

AFTERNOON Edition READ THE 'WANTS'

THE WEATHER

INDIANA—Cloudy and probably local rains Monday and Tuesday; light to moderate south winds. LOWER MICHIGAN—Showers Monday and probably Tuesday; cooler Tuesday. Light to variable winds.

OWNS UP CHEERFULLY TO KILLING 25 MOSTLY WOMEN

Harry Spencer, Confessed Murderer of Mrs. Rexroat Killed Women For Their Money With as Little Concern as One Would Kill a Fly—Has No Fear of the Gallows.

FROM HARRY SPENCER'S CONFESSION.

I have always had a natural hatred for women. I killed women just like I would swat flies. I wouldn't look at a woman who did not wear diamonds. I spent a lot of money around the cabarets on the entertainers. That is the way I picked out the ones I robbed or killed. I got their confidence by spending money. Statement by Henry Spencer confessed multi-murderer, under arrest in Chicago, for the death of Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, the tango teacher.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Two missing women whom the police whom the police believe may have been the ones Spencer lured to Delavan lake, Wis., and killed were Mrs. E. Voss of Lake Geneva and Mrs. Margaret Whitbeck, of Three Rivers, Mich. Both were reported as missing during July and the Chicago police were appealed to in each case. No report ever has reached the police of a discovery of their whereabouts.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Henry Spencer, slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, and confessed murderer of more than 20 persons, made a second confession Monday, in which he related 25 killings. He was uncertain as to two of the murders, but told Capt. Halpin a logical story of each of the others. He made the second statement after he had been kept awake all night, reciting what the detectives declared to be the most remarkable tale of crime in history.

"I hit 'em with a hammer or shot 'em, whichever was easier," he said nonchalantly after he had finished a hearty breakfast and lighted a black cigar. "I believe that Spencer is telling the truth," said Capt. Halpin. "I am positive that he killed Mrs. Rexroat. I am convinced that he killed Fannie Thompson and Policemen Pennell and Devine, two of our most mysterious murder cases.

"He is bloodless and nerveless. He is not a fanatic, but a most remarkable criminal. He is not suffering from a 'confession mania.' He is admittedly a drug fiend, but so far as I observe, he has been little affected by opium smoking. Spencer smiled around at the group of detectives and newspaper men in Capt. Halpin's office.

Smiles at Gallows. "There is only one thing coming to me," he said almost cheerfully, making a gesture toward his neck. "That's the rope."

He sent a cloud of cigar smoke into the air and said: "And I don't care how soon." Spencer told the detectives that he was an associate of Harry Vandine and Harvey Niedmeyer, of the notorious band of Chicago car barn bandits who were hanged here. He said Niedmeyer assisted him in the murder and robbery of two farmers near Zion City.

Capt. Halpin said the man's story could not be disbelieved, although Spencer admitted he sometimes smoked as many as 15 "hop pills" in half an hour. He has had no opium for three days, and apparently his mind was clear Monday when he related the revolting story of his crimes.

Many Women Victims. Most of his victims were women. Some were of careless virtue attracted by Spencer's spending of the proceeds of his daily robberies and almost monthly killings.

Others were deceived by pretense of love. One he married. Others still were chance acquaintances. "Nobody's life ever meant anything to me, and my own doesn't amount to much," he said to Capt. Halpin. "I suppose it will take a couple of weeks for them to hang me. I wouldn't care if they would do it today."

Spencer's confession was so startling that it probably would have received no credence had not the bloody suitcase and the revolver confirmed at least part of his statement.

All For Robbery. All of his murders except two, he declared, had been for the purposes of robbery. The two, Policemen Pennell and Devine, shot to death 12 years ago, he said, he killed to escape being arrested.

HOW SPENCER STARTED. "I got my first prison term shortly after running away from the reform school. A man sold me a suit of clothes for a nickel—that's how it starts. The very next day I walked right into the shop where it had been stolen and I was arrested. The prosecutor and the judge wanted me to plead guilty and take a sentence of 3 days, but my lawyer said no. He said fight it out and so I pleaded not guilty.

"What do you suppose I got?" I got ten years and if ever I had any good in me, that killed it. Ten years for a suit of clothes. "I served the full term. I had about two years' good time coming to me, but I attacked a guard and lost it. They strung me up by the arms and they starved me; they put me in solitary confinement too.

"I think it was the solitary that really got me. When I came out I wanted blood; anybody's blood. I wanted to kill people and see it run. They gave me \$10 when they turned me loose and eight of that I spent for a revolver. I have been killing people more or less ever since. I liked it in a way; when I robbed anybody, it was a sort of satisfaction to clean up the job by shutting up the victim's mouth for ever.

cently have been robbed by highway-men here. Why I spent \$700 in two nights in 'Charley West's' last week," he said. "It costs a lot of money to hold up your end in these cabarets. I average two jobs a week," he said.

Spencer said that none of the jewelry he had taken from his victims ever would be recovered. "I never go into a pawnshop," he said. "When I sell any of it, it is to some private person, may be on the street. I don't know their names. A lot of it I gave to girls."

The police doubt that Spencer committed the large number of murders and holdups to which he lays claim, but are convinced that he is guilty of many of them and probably is the most dangerous homicidal maniac ever captured here. The man's jail record extends from his boyhood. He accounted for his immunity from trial for murder by saying that he would get apprehended for some minor crime and would take a short sentence and while he was in jail the murder mystery would be shelved and forgotten.

BANDITS KILLED DURING BATTLE

Four Thousand Government Soldiers Have Completely Surrounded the Town of Tsao-Yang, China.

HANKOW, Oct. 6.—Four thousand government soldiers completely surrounded the town of Tsao-Yang, where a number of American and Norwegian missionaries are in the hands of Chinese bandits. Official telegrams received Sunday at the office of Gen. Li Yuen-Hang, vice president of the republic, report an attempt on the part of the bandits to make their way out of the city.

On Thursday evening they opened all the gates and tried to escape through the strong government cordon, but failed. Desultory firing ensued for several hours, and the bandits retired within the walls of the city. Two hundred bandits and 11 soldiers were killed.

One report estimates that the bandit number 1,000, all of them well armed. Skirmishes are occurring daily.

JAIL COOK ELOPES WITH A PRISONER

Sheriff Comes Back From Trip to Find Inmates Howling For Next Meal.

VINCENNES, Ind., Oct. 6.—Sheriff Adolph S. Kruse returned from a picnic this evening to find his prisoners howling for their meals and Miss Meyers, his cook, missing. Investigation disclosed that she had eloped to Terre Haute and married James R. Roll, an oil field worker, who had just finished a sentence for drinking intoxicants on a train.

Love billets, sandwiched between bread had been intercepted and then Miss Meyers placed her messages under the lid of a baking powder can, heaping the beans over the lid. Roll would converse with her through the dumb waiter.

On Sunday Miss Meyers and Roll met at the jail religious services, getting permission to assist from the unsuspecting Rev. P. E. Roll, a cousin of Roll. Miss Meyers is a former school teacher.

WEAK HEART SAVED LIFE OF WOMAN FROM SUICIDE

TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 6.—A weak heart saved the life of Mrs. Amelia Bowers, 430 N. Fourth st., kept alive the mother of two children and prevented the fourth tragedy in the Bowers family in the last three months. Mrs. Bowers is subject to fainting spells and it was in one of these that the police found her after she had prepared a note stating that she was about to commit suicide. She fainted before she had a chance to take her life. Two sons were drowned late last summer and her husband dropped dead a month ago.

ANOTHER WOMAN IS VICTIM OF MURDERERS

Body is Found on a Prairie Near Argo, Ill., a Suburb of Chicago, by Hunter.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—The body of a woman, her clothing torn to shreds, was found on a prairie near Argo, Ill., a suburb, Sunday. She apparently had been strangled with a heavy cord which lay nearby. There were no signs of a struggle near the spot where the body was found, but fresh automobile tracks indicated that the woman had been murdered at some distant place.

The woman was about 35 years old and the police believe her to have been a Chicagoan. The clothing all bore the marks of Chicago merchants. The body was found by Charles Kluck, a hunter. The clothing was of good material and apparently had belonged to a person of means.

Woman Whose Murder Led To Arrest of Harry Spencer



SULZER IS READY TO PRESENT HIS CASE

Conference is Held But Other Than Opening Statement Will be Made Today, No Statement is Issued.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Out of a mass of rumors, denials and contradictions regarding the Sulzer impeachment trial today, there came this one confirmed piece of news—counsel for the governor will be ready to proceed with their case when court convenes Monday afternoon. No further adjournment will be asked, Sen. Harvey D. Hinman will make the opening statement and perhaps, the first witness, Louis A. Sarecky, the governor's former campaign secretary, will be called before the court adjourns at 6 o'clock. A final conference, at which the governor and all his counsel were present, was held Sunday night at the "Peoples House," but absolutely no information about what took place was given out.

Before going to the executive mansion, Sen. Hinman said that his opening statement was not ready to give out. His failure to finish the address produced many rumors regarding the status of the governor's case.

One of the most persistent was that the governor's counsel went into the conference Sunday night feeling anything but secure over the story he has told them. They feared, it was said, that he had not told them all—due to his lack of memory, which frequently has been blamed for his springing unexpected angles of his defense on them. He was to be urged, it was said, to make a final review of the case and give his counsel absolute assurance that there was no ground he had not covered so Mr. Hinman might close his address.

POP CORN TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Popcorn for breakfast is Uncle Sam's advice to assist those who desire some relief from the high cost of living. Department of agriculture corn investigation specialists declare popcorn is superior, when properly prepared for the table, to many of the breakfast foods on the market.

And thirty dollars worth of popped corn in the form of five-cent packages for the market represents an outlay of only about \$1 or \$1.50 for raw material, these experts say. This amount of corn can be grown in a garden twenty feet by forty feet.

"PLAY BALL." There is an air of excitement around the News-Times office shared by every member of the force of every department down to the office boy and the youth who in older days was known as the "printer's devil."

Indeed the office boy and the youth—who-used-etc. are taking as much interest in things as anybody, and are comparing averages and arguing about it to the crowd through the Home Telephone Co.'s electric megaphones and the electric globe on the score board in front will flash the same message.

LIST THAT SPENCER FURNISHED POLICE

Following is the list of killings Spencer related to Chief of Detectives Halpin: One man and a woman, about 12 years ago. Policemen Pennell and Devine, 12 years ago. First wife killed near West Point, N. Y. Two girls at Pawpaw Lake, Mich., last August. One girl at Lake Delavan, Wis., last summer. One man shot in Chicago this fall. One old man shot in a South side park two months ago. One woman shot and burned on the Northwest side of Chicago late last summer. One woman killed near the Cook county hospital a few weeks ago. Bartender in a saloon on Park Row, Chicago, beaten with a hammer. Unidentified man walking along Indiana av., Chicago, shot by Spencer for brushing against him. Two farmers beaten to death at Zion City, Ill., and their bodies thrown into Lake Michigan. Man and wife at Round lake, who had lost their way trying to walk to Fox lake, beaten to death and robbed.

WOMAN WHOSE MURDER LED TO ARREST OF HARRY SPENCER



MRS. MILDRED ALLISON REXROST, EVERETT REXROST, HER HUSBAND, AND JAMES A. LILSON, SON OF THE VICTIM.

ELOPING POET GETS THREE WEEKS IN JAIL

Harry Kemp, Who Ran Away With Upton Sinclair's Wife, Jailed as Stowaway.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Oct. 6.—Harry Kemp, of Kansas, known as the "tramp poet," who at one time eloped with Meta Sinclair, wife of Upton Sinclair, was Monday sentenced to 21 days as a stowaway. When his time is up he will be deported. The poet shipped on the Oceanic as a stowaway prior to the steamer's departure from New York. He was without money, but as he remarked Sunday, he had an irresistible desire to visit England. He had tried in vain for an opportunity to work his way across on a cattle ship, and so walked aboard the Oceanic. He sent a note to the captain confessing that he was without funds and was put to work as an assistant steward.

TURKEY AND GREECE TO SIGN PEACE PACT SOON

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 6.—Announcement was made here that permanent peace will be arranged shortly between Turkey and Greece by treaty. This announcement was evidently intended to allay rumors that an allied Bulgar-Turk army will take the field against the Greeks and Servians.

Every Strike Every Ball in World Series Recorded Here

Philadelphia will be flashed by special leased wire from the News-Times man in the press stands at the game, to the office here. As it comes in—almost instantaneously with the thud of the ball in the catcher's mitt, the announcer will about it to the crowd through the Home Telephone Co.'s electric megaphones and the electric globe on the score board in front will flash the same message.

POLITICAL PARTIES TO SHOW THEIR STRENGTH TODAY

Voters Who Wish to Cast a Ballot in the November Election Must Register Unless Ill or Out of the City.

WILL KEEP THE POLLS OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK

Persons Who Are Unable to Visit Booths During the Day Will Be Allowed to Vote by Filing Affidavits.

Every South Bend citizen who expects to vote at the city election in November must register today.

Today is the official day of registration and all voters must comply with the law. If a voter is not able to register in person provision has been made by law enabling him to register by affidavit. Those who may register by affidavit are the sick, the quarantined or business men unable to be in the city at the time.

The registration places which are in every precinct of every ward in the city open at 6 o'clock this morning and close at 9 o'clock tonight. Party leaders have been busy during the past week notifying adherents to their cause of the necessity of registering and complying with the law. Nearly every voter in the city has been notified of the registration day by postcard.

Those who must register by affidavit are requested to have presented at the polls an application stating the cause of their non-appearance in person. This application is presented by some registered voter in the precinct. It must be sworn to by two free holders residing in the applicant's precinct who must certify that they are acquainted with the applicant and that the facts of his application are true.

Imposes Heavy Penalties. To prevent fraud in registering by affidavit a provision has been made that any person making false statements regarding his absence from the polls and may be imprisoned for not less than one year nor more than five and subject to an added fine of \$500 and disfranchisement. The inspectors of the registration booths will be democrats. Likewise one clerk in each precinct will be a democrat.

The list of inspectors who will act today are as follows: First ward—First precinct, Philip Klingel; second precinct, J. C. Schreyer; third precinct, Otto S. Hans; fourth precinct, Thomas Ayres; fifth precinct, Irving Gosses.

Second ward—First precinct, Bert Klysz; second precinct, Cornelius Hunt; third precinct, John Zielinski; fourth precinct, Joseph Joworski.

Third ward—First precinct, George McCreary; second precinct, I. J. Schmidt; third precinct, Stephen Wiczorkowski.

Fourth ward—First precinct, Hugo Tasey; second precinct, William O'Neil; third precinct, Chris Russwurm; fourth precinct, J. B. Witwer.

Fifth ward—First precinct, August Behr; second precinct, A. W. Beyers; third precinct, James Shevets; fourth precinct, George Poczenski; fifth precinct, Stephen Spychalski.

Sixth ward—First precinct, Jack Poczenski; second precinct, Felix Szymanski; third precinct, Steve Poczenski; fourth precinct, Stephen Spychalski.

Seventh ward—First precinct, Herman Schiffbauer; second precinct, Frank Dietz; third precinct, W. V. McKesson; fourth precinct, M. Kirkley; fifth precinct, James Shevets.

Places to Register. The registration places are as follows: First ward—First precinct, Sheridan hotel; second precinct, William O'Neil; third precinct, Chris Russwurm; fourth precinct, J. B. Witwer.

Second ward—First precinct, 1021 W. Thomas st.; second precinct, corner Jefferson blvd. and Walnut st. (Donovan bldg.); third precinct, barber shop, 1655 Linden av.; fourth precinct, 2214 Kenwood av.

Third ward—First precinct, Ward's hack barn, 318 W. Jefferson blvd.; second precinct, 407 W. South st.; third precinct, 708 Munson st.

Fourth ward—First precinct, Dan Rush's barber shop, 695 E. Jefferson blvd.; second precinct, Wilber's cigar factory, N. St. Francis st.; third precinct, 705 N. Hill st.; fourth precinct, shoe shop, 225 Michigan av.

Fifth ward—First precinct, Ward's livery barn, 213 S. Main st.; second precinct, E. Spangle's residence, 628 S. Michigan st.; third precinct, rear Pink's drug store, 119 E. Brown st.

Sixth ward—First precinct, Polish Turner hall, W. Division st.; second precinct, 822 W. Fisher st.; third precinct, 1802 N. Ford st.; fourth precinct, 416 Grant st.

Seventh ward—First precinct, 202 E. Ohio st.; second precinct, 1319 S. Michigan st.; third precinct, corner Miami and Oak Park court fourth precinct, 1829 S. Michigan st.; fifth precinct, 1418 Kemble av.

YUAN SHI KAI LEADS 20 RIVALS FOR PRESIDENT

PEKIN, Oct. 6.—Although Pres. Yuan Shi-Kai received 471 of the 759 votes in the assembly Monday in the first constitutional presidential election in China, he failed of election and a second ballot then was ordered. There were 20 candidates.