
MISS CLARA B. SPENCE, EDUCATOR, DIES AT 61

Head of Famous Spence School for Girls Was Long Interested in Welfare of Children.

Miss Clara B. Spence, head of the Spence School for Girls, at 26 West Fifty-fifth Street, one of the most famous schools in this country, died last night at Greenwich, Conn. Miss Spence was interested in the welfare of children and she placed hundreds of orphans and waifs in good homes. As head of the British-American Adoption Committee Miss Spence was instrumental in bringing to this country a score or more of children to be adopted.

When a representative of the National Adoption Society of England told of the oversupply of desirable children for adoption, and the unfavorable legal conditions for adoption in that country, Miss Spence undertook in 1921 the formation of a British-American committee, and she interested many women prominent in society in the plan, some of them her former pupils. Fifteen children were brought here on the steamship Aquitania and soon found their way into good homes.

Miss Spence was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1862, a daughter of William Douglas and Anne Tallman Spence. She studied in Boston University and took a post graduate course in the University of London. She established her noted school in 1892 and many of the women now prominent in society and their children were in her kindly care.

Miss Spence, who was a Republican, was active in obtaining the re-election of John P. Cohalan in 1922. She made her first political speech in his behalf. She was a trustee of Barnard College, the League for Political Education, one of the founders of the Town Hall, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Institute of Social Sciences and the Oratorio Society.

Obituary Notes.

FRANCOIS LEGUERN, for many years in the employ of the Ward Steamship Company, died on Wednesday at his home, 28 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, aged 76 years. He was a native of Marseilles, France, and had lived in Brooklyn for forty-five years.

Mrs. MAY LILLIAN HANLEY MURRAY, wife of John Francis Murray, superintendent of construction for Caldwell & Wingate, died yesterday at her home, 1,568 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn. She was born in that borough forty years ago.

Mrs. KUNI HENRIETTA SPENGMANN, widow of Theodore Spengemann, formerly a hotel keeper in lower Manhattan, died on Tuesday at her home, 196 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, aged 76 years.

EDMOND W. LABAUME, 67, general passenger agent of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway (Cotton Belt), died in St. Louis yesterday from a complication of diseases.

PATRICK SHANNON, 87 years old, a Yonkers contractor, died yesterday at his home, 312 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers. Mr. Shannon was born in Bantry, Ireland, and had lived in Yonkers since he was 15 years old. Previous to 1883 he was in the dry goods business, but became later a contractor and interior decorator. He decorated the homes of Samuel J. Tilden and George W. Perkins.

JOSEPH C. MORI, who was associated with Peter Schneider & Co., importers of upholstery and fabrics, at 20 East Twentieth Street, died on Wednesday at his home in Jersey City. He was 53 years of age.
