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## OUR BOYS ARE COMING.

311TH AND 112TH M. G. B. HAVE ARRIVED AT CAMP MEADE—BOTH BATTALIONS INCLUDE CARROLL COUNTY SOLDIERS—THE 112TH ARE OLD COMPANY MEN—WILL BE MUSTERED OUT AT MEADE AND SENT HOME.

The Artemis, the American transport with the 112th Machine Gun Battalion aboard which arrived at Newport News Friday evening was met by Surveyor of Port Guy W. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rainey and Mrs. H. Scott Roper. The greeting received by the men of the 112th will long be remembered, especially those who received the kisses from our fair American ladies. The company arrived Thursday at Camp Meade where they will be mustered out of service.

It was a little boat, this first well-known ship, and it had a business-like air about her rather than an air of gaiety. Directly in front of her cabin, though stood four men, waving their hats frantically. Besides the skipper at the wheel and three or four official-looking men who stood near the bow, they were the only persons on the boat.

As they drew nearer so that they could see the flashes of white teeth along the line of khaki that adorned the ship's rail from stem to stern, Mr. Steele shouted: "Carroll county, Carroll county. We're from Carroll county. The first soldiers to greet Mr. Steele was Cook Samuel A. Myers and John Magin.

Then the little boat was alongside the Artemis, and while one of the official-looking men was shouting to the commander of the transport through a megaphone, the other four men were clambering up the Jacob's ladder that hung down the side of the ship. They were not sailors and they made a hotchy work of it.

They were former Senator Blair Lee, Surveyor of Customs Guy Steele, A. P. Rainey, of Westminster and Raymond Tompkins.

Mr. Steele was the first man on the boat followed by Mr. Rainey who will forever claim for Carroll county the honor of having been the first county to be represented aboard the transport that brought home Maryland's doughy regiment and the machine gun battalion that supported it. Senator Lee said that he was the second man aboard the transport, representing the Lee family, of Montgomery county. Raymond Tompkins, correspondent of the Sun, claims nothing but a modest scoop.

The first member of the Lee family to get on the Artemis was, of course, Major Brooke Lee, commanding the Second Battalion of the One Hundred and Fifteenth. He got on at St. James. Mr. Rainey had a son aboard, George A. Rainey, Jr., of Washington of the Machine Gun Battalion, which came home commanded by Capt. T. A. Lyon.

## STEAMER VIRGINIA BURNS.

MISS CARRIE SHRIVER AND NEPHEW, EDWARD SHRIVER, THIS CITY, WERE ABOARD AND RESCUED.

One hundred and fifty-six passengers on the steamer Virginia had a thrilling experience last Saturday when the boat caught fire and was burned to the water's edge. The ship took fire about 11 o'clock at night and many daring rescues were made by some of the passengers.

Among the passengers on the ship were Miss Carrie Shriver, of Baltimore, a daughter of Mrs. Keener Shriver, East Green street, and her nephew, George Edward Shriver, this city. Both were upset into the water from a capsized life boat, but were rescued. Miss Shriver was taken to Newport News and Master Edward was brought to Baltimore on the steamer Florida which gave assistance to the passengers and saved the lives of many, who would in all probability have drowned.

Some of the passengers gave the following accounts: Private A. Haag, a native of Holland, who was discharged from the United States Air Service at San Diego, Cal., on Friday, May 16, was one of the passengers thrown into the water. He was on his way to Newport News, where he hoped to get work. He lost all his clothing and about \$200 in cash.

Fred Frittita, a newspaper photographer, employed by the News, was one of the heroes aboard the ill-fated steamer. He and his wife narrowly escaped a watery grave. Fred was one of those in the life-boat which overturned, precipitating its passengers in the darkness into the Bay. Unable to swim, he kept himself afloat by a superhuman effort until his hand struck an oar in the water. By pulling on the oar he pulled himself to the side of a life-boat and was later dragged to safety by some of those in the boat.

When the alarm of fire sounded its dreadful warning to the sleeping passengers, McCaffery and Murphy ran to the life-boat which carried women and children to the deck, where the panic-stricken people were huddled. The women and children were lowered into a boat, which capsized. Immediately the merchant marine men sprang into the dark waters and began to seize the floundering persons and swim with them to a nearby boat. For nearly half an hour the two men continued the rescue work in the water. Neither had had time to don more than shirts and pants and they emerged from the long immersion in the cold water.

A survivor, telling of the scenes of confusion which prevailed during the rush of the passengers for life-boats, said that Commander Tawes was forced to draw his revolver in order to keep back panic-stricken men and give the women a chance to get into the boats.

Scenes of almost indescribable horror were enacted in the darkness, which was pierced by the towering flames of the burning vessel and the pencil-like rays of the searchlights on the rescue vessels. Men and women, thrown from overturned life-boats, struggled in the water. Everywhere screams of terror-stricken women and the hoarse shouts of men mingled to form a veritable bedlam. Fortunately, the water was calm, otherwise there might have been a sickening loss of life.

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Funeral was May 22 at the house. Services were held at Winter's church and interment in graveyard adjoining.

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## GIRL BURNS SELF TO DEATH AS BOY DIES.

Tragic End of Youthful Pair On Highway Believed To Be The Result of Suicide Pact.

Allentown, Pa., May 27.—Nava Newhard, 16 years old, and Palmer Lilly, aged 19, of Northampton, near here, died in a tragic manner as the result, it is asserted, of a suicide pact because the parents of the girl refused to permit her to accept the attentions of Lilly.

Miss Newhard, it is said, was recently chastised by her mother because she persisted in keeping company with young Lilly.

The young people evaded their parents and walked to Howertown, a mile away, where they sat down by the roadside and ended their lives.

The girl, with the assistance of her lover, was thought, set fire to her dress and she died, every bit of clothing on her body, except the shoes, being destroyed.

Then young Lilly, according to the theory of the coroner, shot himself several times through the head, dying in a few minutes. They left a note on the ground in which they told of their purpose to die, as they could not live apart. The bodies were found soon after and were turned over to the parents.

MANCHESTER. Professor Bortner, principal and teacher of the Manchester High School decided on purchasing the New International Encyclopedia, twenty-four volumes. The books arrived last week. The cost was \$119.75. These books will be of intrinsic value to the teacher and scholars for reference. The money raised at the play and social was used for the purchase of the encyclopedia and other books for the library.

The M. H. S. boys crossed bats with the Snyderburg team. The game stood close for some time but finally resulted in the score of 17 to 18 in favor of the M. H. S. boys.

## TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.

MRS. ALICE KISER HEARING OF SHOOTING HER HUSBAND SET FOR MONDAY.

After a recess of two weeks the Circuit Court for Carroll County will convene on Monday to hear the case of Mrs. Alice Kiser, for the murder of her husband, Frank Kiser on Wednesday night, February 12 at Harney inflicting a wound in the head from which he died at the Frederick City Hospital. The Kisers were well-to-do, owning several farms and Mr. Kiser for a number of years has operated a bi-weekly provision truck to Baltimore.

Though both were about 55 years of age, for a long time Mrs. Kiser had suspected her husband of a liaison with a farmer's wife in the neighborhood, and she claims to have warned him to desist. She alleges that this woman was in Harney flaunting herself before the Kiser home and that she saw her husband making signals to her. He left home later in the day and returned soon after dark that evening. Mrs. Kiser watched for his return, and, as he was about to enter the summer-kitchen door, fired a shotgun at him. The shot took effect in his head. The silence outside the door caused her to think that she had not shot him, and in a few minutes she opened the door and stumbled over the body. She ran at once to a neighbor's home and told what she had done.

State's Attorney Seabrook will try the case for the State. Mr. Weant will represent Mrs. Kiser. The nature of the defense has not been disclosed, but by the character of the witnesses summoned it is indicated that an effort will be made to show that Mrs. Kiser was mentally irresponsible at the time of the killing. Among the witnesses will be the following noted alienists, Dr. Adolph Myer, of Johns Hopkins; Dr. John R. Oliver, criminologist of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, Doctors Clarke and Purdum, of Springfield State Hospital for the defense, and Dr. Charles G. Hill, superintendent of Mt. Hope Retreat, for the State.

To the Patrons of Westminster Schools. Do you realize the conditions in Graceland School? 1. The rooms are twenty-six feet ten inches long by fifteen feet, ten inches wide, large enough for twenty pupils. Yet in the least crowded of these rooms there are thirty-six of your children, while in one there are fifty.

2. These rooms receive so little sun light and the walls are covered with such dark paper that on cloudy days the eyes of your children are severely strained.

3. Because of improper ventilation the pupils are constantly subjected to drafts.

4. The heating plant was inadequate even during the mild winter just past. On the colder days the temperature was never above 60 and often as low as 49 degrees.

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