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JEKYLL-HYDE MURDER.

Bertram G. Spencer, Who Killed Miss M. B. Blackstone.



SAYS HELL KILL FATHER.

Murder Suspect Admits He Robbed Dead in San Francisco.

Springfield, Mass., April 11.—Revelations made by Bertram G. Spencer, the masked murderer and burglar who killed Miss M. B. Blackstone, which hitherto have been kept secret by the police, reached the public, and as a result the indignation of this city has been aroused almost to a lynching frenzy.

Some of the startling facts learned related to his treatment of the woman he bound with ropes. The prisoner now stands condemned as the most despicable desperado that ever perpetrated a crime in this country.

The prisoner, whom no lawyer will step forward to defend, also has confessed that he robbed the dead of the San Francisco disaster, whose bodies, as a member of the United States navy, he was assigned to protect.

Spencer blames his plight upon his father and another man, who he says attacked him as a boy, and swears that he will kill his father on sight. He says that he would have shot Harriet Dow through the heart, in stead of in the head, if the young woman had not slipped and fallen at the time he murdered Miss Martha Blackstone.

He asserts that when the blood hounds were trying to run him down he met one of them in the street and patted it on the head. The dog barked on. He wears in prison a pair of trousers that he stole from Sheriff Sinsad, of Springfield.

His full story of how the "spell" that has led him on since a boy to the commission of crime was reason for his actions on the night of the murder has been made public. He says that brilliant lights hypnotized him and that he walked toward them as though charmed by the glittering eyes of a serpent.

"If my father comes here I will kill him," cried out the prisoner in his cell. "I'll kill him if I have to throttle him. I should have killed him long ago. He and that old man that I knew have made a feed of me."

TWO BATTLESHIPS AUTHORIZED.

Each One Will Cost \$6,000,000. By a vote of 162 to 110 the House of Representatives Friday authorized the construction of two battleships to cost \$6,000,000 each. Thirty-three Democrats voted for two battleships and twenty-four Republicans voted against the proposition. In addition to the battleships, the bill also provides for the construction of two fleet collars and four auxiliary boats.

The committee on Naval Affairs had reported in favor of using two battleships. Twenty-three Democrats voted with the Republicans for two battleships, while twenty-four Republicans joined the Democrats in favor of one battleship.

Among Democrats voting for two battleships were: Congressmen Jones, Carlin and Maynard, of Virginia.

RANDSELL ON IMPROVEMENT OF HARBORS AND RIVERS.

Representative Randsell, of Louisiana, president of National Rivers and Harbors Congress, was the guest of honor of Chamber of Commerce of Richmond Friday night and the principal speaker of the evening. His subject was the "Systematic Improvement of the Rivers and Harbors of the Country." Mr. Randsell is convinced that unless the Government is willing to protect the rivers by some provision similar to that of the Germans, which requires railroads competing with water lines to charge 120 per cent. of the water rate, it is unwise to continue to expend large sums in the improvement of the rivers.

DANIEL TO RETURN HOME.

Fred Harper, of Lynchburg, has gone to Dayton, Fla., to arrange for the return of Senator Daniel to Lynchburg within a week. He will be taken to the Lynchburg Sanatorium.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

From Price Winners. S. C. White, Buff and Brown Leghorns. \$1.00 for 15 eggs, \$2.00 for 35 eggs, \$2.50 for 50 eggs. John L. Brooks, Vienna Poultry Yard, Fredericksburg, Va. a22m m31a2

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In sums of \$500 and upwards, real estate security. Apply to Chester & Co., 1002 Main St. l4

FOR SALE OR RENT.

Very desirable residence on Fauquier St.; 7 rooms and bath. D. W. Scott, 1002 Main St. l4w3w s1m

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

We have buyers for real estate on Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. List your property with us at once. Piedmont Real Estate Agency, Fredericksburg, Va. tf

ARE YOU EVER... TAKE AT HIS WORD

Italians Pelt Roosevelt and Family With Flowers. Members Republican Clubs Forget the President

NAME BOULEVARD FOR HIM

Amid Frenzied Cheers Thousands of Citizens of Porto Maurizio Threw Blossoms at Ex-President's Carriage.

Porto Maurizio, April 11.—Theodore Roosevelt was the innocent but invaluable cause for the exploitation of Porto Maurizio when the presence of the distinguished visitor was made the occasion for a municipal glorification. The booming of the town was done with such a fine Italian hand that the occasion had every appearance of being an exclusively Roosevelt celebration. The heartiness with which he has condescended to the unqualified success of the mayor and the committee, but San Remo, the rival neighboring town, is green with jealousy. Nevertheless, Roosevelt is the hero throughout Italian Riviera.

Village Astir at Daybreak.

Maurizio was stirring at daybreak, and thereafter until midnight the streets and cafes were thronged in a manner entirely unlike the American Sabbath. An American lady present at the reception where Roosevelt received either framed credentials as an honorary citizen, started the song "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mrs. Roosevelt and a few other American English guests knowing the song joined in it heartily, accompanied by the laughter of Mr. Roosevelt, who said he felt as if he were at home. Boys are trying to whistle the tune, because they were told it was the American national hymn to Mr. Roosevelt.

The Roosevelt family in a flower-embowered villa spent an unclouded morning. They had as a guest at luncheon Anton Fogazzaro, the famous novelist, whose "The Saint" aroused the wrath of the pope. Meantime the town was awaiting impatiently for 4 o'clock to arrive, when Mr. Roosevelt was due to appear at the boulevard entrance of his name, the cheers of the crowd in the streets and in the houses announced to the 2000 persons assembled at the new boulevard the approach of the carriage bearing Mr. Roosevelt.

Pelted With Blossoms.

The carriage was unmercifully pelted with blossoms thrown from windows, making a scene like a battle of flowers, as the Roosevelt appeared. Mr. Roosevelt was well high nonplussed by the demonstration, which reached its climax at the boulevard when girls stationed in a balcony flung dozens of bouquets while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," the crowds shouting in a frenzy of enthusiasm. The mayor and other officials were awaiting, many in full evening dress, although in the brightest sunshine.

Mr. Roosevelt, united the knot of ribbon on the gate to the boulevard and simultaneously unveiled a marble stelebar. "Vale Theodore Roosevelt." He then led an animated march to the Riviera Palace, halting briefly to smile on the ranks of school children. There were boys dressed all in white, and girls with crowns of pale blue; there were girls equally aesthetically gowned. The diminutive, patriarchal coachman with a yard-long feather in red and black hat left the Roosevelt carriage to lead the way to the reception room, while there was produced on a silk pillow of red, white and blue a silver framed scroll which Roosevelt accepted as the mayor made an address of welcome.

In reply Roosevelt said: "I am especially touched by your expression that I am a promoter of peace and good will among nations. I believe that nations should act toward one another as they act toward man, with the same law of morality and propriety which apply to nations as well as men in their dealings."

YOUNG KNOX WINS.

Secretary's Eloping Son and Bride Secure Parental Blessing. New York, April 11.—Phillander C. Knox, Jr., his newly-wed bride, his mother and his brother left here for Washington, where it is said that Secretary of State Knox is waiting for the Phillander, Jr., for his recent runaway match.

Young Knox and his bride came here from Detroit and went to the Waldorf-Astoria, where they met Mrs. Knox, his mother, and a brother, who had previously registered at the hotel. The marriage of Young Knox and Miss Knox was a runaway affair and occurred while the young man was a student in a New England school.

The reconciliation was a triumph in diplomacy. Reed Knox, elder son of the cabinet member, came here from the national capital as a sort of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. He represented his father and mother and had arranged to meet his younger brother here and discuss terms of peace.

Unconditional surrender of his father and mother were the only terms which young Phillander Chase Knox, Jr. would consider.

Reed Knox to a friend said: "That kid brother of mine is made of the right stuff. The way he handled the governor would make the average foreign diplomat look green in the same of diplomacy."

LOCAL MARKETS.

(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.) Wheat, \$1.15 to \$1.20; corn, 73 to 75; meal, \$1.70 to \$1.75; oats, 60 to 70; old hogs, live, 13 to 14; dressed, 15 to 16; 15 chickens, 15 to 20; ducks, 18 to 20; eggs, 18 to 19; laid, 15 to 16; ducks, live, 10 to 12; dressed, 12 to 15; turkeys, live, 16 to 18; drawn, 18 to 20; underw, 15 to 18; butter, 25 to 30; country lard, 15 to 18; bacon sides, 10; Irish potatoes, 50 to 60; lamb, \$2.50 to \$4; hides, green, 7; dry salted, 10 to 12; dry hides, 19 to 15; calf skins, \$1.00 to \$1.25; baled hay, \$14 to \$17 per ton; leam, 70 to 75 per 100; live hogs, 7 to 8; beef, live weight, 3 to 4; pork, 9 to 10; wool, 28 to 30 per lb; veal, 6 to 7; sweet potatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.10; seed Early Rose potatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

PURE BRED BOONE COUNTY WHITE SEED CORN.

Grown and sold under the rules of the Virginia Corn Growers' Association. Price \$3.00 a bushel on ear and \$2.50 a bushel shelled, f. o. b. C. U. Gravatt, Port Royal, Va. m19t

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

\$1.00 for 10, or \$2.50 for 25. Pure bred Buff Orpingtons and White Leghorns. Mrs. E. A. Payne, m15-1m Marshall, Va. R. F. D.

TAFT PLEADS FOR HARMONY

Is Willing to Forget the Past and Judge Insurgents by Their Attitude Towards Pending Legislation.

MISSION WORKERS MOURN.

After the maidman's disappearance the mission crowd reassembled about the fallen pastor, and passionately mourned their loss. Skala's body was removed to an undertaking establishment and Gay was taken to St. John's hospital. His wound is dangerous, but it is believed at the hospital that he will recover.

GRAFTER TRIES SUICIDE.

Pittsburg Councilman Prefers Death to Making Further Confessions. Pittsburg, Pa., April 11.—William Brand, former president of common council, who is serving an eighteen months term in the western penitentiary after conviction for accepting a bribe in connection with the naming of city depositories, endeavored to end his life rather than reveal any more of the workings of the councilmanic graft to the district attorney.

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A few settings of eggs from trapped, bred to lay, healthy, vigorous stock at \$1.50 for 15. L. A. Slaughter, Fredericksburg, Va. la2-21w1m-s1t1m

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MEMORIAM

Died, Monday morning, April 11th, 1910, Eulias T. Sullivan, of Stafford, aged 63 years, after a short illness. Asleep in Jesus.

Rest, dear father, thy work is o'er; Thy willing hands shall rest no more. A faithful father, true and kind; A better father we could not find.

Sleep on, dear father, sweetly rest; We need you, but God knew best. God's will be done, He doeth well, But how we miss you no tongue can tell.

Our father is sleeping, so free from all pain; He slumbers so soundly, oh let him sleep on. Oh, God, we will try to live each day, That we might join in that home to stay.

By his daughters, Hattie and Martha.

SEED CORN.

For sale, 300 bushels of Boone County Special white seed corn, well bred and carefully selected. The seed which is offered, grown in Virginia, is thoroughly acclimated to this section. This variety very strongly on good light loam soils. The ears contain from 18 to 24 rows and all are remarkably well filled from but to tip. It has white cob of medium size, the kernels are cream-white, very deep with fine large germ. Stalks good size and medium height, very prolific. I am selling this corn on the 20th of this month, per bushel, price \$2 and \$3 per bushel. This corn took first prize at State Fair last year. Jno. T. Thornton, Port Royal, Caroline Co., Va. m18t

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beginning at the hour of 12 o'clock M., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following highly desirable properties in Spotsylvania county, Virginia, to-wit: the late C. Gallinger died seized and possessed: 1. Small tract of land with house thereon. Ten acres of land with dwelling house five miles from Fredericksburg, conveyed to the late C. Gallinger by Edgar S. Carneal by deed of April 17th, 1909. This property is situated on the road from Fredericksburg to Spotsylvania C. H. Terms of this sale, \$425 of the purchase money payable in cash and the balance upon twelve months' time.

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W. A. BELL & BRO. HOME OUTFITTERS. PUBLIC SALE. On the premises of Thomas R. Brown, near Snell's P. O. in Spotsylvania county, Berkeley District, on Monday, April 18th, 1910.

One sawmill and lathe complete, one cupboard, 15 dining chairs, 6 rocking chairs, 4 beds and springs, 2 extension tables, 2 cots, 1 couch, 1 bedroom suit, 2 center tables, 1 Boss washing machine, 1 1x12 ft. velvet rug, 2 sewing machines, 1 piece linoleum 12x14 feet, 1 high chair, 1 eight-day clock, 1 tract of 27.51 acres of land on the left hand side of the road leading from Fredericksburg to Spotsylvania C. H., about two miles south of Fredericksburg and right opposite the little school house adjoining the late C. Gallinger and Mrs. Lesh. This land is fertile and is partly in timber. Terms of sale, cash as to \$270 and the balance upon twelve months' time.

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