

# VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN DEAD

## Succumbs to Bright's Disease After Lingering Illness.

### Members of Family Present—Slight Rally Precedes End—Unconscious for Hours.

Utica, N. Y.—After a long illness, Vice President Sherman died at his home in this city at 9:42 o'clock Wednesday night of uraemic poison, caused by Bright's disease.

He had been sinking since early morning, and it was realized that death was a question only of a few hours.

There was slight relief shortly after 7 o'clock, caused by an apparent improvement in the condition of the kidneys, but it did not prove real or lasting, and, at best, gave only temporary hope.

At 9 o'clock the patient's temperature rose to 106. From that time his condition rapidly passed from bad to worse, until the end. Mr. Sherman was unconscious when the end came, and had been in that condition for several hours.

All the members of the immediate family were witnesses to the final scene.

Soon after Mr. Sherman died, Dr. F. H. Peck, the attending physician, issued the following statement:

"The vice president died at 9:42 p. m., without regaining consciousness for a moment. He was perfectly quiet. He died in the presence of his wife, her brother and sister, his two brothers, and his three sons and their wives. He had been entirely unconscious since 7 o'clock, when he had a period of partial consciousness lasting for about 15 minutes. He died in a uraemic coma, as a result of Bright's disease, heart disease and arteriosclerosis."

## BULGARIANS ROUT TURKS.

### Sultan's Main Army Beaten After Two Days' Fight.

London.—The silence of Sofia concerning the great battle in Thrace has at last been broken by a brief dispatch announcing a Bulgarian victory and the capture of the town of Lule Burgas.

The dispatch says: "After two days' fighting the Bulgarian army has gained a complete victory over the principal Turkish forces. The Turks have retreated in disorder. The town of Lule Burgas has been taken."

This dispatch and equally laconic dispatches from the Turkish commander contain the only news yet available and still leave the situation rather obscure.

The message from Sofia apparently refers to early events, while the dispatch of Nazim Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, describes two battles, one a sortie from Adrianople in the direction of Maras, the other in the direction of Viza, from which it must be inferred that the engagements are extending over a long front.

A Sofia dispatch sent before the capture of Lule Burgas was known throws a new light on the disposition of the Turkish forces. It is evident that earlier reports of the taking of this town were premature. It appears that the Turks' line of defense extended along the Erkene river, with a second line from Demotica to Lule Burgas.

Both sides claim victory, but there is no reason to doubt that the Turkish second line of defense has been broken.

## Long Hat Pins Vex

Sydney, N. S. W.—For going about the city with their hats protruding, 60 women, most of them prominent society dames, have been tried and fined in one Sydney court.

The women vow they will never submit to what they consider an iniquitous and unnecessary regulation, and most of them assert that they will die rather than pay their fines.

## American Balloon Lost.

Berlin.—The balloons in the race for the Gordon Bennett cup, which was started from Stuttgart Saturday, have all been accounted for except the Ile de France, of which Alfred Le Blanc, of France, is the pilot, and Dusseldorf II, piloted by the American, John Watts. According to present figures, the French balloon, piloted by Maurice Bleriot, wins first place, having covered about 1354 miles. The English balloon, Honeymoon, apparently comes second; Zurich, Swiss, third, Richtigerelein, Germany, fourth.

## Western Ponies Make Hit

Hood River, Or.—Fred F. McCrea, a young orchardist of the valley, has found a unique way to employ his time this winter. While visiting at the Pendleton Round-Up, last month, he conceived the idea that Western ponies could be taken East and sold profitably for riding ponies. He began a correspondence and was immediately commissioned by a Boston riding school to purchase a carload of the animals and bring them there for trial. Mr. McCrea writes back that they bid fair to become very popular.

## Kaiser Shows Gratitude.

New York.—Mayor Gaynor and ex-Mayor Low, who was chairman of the mayor's committee to welcome the German squadron last June, are to receive autographed photographs of the German emperor, according to cable dispatches received by Herman Ridder, chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Ridder will receive a letter in the name of the Kaiser, thanking him for his large part in the reception of the squadron.

## Suffragettes Set Free.

Oxford, England.—The suffragettes' hunger strike in the British jails brought about the release of Helen Craggs, sentenced to nine months' hard labor on October 19 for attempting to set fire to the residence of Lewis Vernon Harcourt. The health of Miss Craggs had broken down.

## OCTOPUS QUILTS FUEL OIL.

### Standard's Move to Work Havoc in Manufacturing Line.

Chicago.—Action stopping sale of fuel oil after December 1, a step expected to advance prices in many important manufacturing lines as much as 50 per cent, has been taken by the Standard Oil company.

The large increases in the use of gasoline for propelling automobiles and other machinery is given as the cause for the abandonment of the fuel oil branch of the business. It has been more profitable to refine the oil than to sell it for fuel.

The situation is serious for manufacturers whose furnaces are fitted for oil. The independents cannot supply the demand and it will cost fortunes to re-equip plants to meet the new conditions. Scores of millions of barrels of crude oil are burned as fuel yearly. The International Harvester company alone uses 8,000,000 barrels annually.

Manufacturers will be forced to use more expensive sorts of fuel, and are already sending out notices of advances in the price of their products.

## RACE SUICIDE ALARMING.

### Germany Proposes to Give Premiums to Poor Mothers.

Berlin.—The government will propose a series of legislative measures after the close of its investigation of the race suicide propensities of the German population. The first of these announced is a bill prohibiting the sale and use of non-hygienic baby bottles and putting the industry under government control. The second step, which is still under consideration, is the giving of premiums to poor mothers. This, it appears, may be adopted by the reichstag.

At a meeting of the German society in Berlin, held to consider the situation, it was agreed that the race suicide tendency was developing more rapidly in the Fatherland than in any other country. The evil affected all large German towns and is spreading with appalling rapidity over the entire country.

## APPLE TESTS SCHEDULED.

### Keeping Quality of Oregon Fruit Object of Federal Official.

Hood River, Or.—B. B. Pratt, of the pomological office of the United States department of agriculture, says he will use about 600 boxes of apples from different parts of the state in tests to be made in Portland this winter. His efforts will be to determine the comparative keeping qualities of apples taken from different soils, those well and partly colored and ripe and green fruit.

Mr. Pratt does not believe that experiments to determine the relative keeping quality of apples grown on different soils will ever make much headway. The fruit companies operating in different districts should make observations of the keeping qualities of fruits grown on different soils over long periods, he thinks.

## EMPLOYES NOT TO DRINK.

### Government Orders Total Abstinence in Indian Service.

Washington, D. C.—Total abstinence has been enjoined on all Indian agents and Indian employes by Acting Commissioner Abbott, of the Indian bureau, who has issued directions to employes to co-operate in overcoming the great difficulties of keeping intoxicating liquors from the Indians. "Employes must set the example," the letter says. "There cannot be one law in Indian country for Indians and a different law for white employes. In the future there must be no misunderstanding and no possible ground to plead ignorance of the law and regulations."

## New York Leads in Wheat.

Washington, D. C.—During September, according to the official figures of the department of commerce and labor, Portland, exported 924,567 bushels of wheat, bringing its total export thus far this year up to 2,998,546 bushels. This, however, is more than a million and a half bushels below its export for the first nine months of 1911, and only 700,000 bushels more than from Puget Sound. New York exported more than 3,000,000 bushels in September and its total for nine months is now 6,844,811.

## Miners Leaving for War.

Hibbing, Minn.—Fifty Montenegrins left here for New York, where they will sail with a large party of their countrymen to fight for King Nicholas. Two more parties will leave the range next week. "There will not be an able bodied Montenegrin left on the iron range if the war continues," says a statement issued by leaders of the movement. "Our people are intensely interested in this war. Funds are being raised all over the United States to help these financially unable to return."

## Heart is On Wrong Side.

New York.—Because his heart is on the right side, little David Krunish left the Fordham hospital well on the road to recovery. If his heart had been normal, the physicians say, he probably would have been carried off in a coffin several days ago. David, who is 11 years old, fell on a picket fence recently and one of the spikes penetrated his breast three inches directly over the place where his heart should be.

## Man Buys Entire Town.

Mount Vernon, N. Y.—Charles M. Ama, head of several Mount Vernon manufacturing firms, has just completed contracts for the purchase of the entire town of Turnerville, Conn. His new property consists of two factories, a hotel, several stores and residences. He says he bought the town as an investment.

## Greek Moves From Turk Street.

San Francisco.—Georgeopoulos Stamatis is a Greek peddler. He moved recently because the name of Turk street, in which he lived, has become intolerable to him since the declaration of war.

# EASTERN ROADS TO USE CANAL

## Demand Right to Send Freighters to Coast Ports.

### Docks Secured in Boston and Plans Ready for Ships—Will Appeal From Commission.

San Francisco.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has announced in New York that when the Panama canal is open for business it will have a line of steamers in service between Boston and New York as the eastern terminals and San Francisco and San Pedro as the western ports of call.

Negotiations are pending in New York for ample docking accommodations for the line. Accommodations have already been secured in Boston.

This announcement comes in the face of the passage of the Panama canal act, which forbade the use of the canal to railroad-owned ships.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford will contest the law, first in the Interstate commerce commission and afterwards in the courts. It feels so certain that its view of the situation will be adopted that plans for the useful ships are ready.

Vice-President Bukland, of the New Haven, has given out the following outline of the company's plans:

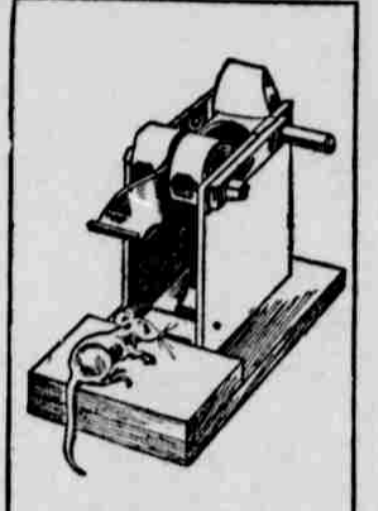
"We are going to send ships through the Panama canal. We do not propose to allow the Western railroads to dictate what New England shall pay for transportation of its commodities to Pacific ports. Eighty per cent of our freight traffic is bound up with New England industries. New England's prosperity is dear to us and if the Panama route is of advantage to New England shippers and our service by water in connection with our land lines may be useful, we shall endeavor to accommodate them.

# FARM AND GARDEN

## REPEATING TRAP KILLS RATS

### One Winding of New Device Will Destroy Fifteen or More of Disease-Spreading Rodents.

Did you ever hear of a repeating rat trap? One has been invented by an Illinois man, who declares that with one winding it will kill 15 or more of the disease breeding pests and kick each one out of the way. The general design of the trap is shown in the cut. When a rat steps on the platform in front his weight releases the trigger and striking arm, operated by a powerful spring, hits him a deadly uppercut and throws him several feet



Repeating Rat Trap.

away with the same motion. It virtually kicks him to death. Another feature of this trap is the fact that no scent is left on it to warn any wise old rodent that it is an apparatus to be avoided. A bait, of course, is set inside the opening, under the striking arm, and where rats are particularly numerous they will not be scared off by the sight of dead comrades in the vicinity.

## PREPARING FOR SPRING WORK

### Farmers Should Have All Farm Implements in Good Order to Begin Work at Once.

Have the plows, harrows, cultivators, drills and rollers in order for spring work. Lay in a few extra plow points and bolts. Have the harrow teeth sharp. Extra whiffletrees and some good hame strings should be provided. The seed oats, corn, clover and grass seeds should be bought this month, so no time need be lost when the season opens, says a writer in the Baltimore American. Buy and haul the fertilizer you need now. If the plow or harrow is worn out, it will pay to buy a good steel plow and a spring tooth harrow and a two-horse cultivator. A corn planter and a grain drill may be hired for 25 cents an acre. If you only plant ten acres in corn and seed a few acres to oats it will be cheaper to hire than to buy these implements. Only buy those implements you really need. Farm sales take place this month, and good implements are often had at less than half the original price. It will pay to buy if you need the implement, but do not buy because it is cheap, nor because you can buy it on time. The note so falls due and it often comes due when you are short of funds. Do not let your neighbor to get security, if a bank will not accept the note with your wife as indorser, do not buy. This is sound advice and if follow will save you lots of trouble and considerable money. Do not go secure for anyone. It is wrong, as you ruin yourself, and oftentimes your family as well. A good-natured, easy-going farmer had better remain away from farm sales.

## CAR HORSES TAKEN FOR WAR

### Tramway Service in Constantinople Is Suspended.

Constantinople.—The Sultan had an audience with the minister of war and the minister of works on the occasion of their departure for the front. The departure of the foreign military attaches for the seat of war again has been postponed.

Tramway service in Constantinople has been suspended and all the horses have been requisitioned for war purposes. It is still maintained here that the reported capture of Kirk Kiliseh by the Bulgarians is fiction; that communications with the city are working regularly and that the Turkish troops are holding all their positions between Kirk Kiliseh and Adrianople.

## Hart Dooms Conventions.

New York.—Political conventions—both state and national—are doomed to natural deaths within a few years, according to a diagnosis by Albert Bushnell Hart, professor of government at Harvard university, who finds democratic government to be suffering from "conventionitis." It is doubtful, he said, if even the national convention lives to see its 15th birthday, four years hence, and he declared his belief that the presidential primary would soon be as generally adopted as the Australian ballot.

## Hand-to-Hand Fight Fought.

Vranya, Servia.—An incident of the battle which resulted in the capture of Kumanova by the Servians indicates the desperate character of the conflict. A company of Servian infantry charged the Turks with the bayonet and the hand-to-hand struggle developed into individual combats in which many of the soldiers dropped their rifles and drew knives, with which they hacked and slashed one another. It is reported that in the Turkish ranks the words of command given by the officers were in German.

## Turks Pursued by Servians.

Belgrade.—Telegrams received here from Pristina, ten miles west of the Servian frontier, which was captured Wednesday by the Servians, say the Mohammedan Arnauts and Turkish troops are retreating southward, followed by the Servians, who are pressing their pursuit without intermission. The entry of guard was preceded by desperate fighting at Teresh Pasha and other positions around the town.

## Rebels Active in Peru.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—A revival of the revolutionary movement in the province of Esmeraldas is reported and the rebels are said to have occupied the town of Limones. They are commanded by Colonel Savendra Bustamante, who fought under General Flavio Alfaro in the last revolution. The torpedo boat destroyer Liberator Bolivar left here with 250 soldiers on board for the port of Esmeraldas.

## QUALITIES OF LITTLE QUAIL

### Food Consists Largely of Seeds of Noxious or Troublesome Plants—Eats Scales.

(By F. E. L. BEAL.)  
The natural food of the quail consists of the seeds of the vast number of plants known as weeds, with a little foliage of the same, especially in winter, when the leaves are young and tender. Considering how small is the amount of fruit usually found in the stomach of this bird, it is a surprise to learn that it sometimes does serious damage to vineyards. Investigation, however, shows that, as in most other similar cases, the injury results only when too many birds gather in a limited area.

Nearly all the complaints against the quail for eating fruit are that it visits vineyards in immense numbers and eats grapes. When thousands visit a vineyard, even if only occasionally, and each bird eats or spits at least one grape, the result is disastrous.

In the laboratory investigation of the food of these quail 619 stomachs were examined. Animal food, principally insects, amounted to 3 per cent of the food, and 97 per cent vegetable food. This latter consists of seeds of plants, most of which are of noxious or troublesome species.

Ants appear to be a favorite animal food, but the quail will eat caterpillars, beetles, grasshoppers, flies, spiders, snails and scale insects.

In this connection the following extract from a letter from Dr. W. G. Chambers of Los Angeles is interesting:

"Last May during the hatching season one of my female quail died a week prior to completing the hatch. An incandescent light eight candle-power was substituted, the result being 15 baby quail, very wild at first, not understanding human sounds or language, but finally becoming as



California Quail.

docile as pet chickens. They were raised in my back yard, running at large after the first week.

"A number of Marguerite bushes which grow in profusion in the yard were so infested with black scale that I had decided to uproot them and had postponed doing so as the little quail worked so persistently among the branches; upon investigation I discovered them eating the scale and twittering happily; they would swallow the fully developed scale and thoroughly clean the branches of all those

# HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

## Iroquois Too Much for the Court Interpreter



"Then interpret." "I cannot." "Why?" "Because I am not an Indian," replied interpreter Lichtenstein.

"Well, what are we going to do?" the magistrate said. "I must hear this case."

NEW YORK.—Proceedings in the Jefferson Market police court were brought to a standstill the other day, and interpreter Lichtenstein was forced to admit that he had met his Waterloo after many victories in untangling strange tongues, when two women members of the Iroquois tribe of Indiana appeared before Magistrate Herbert, one charging the other with felonious assault, the weapon being a can of tomatoes.

Mrs. Cecilia Hyde, 45 years old, of 626 Broome street, whose Indian name is Kalawaua, charged Mrs. Ida Dominick, 30 years old, who is known to her tribe as Katukwas, with assault after a dispute in the Broome street house in which they both live.

When the case was called and Policeman Carone of the Macdougall Street station house arraigned Katukwas, and motioned Kalawaua to approach the bench, it was learned that, although bearing English names, neither complainant nor defendant spoke English.

Court Interpreter Lichtenstein was called, but after a short struggle with the Iroquois gutturals begged to be excused.

"You are the interpreter of this court, are you not?" said the magistrate.

"Yes, your honor."

Chief Clerk George P. Richter, a Tammany brave, said that he would try to help out, since he had spent his vacations for the last ten years at Caughnawaga, and had picked up some of the Iroquois dialect. He was making slow but sure progress, having got the names of the complainant and defendant on the record, and was swearing in a witness, when the husband of the defendant, William Dominick, whose Indian name is Katohno, entered court. Clerk Richter recognized the Indian, and he was admitted within the inclosure.

Magistrate Herbert talked with him for a few moments, and learned that he was a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school, and that he had brought his family and other members of his tribe to the city to see the sights. Dominick told the court that he would get a woman missionary from the Iroquois to interpret, and he produced Mrs. Catherine Watson of 47 King street.

Mrs. Hyde testified that Mrs. Dominick beat her over the head with a can of tomatoes, cutting open her forehead and splitting her scalp in the back. Mrs. Hyde's eyes were swollen and discolored. She said that the trouble arose over "false accusations."

Mrs. Dominick admitted the charge, but said that she had just cause. The case was finally dismissed, the Indians promising to bury the hatchet.

## He Was Not Crazy; He Did Not Go Home

HOUSTON, TEX.—"I had rather go to jail than to go home with my wife" were the words of a middle-aged man who in company with his wife called at the office of Night Chief of Police Heck a few nights ago. The man and woman faced the chief together and the man spoke first, his words bringing tears to the eyes of his better half.

"My wife has been bounding me around the street for the past two hours," said the husband, "and has been trying to get me to go home again. A night in jail would be pleasant compared with the misery of spending the night with my wife."

Chief Heck, in an effort to obtain the facts in the case, questioned the couple and although the man was obstinate and harsh toward his wife, she wept copiously and begged "Joe" to go home with her. Her pleading was in vain, for the husband seemed to be determined in his purpose to spend the night in jail.

Chief Heck told him there had been no crime committed and that there was no just cause to lock him up, but the husband protested and even begged to be placed behind the bars. The case became serious after the couple had been in the office for about an hour.



"We can't lock you up," said Chief Heck, "because you have done nothing to be punished for. You are not crazy, are you?" he asked.

"No, I am not crazy," replied the husband. "If I would go home with my wife."

The couple entered the office shortly after 3 o'clock and all efforts on the part of Chief Heck to pacify the husband proved unsuccessful. The hours slipped by and before either the man or woman realized it, midnight was near. Both were sleepy, the man was nodding in his chair.

Chief Heck was called away from his office on an urgent call and when he returned both sat in their chairs sound asleep. He roused them, gave them a warning to agree and be happy and the husband and wife walked away arm in arm.

## "Willie Buck" Stirs Up a Big Police Station



CHICAGO.—"Willie Buck, vagrancy," was the way it was written the other night on the arrest-book at the Maxwell street police station.

Two bondsmen interested themselves in the prisoner, and a restaurant-keeper brought him food, and all of them, after closer acquaintance, agreed that he did "buck."

"Willie Buck" is known to residents in the vicinity of Fourteenth street and Union avenue as the neighborhood goat. On this particular night he became unusually strenuous and was "arrested" by Detective George Cregg after he had chased several women and children and caused considerable excitement. Cregg tied the goat's legs with a rope after several men had assisted in the capture.

The goat was put in the patrol wagon and taken to the police station, where it was locked up in a cell.

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## Unusual Vocabulary of an Indianapolis Parrot

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Polly is a beautifully marked King parrot, the property of Frank Hoffman, who conducts a downtown cafe, and among those who have heard the bird talk, it is easy to find some who will back her as the champion ornithological chatterbox of the city. Hoffman has rooms above his cafe which he rents to men and Polly has enriched her vocabulary as a result.

One of the roomers recently was employed by a local automobile factory as a test car driver and one of his characteristics was his proneness to sleep late every morning. Polly one of his working companions stopped at the cafe to wake him and Polly is frequently heard, early in the morning, going over the waking conversation. She repeats the words of the caller and the sleepy responses of the belated one in bed, accompanied by the groans that only a sleepy man early in the morning can make, the gradually increasing clearness of the responses, and the final yawn and assurance that the sleeper has been fully awakened and is on his feet.

A few days ago a bath was given her and shortly after Hoffman entered the room where she was drying in the sun.

"Fresh, come here," she called. "Polly is all wet."



Newcomers to the rooms often believe they are listening to a real early morning tragedy.

Polly spent some of her years in a room where there was a telephone, and much of her vocabulary was picked up there. Often now she is heard repeating one end of complete telephone conversations. Mrs. Hoffman declares the bird's mimicry of the voice in the rooms where the phone was stationed is perfect.

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## Unofficial Notice.

Hibernian in front of unfinished building to fellow workmen at Fifty-first window: "Malchay, go to the spiking tub. I want to tell you to come down."

## Perfectly Proper.

McStub—Miss Jolomona, do you—think your father would care if I called you 'Minnie'? Lovely girl—'Certainly not; he calls me that himself!'