

PLAINTS BEING RECEIVED OF NOTICES TO VACATE

Scores of Cases of War Workers Here Testify Capital Has Reached Capacity Population.

That the influx of war workers is increasing housing congestion in the District is indicated by numerous complaints being received daily by the housing and health division of the War Department from persons who say they have been notified to vacate rooms and dwellings which they now occupy.

Capt. Julius L. Peyser, acting chief of the division, is taking many cases into Municipal Court daily. Scores of cases reported to the housing and health division, however, which cannot be taken to court, furnish evidence that Washington has nearly reached its capacity population.

The housing and health division, it was said today, is at work on figures concerning the health of the thousands of war workers living here. These figures are expected to show whether housing conditions in Washington are having an effect on the physical condition of the government's army of civilian employees.

Realizing that congestion in living accommodation might affect the health of the war workers, the United States home registration service inspects every room offered to it in a Washington home before sending an employe to live in it. Many of the rooms found vacant by soldiers in their recent house-to-house canvass, are expected to be passed up upon inspection, it was said today.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

James Hurley, U. S. M. C., Was Drowned in San Domingo.

Funeral services for James Hurley, U. S. M. C., who was drowned near Santiago, San Domingo, August 29, will be held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurley, 625 Columbia road, tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment will be at Glenwood cemetery.

Hurley was drowned while in pursuit of bandits outside the city of Santiago. He was pinned under his horse when the animal fell while fording a stream.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Arthur Hurley, and two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Welsh and Mrs. Esther Thomas, of this city.

LOUIS E. LEE GRADUATED

D. C. Man Will Be Commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

Louis E. Lee of 2151 Newport place, this city, has been graduated at the Infantry Central Officers' Training School at Camp Pike, Ark. He will be commissioned a second lieutenant of United States Infantry.

The War Machine

The mighty German war machine is busted in the road; the greatest engine ever seen broke down beneath its load. The wise mechanics flock around and try to make repairs; old Hindenburg, he paws the ground, and Chuffer Wilhelm swears. Says Ludendorff, "This blamed old boat will never run again; it's lost its everlasting goat, and we are hoodooed men." The kronprin, smeared with mud and grease, crawls from beneath the car, and says, "Perhaps a plea for peace, just now, would travel far. While this old ark could hit the plain at fifty miles an hour, all talk of peace gave me a pain—I gloried in its power. But while we pushed it we forgot, methinks, to knock on wood; our Jonah's got us now, I wot, and peace looks pretty good." And then exclaims his haughty sire, "The blame must go your way; you would put on that wornout tire; that blew out every day. If me und Gott had run this boat, with none to interfere, I would not mourn my royal goat, which you made disappear." Says Hindenburg, "The motor's works kick up an awful din; we'll have to telephone the Turks to come and haul us in." The war machine is in the ditch, a sad and ghastly wreck, and Wilhelm mourns, in doleful pitch, the windshield round his neck.

WALT MASON.

LIEUT. J. B. LORD WOUNDED

Probable Duplication of the Announcement Made August 16.

Lieut. John B. Lord's name is on today's casualty list as severely wounded.

His mother, Mrs. John Wignall, 1336 Newton street, was cabled the news shortly after Lieut. Lord was placed in a hospital. This was on August 23, and it is believed that the statement of today's casualty list refers to that incident.

Lieut. Lord was a student at Central High School and afterward attended the University of Wisconsin. It was while he was at the Wisconsin institution that the Mexican trouble broke out and he enlisted in the National Guard. When he was mustered out, following the quieting of the border trouble, he entered the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and was commissioned.

His brother, Isaac Lord, another Central High boy, is also in the Army.

ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED DOWING TO EPIDEMIC

Acting on the advice of health officials, the National Guard of the District of Columbia has suspended all drills until further notice. Only transaction of official business will be permitted in the armory.

Other activities postponed or abandoned are:

President Charles W. Ray of the Brightwood Citizens' Association announces that the meeting of the association scheduled for tonight, together with the liberty loan rally, has been called off.

William McKinley Circle, Ladies of the D. A. R., will not hold the meeting scheduled for Monday evening.

Classes in topical Bible study by the Cottage Bible Institute have been postponed.

The meeting of the Aid Association for the Blind has been postponed until further notice.

Meetings of the Anthropological Society of Washington will be postponed until further notice.

Our Flag Chapter, D. A. R., by order of the regent, Mrs. J. Edgar Smith has called off the meeting for October 16.

The October meeting of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America has been postponed.

Constitution Chapter, D. A. R., has postponed the regular meeting for October 15.

WANTS TO NURSE SOLDIERS.

Veteran of Franco-Prussian War Writes to Red Cross.

National headquarters of the Red Cross in this city has received a letter from Jean Delbecchi, post office box 22, Demarest, N. J., a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, asking the organization to try to get him a job helping take care of American soldiers.

"I fought the dirty boche in '71," writes the veteran postman. "Perhaps some of the brave American lads might like, such an old veteran to help them through their recovery from wounds or sickness."

He expresses a preference for a position in one of the Baltimore hospitals, but is not too particular as to just where his employment will be.

AGAIN TO GO ON JOINT HIKE.

Wanderlusters and Red Triangle Will Join Forces Sunday.

The second joint hike of the wanderlusters and Red Triangle Outing Club will be led by Ewing Summers Sunday afternoon. The trains will leave from 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue at 1 and 2 o'clock. The walk will be from Miller, a piece of wooded country near Mount Vernon.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Clara Van Horn has filed suit for maintenance in the District Supreme Court against William R. Van Horn, a government employe. They were married at Ashton, Md., January 8, 1886, and have one child, an adult. Since last July, the wife says, her husband has not contributed to her support, although he has an income of \$242 per month, she asserts.

Henry B. King has filed in the Probate Court a caveat protesting against the admission to probate of the will of Fanny B. Easby, who died August 6, 1917. Mr. King is a first cousin of the testatrix and claims he should be entitled to a share of the real estate, valued at \$300,000, the bulk of which is left by the will to the Presbyterian Home of Washington. He charges undue influence in the procurement of the will.

Walter Gayden, colored, 132 F street, in a fight early this morning at 2d and F streets southeast, with Milton Chatman, colored, 1213 South Capitol street, was shot in the mouth. Gayden was taken to Providence Hospital. Chatman was arrested and is locked up in the fifth precinct station.

In an altercation last night between Agnes Smith, colored, thirteen years old, 1313 South Carolina avenue southeast, and Charles Dorsey, colored, thirteen years old, 1310 G street southeast, the girl was cut in the back with a pocket knife, alleged to have been in the hands of young Dorsey. The girl, after receiving first-aid attention at a nearby drug store, was taken to her home. Dorsey was arrested charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

FREE STUDY OF FRENCH.

Another Language Course Organized by Beaux Arts Salon.

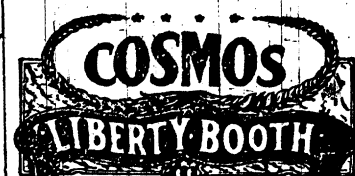
Growing demand for war workers familiar with the French language has caused the Beaux Arts Salon, 1413 H street, to organize an additional free French language course for Wednesday evenings. Applicants are invited to the salon next Wednesday evening for enrollment.

D. C. BOY REPORTED WOUNDED

Private Darlington's Parents Await Particulars From Ottawa.

Word has been received that Private Walter F. Darlington, a Washington boy, was wounded in the right shoulder, while serving in the Canadian army on Flemish soil.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Darlington, 2026 G street, are awaiting particulars from the war office at Ottawa, Canada.



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