

THE GOLD LEAF

THURSDAY, DEC. 6, 1906.

Last Sad Rites.

Funeral of President Spencer Held in Washington City Sunday - Notable Tributes Paid Distinguished Railroad Magnate by Associates, Statesmen and Men Eminent in All Walks of Life.

Washington, Dec. 2.-All that is mortal of Samuel Spencer, late president of the Southern Railway, whose tragic death on his own railroad on the morning of Thanksgiving Day shocked the peoples of two hemispheres, was laid to rest this afternoon in the receiving vault at Oak Hill Cemetery, there to await final disposition.

A notable tribute was paid to the memory of the distinguished railroad magnate by his associates, by statesmen and by men eminent in all the walks of public life. The funeral services, held in historic St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, were attended by railroad officials, financiers and public men from all parts of the country. Many of these were life-long associates of Mr. Spencer, and friends came from the South.

Long before the hour announced for the funeral, 2 o'clock p. m., admission to the church had to be denied to all but the closest personal and official friends of Mr. Spencer.

Hundreds of people stood outside the edifice in the crisp December air throughout the services, paying solemnly and silently their tribute of respect.

EMPLOYEES ATTEND IN BODY. Shortly before 1:30 p. m. the officers and employees of the Southern Railway, 319 in number, assembled at the general office of the company here, and proceeded, as a body to St. John's church. They were headed by the four general superintendents of the company, Messrs. Furber, Loyall, Hitchcock and Copman, and included General Passenger Traffic Manager Hardwick, General Passenger Agent Taylor and Assistant General Passenger Agent Curry.

Practically all of the officers of the company throughout its system of nearly 5,000 miles were in attendance upon the services. Joining their friends of the Southern Railway in paying respect to President Spencer were representatives of the Mobile & Ohio Georgia, Southern and Florida, Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific, New Orleans and Northeastern, Central of Georgia, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Chesapeake & Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Norfolk & Western.

Among the distinguished people who attended the church services were Vice President Fairbanks, Justice White, of the Supreme Court of the United States; Senator and Mrs. Foraker, of Ohio; Senator Bacon, of Georgia; Gov. Slatton, of West Virginia; Senator Keane, of New Jersey; Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock; Senator Wetmore, of Rhode Island; and former Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia.

Just at 2 o'clock the soft strains of Chopin's beautiful funeral march pealed through the church from the organ. It was rendered by Prof. H. Freeman the organist of St. John's. At the same instant throughout the system of railroads lately presided over by Mr. Spencer, every train came to a dead stop, every wheel ceased to turn, every employe put aside his work. For five minutes over the thousands of miles of railway every employe paid silent respect to the dead president.

To the strains of the funeral march, the surplined choir of 40 male voices silently entered the church and ranged itself on each side of the altar. The choir was followed by the Right Rev. Henry Y. Saterlee, bishop of Washington; Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's church, and the assistant rector of the church.

"Abide with Me." After the members of the family and the immediate funeral party had left, the clergy and choir retired to the strains of Handel's dead march from "Saul."

An Inslut to Americans.

Raleigh Times. President Roosevelt's determination to advance George B. Cortelyou to a higher position in the cabinet is an insult to the American people which will not go unchallenged. But the protest will have no effect. The people must submit because a republican senate will confirm any appointment sent to it from the white house. It may be that the president is under lasting obligations to Cortelyou. When he was made secretary of commerce he used his office to investigate the standing of the giant combinations. Each combination was forced to disgorge; each combination was forced to contribute freely and largely to the corruption fund which elected Roosevelt. Money belonging to the policyholders of big insurance companies was literally stolen and Cortelyou received it. When Judge Parker charged that the trusts had been led to increase the republican fund Mr. Roosevelt made a heated denial, that being based upon the assurance of Cortelyou. But the insurance investigation in New York proved that Judge Parker was telling the absolute truth and that Cortelyou had made a statement which was willfully false and a statement which he knew to be false. But Mr. Roosevelt does not care for that. He is grateful to the political graft. Here is a man, guilty of taking stolen money to buy an election, being made secretary of the treasury. Men less prominent than Cortelyou have been sent to jail for deeds far less criminal.

There is not much incentive for a man to be honest these days in politics, especially when one, convicted by evidence beyond dispute, is significantly honored, not because he deserves it, but because he was able to assist in the stealing without which the election of Mr. Roosevelt might not have been possible.

Why don't you let your little brother kiss you? You should encourage your subjects to do this. The foxey kid knows I been eatin' bass. - Washington Herald.

Beauties of the Watts Law.

Wilmington Messenger. When the Watts law was passed and then followed up by the Ward law every body thought they were as simple as A, B, C. and that there could arise any dispute as to what they meant never entered the mind of a single citizen of the state. We all thought that the two laws, taken together declared that liquor saloons and distilleries should be confined to incorporated towns and that the voters of such towns should have the right to say by their votes at elections properly called whether they should have prohibition, dispensary or saloons.

These three questions, every one thought, were to be left to the decision of the people. It was a perfectly plain question in which the majority of the people were to rule. But it seems that the people were very much mistaken. Instead of being a perfectly plain question in which the choice of the people, expressed every two years, if they so chose, was to rule, it turns out to be one of those intricate questions which has ever arisen under the free government of the American nation or of the sovereign states composing the federation.

There are more constitutional questions involved in the construction of the Watts and the Ward bills than in any clause of the federal constitution or any amendment thereto. For instance there is a law which says that the people of any town may vote on the question as to whether in future that town shall have saloons, dispensary or no place of sale of liquor. Under this law a town which has saloons holds an election which results in the closing of the saloons and the opening of a dispensary. After while the prohibitionists want to have an election which shall declare either for prohibition or dispensary, and they are told that before they can go by popular election, under the Watts law, from dispensary to prohibition they must go back to saloons; in other words, that if the prohibitionists should win the victory against dispensary it would not establish prohibition in that town, but would re-establish saloons.

This case went to the supreme court and it dodged the question. It would not decide the case on the main question involved because it found a way to get rid of the case on another and a technical point. So the main question remains that when our citizens who are opposed to the liquor trade try to get rid of it by gradual stages and first resort to the dispensary as a substitute for saloons, when they wish to supplant the dispensary with prohibition, they must go back to saloons in order to do so.

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How Cities Lose Money.

Municipal Plants Pay No Taxes and Reduce Tax Receipts. The subject of loss taxes is one that deserves far more attention than it usually receives from advocates of municipal ownership. There is scarcely a municipal plant in this country which mentions this item in its reports, although it is just as much an element in cost of production as coal and wages. The omission is really overlooked, because it is a negative expense involving no direct payment, but only a loss of income to the city.

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One of the most remarkable reversals of fortune in the past record is that which has taken place in Chicago in the past year in the matter of municipal ownership and operation. The municipal ownership theory, which a little more than a year ago flourished here with a zest which attracted the attention of the entire civilized world, is now the deadest duck in the pond. Apparently nobody believes in it any longer. Certainly nobody ever talks any more about it.

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