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The Steamer Maryland, Plying Between Crisfield And Baltimore, Burned Saturday Morning At Four O'clock—All Passengers And Crew Saved—Was Built Only a Few Years Ago For The B., C. & A. Company Engineer Startt, of Kent, Shows Himself a Hero.

The fine side-wheel steamer Maryland, of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic fleet, which plys between Baltimore and Crisfield, was burned Saturday morning at four o'clock, off Baltimore light, and is apparently, a complete loss. The boat left Crisfild Friday at seven o'clock with a large cargo of freight and a number of passengers; reight and passengers were taken on at the other stopping places, so that a large cargo, for this season of the year, was aboard, as well as a considerable number of passengers. When the fire broke out a desperate effort was made by the officers and crew to control it, but without success, and seeing that all efforts along this line were futile, the passengers and officers and crew took to the boats and escaped.

The Maryland is a comparatively new boat, having been bailt for the B., C. & A. Co. within the past 12 or 15 years.

The fire started in the pantry on the saloon deck on the port side of the vessel, the origin being probably due to defective wiring. It was first discovered by John A. Startt, the second engineer of the vessel, while on his way from the engine room to the beamhouse on the top deck, abont 4.15 o'clock in the morning. Seeing flames coming from the pantry, Startt rushed back to the engine room and shouted up the speaking tube to Chief Officer Samuel P. Fisher, who was in the pilot house, that the ship was on fire. Then he called Chief Engineer G. B. Titter. The ship was then off Baltimore light, about 15 minutes' run from Mountain Point.

Mr. Titter told the three stokers who were feeding the furnaces to stick to their post. This they did, shoveling coal into the boilers while the ship was blazing above them. These three stokers were among the last to leave the steamer.

Almost simultaneously with the discovery of the fire by Startt, Quartermaster Mowbrey L. Jones saw the flames, and he, with Startt and Titter, gave the general alarm which aroused the crew and the passengers.

Mr. Startt is a Kent countian, born in Quaker Neck, and a nephew of Mrs. J. Polk Decorse, of Chestertown. His heroic conduct is highly spoken of reflecting credit on his county and all connected with him.

THE old postoffice building has been rented as a shoe store.

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WEDDING NOTES

ROBINSON—BROWN.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stoops, Saturday, January 23, when Miss Mildred Palmer Brown became the bride of Mr. Russum Robinson, of Chestertown. The bride was becomingly attired in a brocaded mode. The bridal party consisting of the bride and groom accompanied by Miss Grace Goss, Baltimore, and Mr. Wallace Brown a brother of the bride marched to the sweet strains of "Lohengrin's" wedding march skillfully rendered by Miss Margaret Stoops a cousin of the bride, through the sitting room to the parlor where they were met under an evergreen arch by the Rrv. O. B. Rrice, who pronounced them man and wife. After the ceremony a sumptous supper was served.

WALLS—HESSY.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Crumpton bridge Sunday night, Jan. 24. Promptly at 10 o'clock, the contracting parties, Miss Emma Hessy, of Morgnec, and Mr. Joshua Walls, of Crumpton, accompanied by the Rev. J. E. George, and Mr. Chas. Nickerson, lantern bearer, marched to the accompaniment of a north east hailstorm across the causeway to the bridge. On the center of the draw, amid pelting sleet and howling winds the determined couple, resolute that "end justifies the means," posed for the ceremony. In the background were two unwelcome attendants.

After the ceremony the bride went to the home of a friend while the groom retired to the home of his parents for a brief honeymoon.

LOUD—MORRIS.

Miss Josephine H. Loud and Mr. Harvey W. Morris were married on last Tuesday at noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edw. Loud, near Chestertown. The wedding, though very quiet and witnessed by only the immediate families of the couple, was a very pretty one. The rooms were decorated with evergreen and cut flowers, the bride and groom plighting their faith under an arch of evergreen. Messrs. Robert Loud and Walter Morris, brothers of the bride and groom, stood with the couple while the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Jester, of St. James M. P. Church. The bride was very becomingly attired in a purple traveling dress trimmed with fur, with hat to match, and wearing bride's roses. A remarkable feature was that three grandmothers of the couple were present—Mrs. J. Carvil Maslin, Mrs. Jos. Watson and Mrs. John Loud. After a short trip the newly married couple returned to their future home at Maple Grove, near Lankford, where a sumptuous dinner was served to a large company.

ALDRIDGE—WALBERT.

The home of Mrs. Israel F. Walbert, near Lankford, was the scene of a quiet wedding at 1 o'clock last Saturday. The bride was Miss Grace Walbert, the attractive and accomplished daughter, and the groom was Mr. J. Kennard Aldridge, the only son of Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, of Chestertown. Only the immediate families were present. Dr. John S. Bowers, president of the Maryland Conference of the M. P. Church, and an uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony. The bride was neatly attired in a wisteria colored tailor-made suit and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Edith Colescot, of Philadelphia, played the wedding march. After the wedding the bride and groom left on their honeymoon for Philadelphia and New York. The presents were indeed numerous and useful. They will be at home to their friends on the Aldridge-George farm, near town, after Feb. 15.

SHRILEY—SUTTON.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Wesley Chapel parsonage, Rock Hall, Wednesday morning, January 20, when Miss Helen Power Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Sutton, of Rock Hall, became the bride of Mr. Charles B. Shriley, in the presence of the sister and brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. D. Johnson, pastor of the Wesley Chapel Church. Immediately after the ceremony they were driven to Rock Hall where they took the boat for a short wedding trip. They will be at home to their friends after Feb. 1st, in their pretty home near St. Paul's Church.

HOWARD—BRYAN.

The wedding of Joseph Wright Howard, of Still Pond, and Miss Dora Bryan, 1812 Bradish avenue, Walbrook, is announced. They will reside near Still Pond.

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MURDERS WIFE WHO CAME AT HIS CALL

Mrs. Mary A. Davis, of Rock Hall, Victim of Tragedy In Neighbor's Home At St. Denis—Husband Is Chased By Posse—When Overtaken Real Estate Agent Gives Himself Up And Says "I'm Sorry I Didn't Kill Family."

Sending a child with a message to his wife, Mrs. Mary Annie Davis, of St. Denis, Md., that he wanted to see her at once at the home of a neighbor, Benjamin E. Davis, a real estate agent, formerly of Rock Hall, laughed and chatted with her for a few minutes after she answered his summons shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday morning and then shot her twice, killing her instantly.

Thrusting aside Ola Lamb, the girl who carried his message and who left them talking in the kitchen of the home of W. A. Lamb, her father, as she hurried in from the yard, Davis fled toward the city. A posse of citizens, hastily organized by Patrollman "Tobe" Brass, pursued him and captured him on the Rolling road about a mile from the village. Though one bullet remained in his .38 calibre revolver, he offered no resistance and made no effort to kill himself.

"I killed her and am ready to take the consequences," he said quietly when placed under arrest. "I am only sorry that I did not wipe out the entire family."

He refused to make any further statement and would give no reason for killing his wife, who was a remarkably pretty woman. Patrollman Brass locked him up at the St. Denis Police Station.

Owing to his drinking habits, Mrs. Davis has not been willing to live with her husband for more than a year, according to members of her family. He is 33 years old and she was 34 years old. They had been married 14 years and had three children—two boys and a girl. The eldest is 12 years old and the youngest 8 years.

Before going to meet her husband Mrs. Davis, who with her three children lived with her father, George Crawford, kissed them good-by as usual and sent them to the Relay School. They were sent for later, but were not told of their mother's death until after they got home.

Davis is a brother of Patrolman Chas. Davis, of the Southern district, and has lived in Rock Hall nearly all his life.

Was Cruel To Wife

He was arrested on several occasions for beating his wife. Only last July he was arrested and taken to the Mount Winans Police Station on the charge of assaulting her. Owing to her earnest plea for his release at that time Justice J. Hull paroled him. The parole has not yet expired.

Members of Mrs. Davis' family believe that he killed her without warning. He fired four shots at her. Two shots went wild. One passed through her heart and another pierced her right lung.

"My sister was devoted to him and was willing to live with him in spite of the way he treated her," said Miss Irene Crawford, a sister of the dead woman. "She loved him, though everyone else knew he was a worthless, good-for-nothing fellow, and in spite of the fact that he drank constantly. He could not support her and left her and his children to starve about a year ago. They come to live with us.

"My sister was too good to him. She forgave everything he did. Any other woman would not have gone to see him this morning. In view of her great love for him and the way she forgave him, no matter what he did, I cannot imagine why he shot her."

Ola Lamb, who carried the message from Davis to his wife, in telling of the murder, said:

"I came back with Mrs. Davis to our kitchen, where he was waiting for her. He laughed and joked with her. I thought I was in the way and left the room, going to the yard. He shot her almost right away. I ran into the house as he ran out."

ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS MAY LOSE THEIR PLACES

Bill Has Passed The House—Senate Considering It.

Assistant postmasters in small communities over the United States, by reason of pending legislation, face the prospect of being legislated out of office by failure of appropriation.

Should they be designated to fill the duties of superintendent of finance—substituted in the bill, making appropriation for the Postoffice Department for the fiscal year 1916, in the absence of appropriation for the salaries of assistant postmasters, reduced compensation will lose to them the earned promotion that has come with years of service and experience.

The pending bill makes no appropriation for the salaries of assistant postmasters, although the measure does not expressly abolish these offices. Appropriation is made for the new position of superintendent of finance, at a rate of compensation that will materially cut down the pay of men now filling the duties of assistant postmasters, should they take over the duties and compensation provided for superintendent of finance. The bill is intended to effect an economy in the public service.

Assistant postmasters are showing considerable concern over this prospect.

The bill has already passed the House in this form. The Senate is now considering it.

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