Improved Order of Red Men.

Great Sachem Heidenheimer has received the following telegram:

"Atlanta, Ga.

"Our country has called for volunteers. Our interest and honor are in jeopardy. We have pledged our help. Please communicaate with your tribes, urging them at their next meeting to take action to secure enlistments. Our order, above all others, should respond.

"(Signed) T. H. JEFFRIES,
"Great Incohonee.

"Attest: Wilson Brooks, great chief of records, Great Council of United States."

The telegram has been communicated to all subordinate bodies in this city and action will be taken as each local body meets. It is anticipated there will be between 150 and 200 members to respond to the call.

Great Chief of Records J. B. Altmann is reported to be convalescing from a recent operation at the Naval Hospital. He has publicly expressed his appreciation of many acts of kindness shown during his illness of four weeks.

Redwing tribe tomorrow night will discuss the communication from Great Incohonee T. H. Jeffries to Great Sachem Heidenheimer, and will confer degrees on several applicants. The degree team will be under the direction of Mr. Brown. Great Senior Sagamore Boyer is scheduled for a recitation, and a fraternal talk also is expected.

Idaho Tribe, No. 15, Tuesday introduced several new features, one by Past Sachem Leatherman, a "fourth night," which means that visitors will find on such occasions a hearty welcome and a pleasant evening, and another by Ernest Thompson, who has assumed the leadership of a "brass band," which gave a few selections. The auditing committee made the announcement of a very handsome gain in finances during the first quarter of this year.

White Eagle Tribe, No. 17, had as visitors at its last meeting Great Sachem Heidenheimer, Past Great Sachem Dr. W. S. Whitman, Great Sannap L. H. Bergman and others. Chief of Records Sheedy stated the tribe is in a flourishing condition, and the endeavors of Past Sachem Soutaworth to form a new class adoption are proving successful. The affair will happen before June 1.

Osceola Tribe, No. 19, is actively working to form a class at the end of May, under the new officers. T. M. Stump is reported confined to the house and glad to see members of the order.

Logan Tribe, No. 8, reports that about twenty-five of its members will answer "the call to the colors." A committee has been appointed to make arrangements to care for those who enlist while serving their country.

Sioux Tribe, No. 18, Thursday received informal reports from its committees, including the report of the committee on Mid Citizens' Association carnival.

Seneca Tribe conferred the degrees on three candidates Friday, and will confer the "adoption degree" on three others next Friday night. Prophet Frank F. Voehl is reported confined to his home with a sprained ankle. Sachem Charles D. Hobbs has informed the tribe that he will enlist in the navy in a few days.

Mineola Tribe exemplified the unwritten work and degrees Friday night for the benefit of the degree team of Redwing Tribe. The work was conducted by Past Great Sachem W. C. White, assisted by G. E. Baxter and others.

Osage Tribe, No. 6, is said to be meeting with some success in its new quarters in the southwestern section of the city. A visiting committee has been named to visit the other tribes of the city.

Royal Arcanum.

Oriental Council, in old Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening by a unanimous rising vote adopted a resolution proposed by Past Grand Regent J. Ed Swaine pledging its members individually and collectively "to renewed loyalty and allegiance to their God, their country and their homes." Regent V. P. Dooley welcomed the new grand regent, C. J. James, who addressed the council on the coming celebration of the foreleth anniversary of the organization of the order June 23. Past Grand Regent Edwin A. Niess and Past Grand Regent W. W. Chase also made addresses.

H. J. Davies gave a patriotic talk, and Past Regent J. M. Hammerly made a report of the proceedings of the Grand Council. W. B. Hill reported arrangements completed for a vaudeville dance Wednesday evening. R. R. Wayland was elected trustee and installed by the grand regent. Past Regent C. E. Emig related incidents of the European war in France. Others present were Corbin Birch, E. B. Logan, E. G. King, L. C. Morrison, J. F. Polley, J. Davison, H. E. Woodward, F. L. Moreland, Thomas H. Dawson, S. J. Horan, G. W. Birch, W. A. Parsley and Alfred Wynn.

More than 800 members and their friends attended the annual entertainment and dance given by Oriental Council Wednesday evening in Pythian Temple. The program included Miss Hiltrude Harper and Hawaiian dancers; the Universal Quartet, composed of A. Randall, C. Thomas, Frank Haneke and J. Poore; A. Nichols and Miss H. Harper, in song hits and jokes; a scene from "The Follies," Brown and Donaldson, in a comedy sketch; a minstrel act with Frank Haneke as interlocutor, J. Poore and C. Donaldson as bones and A. Nichols and H. Gross as tamboes; a sketch entitled, "Tickets, Please," and a patriotic finale by the entire cast.

W. B. Hill was chairman of the general committee, in charge of the entertainment, assisted by J. M. Hammerly as chairman of the floor committee, V. P. Dooley as chairman of the refreshment committee, Corbin Birch as chairman of the entertainment committee, H. J. Davies as chairman of the reception committee and E. A. Niess as chairman of the press committee.

Municipal Council Tuesday evening gave its annual Easter reception and dance in old Masonic Temple. S. H. Talkes headed the committees in charge, and W. E. Aiken's Royal Arcanum Band furnished the music.

National Union.

McKinley Council, No. 992, gave an entertainment and dance in honor of the ladies in the Naval Lodge Hall Tuesday evening. After an address of welcome by President Jesse B. K. Lee, Speaker Harry J. Stahl, chairman of the entertainment committee, offered the following program: Overture, orchestra; selections, Montrose Quartet; baritone solo, Edward Morris; accompanist, Miss Nellie Carroll; recitation, Samuel Jacobson; dance, Miss Elmira Sullivan; accompanist, Miss Alice Mitchell; patriotic selection, orchestra; the Rex Leo Washington Stars, William Gee and Joseph Moss; solos, Messrs. Soper and Patterson. At the close refreshments were served, followed by dancing. At the council session Friday evening several applicants were initiated and new applications were received. It was announced all applicants will be initiated April 27, when the degree will be conferred by the National Union degree team. The consolidation of East Washington Council with McKinley Council was conducted by a representative of the National Union cabinet.

Interior Council Wednesday evening had as a visitor J. Harry Jones, vice president of the cabinet.

Government agents have seized more than 1,000 letters from the German colony interned at the immigration station at Ellis Island. They also have come into possession of diagrams, blueprints and blank books, some of which are understood to contain information important to the military and civil authorities.

John H. Edgerton, president of the Tonkawa manufacturers, has issued an address to the members urging those owning vacant ground near their plants to prepare it for cultivation and turn it over to the families of their employes.

MUTT AND JEFF—If They'd Put Jeff in the Infantry, He'd Probably Have Shot a Baby.

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—By BUD FISHER.

PRINTING OFFICE.

This afternoon will be field day for oratory at the meeting of Columbia Typographical Union at Typographical Temple, when nominations will be made placing the various candidates for office in the field for consideration of the membership. In addition to the nominations other important business of the organization will be considered.

Michael J. Scannell, a former compositor in the old document room twenty years ago, having received a temporary appointment as compositor, has been assigned to the document (hand) section.

The patriotism of the members of the monotype keybord chapel was enthusiastically displayed last Monday when the entire membership, led by Messrs. Connelly and Lineback, sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Every member of the chapel wore the American flag and waved another to the patriotic strains of the national air.

Mrs. Mary Costello, Tony Verrosso, John W. Burke and Garfield Larkins have been on the sick list of the sanitary section during the past week.

Edward J. Stevens and John White of the engineers' section have been absent from duty the past week on account of illness.

The Monotype bowling team won three games from the Clerks Monday night, thereby reducing the lead of the Clerks to one.

Harry C. Hayne, compositor in the document (hand) section, has been transferred to the proof section as a reader.

Walter C. Duckett, laborer in the document (hand) section, and a sergeant in the 1st Separate Battalion, N. G. D. C., has been separated from the printing office service.

Joseph Singleton and George Arnold of the building division are enjoying part of their leave of absence.

Percy Anderson of the monotype keyboard section is absent from duty on account of illness in his family.

The probationary period of service of Wilbur W. Blossom, messenger boy in the document (hand) section, having expired he has received an absolute appointment.

John R. Bundy of the carpenter shop section is on leave of absence.

Homer J. Brown is on the sick list of the machine shop section.

Messrs. Joseph E. Colton, J. Daniel Ligon and Joseph E. Dierken of the proofroom visited Occoquan, Va., last Sunday, the guests of Supt. Whittaker, and were impressed with the magnitude of the government reservation and the splendid results obtained by the superintendent.

Alexander Spinks, Valentine Mendel and William A. Sellers have been on the sick report of the watch force the past week.

Through the efforts of James J. Roche of the office of the chief clerk the following emergency messenger boys were recently appointed: Raymond Hart, Thomas Dolan, Philip Dolan, Joe Fitzgerald, Thomas A. O'Brien, David Streeks and Leo Cerrido.

Walter R. Johns and Charles M. Robinson returned to their desks in the day proofroom Monday, after a week's detail to the State Department in the compilation and indexing of the laws.

W. A. Roberts of the document (hand) section, a well known compositor in the office, has returned to duty. Having celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday, he has been receiving the congratulations of his fellow-employes.

Clifford Q. Griffin of the linotype section has been confined to his home the past week on account of illness.

Miss Mary E. Hayden returned to her desk in the day proofroom last Monday, after a week's vacation spent in Atlantic City.

Compositors John J. O'Hern and Gover M. Koockogey of the document (hand) section are recent transfers to the job section.

David S. McConnell, compositor in the document (hand) section, returned to work Monday after an eighteen-day vacation.

Sydney Mayre of the monotype keyboard section has been granted two weeks' leave of absence.

Reader J. M. Eggleston of the day proofroom has been notified that his pamphlet on "Ventilation" is soon to be printed as a special bulletin by the public health service.

Charles A. Morgan of the night proofroom is again at a local hospital in a further effort to save his leg from the effects of the blood poisoning from which he has suffered for the past eighteen months.

Miss Hattie Robinson and Frank A. Schwing of the monotype section have returned from leave and have been detailed to the monotype keyboard section.

William J. Egbert and Thomas A. Dougherty, makers-up in the night document (hand) section, were on the sick report the past week.

James O. Macallister of the linotype section, who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, reported for work Tuesday.

Philip S. Steele of the document (hand) section celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday last Tuesday and received the congratulations of his many friends in the office.

Henry M. Beadle, who has been absent from his desk in the day proofroom for the past several months, was taken to a sanatorium the early part of the present week.

Aubrey M. Yancey, a recent temporary skilled laborer, has been assigned to the night hand section.

Memorandum of appointments, separations, transfers, etc., in the government printing office for week ending Wednesday, April 11, 1917.

Appointments—Richard Williams, unskilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; reinstated, Andrew S. Jackson, temporary unskilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; M. V. Halloran, emergency messenger boy, $420 per annum; Alvin V. Freeman, temporary messenger boy, 15 cents per hour; J. Raymond Ward, temporary pressman, 55 cents per hour; Eugene C. Mateer, probational skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; Miss Rose M. Vickers, probationary cataloguer, $900 per annum; George H. M. Dahl, Harold J. Leah, Hermann G. Sumner, probational monotype keyboard operators, 60 cents per hour; Michael J. Scannell, Charles A. Wolcott, Christopher G. Satterley, Joseph E. Donelhan, Robert T. Bray, temporary compositors, 50 cents per hour; Benjamin F. Ford, Paul B. Hansan, James H. Sweeney, jr., probationary pressmen, 55 cents per hour; Joseph W. Johnson, James J. Allen, Louis A. Cunningham, Harvie L. Hatch, probational bookbinders, 50 cents per hour; Arthur Artis, Claude M. Morris, temporary bookbinders, 50 cents per hour; Mrs. Otelia T. Taylor, Miss Mabel H. Krouss, Mrs. Willie M. Carlisle, Miss Eileen B. Daly, Miss Marie M. Reagan, Mrs. Mary J. Killian, Mrs. Ida A. Thompson, Miss Mary A. Sheehan, Mrs. Lillian M. Powell, probational press feeders, 25 cents per hour; Laurence P. Holman, Edward I. Marrow, Richard W. Knight, Hobart L. Dorsey, John A. Jackson, John A. Herbert, Ottawa J. Saunders, Thomas E. Graves, Henry Rabinowitz, James W. Ingram, Robert F. Carter, Abner M. Yancey, Hugh L. Denman, Philip E. Hughes, Rufus W. Wren, temporary skilled laborers, 25 cents per hour; Miss Nellie C. Leyburn, Miss Mary B. McCallum, Miss Lillian A. Maier, Miss Mary A. C. Hooper, Mrs. Bessie E. Fair, Miss Ada S. Thompson, Miss Marion J. Jones, Miss Agnes M. Campbell, Miss Helen M. O'Brien, Mrs. Helen T. Chace, Miss Margaret E. Gorman, Mrs. Bertha D. Brown, Miss Rosa E. Brooks, Miss Leona W. Soper, Miss Mary Lappin, Miss Elsie M. Rogers, Miss Margaret L. Brown, Miss Lauretta E. Keehan, Miss Margaret R. Sullivan, Mrs. Ruth C. Johnson, Miss Mary E. Winston, Mrs. Mabel E. McIntyre, Miss Marian K. McLane, Miss Annie M. Jones, Miss Mary Carroll, Miss Viola E. McIntosh, Miss Mary M. McNamee, Miss Claudine E. Peace, Miss Mary M. Stephenson, Mrs. Bertha L. Crandle, Miss May E. Smith, temporary skilled laborers (female), 25 cents per hour.

Separations—Hugh D. Jarrett, linotype operator, resigned; John B. Davis, emergency messenger boy, resigned; Joseph T. Wilkinson, helper, resigned; Edward T. Murphy, probational pressman, resigned; Almer Cockrill, caster helper, resigned; Louis E. Stern, counter, resigned; Miss Alberta R. Dempsey, press feeder, resigned; George G. Brooks, temporary unskilled laborer, resigned; Eugene K. De Lawder, temporary skilled laborer.

Transfers, etc.—Arthur L. Longpre, electrician, 60 cents per hour, to electrician in charge, 70 cents per hour; W. Brooke Hunter, jr., messenger boy, $500 per annum, to skilled laborer, $626 per annum; Frank J. Newton, messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, to $375 per annum; Aaron Sells, messenger boy, $500 per annum, to skilled laborer, $626 per annum; John A. Coleman, messenger boy, $420 per annum, to $500 per annum; Howard D. Thomas, messenger boy, $375 per annum, to $420 per annum; Leroy W. Marceron, messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, to $375 per annum; Frank J. Corsa, messenger boy, $420 per annum, to $500 per annum; Leroy Evans, messenger boy at $375 per annum, to $420 per annum; Charles P. Latterner, skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, to helper, 35 cents per hour; George L. Abendeechein, jr., messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, to skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; William A. Murphy, helper, 35 cents per hour, to helper, 40 cents per hour; Richard C. Sullivan, helper, $870 per annum, to stockkeeper, $900 per annum; William G. Jones, temporary compositor, 50 cents per hour, to probational linotype operator, 60 cents per hour; Ellwood F. Fry, elevator conductor, 30 cents per hour, to helper, 35 cents per hour; William E. Cooney, mailer, $840 per annum, to helper, $870 per annum; David Kaplan, helper, $720 per annum, to $750 per annum; James R. Gibson, stockkeeper, $900 per annum, to $1,000 per annum; William M. Wilson, helper, $750 per annum, to mailer, $840 per annum; George F. Saur, messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, to messenger, 25 cents per hour; Harry C. Hayne, compositor, 50 cents per hour, to reader, 60 cents per hour; Henry A. Roehn, linotype machinist, 60 cents per hour, to linotype machinist in charge, 65 cents per hour; James Sprucebank, linotype machinist in charge at 65 cents per hour, to 80 cents per hour; Preston L. George, messenger, 25 cents per hour, to 50 cents per hour; Frank E. Brenner, stockkeeper, $1,000 per annum, to shipper in charge, $1,400 per annum; Harry R. Christie, pressman, 55 cents per hour, to in charge of section, 70 cents per hour; Miss Josephine McDonald, press feeder, 27½ cents per hour, to clerk, $840 per annum; George W. Frazier, unskilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, to probational skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; George H. Ogle, proofreader, 60 cents per hour, to maker-up, 60 cents per hour.

CITY POST OFFICE.

More than 300 letter carriers are in the ranks of the city post office "home guard," recently organized by the postmaster. Supt. C. E. Schooley and his foremen are at the head of the guard. A first aid unit of the American Red Cross Society has been established in connection with the home guard movement. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the employes at the first meeting of the unit Thursday night, when plans were outlined by Dr. L. W. Glazebrook of the Washington branch of the Red Cross for a course of lectures on first aid work.

The following substitutes have recently been added to the local letter carrier force: James F. Dyson, Ira T. Byram, Erwin H. Schuler and Martin G. Gallagher.

Bird H. Dolby has returned from a short vacation spent with friends in Maryland.

Seymour M. Jones Thomas E. Simms, Eugene E. Longley, Sumpter S. Poston and John A. Ryerson have returned to work after absence due to illness.

William I. Rice has returned from his honeymoon trip and is receiving the congratulations of his fellow workers.

Frederick C. Knock has resigned from the substitute carrier force to answer a call from the American Red Cross Society.

David Murphy, Robert L. Rodgers and Franklin A. M. Shafer resigned as substitute carriers the past week.

John B. Schrider, Takoma Park station, is away from his duties on a honeymoon trip.

Lieut. Jesse C. Sweeney and Sergts. J. R. Belt and F. H. Spengler of the 3d Regiment, D. C. N. G., have reported to their commands.

Thomas K. Saunders, Brookland station, and Byron J. Kenyon, main office, exchanged assignments last week.

Substitute Carriers L. L. Johnson and J. M. Heinbuch have been temporarily assigned to Georgetown station.

Ladies of I. O. M.

Union Lodge, No. 1, met Wednesday night, received one application for membership and announced an initiation a week from Wednesday. The supreme officers will hold their convention in Washington in June.

NAVY YARD.

Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 92, of the International Association of Machinists, consisting largely of wives and daughters of machinists of the Washington navy yard, held a dance at Odd Fellows' Hall last evening for the benefit of the street car workers who are on a strike. The affair was in charge of the entertainment committee, Mrs. George C. Wells, chairman.

Mahlon Selby of the joiner shop is spending eight days of his annual leave visiting friends in southern Maryland.

The following machinists were employed in the west gun carriage shop during the week: L. T. Gill, J. F. Madigan, David Murphy, J. O. White, H. B. Ryon, H. J. Nachman, Robert Potts, H. J. Fahy, M. J. Griffin, C. L. Donnelly, W. J. McDonald, E. J. Brynes, J. F. McKenzie, M. A. Brynes and L. B. Martz.

William Mills of the pattern shop returned to work Monday after a week's leave spent visiting relatives and friends in Caroline county, Va.

Charles Werden, machinist of the torpedo shop, died after an illness of several months. He was formerly Monday committee from Columbia Lodge, No. 174, I. A. of M., of which he was a member, represented his shopmates at the funeral.

The following promotions were made in the forge shop recently: C. W. Crowthers, from blacksmith at $4.24 to $4.48 per diem; H. Blumer, from helper at $2.56 to hammerman at $2.88; B. Elkin, from hammerman at $2.88 to $3.04; G. Morris, from helper at $2.56 to furnaceman at $3.04; J. C. Schwartzman, from helper at $2.56 to $2.88.

E. A. Coller of the cartridge case shop is enjoying several days of his annual leave.

N. T. Byson of the joiner shop is absent on a trip to New York.

Raymond Worth and M. Dawin, machinists of the west gun carriage shop, resigned during the week.

C. N. Micheal, a tool maker, is spending twelve days of his annual leave at his home at McLain, Va.

Johnson Hardy, leading man of the forge shop, is confined to his home with a severe attack of indigestion.

J. Ried of the cartridge case shop is on several days' leave, visiting friends in New York.

McKinley Council, No. 992, National Union, mostly navy yard employes, entertained the ladies of the organization at an entertainment and dance at Naval Lodge Hall. Refreshments, entertainment and music were the chief features of the evening. The committee in charge consisted of H. J. Stahl, W. D. Cuteen, P. A. Carrick, H. P. Hill, T. O. Thorman, J. L. Proctor and Arthur Lewis.

George Topper, a former tool maker of the yard, late of Frederick, Md., was employed last week in his former capacity.

W. H. Dihen of the cartridge case foundry is spending twenty days visiting friends in Philadelphia.

R. G. Dick, a tool maker, with Mrs. Dick, took a motor trip to New Market, Md., where they are spending ten days with relatives and friends.

J. E. S. Kinsella, machinist of the torpedoe shop, resigned last Saturday and enlisted in the navy.

A number of blacksmiths have been called to work in the forge shop during the past week.

W. G. Phelps of the cartridge case shop took a trip to Savage, Md., during the week.

Charles Mullen, machinist of the west gun carriage shop, had three of his fingers amputated during the past week.

C. E. Staut of the cartridge case shop is on twelve days' leave, visiting friends in Charleston, W. Va.

W. L. Kelley, machinist of the west gun carriage shop, resigned during the week and enlisted in the navy.

G. Sheaffer of the cartridge case shop took a short business trip to New York the past week.

Harry Davis, machinist of the west gun carriage shop, was called to Eddystone Wednesday due to the death of his son.

Weddings and Commencements.

Consult Gude about the flowers and floral decorations. Estimates given. 1214 F.—Advertisement.

Eliminate War Graft.

To the Editor of The Star:

In Sunday's issue of your paper I read the offer of A. H. Meyer of New York tendering his services and that of other experts to the national council of defense. It occurred to me that a board of conscientious inspectors of supplies needed by the government might protect us from some of the iniquitous impositions of the civil and Spanish wars.

It would be interesting and perhaps profitable to read Mark Twain's "Beef Contract," written half a century ago. A man was trying to fill a contract with the government for beef for the soldiers in the field. By the time all the interminable red tape of the different bureaus was untied the cattle had died on the hoof and the soldiers were half starved waiting for the meat. However, no beef at all was better than the "embalmed" variety served in Spanish war times.

How many of the civil war vets can recall the "shoddy" garments foisted upon them by unscrupulous manufacturers in place of the "all wool" contracted for by the government. Even the enforced wearing of "shoddy" was not half as offensive as the "airs and graces" of the "suddenly-got-rich" who made colossal fortunes by robbing the men who did the fighting. Let us look to it, while we have the time to do so, that history does not repeat itself—imposition on the men who go out to war and profit to the stay-at-homes.

E. R. KEELEY.

China to Intern U. S. Ships.

SHANGHAI, China, April 14.—The Chinese officer commanding here has received orders to intern the United States warships in Chinese waters. The presumption is that China does not intend at present to follow the lead of the United States in declaring war.

Alfred Rothig, formerly a member of the crew of a German liner interned at Hoboken, employed at Wilkesbarre, Pa., as a baker for several months, is being held by police, charged with tearing an American flag from the coat lapel of a friend, a German, demanding that he wear the German flag.

WHEN FOLKS ARE LIKE SHEEP.

A Discussion of the International Sunday School Lesson for Today, the Topic of Which, "Jesus the Good Shepherd"—John, 10.1-18.

By William T. Ellis.

Sheep, just sheep, that's what we are; witless, willful, woeful, wandering sheep.

It is not flattering, but it is true. The old Hebrew prophet knew people when he cried, "All we, like sheep, have gone astray"; the point of that remark being that men and women behave quite like sheep, especially in their sinning.

Stupidest and silliest of all animals, as well as weakest, are sheep, and they go astray in the same fashion as folks—by following some old bell-wether. If it were not for this unreasoning crowd-instinct in us; if our hymn of ethics were not "Everybody's Doing It"; if we did not all delight to "follow a multitude to do evil"; there would be less difficulty about solving the great human problems of our time.

Suppose we stop our strutting long enough to confess that, after all, in our innermost selves, we are like sheep. We all want to follow fashions, especially the foolish ones. We dress alike, we act alike, we think alike. Existence is one long effort after conformity. Like school girls, we have a horror of being "different." Let anything become "the vogue," no matter how absurd or needless or hurtful it may be, and we trample upon one another's coat tails in order to follow the fashion, though following fashion is often to fashion folly.

This sheep instinct is responsible for most of our bad habits, from the use of cigarettes to the mortgaging of our homes to buy automobiles. Whenever a young man or woman rises up in appreciation of his human heritage and says, "I will not be a sheep"—and the event is rare enough to make news for the papers—then there is born one who will be a leader of men.

Almost every other created animal has some method of self-protection, but the sheep has none. Even the parrots of Australia slay the sheep. Dogs, wolves, lions, bears, snakes, eagles—what a multitude of foes the sheep has to fear! Its only protection is the shepherd. His help is its one hope against hurt. It cannot take care of itself. Prone storm and stumbling, from beast and bird, from panic and pitfall, the sheep's only succor is the shepherd.

Therein the parable fits the Christian. He is of himself weak. Perils plentifully surround him. Within and without are dangers. Alas for him if he has not learned that his strength is in his Shepherd. He keeps safe only when he is kept safe. Apart from the Savior he is ever in danger.

We can, in the city dwelling in America, or even the occupant of the sheep wagon on the western plains, know about the intimacy and simplicity of the shepherd life of Syria? How often have I watched it, by night and by day—the shepherd leading his flock homeward, piping musically the while, beneath the eastern slope of Mount Carmel; or the watchers huddled over a tiny fire beneath the cold starlight of the regions east of the Jordan. Very friendly and close is the relationship between the oriental shepherd and his flock. A glimpse of the qualities of the Savior-Shepherd, who called himself "the Good Shepherd," may be obtained through it.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep. There is not a weakness nor a perversity in any one of them that He does not wholly understand. He makes allowances. To Him sheep are not mere sheep, as they are to almost all others, but are His own flock, each named and loved for itself. The stupendousness of this truth that God is not too great to condescend to the slightest need of the lowliest life, needs the simple faith of childhood to grasp it.

In weak times leaders do not lead; they follow the crowd. But the Good Shepherd always goes before His flock. His leadership is real and active and continuous. Difficulties do not daunt Him; problems do not perplex Him. There is no standing still for the flock of Christ. They are not caged creatures in a park. They go in and out and find pasture, when they follow Him. Life is large and enlarging, varied and abundant, when the shepherdship of Jesus is accepted. In the gravest and greatest times, such as we are now witnessing, the leadership of the Good Shepherd is adequate; He will lead His flock into new, sweet pastures through all the scarred and bloody paths of war.

One other truth about the Good Shepherd is that he lays down his life for the sheep. That is the supreme test of love and loyalty. Let us tarry for a moment to consider the millions who have been gloriously meeting it in the past three years. Men of most of the nations of the earth have given this last full measure of devotion—they have laid down their lives for the cause and country they loved.

When I traveled through India my servant would every night curl up at the door of my room and sleep. Nobody could enter or leave except by stepping over him. The fact illuminates the figure of the Good Shepherd, that He Himself is the door of the sheep. Shepherds sometimes close the entrance to the sheepfold in this same fashion. The figure is perfectly clear to an oriental; there is no entrance into the fold of Christ except by Christ Himself. That is the cardinal truth stressed by the reformation, the 400th anniversary of which is being kept this year. No church, no creed, no minister and no council can save a soul; the only door into life is by Christ Himself.

In the face of Jewish ecclesiasticism Jesus uttered this. The leaders of the Jews had excommunicated the blind man whom the Master had healed. The comfort Christ gave him was: "What matter? They really have no authority. I alone am the door. There is no entrance except by me."

Men love thee, serve thee, praise thee not,
The Master praises—what are men?

Life for the Christian is wholly a matter of loyalty to Christ. The great truth of spiritual independence underlies the figure of the Good Shepherd. He alone, and Him alone, we find life. A Christless creed leads only to barren pastures. But all who hear His voice—and He says His sheep can recognize His tones, even when they are heard in the guise of strange providences—find the green pastures of succulence and safety and satisfaction.

LABOR NOTES.

Newton A. James, secretary of the Central Labor Union and its delegate to the Maryland state and District of Columbia Federation of Labor; J. E. Toone, business agent for the Bakery Salesmen's Union, and J. L. Considine, secretary of the Bakery Salesmen's Union, left for Cumberland, Md., yesterday to attend a five-day session of the Maryland state and District of Columbia convention, which will be held this week.

At a meeting of Columbia Typographical Union today in Typographical Temple officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will attend the sessions at Cumberland, Md., of the Maryland state and District of Columbia Federation of Labor this week.

International President Foster of the Railway Clerks' Union, who has been in Washington for the past several days, has been called to his home by the sudden illness of his wife.

Miss Annie Neary, fraternal delegate from the Baltimore Federation of Labor, attended the meeting of the Central Labor Union held last Monday night.

"Teddy" McHold, general organizer for the Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Union, left Washington last Monday for Harrisburg, Pa., where he will establish a labor paper.

Sam De Nedrey's speech, delivered recently before the delegates to the Baltimore federation, is said to have caused favorable comment among the labor men of this city.

Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Workers' Union, Local No. 72, will hold an important meeting next Thursday in Building Trades' Hall.

The International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, Local No. 63, met last Wednesday evening in Costello's Hall, initiated two new members and considered two applications for membership. Several agreements with local firms for better working conditions were signed.

P. J. Ryan, editor of the Plate Printer, Daniel Hassett and Jesse Watt, both of the executive committee of the Plate Printers' Union, will represent that organization at the Maryland state and District of Columbia Federation of Labor convention.

Elmer S. Jordan was elected delegate to the Central Labor Union at the last meeting of the Plate Printers' Union. Mr. Jordan will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James L. Early.

At the next meeting of Plate Printers' Union an election for vice president will be held. A. H. Mills, who occupied that office, recently resigned.

The following employes of the bureau of engraving and printing, who have been elected delegates to represent local unions which are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will attend the convention of the Maryland state and District of Columbia Federation of Labor, to be held in Cumberland, Md., this week: D. M. Bassett, Mrs. Mary Ganshorn, Miss Gertrude McNally and Thomas W. Alderton.

General Organizer Biggs of the Journeyman Tailors' Union of America is visiting in Washington, and while here will organize the negroes engaged in that craft in this city. He has issued a call for a special meeting to be held in True Reformers' Hall, April 24.

Woodmen of the World.

Elm Camp, No. 8, received Thursday twenty applications for membership. The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, April 19, at which time the officers and regree team will put on the full initiation. All Woodmen are invited.

At National Camp, in Anacostia, Friday, all camps of the District will be represented. The Boosters' Club will attend in a body.

W. A. Fraser Camp, which met Monday, has organized a debating team that entertained the camp for two hours on the subject of "Resolved, That young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five should be compelled to enlist in the army." The speakers were Albert Whitworth, W. H. Daikin, H. S. Wood and John W. Sanders, affirmative; Robert L. Sanders, Paul Paulsen, J. E. Henderson and T. T. Whitney, negative. Fraser Camp will meet again Monday, April 23.

No Revolutionary Germany.

To the Editor of The Star:

Those who are looking for a revolution in Germany should note the difference between that country and Russia. For fifty years Russia's revolutionists in the main have been "intellectuals." Siberia's prison camps have been populated by students of Russian universities.

In Germany the reverse has been true. Since 1848 its professorial class have been autocracy's abject slaves. They are a vital part of the kaiser's machine. Without their incessant drilling of the German mind, making it a matrix, plastic to any dictum they enunciate to support the gospel that "might makes right," it would have been impossible for the kaiser to have rendered the German thought impervious to any appeal based upon principle. The early in the war pronouncamento of ninety-four leading German professors underwriting every crime which the kaiser's war machine had or would prepetrate was an exhibition of moral penury among intellectuals without a parallel in history.

How completely the socialists feed out of Wilhelm's hand is shown in the present attempt of its so-called leaders to snare the Russian democracy into a separate peace. These are the same machine that he employed in the attempt to debauch the Italian socialists to keep Italy from joining the allies.

All of this shows that the very essence of democracy—individual thinking—is unknown in this ruthless and scientifically brutal autocracy. There is no present sign that the divine spark is aflame in the German breast. Until that spark is lighted a real revolution is impossible. ROBERT BAKER.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Plate printers receiving temporary appointments in the bureau of engraving and printing during the week past are William H. Gilbert, Leo Green, Robert L. Allan, William E. Copenhaver and William Feltman.

Plate printers' assistants appointed last week include Louise P. Shoemaker, Jennie A. Owens, Inez L. Jackson, Helen V. Barbee, Ada M. Scheuring, Lillian I. Wright, Susie L. Park, Ola La Rue McKnew, Bessie H. Little and Hester L. Russell.

Edith E. Harding resigned her position as plate printer's assistant at the bureau last week.

Temporary skilled helpers appointed in the bureau during the week are James B. Peyton, Michael M. Collins and Harvey Browns.

Roscoe W. Morgan, skilled helper in the printing division, resigned his position last week.

Susanna H. Pitham resigned from the numbering division the early part of the week past.

Temporary counters and examiners accepting positions at the bureau during the week are Minnie W. Reese, Annie M. Barnard, Beulah E. Pagel and Elizabeth N. Heath.

Miss Annie Freas of section 9 of the printing division is absent from the bureau owing to the death of her father.

To be married, Miss Georgia E. Parmalee of section 9 of the printing division was granted leave of absence last week. She has returned to her employment.

Miss Mabel Sutherland of section 9 of the printing division is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Ethel Williams and Miss Sarah Hohwersheil have been detailed to night work in section 9 of the printing division.

Miss Mary C. Walsh is absent from section 9 of the printing division on account of illness of her aunt.

B. F. Peed of the bureau guard force spent four days of the week past on his farm in Maryland. He was on leave of absence.

Barnard Platt, plate printer in the power press division, who was injured recently while on duty at the bureau, is reported to be convalescing in Emergency Hospital.

William T. Hutchison of the engineering and machine division has resigned his position at the bureau to accept a position in Newport, R. I.

The resignation of George Whalley of the engineering and machine division was accepted last week. Mr. Whalley is now employed in the Washington navy yard.

David M. Miller sustained a dislocated shoulder in an accident last Sunday. He is employed in the engineering and machine division.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing Bowling League held its annual banquet in Schnider's cafe, at 8th and F streets last night. A varied program of entertainment was enjoyed prior to refreshments being served.

William Caton of the carpenter shop of the engineering and machine division is expected to resume his duties tomorrow. Mr. Caton has been absent from the bureau for the past two months because of illness.

James Jamison, foreman of the carpenter shop, was confined to his home the sick last week.

E. J. Lancaster of the engineering and machine division went to Norfolk, Va., with the District Naval Militia last week.

The following officers have been elected to serve for one year for the cooperative lunchroom association of the bureau: William B. Freeman, president; William K. Barnett, vice president; Edward M. Weeks, secretary; Luther H. Brown, treasurer. The executive committee consists of Mary A. Cartner, Charles J. Beck and James E. Hoadley.

Miss Bettie C. Marion of section 11 of the printing division has been absent for some time, owing to illness.

Capt. Samuel Jacobson, custodian of presses in section 2 of the printing division, is enjoying a week's leave of absence from the bureau.

David L. Hardaway has gone to his home in Blackistone, Va., for a week. He is employed in section 2 of the printing division.

Director Ralph declares that by their willingness his workers are displaying their loyalty and devotion to Uncle Sam. The output of work increases each day, he says, and he has never received a complaint from any of his employes by reason of their being subjected to overtime.

The Custodians' team of the Bureau of Engraving Duckpin League bested the Surface Division team in a match game played last Tuesday night. The Custodians succeeded in winning two of the three contests played. Messrs. Dewey, Howser, Phelps, Anderson and McCartee composed the Printers' team and the Surface Division was represented by Messrs. Geist, Motzer, Kelly, Leiserard and Kessler.

J. R. Kennedy has resumed his duties as plate printer in section 7 of the printing division after a brief illness.

Ethel I. Parker, Emma Stalcup, C. O. Carter, Mamie Young and Jennie Rudicille of section 7 of the printing division were absent from the bureau last week on account of illness.

Miss Mattie R. Stewart and Miss E. Spencer enjoyed a portion of their annual leave during the week. They are employed in section 2 of the printing division.

In section 6 of the printing division the following young women were absent last week because of illness: Anna Schields, Katherine Tracy, L. Trenkle, Eva Beckert and Lillian Powell.

In a recent duckpin match, young women of the bureau of engraving and printing participating, Miss Louise Addor, plate printers' assistant in section 11, excelled in high score rolled. Her record for three games was 116, 129 and 81.

George Kniffin of the engineering and machine division returned last week, after leave of absence for one week.

James Bradley of the engineering and machine division was on leave all last week.

W. G. Ambrose still is confined to his home by illness. He