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HOW AFRICAN EXPLAINS MOVEMENTS OF THE SUN

Floats Down River at Night, Bumps Rock and Rises in the Morning.

Savage and primitive people since the world began have had queer notions of the laws that govern the universe, but the following theory concerning the movements of the sun, held by the Mashona Tribe of South Africa and expounded to a white traveler, William Harvey Brown, by an old man of that race, has attracted attention recently:

"It's all perfectly simple," said the old savage. "The sun has its origin in the Zambezi river. In the evening it goes to rest in that part of the river to the west of us. During its nightly slumbers it floats downstream to the river's mouth, which is to the east of us. At the mouth there are two large rocks, one on either side, and, in passing between them, the sun is awakened by bumping into one or the other. It then jumps up at once from the water, and this constitutes what we call the sunrise. If the sun ever passes between the rocks without bumping either, and floats out into the big water beyond, it will, of course, never appear again, and that day the world will end."

"How do you explain the difference in the length of the time the sun is up in winter and in summer?"

"In the summer, when the floods are on, the sun floats down the stream quickly, and the nights are short. In the winter the river is low; consequently the sun floats more slowly and the nights are longer."

FAKE PACKAGE MAN BUSY.

Calls at Home of Mrs. J. E. Heiss, But Scheme Is Unsuccessful.

The negro for whom the police have been searching on charges of obtaining money by means of fake packages, futilely endeavored to carry out his scheme last evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Heiss, 2810 Cathedral avenue northwest.

The man called at the house about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the police were told. He carried a package with him, which was addressed to a person in the house. That person was not at home and the colored man left, stating he would return later. He failed to come back. The description of the man, the police declare, tallies with the one who successfully "operated" the fake package trick on other persons in this city within the past few days.

LIGHTKEEPER IS RESCUED.

Revenue Cutter Carries Ill Man to Newbern, N. C.

The revenue cutter Pamlico reached Newbern, N. C., early yesterday after an all-night trip under forced draught to carry aid to Alonza J. English, the aged keeper of the lighthouse on Brant Island, in Pamlico sound. English was brought back to Newbern, but no report on his condition was made to revenue cutter headquarters. Brant Island is a desolate bit of land far out in the sound and news of the illness of English came from his assistant, its only other inhabitant.

GIVEN CHRISTMAS BANQUET.

Employes of Charles H. Potter & Co. Entertained by Firm.

The employes of Charles H. Potter & Co. were entertained at a Christmas banquet and social evening by the firm at the Queen Cafe last night. Music and songs, interspersed through an excellent menu, made the occasion enjoyable.

Those present were: Charles H. Potter, Edgar D. Williams, L. M. Hewlett, Frank E. Lanman, E. M. Caruana, A. W. Smith, Fred C. Parker, Robert Sweetman, Kirk Kibler, F. C. Daniels, L. W. Horner, A. Leider, A. W. Beall, C. M. North, B. P. Byrne, Miss Jennie M. Potter, Miss Elsie Ivers, Mrs. J. Tobey, Mrs. C. F. Cooke, Mrs. B. J. Collins, Miss Mena Schmidt, Miss Norma Thomason, Miss E. Sheay.

WOMAN DEMOCRATS TO MEET.

Election of Officers Scheduled for Special Session December 31.

Calling upon woman democrats of Washington to work together as harmoniously as the men of the party, Miss Katherine Montgomery Dabney, vice president in charge of organization in the District of the Woman's National Democratic League, has called a special meeting of the organization for the evening of December 31 in the Home Life building.

Officers are to be elected at the meeting, and plans are to be laid for keeping the women of the country in touch with the work of democrats in Washington, and for educating them in the principles of the democratic party.

F. J. Yanes to Give Lecture.

Announcement is made that the first lecture of the Spanish American Atheneum for the season 1913-14 will be held Tuesday, January 6, at 8 p.m., in the lecture hall of the Public Library, New York avenue and 8th street. "A Glance at Latin American Civilization" will be discussed by Francisco J. Yanes, assistant director of the Pan-American Union and president of the Atheneum.

The Household Directory.
There is nothing in the whole category of household needs that isn't to be found under business announcements in the classified section of The Star.

Immediate service from a firm reliable in itself and anxious to please you is there. It may be a plumber to be employed, a milliner to be consulted, or some other service to be called in—a staple or a luxury. A postal or phone order is all that is necessary. A convenient list is as published on page 2, part 8, of today's Star.

Band Concert Tomorrow.

United States Marine Band Orchestra at United States Marine Barracks Tomorrow at 2 p.m.

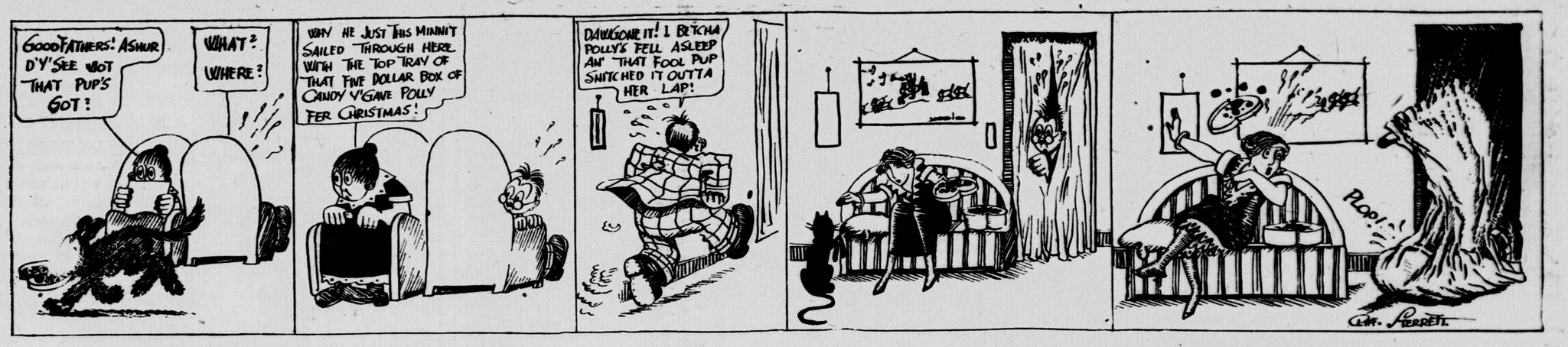
William H. Santelmann, leader.

PROGRAM:

March, "Old Comrades".....Teike
Overture, "Jubilee"....von Weber
Albumleaf .....Wagner
Excerpts from "Rigoletto"..Verdi
Waltz, "The Bachelors," Santelmann
(a) Serenade .....Pierne
(b) Intermezzo, "Forget Me Not" .....Macbeth
Suite, "Peer Gynt".....Grieg
(a) Morning. (b) The death of "Ase." (c) Antra's dance. (d) Dance of the Imps in the halls of the mountain king.

POLLY AND HER PALS

A BIT OF A BLOW FOR ASHUR, OLD TOP



ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS AND NOTES

Busy Year in Real Estate Circles. Colored Slugger Held—Dr. Mannakee Dies in Baltimore.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 27, 1913.

Lawis Morris Bernstein, twenty-four years old, of Washington and Miss Pauline Ritter, aged twenty-four, of New York city were married in Rockville today by Rev. Samuel R. White of the Baptist Church, the ceremony taking place at the minister's home in the presence of a young lady friend of the couple, by whom they were accompanied from the city. Immediately afterward the party returned to Washington.

During the year ending November 30, 1,302 deeds and 880 mortgages and deeds of trust were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here. Except ng the year 1900, when forty-one more deeds and ten more mortgages and deeds of trust were placed on record, it was the busiest year in the history of the office.

Held for Assault.

William Gray, colored, for whom the county officers had been looking to answer to a charge of murderously assaulting Joshua Musgrove, a young white man, at Damascus, this county, Wednesday afternoon, came to Rockville today and gave himself up to Sheriff Peyton Whalen. He was taken before Judge Arthur Mace in the police court and furnished $200 bail for his appearance at a preliminary hearing January 2. Musgrove had a jow broken and was otherwise seriously hurt.

Dr. Frank H. Mannakee, formerly a dentist at this place, died a few days ago in a Baltimore county hospital, where he had been under treatment. He was sixty-five years old and unmarried. The body was buried in the cemetery at Olney, this county. Dr. Mannakee was a native of this county and was widely known.

Give Christmas Ball.

The annual Christmas holiday ball of the young men of Kensington and vicinity was held in the town hall at Kensington this evening and was attended by a large number of guests from various parts of this county, Washington and elsewhere. The committee in charge consisted of William W. Skinner, Orin J. Field, John T. Williams and W. L. Townsend, and the chaperons were Mrs. Eugene Jones, Mrs. William W. Skinner, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Merritt O. Chance and Mrs. J. Phillip Hermann.

Dr. Eugene Jones, who will represent this county in the state senate for the next two sessions, will, it is announced, offer a bill at the approaching session prohibiting the sale of bichloride of mercury tablets in this state unless made in a particular form and of a color which will easily distinguish them from all other tablets.

Sheriff Peyton Whalen has announced the appointment of William A. Brooke of Rockville as a deputy sheriff.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers of real estate recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here during the week: Lutie Veirs and others to Albert Douglass, 163 acres; Albert Struber to Algie P. Gregg, 172 acres; Fremont Hartson to Howard D. Brensinger, lot at Takoma Park; Daisy E. Krouse to Charles T. Brosius, jr., lot at Kensington; Southern Investment Company to Laura E. Lester, lot at Glen Mar; George W. Marsh to Edward T. Bowie, four lots at Emory Grove; Roy W. Moxley to Claude C. Hurley, lot; Mary S. H. Warner to Frederick D. McKenney, lot at Kensington Park; August W. T. Long to Sallie C. Brooke, lot at Takoma Park; John P. Stuckert to Norman E. Ryan, lot in Spring Lake Park; Mary A. Harvey to Norman E. Ryan, lot in Spring Lake Park; Catherine L. Shehan to B. H. Warner, lot at Chevy Chase View; Samuel E. Tatem to John W. Williams, lot at Linden.

Holiday Flowers and Decorations.
Choice home-grown flowers and blooming plants for all purposes. Gude, 1214 F.—Advertisement.

HENRY REITER DEAD.

Funeral Services This Afternoon at Residence of His Son.

Funeral services for Henry Reiter, who died at his home, 940 I street northwest, Friday, after an illness which confined him to his bed for the past six months, will be held at his son's residence, 1422 6th street northwest, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Paul Menzel of Concordia Lutheran Church, will officiate and the pallbearers will be chosen from the organizations of which the deceased was a member. The body will be placed in the vault of Prospect Hill cemetery. The New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F. A. A. M., of which Mr. Reiter was for many years a member, will conduct the services at the cemetery.

Mr. Reiter was a resident of this city for more than half a century. He was born in 1844 in Bellesheim, Germany, and came to this country in 1847. He resided in Baltimore for several years and then moved to Washington, where, during his early manhood, he entered upon a business career which lasted for a period of forty years. He retired eight years ago.

He was a member of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1; Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Naomi Chapter, No. 3, O. E. S.; Masonic Veterans' Association of the District of Columbia, the Scottish Rite and Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

TREATS HORSE AND IS HELD.

Cavnaugh Accused of Practicing as Veterinary Without License.

Charged with practicing as a veterinary without a license, Robert Cavnaugh was arrested last evening by Policeman Dreager of the first precinct and Pharmacy Inspector Sanders.

Inspector Sanders stated that Cavnaugh was "practicing" as a veterinary near the Center market. He said the man examined an ill horse and prescribed medicine for it.

Cavnaugh will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow morning.

NATIONAL GUARD D. C.

ALTHOUGH this is the holiday period for members of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, the week was an interesting one in National Guard circles. The case of Capt. Thomas R. Clark of the pay department, who tendered his resignation as an officer in the National Guard because of a ruling by Assistant Secretary John Skelton Williams of the Treasury Department that military leave in addition to the thirty days' annual leave militated against his record for promotion, attracted a great amount of attention.

The National Defense League, of which Representative Julius Kahn of California, a member of the House military affairs committee, is chairman, has taken an active part in the case. This case will be used, according to Winfield Jones, secretary of the league, as a basis for getting an official statement from the administration as to its attitude toward the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

Representative Kahn proposes to take the case up with Brig. Gen. Albert L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs of the War Department.

It is known that some government officials do not look with favor upon the employes under them joining militia organizations. The officers of the National Guard do not encourage men to join the guard simply to get the additional leave from the government. The time spent by employes with the National Guard is spent in hard work getting drilled which will give the nation a set of men competent to be placed in the first line of defense in time of war.

The action of National Guard officers this year in court-martialing men for non-attendance at drills gives evidence that no national guardsmen may use the militia simply as an excuse to obtain extra time off from his civil employment in the governent.

Efforts are to be made by Winfield Jones to have local commercial organizations take action similar to that of the New York Chamber of Commerce, which, some time ago, appointed a committee on the National Guard and the Naval Militia to consider the question of allowing employes time off for National Guard duties. The committee recommended that all employers should encourage their employes to join either the National Guard or the Naval Militia and should allow them time off each year for military duty with the provision that it should not be deducted from their regular vacation.

Mr. Jones declared that he would present the case to the Washington Chamber of Commerce in January and would make every effort not only to have the Chamber of Commerce to take action similar to that of the New York body, but also would seek to have other local commercial organizations follow out the New York action.

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Secretary Garrison has a proposal for taking National Guard officers into the regular service in time of need as officers of the organizations which they commanded in the National Guard. In a letter to Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military affairs committee, he tells of numerous requests for such a provision and includes an amendment which he believes would carry out his ideas.

"I have recently been visited by many representatives of the National Guard concerning the pending volunteer bill," said the letter of the Secretary of War "They are desirous of having the law provide that their organizations, if they volunteer, shall be taken in in their entirety, officers and all, the officers to be commissioned by the President as officers in the volunteer army and assigned to their respective organizations thus taken in.

"I was present at a hearing in the military committee of the House the other day and took occasion to speak to Mr. Hay about this matter. He suggested that it would perhaps be unconstitutional to provide that the President must commission these officers in the organizations as they came in. Without giving this matter the concentrated study it deserves, I am inclined to agree with him.

"The attitude of the War Department toward the organized militia has always been that it favored the organized militia, in the event of a call for volunteers, being taken in under the first call. The constitutional objection, however, seems to make it inadvisable, at least, to make it a positive provision of law that the President shall take these organizations in with the existing officers.

"If you agree with Mr. Hay's view concerning the constitutional objection, and with the general view which I have suggested, I would like you to consider whether it would not be well to amend the bill now in your committee by providing somewhat as follows:

"'Provided further, That when three-fourths of the prescribed minimum enlisted strength of any company, troop, or battery, or when three-fourths of the prescribed minimum enlisted strength of each company, troop, or battery, comprised in a battalion, regiment, brigade or division of any state, territory, or the District of Columbia, organized as prescribed by law and War Department regulations, shall volunteer for service in the volunteer army as such company, troop, battery, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division, such organization may be received into the service of the United States as a part of the volunteer army, and the officers in service with such organizations may then be commissioned by the President as officers of corresponding grades in the volunteer army and be assigned to the same grades in the said organization.'

"I am, of course, not insistent upon the proportion which must volunteer as above suggested, and if some other smaller proportion is thought reasonably safe, it might be considered—in no event less than two-thirds.

"I had hoped before this to be able to get together with you and Mr. Hay and discuss this matter, but we are all so busy in our respective spheres that I fear we may not be able soon to effect such a meeting."

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Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, commanding the District of Columbia militia, was at the brigade headquarters in The Star building yesterday and with Lieut. Col. A. L. Parmerter, D. C. M., went over pending National Guard matters. It is understood the case of Capt. Thomas R. Clark of the pay department, who tendered his resignation, was reviewed by Gen. Harries.

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The New York Chamber of Commerce some time ago appointed a special committee to look into the matter of enlistments in the National Guard and the Naval Militia of that state, and the report of this committee has just reached Washington. After going at some length into statistics on the percentage of men who enlist in the militia, the report says that "as conditions exist today, from the standpoint of security of property, your committee believes that the National Guard and Naval Militia should be recruited to their full strength and should be maintained at a high degree of efficiency.

"There is another question, besides the security of property, to which the committee desires to urge the attention of the chamber, and that is the marked and beneficial effect upon young men of serving in one of the state military organizations. Such service emphasizes the value of qualities that are not only helpful in business life, but which tend to better citizenship. It develops such characteristics as respect for duly constituted authority, obedience to superiors, fair treatment and courtesy to those in inferior positions, punctuality, regularity of habits and good physical condition. These are matters which make a man worth more to his employers and are opposed to every lawless and degenerating tendency. The manner, the bearing, the deportment and steadiness of a young man are all improved by service in one of the military organizations of the state, as they are conducted today. The committee has been given the opportunity of inspecting various regiments and battalions and observing their activities not only on the drill floor, but in their company rooms and social life, and it is very favorably impressed with the conditions shown.

"Employers should be given better opportunities of seeing for themselves that because of the equipment and the class of men frequenting them the state armories make the best places of general recreation for young men to spend their evenings."

In seeking the cause for the comparatively small number of enlistments, the report says: "This committee finds, in the first place, that the slackness in recruiting is due principally to the indifference of young men of eligible age, and that the cause of this is the absence of interest of the employer, which exists largely on account of his lack of information as to the objects and requirements of the military service and the advantages to himself of these training schools for young men.

"This committee makes the general suggestion that the employer and employe should be brought to a better understanding concerning the National Guard and Naval Militia, first, by the newspapers, and, secondly, by the officers of these organizations exerting themselves more to the end that employers of enlisted men and employers of possible recruits should have a better knowledge of the requirements of the service and the advantages to the employers.

"In view of the fact that both the National Guard and the Naval Militia have the most honorable traditions and have rendered the state and nation valuable services in the past, and must be relied upon in critical times in the future, this committee makes the following recommendations:

"First, that the members of this chamber be requested to see to it that the various corporations or firms with which they are respectively connected adopt substantially the following declaration (either in the form of a resolution of the board of directors or otherwise):

"'Every employe who is now or will become a member of the National Guard or Naval Militia will be allowed during the term of his enlistment, but not to exceed five years, fourteen days in each year for the performance of military duty, without deduction of pay, and this time will not be charged against his vacation. It is our intention to favor the promotion of men who have secured full and honorable discharges from the National Guard or Naval Militia, or who are in course of earning them by military service. All heads of departments, superintendents and foremen will see to it that the spirit of this declaration is carried out and will encourage the men under them to join the National Guard and Naval Militia to the extent of 5 per cent of the working force of any department, shop or unit or organization as the case may be."

The committee also recommended that legislation should be enacted by the national and state governments giving preference in the civil service to applicants who are members or who have been honorably discharged from the National Guard or Naval Militia.

The Raleigh Hotel.
Tables are now being reserved for New Year eve. Admission by card only.—Advertisement.

POULTRY SHOW CLOSES.

Big Crowd Present at Final Night of Exhibition in Pythian Temple.

The exhibition of poultry and pigeons at Pythian Temple, held during the past week under the auspices of the Greater Washington Poultry and Pigeon Club, came to a close last night, a large crowd being present at the final session. Announcement was made that a prize of a box of cigars for the best colored Rhode Island red exhibited had been awarded to C. S. Moore of Somerset, Md.

WORK OF THE COMMISSARY.

Phase of Panama Canal Construction Described by Haskin.

To build the Panama canal required the labor of some fifty thousand men. To induce these men to go to Panama, to stay there, to work there and to work efficiently was no light undertaking. As the chapter on the commissary in "The Panama Canal," by Frederic J. Haskin, says:

"Health was promised them by the most efficient sanitary organization that ever battled with disease. Wealth was promised them, relatively speaking, in the form of wages and salaries much higher than they could obtain at home for the same work. But health and wealth, much desired and much prized as they are, cannot of themselves compensate for transplanting a man to an alien shore and an alien atmosphere, especially if that shore be tropic and that atmosphere be hot. There must also be comfort."

The story of the work of the commissary department at Panama, outlined in Mr. Haskin's book, is perhaps the most wonderful of all the great tales of the canal. Get a copy of the book from The Star at cost by saving the coupon printed in another part of today's issue.

CUPID'S A B C.

is for Florence. A typist is she,
As winsome and charming as any you'll see;
She's very demure in the office all day,
But you ought to see her when she gets away!

"MOTHER GOOSE" PRESENTED.

Christmas Entertainment at Mount Pleasant M. E. Church.

The presentation of "Mother Goose" was a feature of the Sunday school Christmas tree entertainment given at Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church South, on Park road. In the cantata a score or more children and about half that number of young women took part, among them being Misses Alice and Pauline Jones, Frances and Dorothy Deitrich, Lottie Bowen, Glennie Tomlinson, Pauline Horton, Edith Prettyman, Elizabeth Nettleship, Inez Bennett, Cox and Penny. The songs of Mr. Febry and Mr. Green also added interest to the occasion. A brief talk was made by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Prettyman.

REYNARD IS VICTIM.

Hounds Capture Red Fox, Brush Goes to Miss Allen.

Twenty-five members of the Riding and Hunt Club joined in a chase which resulted in the death of a red fox at noon yesterday.

The riders met at the Chevy Chase Club and from there proceeded to the Columbia Country Club. The hounds were cast in the woods directly back of the clubhouse and worked the covers along the line of the railroad. A fresh scent was struck which led into the open fields along the Rockville pike. The fox dodged from thicket to thicket, throwing the hounds off the scent, but after a sharp run across the open was killed in plain view.

The brush was awarded by the M. F. H., Mr. Fellows, to Miss Jeannette Allen, as first lady rider in at the death. The mask went to Mrs. Sinclair Bowen. Seven couples of the hunt club's hounds were used, and in addition Samuel Ross' pack of American hounds. After this kill the entire field rode in the direction of the Montgomery Country Club in search of a fresh quarry.

Others riding were Col. Henry T. Allen and Miss Dasha Allen, Miss Pichon, Miss Ruth Hitchcock, Miss Evans, Capt. Frank McCoy, Walter R. Tuckerman, Joe Devereux, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Burkhard, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Conrad, Dr. Nash and Miss Nash.

NAVAL BATTALION

WITH the U. S. S. Sylvia, the training ship of the Naval Battalion of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, in the best of condition after a two-month stay at the Washington navy yard, Commander Joseph A. Dempf, commanding the battalion, is contemplating taking the vessel out on its maiden voyage New Year day.

The Sylvia has not had a good try-out since she returned from the navy yard two weeks ago, having made only the short run between the Washington navy yard and the dock of the Naval Battalion, at the foot of Water and O streets southwest.

It is proposed to have the vessel leave the battalion dock early Thursday morning and steam down the river some distance, and then to send parties of sailors ashore, where they can have an oyster roast. In addition to giving the members of the battalion a good amount of fine training, they can enjoy themselves as well.

Commander Dempf, it is announced, proposes to take the Sylvia out on a number of Sunday trips during the winter, and he believed that New Year day was the best time to inaugurate a new policy. Should he carry out his plan of taking the vessel out every Sunday, it is expected the men will get a great amount of naval training, to obtain which they enlisted in the naval militia.

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Officers of the local Naval Battalion, it is declared, propose to make every attempt to recruit the battalion up to its full strength and have the recruits well trained by the time the local naval militia goes on its annual cruise next summer.

The local organization, under the law, is entitled to four companies of 100 men each, but now has only three companies, or divisions, as they are termed in the navy. As soon as Commander Dempf succeeds in getting more officers in the battalion, it is said, he will establish the 3d Division, the battalion as now organized consisting of the 1st, 2d and 4th divisions.

It is the aim of Commander Dempf to keep up his record for efficient organizations, which was established when he commanded the battalion on its cruise on the battleship Alabama last summer. The naval militia is organized for the purpose of training citizens in naval work, with a view to having men who could be hurriedly placed on the United States battleships in time of need.

The local naval militia last summer boarded the battleship Alabama at Baltimore and cruised to Newport, R. I., and return, taking ten days for the trip. There were seven full days at sea and three at Newport, where the militiamen were given all the shore leave they needed to see the quaint New England town and nearby places.

Commander Dempf is planning a course of training for recruits who enlist in the Naval Battalion, and to those who make the most of their instruction there is much chance of advancement for the various petty officer grades. During the first year a recruit is to be taught how to handle a small boat under oar, sail and steam, how to "heave the lead" for the purpose of finding the depth of water in which the vessel is cruising and the kind of bottom, and how to box the compass. In addition the recruit is also expected to qualify as a marksman with small arms, he is taught the Rind of knots most used in the navy and how to splice ropes and how to take proper care of clothing. It is in reality a postgraduate course in handiness.

There are a number of vacancies in the petty officer grade in the battalion, and as the organization increases in size it will be necessary to fill these positions and they will have to be filled from the recruits who have profited most from their training.

The steam launch of the battalion has been assigned to the 4th Division, the steam engineering division, to be used in teaching recruits how to fire an engine and how to run it, in addition to teaching members of the other divisions how to steer a boat and how to make proper landings.

The various courses have not been completed by Commander Dempf, but it is expected that when the members of the battalion return January 8, after more than three weeks' holiday, the commander will have the courses mapped out and instructions prepared for the subordinate officers to carry out.

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Lieut. Buist C. Getsinger, commanding officers of the 1st Division of the Naval Battalion, has gone to his home at Spartanburg, S. C., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Active steps were taken late yesterday afternoon by Commander Dempf to make the year 1914 an important one in the history of the Naval Battalion. Orders were issued for drills to begin January 8, and every officer of the battalion has been ordered to present himself at the battalion armory at 8 o'clock sharp on that date for the purpose of a conference, at which the year's work will be outlined.

Each officer will be called upon to submit a schedule for drills and schools. This instruction plan is to be mapped out in an orderly way so that the enlisted personnel of the battalion may get the most out of it.

The order issued yesterday also provides for the formation of the 3d Division of the Naval Battalion. Ensign Frank W. Sigourney was instructed to take charge of this division, which will be strictly a recruiting division. All recruits who come into the battalion from now on will be assigned to this division, and will be kept there until their training is such that they may be sent to the other divisions. Following out this policy, Ensign Sigourney will make an attempt to have Commander Dempf transfer to this division all of the men who have enlisted in the battalion within the last three months. Chief Boatswain's Mates Ward and Rooney and Chief Q. M. Davis have been assigned to the third division to assist Ensign Sigourney in the instruction of recruits.

The order follows:

"All officers of the Naval Battalion, without exception, will report promptly at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, January 8, for the purpose of an officers' meeting.

"The executive officer will prepare schedule for drill for January 8, and turn same over to the officer of the deck assigned for that evening in ample time that he may familiarize himself with the drill for the evening, and thereafter will prepare the drill for the folowing week at least one week prior to the drill.

"Ensign Frank W. Sigourney, aid, will, in addition to his other duties assume command of and organize the 3d Division.

"Hereafter all recruits will be assigned to the 3d Division for the purpose of preliminary instruction, where they will remain until certified that they are advanced enough to perform regular duty.

"Attention is invited to orders requiring the officer of the deck to report at the armory on Sundays and conduct drill for the men reporting on Sunday."

LAUDS POSTAL EMPLOYES.

Merritt Pleased by Work in Washington Office and Stations.

Postmaster Merritt, in a statement commending the work of the employes of the Washington city post office and its several stations, which was issued yesterday, said:

"The very remarkable record made by the employes of this office and its stations in the prompt handling of the unusually large Christmas mail, due to the parcel post, is a source of extreme gratification.

"Although plans for moving an enormous mail promptly and without delay were carefully made far in advance of Christmas, the results achieved could not have been possible without the active co-operation and intelligent effort of employes.

"The postmaster feels that a stupendous task has been successfully completed by the employes, and hereby expresses his unbounded appreciation of their efforts."

WEDS IN BALTIMORE.

Miss Elizabeth Richards Becomes Bride of E. W. Shaffer.

Miss Elizabeth Richards, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, 1309 Florida avenue northwest, was married in Baltimore yesterday afternoon to Edward W. Shaffer, 1014 Vermont avenue northwest.

Mrs. Richards stated last night that she knew her daughter was going to Baltimore to be married and that she had received word from the couple that the ceremony had been performed by the pastor of the Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church in that city. It is expected the couple will return to Washington today.

Miss Richards is eighteen years old, Mr. Shaffer's age being twenty-five years. Mrs. Richards stated the couple will reside for a time at the Dolly Madison house, 1014 Vermont avenue.

HANDBAG SNATCHED.

Boy in Sweater Gets Away With Mrs. Kelly's Purse and $4.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, 924 D street southwest, reported to the police last night that a boy, apparently about seventeen years old, had snatched her handbag, containing about $4, and had made away with it. Mrs. Kelly told the police she had left her home about 8 o'clock and was near the corner of 9th and D streets southwest when the robbery occurred. The boy, who, she said, wore a gray sweater and cap, came up from behind her and, after grabbing the handbag, disappeared before she could summon aid.

PAUL POWELL MISSING.

Police Search for Boy Who Disappears From Hospital.

The police were asked last night to look out for Paul Powell, eleven years old, who wandered away yesterday afternoon from Garfield Hospital, where he was convalescing from an attack of measles.

The boy, who lives at 4111 Canal road, left the hospital about 5 o'clock, and it was thought he might possibly go to his home. No trace of him had been found at a late hour last night.

WORK ON BRIDGE RESUMED.

Railway Structure to Span the Tidal Basin Outlet.

Work preparatory to the placing of a new railroad bridge over the tidal basin outlet at the foot of 14th street has been resumed. For several days past the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has had a force of bridge builders at work erecting a temporary wooden structure alongside the old bridge and removing the top stones of the bridge abutments at each end.

The iron for the new bridge has been lying on the railroad embankment at the foot of 14th street for several months, but since the summer ended no work has been done. It is stated that the construction will be pushed and within the next three weeks or a month the change in the bridges will be made.

The present bridge has been standing since the changes in the railroad grade in Southwest Washington were made several years ago. Over it passes all traffic to and from the south, and it is said that the increase in the weight of the trains using the bridge has made a new structure necessary.

BOUND FOR SAVANNAH.

Tug Progress Leaves Baltimore in Command of Capt. Price.

The Progress left Baltimore yesterday to be delivered to her purchasers at Savannah. Capt. W. T. Price of Baltimore, owner of the Progress, is in command on the trip, and he will be assisted in her navigation by Capt. Charles W. Lewis. The Progress is known here, where she frequently came with tows and where she has worked under charter for several months at a time. The last time she was employed on the Potomac was about two years ago, when she was chartered to tow stone-laden lighters from Occoquan creek to this city and also to Nomini creek.

The Progress is 53.7 feet long, rather a small boat to make the long trip southward, but she will use the inland waterways the greater part of the distance. She was built at Madison, Md., in 1901, for towing work on Chesapeake bay and its tributaries.

Robbed of Car Tickets.

Albert J. Morgan, a conductor, reported to the police yesterday afternoon that some one had robbed him of $9 worth of car tickets. The police were told the tickets were taken from his pocket.

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DISTRICT RIFLEMEN LEAD

Local Shots Tie With Bridgeport Team in Week's Matches With Score of 992.

The District of Columbia Rifle Association and the Park Club, Bridgeport, Conn., both with a score of 992 out of a possible 1,000, led Class A of the interclub rifle shoot last week, according to the scores announced yesterday by the National Rifle Association. The scores follow:

Class A—Engineers' Rifle and Revolver Club, Cleveland, 989, vs. 1st Wisconsin Old Guard Rifle Association, Milwaukee, 965; Bucyrus (Ohio) Rifle Association, 983, vs. Birmingham (Ala.) Athletic Club Rine Association, 939; Dickinson (N. D.) Rifle Club, 985, vs. Tacoma (Wash.) Rifle and Revolver Club, 935; Manchester (N. H.) Rifle and Pistol Club, 966, vs. Youngstown (Ohio) Rifle and Revolver Club, 936; District of Columbia Rifle Association, 992, vs. Adrian (Mich) Rifle Club, 971; the Park Club, Bridgeport, Conn., 992, vs. Milwaukee Rifle and Revolver Club, 943; Warren (Pa.) Rifle and Revolver Club, 989, vs. St. Paul (Minn.) Rifle and Pistol Club, 966.

Class B—Glendale Rifle Club, Bedford, Ohio, 945, vs. New Orleans Rifle and Revolver Club, 921; Minneapolis (Minn.) Rifle and Revolver Club, 943, vs. Marion (Ohio) Rifle Club, 909; Stillwater (Minn.) Rifle Club, 949, vs. Citizens' Rifle and Revolver Club, Rochester, N. Y., 898; Boston Rifle and Revolver Club, 939, vs. California Grays Rifle Club, San Francisco, 675; Peters Rifle and Revolver Club, King's Mills, Ohio, 978, vs. North Park Rifle Club, Walden, Col., 935; Helena, (Mont.) Rifle Club, 839, vs. Swiss Rifle Club, Louisville, 813; Gisholt Rifle Club, Madison, Wis., 934, vs. Hopkins (Minn.) Rifle Club, 917.

NEW U. S. LAUNCH SPEEDY.

Little Craft Attached to Lighthouse Tender Woodbine.

A new launch recently added to the equipment of the lighthouse tender Woodbine has developed exceptionally high speed that puts her in a class by herself in the fifth district lighthouse service. Recently the new launch was given a try-out on the Patapsco river, under the supervision of Engineer Supt. Crisp of the lighthouse service, and a speed of twenty-two knots an hour was made with ease.

The little craft is equipped with an automobile type of gasoline motor and on the trial it developed 1,400 revolutions a minute. The Woodbine, to which the new launch is attached, is a new vessel and is equipped with an internal combustion engine of a type of oil burners largely used on the Pacific coast.

The tender, though one of the smallest in the district, has been found most efficient and it is said to be the intention of the lighthouse authorities to equip other vessels of the service with the same type of motive power.

Replaces Ill-Fated Volturno.

To take the place of the ill-fated steamship Volturno, which was burned at sea about two months ago, the Uranium Steamship Company, owners of the Volturno, has purchased the steamship Principe di Piemonte from the Lloyd Sabaudo of Italy, and will operate her between New York and a port in Holland. The Uranium line is one of the smaller lines operating transatlantic steamships out of New York.

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