

AWFUL CATASTROPHE ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

President Samuel Spencer and Six Others Killed and Eleven Injured in Collision—Two of Mr. Spencer's Guests Among Dead.

By Wire to The Morning Star. Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, and recognized as one of the foremost railroad men in the development of the Southern States, was killed this morning at 6:10 o'clock in a head-on collision in which two fast passenger trains were involved 10 miles south of Lynchburg and a mile north of the depot. In the same collision three of his guests were killed. Spencer's private secretary, E. A. Merrill, of New York City, and one of the three porters, survived the accident. The dead are: President Samuel Spencer, New York City; Charles D. Spencer, of Baltimore; Philip Shuyler, New York; Frank T. Redwood, of Baltimore; J. W. Shaw, colored, Spencer's private dispatcher to President Spencer; William Pollard, colored, on President Spencer's car, died in the hospital here. An unknown passenger's head and neck were burned off, short, who is supposed to be the third porter on the train car, who is missing. His name could not be learned. The injured are: Lucretia Allen, Danville, Va., leg broken and laceration below the knee, left arm broken; Willis J. Winston, 233 1/2 12th street, New York, leg badly broken; J. W. Shaw, colored, Spencer's fireman, badly crushed and legs broken; Garland Thomas, Greensboro, N. C., leg broken and badly bruised up; P. E. Vaulo, colored, Waynesboro, Va., badly broken and bruised; Cora Logan, colored, N. C. both legs broken; Sam colored porter on the private car, 111 First street, S. W., Washington, the supreme organizer of the show, the supreme organizer of the show, back badly wrenched; Hogan, colored, Charlotte, N. C., bruised leg; A. W. Merrill, New York City, private secretary President Spencer, head and arms badly burned. The accident resulted from a collision between train No. 37, the Washington and Southwestern vestibuled train, which ran into the rear end of train No. 33, known as the Jacksonville Limited. President Spencer's private coach was entirely burned. President Spencer and his party occupied the rear car on the forward train, and as known were sleeping when the collision happened and the probabilities are that all of them except Dispatcher Davis were killed instantly. It is certain that life was extinguished before the flames touched them. President Spencer's body was burned beyond recognition, as was that of Mr. Fisher. The body of Mr. Spencer was taken from under the wreckage before it was burned very much, and been singed only slightly. President Spencer's car was attached to the rear of the Jacksonville train, and he was standing still when struck. President Spencer was lying directly in the path of the locomotive of the rear train. So great was the force of the collision that the forward train was sent 150 feet ahead, the locomotive over and upon the body of Mr. Spencer. Until after the debris had itself out and the engine cooled the bodies could not be removed. The impact drove the combination forward and the express car lifted together with its trucks and crushed the car forty feet, leaving the wreckage of the car strewn with tons of wreckage, and colored passengers were pushed back as the express crushed those in the combination and rats. The combination car left the track and in clearing the track the express car was hauled a siding a mile distance on top of the debris of the combination. How the colored passengers in the compartment escaped, which is the Jim Crow part of the explanation. The wreck occurred on the crest of the grade when the Atlanta train had been running more than thirty miles an hour, if as fast as a mile or two further the number of dead might have been as the train was about 100 yards behind its schedule time, a

EVENTS OF HOLIDAY WRECKED LOG TRAIN

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FITTING CHURCH SERVICES WANTED BLOODHOUNDS

Events on Golf Grounds and on the Local Gridiron—Forest and Field Claimed Usual Number of Sportsmen—Other Notes. Request Came to Police Station Here—Engineer and Fireman Badly Scalded—Thought to be Same Near Fremont. A request for the county bloodhounds was received here early yesterday morning from Bowden's, N. C., just this side of Mt. Olive, on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. It was stated that a locomotive drawing a train of logs on the tram road of the Rowland Lumber Company had been wrecked a short distance from Bowden's and that the engineer and fireman had been badly scalded with the probability that the engineer would not recover. The request was received at the police station and Chief Williams at once endeavored to get in communication with Constable Savage, but was unable to do so as Mr. Savage had left the city for the Thanksgiving holiday. The officials of the lumber company at Bowden's were so notified. From what could be learned by telephone the train of the lumber company was deliberately wrecked early yesterday morning by some miscreant who had piled cross-ties on the line. An effort was made to get in further communication with Bowden's, but this was unsuccessful. It is stated that there were ties put on the tracks on the round of the curve and that the engine drawing the log train dashed upon the obstruction before the engineer knew what had happened. The engine rolled over and he and his fireman were badly burned from scalding steam. At Mt. Olive it was stated that perhaps the miscreants on this occasion were the same who a few nights ago near Fremont, N. C., piled cross-ties on the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line with the evident purpose of wrecking the train to Norfolk. The ties on the A. C. L. track were discovered fortunately in time to prevent an accident. Another attempt was made to wreck the same train near Pikeville. EXTRA EDITION TO-DAY. Southern Railway Accident and Football Demanded an Issue. As was promised its readers in the announcement of suspension for Thanksgiving yesterday, the Star goes to its subscribers this morning in the form of an extra to carry the story of the disastrous train wreck and the killing of President Samuel Spencer on the Southern Railway yesterday together with the football stories of the day and the various other matters of local and general happenings that will be found of interest. Members of the Star force had hoped to observe the Thanksgiving season in common with most other people, but when the emergency arose and the extra was required to meet the demands of the general public, they rallied to a man, and the sheet this morning, with all due modesty, is all and more than the general public could expect. THE ELK'S THANKSGIVING. Regular Meeting and Social Session at Club Last Night. The Thanksgiving holiday falling on the regular meeting night, the coincidence was advantaged of last night by the Wilmington lodge of Elks, a very elaborate, but informal social session having been enjoyed after the regular exercises. The attendance was large and the spirit of good fellowship was everywhere apparent. A number of features of entertainment were afforded by members and visitors. Police Court Yesterday. Notwithstanding Thanksgiving the police court was held yesterday as usual. Rosa Brown, for disorderly conduct, was given 30 days on the farm. Carrie Johnson and Betsie Mills, colored vagrants were also each given 30 days on the farm. Charles Walker colored, for an assault was fined \$10 including the costs. Estelle Davis and Annie Johnson, colored, engaged in a fight yesterday afternoon near the Nutt street crossing of the Coast Line and were arrested by Watchman Summerlin. They will be given a trial by the Mayor to-day. National Thanksgiving and How The Day Was Observed in Wilmington. The weather yesterday was ideal for Thanksgiving. The day was perhaps more generally observed in Wilmington than ever before. The streets were deserted for the most part during the day and it was only upon the arrival of trains and cars that one was reminded that it was not Sunday. In quite all of the churches in the city there were appropriate services with special sermons, music and decorations befitting the day. At many of the churches opportunity was offered for contributions to charity and it is a pleasing commentary upon Wilmington people that these were generous and thoughtful. The orphanages especially were remembered while the worthy poor of the immediate community were made to feel that after all they had something for which to render thanks. The early trains and cars on the suburban lines carried many hunters to the field all day and reports are that the day was quite successful for all of them. There were few accidents of any serious consequence and the day altogether was a successful one for the hunters. The days was especially notable on the links of the Cape Fear Country Club where the annual Thanksgiving men's handicap tournament was played during the day with a tourney in the afternoon for the ladies. Nearly all members of the club were present for at least part of the day and in the afternoon an elegant luncheon was served to members and their guests by the ladies while an enjoyable oyster roast was also served. The winners in the men's handicap were Mr. Robert H. Gwaltney, first, and Mr. George Rountree, second. Each was presented a very handsome silver loving cup offered by the club. In the ladies' tournament, Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger won the handsome silver cup offered also by the club. Local football interest aside from news from the pigskin pushers at Norfolk and Richmond was centered in the game at Hilton Park between teams from Wilmington Light Infantry and the Y. M. C. A. The game was closely contested, the W. L. I. winning by a score of two to nothing. Halves of 15 and 20 minutes were played and the movement of the teams was closely followed by a large number of spectators who crowded into the field upon several occasions making the best playing impossible. Dr. Morris M. Caldwell refereed the game while Mr. James Sinclair umpired. Thanksgiving was spent by many people at Wrightsville Sound and Beach, the Consolidated Company having operated a very convenient schedule on the suburban line during the rush hours. The Lighthouse was an attractive place for many. "Mine Host" Stokley serving oyster roasts with the usual condiments and accompaniments. There were few places of business open during the day in the city and where it was absolutely necessary not to close only holiday hours were observed. All in all Thanksgiving was fittingly and elaborately celebrated. NEGRO CONVICT GONE. Sentenced From Union County For Murder Escapes From Camp. The following information was sent out yesterday by the State's Prison authorities: "On the night of November 26th, 1906, Matthew Cunningham, alias Bud Cunningham, made his escape from the convict camp near Wilmington, N. C., by cutting his chain and escaping through the tent. "For his recapture we will pay a reward of twenty-five dollars and all necessary expenses incurred in his arrest. "Cunningham is a black negro, twenty-one years old, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches high, weight 165 pounds, and was sentenced from Union county in July 1906, for a term of fifteen years for murder." Miss Katie Smith has returned to her home in Raleigh after a delightful visit to her friend, Miss Peacock, in this city.

GRIDIRON STRUGGLES ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Pennsylvania and Cornell Played Nothing to Nothing Game—Clemson College Made Easy Work of Georgia Techs—Other Games.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.) Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—With the ball within one foot of the home team's line, the annual game between the Pennsylvania and Cornell football elevens on Franklin Field today came to an end without either side being able to score. The finish of the contest, with Pennsylvania fighting desperately to ward off defeat, was as sensational a piece of football play as has been seen on the Red and Blue gridiron in a long time. There were but a few minutes of time left when Hollenback, for Pennsylvania, kicked against the wind to the home team's 45 yard line, where a Cornell man got the ball. Two line plays and a quarterback kick put the ball on Pennsylvania's 15 yard line still in Cornell's possession. Here the Ithicans tried a forward pass. Hollenback intercepted the pass but was unable to hold the ball and Van Orman for Cornell, fell on it seven yards from Pennsylvania's goal. Two plays against the tackles and Cornell was on the one yard line. It seemed as if nothing could stop her, but on the next plunge into the line the Pennsylvania men held and Cornell dropped in her tracks. It was then Pennsylvania's ball on downs. Pennsylvania decided not to take a chance to carry the ball with it practically on her goal line, and Hollenback was sent far back of the goal posts to kick out. He was directly behind the cross bar and in order to avoid it kicked to one side. The punt was bad and the ball went out of bounds about two yards from the goal line. With the ball in her possession two yards from Pennsylvania's goal line, the Ithicans made a yard on the first play, but at the second plunge into the Pennsylvania line failed to gain. The ball was then on the Quaker's one yard line. Cornell had one more try while Pennsylvania was in the last ditch and desperate. The signal was given, the teams crushed against one another and half of Cornell's players on top of the struggling mass of men spilled over Pennsylvania's goal line. As the teams plunged into each other the time keeper's whistle announced the end of the game. Every one believed Cornell had won, but when referee Corbin and Umpire Edwards finally separated the struggling players they found a Cornell man hugging the ball a foot short of the line of victory. Outside of the desperate finish, the game did not afford either side much opportunity for cheering. The Richmond Game. Richmond, Va., Nov. 29.—The football game here today between the Agricultural and Mechanical College, of North Carolina and V. P. I. was won by the latter by a score of 6 to 0. A. & M. won the toss and chose the western goal. V. P. I. steadily pushed the ball down the field to A. & M. 20 yard line, where Wilson failed to kick a field goal. The first half ended with the ball on V. P. I.'s 40 yard line and in A. & M.'s possession. Neither side scored in this half. In the second half the same hard line playing was noticeable with occasional kicking. After about thirteen minutes of play Nutter for V. P. I. was forced through for a touchdown. Goal was kicked. Eskridge and Stevens, for A. & M. were used up and Drake and Abernathy went in. The ball was hammered to within two yards of V. P. I.'s goal line when Wilson got it and made a seventy yard dash only to be downed on the A. M.'s 35 yard line. The game ended with the ball on A. & M.'s 20 yard line. The Norfolk Game. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 29.—Seven thousand people saw Carlisle defeat Virginia here today by a score of 18 to 17. A missed goal prevented Virginia from tying the score. Virginia made the first touchdown on a blocked kick and three line rushes. Her other scores were made by Johnson and Honaker in runs of 80 yards. The Indians scored through Mount Pleasant and Little Boy by hammering the line in two instances and a fifty yard run. Little Boy scored twice, as did Johnson for Virginia. Clemson Outplayed Georgia. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 29.—The Clemson College football eleven had no trouble in defeating the team from the Georgia School of Technology here today, winning by the score of 10 to 0. Clemson made two touchdowns in the first half, but missed both goals. In the second half Tech put up a hard fight and kept the South Carolinians from scoring, although they made a touchdown, which was not allowed. Clemson easily outplayed the Georgia School at every point of the game except in kicking. Other Games. At Newport News, Va., Richmond College 6; William and Mary 0. At Atlanta: Clemson College 10; Georgia School of Technology 0. At Philadelphia: Cornell 0; Pennsylvania 0. At Washington: Georgetown 16; George Washington University 6. At Washington: Howard University 12; Shaw University of Raleigh, N. C. 5. At Asheville: Asheville Team 56; Cherokee Indians 0. At Nashville: Vanderbilt 20; Sewanee 0. At Richmond: V. P. I. 6; A. & M. College of N. C. 0. At Lynchburg: Davidson College 5; Virginia Military Institute 0. At Atlanta: Bingham School 10; Maryville College 17. At Norfolk, Va.: Carlisle Indians 18; Virginia 17. YOUTHFUL HUNTER SHOT. Arthur McCartney Lost Toes of Foot By Gun's Accidental Discharge. Arthur McCartney, 16 years old, a son of Mr. John C. McCartney, the well known plumber of Wilmington, while hunting yesterday in the Town Creek section of Brunswick county, with three of his friends, allowed his gun to accidentally discharge, carrying away one of his toes and so badly lacerating others that they may have to be amputated. Young McCartney was standing on the edge of a pine thicket waiting for birds to come over and as they came over he and his companions shot at them on the wing. McCartney was some distance from the others, and the presumption is that while he had his gun cocked waiting for a shot and resting the end of the barrel on the toe of the shoe, he went to jerk it up and it discharged prematurely. In the party with him were Mr. G. K. Young, manager of the Boys' Brigade who had chaperoned the boys, Messrs. Earle Durant and Albert Ulmer. McCartney cried out as soon as he was shot and Mr. Young hurried back to town with him by private conveyance as they had gone. Reaching the city, the patient was treated by Dr. T. M. Green at his home and later at the hospital where one of his toes was amputated. The little fellow suffered much, but at last accounts was doing very well. A year or two ago, young McCartney was severely injured by being caught in the wheels of a job press in the Morning Star office. He is plucky to the last and bore his suffering yesterday like a veteran. BURNED AT CASTLE HAYNES. Residence and Furnishings Belonging to Mr. Robert N. Sweet. A one-story frame building owned by Mr. Robert N. Sweet, at Castle Haynes, was burned to the ground with nearly all the furnishings and about half of Mr. Sweet's library of rare books, yesterday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. A hunting party of 12 or 15 had been entertained there during the day by Mr. Sweet and shortly after the guests had left, the flames were discovered by some one passing. Mr. Sweet himself was at the train preparing to return to Wilmington when he was notified of his loss. Neighbors succeeded in saving one or two pieces of furniture and about half of Mr. Sweet's library, many of the books being a hundred years old and very valuable, but the remainder of the contents of the building were lost. The loss in the dwelling is estimated at \$1,200 while that to the contents is about \$200. Mr. Sweet hopes that the loss is about covered by insurance though he could not say last night as his policies were in the city and he was at Castle Haynes. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Academy of Music—"Indiana." J. W. Mu'chison & Co.—Razors. Business Locals. Wanted—Cross Ties.