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THE NATION MOURNS

The Body of the Dead President is Taken From Buffalo to Washington and Thence to Canton

The president died at 2:15 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 14, from the effect of the gun shot fired by an anarchist assassin, Friday, September 6. It is now considered by all medical authorities that the wound was necessarily fatal and that there was no power in surgery or medicine that could have saved him. An autopsy was held immediately after death by fourteen eminent surgeons and medical men and their

unanimous report was as follows: "The bullet which struck over the breastbone did not pass through the skin and did little harm. The other bullet passed through both walls of the stomach near its lower border. Both holes were found to be perfectly closed by the stitches, but the tissue around each hole had become gangrenous. After passing through the stomach the bullet passed into the tearing the upper end of the kidney. also gangrenous, the gangrene involving the pancreas. The bullet has not yet been found. There was no sign of peritonitis or other disease of the The heart walls were very thin. There was no evidence of any attempt of repair on the part of nature and death resulted from the gangrene which affected the stomach around the bullet wounds as well as the tissues around the further course of the bullet. Death was unavoidable by any surgical or medical treatment and was

This is signed by Harvey D. Gaylord, M. D., Herman G. Matzinger, M. D., P. M. Rixey, M. D., Matthew D. Mann, M. D., Herman Mynter, M. D., Roswell Park, M. D., Eugene Wasdin, M. D., Charles D. Stockton, M. D., Edward G. Janeway, M. D., W. W. Johnston, M. D., W. P. Kendall, surgeon, U. S. A., Charles Carey, M. D., Edward L. Munson, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., Hermanus L. Baer, M. D.

the direct result of the bullet wound."

The coroner of Erie county issued the following certificate of death: City of Buffalo, Bureau of Vital Statistics, County of Erie, State of New

Certificate and record of death of

William McKinley I hereby certify that he died on the 14th day of September, 1901, about 2:15

o'clock a. m., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief death was as herein written. EXCURSIONS EXTRAORDINARY.

The Missouri Pacific will run Home Visitors Excursions to Ohio and Indiana-the first of the kind ever offered ity. Round trip home visitors tickets her, and in their sympathy she found at a rate of about one fare for the surcease. To one she whispered: round trip-good for thirty days for return-will be on sale at Missouri Pacific ticket offices for such trains as will permit passengers to pass through St. Louis on Sept. 17th and 24th and October 1st and 8th.

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Lincoln, Neb. shot wound.

Witness my hand this 14th day of September, 1901. H. R. GAYLOR, M. D.

H. Z. MATZINGER, M. D. JAMES F. WILSON, Date of death: September 14, 1901. Age: 58 years 7 months 15 days. Color: White.

Single, married, etc.: Married. Occupation: President of the United

Birthplace: Niles, O. How long in United States if foreign

cabinet and a few friends.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The funeral services held in Buffalo

were of an elaborate character, but all

in good taste. They were participated

storm overtook the cortage, but the

The body was taken from Buffalo to

Washington and laid in state at the

national capitol. Representatives of

among those who attended the last sad

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ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING

Two Hundred and Fifty Tents-Nearly 1,

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no Murmuring

enth Day Adventists have been holding

able, the rain falling nearly every day

during the meeting. During one of the

storms the water was nearly a foot

murmuring heard. The Adventists un-

doubtedly had read the story of mur-

A number of prominent men from

different parts of the world were pres-

ent to assist with the meeting. There

were five large pavilions pitched in

meetings every day in the Scandinav-

nearly 2,000, was used for the English

sacred as the health of the soul.

Elder Spicer, a returned missionary

from India, made a touching appeal for

help for the lost people of that far-off

At their Sabbath school, which was

held on Saturday, a contribution was

taken up amounting to over \$150 and

sion work, for a Sanitarium in Den-

mark, Europe. Their people have a

membership of over 2,000 in this state,

and last year they donated nearly \$6,- | \$

000 to foreign missions. Their book

speaking people.

verted

land.

During the last two weeks the Sev-

JOHN HAY.

Secretary of State.

By the president.

Father's name: William McKinley. Father's birthplace: Pennsylvania,

Mother's name: Nancy McKinley. Mother's birthplace: Ohio, United that in his known enthusiasm for the

Place of death: 1168 Delaware ave. ton, D. C. Direct cause of death: Gangrene of paper men in waiting and said to ocean both walls of stomach and pancreas them that he should carry out Presi-

following gunshot wound. It is with great difficulty that the change whatever. He then issued the actual facts in regard to the whole following proclamation: transaction from the time that the president was shot until the end of it States, a Proclamation: A terrible beall can be gathered from the great reavement has befallen our people. dailies. The first difficulty arises The president of the United States has from the amount of matter published. been struck down, by a crime com-What ought to have been printed in a mitted not only against the chief magdozen lines was in many cases spread istrate, but against every law-abiding over two or three columns. The char- and liberty-loving citizen. acter of the writing was hysterical and | President McKinley crowned a life the papers were filled with gush and of the largest love for his fellowmen inaccuracies. It would seem that upon and most earnest endeavor for their and truth would have been attempted, titude, and both the way in which he but the very opposite was for the most lived his life and the way in which,

part what did occur. was shot the symptoms were favorable lous heritage to our people. and some of the cabinet and personal It is meet that we, as a nation, exsion that he would speedily recover. for his life, our deep sorrow for his ment and humanity. The autopsy showed that the wound untimely death. was necessarily fatal and that there Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosehad not been the slightest effort of velt, president of the United States

nature to heal. sad scenes between husband and wife body of the dead president will be laid our people will attend him.

Shortly after 8 o'clock oxygen was day of mourning and prayer throughadministered to the president and un- out the United States. I earnestly recder its influence he was aroused. He ommend all the people to assemble on was fully conscious, and whispered to that day in their respective places of Dr. Rixey that he knew that the end divine worship, there to bow down in was at hand. He asked to see his wife, submission to the will of Almighty God and Mrs. McKinley was sent for.

She entered his room, and it was age of love and reverence to the great apparent to those present that of the and good president whose death has two principal figures in this intense smitten the nation with bitter grief. drama President McKinley, about to In witness whereof I have hereunto solve the great mystery, the more ful- set my hand and caused the seal of This portion of the bullet track was ly realized the significance of the aw- the United States to be affixed. ful moment.

Mrs. McKinley did not quite seem 14th day of September, A. D., one to realize that she was seeing her hus- thousand nine hundred and one and band for the last time alive, and the of the independence of the United president made it plain that his great States the one hundred and twentysolicitude was for the wife over whom sixth. he had watched with such care and (Seal.)

Mrs. McKinley sank to her knees at the side of the bed, her husband's hands were clasped in hers, and her head was bowed and buried in the bed

Sobs shook her for a moment, and in by the militia, army, navy, memthen she looked up at Dr. Rixey, and bers of the cabinet and many distinwith almost a smile on her face said: "I know that you will save him. I from the Milburn home and laid in cannot let him go. The country can- state at the city hall. A severe rain

not spare him. President McKinley was lapsing into thousands on the streets stood with insensibility, and the physicians as- uncovered heads while it passed. The sisted Mrs. McKinley to her feet, and services at the home consisted in a led her from the room. On the out- short prayer, the singing of "Lead side Mr. Milburn explained to Mrs. Mc- Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God Kinley that the president was dying, to Thee.' and that he could live till morning only in the event of the direct inter-

position of Providence. She then came to a full realization all the nations of the world, especially of the loss that was upon her, and

showed symptoms of a collapse. Herbert P. Bissell rushed to the as- rites. From Washington the remains sistance of the sorrowing wife, who were taken to Canton, O., the late was being literally supported by Mr. president's home, for final interment. Milburn. Word was sent to Dr. Wasdin, who came from the president's chamber and administered a restor-

Little by little she came back to her normal condition, and at 8:30 was clear minded and in full possession of the traveling public-from this vicin- her strength. Several ladies were with "I will be strong for his sake."

It is feared, though, that she cannot hold her strength under the strain. A physician will be with her at all times. She will be closely watched, and at their state comp meeting at Lincoln the first show of a return of the mal- Park. The weather was very unfavor-Connections in the Union Station at adv that has made her an invalid for

Mrs. McKinley was again summoned elegant new palace day coaches, chair to the bedside of her husband at 10 deep in many of the tents. But notcars (all seats free), Pullman parlor o'clock. He roused himself sufficient- witnstanding all this there was no ly to recognize her and made a feeble movement as if to clasp her hand. Then his lips moved. "God's will, not muring Israel, and had resolved to ours, be done," was his farewell ut- profit by the example. terance both to his stricken wife and

Among those who had left when it was thought that the president would recover was Vice President Roosevelt. which meetings were held daily. Elder Gangrene of both walls of He had gone to the Adirondacks on a Westphal, a returned missionary from stomach and pancreas following gun- hunting trip and was thirty miles South America, held meetings daily in from a postoffice or telegraph station the German language, as there were

when the alarming symptoms were first of literature. They seem to be an when the alarming symptoms were first of literature. They seem to be an storiced. When a messenger reached earnest, honest people, endeavoring to the hunting camp it was found that he live up to their profession. had gone into the mountains and it was some hours before he could be

Minister Wn. found. He hastily returned, and took Chicago Record-Herald: The genial a special train that was held in wait-Chinese minister is the first Oriental ing, for Buffalo. Upon his arrival humorist who ever struck our shores. there he went to the house of a friend He is now one of us. He has learned and the oath as president of the Unitour national and social shortcomings. ed States was administered by a fedand he is the only foreigner who can eral judge at the house of Mr. Wilcox, tell us about them without making us in the presence of six members of the

Chicago Tribune: The Londoners Many papers since the death of the president had become certain had made | may as well prepare to answer ten milcomments upon the probable course to lion questions. And when they anbe pursued by Mr. Roosevelt as presi- swer those Mr. Wu will think of some dent, some expressing alarm for fear more.

Chicago Tribune: The transfer of Minister Wu Ting Fang to the court of 'strenuous life," he might bring on new difficulties for the government. St. James will leave Mr. Depew once Last previous residence: Washing- A moment or two after he had taken again the undisputed champion of afthe oath he stepped out to the newster-dinner oratory on this side of the

Pittsburg Dispatch: With regard to dent McKinley's policies without any that reported transfer of Wu Ting Fang to London the United States might respectfully represent to China that By the President of the United the English will take a long time to comprehend his excellency's humor.

Ting Fang is to be sent to London by the Chinese government. This should be resented bitterly by our government, for how are we to get along without Mr. Wu?

Washington Post: We trust that Mr. Wu will not be transferred either to such an awful occasion that soberness | welfare, by a dearth of Christian for- London or to any other capital. He is doing invaluable work here, both for China and the United States. His in the supreme hour of trial, he met departure will arrest a moral and in-For several days after the president his death, will remain forever a prec- tellectual revolution, which, if left to paste pot or a ball of string waiting to see no reason why you should not be complete itself, would serve not only the material interests of both nations, friends left Buffalo under the impres- press our abiding love and reverence but the cause of general enlighten-

Milwaukee Sentinel: America will regret the loss of Minister Wu, a patriotic Chinaman, yet intellectually a of America, do appoint Thursday next, citizen of the world, and whitherso-Perhaps the best account of the last September 19, the day on which the ever he goes the hearty good wishes of

in its last earthly resting place, as a Louisville Times: The news from Pekin that Chinese Minister Chi Chen Lo Feng Luh has been transferred from London to St. Petersburg and Wu Ting Fang from Washington to London will cause general regret. Wu has added greatly to the gayety of and to pay out of full hearts their homthis nation, while having fun with us in his own Oriental way, and to equal his record of diplomatic efficiency and personal popularity Luh will have to to be a loo-loo.

Peoria Herald-Transcript: He is good fellow and has succeeded while Done at the city of Washington, the with us in placing the Chinese char- Mrs. McKinley remembers that Wilacter before the people in quite a new liam was a steady chopper, muscular

Americanizing Finnish Religion.

The anniversary of the society was chickens to feed and errands to run. recently held at Ashtabula, O., and the nish university in this country, prob- Dr. Silas C. Swallow: guished men. The body was taken ably locating it in Ashtabula, which is sity at Hancock, Mich., established by the Svoni synod.

Our Military Schools.

The annual report of the inspector general of the army regarding military and seek salvation of their souls. schools shows that there are 110 such of the union. Last year they had 30,-135 students enrolled, of whom 27,300 designated by their governments, were students, former students and alumni of these institutions, t othe number of 3,353, served in the war with Spain, of

> Pacific Shore Line Changing. To determine whether the shore line has not been shrinking a corps of engineers belonging to the United States coast and geodetic survey department have been at work on the Pacific coast. It is believed that the results of their labors will show the Pacific to have sunk several inches within the century and to be going down now much more rapidly than the Atlantic.

> > House Fly Is Prolific.

The astonishing abundance of flies during the latter part of the summer is accounted for by the estimate made by an eminent entomologist, that the progeny of a single house fly, in the course of one summer, will number 2,080,320. If it were not for the innumerable enemies provided by nature for the destruction of the fly, the whole air would be filled by the end of August with swarms of files, which would reader life insupportable

many Germans present. Elder Johnson, a missionary from Norway, held MONEY in ian language. A great pavilion, seating MISSOURI.

The Adventists did not forget the young people and children, for each A good many enterprising & day a number of meetings were held Northerners have gone into with them. As a result a large numthe fruit belt of South Misber of the young people were consouri and North Arkansas and made it pay. They have & Elder Prescott, late of London, Engnot done it raising corn and land, gave stirring discourses to the big audiences. His message for the ards of selected trees and tak-

people was that they might get hold of ing care of them. There's the saving powers of God that would money in Missouri apples, & keep them from having the "ups and peaches, grapes, berries-easy & downs" of so many professed Chrismoney when you go at it Dr. Paulson of Chicago gave instruction on healthful living. The Adventists believe the health of the body is as FRISCOLINE

right, and the land can be bought for \$2 to \$10 per acre. Write for copy of "Fruit Farming Along the Frisco;" also dates of cheap homeseekevery cent of it was dedicated to mis-

> ers' excursions. W. C. MILVILLE, Northwestern Passenger Agt. 205 So. 14th st., Omaha, Neb.

Boyhood Days.

INCIDENTS TOLD BY HIS MOTHER

Story of His Conversion Told by His Old Pastor-First Law Cases-How He Defended a Medical Client-Last Act Before He Was Shot One of Kindness.

A good sized volume might be filled with the many little incidents, humorous, pathetic and otherwise, marking President McKinley's career as boy, lawyer, soldier and statesman that have found their way into print.

Some of the most interesting reminiscences of his earlier days were related, says the Boston Globe, by his Athens (Ga.) Banner: Minister Wu that the future president was a lively laid them down on the table. and affectionate youngster of the "middling good" description.

> "Mother" McKinley said that William was a great hand for marbles, arrow. He got so that he was a very good shot with an arrow. The thing he not take it.' loved best of all was a kite. "It seems be made into a kite. He never cared paid as well as he. much for pets. I don't believe he ever for fishing and rarely if ever attempted pocket." the sport, he was very fond of swim-

ming." In pursuance of her plan of making her boys useful, Mrs. McKinley required them to divide the labors of the house. They burned wood and lots of it, and it had to be sawed and split. It came in lengths four feet long, and William and Abner, being of about the same age, had to prepare it for use and willing, but Abner usually had the bigger pile to his credit. However, Abner got other boys to help him, while The Finns in this country a year he directed their work. William, on ago organized the Kansan synod with the contrary, always sawed his own a view to Americanizing their religion. wood. The boys had the garden to hoe,

Mr. McKinley's conversion in the fact was there brought out that the Methodist church at Poland, O., is synod will soon establish its first Fin- thus related by his old pastor, Rev.

"Young McKinley's admission to the an important Finnish center. There church made such a vivid impression is already one other Finnish univer- on my mind that I will never forget it. He had been a frequent attendant at | Physicians and others who have been the Sunday services and was an ear- in attendance on President McKinley nest listener. On the evening McKinley are beginning to repeat incidents and 'got up' I had been exhorting all my scraps of conversation which throw inhearers to repent deeply of their sins teresting side lights on the personality

schools scattered through every state prayer meeting, and young McKinley other day by a physician who assisted arose in his seat. He was about four- at the first operation in the Pan-Amerteen years old at the time, and a more ican Emergency hospital, says a Bufwere over 14 years of age, and the dramatic figure of an earnest boy I falo correspondent of the New York never saw. Standing erect, with bowed Press. The doctor said: head, but looking every one full in the face, he said: 'I am determined to to President McKinley as a prelimiwhom 1,084 were officers and 2,146 en- be a Christian. I believe that God is nary to the first operation and just as the greatest and best being of the uni- he was sinking into unconsciousness, verse, and I am determined to love and we saw his lips move. Bending over serve him. I believe religion is the the prostrate form, that we might catch best thing in all the world, and I am what, alas, might prove to be his last going to seek it with all my heart until words, we heard, faintly, but distinct-

> time was a student at the Poland in- uever emerge." with the younger people."

McKinley his first law case. A poor the president said: woman of Canton had fallen in a "Once I had a watch, too-yes, even She was disabled for work and prob- have nothing whatever." ably too ignorant or too poor to bring

Mr. Gardner, then a resident of Canton, interested himself in the poor woman's behalf and carried the case to method by which to prevent tardiness Major McKinley, who had just hung among her pupils, says a dispatch from out his shingle. The latter worked it Dublin, Ind., to the Chicago Recordup and brought suit against the city. Herald. She announced before the Mrs. G. B. McClellan, \$2,000; Mrs. He won, and as a consequence the wo- school that she would kiss the first ar- John C. Fremont, \$2,000; Mrs. Grant, man was able to provide herself with rival every morning. Miss Wilson is a a comfortable home and a "rainy day" fund. The only reward Major McKin- boys declare she is "sweet as a peach." ley got for his services, says Mr. Gard- The first morning after her announce- a month. ner, was the pleasure which a good ment as early as 5 o'clock a number of man derives from the performance of the eldest schoolboys were roosting on a good deed.

Young McKinley was once defending a medical client sued for alleged malpractice in setting a broken leg. It trustees also put in an appearance. was suspected, without means of proof wheat, but by planting orch- & being provided, that the claim was what in the legal slang of corporation damage suits is called "a fake snap."

The plaintiff's counsel had ocularly exposed the malpracticed leg to the jury and oracularly showed the nodes which were the alleged palpable evidences of the want of medical skill when McKinley exclaimed as the plaintiff was restoring the clothing of the limb, "Now let us see your other leg," which, after very excusable objections as to policy from his attorney, was ex-

hibited. The new exhibit, which proved to have been duly marked with india ink, showed the same nodes that were upon the other leg and proved that, as Mc-Kinley wittily remarked, it was Dame Nature who had been guilty of mal-

Mr. McKinley before his election to

the presidency used to receive scores of requests to make speeches, and many of these were accompanied with offers of money. One day he received a let-Memories of the President's ter from Boston stating that the writer would give him \$500 if he would deliv-

> or a speech there. "I do not know why it is," said the then governor of Ohio, "but there is a sort of repugnance in my mind against giving my views on public questions for pay. I may be all wrong about it, but I know it would take all the enthusiasm out of me if I knew that I was going to be paid at the end of a meeting for the remarks I made during it. I have had money offered me very often, but I have never taken it.

"I remember a speech which I made not long ago in debate at one of the big eastern universities on the tariff question. I took the protection side, of course, and a very prominent free trader had the other side. Shortly after I arrived in the city the president of the institution called upon me at my hotel. beloved mother a few years before her During the visit he took four one hundeath, and from those it would appear | dred dollar bills out of his pocket and

"'What is that for?' said I. "That is for your speech tonight."

was the reply. "'But I don't want any money for and he was very fond of his bow and the speech,' I answered. 'I did not come here to talk for money, and I can-

"'We would rather have you take it to me," said Mrs. McKinley, "I never than not,' said the president. 'We have went into the kitchen without seeing a paid that much to your opponent, and I

"Well," pursued the governor, "the had one. We didn't own a horse, so he president continued to insist, and at never rode or drove. He was always last I told him that if he was deterteasing to go barefooted the minute mined upon it he could pay my exthe snow was off the ground. When penses. It would cost me \$50 to fill summer came, he always had a stone the engagement, and that was all that bruise or a stubbed toe, and he was as I could accept. I asked them to send proud as a king to show all the other the money to my home, for, do you boys how he stubbed or bruised his know, I do not believe I could have foot. Although William had no taste done my best with that money in my

> The last thing Mr. Kinley did on the Pan-American grounds before he was shot was a little act of kindness, says the New York World. Fred Kloon- In a hammer, a programme boy, met the presidential carriage drawn up for a moment for the view of the court of brought here on the steamer Afridi, fountains.

"Here's a programme for you, Mr. President," said the boy, eluding the police escort, and, stepping close to the carriage, he handed Mr. McKinley three. The president took them, smiled, reached into his pocket and handed the boy a dollar. The youngster put his hand behind him and took a back-

"No, sir; that's a present," he said

The president smiled again, returned the coin to his pocket, nodded thanks and was whisked away, while the lad stood in the middle of the roadway and watched the carriage until it was out

of the nation's executive. One of the "After the preaching we had a most touching stories was repeated the length when the huge reptile seemed

"When we had administered the ether ly, a part of the Lord's Prayer. 'Thy "There was nothing affected in the kingdom come, thy will be done,' were boy's manner, but his quiet, earnest the last words of President McKinley way attracted the attention of every- as he passed into that vale from which, body in the church. The boy at that as none knew better than he, he might

stitute, and the stand he took for re- Whenever he could the president has ligion had a great amount of influence cracked a joke in his sickroom. The other morning Miss Mohn, one of the James P. Gardner of Ellerslie, Alle- nurses, counted the president's pulse. ghany county, Md., claims that he was First gazing at the watch in her hand instrumental in securing for President and then looking up at her quizzically,

sewer, carelessly left open by city offi- a pocketbook. I saw them taking my cials, and sustained severe injuries. watch and my pocketbook, and now I

> Kisses For Punctual Pupils. Miss Julia Wilson, a schoolteacher in White county, has introduced a new handsome lass of 18 summers, and the Crook, \$2,000, besides a large number the fence awaiting their pretty schoolteacher's arrival. At 8 o'clock the entire school was there. The township sends up to the desk to be read here-Miss Wilson kept her promise.

Fall's Approach. The leaves are turning into gold; They always do the same; It is a little way they have, A sort of green goods game The hazy twilight brings a moon That takes up half the sky And makes a hungry fellow think Of future pumpkin pie.

The eider press gets busy now; It does not stop nor lag. And country folks again debate, "Does Cider Cause a Jag?" The price of coal goes up a notch; The price of ice comes down; The folks who spend their coin abroad Are hustling now in town.

And, oh, the rah-rah boy permits His hair to grow quite long And bursts the air with college yells Or tunes his college song. The theaters are open, and New ragtime songs we squall; These symptoms make it very plain; We know that it is fall.

BARB WIRE TELEPHONE LINE Two Indiana Towns, Fifteen Miles

Apart, Successfully Connected.

An Anderson, Ind., correspondent writes: One of the most novel telephone systems in the world is the "barbwire" line, which connects the towns of Anderson, Pendleton and Ingalls. It is fifteen miles in length, Its inventor, builder and sole owner, Cassius Alley of Pendleton, Ind., now has six subscribers at \$50 a year each. The time is not far distant when there will be ten-fold this number. One clothing company at Anderson with branch stores at Pendleton, and the Wagner Glass Works, with offices at Anderson and factory at Ingalls, are using this barb-wire system in their business affairs exclusively. They use the line frequently. They can convert it into a private line by plugs so arranged that when one party is using the line he can cut out all others except in Mr. Alley's residence, which is used as a central station. It is no exaggeration to say that this barb-wire telephone system is quite as satisfactory as the copper circuit of the Bell. Ordinary phones are used with no special strength of battery and there is very little trouble with the lines. In constructing the line Mr. Alley used the top strand of the barb-wire fence of the Big Four railway, making the connections with the offices of his subscribers with ordinary telephone wire. In some instances where the posts had rotted it was necessary to paint the wire and posts with rubber paint to insulate the wire. The whole line of fifteen miles was built at a cost of about \$100, and the outfit for each house, consisting of receiver, transmitter, battery, call, etc., costs not over \$10. The line has been in operation since December 22, and has not been out of order except for a few hours when a fast train on the railway track struck a cow, threw her body against the fence and broke the

KEEPER FACED DEATH Huge Potts Colls, but Was

Rescued. Either of the two big pythons just for the Bronx Park zoo, would easily crush the ribs of a horse in its terrible embrace. One of the serpents is twenty-seven feet six inches long, the other is at least twenty-six feet long, and as big around as a water pail. Keeper Horan on Wednesday afternoon had a haif minute of time which could easily have ended his career. Around his body wound a coil of the twenty-sixfoot python. He was not hurt. The other keeper rushed in and as quick as human hands could work released him. But for one instant Horan, almost paralyzed by the situation, could not know whether he would sleep that night on his bed or on his bler. There were two pythons which Horan was directed to measure. The female thon was stretched out at full ler h and the tape was applied. Then Horan applied the tape to the male python, that also lay stretched out motionless, He had measured off nearly half the suddenly to awake. There was a shout of warning from Keeper Snyder and the others who were watching the measurement, but before Horan could stand erect the whole huge body of the python had suddenly taken life. The great head was suddenly raised, the great mass of ringed muscle had swept around in a living coil, and Horan, pale as death, stood transfixed with terror. Snyder and his assistants dashed into the cage. They knew that the reptile was still semitorpid with cold. Fearlessly they caught hold of the great body and shouted to Horan to jump out of the living circle. He did so. The men left the cage and the python lazily stretched out its full

Pensioned Widows of Officers. Among the widows of volunteer officers of the civil war to whom pensons have been granted are Mrs. F. P. Blair, \$2,000 a year; Mrs. John M. Corse, \$1,200; Mrs. Nathaniel P. Banks, \$1,200; Mrs. Walter Q. Gresham. \$1,200; Mrs. John F. Hartranft, \$1,200; Mrs. John A. Logan, \$1,200; Mrs. Fletcher Webster, whose husband was the son of Daniel Webster, \$1,200. Among the widows of the regular establishment pensions have been granted as follows: Mrs. P. H. Sheridan, \$2,500; Mrs. G. H. Thomas, \$2,000; \$5,000; Mrs. Hancock, \$2,000; Mrs. of less known persons at \$40 and \$50

length and sank again into the torpor

of cold.-New York Journal.

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