

PRESIDENT SPENCER KILLED.

HEAD OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY MEETS TRAGIC END.

Terrible Rear-End Collision on the Southern Near Lynchburg, Va.—President Spencer's Private Car Demolished and the Wreckage Burned—Everybody in Car Killed.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway company, and recognized as one of the foremost men in the development of the Southern States, was killed this morning at 6.10 o'clock in a rear-end collision in which two fast southbound passenger trains were involved, ten miles south of Lynchburg and a mile north of Lawyers' depot. In the same wreck three of his guests were killed. Only Mr. Spencer's private secretary, E. A. Merrill of New York city, and one of the three porters survived the accident.

The Dead.
President Samuel Spencer, Washington.

Chas. D. Fisher of Baltimore, Md. Philip Schuler of New York city. Frank T. Redwood of Baltimore. D. W. Davis of Alexandria, Va., private dispatcher to President Spencer.

William Pollard, colored, porter on President Spencer's car, who died in hospital here.

An unknown person, whose head and limbs are burned off short, who is believed to be the third porter on the private car, who is missing. His name cannot be learned.

The Injured.

Lucretia Allen, colored, Danville, Va., leg broken and amputated below the knee; left arm badly broken.

Willis J. Winston, 233 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, New York city, leg badly broken.

J. W. Shaw, colored, Spencer, N. C., fireman, badly crushed and both legs broken.

Garland Thomas, colored, Greensboro, N. C., leg broken and badly bruised up.

P. E. Vauls, colored, Waynesboro, Va., badly broken up and bruised.

Cora Logan, colored, Shelby, N. C., both legs broken.

Sam Cox, colored, porter on the private car, of 611 First street, S. W., Washington, D. C., leg broken.

Cruett, address unknown, the supreme organizer of the Heptasophs, back badly wrenched.

Son Hoglan, colored, Charlotte, N. C., badly bruised leg.

E. A. Merrill, New York city, private secretary to President Spencer, head and arms badly burned, will recover.

Mr. Spencer's destination was Friendship, N. C., where he was going on a hunting trip with Messrs. Schuyler, Fisher, Redwood and Merrill, as his guests.

President Spencer and his entire party occupied the rear car on the forward train and as far as is known were sleeping when the collision happened, and the probabilities are that all of them excepting Dispatcher Davis were killed instantly. It is certain that life was extinct before the flames touched them. President Spencer's body was burned almost beyond recognition, as was that of Mr. Fisher. The body of Mr. Schuyler was taken from under the train before it was burned very much, having been singed only slightly. President Spencer's car was attached to the rear of the Jacksonville train, which was standing still when struck.

President Spencer was lying directly under the big locomotive of the rear train. So great was the force of the impact that the forward train was sent at least 150 feet ahead, the locomotive going over and upon the body of Mr. Spencer. Until after the debris burned itself out and the engine cooled off the bodies could not be removed.

The impact drove the combination car forward and the express car lifted up together with its truck and crushed the car 40 feet, leaving the remainder of the car strewn with tons of baggage and colored passengers, who were pushed back, as the express car crushed the combination car, like rats.

The combination car did not leave the track and in clearing the track the express car was hauled to a siding a mile distant on top and in the debris of the combination car. How the colored passengers in this compartment, which is known as the Jim Crow part of the train, escaped, none of them being killed, is beyond explanation.

The wreck occurred on the crest of a steep grade, when the Atlanta train could not have been running more than 30 miles an hour, if as fast. Had it been a mile or two further south, the number of dead might have been frightful, as the train was about two hours behind the schedule, a condition in the grade there that would have meant a speed of more than 60 miles an hour.

It was reported at first that Engineer Kinney of Spencer, N. C., who was in charge of the engine on the Atlanta train was killed, but this proves to be incorrect. Kinney suf-

fered only a few slight bruises and cuts, which were dressed and he did not go to a hospital.

Mr. H. B. Spencer at Scene.

Mr. H. B. Spencer, the sixth vice president of the Southern railway, was a passenger on the northbound train from the south, which reached the scene of the wreck a few minutes after it occurred. He spent several hours there until the charred remains of his father were taken from under the locomotive and then he came to this city with the remains of his father and those of his party.

The coach containing the corpses was sidetracked in the yard above the city. Caskets were procured for them. These were placed in the private car of President Stevens of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, who was passing through the city with his family, the car having been tendered for this use by President Stevens. This car and the one containing the remains of the killed were attached to a late train going north and the remains were transferred to the caskets while the train was in transit.

Judge John D. Horsely, division counsel for the company here, and Assistant General Superintendent E. H. Coapman of Danville were in charge of the remains, Mr. H. B. Spencer having preceded this train on a special made up here in order to be in Washington upon the arrival of the regular train.

At the City hospital tonight all of the injured colored persons are reported to be doing nicely. All are expected to recover.

County Coroner J. W. Davis, at the request of the Southern railway officials, went this afternoon to the scene of the wreck for the purpose of holding an inquest, but he found the bodies had been removed before his arrival. He returned to his home in the suburbs, and tonight could not say what steps will be taken tomorrow.

The Jacksonville express had the right of way in the block and the engine left the train and proceeded two miles, one of which was beyond Lawyers before the engineer noticed he was without his train. It may be that when he passed Lawyers that the operator there gave Rangoon a block, without noticing whether or not the rear end markers were to be seen before he did so.

In the absence of an official statement, except that the operator at Rangoon was at fault, that statement is being accepted here. It is possible that a railway investigation may develop that the Rangoon operator let the Atlanta train into the block on an order from Lawyers that the block was clear, the operator there thinking the trainless engine cleared the block, and the rear train had passed Rangoon before it could be stopped when the mistake was discovered.

Should the investigation show that the Lawyers operator gave a clear track after the engine passed his station without noting the rear end markers, then the cause of the accident was at Lawyers and not at Rangoon. Only an official investigation will reveal this.

At 10.30 o'clock it was ascertained from a reliable source that D. L. Maddux, the operator at Rangoon, who was on duty at the time of the accident, has disappeared and he cannot be found, although railway officials have made an effort to locate him.

THE OPERATOR BLAMED.

Southern Railway Officials Trying to Fix Responsibility for the Wreck.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The Southern railway is making a vigorous investigation of the cause of the wreck on Thanksgiving morning when President Spencer was killed.

It is stated that the fault rests solely with the operator either at Lawyers or Rangoon. D. L. Maddux the latter operator, has disappeared and a warrant is out for his arrest.

The funeral of President Spencer will be held tomorrow. The official statement of the wreck was issued today by Counsel A. P. ... The report says: "Why the signal was given to No 37 that the track was clear we have been unable to ascertain, but that matter is being investigated."

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THE RUNNERS ARRIVE.

From Columbia to Sumter on Foot in Nine Hours.

From the Daily Item Nov. 28.

Three members of the Mercury Running Club of the University of South Carolina, Messrs. H. McGowan, Holmes, J. B. Reeves, Jr., and R. D. Lee, Jr., made a fine run from Columbia to this city, a distance of 44 miles, in a little over nine hours. The boys in their running suits started the corner of Main and Liberty streets at exactly 2.02 o'clock, and they were lustily cheered by a crowd that had gathered at the corner to witness the finish of the long endurance race.

The entire club, consisting of 14 members, all students at the University of South Carolina, are the guests of Messrs. John and Dozier Lee, and will spend Thanksgiving day in the city.

Albino Squirrel.

M. Wilford Horton, of the Ashton section of this county, was exhibiting in town today the skin of a pure white fox squirrel which he killed while hunting a few days ago. The squirrel was pure white, without a spot or mark of any other color. As is well known albinos occur occasionally among all animals and birds, but this was the only albino squirrel that any one in Sumter had ever seen.

ANOTHER FOOLISH MAIDEN.

The Daughter of Theodore Shonts of Panama Canal Fame Will Marry French Nobleman.

Paris, Nov. 28.—Miss Theodore Shonts, daughter of Theodore B. Shonts, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission is to be a duchess. Her marriage to Duke Chaulnes, De-Piquingny, has been arranged. Miss Shonts, who is under twenty years of age, was abroad last summer when many noblemen sought her favor. Mrs. Whitelaw Reid presented her at St. James Court. The duke is noted for his interest in athletics. Mr. Shonts and daughter are en route to the United States from Panama, and are expected in Washington tomorrow.

KAISER CRITICISED.

Orthodox Lutherans Call Down the Bumptious German War Lord.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—Orthodox Lutherans are severely criticising the Kaiser's sermon delivered Sunday aboard the flagship Deucheland, in which he said the last thoughts of a drowning sailor should be of God, home and emperor, the supreme war lord. The Protestant organ, Reich, says it is too much to demand that sailors think of the supreme war god at the moment of death. Other newspapers make identical comments.

A SCHOLARLY MURDERER.

Washington Professor Who Killed His Mother-in-Law, Held in London.

London, Nov. 28.—A plea of insanity was offered by Karl Hau (or Stau) the Washington college professor who is wanted to answer the charge of murdering his mother-in-law when the extradition hearing came up this morning. The magistrate refused the plea because he was satisfied the man is the one wanted. The case was postponed for a week.

OCTOBER COMMERCE.

Internal Trade This Year Compares Favorably With That of Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 30.—According to the department of commerce and labor the reports of internal commerce movements for October compare favorably with those of a year ago.

The decrease in grain and live stock shipments is due to shortage of cars. Packing house products from Chicago amounted to 231,555,096 pounds, against 249,491,057 last year. Of this amount 4,181,000 is in canned meats. Slight gains were made in dressed hogs, hides and pork.

BE READY FOR WAR.

Rear Admiral Converse Makes a Significant Report.

Washington, Nov. 30.—In view of the recent anti-American agitation in Japan there is thought to be significance in the report of Rear Admiral George Converse, chief of the bureau of navigation, which was made public today. The necessity for keeping the navy fully prepared for war is the keynote of the report.

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ROLINA COND.

Sumter plays on the City Tennis Court at W. Second Plaza.

In this tournament of the South Carolina Inter Collegiate Association, which was conducted in Greenville last Tuesday resulted in the College of Due West, capturing the loving cups for both doubles and singles, and the University of South Carolina took second place in both events.

Campana's team, composed of Mr. L. M. Green, of Sumter, and Mr. Simon Rich, of Orangeburg, easily defeated Wofford and Newberry and lost to Erskine in the finals.

Mr. Bernard Manning, of Sumter, made a splendid record in singles, but like the team in doubles, when it came to the championship contest, the Carolina boy was defeated by the Erskine contestant for the team.

Sumter shares with the University an equal pride in the manner in which her boys acquitted themselves in the tournament.

FIRE DESTROYS SEED COTTON.

Fifty Thousand Pounds Burned in Chesterfield County.

Cheraw, November 26.—A serious cotton fire occurred on the plantation of Mr. J. A. Watson, seven miles from Cheraw, yesterday, destroying 50,000 pounds of seed cotton and entailing a loss of \$5,000. This loss falls heavily on Mr. Watson, who is one of the leading planters in this section. No insurance was carried.

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KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

An Old Man Run Down and Instantly Killed in New York.

New York, Nov. 28.—An automobile ran down and killed Frederick W. Baecht, aged 77 years, last night, and then sped on so that the police were unable to ascertain its number. Orders have been given to search for the automobile belonging to Benj. Thaw, the half-brother of Harry, whose machine it is supposed by the police may be the one that killed the old man. Benj. Thaw announced recently that he was prepared to spend \$40,000,000 in defending Harry for murdering Stanford White.

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Home Endorsement.

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Home endorsement, the public expression of Sumter people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Sumter reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in far-away places. Read the following: "Geo. Ingram, farmer, well-known in Sumter, says: 'I believe you have a most valuable medicine for backache, for I never had anything do me so much good as Doan's Kidney Pills which I procured at Dr. A. J. China's Drug Store. My back has caused me a lot of suffering; I did not know that it was my kidneys but thought I had malaria all through my bones for they ached so. The aching extended all up and down my back clear into my shoulder, and down my legs. I do not think I had a spot about me where the pain did not strike and every once in a while I had a dull gnawing kind of a pain across the small of my back and then again sharp shooting pains all over. I used numerous remedies and make-shifts but found nothing to do me any good. The kidney secretions became dark and strong and looked like liver when left to stand and get cold. They were too frequent in action and disturbed my rest nights. The first night after I used Doan's Kidney Pills I told my wife I felt better. I thought it might be imagination until after using the pills a couple of days when I knew the pains were lessened and the secretions from the kidneys soon ceased to annoy me as they formerly did. I have not had a return of the aching and pain since I used Doan's Kidney Pills.'"

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