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Stricken From Overwork and Chronic Complaint—Removed to Hospital—Is Being Attended by Corps of Experts.

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Cleveland, June 23.—James S. Sherman's life is hanging by a thread. Although he has improved greatly since removal to the hospital he is in a critical condition and his special physician has been requested to come here from Baltimore as fast as a train can bring him.

The patient rallied somewhat when he reached the hospital and word has been sent out that he will probably not be subjected to an operation and therefore his life may be spared. His physicians give out hopeful statements but it is known that the patient's case is an extremely serious one.

Upon leaving the hospital today H. E. Davendorff, Sherman's secretary, said: "Mr. Sherman is better now than he was five hours ago and we think that an operation is not necessary. He has been under a heavy strain during the past few weeks and needs rest and quiet."

It is the opinion of Dr. Carter that Sherman will be out of the hospital soon, unless complications arise. Dr. William Mayo, the famous operating surgeon of Rochester, N. Y., and Sherman's son, who is now in Minnesota, have been requested to be in readiness. They will be rushed to the hospital if an operation is deemed necessary. Congressman Tawney of Minnesota will accompany Sherman's son.

Cleveland, June 23.—James S. Sherman, Republican nominee for the vice-presidency, who has been ill here since Saturday night, was removed to a hospital this morning and his condition is critical. His family was summoned from Utica, N. Y.

Sherman's illness began with a bilious attack while he was on his way here from Cincinnati

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James S. Sherman, From a Photograph Taken Recently at Chicago



TAFT ALARMED ABOUT SHERMAN

Much Affected on Receiving Word of Running Mate's Critical Condition.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Haven, Conn., June 23.—William Howard Taft was shown the United Press reports of James S. Sherman's illness today as he was entering the meeting of the Yale alumni. He was deeply affected and said:

"While I am deeply concerned about Mr. Sherman's condition, this was not entirely unexpected. I sincerely hope the danger is not as great as reported."

SAN FRANCISCO WANTS CLUBWOMEN'S SESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, June 23.—The Pacific coast delegation to the national convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs has combined in a campaign to get the next convention in 1910 pledged to San Francisco. Among the leaders who are fighting for the convention are Mrs. Lovell White of San Francisco and Mrs. J. B. Hume, president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Car Accounting Officers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Niagara Falls, Ont., June 23.—The Association of Transportation and Car Accounting Officers, which has for its object the improvement of methods of car service, car accounting and transportation, began its annual convention here today, with headquarters at the Clifton hotel. The attendance at the opening embraced representatives of nearly all the large railroad systems of Canada and the United States.

TWO DEAD IN HEAT WAVE THAT SMOTHERS PEOPLE OF NEW YORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, June 23.—Two deaths and 26 prostrations from the heat were reported today and the whole city is suffering.

At 12 o'clock last night the temperature was 75 and had risen to 85 at 10 o'clock this morning with the prospect of another deadly day. Great suffering is reported on the east side, where the families crowded in the great tenements are the most pitiable victims of the torrid wave.

The free ice distribution has not been equal to the demands and in the crowded sections the fire hydrants have been opened and the streets flooded. Hundreds of children lie flat down in the gutters in Hester street. In the Wall street section downtown where the towering office buildings are grouped the heat was held through the night by the buildings and it is common to see men and women stagger into doorways dizzy and half-blinded.

Chicago, June 23.—The excessive heat

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT TO ROOT

Harvard Will Be Supported by President, Yale by Secretary.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New London, Conn., June 23.—President Roosevelt is coming here Thursday to root for Harvard against William H. Taft, who is to be the leading figure in the Yale ranks at the annual boat race between the varsity crews on the Thames river.

With the president of the United States wearing the crimson and the Republican nominee for that office decorated with the blue, it is expected that the race will be the most memorable in the history of the regatta.

The managers say they will not permit Taft and Roosevelt to witness the race from the same yacht. The Harvard men say that "Teddy" must be on the east side of the river and they further add that he will not submit to being placed in any other position.

The sons of Eli announced positively that Taft would be in the ranks of the blue and not mixed up with any crimson ribbons if it took the whole football eleven to carry him to the side.

Part, however, is one of Yale's most enthusiastic rooters and undoubtedly will be on his "own side" unless the illness of James S. Sherman, the vice-presidential candidate, is so serious as to prevent his attendance.

TWO MILLIONS LOSS IN CANADIAN FIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Three Rivers, Quebec, June 23.—Three hundred buildings, including practically every business house in the city, lie in ashes here today as a result of a conflagration yesterday.

Firemen from Quebec, Montreal, Sherbrooke and Grande Mere assisted the local department in fighting the flames, but it was only after several hours hard work that the residence section of the city was saved. The loss is estimated at nearly \$2,000,000.

PATHFINDERS ON WAY AROUND THE WORLD

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, June 23.—According to dispatches received at the office of the board of navigation today, the special service squadron, consisting of the battleships Maine and Alabama, are now on the second leg of their journey around the world as pathfinders for the Atlantic fleet, which leaves San Francisco July 7.

The two battleships left Honolulu yesterday for Guam, going over the same course to be followed later by the big battleship fleet.

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It was the two little children of Mrs. Nellie E. Ragan, former assistant postmistress at Royston, Klamath county, indicted by the grand jury for robbing the mail, and who pleaded guilty in the United States circuit court this morning, who saved their mother from serving a longer sentence than 30 days in jail.

Judge Wolverton so stated in pronouncing sentence upon the woman, who appeared in court accompanied by her husband, her mother and the two little children, the eldest of which is 3 years, the younger one less than a year.

A fine of \$400 was also imposed upon Mrs. Ragan in addition to the jail sentence, which is to be served in the Multnomah county jail.

Relatives Will Reimburse. Relatives of Mrs. Ragan agreed to repay all persons who have claims against the government for articles lost in the mail. When arrested a trunk full of dress goods, pillow covers and numerous other things were found by the authorities. All of these, it was claimed, had been taken from packages addressed to other persons and which passed through Mrs. Ragan's hands during the five weeks she was in the little relay stage station at Royston.

The charge to which Mrs. Ragan pleaded guilty was that of opening United States mail matter. The government agents assert that she opened a letter addressed to a mail order house and which had been sent by Mrs. Fred Campbell of Bly. The articles of wearing apparel which Mrs. Campbell had ordered did not suit Mrs. Ragan and she substituted an order more to her liking. She figured that when the package came from the store it would pass through her hands on its way to Bly.

Instead the package went by another route and Mrs. Campbell was in a quandary for weeks not understanding how she had ordered one thing and received another.

Second Indictment Quashed. The other indictment of four counts was dismissed. This was for embezzlement.

Judge Wolverton took under consideration that Mrs. Ragan, a well-to-do child would have to go to jail with her and he intimated that on this account he would sentence her to a month in jail. The maximum penalty for opening mail matter is a fine of \$500 and one year in jail.

After being sentenced Mrs. Ragan fled out of the courtroom with her family and today, with her child, will begin her sentence in the jail in Portland.

Counsel for the Ragans appealed to the clerk of the court, on the ground that the woman, who is 25 years of age and particularly unsophisticated.

Mrs. Ragan was but 17 when she married, and not until last Sunday, when she came to Portland, had she ever seen a town larger than Astoria.

Her husband is Bert Ragan, who had charge of the horses of the stage company, which changed at Royston. Mrs. Ragan was in charge of the office for the postmistress, who had moved to Bonanza to give her children the opportunity to attend the winter term of school.

Former Cowgirl Queen. Mrs. Ragan was formerly Nellie Bouse, and when a girl rode the range for her father, a well known southern Oregon cattle dealer. She was known as the "cowgirl queen" of Klamath county.

It is said that Mrs. Ragan had allowed to visit a city and live as others live. And to this longing to have fine clothes and other things like other people she attributed her downfall when confronted with the temptation.

And at last Mrs. Ragan's girlhood longings and her dreams of a city and all its fascines and mysteries have been realized.

She has seen the city, but the fine clothes were left behind. And Mrs. Ragan is to remain here a month with her baby, and in the care of United States officials.

Her longings for the city have been satisfied.

ROYALTY AT WEDDING OF JEAN REID

Ambassador Reid's Daughter Married in Presence of King Edward and Queen Alexandra — Bishop of London Assists.

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