

MURDERER BLAMES
WIFE FOR COME

Theft Mania and Love for Excitement Cause Killing, Man Confesses.

WILD CAREER AS BURGLAR

After 24 Hours' Questioning, Massachusetts Man Breaks Down, Admits Slaying Woman-Thiefery Began in Boyhood.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 6.—Laying his crimes to love of excitement and a mania for stealing, caused by an injury to his head in boyhood, Bertram C. Spencer today broke down under 24 hours of questioning and confessed he was the masked burglar who has terrorized Springfield for two years and had reached the climax of his wild career by murdering Miss Martha B. Blackstone last Thursday.

In his avowing confession, Spencer makes it clear that he had an intense love of excitement and a high degree of personal vanity. This latter trait Spencer gratified by baffling the police and reading the newspaper accounts of his exploits.

Crime Accounts Fascinate.
The accounts of his daring crimes fascinated him and fostered his egotism. The police say he is a morphine fiend.

An element that entered into Spencer's crimes was a desire to secure money to purchase elaborate furnishings for his home in West Springfield, where he lived with his young and pretty wife.

While admitting the killing of Miss Blackstone, Spencer said he did not intend to shoot her, but had lost control of himself when she shrieked repeatedly. Even the police officers were frightened by her and the three other women who confronted him in the Dow house.

Spencer was arraigned in the police court, and was held without bail for further hearing April 15.

Conscience Fails to Prick.

Spencer told the police he had experienced no qualms of conscience over his crimes. The only thing that caused him any worry was the loss of a lock of his hair. This was found in a pocket of a house he had entered, and caused his arrest.

In his confession, Spencer revealed a career of almost lifelong crime. Following a blow on the head while he was a small boy in Lebanon, Conn., he said, he began to steal. At the age of 15 he lifted the pockets of his schoolmates and robbed his parents of small sums.

Later, while still a youth, he held up young women on the highways and entered houses. He spent some time on a naval training ship and then traveled about the country, his thefts covering a wide and terrifying range of legitimate occupations by day. He says he was in San Francisco during the earthquake.

NEGRO SOLDIERS GUILTY

Officers Held Culpable for Riots at Brownsville.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Military Court of Inquiry, which during the last year has been investigating the shooting out of Brownsville, Tex., today reported a finding that the evidence clearly sustained the charges that the shooting was done by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored). The report was submitted to the Secretary of War.

The court declared that if the officers of the regiment had not ordered their duty immediately prior to the shooting the affair could not have occurred, and that if they had performed their duty immediately after the shooting, some of the guilty men would have been discovered.

Twenty men belonging to the Twenty-fifth Infantry are declared to be eligible for re-enlistment.

MORMONS CLOSE MEETING

John Henry Smith Elected to Aid President Joseph Smith.

LONE ROBBER GETS \$600

Everett Saloonkeeper Stands Against Wall While Cash Goes.

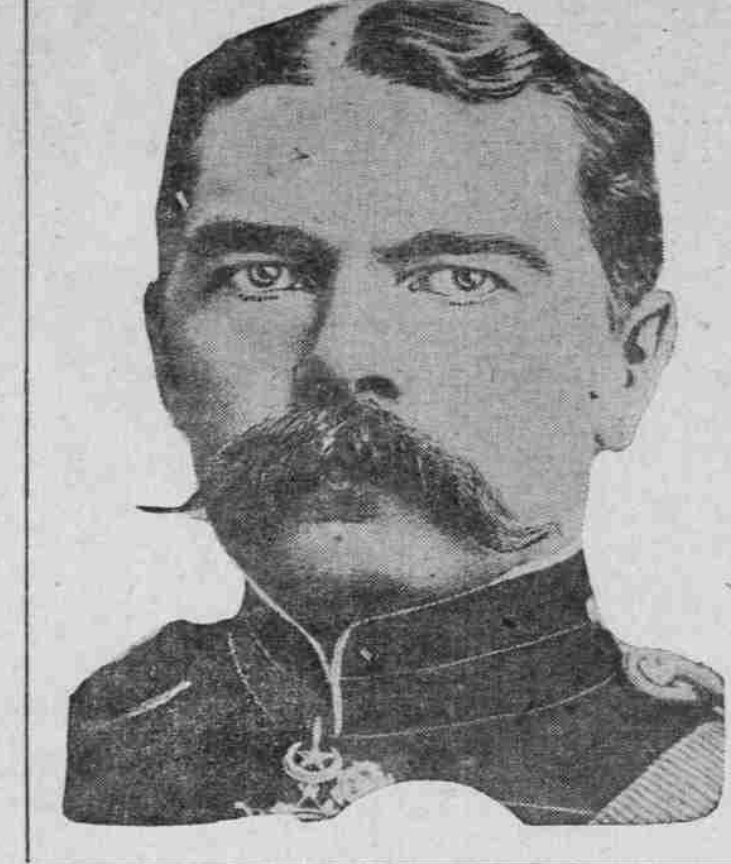
Power House Deal Closed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 6.—(Special).—The Twin City Light & Traction Company has closed a deal with the Coal Creek Lumber Company, which is to erect the erection of its new \$75,000 powerhouse on the mill site in the north end of town.

Objectioners Given Opportunity.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 6.—(Special).—The Chehalis Council has ordered notice of a hearing on April 18 on the resolution for the big sewer and drainage district that will be put in to take care of the eastern and southern portion of the city during the coming summer.

NOTED BRITISH SOLDIER NEARING SAN FRANCISCO ON LINER IS ASKED BY WIRELESS TO SPEAK AT BANQUET HONORING ADMIRAL SEBREE.



LORD KITCHENER RETURNING TO LONDON FROM INDIA AFTER LONG SERVICES AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(Special).—Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, is a passenger on the Pacific Mail liner Mariposa, which is due here tomorrow from the Orient. Lord Kitchener was asked by wireless whether he would speak at a banquet tomorrow evening in honor of Admiral Sebree, retired, and a reply is expected late tonight. The dinner to Sebree is given by Army and Navy officers and various civic organizations to testify their appreciation of his long naval service, so recently ended by the age limit. Lord Kitchener is going back to London after seven years service as commander-in-chief in India. He was recalled at the end of last year. Kitchener has not been here for many years, and it is believed he will spend several days in the city.

DUO CHANGES TUNE

Alleged Stamp Thieves Glib First, Now Silent.

TWO OWNED UP TESTIFIED

Eddie Fay and "Little Dick" Harris Fight Extradition, Postal Inspectors Say Captives Confessed—Pair Indignant.

Two More Confessions Made.

Just before President Winter's appearance in Judge Fraser's court, James Anderson, the general bookkeeper of the Workmen's Savings & Trust Company of Allegheny, had also pleaded nolle prosequere to a charge of falsifying the books of the bank in connection with the payment of \$20,000 of Elsinore.

Steel Magnate Refuses to Talk Business Out of Business Hours.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Frank N. Hoffstot, when informed at his New York residence tonight that a presentation ordering his indictment on charges of conspiracy and bribery had been returned in Pittsburgh, said with quiet humor: "I always leave business behind me at the office and now that I am home I cannot discuss this matter. Tomorrow when I go down town and look things over I may have something to say, but until then you must excuse me."

CORN PLENTY, PORK DOWN

Cured Hog Products Show Signs of Becoming Cheaper.

STRIKE MENACES BERLIN

Wage Scale Offered by Builders Rejected by 350,000.

GRAFT INVOLVES MAGNATE

Hoffstot Fought Bitter Strike.

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TAFT TAKES STAND
GIBST BOYCOTT

Bethlehem Issue Should Be Settled on Merits, Says President.

GOMPERS MAKES REPLY

Business Men of Steel Works Town Call at White House and Committee of Strikers Will Be Received by Executive Today.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—"I am utterly opposed to the principle of the boycott," declared President Taft before a committee of Bethlehem, Pa., business men at the White House today.

The President declared further that, so far as he was concerned, he did not believe that disputes between third parties warranted the abrogation of Government contracts with any company.

The delegation, which was headed by H. J. Meyers, called at the White House as disinterested persons, the chairman declared, to protest against the reports spread by labor agitators that the Bethlehem Steel Works, because of the strike of some of its employees, was turning out an inferior quality of work.

Issue Is Met Squarely.
"I haven't followed closely what has happened at Bethlehem at all," said President Taft. "I don't know what the statements are to which you refer. I am only sure that I am utterly opposed to the principle of a boycott. Every issue ought to be settled on its own merits. If the Bethlehem work is not up to the standard the Government ought not to give the contracts to it. If it is, the contracts ought to go to it. It is for the Government to find out what is the matter, and to act on it and to refuse its contracts on that ground and not because it is concerned in a fight or in a controversy with its employees."

Gompers Makes Comment.
When the speech of President Taft was called to the attention of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, he said: "The President's utterance to the delegation of business men of Bethlehem who were coerced by the Bethlehem Steel Company is but confirmatory, as well as disappointing; and disappointing toward labor for the logical conclusion, regardless of underlying causes; confirmatory of his utterances and actions in every material issue in which the real interests of the District of Columbia are involved."

Strikers Will Be Heard.
"The President stands pat on the tariff on products from foreign countries and this country put on the free trade in labor from all climes and under any conditions."

CANNON AND TEXAN CLASH
Exchange Follows Point of Order as to Speaker's Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The proceedings of the House today were opened with a clash between Speaker Cannon and a Texas (Democrat) over a point of order.

Calling attention to one of the rules of the House, Henry insisted it was mandatory on the speaker to keep a quorum in the House.

Without ruling, Cannon replied that much of the business of the House was done in a quorum and that it was the duty of members as well as the speaker to see that a quorum was maintained.

The clerk will proceed," commanded the speaker.

The clerk started to read the journal, but Henry demanded a ruling on his point of order. Tomorrow when he is to take his seat, using his gavel vigorously.

He made the point of order that no quorum is present as the speaker refuses to do his duty," shouted Henry.

"The chair congratulates the gentleman that he has a duty to perform," exclaimed Henry.

"I regret I cannot congratulate the speaker upon the performance of duty," said Cannon.

"The chair does not desire the congratulation of the gentleman," replied Cannon.

The roll was called and 270 members answering to their names, the day's business was taken up.

COUNSEL ARE PROMINENT

Noteworthy Array Announced to Present Fisheries Arguments.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—An array of counsel greater in number and more illustrious in reputation than ever before assembled at The Hague to engage in the trial of a special case has been retained to represent America and Great Britain, in the determination of what is undoubtedly the most important issue ever presented to the great peace tribunal.

Technically this is the determination of differences which have arisen between the two governments as to the true intent of the provisions of article 1 of the treaty of 1818, defining the fishing rights of Americans and Canadians in their respective waters.

The issue of greatest import is the determination of the right of a colony or province, such as Canada or Newfoundland, by local legislation, to de-

rive persons of rights conferred by treaty between the principals. On June 1 next the arbitration tribunal is to meet at The Hague to hear the oral arguments.

The arbitration court will consist of Dr. Heinrich Lammasch, of Austria, umpire, who will act as president; Luis M. Drago, Argentine Republic; Jonkhert A. F. De Savorny, of The Netherlands; Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The agent of Great Britain in this arbitration is the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice of Canada. The Counsel for the part of Great Britain are the Right Hon. Sir William Robinson, K. C., Attorney-General of England; the Right Hon. Sir Robert Finlay, K. C., former Attorney-General of England; Sir Earl H. Richards, K. C., and on the part of Canada, John S. Ewart, K. C., George Shepley, K. C., W. S. Tilley, and on the part of Newfoundland the Hon. Sir Edward Morris, K. C., Premier of Newfoundland; the Hon. Sir James Wintor, K. C., former Attorney-General of Newfoundland; D. Morrison, K. C., Attorney-General of Newfoundland, and the solicitors Messrs. Blake and Medford.

The agent of the United States is Chandler P. Anderson. The United States Counsel are Senator Elihu Root, General Turner and Samuel J. Elder, and the Associate Counsel are James Brown Scott, Solicitor of the Department of State; Charles B. Warren and Robert Lansing.

HEYBURN BLOCKS AGAIN

VOTE ON WARREN BILL PREVENTED ONCE MORE.

Hamer Introduces Measure in House to Fall Delay—Idaho Colleagues Wrangle, Borah Caustic.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Fearing that Senator Heyburn's filibuster may long delay action on the Warren irrigation bill now before the Senate, Representative Hamer, of Idaho, today introduced that measure in the House and will undertake to secure its early consideration, confident it will pass.

Heyburn again filibustered today and prevented a vote. Before he got through, however, he encountered trouble with his colleagues, who decided that the bill did not contain such provisions as Heyburn has been objecting to, and intimated that Heyburn is fighting straw men that he himself has introduced. Heyburn was compelled to take issue with his colleagues.

The Senator is not only taking issue with his colleagues," retorted Borah, "but with the Idaho State Land Board, which strongly favored the bill, and with the Idaho public generally."

Nation to Aid Marine Schools.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Representative Humphrey has introduced a bill providing that whenever states establish marine schools for instruction in navigation, the Federal Government shall contribute annually to such school an amount equal to the state appropriation. The Secretary of the Navy is directed to detail naval officers as instructors at such schools and to prepare the use of naval vessels for instruction cruises.

McCredie Asks Road Surveys.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Representative McCredie today appeared before the appropriations committee to urge that provision be made in the sundry civil bill for road work in the Mount Rainier National Park. He called for \$25,000 to continue the construction of the main road into the heart of the park; \$50,000 to repair roads and trails and \$10,000 to survey a road around the boundaries of the park.

McCredie Visits Gettysburg.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Representative and Mrs. McCredie returned today from a trip to Natural Bridge, Va., and the Gettysburg battlefield. At Gettysburg Mr. McCredie found the place where his father was killed in battle July 2, when serving under General Sickles.

Lieut. Jackson Ordered to Duty.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—First Lieutenant Robert Jackson, 12th Infantry, now on sick leave at Portland, will report to the commanding officers of the Department of the Columbia for duty pertaining to Army maneuvers in that department during the coming summer.

Bandon Gets National Bank.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—The First National Bank, of Bandon, Or., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. Harry L. Houston, president; Clarence L. Lowe, vice-president; J. W. Roberts, cashier.

Rural Carrier Reinstated.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—John E. Mower has been reinstated rural carrier, route 3, at Hood River.

Spring Medicine

There is no other season when medicine is so much needed as in the Spring. The blood is impure and impoverished—a condition indicated by pimples, boils and other eruptions on the face and body, by deficient vitality, loss of appetite, lack of strength.

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Regular Price \$12.00 Thursday \$6.95

—We have now on exhibition a striking collection of very beautiful new

Pellard Suits in the latest fashionable Spring modes, in every material that is in demand this Spring.

Forsythe Waists that are too well known to need introduction, are here in style and cut and tailoring that made them famous.



These \$1.95 Corsets Are Wonders

—Being a regular \$3.00 corset sold at a special price made possible only by great concession of the manufacturer.

W. B. New Form 1910 Spring Model

—In the new coat corset. Medium bust. Extra long front, hips and back. Three pairs of hose supporters attached.

—They possess the perfect lines—the superb form for which W. B. Corsets are noted. They are made of fancy striped coutil with white lace finished top.

—These corsets conform to the Spring styles as fully as corsets selling at two and even three times what these corsets are sold for.



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—These Petticoats wear like iron and are ever in popular demand. We are showing some new models now, strictly tailor-made.

—Finest quality black heatherbloom taffeta, made extra full with deep tucked flounce and trimmed with five sectional ruffles and dust ruffle.

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