

THE DEATH CHAMBER

Whispers From the White House of the Nation's Woe.

Mrs. Garfield Endeavors to Cheer the President Up.

His Head Clear and the Situation Evidently Realized.

SATURDAY.

WASHINGTON, August 27.—The night brought no material changes. Two facts are in the president's favor: He was less restless and his mind is clearer. Dr. Boynton remained during the night, and on leaving said: "The president is doing fairly well, and we are no more hopeless. There is little change. The swelling is neither better nor worse. The pus is not offensive. I don't think him entirely beyond hope."

Mrs. Garfield passed a restful night and did not go to the sick room until an early hour this morning. When Dr. Bliss administered the enemata early this morning the general condition of the president had not materially changed. He bore the enemata well, and it was retained.

BLISS INTERVIEWED. Later Dr. Bliss was asked regarding the outlook. "There seems to be no change," said he. "How has he slept?" "Pretty well."

"Has the pulse fallen any?" "It has fluctuated considerably. We have not taken it lately."

THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD CLEAR. When Col. Rockwell relieved Dr. Boynton by the bedside, the president was awake. He greeted him and bade Dr. Boynton good-night. Both these gentlemen have remarked that the president's mind has been perfectly clear this morning. During the early morning hour he rested quietly, slept longer and there has been but one unfavorable development noticed, the febrility of the pulse.

Secretary Brown said: "The president is not so well this morning. The pulse is less firm. It increases the gravity of the situation." One of the sick room attendants this morning said that there had never been any conversation with the president as to the probability of his not recovering. Mrs. Garfield's conduct does much to keep him from dependency. The president's mind being clear to-day renders it highly probable he understands the situation. If he does know he has given no sign of the knowledge.

One who saw him last evening said that he lay on the bed in a comfortable manner at any time for several weeks. His partially swathed face did not exhibit extreme pallor. He was turned on his right side. His head was turned to the left and thrown back, and his emaciated neck exposed to full view. Presently the left hand was slowly raised across his body, rested a moment on the other arm, and almost dropped back in place. He said, as he was describing this picture, that the president looked like a man very sick but not like one near death.

All the physicians were on hand soon after 8 o'clock this morning. The bulletin was issued promptly. The accelerated pulse and respiration and lower temperature caused alarm. All seem convinced that the end is drawing quickly nearer and people are bracing for the shock.

BLISS GIVES UP HOPE. The following has been cabled to Lowell, minister at London: "The president has had a bad night and has symptoms at this hour which are of the most alarming character." [Signed] BLISS, Secretary.

The members of the cabinet came to the White House early, eager for the news, and were all together in the cabinet room at 11 o'clock, talking over the situation. The district attorney says that Guitau was had an idea that the president is dead, and has had for several days the call door closely guarded, in fear that some attempt may be made to lynch him.

The only question heard on the streets is, "How long will it last?" No one seems to have any hope except a few nearest the president. At 11:30 o'clock Miss Mollie Garfield came down from Col. Rockwell's residence, where she passed the night, looking brighter and cheerier. She carried her right arm in a sling on account of the painful wound on her hand. She smiled pleasantly to a friend who stood near the door and went on to her mother's room. James Garfield Jr. came up soon after and gave a hearty answer to a greeting of his tutor, Dr. Hawken.

An intimate friend of the family, who had been in the library this morning, said: "I understand that the president has not given up yet, and an ounce of pluck, I tell you, is worth a pound of luck." Senator Pugh, of Alabama, says: "It is a gone case, I guess."

ARTHUR NOT YET SENT FOR. EXECUTIVE MANSION, 12:30 p. m.—The cabinet officers have just gone away. Attorney General MacVeagh says the situation is unchanged. He states positively that the vice president has not been sent for, and that it has not been decided to send for him. General James says the same.

BLISS INTERVIEWED. As Dr. Bliss was coming to the noon examination he was met by the reporter of the National Associated Press. "How does the case look now?" he was asked. "There has been very little change." "How long since you saw the president?" "Three-quarters of an hour."

"What was the pulse then?" "It was 110. It has fluctuated considerably to-day. There is little change in the condition of the gland. The granulated wound is not so satisfactory and the discharge is less free in character. The pus bore evidence of the low state of the system. He has taken nourishment yet as well as ever but he does not seem to respond to it as we wished. The slim chance is getting narrower. He is not gaining and by that we must mean that he is losing."

"But he still has a chance of recovery." A Timely Rebuke. SALAMANCA, N. Y., August 28.—Senator Sessions was defeated on the 50th ballot by Hon. Norman M. Allen, of Dayton, Catawagus county, at the state senatorial convention, Saturday. Mr. Allen served in congress in 1864, 1865 and 1872-73.

A Pedestrian Challenge. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, August 28.—Frank Hart, the colored pedestrian, of Boston, has issued a challenge to Charles Rowell, champion pedestrian of the world, to run and walk six days, for any amount.

ery. By that we mean that we have a hope of a recovery. My belief is that the president will not recover. Of course, I don't make any prediction, but that is my belief. His system is now in such a low condition that I fear he will not be able to recuperate. If the worst must come I think he may continue for two or three days, and I don't think that he will die to-day. I think that we will have eight or ten hours notice of the end.

It is slightly probable that if he begins to go down rapidly he will be in a comatose state for hours. His mind is now more clear than for weeks. He may keep his mind clear to the end, but that can hardly be expected. The family fully recognize the situation and need no official notification of the possibilities. I have talked freely with Mrs. Garfield about the case. The president betrays no great anxiety, except that he frequently inquires as to his pulse. He is a little despondent early this morning, but Mrs. Garfield and I reassured him and he has not wavered since. She will not let him grow despondent.

GUARDING THE ASSASSIN. Preparations Made to Resist Armed Loyalists by the Military. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28.—District Attorney Cockhill positively denies the statement that he is aware of the existence of a secret armed organization in the city which has for its object the lynching of Guitau. Guitau enquires of the guards for the latest news from the president and receives no answers. He is still engaged in writing some of his effusions. They are directed to outside parties in reference to procuring bail, while others purport to give an account of the alleged vision that inspired him to shoot the president.

The recent episode of Guitau with the jail guard, McGill, made him bitter toward the latter, and noticing him in the corridor a few nights since he demanded that he be locked up. He then went so far as to address a letter to a person outside, requesting him to procure warrants of information against McGill. This latter, of course, has not been done.

As the condition of the president grows hourly worse, the attention of people is again attracted to Guitau. Threats of lynching are again heard upon the streets. To prevent the carrying out of these threats, the authorities and military have taken the utmost precautions to guard against such a thing.

Three picket posts have been established—one on the road to the jail from the congressional cemetery, one on the brow of the hill overlooking the jail, and one at the jail door—each with a guard of five men; and should any body of men be seen approaching the force at the jail could be easily and safely notified.

In addition to this force an extra detail of policemen is stationed at the workhouse a few hundred yards distant, and a series of signals have been arranged, if their presence at the jail is required. The guards at the jail all provided with sixteen shooting rifles of the latest pattern. That the military authorities think they will be prepared for whatever emergency may present itself, is demonstrated by the fact that to-day Gen. Sherman, Adj. Gen. Mitchell, Gen. Ayres, and several other military men visited the jail with a view of making observations. They selected sites for the placing of troops, should it be necessary to repel an attack. The result of the visit was the posting of pickets at the several points named. The pickets are changed every two hours and men relieved from duty at the jail every twenty-four hours and a new set ordered. There are no field pieces at the jail. The men from the batteries are doing infantry duty. At the jail all is quiet and but two guards on duty. Ringing at the door brought out the guard, who recognized the reporter and unlocked the ponderous door, which swung on heavy iron hinges. This was as far as the reporter was allowed to enter, however. General Crocker was found and asked what arrangements, if any, had been made to protect the jail in case of an attack from the rowdies who were said to be coming here from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

"You may say that every precaution has been made to protect it. Any attack to take him from the authorities will result in disaster to the attacking party." "You would fire on them?" "We should feel impelled to protect the dignity of the law."

"The jail would be reasonably safe from an attack, would it not be?" "It would. A few men in the jail could successfully resist 10,000 men from without. The walls are three feet thick, and even should they resort to battering the jail it would take some time to raze our citadel. I do not anticipate any trouble, but have prepared for it."

Guitau is as calm and quiet as he has been for some time past. He is confined all to himself. There are seventeen cells, all of which except the one occupied by him, are vacant. It is believed he is in the south wing.

DeGolyer's Partner. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO, August 28.—George R. Chittenden, for many years a well-known business man of this city, died last night. He was at one time widely known through heavy operations in Pennsylvania oil lands and later by his close association with DeGolyer in the celebrated Washington paving contract.

Morphine Mortuary. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NASHVILLE, August 28.—B. Corbin, salesman for Shearman Bros., Cincinnati, committed suicide yesterday by taking morphine. Domestic troubles was the cause.

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PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

The Queen's Speech Read in the House of Lords.

She Treats of Governmental Matters.

Westminster Deserted in Short Order After Prorogation.

LONDON, August 27.—Parliament was prorogued to-day with the usual ceremonies. A great majority of the members of both houses had left town several days ago and the attendance in the house of lords when the queen's speech was read by the lord chancellor was very small. Before the speech was read her majesty's assent to the number of local important bills was announced.

Lord Cairns then read the speech standing in front of the wool sack. The speech was very tame and colorless. Her majesty is made to say that she has received satisfactory assurances from the government of France respecting British interests in Tunis and Tripoli. With regard to the independence of Afghanistanism she says she will promote every opportunity for the restoration of peace. She will continue to use every effort to conclude the satisfactory treaty with France about Ireland.

She says she earnestly desires to see the condition of that portion of her dominion improve, thus enabling her to dispense with exceptionally repressive measures, and hopes that the land bill may tend to pacification and improvement of the country. The speech was listened to only by a few lords, the speaker and a very small number of the members of the house and a small number of spectators.

Immediately after the reading the members of the house returned to their homes, where the usual farewells for the session were interchanged and an hour after the halls of Westminster were deserted.

SUMMER SPORTS.

The Turf.

NEW YORK, August 27.—At the Coney Island races to-day the first race, for all ages, five furlong dash, was won by Memento, with Bonnie Lizzie second, and Wakefield third; time, 1:02.

The second race, for all ages, mile and a quarter, was won by Rosalie, with Sparta second; time, 3:10.

The third race, mile heats, was won by Hindoo in two straight heats, Sir Hugh second; time 1:42.

The fourth race, purse \$1,000, mile and a half, was won by Monitor, with Parole second and Wildmoor third; time, 2:57.

The steeple chase was won by Redding, with Hyland Flag second; time, 4:42.

SARATOGA RACES. SARATOGA, August 27.—First race, purse \$550, one mile, won by Valparaiso; Churchill second, Knight Templar third. Time 1:42.

Second race, Baden-Baden handicap of three miles; only two ran, Thora and Warfield; won by the former. Time, 5:25.

Third race, purse \$450, mile and a furlong, won by Bancroft; Kinkaid second, Explorer and Emskillen a dead heat for third place. Time, 1:27.

Fourth race, handicap steeple chase won by Post Guard; Rose and Darby made a dead heat for second place. Time, 2:57.

Base Ball. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. PROVIDENCE, Aug. 27.—Worcesters 1, Providence 3.

ALBANY, August 27.—Albany 4, Athletics 5.

BUFFALO, August 27.—Buffalo 4, Cleveland 5.

DETROIT, August 27.—Detroit 9, Chicago 1.

NEW YORK, August 27.—Boston 15, Metropolitans 3.

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