

500 CHILDREN GOING ON CHESAPEAKE BAY

Children and Mothers Go to Annapolis For a Sail.

ENJOY NOVELTY OF RURAL SIGHTS

Watch Steamer Being Loaded With Crates, Barrels, and Cattle. Ice-Cream For All.

An outing for children and mothers who seldom see beyond the brick limits of the city was voted the most enjoyable of the summer by 500 little ones and their mothers when their train of five cars drew into White House station of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric railway at 9 o'clock last night.

Children and mothers had been gathered by the officers of the Associated Charities from every part of the city and for the day were the guests of the electric line and the Tolchester Company, of Baltimore.

The little ones with their attendants filled the long train that pulled out of White House station at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The ride through the country to Annapolis was thoroughly enjoyed and this pleasure was made all the keener because the steamer ride on the bay was in a large measure a picnic for everyone, which would be dispensed as soon as the bay trip was commenced.

Rush Fell Mell For Wharf.

Reaching Annapolis about 11:30 o'clock the children left the electric cars and made for the wharf, where the steamer Emma Giles was in waiting, wailing up the old town with shouts and laughter that brought the inhabitants to doors and windows on both sides of the street.

Once the last little stragglers were aboard and settled on one of the upper decks, Purser Francis ordered the gang plank up, and the ride into the cool Chesapeake was commenced. No sooner had the boat gotten under way than Mr. Francis and his officers assured Acting Secretary Jones, of the Associated Charities, who was in charge of the party, that the boat belonged to the children for the day.

After sailing on the bay for an hour the steamer turned into the West river and made several landings along that picturesque stream. There were great hogheads of tobacco, barrels of pickles, apples and other country produce for the Baltimore markets, and finally numerous calves and a bull had to be coaxed aboard.

Fun Loading Calves.

Right here the children had the time of their lives. They crowded the rails of the upper decks and screamed with laughter at the deckhands' efforts to pull the cattle down the dock and onto the ship.

The bull was not so easy a proposition. He simply would not join the children's party, but with a long rope around his neck he was loaded, and his front feet, twenty men pulling on the ropes, two twisting his tail and two others attending to the hanks he was dragged aboard after twenty minutes' tussle. Even Purser Francis had to get out and help in the tug-of-war.

At 1 o'clock the steamer, in Rhodes river, a branch of the Chesapeake and Potomac, set sail with his compliments a dozen boxes of peaches, plums, and apples. It is the first time that the youngsters made short work of these.

Annapolis was reached again about 9 o'clock, and the homeward journey was soon commenced.

J. J. Doyle, superintendent; Dr. Charles Weaver, company physician, and G. J. Hall, chief of the police, of Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railway, accompanied the party.

UNMUZZLED DOGS CONTINUE TO ROAM

District Citizens Continue to Be Terrorized—Three Dogs Are Killed.

Unmuzzled dogs continue to terrorize the citizens of the District, notwithstanding the work of the poundmaster and his corps of dog catchers, with the result that several dogs have been killed after showing symptoms of the hydrophobia and biting people.

During the week several dogs have been sent from the pound to the Bureau of Animal Industry for microscopic examination.

An examination just completed of the brain of a spotted fox terrier owned by Mrs. F. Gibson, 1611 F street northwest, disclosed the presence of rabid bodies, thus establishing a clear case of rabies at the time the dog was killed.

This dog bit a boy named Conkley, living at 419 Ninth street northwest. Rabies in a yellow Scotch terrier dog, owned by Charles Tudge, Walker road, was also shown by the microscopic test. This animal bit another dog belonging to Mr. Tudge.

The microscopic test of the brain of a spotted bull terrier, the property of a Mrs. Jones, at Green's court northeast, failed to show rabies, and the inoculation test is now being made.

This dog bit Mary Carroll, 719 Green's court, and Charles Milton, 22 Green's court.

MAN SENT TO JAIL FOR ASSAILING BOY

Owen Miller, an electrician, forty years old, giving his address as Norfolk, Va., was sentenced to eleven months and twenty-nine days in jail by the United States branch of the Police Court this morning on the charge of making an assault on John Robertson, a seven-year-old white boy, living at 342 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Policeman Dowling made the arrest.

CHILDREN ENJOY SALT BREEZES



SCENE BOARDING THE STEAMER. A Group of Merymakers Leaving the Annapolis Wharf.

MARINE HOSPITAL GRANTS VACATIONS

Assistant Surgeon General Pettus Will Leave for Trip Abroad.

Following is the list of changes of station and duties of commissioned and other officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, for the seven days ended August 5:

W. J. Pettus, Assistant Surgeon General, granted leave of absence for one month and fifteen days from August 2, 1908, with permission to go beyond the seas.

P. M. Carrington, surgeon, detailed to represent the service at the International Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held in Washington, D. C., September 21 to October 3.

P. M. Carrington, surgeon, granted an extension of leave of absence on account of sickness, for seven days.

C. P. Wertenbaker, surgeon, granted leave of absence for one month from August 5.

T. Clark, passed assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one day, July 18.

R. H. Creel, passed assistant surgeon, leave of absence granted for two months from August 3, 1908.

E. H. Mullan, assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for seven days from July 8.

R. A. Herring, granted leave of absence for one day, July 31.

W. A. Welton, acting chief division of zoology, Hygienic Laboratory, detailed to attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Winnipeg, Canada, August 25-26.

L. C. Beach, acting assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for three days, July 31.

M. DeGado, acting assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one day, July 20.

C. Hamilton, acting assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for two days from July 28.

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Stories Told in Departments Reveal Changing Sides of Life

Stephen Booth Relates Hard Luck Story of the Way Uncle Sam Treated Him in St. Paul—Director Ralph Resourceful.

One of the hardest hard luck stories to crop out in the departments recently is being told by Stephen K. Booth, of the Bureau of the Census. Some time ago Mr. Booth accepted a position as a special agent in the immigration service, under the Department of Justice. He received his credentials, and, after disposing of his household effects, moved his family to his division headquarters in St. Paul, Minn.

After working one month, the month of June, he was advised by the department that Congress had failed to grant the amount expected and required for the service, and that it would be necessary to dispense with the services of the new appointees, himself among the others. This meant the laying off of a number of employees at each of the eleven districts into which the service is divided. One of the men at the St. Paul office had just crossed the country from Texas.

Mr. Booth had resigned his \$1,300 clerkship in the Bureau of the Census, so he was without employment. Director North came to his rescue, and ordered his reinstatement, but had a vacancy only in the \$1,000-grade. Mr. Booth finds that he is not only out the expense of making the trip to the West with his family, and the loss sustained in disposing of his household effects, but that he is to receive \$300 less per annum in salary.

It is reported that some of the men who were subjected to similar treatment are preparing to file claims for damages, in order to secure reimbursement for the expenses incurred.

Director J. E. Ralph, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, is proving to be one of the most resourceful men in the Government service. Owing to the large amount of work thrown upon the bureau by Congress at short notice, in the printing of the new emergency currency to the value of \$5,000,000, the director has had to use his wits to meet the demands of the Treasury Department.

After putting on all the experienced help to be had in the city, he was still short of sufficient hands to fully man the three shifts that are now being employed. Something more had to be done. He solved the problem in part by going over the list of former female employees and picking out those who had resigned to get married within the past year. There was a number of good workmen and these he has prevailed on to take temporary employment, with the result that the bureau is fast securing the necessary help and turning out the work promptly.

It is a matter of comment in department circles that whereas some of the departments adhere strictly to the civil service principle in all things, especially in making promotions, so that a vacancy in a high grade position means the moving up the line of a number of lesser paid clerks, some of them fill the high grade vacancies by new appointments or transfers.

There is one of the departments that has become known as a constant offender in this respect. Most of the good positions given out recently have gone to recruits, some of whom have been brought into the service by executive order. One of the clerks, speaking of the emergency in the department this week, that he had been kept in his present grade for seven years, and that there were others in the department who had served even longer without a promotion.

There is a noticeable lack of interest shown by the clerks in the work of the department, and many of them are free to say that they would gladly go to other departments if it were possible to do so.

In contrast to this condition, is the rule rigorously adhered to in some of the departments, notably the Department of Commerce and Labor, where transfers from other departments are made to the lower grades only.

Richard P. Covert, chief of the supply division of the Postoffice Department, who recently invented what he termed the "Merry Widow" hair cut, which was a clean-shaved head, is now on the warpath.

While he was enjoying his vacation in the New England States, the assistant chief of the supply division, H. M. Bradley, thinking himself of adventure, but the fancy invented what he termed the "Steamroller" hair cut, which consists of a hedge-podge of nicks in the hair, resembling a polka dot dress pattern, and prevailed on the employees, or some of them, at least, to follow his style.

Mr. Covert quickly resented the interference of his principal assistant and threatens to have him up before Postmaster General Meyer for less majestic, insubordination, or some other heinous offense.

Chief Clerk William S. Rossiter, of the Bureau of the Census, who has just returned from a vacation spent at Greensboro, Vt., is telling a story that has done much to impair his hitherto good standing among the employees of the bureau for truth and veracity.

"It is this way," he said, in response to a request to hear the story. "The clerk have been complaining of the heat and anticipating what a great time they will have when they get to the seashore. I told them that the best place to go to get cool was not the seashore, but to the cool retreats of Vermont. In support of this argument I told them, which is the truth, that on July 17 I scraped the frost off the seat of a boat in which I was to go fishing."

"It is this frost business that the clerks talk at," Mr. Rossiter has said that he could produce affidavits, but they have told him it would be a waste of time, as they would not believe the story.

As a companion story Mr. Rossiter tells of a fisherman who was fishing in the Delaware river and was brought on each fly at one cast. Those who were inclined to believe the frost story stopped trying when they heard this one.

LeRoy Paddock, who resigned his position in the division of printing of the Department of Commerce and Labor this week to practice law in one of the Western States, was presented with a handsome silver-mounted fountain pen by his associates in the division. Dr. George H. Haverer, chief of the division, presented the pen with a short speech, closing with the suggestion that as a lawyer's chief stock in trade is his tongue, and that he had been expected to reply with a ten-minute speech of acceptance.

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