

MILLIONAIRE BANKER IS KILLED

FINANCIER CRUSHED TO DEATH IN COMPARTMENT OF SLEEPING CAR.

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, head of a firm of bankers which for many years acted as agents of the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death in his private compartment today when returning to New York from Yeddo, his country place at Saratoga. Mr. Trask's compartment was at the rear of the last car, a sleeper. The train, known as the Montreal express on the New York Central railroad, halted near Creton, N. Y., and was supposedly protected from the rear by the block signal system, but it had hardly come to a stop when a heavy freight train struck it from behind. The rear of Mr. Trask's car was battered in and the front of it telescoped with the sleeping car ahead. Vice President Daly of the New York Central said:

"Officials of the road are unable to explain the accident. The line was completely signalled and the track to Creton was practically straight. The air was clear."

Spencer Trask was born in Brooklyn in 1844 and was descended from distinguished Puritan ancestors. He was educated in Brooklyn by private tutors and at the polytechnic institute, from which he subsequently earned Princeton college, whence he graduated with a degree of master of arts. After leaving college he entered the banking business with Henry G. Marquand, his maternal grandfather. In 1876 he succeeded to the business and in the same year became a member of the New York stock exchange. There is no well founded estimate available of Mr. Trask's fortune. One rumor this afternoon placed it as high as \$50,000,000, but better informed opinion held that his total estate would not reach half that amount. In recent years he had not been active in business.

Mr. Trask leaves a widow, well known as an author of fiction and plays. Last September Mr. Trask was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Cambridge, Mass. He recovered but lost the sight of one eye.

TALES OF CRUELTY ARE TOLD

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Further stories of inhuman cruelty to prisoners convicted of misdemeanors were told today to the council committee investigating the charge made against the management of the city prison.

Herschel Ivy, a former guard, declared Mose Johnson, a negro, told Superintendent Vining he was too ill to work. Vining ordered him whipped. After the whipping the negro collapsed and was sent to the hospital, where he died a week later.

He saw a young white girl, Ruth Gaither, chained to the walls by her hands until she fainted, and she was left there unconscious for 30 minutes. She went into convulsions.

The white women, he said, were fed scraps picked up from the floor of the men's mess hall. Ivy said there were hundreds of hens kept at the prison, and that the eggs were gathered each day by Commissioner of Public Work Collier for his own use.

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DEALERS DISREGARD STALLION LAW

BOARD OF REGISTRATION WARNS PUBLIC AGAINST DISQUALIFIED ANIMALS.

The widespread neglect of the stallion law which was passed by the last session of the state legislature is causing general trouble all over the state. Stallions which fail to conform to the rigid law are being shipped into the state every day and the registration board is having a great deal of trouble in keeping track of the unfit animals. The secretary of the board has issued the following letter:

Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 24, 1909.

This, the season of the year when farmers should be wise. If they are not, they may get stallions, that cannot stand for public service. This board, has repeatedly given warning and there are parties in the state, selling stallions that cannot get licenses to stand for public service.

L. M. Hartley of Salem, Iowa, shipped six stallions to Billings, Mont., in violation of the stallion law. His agent, E. F. Maxis pleaded guilty and paid the fine assessed. Two of these stallions cannot stand for public service in Montana. One of these stallions is French Draft, 10 years old, black in color, has a star, and some white on the inside of right hind foot. His name is Alvarez, registration number 10009, weighs about 1,800 pounds, is about 17 hands high, and is a chronic roarer, that is, affected with laryngeal hemiplegia, a disqualification mentioned in the stallion law of 1909.

The other stallion is a Percheron, four years old, bay in color, has a star and is smooth and chunky. His name is Theophilus Gauntier, registration number 57217, weighs about 1,750 pounds, is about 16 1/2 hands high, and has a side bone on the outside of right front foot, also mentioned as a disqualification for public service in the stallion law of 1909.

Prosecution is pending against other parties in the state, and prospective buyers should look out for unsound and diseased horses, as they may get stallions that cannot stand for public service. The aim is to compel observance of the law, so that Montana will not get the refused unsound and diseased stallions from other states that have stallion registration laws.

Persons knowing of stallions being shipped to Montana, will please notify the stallion registration board, Bozeman, Mont.

R. W. CLARK, Secretary.

STORM RAGING.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 31.—The heaviest storm of the winter is now raging in and around Reno and on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada. The storm started last night about 10:30 and has continued with great fury since that time. Today Reno's streets which were covered with ice, are ponds of water. Truckee river has risen several feet. It is snowing in the high mountains and raining on the foothills and in the valleys.

TRYING TO RAISE FUNDS.

New York, Dec. 31.—All over the country agents of the American Bible society are working industriously in an effort to raise the last \$100,000 of the sum needed to make certain Mrs. Russell Sage's gift of \$500,000 to the society, conditioned on its raising an equal amount by January 1. The main object of the organization was greatly encouraged today by the receipt of a check for \$25,900 from Miss Helen Gould.

SEA EXACTS TOLL.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 31.—The sea exacted a toll from the Gloucester fishing fleet this year of four vessels and 47 men and left 12 widows and 25 fatherless children.

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WILL HAVE EFFECT UPON ALL BRANCHES INSTITUTES ACTION TO RECOVER DAMAGES

Spokane, Dec. 31.—Officials of labor unions in Spokane believe that the action of the city council in increasing the wage scale of laborers from \$2.75 to \$3 a day and that of teamsters from \$5.50 to \$6.50 a day for eight hours work, beginning April 1, 1910, will have a general effect upon wages in building and other lines. With the exception of Butte, the scale to be paid in Spokane for ordinary labor is higher than in any other city in the northwest. The increase was obtained by the work of the business agents of the two federal labor unions and two teamsters organizations after a campaign of two months. There was no talk of striking or other trouble. The representatives of the union laid their matters before the city council, convened in a meeting of the committee of the whole and the demands were discussed at length, with the result that by unanimous vote the request was granted under the terms of an ordinance effective as noted.

TO CARE FOR PETS.

Boston, Dec. 31.—A fund of \$70,000 to care for favorite horses and dogs and more than \$25,000 left to household servants are among the bequests of Mrs. Francis Wright who died on December 27. The bulk of the estate is estimated at several million dollars and is to be divided between the New England Peabody home for crippled children of Boston and the free hospital for women of Brookline on the death of a relative.

GOTCH THROWS TWO.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—Frank Gotch threw two men in easy fashion tonight, flooring Jack McCormick in 4 minutes with a half-Nelson, and Jim Asbell in 7 minutes, 30 seconds with a crotch hold. Dr. Roller failed to throw Con O'Kelly in 15 minutes, losing a handicap match.

GOES INTO EFFECT.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—The state law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee went into effect at midnight. Forty-one distilleries and five big breweries announced a suspension of operation with the close of business today.

ILLINOIS CITY LIKES "PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER"

Peoria, one of the largest cities of the middle west, has just been "introduced" to the pay-as-you-enter street cars, the sort that is to be used in Missoula. Peoria likes the change, according to the Star:

Peoria Star—Peoria has been introduced to the new pay-as-you-enter cars and a close friendship promises to spring up between passenger and driver. The first car of the new type was sent over the line at 1:24 o'clock yesterday afternoon and during the remainder of the day the eight new cars were sandwiched in between the regulars, making a three-minute service which will be maintained during the remainder of the holiday season. Peorians took up the pay-as-you-enter idea nicely and there was little confusion in the operations of the new equipment.

Passengers were ready with their fares upon entering the car and dropped them in the cash box on the rear platform and smokers heeded the directions to stand on the bell system and electric heaters proved remarkable improvements over the old style car and were appreciated by everybody.

HAMILTON CHURCHES

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—There will be union services held in the Christian church on Sunday evening, at which the sermon will be preached by Rev. E. R. Cleverger, pastor of the Baptist church. All of the Protestant churches of the city will unite in the service. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Regular Sunday services will be held at the Catholic church, with low mass at 7 a. m. and high mass at 10:30 a. m. Regular Sunday school will be held at 3 p. m. Vespers and benediction will be said at 7:30 p. m.

A watch-night service was held this evening at the Methodist Episcopal church at 11 o'clock. The service was led by Rev. Edward Laird Mills of Helena. A large crowd was present at the service.

REVIVALS TO BEGIN.

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—Beginning Sunday, January 2, Rev. F. B. Motor of Newport, Wash., will commence a series of evangelistic services at the Methodist Episcopal church. The services will be continued through the month. Mr. Motor comes to Hamilton well recommended as a forcible speaker and one who will arouse enthusiasm in the meetings. The services will be featured with excellent music.

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MERELY A QUESTION OF COLOR

PROVE THAT THE ASSYRIAN IS A MONGOLIAN AND THE REWARD IS YOURS.

Is an Assyrian a Caucasian, does he come under the head of "white," or is he a Mongolian to be classed with the Chinese and the other "yellow" races of the Orient? That is a question which is just now agitating Assyrian people in Butte and which, for that matter, is exciting them all over the country. The reason for this is that the question has recently been raised in Washington and a movement has been started toward excluding Assyrians from the country.

The Butte Evening News speaks of the situation in Butte as follows: There is \$500 in gold in Al Green's safe which will be paid to anyone who can prove that the Assyrians are yellow and not white.

The money was placed there yesterday by Herrallah Michael Paul and the occasion of the offer is the fact that Mr. Paul has been unable so far to obtain his naturalization papers.

Began in Washington. Recently at Washington the matter of Assyrian exclusion was taken up and an effort made to place this race in the same class with all Asiatics. While it is true that the Assyrians were originally from Asia, the nation having flourished 1,000 years before the birth of Christ, in the watershed which lies between the Tigris and the Euphrates, it is difficult indeed to figure out how they can be classed as Mongolians.

Dead Races. The Assyrians are a white race, according to the best known authorities. The nations of the semitic races were the Caldeans, Arabs, Hebrews, Phoenicians, Cannanites, Babylonians and Assyrians. The basis of the exclusion theory is hard indeed to figure out.

The Assyrians, like most of the nationalities mentioned, are a race which have lost their national entity. Assyria was at one time the greatest nation in the world, and the Assyrians were the first to destroy the Egyptian nation by invasion.

The Arabic Tongue. Today the language is as dead as the Irish language and the Assyrians speak the Arabic language. Missionary efforts are being made to revive the tongue.

The Assyrians are now better known as Syrians. On November 4 the case was tested in the superior court in Los Angeles. Judge Hutton held that a Syrian was a white man and could not be barred from citizenship. Asia Minor and the valley of the Euphrates is called the "cradle of the Caucasians," and from there comes the purest of Aryan stock.

Will Pay \$500. The immigration department, however, is making considerable trouble for the Assyrians. Leading Assyrians all over the country are protesting against proposed exclusion.

Mr. Paul will be in the district court this week again to protest against holding up his naturalization papers.

Anyone who can show Paul that he is not a white man can draw down the \$500 he has cashed in Al Green's safe.

STUDY OF FORESTRY.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Study of forestry is to be made more systematic in the United States, through closer association of the schools of forestry and the standardization of the methods of instruction. This was the principal decision reached today at the conference of professors of forestry, with Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot. A committee was instructed to draw up a constitution for a regular organization of the forestry schools, and then prepare a plan for a standardization in study.

VICTIM SUGGUMBS.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 31.—After living for more than five weeks with a bullet in his heart, Francis Drysdale, 21 years old, died tonight. Attending physicians were astounded as the wound had healed over and recovery seemed assured. A delicate operation had been performed on Drysdale, a rib being removed and a hole in his heart closed. The bullet was not removed as the physicians feared death would follow any attempt to probe for it.

Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies. W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." Garden City Drug Co., George Freisheimer.

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May this be the beginning of the most prosperous year—yours and ours!

Missoula Mercantile Co.

SOME OF CAMP'S IDEAS OF MODIFIED FOOTBALL

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 31.—Walter Camp of Yale issued a statement tonight in which were suggestions for conditions in the football playing code for next year. He advocates a rather novel innovation in a rule that would compel all players to stand in a space only 10 yards wide. The changes favored by him are: Let no player on the attack or the defense lineup outside two lines running parallel to the side lines, each of these lines being five yards from the ball thus making the scrimmage line 10 yards in width. Backfield men on the attack and defense also must keep within these lines until the ball is put in play.

If it is desired to increase the power of the attack, let one man line up a specific distance to be determined outside this space. Make the distance to be gained 15 yards in four downs up to the 25-yard line. Then make it 10 yards in four downs up to the 15-yard line, and then five yards in four downs thereafter. Remove the five-yard restriction for a quarterback run. Forbid the forward pass crossing the line of scrimmage but let anyone get the ball on a forward pass after it strikes the ground. If it is desired still further to favor the attack, double distance might be given for any run that crosses the line of scrimmage more than 10 yards out from center.

MATCH WITH NELSON MAY FALL THROUGH

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Sid Hester, the fight promoter, who is endeavoring to secure a February match between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast, conferred today with Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager. It is understood that Hester raised his offer to Wolgast to \$3,750, but that Jones refused. Nelson has declared himself willing to accept Hester's proposition and the promoter is confident that he can obtain a permit for the match some place about the bay. Jones writes that he has received an offer from Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, who proposes that Wolgast meet Jimmy Britt, "Boer" Unholz and an Australian lightweight named Thorn at Sidney. Wolgast fights Memic in Los Angeles January 7 and Jones said the Australian offer might be accepted if they could not come to terms before that time with Nelson.

A Happy New Year TO ALL

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