

BIDS FAREWELL TO MEN OF THE 28TH DIVISION

Major General Muir Goes to Camp Merritt to Take Command

By Associated Press. Camp Dix, N. J., May 17.—Major General Charles H. Muir, commander of the 28th Division, bade farewell to the officers of his staff and the division as an organization is a thing of the past. The general went to Camp Merritt, N. J., to-day to take command.

Colonel David J. Davis, of Scranton, chief of staff, made a brief address, in which he expressed the regret of the officers at the parting and the gratification they felt at having served under so able a commander.

General Muir issued a farewell statement to the division in which he said: "The existence of the 28th Division now ends. Each member has every right to be proud of its deeds during the great drama in which it took part.

"In saying farewell the commander under whom you served expressed the hope that the plaudits, the admiration, the appreciation, the gratitude that marked your return may in no way unit any further and increased usefulness, that each will bring to his new task that industry, courage and fidelity that mark the true soldier."

3,500 Freed in Day

All daily records for discharges at Camp Dix were broken yesterday when 3,500 soldiers were demobilized. The departing men came chiefly from the 28th, 29th, 78th and 82d Divisions, with a sprinkling of casualties from nearly every other division.

Soldiers from many parts of New Jersey were among those discharged. The 103d Engineers of the 28th Division were discharged to-day and the 109th Field Artillery of the same division will go out to-morrow. New Jersey and Western New York men of the 20th Artillery and the 202d Field Signal Battalion of the 78th Division will be discharged to-morrow.

Brigadier General William G. Price, commander of the 53d Artillery brigade, and the only Pennsylvania National Guard general to serve in France, was also discharged. General Price has been selected by Governor Sproul to be major general of the Pennsylvania National Guard when it is reorganized.

State Teachers' League Meets Here For Tenth Annual Convention

Where school districts fail to pay their share into the teachers' retirement fund, the amount will be deducted from their State appropriation, so there is no possibility of the teachers themselves losing through the district's negligence. H. H. Bales, of Harrisburg, president of the Teachers' Retirement Board, explained to-day to delegates in attendance at the tenth annual convention of the State Teachers' League. The present status of the fund and detailed work were outlined by Mr. Bales, who answered many queries of the delegates.

The two sessions, one this morning and one this afternoon, are being held in the Technical High School Auditorium. Miss Luce, of Jeannette, president, is presiding. Almost 100 delegates are in attendance from fifty-five counties. Dr. F. E. Downes, superintendent of the city schools and president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, delivered the address of welcome to the teachers at the morning session. H. E. Slagen, principal of Stevens High School, Lancaster, responded. Miss Elizabeth S. Baker, of this city, spoke on the "Present Status of Educational Legislation."

The Woodruff bill, providing for the increase of teachers' salaries, will receive the endorsement of the organization during the afternoon session. During the afternoon session necessary legislative activities for the future will receive discussion. Superintendent J. J. Bevan, of Carbon county, will discuss it from the viewpoint of a county superintendent. Superintendent P. E. Laxmy, of Easton, from the viewpoint of a city superintendent, and Parks Schoch, of the West Philadelphia High school, from the viewpoint of a high school principal. Officers will be elected during the late afternoon.

PEERLESS IN WITH UNITS OF 28TH DIVISION

Reception Committees Meet Pennsylvania Boys as They Land in Philadelphia



MAJOR ROBERTS

Philadelphia, May 17.—Greeted by river craft and factory whistles that was not exceeded in warmth by any welcome heretofore given the returning troops at this point. The One Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery, the One Hundred and Eighth Machine Gun Battalion and part of Company M, One Hundred and Tenth Infantry, all of the Twenty-eighth Division, arrived here shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the transport Peerless from St. Nazaire, France.

Four units of returning reception committees and relatives and friends of many of the returning troops met the steamer twenty miles down the Delaware river and the journey to the dock was through a continuous roar of whistles and cheers.

All the members of the reception committees that greeted the men were ready to console them over the fact that they missed the great welcome given to the division when it held its last review in Philadelphia Thursday, but they found the men not in the least disappointed that they were not on hand for the festivities.

Glad They Missed Parade

When the news that the parade took place Thursday reached us, the men actually cheered with joy. They want to go home, not parade.

There has been some discussion of having the units that returned yesterday hold a parade, but was officially said they would be promptly discharged from the service at Camp Dix and that if the men wanted to parade the choice would rest with them.

There were thirty-four officers and 2,241 men on the Peerless. The bulk of the One Hundred and Eighth Artillery is made up of the old Second Regiment, Philadelphia. The regiment was filled out by detachments from troops A, C, G, D, K, L, M and N of the old National Guard cavalry regiment, hailing from Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Sunbury, Lock Haven, Bellefonte and Lewisburg.

The One Hundred and Eighth Machine Gun Battalion contains some of the members of the old Thirteenth Regiment of Scranton, and detachments from former National Guard units of Reading, Lancaster, Pine Grove and Hamburg.

Thousands of persons swarmed around the pier at Snyder avenue when the transport docked. Cheers and tears were mingled in the greetings. Bands played and the Red Cross dispensed refreshments as the men left the ship and entrained for Camp Dix.

W. H. Roberts aboard the returning troops were former Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Watres, of Scranton, whose son, Major L. H. Watres, is in command of the Machine Gun Battalion; Colonel Hamilton D. Turner, commander of the old Second Regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Ross, who was with the One Hundred and Eighth Artillery when they were training prior to going to France, and who inspected the ship as chief

LIST OF PATRONS ANNOUNCED FOR THE "SKYLARK"

Many Attractive Details Are Added to Program For Big Event

The Skylark at Willa-Villa next Thursday for the benefit of the Pure Milk Society adds daily to its program of allurement. Afternoon hours for the children have been planned, brimful of attractions for boys and girls, beginning at half-past three o'clock, are under the charge of a special committee consisting of Mrs. Horace M. Witman, chairman; Mrs. John E. Fox, vice-chairman; Mrs. Martin Cumber, Mrs. Howard Bingham, Mrs. John C. Jessup, Jr., Mrs. Wareham Baldwin, Mrs. Wiggs' cottage patch, a flower market, games and balloons, a shooting gallery, and a ball-throwing test game are some of the clever things promised. Watch for the blue sign boards—an arrow with skylarks rampant is the device.

A list of the patrons follows: Governor and Mrs. Sproul, Lewis S. Sadler, Colonel Edward Martin, Mrs. Henry Klac, Bishop and Mrs. Darlington, Mrs. Henry McCormick, Bishop McDevitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hickok, 3d, Mr. and Mrs. David Kaufman, Miss Dull, Mrs. Casper Dull, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Halley, Mrs. Herman Astich, Mr. and Mrs. William Elmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer B. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shearer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lowengard, Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Witman, Miss Anne McCormick, Mrs. John H. Weiss, Mrs. A. G. Knisely, Mrs. Robert A. Lambertson, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Gilbert, Mrs. R. Douglas Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer C. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Starkey, Judge and Mrs. George Kunkel, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Herman, Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, E. J. Wallower, Rabbi Haas, Donald McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Ogleby, Mrs. A. P. L. Dull, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Simms, Mrs. Marlin E. Olmsted, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Claster, Reich, and Mrs. Mary E. Reilly, Dr. and Mrs. George P. Mains.

Standing of the Crews

Philadelphia Division—The 125 crew to go first after 1 o'clock: 109, 106, 120, 119, 115, 105, 113, 112, 111, 114, 02, 136.

Engineers up: 105, 106, 110, 125. Conductors for 114, 120, 126. Flagmen for 102, 105, 106, 110, 111, 119, 136.

Engineers up: Bair, Simmons, McDonald, A. K. Steffy, Downs, Smith, Frickman, Yeater, Casey.

Brakemen up: Brown, Nesley, Emerick, Cushing, Thompson, Blum, C. W. Fry, Vogelzong, R. L. Good, Newcomer Shark, McMullen, Wood, Sittler, H. S. Stotter, E. C. Craver, Brakemen up: Leightner, Corbin, Christ, Hoffman, Dare, Altemus, Horne, Y. M. Con, Reigel, Espen-shade, Boughter, Fitzner, E. E. Craver, Leshar, Etzinger, Killian, Cross, McCarty.

Two Citations Received By Major S. W. Fleming Forwarded to His Home

The official citation in the case of Major Samuel W. Fleming, of Harrisburg, to which reference was made yesterday, were received by the major this morning. Major Fleming was in command of the 15th Infantry at Camp Meade and is serving with the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Infantry. He has received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre and the official citations are as follows:

Distinguished Service Cross—"For extraordinary heroism in action. On the night of November 9, 1918, Major Fleming received a serious and painful wound near Beaumont, France, from a high explosive shell, but refused to be evacuated and continued in command of his battalion until the signing of the armistice. He was exposed not only to heavy enemy fire, but to severe weather conditions as well."

Croix de Guerre—"Major S. W. Fleming, Jr., Three Hundred and Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A., an officer of great bravery and exalted by a high sense of duty; being seriously wounded during the night of November 9, 1918, he continued in command of his battalion, and refused to be evacuated, and by his control over his troops succeeded in keeping intact all of his positions in a difficult situation."

inspector of the United States customs service at this port. On the staff of the One Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery all the officers received the Belgium Croix de Guerre in recognition of their splendid service in Belgium. The staff officers are: Lieutenant Colonel John Handy Hall, Major Walter Clark, Jr., Major Harold Hellier, Lieutenant Clement Tingler, and Lieutenant Edward Hubbs, of Philadelphia; Major William A. March, Norristown; Major George W. Roberts, Harrisburg; Captain Leon C. Forgie, Buffalo, and Lieutenant Stanley M. Livingston, Buffalo.

GERMAN LEADERS UNITED IN STAND TO DECLINE TERMS

Announcement Declares It Is Impossible to Fulfill Treaty

By Associated Press. Berlin, Thursday, May 15.—In consequence of veiled insinuation of the Pan-German newspapers that the Ebert-Scheidemann government intends to sign the allied peace terms, notwithstanding their severe provisions, semi-official announcement was made to-day that these insinuations strike a false note and that the government is fully united in its intentions to carry out its recently stated policy of declining to sign the compact.

The announcement says the Government will not be forced into a hasty "yes" or a basic "no" and that it is determined to abide by its original stand on the unreasonableness and impossibility of fulfilling the present peace terms.

Friday proved an odd day in peace conference circles, so far as the Council of Four was concerned. President Wilson devoted the day to visits by a number of delegations and individuals, ranging from diplomats to labor representatives. Whites, Premier Lloyd George was absent from Paris, bidding farewell to a Welsh regiment that left for home.

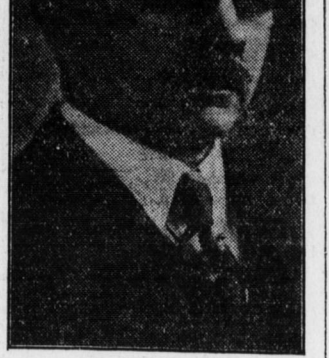
The negotiating with the Austrian labor representatives, Whites Tuesday, and it is reported unofficially that the following day may witness the handing of the peace terms to the delegation.

Russian Fleet Is at Anchor Near Memel

London, May 17.—A British fleet is anchored outside of Memel, East Prussia, close to the Russian frontier and the British are expected to occupy the place in a few days, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, quoting Berlin advices.

Keystone Rug Company to Build New Plant

Arrested by Police Charged With Theft of \$135,000 in Liberty Bonds



W. E. DAVIS

The Keystone Rug Company, located for many years in Montgomery street, is now building a new plant at North Cameron and Dauphin street, W. E. Davis, president of the company, announces. The company is engaged in the manufacture of rugs from old carpet and in carpet cleaning.

Modern equipment will be placed in the new establishment, which will be considerably larger than the old one to meet the expanding business.

Basket of Roses For Mrs. Wm. B. Schleisner

A silver basket, filled with roses, was presented to Mrs. William B. Schleisner, by employees this morning when she entered her office. This gift was made in appreciation of her decision to close her store on Saturday evenings at 6 o'clock and other past favors.

Sixty-Five Veterans of Tank Corps Arrive Home Without a Reception

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CHICAGO BROKER AND RURAL BANK CHIEF ARE HELD

Arrested by Police Charged With Theft of \$135,000 in Liberty Bonds

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 17.—John W. Worthington, a Chicago broker and former banker, and George R. Kent, vice-president of a suburban bank, were held by the police to-day in connection with the alleged theft of \$135,000 in Liberty bonds and other securities from the William J. Crittenden brokerage house of Pittsburgh.

Neither would discuss the case and the fact of their detention became known only after they had been questioned all night by private and city detectives. Worthington was then taken to a cell in the city detective bureau, but Kent was allowed to remain in the hotel. A few hours later he was taken to a cell and it was indicated that no charges will be made against him.

The securities disappeared February 22. According to detectives their trail led to the office of Thomas Watson, a Chicago broker, and the police are said to have obtained from him an affidavit charging Worthington with having retained him to dispose of the securities.

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Enola Methodists Are First "Over the Top"

While the drive for \$105,000.00 in the Centenary Campaign of the Methodist Episcopal Church does not officially begin until to-morrow, the Rev. E. M. Aller, pastor of the Enola Methodist Church, announced to-day that they have already gone over the top with \$150 to spare. This little church was apportioned \$1.43 per year, but \$1,600 has been subscribed already and the work is not completed.

At Hanover, a few days ago, in a four-hour canvass of twelve families, 50 per cent of that church's quota of \$2,500 was subscribed, while at Newport the captains of the team at their meeting for organization subscribed among themselves exactly one-half of the church's quota of \$2,125.

Courthouse Notes

Letters on Estate—Letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Emma Sherk, late of East Hanover township, were issued to-day by Register of Williams Ed H. Fisher to J. H. Kuntz. The estate is valued at more than \$50,000.

Sues For \$10,000.—Suit for \$10,000 has been brought against Louis Begelger by Joseph J. Pilkey, father of Miss Mary R. Pilkey, the school teacher who was struck by an automobile driven by Begelger and was killed. The accident occurred at Green and Verbeke streets, April 1. Mr. Pilkey alleges in his statement of claim that he had been making his home with his daughter and that she cared for him.

Company Loses Action.—In an opinion handed down to-day the Court ruled that the Shenango Furnace Company must pay additional State tax, which with commissions amounts to \$2,765.75. The company claimed an exemption from taxation on \$725,000 worth of capital stock of the Shenango Steamship Transportation Company which it owned, but the court held that the stock was taxable.

Motions For New Trials.—Motions for new trials have been made in these civil cases: Mrs. Henry Miller vs. Jacob Hess and Emma vs. Hiram B. Troutman.

LIBERTY BOND PRICES

New York, May 17.—Liberty Bonds to-day were: 3 1-2s, 99.22; first 4s, 95.50; second 4s, 94.16; first 4 1-4s, 95.70; second 4 1-4s, 94.48; third 4 1-4s, 95.55; fourth 4 1-4s, 94.52.

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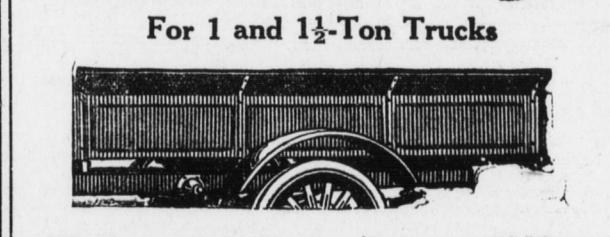
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READY FOR DRIVE NO. 1 Officials of the Rutherford Railroad Y. M. C. A. have completed their plans for the membership campaign during the week of May 12-24. Federal Manager Edwin is general chairman of the committee in charge. Committees have been appointed to start work on Monday.