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A DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT

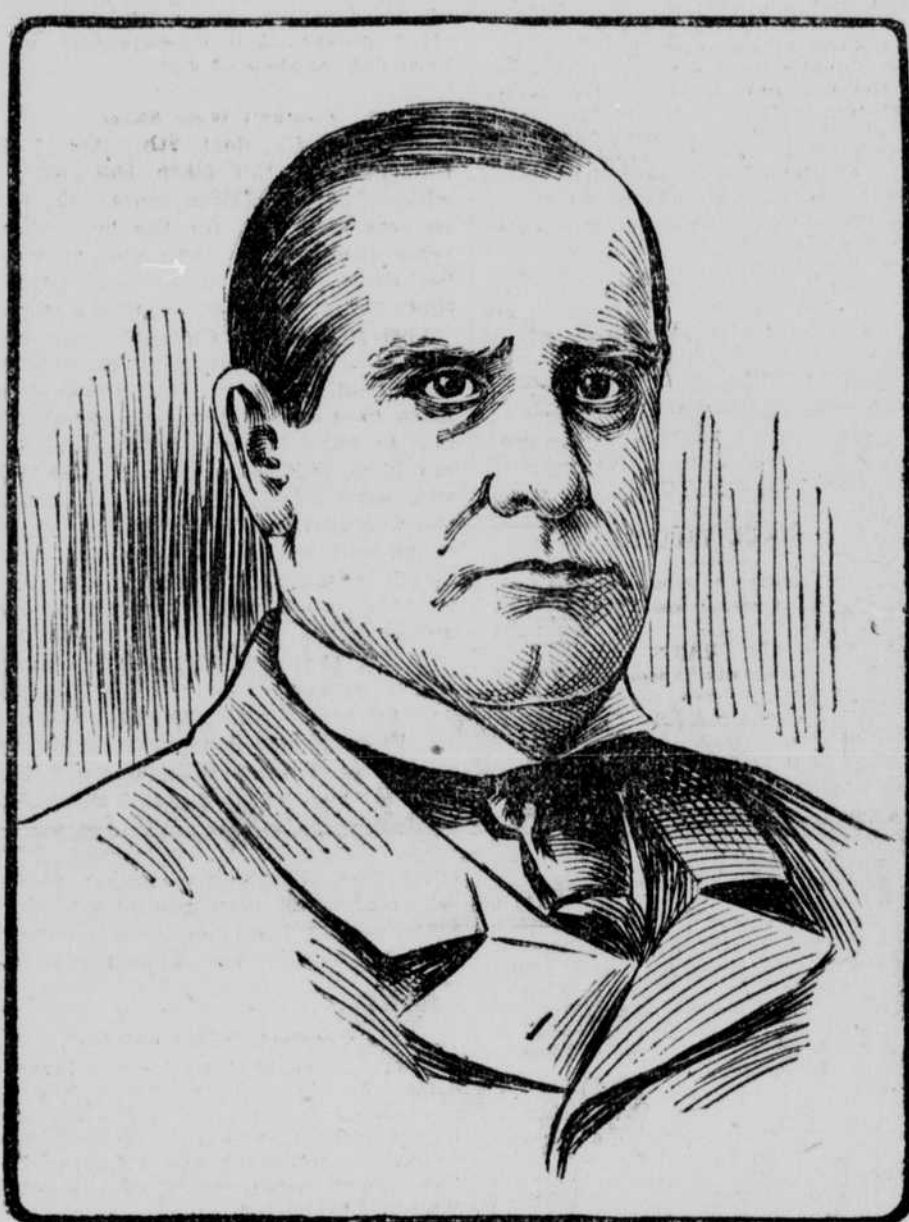
Bullet Fired by Assassin Czolgosz Completes Its Foul Mission.

"GOD'S WILL BE DONE, NOT OURS" HIS LAST WORDS.

The Entire World Mourns the Fate of the Victim of an Anarchist.

After every resource was exhausted for over twenty-four hours, after the flicking spell early on Friday morning, death came to William McKinley, the twenty-fifth president of the United States, at 2:15 o'clock Saturday morning at the Milburn residence, Buffalo, N. Y.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.



For many hours the President's hold on life was so slight that the work of the surgeons was confined to watching the flickering spark without attempting to fan it into life artificially.

Hope Abandoned at Midnight. Practically all medicines and oxygen treatments were abandoned a considerable time before midnight.

Just before the President lost consciousness Mrs. McKinley knelt at his side. He knew her and said: "Good-by all; good-by. It is God's way; not our will, but Thine be done."

Loss of Consciousness. The life of President McKinley, which had been sustained with power-



McKINLEY AS A RAW RECRUIT. (At the time of his enlistment in the Army.)

ful drafts of oxygen, seemed to fade away soon after 10 o'clock, and consciousness was lost permanently.

Around what was supposed to be the actual deathbed, besides the surgeons in the case, were Abner McKinley, Miss Helen McKinley, and Mrs. Duncan, the brother and sisters of the President. They were hurriedly called to witness the passing of a brother and a President. Yet an hour seemed to be delayed from one brief moment to another.

Members of Family Gathered. Downstairs and in the hall were the

other members of the family, Mrs. Abner McKinley, a sister-in-law; Miss Mary Barber, the President's favorite niece; Mrs. McWilliams of Chicago, a cousin; Lieutenant James McKinley, a nephew; John Barber, a nephew; Mrs. Baer, a niece; with Mr. Baer, and Secretaries Root, Wilson, and Hitchcock, and Attorney General Knox. The latter, with Secretary Long, had arrived only a few minutes before midnight, and Secretary Long left about 10

during the night broke up, coming down the walk singly and in pairs.

Men Weep as They Leave. Everybody was deeply affected. Several of the men were sobbing aloud as they passed on their way to their carriages.

Secretary Wilson says that the party will go first to Washington, where the body will lie in state in the Capitol, but interment will be in Canton, O. The details of the President's funeral will be in charge of the Secretary of State. Through him notices and invitations to distinguished foreign representatives will be extended.

Congress May Attend Funeral. The wishes of the members of the President's family will be observed and the character of the services will depend entirely on them. Congress will attend in a body, if the services are held at the national capital, but if they are performed at Canton this arrangement may be changed.

The House is not organized, and the oath has not been administered to the members elect, but they will be in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the last House, who holds over in office. The Senate, being a continuous body, will be present officially, with President Pro Tem Frye at its head, and the Sergeant-at-Arms in charge of the details.

Secretary Root and Secretary Long will detail suitable bodies of military and naval forces to be present at the funeral.

Death Caused by Heart Trouble. The President's heart gave trouble from the beginning, but its erratic action was at first thought to be due to the shock of the wound, but when the would had begun to progress favorably the heart gave more trouble and anxiety than ever. Its action became feeble and finally gave out altogether.

The President's death was due to heart exhaustion, but some of the physicians do not believe there was organic heart trouble. The theory of at least one of the physicians is that the original shock of the first bullet over the heart had much to do with the trouble which caused death.

Slayer Saved by Darkness. A noticeable theme of comment was occasioned by the hour at which the death occurred. It partook somewhat of the providential that the event should have come in the dead of night instead of the early evening, when the thousands who gathered on the streets of the city were in no tender mood. Had the death come earlier it is possible that the authorities would have had to cope with more or less violence.

Crowds Surround Jail. During the early part of the evening crowds began to gather about the station-house, where the assassin, Czolgosz, was confined, and the purpose of their gathering was at no time mysterious. People gathered rapidly, who openly declared they intended to lynch the assassin, if the President died.

The authorities were fully alive to the situation and agents of the secret service reported that the people were excited beyond measure. There were

not only the people of Buffalo, indignant at the disgrace to their city, but strangers, who had no neighborly respect for the local authorities.

Gov. Odell acted promptly and gave orders to protect the jail. Thus the assassin was safe from penalty for the miserable death he had dealt out to the President.

All the World Mourns. All Friday and Friday night 80,000,000 of Americans stood in thought and heart at the bedside of their dying President. A simple people, devoid of the arts which in other lands are used to decorate the emotions, they knew only how to sorrow in silence and hope that the impending blow would be spared.

In his daily life the President of the United States is merely its first citizen—a plain man in plain clothes, accessible to other plain men in plain clothes. By virtue of his office he is only the foremost among his equals, and as such he meets his fellow citizens without claiming or expecting from them the studied deference or ostentatious affection which is so sedulously displayed in the capitals of other lands.

Yet for days, while this man of the people lay stricken by the assassin, bound down by wounds, and hovering between life and death, 80,000,000 men, women, and children turned from the tasks of a crowded life, forgot their

personal strivings and personal griefs, and in dire suspense reached out for the least word of comfort, of courage, or of cheer from their President's bedside.

Sorrow, affection, and anxiety were written across the face of the whole nation, throughout the days and throughout the nights, and now, with the blow fallen and the watching done, the land gives itself over to the mourning which no crown or scepter could command, which no throne could gather to it, and now the civilized world has joined us in grief over our calamity.

The republic may appear at times ungrateful, for its heart is deep, but he who finds that heart has not lived or died in vain.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Perfect Boy. "I never heard of but one perfect boy," said Johnny, pensively, as he sat in the corner doing penance. "And who was that?" asked mamma. "Papa—when he was little," was the answer. And silence reigned for the space of five minutes.

MRS. WILLIAM M'KINLEY.



BODY LYING IN STATE

Friends Gather at Milburn House to Mourn Over Their Leader.

NEW PRESIDENT SADLY AFFECTED

Senator Hanna Filled With Anguish Over Loss of Chief—Body to Be Taken to Be Taken to City Hall and There Remain During Monday.

BUFFALO, Sept. 16.—Buffalo yesterday became a city of mourners. The gay and flaming decorations of the Pan-American exposition gave way to the symbol of sorrow. The black drapery of the city's streets muffled the tolling bells of the churches. Bits of crepe appeared on every sleeve. The sorrow was everywhere apparent. In the morning a simple service took place at the residence on Delaware avenue where the martyred president died.

A hymn was sung and prayer was offered over the dead body. That was all. Only the immediate family and the friends and political associates of the late president were present. The scene there was pathetic in the extreme. Then the body was borne out to the waiting cortege on the bony shoulders of eight sailors and soldiers of the republic. The cortege passed through the walls of living humanity, grief-stricken, to the city hall.

A remarkable demonstration occurred which proved how close the president was to the hearts of the people. Arrangements had been made to allow the public to view the body from the time it arrived, at about 1:30 o'clock, until about 5 o'clock. But the people were wedged into the streets for two blocks. Two lines formed. They extended literally for miles. When 5 o'clock came 40,000 people had already passed and the crowds waiting below in the streets seemed undiminished. It was decided to extend the time until midnight. Then for hours longer the streets were dense with people and a constant stream flowed up the steps of the broad entrance into the hall and passed the bier. When the doors were closed at midnight it was estimated that 80,000 people had viewed the remains, but thousands of disappointed ones were still in the streets. The body will lie in the city hall until morning. At 8:30 the funeral train will start for Washington over the Pennsylvania railroad. Mrs. McKinley, the president, the cabinet and relatives and friends of the dead president will accompany the remains. Mrs. McKinley bore up bravely today during the service at the Milburn house, and Dr. Rixey, her physician, thinks she will be able to support her trying part in the state funeral at Washington.

The day was gray and cheerless. Heavy clouds hung over the city, at times breaking to let through a rift of sunshine and then threatening to let loose a downpour upon the gathering multitude. The air was humid and heavy and only a light wind from the south stirred the drooping flags and the emblems of mourning. The very elements seemed to lend fitting accompaniment to the scene of sorrow about to be enacted.

Mrs. McKinley, the poor, grief-crushed widow, had been led into the chamber by her physician, Dr. Rixey, and had sat a while alone with him who had supported and comforted her through all their years of wedded life. But though her support was gone, she had not broken down. Dry-eyed she gazed upon him and fondled his face. She did not seem to realize that he was dead. Then she was led away by Dr. Rixey and took up her position at the head of the stairs, where she could hear the services.

At 1:25 the body was allowed to be viewed by the public, and a vast crowd moved along and took their last look at the dead chieftain.

Meet Train at State Border. COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 15.—The state officers will leave for Canton Thursday morning on a special train. Governor Nash received a telegram today from Secretary Cortelyou advising him that arrangements had been made for the governor and a committee of three, to be selected by him, to meet the funeral party at Pittsburg and go with it to Canton.

Pope Prays for President. LONDON, Sept. 16.—A special dispatch from Rome says the pope prayed an hour today for the soul of President McKinley. The pontiff wept with uncontrollable emotion on receiving the news of the president's death. All audiences at the vatican have been suspended.

Guarding Assassin's Family. CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 16.—As a precautionary measure three policemen are stationed within the little dwelling on Fleet street that shelters the father, step-mother and younger brothers and sisters of Leon Czolgosz, the assassin.

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FUNERAL ONE DAY EARLIER

Body of President Will Rest in Home at Canton Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The following official statement, making important changes in the plans for the funeral services over the remains of President McKinley in this city, was given to the press last night:

In compliance with the earnest wishes of Mrs. McKinley that the body of her husband shall rest in her home at Canton Wednesday night, the following changes in the obsequies of the late president will be made:

Funeral services in the rotunda of the capitol will be held Tuesday morning on the arrival of the escort which will accompany the remains from the white house. The body of the late president will lie in state in the rotunda for the remainder of Tuesday and will be escorted to the railroad station Tuesday evening. The funeral train will leave Washington at or about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening and will arrive at Canton during Wednesday.

JOHN HAY, ELIHU ROOT, JOHN D. LONG, HENRY MACFARLAND.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Secretary Hay issued to the public the following statement:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—The remains of the late president, after lying in state in the city hall of Buffalo during the afternoon of Sunday, September 15, will be removed to Washington by special train on Monday, September 16, leaving Buffalo at 8:30 a. m., and reaching Washington at 9 p. m. The remains will then be carried, under the escort of a squadron of United States cavalry, to the executive mansion, where they will rest until 9 a. m. Tuesday, September 17. They will then be carried to the capitol, accompanied by a military and civil escort, the details of which will be given in a separate notice.

The remains will there lie in state. Religious services will be held in the rotunda of the capitol on Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon. At 1 o'clock the remains, under a military escort, will be transferred to a funeral car and carried to Canton, Ohio, via the Pennsylvania railroad, arriving there on Thursday at 11 a. m., where arrangements for the final sepulture will be committed to the charge of the citizens of Canton under the direction of a committee to be selected by the mayor of that city.

No ceremonies are expected in the cities and towns along the route of the funeral train beyond the tolling of bells. JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

IGNORANT OF VICTIM'S DEATH.

Assassin Czolgosz Does Not Know That President is Dead.

BUFFALO, Sept. 16.—The assassin, Czolgosz, does not know that President McKinley is dead and probably will not know it until he is arraigned for murder. He will be indicted by the grand jury probably today and the case will be then immediately removed to the supreme court. The arraignment will take place in that court and will be very soon, the time depending on the returning of the indictment. No further effort was made to talk to Czolgosz nor was the theory of poisoned bullets taken up by the police. They feel confident that when the bullets remaining in the revolver are chemically examined, as they will be, no poison will be found in them.

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