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SAMUEL SPENCER KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

9 PERISH, 15 ARE INJURED IN REAR-END COLLISION ON SOUTHERN RY. IN VIRGINIA

Private Car of Railroad President Containing Party of New York and Baltimore Capitalists Made Into Kindling Wood—Fire Adds Horror to Scene—Bodies Are Incinerated Before Rescue Is Possible

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—A rear-end collision on the Southern railway this morning made kindling wood of the private car of President Samuel Spencer, killing Spencer and a number of his guests, including Philip Schuyler, a director of the Baltimore & Ohio...

The entire number of known dead so far reported is nine, the number of seriously injured 15. Among the injured are F. A. Merrill of New York, Spencer's secretary, Samuel Fox, a cook of the private car, and two colored porters. Four negroes on the car immediately in front of the private car escaped uninjured.

The catastrophe occurred at Lawyer's Vale, near Chatham, Va., at about 7 o'clock this morning. Passenger No. 23, with the president's car on the rear end, left Washington late last night. The train was stopped at Lawyer's Vale at 6:30 to repair a coupling. Some one blundered and Passenger No. 27, following, was given a clear block and dashed at full speed into the rear of No. 23.

The two rear-most cars of No. 23 were badly wrecked and coals from the engine of No. 27 soon ignited them. The wealthy victims were not all killed instantly, for their cries for help could be heard coming from under the timbers which pinned them to the earth. A desperate effort was made to check the flames and save the imprisoned, but the effort was unsuccessful, and both cars were entirely consumed. When finally taken out the charred remains of Spencer were unrecognizable except by a ring which still remained upon a blackened finger bone.

Work and relief trains were rushed to the scene as quickly as possible from Lynchburg and other nearby cities. Nevertheless, it is believed that some of the injured will die. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern, is known as one of the great railroad magnates of the south. He was born at Columbus, Georgia, 35 years ago. He graduated as a civil engineer from the University of Virginia in 1869, entered the railway service as rodman, rising gradually through the positions

of lever, transit man, resident engineer and assistant engineer, clerk, superintendent, and on to higher executive positions. He was president of the Baltimore & Ohio and later of the Erie. J. P. Morgan, he was of great assistance to the financier in acquiring railroad lines and merging them. The consolidation of the Piedmont Airline and other roads comprising the Southern Railway was due principally to his efforts.

AUSTRIAN COURTS STRIKE BLOW AT BIG COMBINES

(Journal Special Service.) Vienna, Nov. 29.—The Austrian commercial court struck a blow at trusts when it refused to permit registration of an association of Austrian and Hungarian rubber manufacturers. It is held that while the purpose of the proposed organization related immediately to the interests of individual members, it was intended solely for the purpose of maintaining prices against the interests of the public.

The court took the ground that it extends not merely to interpret statutes, but to try essential principles involved. The superior court upheld that decision, which is expected to have far-reaching effects.

HOW LAND GRABBERS WORKED IN NEBRASKA

(Journal Special Service.) Omaha, Nov. 29.—W. R. McElroy, a carpenter, testifying in the land fraud case, said that he built 15 claim shacks for defendant Comstock. He took one claim himself, which he would not have done if a corporation had not paid the expenses. He declared the land was worthless for farming, yet homesteaders were secured readily for a price.

CHURCH INVADDED BY COW

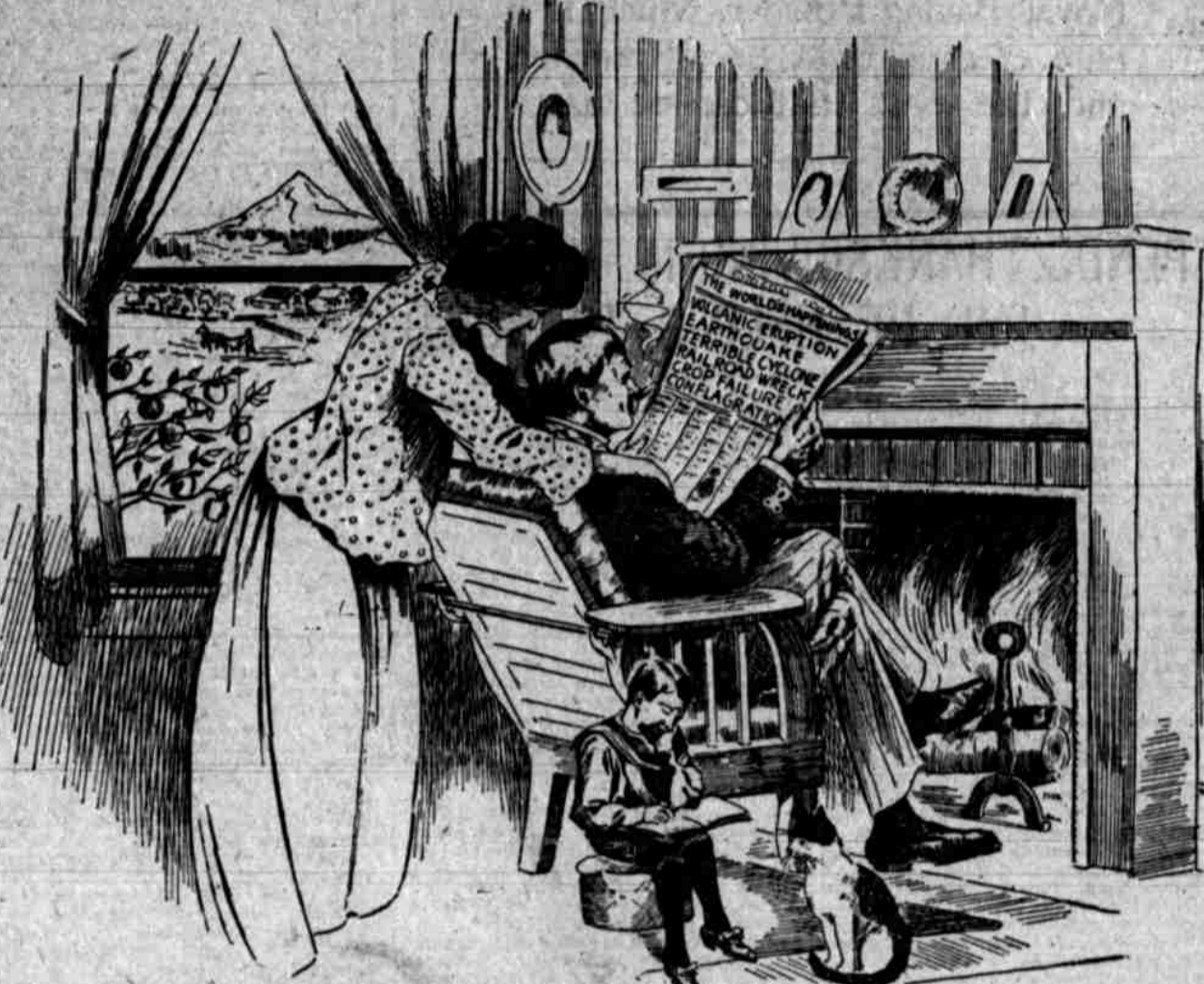
Infuriated Bovine Strikes Terror in Hearts of Slattown Residents and Is Pursued by Mounted Police

A patient and sedate bossy cow, grown weary of the tedium of stockyard society, wandered forth at noon today to snip her Thanksgiving dinner from the common green within the environs of Slattown. She wandered to a vacant lot at Twenty-first and Quimper streets and began with the salad ready served by nature. A passing boy said "boo" and the visitor raised her head in question and responded with a polite and well modulated "moo." The father of the small boy telephoned for the police, alleging trespass.

Mounted Policeman Parker, upon a snow-white charger, responded to the plea and with him came a man whose name is unknown, but whose corded pants proclaimed him of the woolly west. He also carried a rope with which he toyed aimlessly.

Do You Know? The history of the Ferries and Bridges over the Willamette River is told in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL, with pictures of The Men on the Bridges

THANKSGIVING IN OREGON



"Let us be thankful for what we have got, And let us be thankful for what we have not."

CONDEMNED MAN WRITES PRAYER IN COUNTY JAIL

George L. Blodgett Smiles in Shadow of Noose and Enjoys His Last Thanksgiving—Gives His Reasons for Being Thankful.

George L. Blodgett, under sentence of death for slaying Alice Minthorn, smiles in the shadow of the noose and seems to be enjoying his last Thanksgiving. He declares himself at peace with both this world and the next and expresses his gratitude in the following prayer, which he wrote out yesterday in his cell in the county jail.

"I forgive all who have wronged me and ask all whom I have wronged to forgive me. I hope to do good in the future, to do loving kindness unto all men and women. Through Jesus Christ my Lord, Amen."

RICHMOND CATHEDRAL DEDICATED BY CARDINAL

(Journal Special Service.) Richmond, Va., Nov. 29.—The magnificent new Roman Catholic Cathedral here, representing a cost of more than half a million dollars and several years' work of artisans, skilled craftsmen and laborers, was dedicated today by Monsignor Dionio Falconio, nasal delegate to America, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons, and scores of other high dignitaries of the church. The music formed a notable feature of the program. It was under the direction of J. Lewis Browne of Atlanta.

The new cathedral is one of the largest and most magnificent churches anywhere in the south. It was built partially with an endowment by Thomas F. Ryan, under the agreement that he and his wife would be buried in the crypt of the church at their death.

Thanksgiving

BY EDMUND VANCE COOK.

We thank Thee. Yes, in the even tone Of those who are glad of the goods they own. We thank Thee. Yes, that Thou hast preferred And blessed us more than the common herd. We thank Thee, part with the heart's intention, But most, let us own, with the lip's convention.

"We thank Thee." Lord! what a selfish prayer. Thanks—while a beggar's breast is bare? Thanks that our own full feast is spread While another creature is lacking bread? Thanks that our full-fed blood runs warm, While a starveling baby breasts the storm?

Why, what am I, that Thou givest a feast Which Thou hast not shared with Thy worst and least? I look at the world and I see the yield For all from forest and mine and field, And because I have seized a share, shall I Cry out Thanksgiving—and only cry?

Yes, yes: I am even as you—of those Who can not, or will not, heal these woes. I am what I am, but I will not be At one with the smug-lipped Pharisee Who praises his God for his earthly gain, While Misery stares through the window-pane. —The Lyceumite.

OREGON MUST HELP HERSELF

Colonel Roessler Says Government Will Help Buy Oregon City Locks If State Shows Willingness to Act

"The United States will purchase the locks at Oregon City more quickly, and will look upon the project with more favor if Oregon either appropriates or pledges a portion of the purchase price to aid the government in the purchase. This is the stand taken in general by the rivers and harbors committee of congress, of which Mr. Burton is chairman, and also of the war department. If Oregon and the people of the Willamette valley wish the locks taken out of private hands and the tolls abolished the best way to accomplish the task in my opinion would be for the legislature to pledge its assistance to the federal government."

This is the text chosen by Major S. W. Roessler, United States engineer in charge of the thirteenth district, when he discussed the question of the Oregon City locks yesterday afternoon. Major Roessler is a friend of the different projects within the boundaries of Oregon. He is the champion of all but of none to the exclusion of the rest. He thinks that the jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia is of the first and most vital importance at this time owing to the apparent inability to procure sufficient money for all the projects at the same time, but at the same time he hopes to see every project taken care of in the near future and every waterway open from its source to its mouth. He is, therefore, besides being the engineer in charge of the work in Oregon, the friend of the people who is working for the best condition of the rivers and harbors. He is a man who knows whereof he speaks.

FIREBUG FAILS IN ATTEMPT

Ransacks a Grocery Store and Tries to Hide His Crime by Burning Building

Soaks Waste Paper With Oil but for Some Reason Unknown to Police, Blaze Did Not Start—Women Slept Over the Store Room.

A firebug and burglar, unknown to the police, made an unsuccessful attempt to burn the grocery store at 696 Washington street, on the corner of Nineteenth, some time between the hours of 9 o'clock last night and 7 this morning, by pouring oil carried in a milk bucket over a pile of papers in the office. The store was thoroughly ransacked by the burglar, the contents of the desks, old files, the safe and the cash register being turned topsy turvy and scattered promiscuously over the floor. The thief secured \$5.50 from the search, finding 15 left for change in the register and \$3.00 in the safe.

The store is owned by Mrs. S. Snyder, who has been in business there for many years. Mrs. Snyder and her daughter live above the store, the building being a two-story frame structure. Last night the store was closed about 9 o'clock and no disturbance was noted until this morning when the place was opened for business.

The burglar entered the building by a side window about seven feet from the ground, it also being necessary to climb a high board fence to get to the window from the street. The store was subjected to a most systematic search, the mysterious part of the business being that not only the safe and the cash register were rifled, but all nooks and niches in the building which might hide papers or accounts were thoroughly gone through. Drawers in the book-keeper's desk which had not been in use for years and which were filled with a conglomeration of odds and ends were ransacked and the contents strewn over the floor. Search was even made under the counters.

After having completed the search the intruder crawled through the window and taking a small bucket hung outside the building for the milkman, filled it with coal oil from a tank standing in the back yard and climbing back through the window into the store poured the oil over the waste paper basket, which had been previously filled

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POLICE CHIEF IS INDICTED WITH RUEF

Dinan and Curly Boss Accused of Extortion in Brothel Cases by Grand Jury

Prize Fight Promoter Croffroth Indicted for Perjury—Evidence Furnished by Dick Creighton Who is Accused of Receiving Hush Money.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Indictments against Abe Ruef and Chief of Police Dinan for extortion in the brothel cases, James W. Croffroth for perjury and Abe Ruef for extortion in the Belvedere case, are said to have been voted by the grand jury yesterday, but were not returned, as other important business came up before the body and prevented it from visiting Judge Murasky's court.

Judge Murasky was notified by the district attorney at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the grand jury would appear before him to make a report, and he remained in his chambers until 6:30 o'clock, but the grand jury did not appear. A telephone message explained that the indictments were unexpectedly detained by other business. It is expected that it will return indictments tomorrow.

The basic evidence of the indictments against Ruef and Dinan are said to have been furnished by Dick Creighton, the poolroom gambler, who was a partner in a notorious resort at 712 Pacific street, which the police closed when it became a competitor of favored municipal crib of Jackson street. A. Andrieu, who was also interested in the resort, is said to be the man who has furnished evidence against Chief of Police Dinan in connection with an up-town resort which he operated, and for the protection of which he testified that he paid "kick" Sullivan, Dinan's alleged financial agent in the tenderloin.

Croffroth's indictment for perjury is said to be based on evidence in possession of the grand jury that he deliberately refrained from giving certain information he is known to possess against Ruef.

The indictment of the curly boss in the Belvedere case was secured by evidence furnished by Eddie Graney and others, establishing the extortion of 35 per cent of the stock in the dive and the payment of dividends on the stock amounting to \$1,000.

Strong evidence against Dinan was

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GRAFT CHARGED AT SALEM

At Request of Councilman Fred Steusloff City Fathers Appoint Committee of Three to Probe Matter to Bottom

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Nov. 29.—At the city council meeting last night—a surprise—were passed resolutions by Councilman Fred Steusloff of the bridge committee, who introduced a resolution for an investigation of charges made and language used by his fellow councilman, Councilman Alderman Gesner, at the last meeting of the city council.

The alleged remarks were made by Gesner in addressing the council relative to the improvements which are now being made on North Commercial street and more specifically to the concrete bridge which is being built over North Mill creek, by the General Contracting company of Portland.

Alderman Gesner, and Downing claim that the remarks made by their fellow councilman were defamatory in character and placed their honesty and integrity in question. The committee of investigation will be composed of Aldermen Bayns, Prater and Wallace.

Among other things, the resolution says: "Whereas Alderman Gesner expressly stated that he could name every man in the honorable common council who wore the Warren Construction company collar; and that there were men in this council who were the agents of the General Contracting company; and that, by way of supporting these damaging statements, he well knew of graft, corruption and bribery existing in all these various relationships; and that Mr. Gesner strongly intimated that

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BONI WILLING TO GO ON STAGE IF HE CAN GET \$2,000 PER WEEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Nov. 29.—If Count Boni Castiglioni can get \$2,000 a week he is willing to go on the stage. It is believed that an offer of his services has been made to Lew Fields. The offer came through H. H. Martzella, a Vanderbilt agent who has offices in this city, London and Paris, Russia, America