

Indiana and Lower Michigan: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably local rains; cooler Wednesday and in west portion tonight.

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TWO COUNTIES IN FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO HOLD SPENCER

Confessed Rexroat Murderer in Dispute—Police Think He Imagined Many of the Crimes He Confessed To.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—A legal battle for the possession of Henry Spencer, slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, the Chicago tango teacher and confessed slayer of 24 other persons, was started Tuesday by officers of DuPage county where the Rexroat murder was committed.

Plains were started for a hasty trial of the self confessed multi-murderer. Papers issued by the DuPage grand jury were brought to Chicago.

The Chicago detectives holding Spencer refused to permit the service of the papers declaring that he was their prisoner, and that he had confessed enough crimes in Chicago, murders and robberies, to warrant his being held for trial here.

Spencer spent a sleepless, feverish night and Tuesday paced his cell trembling with weakness due to the wearing off of the effects of his last opium orgy.

He smoked innumerable cigars, struggling to quiet the nerves of a system clamoring for the soothing poppy vapors. He made a brave but unsuccessful effort to keep his condition when he learned that he was to be given another third degree examination Tuesday, the fourth since his arrest.

Of the murders Spencer has confessed to, the police believe they will be able to fix upon him only one murder or possibly two.

Captain Halpin, chief of the detective bureau, announced his conviction that Spencer is giving his circumstantial confession of fiendish crime, was a consummate falsifier.

Four of the murders he says he committed were perpetrated while Spencer was in the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet. Of twelve of the alleged murders the police in this and other cities have no record.

In one case described by Spencer, police records show that a body was recovered, but the detectives have as yet established no connection between Spencer and the crime.

"Except for possibly two murders, Spencer's weird story of killing people by hammering in their skulls and sinking their bodies in lakes seem pure fabrication," said Captain Halpin tonight. "His imagination, stimulated by drugs, poured out one of the most fantastic tales of murder that has ever come from a man whose mind is given to dreams of crime."

May He Be Released? Captain Halpin declared Monday night that he has complete proof that Spencer murdered Mrs. Rexroat and is almost equally confident that he murdered Mrs. Annabel Wright, Mrs. Wright's house was robbed Dec. 4, 1912, and she was beaten so badly that she died in the county hospital July 15, 1913.

The body of Ida Oliver, recovered from the drainage canal May 29, 1912, may correspond to the foreign woman, whom Spencer said he lured along the canal and killed after robbing her.

Spencer was in the penitentiary when Policeman Fennell and Devine were killed Aug. 11, 1902. He was also in prison in 1908 when Fanny Thompson was killed and when Ernest McChesney was killed in Sept., 1911. McChesney was slain in the rear of 2300 State street and the murder was attributed to other cities members of the "Burrhead" gang.

Identified as Murderer. Complete identification of Spencer as the murderer came from several sources Monday, while at least two sections of his confession, referring to the holdups and robberies were confirmed by visitors to the detective headquarters.

C. A. Godwin of Wheaton, Ill., identified Spencer as the man who had ridden with Mrs. Rexroat on the seat behind him from Chicago to Wayne, Ill., on the night Mrs. Rexroat was murdered. Spencer's voice was identified as the drawing voice that had called Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Rexroat's landlady and through her had made the engagement which had led the dancing teacher to her death.

Captain Halpin said he probably would be able to prove that the death of Mrs. Wright was the work of Spencer, although there was a discrepancy of a month in the date mentioned by Spencer as the time he killed her and the police records of the attack on her.

Frank Cless, owner of a saloon and rooming house near the Illinois Central station, whose saloon Spencer said he had robbed, confirmed that part of the confession today, as did Leo Basilop, owner of a downtown restaurant, who was held up and robbed by Spencer.

In describing his murder of Mrs. Rexroat, Spencer said he met her last May a few days after she had been divorced from Allison. He said he lured her to Wayne where he killed her by telling her he had a dancing class for her to instruct in.

Reports from Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and other cities in which registrations were held Monday, show that all the old parties are making every effort to bring their members into line for election day in November. Unofficial preliminary reports show that the registrations are large in all cases.

Democrats, republicans, progressives and non-partisans all exerted every effort to secure a heavy registration. In Fort Wayne the registration will run to over 8,000 voters, while that of Indianapolis will be unusually large.

NEW ITALIAN ENVOY. ROME, Oct. 7.—Count Macchi Celeri was Tuesday appointed Italian ambassador to the U. S., the present ambassador having been placed on the retired list at his own request.

SAYS TRAIN THAT HIT BUCK MOVING SLOW

Attorney Yeagley Outlines Defense in \$10,000 Suit Against Lake Shore Railway.

Evidence in the \$10,000 suit of Robert Buck, administrator of the estate of his father, against the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway was begun in the superior court Monday afternoon. The jury was completed shortly after noon and the opening statements of counsel were concluded at 3 o'clock. The examination of one witness for the plaintiff was taken up before court adjourned until Tuesday.

Ellsworth Weir, in opening for Buck, declared the death of Robert Buck, sr., would be shown by the evidence to have been due to the negligence of the railway company. Attorney Yeagley, who outlined the defense, declared the train which struck Buck was traveling at a low rate of speed because of the warning signal that a cross track was not clear, and that Buck could have seen the train approaching for nearly 500 feet had he stopped to look.

The crew did not know Buck had been struck until the day following, according to Weir, when they learned the accident in a report at Elkhart.

The plaintiff is asking \$10,000 for the death of Buck, who was killed when struck by a train as he was returning from work. The complaint alleges that Buck was crossing the tracks at a place in Laporte which had been used so long as a highway that it was actually considered as a street.

The elder Buck was 77 years old. It is said that he was deaf and did not hear the approach of the train which struck him. Atty. Weir and Worden of Laporte, from which county the case was venued, and S. J. Crumacker of this city are appearing for the plaintiff, and Hubbell, McInerney, McNerny and Yeagley representing the railroad.

CANADA DIDN'T VIOLATE TREATY IN THAW CASE

Solicitor Folk Says Government Was Within Its Rights in Deporting Prisoner.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The state department Monday denied the appeal of Harry K. Thaw who claimed that his recent deportation from Canada infringed upon the treaty between the U. S. and Great Britain.

Solicitor Jos. W. Folk, of the state department, issued a statement Monday on the case.

"The inquiry determined," he said, "is not whether Thaw should be liberated or whether extradition should be granted, but only whether there was violation of any British-American treaty. The reply must be in the negative."

SEVEN HURT IN WRECK ON ERIE

Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight on Single Track at Warren, O.—Signals Crossed.

WARREN, O., Oct. 7.—Seven persons were seriously injured when an Erie passenger train, coming from Cleveland, crashed into a freight train just east of here early Tuesday.

The wreckage burst into flames and many of the injured were rescued with difficulty.

H. A. McIntyre, fireman, Cleveland. Union Springer, conductor, Cleveland. Arthur Wilkinson, Pittsburgh, arm broken.

Harry Crawford, Warren, badly bruised.

There is but a single track on the Erie through Warren and the freight was just emerging from this bound toward Youngstown when the passenger train approached. Signals were wrong and the passenger engineer believed he had a clear track. The passenger engine went through the locomotive of the freight and landed in the middle of South st., taking six freight cars with it. Several coaches of the passenger train were thrown from the rails.

Conductor Springer was hurled through a window by the impact.

ASSASSINS ATTEMPT TO KILL KING OF SAXONY

VIENNA, Oct. 7.—News of an attempt made three days ago to assassinate King Frederick of Saxony leaked out Tuesday. While the king was hunting two men hidden in the wood fired upon the royal hunter, but missed.

Gendarmes surrounded the wood and arrested both.

PREACHER WEDS GIRL HE MET IN GERMANY

L. WRENCEBURG, Ind., Oct. 7.—A romance that started several years ago in Schoensee, Germany, resulted yesterday in the marriage of the Rev. Frederick A. Bendrat and Miss Elizabeth Ratzke, of Schoensee here.

After the wedding ceremonies he was installed pastor of the church.

COAL SHORT. TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 7.—Prices of coal at Indiana mines are advancing because of a shortage of cars. The advances since Sept. 1 have been between 10 and 15 cents on a ton. Retailers failed to lay in sufficient supplies and the railroad companies say they will not be able to furnish the required number of cars for some time.

REGISTRATION DAY FIGURES PROVE EXTREMELY LIGHT

Twenty-One Out of Twenty-Eight Precincts Brings Total to 9,184—Many at Booths After Closing Time.

MAJORITY TO REMAIN OPEN AGAIN TODAY

Petitions Filed For Continuation of Registering—Heaviest Vote Recorded in Fourth of First With Total of 563.

Due to the fact that many voters were unable to register on Monday, several petitions were filed to extend the registration period, with the result that the following precincts will remain open for registration on Tuesday:

- First ward, first, second, fourth and fifth precincts. In the second ward, the third and fourth precincts. In the third ward, the third precinct. In the fourth ward, the first and third precincts. In the fifth ward, the second and third precincts. In the sixth ward, the first and fourth precincts. In the seventh ward, the first, second, third and fourth precincts.

FIRST WARD

First precinct 425

Second 532

Third 563

Fourth 561

SECOND WARD

First 376

Second 360

Third 380

THIRD WARD

First 425

Second 512

Third 544

FOURTH WARD

First 498

Second 470

Third 451

Fourth 375

FIFTH WARD

First 400

Second 451

SIXTH WARD

First 298

Second 225

SEVENTH WARD

First 450

Second 504

Third 492

Total registration 9,184

With 21 out of 28 precincts reported, yesterday's registration figures totaled 9,184. The figures were considered by all parties as being extremely light and the great number of men appearing at the registration booths after the closing hour of 9 o'clock substantiated the belief that several thousand voters had not been able to comply with the registration law.

As was expected at nearly every precinct reported at a late hour last night, the heaviest registration was done early while in others it began late. Especially was this true in the west end where reside the factory workers. These men appeared late at the booths, scores of them too late.

Of the precincts reported the heaviest number was registered in the fourth precinct of the first ward where 563 men appeared. The lightest vote was recorded in the fourth precinct of the sixth ward with a total of 225.

TWO "STENOS" WORK IN SWITCHING CASE

Grand Trunk Engineer on Stand in Chancery Hearing Testifies on Tracks.

The examination of W. W. Smith, assistant engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, with headquarters at Detroit, consumed the entire afternoon Monday at the hearing before Master Chancery Daniels of the suit of the Grand Trunk to prevent the enforcement of the reciprocal switching order in South Bend.

The hearing was held in the library of Anderson, Parker, Crabill and Crumacker, attorneys for the railroad. It will be resumed this morning either in the library or in the county commissioners' room at the court house. Several days will be consumed in the presentation of the evidence and a warm legal battle is anticipated. Deahl and Hammer-schmidt represent the railroad commission of Indiana, which issued the order. Two stenographers are engaged in shifts to make the record. Smith's testimony Monday was confined mostly to details regarding the location of the company's tracks.

The case was referred to the master in chancery by three federal judges in Indianapolis before whom it was filed last year. The railroad commission ordered all railroads operating trunk lines through South Bend to switch cars to the team tracks of the road nearest the shippers after hearings in this city last fall. The suit was filed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Spencer May Not Have Slain All He Claimed



HENRY SPENCER, CONFESSED SLAYER OF MILDRED REXROAT, THE CHICAGO TANGO TEACHER.

LURES GIRL ART STUDENT TO LOT AND KILLS HER

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Miss Ida G. Leegson, art student, whose nude body was found on the prairie west of here Sunday, was lured to her death by some man who telephoned to her in response to her advertisement for a place as a nurse. This was the conclusion of the police Monday night after more than 24 hours search, which resulted, the police admit, in no trail which can direct them to the murderer.

The thin silken fish line found near the body and the bruised circle it had left around Miss Leegson's neck showed them the manner of her death. Her tattered clothes strewn for half a mile along the road approaching the prairie and the bruises on the body indicated that she had come only after she had made a hard struggle, but there was nothing found to show by whom Miss Leegson had been lured to visit the lonely spot on the western outskirts of the city.

Gave Up Position. After giving up her position as a school teacher in Mason City, Iowa, Sept. 29, Miss Leegson came to Chicago and engaged a room with Mrs. James P. Burnette, saying she was going to try to earn more money to continue her art studies. Saturday she inserted an advertisement in a paper asking for a place as a trained nurse.

Saturday afternoon a telephone call came from "Mr. Wilson," who, when told Miss Leegson was out, inquired closely after her personal appearance. An hour later he called again and asked her to go to a point on the west side to care for his wife. She left to answer the call and was not heard from again by her friends.

The street address given by "Mr. Wilson" proved to be a vacant lot on the prairie. A canvass of the houses in the vicinity of the prairie showed none named Wilson.

Spent Nights in Study. The possibility that Miss Leegson was lured to her death by an organized band of white slavers while being investigated by the police, is not believed by them to offer a solution of the mystery. An investigation among the teachers at the University of Chicago and at the art institute indicated that the one and the woman had been known for her industry, that she had no men friends and that her nights had been spent in study.

The police are searching for the black colored, high covered automobile described by William Salvage, a switchman on the Belt line road who reported that he had seen such a car pass his crossing Saturday night and that it had returned an hour or so later.

Miss Leegson's hand satchel was found Monday a block from where the body lay. It had been slashed with a knife and its contents, except a pair of stockings and piece of soap removed.

The suit was filed by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Grand Trunk asked an injunction to prevent the enforcement of the order and the Lake Shore, and Michigan Central filed suits to revoke it.

PERSUADE SULZER NOT TO TESTIFY IN IMPEACHMENT

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Gov. Sulzer's lawyers have won a point in their fight to keep him off the witness stand at his impeachment trial. He has consented to withhold his appearance until after the presentation of evidence in his defense through other witnesses. His attorneys now hope that they will further win him over to a decision not to appear at all but to rest his fate upon a formal reply to the charges.

The case of the defense is not to be long. It is probable that a decision will be rendered before the week is over.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7.—The court of impeachment Tuesday decided in executive session to admit the testimony of Allan A. Ryan, son of the trust magnate, which was barred on Monday.

Sen. Brown, leader of the senate minority, instituted the fight to have this testimony and any further testimony as to political deals involving the republicans entered in the records, and was successful.

The vote upon which the court reversed itself was 41 to 14. Immediately after the decision had been announced young Ryan was recalled to the stand.

That Gov. Sulzer attempted to obtain the influence of U. S. Sen. Root and of Wm. Barnes to prevent his impeachment trial was brought out Monday, although subsequently stricken out.

Got \$10,000 From Ryan. Allan A. Ryan, son of Thomas F. Ryan, a New York financier, gave this testimony. Ignatius V. McGone, secretary of the elder Ryan testified that Sulzer received a \$10,000 campaign contribution from the Ryans which was not reported in his campaign statement.

"Tell your father I am the same old 'Bill' young Mr. Ryan said the governor said to him over the telephone, in asking for the contribution.

The witness said that just a week before the trial began he had seen Sulzer in the latter's office.

"He asked me," testified the financier's son, slowly, "to go to Washington and see Sen. Root and request him to see Mr. Barnes, get him to endeavor to have the republican senators vote that the court had no right to try him."

The testimony preceded the opening of the case for the defense. Harvey D. Hinman, who compared Sulzer to the apostle Paul, whose friends, the attorney said, "did not attempt to impeach him because of what he had done before he was one of them."

The question was, he added, whether Sulzer was impeached for corrupt conduct in office or "because of what he has refused to do since he took office."

It was in the face of repeated objections by the defense, that Mr. Ryan told of his conversations with the governor. Judge Cullen withheld a final ruling until after the testimony. Then he ordered the testimony stricken out.

Sen. Brown, republican leader demanded a vote on the ruling, but the court was sustained by 32 to 15.

Crowds Wait All Night for Big Games to Begin

Bring Cots Along and Sleep in Rain While Waiting for Gates to Open in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—When Father Knickerbocker jumped from his downy couch this morning he rushed to the window of his boudoir, swept aside the curtains, took one look at the outside world and then promptly and completely fainted.

A squad of physicians rushed to his side, but after a careful examination, and after using the ordinary restoratives without success, they announced that the case was beyond them—that it needed the immediate services of Dr. Weather Forecaster, the specialist, and the only man, they declared, who could bring Father Knicker back to life.

The sight that Father Knicker gazed upon was one that struck not only terror to his own heart, but that of his millions of other baseball fanatics throughout the length and breadth of the land. For the day dawned dark and misty, a misty rain was falling and it looked as if the first world series combat between the Giants and Athletics might not be played.

Dr. Weather Forecaster consulted a score of times, held their hopes during the early hours for betterment in the condition of the weather. He said that he might be able to use a little of his famous and effective sunshine treatment Wednesday, but that there was little chance of any Tuesday.

A great calamity could not have saddened New York more than did the appearance of untimely weather conditions Tuesday. The greatest amount of interest in a world series combat usually centers in the first game. The fans had patiently waited for today that had promised to bring them either a sight of the game or detailed news of the fight.

Were Still Hopeful. Yet, they did not utterly despair. Hope that the weather might clear sufficiently before game time to permit the staging of the combat, sent them hurrying home to get their cots down to join the already big line that had waited outside the gates of the Polo grounds all night. From all parts of the United States—and from Cuba, Mexico, Canada and Europe, came the vast army that had waited for the 30,000 unreserved tickets that were placed on sale at 8 o'clock, an hour earlier than had been originally planned.

The night was damp and foggy. The raw wind cut through even the heavy overcoats that some of the fanatics wore. It chilled them to the marrow, set their teeth chattering and sent shivers up and down their frames. But they minded it not. They were suffering, yet they suffered with the patience and fortitude of martyrs, willing and eager to endure what might be endured because to them it seemed that it was for a good and noble cause.

The line had been begun at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. As the weary hours of the night dragged along the line began to lengthen and the waters cheered themselves and their neighbors to the front or the rear of them with little witticisms, or swapped back and forth their views relative to the merits of the two contending teams.

But when day dawned cloudy and misty, nature began to revolt. The lack of sleep and the strain of the long hours of standing began to show.

The cheeriness that had made many of them forget the torture of waiting began to droop. The line began to lose its animation of the night and to become a cheerless, happy, gossipy group became a harlequin of grim, dogged men and women.

Women in Line. For there were women in the line, perhaps a score of them, who willingly endured the hardship of the wait. Some of the fans had brought little cots with them and snatched a few hours of fitful slumber. Others sat on soap boxes and chairs which were piled up in single file, but stretched along in zig zag fashion through four streets for a distance of perhaps a mile and a half.

Finally the gates were flung open and the first fans scrambled into the big stadium. The drizzle stopped, the clouds lifted a little and the prospects of a game grew brighter.

At 9 o'clock the elevated trains, the subways and the surface cars pumped fans up against the polo grounds.

WILLIAMS, NOTRE DAME MAN TO PLAY IN PLACE OF SCHULTE FOR CUBS

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The Cubs were slight favorites just before the opening of the city series with the White Sox Tuesday afternoon, although backers of each team were cautious in their betting.

Arrangements were made to seat 30,000 fans. The star twirler of each team was picked for the opening game. Cheney for the Cubs and Russell for the Sox. Frank Schulte, Cub outfielder, was still weak from a recent illness and it was likely that Williams, Notre Dame star, would cover left garden.

GREENCASTLE, Oct. 7.—C. Fenwick Reed, evangelist, was called home Thursday from Sidney, O., where he was holding a union meeting to the bedside of his wife, arriving in time to be with her when she died.

grounds gates at the rate of 2,500 an hour and the 55 ticket sellers rushed them through into the grounds at almost an equal rate.

Many boys who had stood in line nearly all night and who had no intention of buying tickets, sold their places to late arrivals at from \$2 to \$5.

Once inside the grounds many of the fans unpacked their lunch boxes and proceeded to eat their breakfasts.

AGIL WILL PASS ON 2 NEW ASPIRANTS FOR HIS FAVOR

Dayton Miss and One From Indianapolis Wish to Wed Union City Farmer Boy.

Agil Alexander's search for a mate goes patiently and persistently forward. Agil Alexander, you remember, is the young man from Union City, Ind., who will be satisfied with nothing less than his true affinity for a wife.

Alexander stopped in South Bend Monday on his way to Indianapolis. He had just visited candidates for his hand in Lagrange and Goshen. He went on to Chicago Tuesday to attend a lecture on the topic "Finding One's Affinity."

He carried with him the pictures of "Helen" and "Sue", to consult with the phrenologist who is adding him in his search. In regard to the girl's suitability, he will also meet two young women whom the phrenologist has present as likely candidates for his hand.

Alexander's visit to Lagrange and Goshen was unsatisfying. He had been in correspondence with the girl at Lagrange for some time. He had intended visiting her on his former visit to South Bend some time ago, but at the last moment she had changed her mind. She was very anxious to meet him, he says. He met her father and mother and approves of her family.

She is considerably provided for in the way of worldly goods. She is a nice girl but she is not his true affinity. Her face is a little too long and there is a look about her eyes that he does not like.

Missed Goshen Girl. The girl in Goshen he did not meet. He hadn't apprised her of his coming and she was out of town. This is the second time he has been disappointed in his effort to meet a girl who had in no word from "Brown Eyes", the girl in Goshen who wrote him immediately after his first visit here.

"Sue" holds from Dayton, O. Alexander paid a visit to the city about two weeks ago. His picture was published in a Dayton paper during his visit and a dozen fans have since ordered him as candidates for the office of perfect complement.

"Sue" is the only one of those whose application is receiving serious consideration. She is a school teacher, has \$200,000 in real estate, is of the right height and weight. She represents herself as having a lovely disposition. "Sue" says she has some property but she anxiously beseeches Alexander not to let that weigh in his decision.

"Helen" is an Indianapolis girl. He visited her in Indianapolis last week. "Helen" made a deep impression on Alexander and if the phrenologist should pass favorably upon her, a candidate she is likely to capture the prize.

She is a bright, cheery little body, he says, with laughing brown eyes. She is invited to come to South Bend to see him in a brief visit, is perfect. She clerks in a store and is an industrious, energetic girl. He visited her at her home and met her father and mother. "Helen" is an only child.

"Helen" learned of Alexander through "Daisy". He had visited "Daisy" before and really went to Indianapolis to see her this time. The second visit annihilated "Daisy's" chances. She is too independent, he says.

South Bend Candidate. A South Bend girl wrote Alexander a week ago to arrange a meeting with him for the next Monday evening. She is five feet, five inches tall, she said, weighs 120 pounds, and is 25 years of age. She has large, deep, brown eyes, according to her own description, dark brown hair, and a fair skin. She asked him to meet her at the corner of Jefferson boulevard and Main st. at 8 o'clock. They were both to wear white flowers, she suggested, for identification.

Alexander was not able to reach South Bend on the date she fixed, and the young woman wrote that she was leaving the city for some time on the next day. He is tormented now with the fear that he has missed the right one.

Alongside of the hope that the next girl he sees may be the perfect complement he is searching for, goes the fear that somewhere, just out of reach, is just the right girl and he may miss her. So, between hope and fear, the search goes forward.

Alexander admits that his way is more expensive than the method of the men who court some convenient girl in the evenings and on holidays.

But all the time and money will be well spent, he declares, if it brings him to his true affinity.