

PRESIDENT SPENCER KILLED TRAIN 37 TELESCOPES PRIVATE CAR

KILLED IN SOUTHERN WRECK

Mr. Spencer, With His Guests, Messrs. Schuyler, Fisher, Redwood and Merrill, Was En Route to Friendship, N. C., on a Hunting Trip When Accident Occurred—Trains Collided Ten Miles South of Lynchburg, No. 35, to Which the President's Special Car Was Attached, Striking and Destroying It.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, and recognized as one of the foremost men in the development of the Southern States, was killed this morning at 8:10 o'clock in a rear-end collision in which two fast south-bound passenger trains were involved.

The dead are: PRESIDENT SAMUEL SPENCER, Washington, D. C.; CHARLES D. FISHER, of Baltimore, Md.; PHILIP SCHUYLER, of New York City; FRANK T. REDWOOD, of Baltimore; D. W. DAVIS, of Alexandria, Va., private dispatcher to President Spencer; J. W. SHAW, died later in the Lynchburg Hospital.

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NEWS SHOCKS BIG FINANCIER

J. Pierpont Morgan Informed of President Spencer's Death Just as He is Entering Church—Turns Head and Sees Train Wreck

New York, Nov. 29.—News of the death of Samuel Spencer in the Southern Railway wreck reached J. Pierpont Morgan just as he was about to enter Grace church to attend the special Thanksgiving Day services. When the news of his friend's death was told him, Mr. Morgan turned deathly pale.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The special train bearing the bodies of President Spencer and five others killed in the wreck near Lynchburg, Va., arrived here at 10:40 o'clock to-night. All the injured were left in the hospital at Lynchburg.

SKETCH OF SAMUEL SPENCER. A Native of Georgia, Who Rose from a Humble Beginning to the Top Rung of the Ladder—His Life Devoted to the Science of Railroading and Crowned With Phenomenal Success.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer was born in Columbus, Ga., in 1847. He was the son of Lambert Spencer and Vernie Mitchell. He spent his boyhood days at the residence in Wynton, which is now the home of Lloyd Boyhood.

County Coroner J. W. Davis, at the request of the Southern officials, went this afternoon to the scene of the wreck for the purpose of holding an inquest on the bodies.

At 10:30 o'clock it was ascertained from a reliable source that D. J. Meddick, the operator at Rangoon, who was on duty at the time of the accident, was discovered and his name has been found, although railway officials have made an effort to locate him.

Honor Mr. Spencer's Memory. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Nov. 29.—At a called meeting of the board of trade of Winston-Salem held to-night, resolutions of sympathy and respect to the family and associates of President Spencer were adopted.

At the city hospital to-night all of the injured persons are reported to be doing nicely. All are expected to recover.

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RIGBEE INDICED AGAIN

A Second Bill of Indictment is Sent in by Solicitor Brooks and a Second Hitch Develops.

Durham, Nov. 29.—This morning Solicitor Brooks sent a new bill in the case of W. T. Rigbee, charged with illegal voting. It will be remembered that on yesterday the original indictment against him was quashed on account of two of the grand jurors who found the bill not having paid the legal fees required by law.

Then this afternoon there came another hitch in the case. It developed that Captain M. F. Freeland, foreman of the grand jury, had not paid his tax at the time he was sworn in as grand juror and that it was not until this morning that he paid his tax.

WERE ON WRECKED TRAIN. Three Durham People on One of Trains Which Figured in Yesterday's Wreck—Flag and Bible Presentation.

Durham, Nov. 29.—The news of the terrible rear-end collision near Lynchburg, Va., this morning and throughout the day it was the talk of the town, people on all sides asking questions and trying to get the facts of the large number of deaths.

FATAL GUNNING ACCIDENT. Mr. Percy Parham, of Granville County, Killed by the Accidental Discharge of His Young Nephew's Weapon—Leaves a Widow and Several Children.

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