors on the congressional daily have been released and the iron frames have been sent to the several divisions of the office.

A force of gasfitters will soon "get busy" laying myriad pipes over the floor of the Record room to furnish heating facilities for the metal pots. Over the pipes another floor will be laid with a sufficient air space between the two. It is intended, it is said, that the Record force of between eighty and eighty-five men shall be composed of operators, some of whom will work at the case until their services are needed on the Mergenthalers. It is proposed to make the Record machine plant one of the finest in the United States.

Many complimentary remarks are being made anent the honor recently conferred upon Mr. Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of printing, on his selection as one of the judges on liberal arts, typography and printing presses at the St. Louis world's fair.

"The selection was a wise one," said a veteran printer to a Star reporter. "Mr. Ricketts will prove to be a splendid judge of the artistic and fine in typography. His judgment in the matter of printing presses is also good, and his decisions, I predict, will be all that could be desired. They will be fair and unbiased."

Mr. Ricketts' fellow judges will be former President William B. Prescott of the International Typographical Union and S. J. Kubel, a Washington lithographer.

Mrs. Clifford's Premonition.

Information of the death of Mrs. Julia M. Clifford Wednesday last, closely following the demise of her husband, Maj. E. H. Clifford, late cashier of the government printing office, as mentioned in The Star, was received in the office with great regret. Her death occurred at Evanston, Ill., where she had gone after the burial of her husband at Chicago. Before leaving Washington Mrs. Clifford, while conversing with a sympathetic friend, an employe of the government printing office, remarked tearfully that she would never recover from the shock caused by her husband's death.

"I feel that I shall be with him again very soon," she said.

Mr. John S. Leech, who has charge of the federal printery at Manila, and is known by the alliterative title, "public printer of the Philippines," was accompanied through the government printing office by Foreman Oscar J. Ricketts several days ago.

Capt. Daniel V. Chisholm of the government printing office is a member of the transportation committee of Canton Washington, I. O. O. F., on its proposed pilgrimage next month to San Francisco. Much of the success of the canton's drill team is said to be due to the efforts of Capt. Chisholm, who is rated as a capable drill master. He was for a long time a member of the District National Guard, and served with the 1st District Regiment in the war with Spain. For some time he was adjutant of the District Corps, Spanish War Veterans, and is classed by his friends as "a born soldier."

The principal speech at the Labor day celebration at New London, Conn., will be made, it is said, by Mr. F. C. Roberts of the fourth division of the government printing office.

The Leave-Takers.

Among the leave-takers at the big printery are: William Holt and Charles McEnaney of the bindery, W. R. Abbott, W. N. Darden, J. N. Cobb, C. A. Howle, J. W. Sherman, Guy Partridge, R. L. Davidson, W. R. Verlander, Charles P. Peake and J. L. Garrett.

The recent temporary appointments included Mr. John O'Brien.

The list of those who have returned from their vacations includes Miss Laura B Gordon, president of the Women's Auxiliary; W. H. Crenshaw and M. Harris of the bindery, G. D. Ellis, A. J. Campbell, Frank L. McUmber, William M. Leavitt, David T. Lloyd, Charles R. Radley, W. L. Pierce and J. J. Fenton.

W. H. Sefton, who was injured by falling from a street car, has returned to duty.

The Fraternal Spirit.

A record for quick work for the relief of a distressed printer was made in the first division several days ago, according to the Trades Unionist. At noon on the day in question word was received that a temporary employe, who, after working three days, was compelled to be operated on at a Baltimore hospital. A subscription was immediately taken, which resulted in $28 being secured. This amount was promptly sent to his wife in Baltimore. The following morning a letter of acknowledgment and thanks was received and posted on the bulletin board in the first division.

Anacostia and Vicinity.

The police of the local station have made report to the effect that the feed wires of the Washington Electric Company passing among the limbs of shade trees before premises No. 201 Monroe street, Anacostia, are causing damage to the trees, as in some places insulation has worn from the wires.

Mrs. R. A. Pyles and children are at Ocean City, where they will remain for an indefinite period.

Miss Alice Louise Weiss, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Weiss of Anacostia, left yesterday for Atlantic City, where she will remain the rest of the season. Miss Annie Weiss of 814 East Capitol street and Miss Louise Weiss accompany her.

Mr. Edwin Hutchinson and family, who have been in the south, are visitors at the St. Louis exposition.

Capt. Kuhns of the Anacostia section of the fire department, who has been confined to Providence Hospital and subsequently to his home for a long time by a severe attack of fever, is able to be on duty.

Gold Mining Regions of South Africa.

From Mines and Minerals.

There are three quartz mining districts in the Transvaal. The Lydenburg district was discovered in 1876; the product for 1898 from four companies, operating 135 stamps, was valued at £392,378. The De Kaap gold fields were discovered in 1884, and in 1898 seven companies with 200 stamps produced gold valued at £314,792. But by far the most important district is the famous Witwatersrand (White Waters Range) of Johannesburg, consisting of almost a continuous outcropping of over thirty miles in length, passing through the city of Johannesburg and extending about half that distance on either side.

The veins consist of practically parallel beds of quartz pebble conglomerate, impregnated with gold. These beds are known in South Africa as "reefs," equivalent to "ledges" or "lodes" in America. The first openings were made along the outcrop and followed the dip of the vein, which averages 35 degrees, usually being somewhat steeper at the surface and flattening as it goes down. In 1898 the output of 77 companies operating stamp batteries produced gold to the value of £15,141,376. The total number of stamps in use was 4,765, while in 1899 5,762 stamps were in use.