

ASSASSINATION.

President Garfield Shot in the Baltimore and Potomac Depot at Washington.

And Dying From His Wounds at the White House.

Wild Excitement in Washington Over the Dastardly Crime.

The Military Called Out to Protect the Assassin From the Mob.

Full Details of the National Calamity.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—9:30 a. m.—President Garfield was shot and assassinated this morning.

A DETAILED ACCOUNT. WASHINGTON, July 2.—The president was shot at 9:28 a. m., as he was entering the Baltimore and Ohio depot to take the train for Long Branch. Others of the party had taken their seats in the train and the president and Secretary Blaine entered an arm in arm.

THE FIRST SHOT. The president and Secretary Blaine seemed too much bewildered, to realize the truth. Secretary Blaine shouted: "Where is Colonel Rockwell!"

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possessing an interview with Chas. Giteau, the would-be assassin of President Garfield. The officers refused admittance to the building, stating, as a reason therefor, that they were acting under instructions received from the attorney-general, the purport of which were that no one should be allowed to see the prisoner.

A large guard, composed of regulars from the barracks and Metropolitan police force, are momentarily expected to arrive at the jail to be in readiness to repel any attack. The statement that the assassin is Giteau was verified by the officer in charge of the jail.

SECRETARY BLAINE'S STORY. Secretary Blaine was not going with the party, but came down to the depot to bid the president good-bye. He said, "The President and I were walking arm in arm toward the train, I heard two shots and saw a man run and started after him, but seeing he was grabbed just as he got out of the room. I came back to the president and found him lying on the floor."

REMARKABLE LETTER. July 2, 1881. To the White House: The president's tragic death was a sad necessity but it will unite the republican party and save the republic. Life is as a dimmy dream and it matters little when one dies. A human life is of small value.

CHARLES GITEAU. When Gen. Sherman finished perusing the letter written to him by Giteau, he gave it the following endorsement: "HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2, 1881—11:35 a. m."

THE STATEMENT OF THE OFFICER who arrested Giteau is as follows: "About 9:25 this morning President Garfield, accompanied by Secretary of State Blaine, drove up to the Baltimore and Potomac depot, on Sixth street, and sat in their carriage near the door. President Garfield asked one of the officers how much time he had before the train started. The officer replied: "About ten minutes, your honor." The president, after conversing a minute or two longer there, got out of the carriage and with Secretary Blaine walked slowly up the steps into the depot.

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revive him. This had the desired effect, and the president, regaining consciousness, was asked where he felt the most pain. He replied, "in the right leg and foot." He then examined the wound, introducing his finger, which caused a slight hemorrhage. I then decided to have him moved up stairs out of the crowd.

EVERETT FOSS, of Dover, New Hampshire, the man who was sitting in the brakeman's room of the depot at the time of the assassination, gives the following account of the tragedy: "At 9:20 two shots in rapid succession rang through the depot, startling the people who were gathered awaiting the movement of the train and to witness the departure of the president."

IT APPEARS THAT GITEAU had been lingering around the depot for half an hour or more. He followed the president from the B street door into the ladies room, and fired his first shot from behind, when the president had reached the middle of the room, on his way through it. The second shot followed instantly after, the president having hardly time to take a second step. The president fell at once and when raised by Secretary Blaine and the lady above mentioned, he appeared dazed and unconscious.

THE SURGEONS' SEARCH. At 2 o'clock an effort has just been made to probe for the ball, but without reaching it. Another attempt will soon be made, and until the direction taken by the ball is known the extent of the injuries and immediate danger cannot be known. There are at present no signs of internal hemorrhage and very little external bleeding.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—10:05 p. m.—President Garfield is conscious and does not complain of great suffering. He has just dictated a telegram to his wife. It is impossible to say, as yet, what the result will be; but the surgeons are of the opinion that the wounds are not necessarily fatal.

MRS. GARFIELD PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON BY SPECIAL TRAIN. The Pennsylvania railroad placed a special engine and coach at the service of Mrs. Garfield. She left Long Branch at 12:40 and after reaching Monmouth Junction her train ran wild to Washington, that is, having the right of way by telegraph over every other train on the road.

A PATIENT SCENE. A spectator thus describes the removal of the president to the White House. The president lay in the ambulance, propped up with pillows, and with his right arm thrown over his head. His face was ashy white, but bore a calm, placid look. He seemed perfectly conscious and opened his eyes frequently to view the surroundings, and while he was being carried up the stairs he smiled sadly and waved his hand in recognition of the friends who were gathered about him.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The president was shot from the right as he entered the ladies' reception room of the depot with Secretary Blaine. The ball entered above the third rib, but whether it has taken its course towards the spine, has not yet been ascertained. The wound was probed by Dr. Bliss, who reports that in inserting the probe the course of the ball did not extend towards the spine.

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