SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capital Traction Company, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, 36th and M sts. n.w., Washington, D. C., on Thursday, January 10, 1924, at 10:45 o'clock a.m. The polls will be open from 11 o'clock a.m. until 12 o'clock noon. H. D. CRAMPTON, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the City and Suburban Railway of Washington for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 14th and C streets northwest, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, January 19, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon. In connection therewith the books for the transfer of stock of said company (pursuant to the by-laws) will be closed from the close of business on December 31, 1923, to the opening of business on January 3, 1924.
H. M. KEYSER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Georgetown and Tennallytown Railway Company for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 14th and C streets northwest, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, January 19, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon. In connection therewith the books for the transfer of stock of said company (pursuant to the by-laws) will be closed from the close of business on December 31, 1923, to the opening of business on January 3, 1924.
H. M. KEYSER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND FOR THE TRANSACTION OF SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING, WILL BE HELD AT THE BANK AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1924. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 12 AND 1 O'CLOCK.
JAMES H. BADEN, CASHIER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Chas. Schneider Baking Co., for the election of directors and other business, will be held at the office of the company, 415 Eye st. n.w., on Wednesday, January 9, 1924, at 7 p.m. Transfer books will be closed ten days prior to the meeting.
JOHN G. MEINBERG, President.
S. R. WATERS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE Company of the District of Columbia, cor. 13th st. and New York ave., December 15, 1923.—Policyholders are notified that policies expire at noon on the last Monday in December (31st instant) and the rate of renewal for 1924 is 1 per centum on the premium notes. The managers have ordered paid to the policyholders a return of savings according to the value of each policy on the thirty-first day of last December. Policies must be presented for indorsement of the payments, except where held in connection with loans in which case they should be brought in later to have duplicate payments entered. Please attend early and avoid the crowd.
L. PIERCE BOTELER, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington American League Base Ball Club will be held in the office of the club, Ball Park, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, January 2, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for such other business as may be properly brought before said meeting. E. B. EYNON, JR., Secretary.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Hall Association of the G. U. O. of O. F. of the D. C. will be held at the hall, No. 1606 M st. n.w., on Friday, December 28, 1923, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the election of officers and for the transaction of its regular business.
DAVID RINKER, Acting President.
SAM'L W. WATSON, Secretary.

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L. PIERCE BOTELER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Washington Railway and Electric Company for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 14th and C streets northwest, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, January 19, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon. In connection therewith the books for the transfer of stock of said company (pursuant to the by-laws) will be closed from the close of business on December 31, 1923, to the opening of business on January 3, 1924.
H. M. KEYSER, Secretary.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS contracted by anybody other than my wife and myself. This notice supersedes one published Dec. 2. F. L. KASKE, Brentwood, Md. 27*

OFFICE OF THE FIREMEN'S INSURANCE Company of Washington and Georgetown, Seventh street and Louisiana avenue northwest: The stockholders of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet at the office on Monday, January 7, 1924, for the purpose of electing thirteen directors for the ensuing year. Polls open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. ALBERT W. HOWARD, Secretary.

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SMALLER NATIONS MAY LIMIT NAVIES

Conference to Consider Adaptability of Five-Power Washington Treaty.

BY FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.

The Washington conference on limitation of naval armament is about to bear fruit among the smaller sea powers of the world. At Geneva, on January 21, 1924, eleven of them will join in a conference of naval experts to consider the application of the principles of the five-power treaty to their naval establishments. The nations concerned are Brazil, Spain, Sweden, Argentina, Chile, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia and Turkey. None of these states is a party to the Washington treaty, which is signed only by the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. The forthcoming conference of "second-class" naval powers will be held under the auspices of the league of nations advisory commission on military, naval and air questions. Two of the conferring states—Russia and Turkey—are not members of the league. The conference, in which Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan will join, will attempt to prepare a draft convention for a later international conference of all powers, whether they possess navies or not.

Will Limit Construction.

The Geneva meeting will concern itself mainly with a project, like the basic principle of the Washington treaty, to limit the construction of capital ships, vis., these having a displacement of more than 10,000 tons or carrying guns of more than eight inches in caliber. The United States will have a special interest in the manner in which the "A B C" powers of South America—Argentina, Brazil and Chile—approach the Geneva conference. Following the Washington conference there were sporadic suggestions that the chief Latin American naval powers would conclude a naval limitation treaty among themselves. Then it was hoped the Santiago Pan-American conference would bring about some such scheme. Nothing ever materialized.

Brazil and Argentina are bitter naval and military rivals. The Argentinians look particularly askance at the United States naval mission which is now reorganizing the Brazilian fleet. The latter's battleship Minas Geraes has been refitted at the Brooklyn navy yard and supplied with anti-aircraft guns. The Sao Paulo, battleship, also is being refitted at Brooklyn. Each of the Brazilian dreadnaughts is of 19,000 tons displacement and carries twelve twelve-inch guns. Argentina has two dreadnaught battleships, each of 27,000 tons and carrying twelve twelve-inch guns. Chile has a 28,000-ton battleship, formerly the Canada of the British navy, mounting ten fourteen-inch guns.

Spain Most Modern.

Spain has the most modern "second-class" fleet in Europe, with three dreadnaught battleships of 15,700 tons displacement, armed with eight 12-inch guns. She also has a 10,000-ton cruiser, which she managed to save from the Spanish-American war. Soviet Russia, theoretically, has two first-class battleships in commission, the Marat and Paris-Commune, each of 23,000 tons and mounting twelve 12-inch guns, also one battleship building. But the personnel of the soviet navy has greatly deteriorated, and the ships have been correspondingly neglected. Under the treaty of Sevres, Turkey was required to surrender her fleet, but recent events in the near east have probably restored naval strength to the Turks. It is estimated that they now control one battle cruiser, Sultan Selim, and the notorious ex-German battle cruiser Goeben, of 22,640 tons, with a battery of ten 11-inch guns.

Greece has two old battleships, the Lemnos and Kilkis (formerly, respectively, the United States Idaho and Mississippi), sold in 1914. They are of 13,000 tons, and their batteries include four 12-inch and eight 8-inch guns.

The other "second-class" naval powers to confer at Geneva—Denmark, the Netherlands, Norwa and Sweden—have only warships of less than 10,000 tons But they are anxious to join hands in a treaty to limit the fleets of all powers of their size. The Netherlands, frightened by Great Britain's project to establish a great naval base at Singapore, planned an extensive new naval building program for the far east, but it is understood in Washington that the scheme has been abandoned.

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SNAPSHOTS—Clearing Up After Christmas.—By GLUYAS WILLIAMS.