BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Miss Annie Ferris, a member of the guide force at the bureau, left the latter part of the week for a tour through the west, making her first stop at Yellowstone Park, from where she will go to Oakland, Cal., to visit friends and see the Panama-Pacific exposition, thence to the home of Mrs. P. H. Hayes, in Los Angeles, from where she will return to Washington early in September.

Miss Florence Callahan, Miss Margarett Luckett and Miss Winifred Riley returned to this city last Thursday from a month's vacation spent at the Panama-Pacific exposition and other places of interest in the west. The young women are employed on the clerical force at the bureau.

Mrs. C. J. Killian of the guide force was absent from the office last week. She took a trip to Harpers Ferry.

Mrs. Minnie C. Whitehead will leave the latter part of the week for Virginia Beach, to be gone twenty days. Her husband will accompany her.

Mrs. Nellie Gundy, formerly Miss Nellie McCormick of the examining division, was a visitor at the bureau recently and took lunch with a number of her old friends on the roof garden. Mrs. Gundy is making her home in Atchison, Kan.

According to the report of J. B. De Hart, vice president of the United States Civil Service Association, the ball games played by the department teams at the American League Park recently, for the benefit of the organization, were a financial success.

William H. Wertman of the chief clerk's office has returned to the bureau from a three-week vacation, spent with friends and relatives in Reading, Pa. He returned last Monday.

Miss Catherine Hart, one of the guides at the bureau, was away from the office on three days' leave during the past week.

Miss Mary S. Embrey of the division of assignments and reviews received a visit from her sister and niece at the bureau last week and escorted them through the various divisions of the money making plant.

Miss L. M. De Lawder, printer's assistant in section 5, who has been away from the bureau for the past eight weeks, paid a visit to her associates at the office last Wednesday. Miss De Lawder has been ill for some time, but has improved rapidly in health recently and expects soon to be able to report for work.

John Buckner of the engineering and machine division was absent from the bureau on three days' leave last week.

The following plate printers' assistants were appointed at the bureau July 23, to fill vacancies created by the resignation of a number of assistants which have occurred recently: Rose A. Stewart, Anna E. King, Mabel B. Frye, Irene E. Harrigan, Nettie F. Sampson, Sarah C. Sinclair, Edna M. Hoxley, Ida M. Murphy, Edna L. Simms, Agnes V. Roche, Janet A. Jennings, Agnes D. Blake, Eliza A. Tolson, Katie F. Thorne, Charlotte L. Moran and Mabel P. Gilbert.

Carrie E. Greenwell of the numbering division resigned July 23.

Miss Linda C. Shelton, who resigned because of ill health and left the city for her home in Virginia to recuperate, returned to Washington last week and visited her former associates on the guide force at the bureau.

Thomas Nugent of the engineering and machine division was absent from the bureau several days during the past week on account of sickness in his family.

John J. Deviny, president of the local branch of the Plate Printers' Union, accompanied several members of the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America through the bureau last Tuesday, after which dinner was had on the roof garden.

A large attendance of the members of the local branch of the Plate Printers' Union were guests at the banquet given in Philadelphia by the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America last week. Among those present were: Charles B. Cameron, secretary of local No. 2; J. P. Murphy, P. J. Ryan, James Clinton, Chris Lehmkuhl, members of the executive, and Charles T. Smith, international secretary of the organization.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Plate Printers' Union, held at Typographical Temple last Tuesday night, the following members of the union were elected to represent local No. 2 at the convention of the Maryland and District of Columbia Federation of Labor, to be held in this city in September: Thomas McQuade, Robert Jones and P. J. Ryan, and, alternates, William Barnett, Frank J. McKenna and Bernard Bonner.

Jesse Watt was elected a member of the executive committee of the Plate Printers' Union last Tuesday night.

A. H. Gibson of local No. 2, and formerly of Philadelphia local No. 1 and locals Nos. 4 and 5 of New York, was guest of honor at the banquet of the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America, held in Philadelphia recently.

President John J. Deviny of local No. 2 was elected as delegate by the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America to represent that body at the convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco in November.

At the meeting of the Plate Printers' Union last Tuesday night addresses were delivered by delegates from Boston, Mass.; Ottawa, Canada, and New York city to the recent plate printers' convention at Philadelphia.

Della A. Bealle of the printing division resigned her position at the bureau July 24.

Others who have resigned during the past month are: Theodora P. Waters of the printing division, July 15; Carrie L. Bauer of the printing division, July 7; Rose Hudnell of the same division, July 13; Mary L. Burke, July 20; Emma Gerard, July 21, and Loretto C. Spaight, July 23.

John C. Statts of the watch force at the bureau resigned his position July 16 to accept a position as park policeman.

Armstead T. Thompson of the engineering and machine division was absent from the bureau part of last week owing to sickness.

Miss Cora E. Beard of section 8 of the printing division is spending a portion of her annual leave with her sister in Baltimore.

Those who have been granted leave of absence in section 8 of the printing division are: Irving B. Robinson, Thomas Devlin, Barnard E. Reichhardt, Misses Fannie R. Soper, Otilia Erdman, Agnes Bauer, Leota Beaumont and Doris Grimes.

Robert L. Lambert, custodian of presses in section 8, is enjoying part of his annual leave on his farm just beyond Edinburg, Va.

Thomas Brown of the engineering and machine division is enjoying a week's visit at Chesapeake Beach.

Armstead T. Thompson of the engineering and machine division spent a few days' recreation at Atlantic City last week.

The following employes of section 8 of the printing division were on leave during the past week: Robert B. Kaiser and Misses Agnes T. Bayliss, Blanche M. Coupard, Lillian P. Zirkle and Ellen C. Flynn.

William Wilkerson of the engineering and machine division will take three weeks' vacation during the month of August. He and his family will take a trip down the Potomac in his motor boat.

George Cranston of section seven of the printing division and Miss Loretta Spaight of section eleven of the same division were married last Tuesday at the Holy Comforter Church. A large number of their friends at the bureau attended the ceremony. This is the third printer-assistant marriage that has occurred at the bureau during the past month.

Miss Bettie M. Price of the surface division is enjoying her leave at Niagara Falls, Canada, and the Thousand Islands.

Miss Margaret Loefler of the surface division was on a brief vacation during the week.

Lloyd B. Robey of the surface division is spending ten days among the mountains of West Virginia.

Miss Nellie Driscoll has been absent from the surface division on account of illness in her family.

Mrs. Mary L. Willis of the surface division has returned to her desk after an extended leave, spent in the west, visiting the Panama-Pacific exposition, Seattle, Canada and Niagara.

Miss Mary Nolan of the surface division enjoyed an outing at Chesapeake Beach recently.

Herbert D. Knight, pressman in the surface division, was on leave during the week.

Mrs. Susie P. Clements has been granted a week's leave from the surface division.

Jacob M. Black of the examining division died Tuesday. Mr. Black was an employe of the bureau for forty-seven years.

Miss Elizabeth N. Ferguson, clerk in the examining division, left Saturday for a few weeks' vacation on the Maine coast.

Miss Annie Hickey of the examining division is taking a months' vacation to be spent in New York state.

Miss Lula Kendrick of the examining division is spending a week's vacation in the country.

Miss Nellie Turner of the examining division is spending two weeks' leave of absence at her home in Maryland.

Other employes in the examining division taking leave are the Misses Woodyard, M. S. Sioussat, M. O'Leary, Annie Jessup, Mary Dore, Mary Graham, Laura Cruit, Alice Cruit and Mrs. Rebecca Edgar.

Edward E. Myers of the engraving division, accompanied by his wife, left Monday for an automobile trip to Philadelphia.

John Prender of the engraving division is spending a ten days' vacation with his family at Bluemont, Va.

James M. Butler of the engraving division and Miss Mae Sanford were married last Thursday evening at St. Dominic's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler are spending their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, and have the congratulations and best wishes of their friends in the engraving division.

Miss Ethel A. Leman of the engraving division is spending a three weeks' vacation at Mountain Lake Park.

Robert Dailey of the engraving division is enjoying an outing at Colonial Beach.

J. D. Graves of the engraving division is on the sick list for the past few days.

NAVY YARD.

W. R. Gough of the tool shop, who has been ill for the past six months, returned to work Tuesday.

The following promotions were made in the west gun carriage shop during the past week: From machinist at $3.76 to $4, Thomas Hagan; from machinist at $3.52 to $3.76, Daniel Hall, Charles Gray, Arthur Wilburn, E. C. Kruger, John Newshaw and Fred Wise.

Edward Scott, machinist of the breech mechanism shop, entertained a large party of friends July 24 at a five hundred party at the U and Us Camp up the Potomac. After the game a large dinner was served. Among those present were E. A. Hoffman and G. E. Gentner, machinists of the breech mechanism shop.

J. Z. Mull, who recently resigned to accept a position with the Remington Arms Company, at Eddystone, Pa., was in the city the latter part of last week, and stated that he is delighted with his new position. He also made arrangements to move his family to Eddystone this week.

John A. Luerhs, a machinist, was called to work in the west gun carriage shop during the past week.

D. W. Masten, machinist of the sight shop, and Mrs. Masten are spending several days visiting friends in New York state.

E. F. Coleman, clerk in the miscellaneous shop, will leave today for a week's vacation, which will be spent at Colonial Beach.

James Mielfelt of the tool shop is absent on a pleasure trip to Niagara Falls and Atlantic City.

The following machinists were called to work in the miscellaneous shop during the past week: H. Goldberg, H. F. Girth, G. C. Lowery, H. Fulton, W. H. Thaylor, jr., and C. Clements.

Andrew Gray, machinist of the west gun carriage shop, is absent enjoying a week of his leave.

William W. Barnes, a machinist, was called to work in the breech mechanism shop last Monday.

The call has been made officially for the bi-annual convention of District No. 44, International Association of Machinists, to be held in Washington, beginning September 27. District No. 44 consists of machinists employed by the government. At the convention several very important problems will be taken up. Important proposed legislation for the benefit of the government workers will be framed so that it may be introduced at the coming session of Congress.

W. A. Adams, machinist of the breech mechanism shop, is enjoying a week of his annual leave.

Ralph Bates of the tool shop, who has been absent for the past week suffering from a sprained ankle, has recovered sufficiently to return to work.

William Cheesman of the west gun carriage shop is absent for a week on account of the death of his son.

Wilber Dorsey of the tool shop is sojourning at Atlantic City.

Ed James, P. Chicca and W. H. Hollows of the breech mechanism shop spent Tuesday on an outing near Berwyn, Md.

Redmond DeVaney of the tool shop took a motor trip to Rock Point last Saturday, returning Sunday.

George Wedge of the sight shop and Mrs. Wedge have returned from a tenday trip to Hoboken, N. J., and New York city. Since their return they had as there guest Kathern Gatts of New York.

John Harbin and Ed. Schwenk, machinists of the secondary mount shop, and Buzz. Harbin took a motor trip to Piney Point in Mr. Harbin's car Sunday.

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Solomon Clements, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of housebreaking and grand larceny in the Police Court yesterday and Judge Aukam held him for the action of the grand jury in $500 bonds. Clements, who was arrested by Detective Harney of the fourth precinct, is charged with breaking into the premises of Robert Lewis, 437 Cullinans court southwest, and stealing clothing.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Frank J. Wagner, chief of the department, has returned from Atlantic City, where he spent the greater part of his vacation. He brought with him a coat of tan, but much of the seashore coloring disappeared the few days he was in the city before returning to duty. The chief reported for duty yesterday, and Deputy Chief A. J. Sullivan returned to his quarters at the house of No. 14 engine company.

First Battalion Chief James Keliher spent part of his vacation with his family at North Beach and returned to duty. He will return to the resort later in the season for another short outing.

"There is good fishing and crabbing there," he remarked. "The crabs were late coming, but they are running rather strong now."

The chief enjoyed country dances while at the beach.

C. E. Schrom, captain of No. 1 engine company, no longer expects to pay car fare when he goes away. He bought himself an automobile last week, took twenty-two days' leave and started on a trip to Virginia Beach. Mrs. Schrom and their son Ralph are with the captain. It is the captain's intention to go to New York and Boston before he returns, and when he reaches Boston, he said, he will send the boys of No. 1 truck a "mess" of lobsters.

Private Samuel Ruffner of No. 1 truck company is visiting relatives in Virginia.

Lieut. H. D. Burch of No. 2 truck company, a base ball enthusiast, took four days' holiday the past week and attended the games.

P. B. Purcell, member of Capt. Martin's company, took holiday the past week and went to Colonial Beach on a crabbing expedition.

Owen R. Moxley of Chief Wagner's office force has returned from an interesting trip aboard Capt. Stultz's launch as far as Coan river. The captain and family will remain aboard the boat near Colonial Beach part of the vacation season.

Driver J. B. Sullivan of No. 3 truck company took holiday part of last week to witness base ball games.

Capt. Charles F. Beers of No. 4 truck company, his wife and daughter have returned from a trip to New York city, Coney Island and Long Island.

R. G. Glasscock, member of No. 4 truck company, is seeing something of the country on a sixteen-day automobile trip.

Capt. Donohue of No. 6 truck company has returned from a trip to Fairfax county, Va. The captain says that members of his company have a finer crop of tomatoes than any farmers in the nearby states.

"And," he added, "even better than Capt. Garner's men in No. 20 company."

Private E. L. Jones of No. 7 truck company has gone to the mountains near Bluemont, Va.

F. H. Samuel, member of No. 25 engine company, and Mrs. Samuel have returned from their honeymoon trip on the river. They are at home to their friends at Congress Heights.

Private M. H. Hegeman of No. 22 engine company had a short vacation last week.

W. L. Hurley, private in No. 20 engine company, has gone to Colonial Beach on a ten-day trip, while Private H. Hecht of the same company has returned from a trip to that resort.

Private J. J. O'Donoghue of No. 5 truck company is enjoying a vacation of ten days.

Capt. Thomas O'Connor of No. 1 engine company, who has been confined to his home several weeks on account of sickness, is able to leave his home for a short while each day.

Members of No. 3 engine company are expecting to receive a barrel of hard crabs from Capt. George H. Reynolds. The captain is enjoying his vacation at Colonial Beach.

Private J. W. Haliday of No. 4 engine company has not fully recovered from an attack of illness that made it necessary for him to take a sick card.

A vacation of six days has been granted Private Beverly Moore of No. 4 engine company.

Driver J. A. Sullivan of No. 6 engine company took four days' vacation the past week and enjoyed a water trip between this city and Baltimore.

A. L. Hancock, assistant engineer of No. 7 engine company, is having a splendid time in St. Marys county, Md. He is fond of fishing, his companions say, and probably will have fish stories to relate when he returns.

Private T. J. Crimmins of No. 10 engine company was on the sick list the past week.

O. H. Barteman, private in Capt. Rossiter's engine company, has taken ten days' leave of absence and gone to Atlantic City. He accompanied a friend in an automobile.

Capt. P. R. Davis of No. 11 engine company is enjoying his vacation in Westmoreland county, Va., some distance below Colonial Beach.

W. A. Dixon, assistant engineer of No. 12 engine company, was at Chesapeake Beach two days the past week.

A. D. Compton, private in No. 12 engine company, had one day off last week.

Lieut. C. C. Wolz of No. 13 engine company, has taken his family to Colonial Beach for an outing. They will remain at the resort for about ten days.

Driver E. M. Luskey of No. 13 engine company has contracted to supply several companies of the department hard crabs during the next two weeks. The driver is going to Colonial Beach on his vacation, and, he said, he thinks he can catch all the crabs his friends can eat.

Driver G. Kennon of No. 14 engine company is in Maryland on eighteen days' vacation.

Private W. H. Nash of No. 14 engine company was detained at home last week on account of illness.

Sixteen days' leave are being enjoyed by Private J. F. Bauman of No. 15 engine company.

Wilson Oliver, the popular entertainer of No. 16 engine company, is spending his vacation at Colonial Beach.

Engineer C. W. Buhler of No. 18 engine company has gone to the lower Potomac with a party of friends on a fishing expedition.

Marine Fireman J. T. Baker of the Firefighter has been granted part of his annual leave.

Lieut. A. S. Haight, wife and daughter were at Colonial Beach part of the past week.

Assistant Driver J. A. Sartain of No. 24 engine company is a member of the colony of firemen at Colonial Beach.

Private P. McGarry of No. 27 engine company took holiday the past week and looked after his big tomato garden at Seat Pleasant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Capt. Charles T. Peck of the first precinct was summoned home from a fishing trip on account of the sudden death of his mother. Mrs. Peck had been an invalid for several years. She had made her home with her son, and while her health had been poor, her death came so suddenly it was a distinct shock to her relatives and friends.

Inspector Francis E. Cross, one of the older members of the official family of the chief of police, who has been critically ill since the middle of May, is able to sit up and be about the house. Police surgeons in attendance feared he would not recover, but the inspector made a winning fight, and may be able to return to work next month.

The many friends of Chief Clerk E. B. Hesse are glad to learn of the steady improvement in his condition the past month. He was stricken with typhoid fever several weeks ago—his second attack—and it was feared the attack would prove more serious than the first. He passed through the crucial period, however, and hopes he will be able to get out in a few days.

J. H. Holmes, member of Capt. Peck's command, has taken two weeks' vacation and gone to Cape Henry, Va., his former home, taking his wife with him.

Sergt. Harry R. Lohman and Private J. T. Sullivan of the first precinct were off duty four days last week. They spent their short vacations about the city.

Private J. H. Lee of the first precinct took six days' leave of absence to move.

Albert Harbin, private in the first precinct, took holiday part of last week and enjoyed several short trips in his automobile.

Doorman Henry Turner and Private H. W. Clark of the first precinct were on the sick list last week.

Trips to Chesapeake Beach and Great Falls were enjoyed by Private C. C. Saunders of the first precinct last week.

Crossing Policemen W. M. Dunawin and C. L. Lockwood, the former stationed at Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street, and the latter at New York avenue and 9th street, were sick last week.

W. R. Allaband, veteran crossing officer at 9th and G streets, took two days' holiday recently. He went on the excursion of the safety first organization.

H. A. Cheeney, who looks to the enforcement of the safety first rules at Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street, was critically ill when taken off duty a week ago. He has recovered from the attack of illness.

Private C. F. Ehlers of the second precinct and Mrs. Ehlers have gone to Colonial Beach for a week.

W. R. Hopkins, private in the second precinct, has taken his family to a place on the Rappahannock river for an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. King and baby are enjoying an outing in Westmoreland county, Va. King is a member of Capt. Doyle's command.

Mrs. C. E. Ladow, wife of Private Ladow of the second precinct, was summoned from the city the past week because of the illness of a relative. Her husband took leave, in order to look after their home during her absence.

Private T. T. Langley of the second precinct is visiting relatives in Providence, R. I.

E. S. Waller, private in the second precinct, is spending a short vacation at Colonial Beach.

Sergt. Leslie Ellsworth of the second precinct is at home nursing a sprained ankle. He sustained the injury while attempting to arrest an alleged lawbreaker.

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Private Thaddeus Davis of the White House squad is on the sick list.

Spencer Roberts and S. I. Young, privates in the second precinct, were off duty last week, reason of sickness.

Lieut. James Conlon of the fourth precinct is at Colonial Beach for a couple of weeks.

Desk Sergt. H. T. Burlingame of the fifth precinct and Mrs. Burlingame are enjoying a few days' stay at Colonial Beach. Private R. R. Price of that precinct returned from an outing at the river resort.

Jerome Hurst, member of Capt. Mulhall's command, has gone to the country for a few days.

Wilbur H. Rock, private in the sixth precinct, is on the sick list. Two years ago he was bitten by a colored woman and came near dying. The woman was given two years' imprisonment.

Desk Sergt. Sylvester Murphy of the sixth precinct and Mrs. Murphy and Detective J. E. Armstrong and wife enjoyed an outing at Colonial Beach the past week.

R. A. Sanders, pharmacy inspector, was on the sick list last week.

Desk Sergt. Frank Leer of the seventh precinct took four days' holiday last week.

"Just wanted a little time to spend some of his money," was the comment of the officer who filled his position.

Private R. A. Johnson of the seventh precinct has taken his family to New York for a vacation. They are visiting relatives.

Mounted Policeman James Law, who gained some fame several years ago by participating in the arrest of "Jack the Slasher," probably will be on the sick list until the latter part of next month, having sustained a severe injury to his shoulder as a result of being thrown from his horse.

W. H. Walker, chauffeur in the seventh precinct, said he would like to have holiday enough to permit him to go to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

"But I haven't got it," he remarked before departing for Chesapeake Beach.

D. J. Raher of the eighth precinct took an emergency leave the past week because of sickness in his family.

Maurice Collins, assistant hack inspector, is enjoying a vacation of two weeks.

Private Edward A. Sutton of the eighth precinct was off duty part of the past week on account of sickness.

Mounted Policeman W. W. Smith of the ninth precinct was granted ten days' leave of absence. His horse is having a good time in pasture while its owner is enjoying his vacation.

Private W. L. Thomas of the eighth precinct took a brief vacation the past week.

R. O. Reid, member of Capt. Flather's command, had a day off last week.

Emil Desch, crossing policeman at 8th and H streets northeast, was off duty on emergency leaave last week. The leave was necessitated by reason of sickness in his family.

Desk Sergt. James Frank of the Anacostia precinct took three days' vacation the past week.

"Jim is a base ball enthusiast," said an officer in the precinct, "and probably is studying the score cards."

Members of the Policemen's Association are interested in the question of new contracts for uniforms. The new contracts, it is stated, will not be given out until February, and it is probable that some minor changes will be made in the style of the garments.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Secretary Wilson, Assistant Secretary Post and a number of other officials of the department left Washington last Monday for the San Francisco exposition. While in San Francisco they will confer with labor officials with a view to getting ideas on the best plan for the distribution of labor.

Ethelbert Stewart, chief clerk bureau of labor statistics, has left for San Francisco.

Charles H. Verrill has returned to the bureau of labor statistics from Columbus, Ohio, where he went on official business.

Royal Meeker, commissioner of labor statistics, who has been in the west on official business, has sailed for Hawaii in connection with work to be done by the bureau on its quinquennial report on Hawaii.

Miss Katherine M. Gibson has received a temporary appointment as typewriter in the bureau of labor statistics.

Cyrus F. Stoddard of Iowa has received a probational appointment as clerk in the bureau of labor statistics.

Boris Emmet, bureau of labor statistics, has left for New York city to take up an assignment in the field.

Paul L. Dildine, Emil Frankel and Benjamin M. Squires of the bureau of labor statistics have left Washington to take up work in the field.

United Order Golden Cross.

Supreme Commander Joseph R. Burlingame of Providence, R. I., was the orator of the evening at the celebration of the thirty-seventh anniversary of Goodwill Commandery, No. 21, Tuesday evening, at Loyal Legion Hall. His address covered the good done by the commandery during its existence for widows and orphans and its members. The address of welcome was made by J. B. Derrick and remarks were made also by Grand Commander Joseph B. Bailey and Noble Nelson Conover. Others present included Past Grand Commanders R. H. Yates, Mrs. M. A. Dow, W. E. Graham and Mrs. M. J. Graham, Vice Grand Commander Miss J. C. Bean, Dr. Charles Dow, Dr. A. M. Bevard; Mesdames A. G. Bevard, M. Simons, J. H. Cole, H. G. Robey, M. C. Lamb, J. C. Bean, Yeatman, Bessie Davis; Misses Esther Clarvoe and M. E. Coon, and Messrs. A. G. Cole, Briscoe Goodhart, J. R. Derrick, W. E. Allen, Yeatman and others. Mrs. H. G. Robey and T. B. Regan sang solos and Kenneth Rogers played piano selections. Refreshments were served.

National Commandery, No. 346, met at the home of Past Grand Commander R. H. Yates, Thriftlow, Va., Monday evening. Music and refreshments were features of the entertainment. The visitors included Robert Stephens, Mrs. and the Misses Stephens, Miss Albine Yates and others.

Miss Kate Campbell and Miss Fannie Campbell are spending their vacation in Virginia with their aunt at Campbellton and at their farm at Heathsville.

It matters little what it is that you want—whether a situation or a servant—a want ad in The Star will reach the person who will fill your need.

RUSSIAN POLAND REGION REPORTED MOST DREARY

Much of Area of Recent Battle Amphitheater Covered With Extensive Marshes.

Through the government of Lomzha, where the right wing of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army began its battles for Warsaw and the way beyond the Bug, the battle tide has ebbed and flowed in decisive waves since the war's outbreak. From this northeastern corner of Russian Poland the forces of the czar smashed their way deep into East Prussia, and they were thrown back this way by the reinforced Germans upon their fortresses of Osowiec, Kolno and Ostrolenka. The ground in the north of the government has been fought over a number of times, and just recently have the Germans swept over the first line of defenses toward the southwest and the southeast. A description of this interesting battle amphitheater has been prepared by the National Geographic Society. It is as follows:

"The government of Lomzha is one of the dreariest regions in Russian Poland. Extensive marshes spread over much of its area, particularly following the banks of the Narew river, as it winds its way southwest toward its confluence with the Vistula north of Warsaw.

Deep, Dingy Terraces Along River.

The Bug forms the southern boundary of the government, and is one of the last obstacles to a march on Warsaw from the north. In parts of its course the banks of the Bug are worn in deep terraces, and, likewise, the bed of the Narew is cut so deep in parts as to give the country a hilly appearance. Clayey, wire-grass-tufted swamps fill in much of the monotonous picture of this region with dingy rust and brown.

"Just to the north of the government lies the Masuren lake region of East Prussia. The same stinging, moist cold, the same leaden skies and the same hot, breathless summers hang over the Polish district as those found in East Prussia. The winters here are the bitter winters of the Russian plain, where the snow crystals snap and crack like powdered ice under sleigh runners or the tread of heavy boots. The cold and northern storms set in about the middle of November.

WORKING HOURS AND TRAFFIC.

Objections Raised Against Plan to Divide Departmental Forces.

To the Editor of The Star:

With reference to E. T. Semans' proposition to relieve street car congestion by having some of the department employes go to work one time and some at another, I am sure that a due consideration of the plan will convince any one of its futility and unfeasibility. It should be borne in mind that the department employes comprise only a limited number of those who patronize the street cars. A large number of those who use the street cars work in stores or offices, having different hours from those in the departments, so that a change in the hours of even a part of the department employes would result in their colliding with the other crowd mentioned. Another so-called rush hour would therefore be produced, and conditions would then probably be as bad, if not worse than at present. A large number of the department employes are, under the present hours, walking to and from their offices, so that these employes as a body cut only a moderate figure in the matter of street car congestion. It is quite apparent that much of the congestion in the afternoon is due to the fact that shoppers, for some reason or other, select the department closing time for going home, thus greatly increasing the number of people to be handled at that time. If these could be induced to start for home a little earlier or later, much relief might be obtained.

Of course, an equal distribution of traffic throughout the day is much to be desired, but this is impossible. Necessarily, there are times when the traffic is much heavier than at others. Particularly is this the case in the afternoon, when so many are returning to their homes, but every one can control the situation to suit himself, for if he finds that a car is too crowded to suit him, he has but to wait a few minutes for another. The different government offices are located in different parts of the city, and these employes go some in one direction and some in another. This crowd, under the present arrangement, is divided up about as well as is possible. Let us take for example an eastbound Pennsylvania avenue car scheduled to reach the Treasury at 4:30 p.m. It will pass the Mills building and the State, War and Navy Departments a few minutes before 4:30, too early to catch any of those crowds, and a car scheduled to reach the latter places at 4:30 will reach the Treasury a little after that hour, when a large part of that crowd will have gotten out of the way. It is quite evident that the street car companies are not called upon to carry the entire crowd from the same point at the same time and in the same direction.

I have been patronizing the street cars regularly, running over the most congested routes for a number of years, reaching my office anywhere from 8:30 to 9 a.m., and usually leaving about 4:30 p.m., and I have always found conditions reasonably comfortable. Of course, it is only natural that traffic should be heavier between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and 4:30 and 5 p.m., making it necessary for some to stand at times. But if any one objects to a little crowding on the cars, I would suggest that he go to his office a little ahead of the crowd and remain there in the evening a little after office hours. In this way he can secure the relief he desires without inconveniencing the large number of persons who prefer the present office hours to the scheme proposed by Mr. Semans. It should be taken into consideration that the domestic and social system of Washington has been arranged to conform to the present government office hours, which have been in force so long that every one is well accustomed to them. The proposed