

SPENCER EASILY A RAGE Quick to Anger He Would Threaten to Kill, Attack Old People, Injure Bird or Beast and Imagine People Were Talking About Him—Many Witnesses Testify For Defense.

Although Bertram G. Spencer, on trial at Springfield, charged with the murder of Miss Martha D. Blackstone, showed nervousness at times in the course of Friday's session at his trial and at one time wept and sobbed, he appeared to have better control over himself than on previous days.

Father Not Called. It had been anticipated that the testimony of the prisoner's mother on Thursday regarding the severe punishment given him by his father would be followed by the father's appearance on the stand Friday, but he was not called.

Wanted to Drown Grandfather. The defendant's sister and her husband told of one occasion when Spencer became angry at his wife's grandfather and threatened to throw him into the Connecticut river, but was restrained by others. The grandfather corroborated this testimony.

Threatened Death. Mrs. Essie Walters of Springfield testified that Spencer was in the room at her house he was hard to get along with and often melancholy and had a wild look. One morning she heard him call her. She went to his room and found him trying to make his room-mate, Willard L. Wyman, get out of bed. She said he was reaching to take Wyman by the throat. She told him to stop and he drew back, saying, "It was fortunate you came just then, or I would have killed that man."

Reached for Hatchet. Horace M. Clement, who worked with Spencer at a Springfield store, said that one day when he called Spencer's attention to a mistake he had made, Spencer reached for a hatchet but did not pick it up. Spencer then went into the large refrigerator in the store and remained in it some time. One witness said that ordinarily Spencer seemed "fairly normal."

H. L. Haney, Jr., son of the proprietor of the store, corroborated Clement with regard to the refrigerator incident. He said he followed Spencer into the refrigerator and found him in a corner, crying and sobbing.

Told of Father's Ill Treatment. William Hunter and Frank T. Redwood, who worked with Spencer in a Hartford store, corroborated testimony given by earlier witnesses as to Spencer chasing a boy with a hammer. Mr. Hunter said Spencer had told him of ill treatment by his father.

Drew a Revolver. Spencer once drew a revolver and threatened to shoot Robert E. Miles of Florence, as Miles testified. The trouble arose when they were working on a railroad and Spencer tried to convey Miles' seat as a freeman in a locomotive cab. The engineer quieted Spencer. Miles said he knew Spencer was a good shot and had seen him shoot woodchucks from the train.

Conduct in Jail. The defendant's conduct while in jail was described by William McCurt of Holyoke, who said he was on duty at the jail in September and October of this year, and guarded Spencer from 10 p. m. to 7 a. m., each night. He said Spencer had frequent headaches and asked for wet towels to put on his head.

Hated a Guard. The prisoner often would ask McCurt if anyone was speaking when no one had said anything. Spencer showed a peculiar hatred for one of the guards and would become excited and scream when this guard came near the cell. He was often gloomy and melancholy.

What was your occupation at the jail? asked the district attorney in cross examination. Looked After Spencer. After some hesitation, McCurt explained that he had been sent down there for thirty days, and that part of his work as a prisoner was to look after Spencer.

Sister First Witness. The lawyers for the defense decided to put on several relatives and other persons who had known Spencer, before calling the defendant's father. The first to take the stand Friday was Spencer's sister, Mrs. Norman Putz of Springfield. She told of several times when she had seen her brother in a rage. Once when she and her husband were with Spencer and his wife at Spencer's home, Spencer asked his wife's grandfather, Mr. Kralling, who owned the house, for the key to

the back door. Kralling said he was told by Spencer that he and Spencer became angry and threatened to throw him in the river. The others present prevented him from attacking Kralling. Spencer shouted for several minutes, attracting a crowd of neighbors to the vicinity.

Body Was Marked. Ernest L. Latimer of Salem, Conn., testified that when he was living in the Spencer family about 15 years ago and working for the defendant's father, he saw Bertram's body covered with marks. He did not know what had caused them.

After leaving Mount Hermon school and going to live with Gardner J. Oakes of Bernardston, for a few weeks, Spencer was melancholy and at times had a wild look, according to the testimony of Oakes.

Grandfather Was Insane. That Spencer's grandfather, William L. Spencer, was insane for some time previous to his death, as testified to by several witnesses Thursday, was reiterated by Robert B. Gordon of Niantic, Conn.

Deposition Read. Attorney Stapleton, for the defense, read a deposition from Mrs. Henrietta Post of Newington, Conn., 45 years old. In this, Mrs. Post said that about twenty years ago, when she was caring for Mrs. Spencer and Bertram was about nine years old, Bertram's father one day called him out to the woodshed, saying he was going to punish the boy for some offense. When Bertram came in he told the deponent that his father had placed a chopping block and threatened to chop his head off.

Threatened to Kill Father-in-Law. Spencer's father-in-law, Herman A. Amberg, of West Springfield, was the next witness. He said he had opposed his daughter's marriage to Spencer. One day Spencer called at his house and wanted to take his daughter away. Amberg objected and Spencer then declared war on Amberg, a young woman by force. When witness said he would not permit this, Spencer became angry and threatened to kill Amberg. Witness said he started out with the intention of thrashing Spencer, but when he looked out the door and Spencer went away, the marriage took place within a year after this and afterwards Spencer became reconciled to witness who obtained a position for him in a store. Mr. Amberg also worked in the store. He said that Spencer often had trouble with the other clerks and once threw a hatchet at one. At another time witness found that Spencer had locked himself into a large refrigerator. He was in a towering rage and remained there for half an hour, being somewhat calmer when he came out.

Chased Cash Boy With Hammer. When Spencer worked in a department store in Hartford about twelve years ago, according to the next witness, Henry W. Richardson, a buyer in the store, he once chased a cash boy with a hammer in his hand. Witness caught him and prevented him from hitting the boy.

Flew Into a Rage. Frank Killian, also employed in the store, in charge of the department where Spencer worked, said that Spencer one day threw a hammer at a cash boy who had merely spoken to him. When witness warned him to be more careful, Spencer flew into a rage. One day when Spencer received a box from home, he hit his mother on the head, being very good, but that his father was a brute.

Here the defendant sobbed loudly. Recess was then taken. After the recess, Martin Kralling, grandfather of Spencer's wife, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kralling, his wife, were called to corroborate the testimony of Spencer's sister as to Spencer's threat to throw Mr. Kralling into the river. Mrs. Kralling also said that at different times Spencer had killed a canary bird and a cat in his anger. His eyes stuck out, she said, and he "looked half out of his mind."

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The busy, ready-to-wear section offers for Saturday some remarkable values. All high grade garments.

WOMEN'S and MISSES' TAILORED SUITS—They combine good taste with smartness of design. The lot includes some fine serges and novelty materials. Nicely finished and satin lined. Values up to \$19.98.

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WOMEN'S and MISSES' COATS—All winter weight, in the fashionable tweed mixtures, gray and brown. Distinctive styles, all of them.

SATURDAY—Special \$10.00

SILK UNDERSKIRTS, in black, blue and brown. These are new models and are suitable for wear with this season's styles. They are made with clusters of tucks and accordion pleating. Value \$3.00.

SATURDAY—Special while they last, \$1.98

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INGRAIN CARPET—Here is your chance to buy fine Ingrain Carpet, in a good variety of new patterns at a big reduction. Regular price 69c—

SATURDAY—Special 49c a yard

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PILLOW CASES—Good, heavy weight, full bleached cotton, all hemmed. Size 45x36 inches. These are considered good value at 12 1/2c—

SATURDAY—Special 10c

LINEN DEPARTMENT

HEMSTITCHED TRAY CLOTHS—These are all linen in the silver bleach. Handsome cloths in a heavy weight. Regular price 25c—

SATURDAY—Special 19c

LACE DEPARTMENT

LACE EDGES—A large assortment of Linen and Cotton Edges and Insertions, in various widths. These are ordinarily sold by us for 8c and 10c y yard—

SATURDAY—Special a yard, 5c

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"LET THE GOLD DUST TWINS DO YOUR WORK." A four pound, 25c package of Gold Dust—

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STAMPED APRONS—All the latest designs stamped on cross-barred muslin complete with two skeins of cotton for working—

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A "ONCE IN THE SEASON" SPECIAL—Forest Mills Vests, Pants and Union Suits. Knit from combed Mace cotton in medium or winter weight, and in all styles. These are a lot which could not pass the inspector as first because of an occasional oil spot or irregular place in the yarn. NO HOLES TO DARN. SEPARATE GARMENTS that sell for .30c and 69c each—

ON SALE SATURDAY, 39c each

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TWO-CLASP KID GLOVES, in both tan and white. These gloves have deservedly won great popularity for they look well and give good satisfaction—

SATURDAY—Special 69c

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

CHILDREN'S SWEATER COATS, in gray, red, tan and white, made with a high neck, buttoning at the side. Sizes 2 to 5 years. Regular \$1.25 quality—

SATURDAY—Special 98c

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT

GERMAN FLANNEL DRESSING SACQUES—A good assortment of patterns in an extra quality of flannel. Regular price 75c—

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SILK DEPARTMENT

35-INCH MESSALINE—We have this in black only. Highly finished and firm in weave. Our regular \$1.00 grade—

SATURDAY—Special a yard, 77c

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

SEMI-ROUGH SUITINGS, 48 to 50 inches wide, in the new Fall shades. We offer our regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 grades in this lot—

SATURDAY—Special a yard, 98c

JEWELRY SECTION

A COMBINATION SET, consisting of Cuff Links and Stick Pin, suitable for either a man or woman—

SATURDAY—Special a set, 25c

HAIR GOODS SECTION

BACK COMBS, in Shell and Amber set, with Rhine Stones. A good variety of patterns. Regular prices 75c, 98c and \$1.50—

SATURDAY—Special 50c, 75c, \$1.19

NECKWEAR AND HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT

Sale of Fine Handkerchiefs

BEAUTIFUL HAND-MADE HANDKERCHIEFS, trimmed with Princess and Duchess Lace. These are sold regularly for from 50c to \$2.50 each—

NOW HALF PRICE—25c to \$1.25

THE REID & HUGHES COMPANY

Thursday Samuel N. Hyde, a farmer and constable in Franklin, Conn., who testified to the mental condition of certain relatives of Spencer, went over to the cage where the prisoner was confined and shook hands with him. The murderer did not look him in the eye, nor did his expression change, although he held the witness' hand for a minute or two. Mr. Hyde, who is a white-haired, ruddy-faced gentleman, spoke encouragingly to the prisoner, but so far as was observed he got no response. Meantime the prisoner's pretty wife put her face above the top of the slanting grated door through which the prisoner passes when he leaves the cage, and his mother and sister stood near by. The wife sat next to the cage and talked with him frequently, the prisoner conducting a more or less animated conversation with her. Mrs. Norman E. Putz, Spencer's sister, seemed to feel the strain of the day more than the mother or the wife, and most of the afternoon she sat with her head bowed and her hands over her eyes.

Presumably the alienists will not be put on the stand until all the evidence relating to the actions of the defendant and the family history has been put in. Mr. Stapleton has many more witnesses, but he has made such rapid progress that he may be able to bring the

one sister, Mrs. E. M. Riz, of Worcester. It was learned that the court will sit Saturday until noontime and will then adjourn until Monday morning. Just what arrangements will be made for the care of the jury during the intervening period are not known, but it is expected they will be given an opportunity to attend some church service and to take exercise in the care of their guards.

It is with sincere regret that the death of Norton Larrabee Brown, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Brown, was learned on Friday. The death occurred in the morning, the child being 17 days old. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their loss. At two o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. P. C. Wright, pastor of the Central Baptist church, officiated at the funeral service and burial was in the Yantic cemetery. Henry Allen & Son had charge.

INFORMAL OPENING

of the Toy Basement

Saturday, November 18th.

From now until Christmas this department will be the great center of attraction.

OPENING SPECIAL

We will sell today a 24-inch, full jointed, undressed Doll, with movable eyes, complete with shoes and stockings and either light or dark hair—a regular \$1.50 style.

Today--Special 98c

TOILET GOODS DEPARTMENT

SPRING VIOLET TALCUM POWDER—Our own brand. A high-grade Toilet Powder selling regularly for 15c—

SATURDAY—Special a jar, 10c

MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

WRIGHT'S HEALTH UNDERWEAR—Winter Weight Cotton Underwear, with lambs' wool lining. Regular price \$1.00—

SATURDAY—Special a garment, 67c.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS—Coat style with attached cuffs. These are from our regular stock of \$1.00 shirts and are slightly mused—

SATURDAY—Special 62c

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT

SILK and WOOL NOVELTY FLANNEL—A beautiful silk and wool mixture, 28 inches wide, in a variety of pretty new patterns. Regular price 59c—

SATURDAY—Special a yard, 39c

STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

CORRESPONDENCE PAPER in boxes. One quire of paper with envelopes to match. Regular 25c value—

SATURDAY—Special 16c

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

A SPECIAL LOT OF BOSTON STORE TRIMMED HATS, ranging in value from \$5.00 to \$7.50. This lot comprises Velvet, Turbans, Velvet Made Hats, Felts and Velours. Also some Children's Hats. These are all the latest styles and colors and are trimmed in accordance with the usual high standard of this house—

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HAVE YOU TRIED PAXTINE

The Great Toilet Germicide! You don't have to pay 50c or \$1.00 a pint for listerian antiseptics or peroxide. You get Paxtine, a more cleansing, germicidal, healing and deodorizing antiseptic solution with one 25c dose of Paxtine, a soluble antiseptic powder, obtainable at any drug store.

Paxtine destroys germs that cause disease, decay and odors—that is why it is the best mouth wash and gargle, and why it purifies the breath, cleanses and preserves the teeth better than ordinary dentifrices, and in sponge bathing, completely eradicates case perspiration and other disagreeable body odors. Every dainty woman appreciates its many other uses and its many other uses.

Paxtine is salubrid for sore throat, inflamed eyes and to purify mouth and breath after smoking. You can get Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic at any drug store, or by mail, postpaid, from The Paxtine Toilet Co., Boston, Mass., who will send you a sample of Paxtine, a soluble antiseptic powder, obtainable at any drug store.

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half of her shopmates in honor of her approaching marriage. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and piano selections, Miss Fannie Wright being heard with pleasure in the latter.

REBUILDING CHAPPELL DOCK. Spile Driver at Work Rebuilding Section in East Channel of Yantic River.

On Friday the T. A. Scott spile driver was brought into the east channel of the Yantic river and began the work of driving spiles for the repair of the dock of the Edward Chappell Co., which gave way during the summer. There is but a short section which broke down and the job will be quickly finished, it is expected.

MAY CLOSE ONE ROOM. Monthly Meeting of Board of Education of West Chalesia District.

On Friday evening the monthly meeting of the board of education of the West Chalesia district was held at the Mount Pleasant street schoolhouse. Routine matters were considered. The board considered the fact that a child in the third grade there is suffering

from diphtheria and it is probable the room will be closed next week.

Given a Tin Shower. A number of young lady friends of Miss Inez Smith of Washington street, gave her a tin shower Wednesday evening. Among those present were Marguerite Thresher, Edith Lucas, Miriam Kimball, Grace Engler, Margaret Stevens and Mrs. William Bailey.

Terrible Suffering

Eczema All Over Baby's Body. "When my baby was four months old his face broke out with eczema, and at sixteen months of age his face, hands and arms were in a dreadful state. The eczema spread all over his body. We had it put a moist ointment over his face and the skin his hands. Finally we gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a few months he was entirely cured. Today he is a healthy boy." Mrs. Inez Lewis, Barling, Maine. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood diseases and builds up the system. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.