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TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 1906.

Consistency is indeed a jewel. Here in Editor Wade Harris, of The Charlotte Chronicle, choosing in an editorial, out of six ways the papers have discovered of spelling the name of the telegraph operator at Rangoon who is charged with being responsible for the wreck in which President Samuel Spencer was killed, "Matter" while in 34-point box car letters on the front page of the same issue of The Chronicle the name starts the gentle reader in the face spelled "Matter."

By the time the echoes of the Gillette murder trail, now on at Herkimer, N. Y., have died away Harry Thaw, the wealthy young Pittsburger who slew Stanford White, the noted architect, in the Madison Square Roof Garden last summer, will be on the boards. Between discharging attorneys and getting new ones, buying new suits and refusing to plead insanity as an excuse for committing the crime, Thaw has succeeded in keeping himself before the public during his entire incarceration. Whatever the result of the trial, which promises to be highly sensational, Harry has evidently decided that the people shall not forget that he is living—even if he is behind prison bars.

Congress is again in session, the last term of the Fifty-Ninth session having convened yesterday at noon. Speaker Cannon presiding in the House of Representatives and Vice President Fairbanks in the Senate.

The first resolution introduced in the Senate was one by Senator Peacock calling on the President for all the information regarding the dismissal of the negro troops at Fort Reno. A resolution inquiring into the dismissal of the battalion of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, it is stated, will be introduced this week by Senator Foraker. There seems no doubt that Congress will demand a full investigation of the President's action regarding these soldiers. The first business before the Congress in the hearing of President Roosevelt's message which is scheduled for to-day. The appropriation bills will aggregate about one billion dollars and this matter alone will take no inconsiderable portion of the session. The ship subsidy bill, the immigration and Philippine tariff bills are among those holding prominent places on the calendar for discussion.

SAMUEL SPENCER.
 In the tragic death at Lawyers, Va., Thursday of Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, the South, as well as the great corporation of which he was the head, sustained a great loss. The statement is frequently made that any man's position, no matter how high or how important it may be, can be filled when he is taken away by death or otherwise. This, in a measure, is true, but it remains a fact, however, as The Charlotte Observer says in speaking of Mr. Spencer's death, that "His sad taking off means delay in the correction of these deficiencies (which were responsible for his death) as Lincoln's meant delay in the establishment of decent government in the South at the close of the civil war."

A Southern man, Mr. Spencer had done much for the South and this section of the country has especial cause to mourn his death. As the head of a great railroad system, penetrat-

ing a vast area of country as yet but in its infancy industrially and commercially, he had improved that system, built it up, extended and expanded it. Familiar with the South's needs and its possibilities, he was ever ready to do what he could to further the interests of the land of his nativity. He knew the railroad business thoroughly and had worked himself up from lowly positions to the top rung of the ladder. That he had the highest esteem of his co-laborers and subordinates as well was fittingly shown Sunday when many of them gathered from far and near to pay a last tribute of respect to this great moving spirit of a great railroad. The South has, indeed, lost a friend in the passing of Samuel Spencer.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat special cotton crop estimate for the season of 1906-1907 makes the total 12,450,000 bales.

In a sermon on the race question at Charlotte Sunday Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, declared that the books, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "The Clansman," ought to be burned together. They tend to make the race problem more acute, he says, and should never have been written.

Keeping the Navy Up to Date.
 United States naval officers do not admit that the monitor battleships planned by Great Britain and Italy are necessarily more effective than warships of the Connecticut, Louisiana, Michigan and South Carolina types, says Harper's Weekly. Now that fuller details have reached the United States regarding the Cumberland battleship, with which Italy expects to outclass the Dreadnought, there is less disposition than ever to overestimate the importance of Italy's move. The assumption that the biggest battleship can whip one of a few hundred tons smaller leaves out of account the matter of seamanship, brains, courage, marksmanship and relative efficiency. American warships may not be as big as the biggest, but in personnel and equipment they equal anything afloat. Our ocean warships have a steaming radius of 8,000 miles, much greater than that of any other battleship afloat. This is a very important element in the fighting efficiency of all war vessels and one in which the large English and Italian battleships are likely to fall.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

—Speak a good word for your town. Help push it along.

—In The Charlotte Evening Chronicle's subscription contest, which closed Saturday night, two Gastonia young ladies won prizes. Miss Pearl Council, with 234,160 votes, gets a trip, while Miss Rosalie Abernethy, with 90,902 votes, has the choice of scholarships at any of the colleges of Charlotte. The first prize, a \$950 Cadillac automobile, was won by Miss Bernice Burns, of Wadesboro, with 1,063,723 votes.

—Stanley's new bank, the Farmers and Merchants', began business about two weeks ago and is progressing nicely. It is occupying quarters in the building formerly occupied by the drug store. The bank proposes, however, to erect, at no very distant day, a building of its own and has bought for this purpose the old Rankin corner lot. Mr. W. J. Jenkins, cashier of the Southern Loan & Savings Bank, of Charlotte, is president; Mr. O. C. Spaulding, recently of Kansas City, Mo., is cashier, and Mr. B. F. Carpenter is vice president.

—There is much speculation as to who will succeed the late Mr. Samuel Spencer as president of the Southern Railway. It has been reported that the position has been offered to First Vice President A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, and that he has declined it because of the fact that it would necessitate his leaving the State. Mr. W. W. Finley, second vice president, has been suggested as the logical man for the place. Until the appointment is made, Mr. Andrews is temporarily in charge.

Governor Terrell refused to interfere in the case of J. G. Rawlings and Alfred Moore, the former a preacher and the latter a negro, under sentence to be hanged at Valdosta, Ga., to-day for murder.

The annual report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue John W. Yerkes, for the past fiscal year, shows total receipts of \$248,102,738, an excess of \$14,914,762 over the preceding year, while the receipts for the first three months of the current year show an increase in collections of \$4,661,131 over the corresponding months last year. Commissioner Yerkes says he believes the total revenues in the current fiscal year will aggregate \$260,000,000.

Comes Back to Life.

Military Special, 30th, to Charlotte Observer.
 Mrs. Robert Helton, who was reported dead yesterday as a result of a pistol wound inflicted by her husband, has recovered from a state of unconsciousness which continued for hours. It was thought she had expired, but it is now believed that she will recover. Robt. Helton, her husband, is still in the clutches of the law, awaiting the result of the gun shot on his wife, before the hearing.

Presidential Nominations.


Washington, Dec. 3.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate:
 Secretary of the Treasury, George B. Cortelyou; Attorney General, Charles J. Bonaparte; Postmaster General, George Von L. Meyer; Secretary of the Interior, James R. Garfield; Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Oscar S. Straus; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Wm. H. Moody.

One man was killed, together with three horses and a pony belonging to Sparks' Shows, in a wreck on the Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroad near Troy yesterday. The dead man was an attache of the show. Several members of the show company attacked Conductor Slack, inflicting serious injuries on him.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Miller & Edwards, consisting of J. Y. Miller and R. W. Edwards, is dissolved, the stock being sold to J. Y. Miller & Co. All persons owing the firm of Miller & Edwards are hereby notified to call and settle. All persons holding claims against the firm of Miller & Edwards are hereby notified to present such claims at once for settlement.
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