

NEW RECORD MADE FOR AUTO LICENSES

700 Issued on First Day by Maryland Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S TAGS 25,000 AND 25,001

One Hundred Complimentary Licenses for Government Machines, to Diplomats and Officials.

All records for distribution of Maryland automobile licenses were broken yesterday at the office of S. G. Coale, deputy commissioner of motor vehicles for the state of Maryland, 1110 F street northwest. Up to the closing hour last night over 700 licenses had been issued and identification tags distributed to motorists of the National Capital and adjoining states.

The office was opened early yesterday morning. Throughout the entire day a long line of applicants stretched out into the corridors of the Metzgerott building. Deputy Commissioner Coale was assisted by Chief Motor Cycle Deputy Thomas H. Wildman and his assistant, J. Arthur Sweeney.

Other Licenses Issued.

The records up to last night also showed that over 200 identification tags had been issued for display on commercial vehicles engaged in transportation of merchandise into Maryland. A large number of chauffeur licenses were also issued, this being necessary each year.

Maryland licenses this year for pleasure cars start with the number 25,000 and continue in serial numbers. Each year the state of Maryland, through Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Harry A. Rice, extends the courtesy of the state to the President of the United States and the various ambassadors and to machines owned by the United States government.

This year, as in previous years, the first licenses issued went to the President of the United States. President Woodrow Wilson has been presented by Commissioner Coale with numbers 25000 and 25001 for use on his personal car. Numbers 25002, 25003, 25004 and 25005 were also sent to the White House for use on other machines, including the car used by the secret service representatives who always follow the President on his motor trips.

Licenses for Capitol Cars.

Numbers 25007 to 25013 were donated for use of machines at the United States Capitol. The machines used by Elliott Woods and C. P. Gilman are included in these numbers, the former's machine bearing number 25007 and the latter 25010. No. 25014 was sent to Count V. Macchi di Cellere, the Italian ambassador. No. 25015 went to Smithsonian Institution. Nos. 25016 and 25017 were donated for use on the machines of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, ambassador of Great Britain.

Among prominent motorists of the National Capital and vicinity who obtained licenses yesterday were James M. Green, who, following custom, received the first number following the one hundred tags donated by the state, which was 25100; George John A. Johnston, former District Commissioner E. F. Saul, George P. Eustis, James S. Harlan, Jr., of interstate commission; Col. R. M. Thompson, William Lyles Offutt, Chevy Chase, Md.; Thomas E. Robertson, Chevy Chase, Md.; Col. Alexander Rodgers, Dr. Charles W. Richardson, Rudolph Kaufmann, Robert S. Woodward, Robert A. Chesnut, Thomas F. Hampton, Hattie Parker Neale, Charles L. Corby, William S. Corby and Robert L. Corby, Chevy Chase, Md.; J. B. Harlan, of the White House, Andrew J. Peters, James B. Gilmer, Walter G. Dunlop, Thomas Dunlop, Dr. Vernon H. Dyson, George M. Oyster, Jr., Isaac Birch, Dr. Charles S. Hill of the Maryland Agricultural College, College Park, Md.; John Imrie, Chevy Chase, Md.; Mrs. George Y. Wheeler, De Witt C. Chadwick, Armistead Peter, Jr., E. J. Murphy, Chevy Chase, Md.; Phillip Hermann, Herbert Beshm, John Smith, Chevy Chase, Md.; A. G. McClintock, G. H. Chase, W. W. Greene, G. W. Colclough, W. H. H. Allen, Jr., J. A. Watson and James L. Parsons, Chevy Chase, Md.

Commercial Vehicles Tagged.

Automobile licenses were also issued to the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, four to George M. Oyster, Jr., fifteen to the Auto Livery Company, five to the Federal Taxicab Company, ten to the Terminal Taxicab Company, two to House & Herrmann, seven to Corby Baking Company, Star Laundry Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company.

In connection with the issuing of the licenses, Commissioner Coale stated last night that no grades had been officially declared in order to give motorists an opportunity to obtain the necessary identification tags for their machines. It was rumored yesterday that two weeks would be allowed motorists to obtain licenses and that no arrests would be made during that period.

Despite this rumor several arrests were made yesterday on roads leading into Maryland. Motorists are advised that they are running chances of being arrested by authorities of Maryland and towns should they attempt to operate a machine under the old license tag.

Many motorists, it is stated, are awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court, which may possibly be announced tomorrow on the subject of a few weeks, on the constitutionality of the act prohibiting motorists from motoring through another state when a machine is properly equipped with a home state tag. It has been the custom of the Supreme Court in cases argued before the court in November to render decisions the first Monday in January, following the convening of the court after the holidays.

The decision to be rendered is in the case of J. T. Hendrick, who was arrested in 1910 for motoring over the line into Maryland without first having secured the necessary identification tag as required by the law of the state. The case was argued before the Supreme Court last November. There is a possibility that a decision in the matter may be rendered tomorrow, although there is nothing official to that effect.

The office of Commissioner Coale is open daily at room 22, Metzgerott building, 1110 F street northwest. Identification tags for 1915 are made of pressed steel, instead of baked enamel, as in previous years. The background is a dark blue, with numbers and lettering in white. The tags are the same size as last year.

Commercial tags for delivery trucks are of the same material, and start with No. 3000. Chauffeur licenses are a continuation from last year.

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WORK IS BEGUN ANEW FOR RELIEF OF BELGIANS

New Headquarters to Be Opened This Week in Real Estate Trust Building.

Work of relief by the people of Washington for the starving Belgians is to be resumed with increased zeal this week, after an easing-up of efforts over the holidays.

The new headquarters of the District of Columbia relief committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. John A. Logan, is to be opened in the new Real Estate Trust building, 14th and H streets, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be a reception and tea served by the women of the committee, to which all interested in the relief work have been invited. During the holiday week these offices were kept open by Dr. John C. Wise, U. S. N., retired, and Capt. E. J.

Dorn, respectively treasurer and secretary of the committee. An additional consignment of condensed milk was ordered from the factory by Dr. Wise, which will catch the next outgoing steamer.

Clothing Is Sent.

Four large cases of excellent clothing were shipped Thursday to the Belgian consul, New York, for forwarding to Europe by the first available steamer, and a further shipment of three cases of milk and food went forward to the American commission at the Bush terminal, Brooklyn.

The belief that used clothing is not acceptable is erroneous. Such clothing, if in clean and serviceable condition, is welcomed, and after sorting by the ladies of the committee, is packed for shipment through the Belgian consul, Pierre Mail, New York.

New clothing, only, is accepted by the American commission, and all such is separately packed and forwarded to its agent in New York, to whom go, from all contributors collected by the committee.

Girls Aid in Work.

As the result of the personal work of the following-named little girls, under the supervision of Mrs. Noetzl, a large bundle of warm comforters and other knitted articles was received by the District of Columbia Belgian relief

committee and forwarded to New York for shipment: Eunice Haden, Katherine McKittrick, Mildred Husted and Catherine Carter.

Since the publication of the list of contributions in last Sunday's Star, the following contributions have been received at the relief headquarters: W. H. Atwill, Cambridge, Mass., \$10; guests of Grafton Hotel, in Belgian barrel, \$5.66; Miss M. B., \$5.50; Rabbi Abraham Simon, W. Hub, Chevy Chase, Md.; George P. Whittlessey, Dr. Reinsinger, \$5 each; Christmas present, \$3; Mrs. H. C. Brown, \$2; Louis Bichlass, \$1; anonymous, 25 cents, and anonymous, 10 cents.

MENINGITIS FOLLOWS MISHAP.

Thomas, Seemingly Recovered, Back in Hospital Unconscious.

Suffering from meningitis and in an unconscious condition, John Thomas, colored, 35 Penton street northeast, was taken to Casualty Hospital yesterday.

Thomas was injured when his car fell against him Monday, while working near Belmont road and 19th street. His nose was broken and his scalp torn. He was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Discharged from the hospital Thursday, he was taken ill yesterday and returned to the hospital. Physicians say he cannot recover.

WASHINGTON SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TOMORROW

Supt. Thurston Speaks of What Is Expected in Way of Betterment.

Washington's public schools are to reopen tomorrow morning after a Christmas holiday season that has lasted one day longer than is usually the case. Less than a month now remains before the end of the first semester, at which time the midyear promotions of pupils is to be made. This month probably will be a busy one, particularly for those pupils who have been devoting less time and thought to their studies than they should have done.

It is probable that the enrollment of the schools will be increased the first part of February, as at that time a large number of children are entered

in the schools and comparatively few leave or are graduated from the high schools.

Supt. Thurston Enumerates Hopes. Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of public schools, yesterday told a reporter of The Star some of the things for which the school officials hope during the calendar year just opened.

"We hope to continue the development of vocational work on a sound basis," said Mr. Thurston. "Also, we hope to see the 'social center bill,' giving us a right to broaden the use of schoolhouses, become a law. And, thirdly, we hope to see a closer unification of all the work of the system and the continued development of the fine professional spirit of the teachers and officers."

In the near future it is expected the new school for officers of the high school cadets, to be held one night a month, probably, will be started. This is an innovation for the cadets here and is expected to prove of considerable value.

Proposes Repeal of New Tariff Law.

Senator Gallinger yesterday afternoon introduced a resolution for the repeal of the Underwood-Simmons tariff act and the replacement of the Payne-Aldrich law "because of the pending commercial depression." He introduced a bill for the creation of a tariff board.

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