

Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

Post Office

VACATION PERIOD LET'S WORK PILE UP

Many Heads of Departments on Leave of Absence.

Official business trips and the vacation period have hit the department hard, the absence of the principal officials being particularly noticeable. The list of officials absent includes Postmaster General Meyer, First Assistant Hitchcock, Second Assistant McClary, Fourth Assistant De Graw, Chief Clerk M. O. Chance, Assistant Chief Clerk G. M. Thompson, Private Secretary John A. Holmes, and a number of division chiefs.

Postmaster General Meyer has not returned from his summer vacation. Mr. Hitchcock has been attending postal conventions in the West, accompanied by Secretary Holmes. Mr. McClary has been at his home in Minnesota for a few days, but is expected to return tomorrow. Mr. De Graw has been spending some time at Millboro, Va., with his wife, but will return to the city tomorrow.

John W. Holliday, chief clerk of the bureau of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, returned Monday morning from a short business trip to his home at Findlay, Ohio.

William R. Spilman, superintendent of the division of rural delivery, will return tomorrow from a business trip to points in Iowa, Illinois, and Kansas.

A number of civil war veterans of the department are at Saratoga Springs for the annual encampment of the G. A. R. and its allied orders. From the office of the auditor for the department a number of veterans are also in attendance, headed by Col. F. L. Van Auken, chairman of the national executive committee of the Union Veterans' Union.

Ernst G. Timme, after spending a pleasant vacation at his home in Kenosha, Wis., has returned to Washington, and resumed his duties as auditor for the Postoffice Department.

Auditor Timme reports crop conditions good in his home State, with every prospect for a most successful yield. Oats will be somewhat lighter in yield this year. The corn crop is a good one, with prospects for a splendid yield, provided an early frost does not come. The hay crop Auditor Timme pronounced to be of the finest order, and the pasturage, thanks to the good rains, is in fine condition, a good thing for the large dairy interests of Wisconsin. Auditor Timme says the people are all prosperous, happy and contented throughout his section of the country, and that the feeling so far as the prosperity and the General Government is concerned is of the standard order.

Robert H. Prender, of the bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, returned Thursday from his vacation, which he spent at Barboursville, N. Y., accompanied by his wife. A few days were spent with friends in New York City and Brooklyn on the return trip.

E. T. Bushnell, assistant superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, is spending some time at his home in Connecticut.

Alfred T. Hawksworth, of the division of salaries and allowances, is spending about three weeks at points in the North.

Charles T. Trotter, assistant superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., was a caller at the department during the week.

Miss I. M. Phillips, of the assenting division, office of the auditor, reported for duty Thursday after an illness of about three weeks.

Miss B. M. Smith, Miss A. C. Kenaley, Miss H. M. Smith, and Austin Gray are among the number taking vacations in the assenting division, office of the auditor.

George L. Wood, assistant superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, is spending time at home on account of illness for several days.

L. F. Orrison, of the division of postoffice inspectors, with his wife, made the trip to Atlantic City to spend Labor Day. Mr. Orrison's baseball instincts got control of him, however, and he returned to Philadelphia to witness the Washington-Philadelphia double-header, leaving Mrs. Orrison to enjoy the day at the beach with relatives, joining her on the return home at Philadelphia.

William H. McReynolds, of the division of postoffice inspectors, accompanied by his wife, is spending two weeks at Hagerstown, Md.

Charles T. Carter, of the division of inspection, is on vacation for about three weeks.

Henry A. Shore, assistant chief clerk of the division of railway mail service, is spending two weeks at Salem, N. C.

James Keogh, of the division of railway adjustments, has been granted leave of absence for one month.

George W. Harris, of the division of railway mail service, left yesterday for a vacation of three weeks.

K. L. Russell, journal clerk in the chief clerk's division, is on vacation for two weeks, and is spending the time at the Jamestown Exposition.

Miss Clara J. Graham, of the chief clerk's division, was called away from the department Thursday by a message announcing the death of her grandmother.

Arthur H. De Riemer, of the Bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General, has returned from a pleasant outing at Haven, Me., and nearby points.

Joseph H. McAllister, of the Bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster Gen-

Civil Service Commission

ISSUES CHALLENGE FOR BASEBALL GAME

Lovers of Sport Are Organizing a Strong Aggregation.

Near the end of the season as it is, enthusiasm over the subject of baseball has been aroused at the commission by a very defiant and insulting challenge from the Bureau of Standards and Labor. The commission has been unrepresented on the diamond during the fore part of the season, but the challenge received has aroused a lively interest in the sport. The employees have been out to practice several evenings this week after working hours, and much promising material has been discovered. A team is in process of organization which is expected to do honor to the name of the Civil Service Commission in the game with the Bureau of Standards, which is to be played next Wednesday.

Paul Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, who was selected from the register for clerk-examiner for appointment to the commission, reported for duty last Tuesday, and was assigned to the division of appointments.

Miss Etta T. Lathrop, of the District of Columbia, who was selected from the register for stenographer and typewriter for temporary appointment in the office of the secretary of the fourth civil service district, reported for duty on August 23.

Transfer of Pittsburg Secretary Adds to Force of Commission

An additional position for the force of the commission has been secured as the result of the transfer of the local secretary at Pittsburg, Pa., to the Isthamian Canal Commission. The vacancy will be filled by an appointment for the commission's force at Washington, and the Postoffice Department will be requested to detail an employee of the Pittsburg office to act as local secretary for the commission.

The Internal Revenue examination for the positions of deputy collector and clerk and storekeeper gauger was held last Tuesday. About 200 applicants were examined in the fourth civil service district, comprising the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Ten applicants appeared for examination at Washington, D. C., and seven at Alexandria, Va.

Joel H. Jacobson, of the rural carrier division, is absent on leave at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Grace Ross, of the examining division, is absent on a two weeks' vacation. Her outing includes a trip up the Hudson river, the balance of her time to be spent in Vermont.

Byron H. Turner, assistant custodian, has just completed an inventory of the property of the commission, his other work, which has been considerably in arrears on account of extra work, has been brought up-to-date. Mr. Turner has taken advantage of a lull in the work to go on a two weeks' vacation. He left last Friday.

Calvin W. Bartlett, of the division of appointments, returned Tuesday from a vacation spent at his home in Dutchess county, N. Y.

Miss Emma Fisher, of Trenton, N. J., is the guest of her brother, L. H. Fisher, secretary of the fourth civil service district, in Washington.

Kenneth C. Vipond, stenographer to the chief of the appointment division, will return tomorrow from a three weeks' vacation.

W. A. Kemper, of the examining division, returned Thursday from a two weeks' vacation, having spent the time with his wife at points in Maryland.

Mrs. Estelle Duvall, of the division of rural delivery, left yesterday for Indiana, where she will spend a month in order to recuperate her health.

H. Conquest Clarke, assistant superintendent of the division of rural delivery, is spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Miss Jeanie H. Moxon, of the division of dead letters, returned Thursday after spending her annual vacation at points in New England.

Burton G. Cowles, of the inquiry branch, division of dead letters, left last week for the Adirondacks, where he will spend his vacation.

Mrs. Minna Rautenberg, of the division of dead letters, left last week for western Maryland to spend her vacation.

Lafayette G. Buehler, of the division of salaries and allowances, who was married recently, has returned to the department after a pleasant trip.

Miss Helen Smith, of the division of salaries and allowances, returned on Tuesday from a short vacation trip to points in Pennsylvania.

Daniel S. Shook, cashier for the division of postoffice inspectors, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

W. Hurley Roberts is acting chief of the correspondence section of the division of postoffice inspectors, during the absence of Chief John W. Johnston, who is spending his vacation at his home at Buffalo, N. Y.

Charles H. Saffell, chief clerk in the office of the postoffice inspector for the Washington division, who with his wife, has been spending his vacation at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., returned to his desk Tuesday.

weeks' vacation spent at Lorton's Valley, Va.

Charles M. Higgins, of the application division, returned Tuesday from a vacation of two weeks at Hot Springs, Va.

C. H. Rader, of the division of appointments, returned Tuesday, after a vacation of three weeks, accompanied by his wife, at his old home in Newcastle, Ind.

H. A. Hesse, of the examining division, visited his home in Herndon, Va., Labor Day. He was expected to return to duty last Thursday, but is detained there by illness in his family.

W. H. Wall, of the division of appointments, is absent on two weeks' leave.

H. C. Coles, of the rural carrier division, returned Tuesday from a short visit to his old home at Whittles Depot, Va., accompanied by his wife and baby. His wife has been visiting there for nine weeks past. Mrs. Coles will leave today for a week's visit with friends at Warrenton, Va. From there she will go to the home of her father in Fauquier county, where she will spend the balance of the month. She will be joined by Mr. Coles about the 1st of October.

Miss E. J. Spofford, of the examining division, returned Tuesday, after a three weeks' visit at her home in Dolgeville, N. Y.

Robert Blakey, watchman on the force of the custodian, returned Tuesday from a month's vacation. A week of his vacation was spent at the Jamestown Exposition and the rest at his home in Middlesex county, Va.

R. T. Buckingham, of the division of appointments, returned to duty last Tuesday, after a delightful vacation in southwestern Virginia. He was accompanied by his family.

Dr. A. J. Huntooth, of the examining division, is absent on leave.

Earl R. Fields and W. B. A. Y. Ahlgren, both of the division of appointments, left together last Saturday and were in attendance at the Jamestown Exposition Labor Day.

W. F. Mutchler, of the rural carrier division, returns to duty tomorrow, after a three weeks' vacation. He had expected to spend the entire three weeks in visiting his mother and brother in Easton, Pa., but was recalled to Washington at the end of the second week by the illness of his wife.

R. F. Grossell, of the examining division, is absent from duty, spending a month's vacation on Lake Champlain.

Anna E. Black, of the application division, is spending a three weeks' vacation at her home in Ohio.

Helen Miner, of the division of appointments, returned to duty Tuesday, after spending three weeks on leave at Bluemont, W. Va.

H. F. Mitchell, of the examining division, left last Tuesday for a vacation of two weeks' duration.

Mrs. Carrie B. Cobb, who has been spending her vacation at Niagara Falls, and among the Thousand Islands, returned to duty Tuesday.

J. A. Stratton, of the examining division, will return next Saturday from Ocean City, Md., where he is spending his vacation, accompanied by his daughter.

U. O. Arner, of the application division, is visiting in eastern Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife.

Miss Harriet Crump, of the division of appointments, who has been enjoying an outing at Cape May and Atlantic City, returned to duty last Tuesday.

Miss Laura Tracy, of the examining division, was called away to Buffalo, N. Y., last week by illness in her family.

Maurice J. McAniff, of the division of appointments, who has been spending a month on leave at Atlantic City, returned to his desk last Tuesday.

Bertram P. Berger, of the rural carrier division, returned Tuesday from a visit at his home in New York city.

Fenton Gall, of the examining division, left the first of the week for a visit to his home in Ohio.

Henry Behler, of the application division, who has been absent on leave for about two weeks, will return to his desk tomorrow.

Miss Jeanne Wakefield, of the stenographer's room, of the division of appointments, left about the middle of last week for a vacation in southern Virginia. She returned this week with a broken ankle, which will necessitate her absence, on sick leave, for some time to come.

Miss Agnes Thompson, of the division of appointments, who has been spending a couple of weeks at Cape May, N. J., and at Atlantic City, in company with Miss Harriet B. Crump, also of the division of appointments, stopped off at her home in Williamsport, Md., for a week's visit, while her friend came back to Washington.

H. D. Smith, of the examining division, who is absent on leave, will return to duty next Saturday.

John Richardson, of the division of appointments, has been absent from his desk since Tuesday, on sick leave, laid up with malaria.

T. M. Harr, of the examining division, who has been absent at Atlantic City, will return to duty tomorrow.

F. W. Huyler, of the application division, left last Saturday for a month's vacation at his home in Pennsylvania.

Miss Ida Kelly, of the division of appointments, will return tomorrow from a two weeks' outing at the Jamestown Exposition.

Dr. T. P. Chapman, of the division of appointments, who has been absent on leave the last three days of the week, will return to duty tomorrow.

Government Printing Office

VETERAN-PRINTER ON HIS VACATION

Leaves for New York, Jamestown, and Bluemont, Va.

Col. George Harry Stone, of the fifth division proof room, left Monday for his annual vacation, which he will spend in New York, Jamestown, and at Bluemont, Va.

Colonel Stone is one of the oldest union printers in the office, having been a member of the typographical union since 1851. He was twice president of St. Louis Union, No. 8, and twice a delegate to the International Union, and an organizer for that body.

Colonel Stone also has an interesting army record. He enlisted from Missouri in April, 1861, and was the first commissioned officer from that State in the civil war. He was appointed captain of Company C, which afterward became the First Missouri Regiment. The regiment was at Wilson Creek and also took part in the siege and capture of Fort Donelson. Colonel Stone being promoted to the rank of major for gallant services rendered in battle. He was also in the battle of Shiloh, and shortly after was assigned to the staff of Maj. Gen. G. M. Dodge as chief of artillery for the left wing of the Sixteenth Army Corps.

When General Price invaded St. Louis, Colonel Stone was commissioned colonel by Gov. Willard P. Hall and assigned as chief of staff to General Pike, and thus took part in repelling Price.

Lewis Livingston, the well-known actor, is a son of Colonel Stone, who was married about two years ago for the second time.

H. C. McFarland, superintendent of manufacture, is on vacation for several weeks.

Stephen L. McCarthy, of the estimating section of the auditing division, is spending his annual leave at Atlantic City and other points in that locality.

William Bond has been transferred from the division of manufacture to the counting division, and given a promotion.

George E. Clark, subinspector, has returned from New York, where he spent his vacation.

John Zirwes, receiving clerk in the supply division, is on vacation for three weeks.

John W. Rodgers, of the supply division, has returned from a trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia. At the latter place he registered for the fall election.

William Halstead Mellach, of the supply division, is taking a section of his annual leave.

George N. Page, of the pamphlet binding division, has returned from a month's vacation.

Joseph Stanislaus Murray, of the supply division, has been on the sick list for the past ten days.

John W. Mitchell, of the pamphlet division, has returned from Boston and other points East, where he spent two weeks of his vacation.

Arthur McCubb, of the pamphlet binding division, is spending two weeks at Laurel, Md.

Miss Edna B. Cross, of the folding and packing division, has returned from a two-week vacation.

William F. Walsmith, of the fifth division proofroom, spent last week as a member of a piscatorial expedition.

John H. Carr and George O. Burke, of the watch force, leave today with the Grand Army hosts for the Saratoga encampment.

John E. Walsh, of the pamphlet binding division, is spending two weeks at Colonial Beach.

John W. Allen, copy messenger in the fifth division, has been promoted from \$2 to \$2.50 per day.

William Kroll, of the supply division, made the trip to Philadelphia last week in order to register his name for the approaching election. He also accompanied his daughter to Atlantic City, where she will remain for her health.

Wilber J. Huson, of the supply division, is again at work after a vacation and a few days on the sick list.

William A. Kroll is spending fifteen days at Cumberland, Md., accompanied by his family.

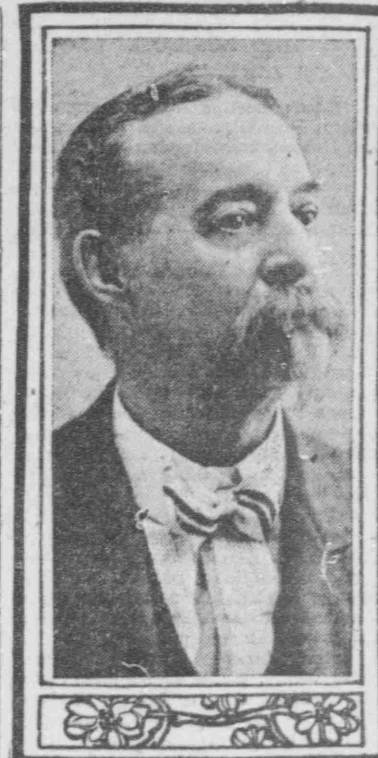
John Duffey, formerly foreman of the carpenter shop, who is now located at Los Angeles, Cal., visited friends in Washington last week. Mr. Duffey is now a prosperous contractor. He will visit the Jamestown Exposition and Elmira, N. Y., before returning home.

Frank R. Trimble, of the proof division, and wife, had as visitors last week Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pruitt and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett and daughter, of Brownwood, Tex. The party is on a sight-seeing tour, including the Jamestown Exposition, New York city, and the Yellowstone Park.

Joseph F. Splann, of the foundry division, is spending his vacation at Indianapolis, Ind.

Among the bindery employees on vacation are Elizabeth M. Chambers, Miss Ella T. Murphy, Miss Nora Leahy, Mrs. Annie M. McKevitt, Armour J. Mathewson, and Henry C. White. Among those recently returning are Louis Allen, Leonard Meyer, J. Wilson Clark, and J. L. Mann.

Capt. Richard B. Harlow, captain of the watch, will leave this afternoon by



COL. GEORGE H. STONE,
Of the Fifth Division Proof Room,
G. P. O.

boat for Baltimore and Boston, for a vacation trip. The return trip will be made by rail.

P. J. Byrne, assistant foreman in the bindery, has returned after spending about three weeks at points in Massachusetts.

Rufus L. Christian, of the foundry division, is at Colonial Beach to spend his vacation.

F. A. Mumford of Philadelphia, has received a probationary appointment as an electrolyte molder in the foundry division.

Edward Herbert, of the foundry division, had three fingers badly lacerated by a routing machine.

Charles Cardwell, of the bindery, was off duty for several days last week.

Edward Le Rossiere, Mrs. Bettie A. Tanner, and Miss Mary A. Cramer, of the bindery, started on vacations last week.

Mrs. Emma Farrigan, of the bindery, returned Tuesday from a pleasant stay at Atlantic City.

George O. Barnes, of the bindery, returned Tuesday after being on vacation for three weeks, the pleasure of which was destroyed by a bad attack of rheumatism.

Deputy Public Printer Brian continues to officiate as acting Public Printer. The absence of Superintendent of Manufacture McFarland also causes a move-up along the line. First Assistant Superintendent of Manufacture Young is acting superintendent. Foreman of Printing Constantine is acting first assistant superintendent of manufacture, and First Assistant Foreman of Printing Spottswood is acting foreman of printing.

The time-honored titles of foreman and assistant foreman of division is to be no more in the Printery, a recent change substituting the titles of chief and assistant chief in these positions.

William F. Wallace, at one time an employee of the office, died at the home of his daughter, 604 Bates street, Monday morning, in the seventieth year of his age. Miss Ella M. Wallace, his daughter, who is a copyholder in the fifth division proofroom, accompanied the body to Huntington, W. Va., where the burial took place. Miss Wallace was called to Huntington to the burial of her brother only a few weeks ago.

Miss Elizabeth Dillon, of the press division, has the sympathy of her friends at the death of her father, Edward Dillon, who died Tuesday evening at the family residence, 81 street northeast. Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Church, Friday morning.

J. S. Burnside, of the first division, has returned from a thirty-day vacation, having spent part of the time at Atlantic City.

Michael Shaen, acting foreman of the foundry division, is spending his annual leave with his family at Chesapeake Beach. Thomas W. Shamo is filling the position as acting foreman.

John L. Clendenin, of the proof division, who left for East St. Louis, Ill., last week, will remain there permanently and engage in the commission business.

Thomas A. Rynum, of the proof division, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported to be improving. He will go to Washington Grove, Md., to recuperate as soon as he is able to make the trip.

George A. R. McNeil, of the proof division, was seized with a chill while at the office one day last week. He has since been confined to his room.

Elliott S. Hubbard, clerk in the letter and files division of the office of the superintendent of documents, will return tomorrow after spending a week with relatives at his home in Auburn, N. Y.

William L. Duncan, stenographer in the office of the superintendent of documents, spent last week with relatives and friends at his old home in Boston.

Albert H. King, of the proof division, was on a vacation for several days last week in order to entertain a party of relatives and friends from New York.

Edward Reimuth, record clerk in the office of the superintendent of documents, has returned from his vacation

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

J. E. RALPH BACK FROM VACATION

Assistant Director Visited Boston and Jamestown Fair.

Assistant Director J. E. Ralph, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, returned to his desk Tuesday morning after taking his annual vacation. Accompanied by his family he spent some time in Boston, Mass., and at Providence, R. I., going from the latter place on the Fall River line to New York. After spending some time in the metropolis, a trip was made to Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition by the water route.

Miss Lydia E. Shoemaker, of the accountant's office, is spending her vacation at Atlantic City.

W. F. Kennedy, of the printing division, has been away from the bureau for several days on account of illness.

John Bullough, of the printing division, will be on vacation this week.

Miss Alice E. Waller, of the accountant's office, who is on vacation, made the trip to Boston by sea.

Miss Gowen, of the printing division, reports the arrival at his home of a handsome new daughter, George Cleary, also of the printing division, is the bearer of similar news, but he says his is a boy, which arrived on Tuesday morning.

William McPhillomy, of the printing division, and family, have returned from a pleasant week's visit to friends in Philadelphia.

George P. Cook, of the printing division, accompanied by his family, has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where two weeks were spent visiting friends.

Bruner Simon and James Lord, of the printing division, have returned from a week's visit to friends and relatives at their old homes in Philadelphia.

William Foley, T. L. Mahan, and Edward L. Schrack, composing the committee on condolence, have forwarded to Mrs. Ella Jordan, widow of Edward L. Jordan, residing at Ballston, Va., an engrossed resolution, setting forth the high esteem in which Mr. Jordan was held by his fellow-members of the International Steel and Copperplate Printers' Union, as ordered by the recent convention in Chicago.

The first edition of the Plate Printer, the official organ of the International Steel and Copperplate Printers' Union, which was recently purchased by the local plate printers' union from the estate of the late E. L. Jordan, appeared last week under the editorial direction of Charles Smith, who resigned his position in the bureau to edit the paper.

Charles J. Baker and Louis Perron, of the printing division, spent a few days last week on the upper Potomac fishing

of three weeks, which was spent at neighboring pleasure resorts.

William S. Schneider, clerk in the editorial division of the office of the superintendent of documents, resigned his position last week in order to take a position as teacher in an Episcopal school for boys, at Long Island, N. Y. He will spend two weeks at Albany, N. Y., with his parents before entering upon the new duties.

Clarence R. McLelland, of the superintendent of documents' division, has resigned to take a position with the Seneca Chain Company, at Mansfield, Ohio, as general timekeeper, at a salary of \$200 a year. Mr. McLelland is a native of Chicago, and had been employed in the office about ten years.

Miss Margaret C. Upleger and Miss Annie L. Shiley, cataloguers, returned Wednesday from a pleasant stay at Atlantic City.

Miss Helen A. Murray, of the bindery, has returned from Atlantic City and New York, where they spent two weeks.

Chief Mover John J. Dooney has been busy for the last week with a corps of assistants transferring the typesetting machines from the fifth to the seventh floor.

John H. Butler, compositor, is again on duty, after spending his vacation at Boston and New Bedford, Mass. He brings with him a fund of interesting fishing stories. One cod caught weighed 130 pounds, while his party landed fish at the rate of one every three seconds, and for further details see Butler.

Albert Whitacre, of the machine shop, had his right hand badly injured while repairing one of the automatic feeding presses last week. He is temporarily incapacitated for duty.

John W. Willis, of the monotype machine division, has returned from Philadelphia, after spending a week with his parents. He was accompanied home by his wife and child.

Charles S. Taylor, of the monotype machine division, announces the arrival at his home of a twelve-pound boy.

John Kraemer and George E. Dill, of the foundry division, are ill at their homes in Baltimore.

Thomas Flint, of the bindery, is attending the G. A. R. encampment at Saratoga Springs.

The following proofreaders have been transferred from the day to the night