

A RAY OF HOPE.

It Bursts From the Black Cloud of Death,

Which Lowered so Darkly Over the President's Bed.

The Illustrious Sufferer Rallies for Another Struggle.

He Refuses to Give up the Fight for Life.

Marked Improvement in the Hourly Bulletins From the White House.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—One unexpected thing the president used to say always happened him happened this morning. The slight hope that arose early last evening was scarcely expressed so fearful were all that it might be a temporary fluctuation and a forerunner of the last. The fear that a change for the worst would occur during the night was shared by very many and it was therefore a decided and unexpected announcement made by the physicians this morning that the president had held his own during the night. The inmates of the white house had a quiet night.

The four nurses, Mrs. Dr. Edson, Dr. Boynton, Gen. Swain and Col. Rockwell, were out and in the sick-room the greater part of the night. The patient slept fully as comfortably as on the preceding night, and the closest scrutiny could detect no unfavorable change. Gen. Swain said at midnight: "Just wait for the morning." Col. Rockwell said: "The cloud has a silver lining."

RELIVING OF HIS PULCE.

Dr. Bliss passed a very restless night. At midnight he took the patient's pulse, which was 104. Subsequently he sponged off the president and found him level-headed and exceedingly cheerful. Dr. Bliss said he went into the surgeon's room and tried to take a nap but could not sleep on account of his anxiety. At the usual time the enemata was administered and the president swallowed a little kommiss between his naps. That was just about the history of the night. Mrs. Garfield was up very early and was by the bedside immediately. Gen. Swain was also alerted when he left the sick room. Said he: "I have relied on Garfield's pluck for twenty-five years and I stand on the same ground now."

The morning bulletin figures were the best for ten days and when it was posted it was received almost with a shout. The morning dressing of the wound developed no new unfavorable symptoms and showed little improvement in the gland. The swelling had gone down a little and by the slightest pricking of a prominent point on the outside another opening was made, so that now, with three drainages to the gland, the main hope is that this trouble man yet be overcome before the president has lost more than he can recover.

GENERAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

At 1 p. m. Dr. Hamilton said: "We're afloat and off the breakers. A more satisfactory state exists this morning and now, and the result thus far has given me much encouragement. I think the indications are much more favorable now for sustenance of the president until the blood poisoning that has already subsided somewhat, has a chance to so far eliminate that after serious complications, may be avoided. Good action of the stomach is the best indication of this respect. Food is assimilating better every hour. On that feature of improvement is based our strongest hope. The glandular trouble will subside in proportion as the other symptoms improve."

Dr. Bliss says that the improvement of the last few hours has been enough to cause him to modify his belief of yesterday. He now thinks the president's ultimate recovery possible. Dr. Reynolds says the president case furnishes solid ground for increased hope. Dr. Hamilton says that the improvements are remarkable. Dr. Agnew says that the president's chances are decidedly in his favor again. Miss Edson says the president made great strides upwards in twenty-four hours.

This official encouragement is given but no positive assurance is ventured that he is doing better. The wound seems no worse. The pulse is improved and general symptoms are more favorable. The only question is how long will it last. The answer is that all depends on the stomach and the assimilation of food taken.

The cabinet have not all been at the white house. Some of the members of course feel encouraged again, but no confidence is expressed nor will be until it is seen if these hours continue. The morning bulletin was read in many churches and prayers of thanksgiving offered for the new gleam of hope. The midday bulletin was so generally in keeping with the improving feeling that it added greatly to the growing hopes.

"SHALL WE CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE."

Dr. Boynton says that about three o'clock yesterday morning the president said to him: "Doctor, do you think I am getting weaker?" "Yes, I think you have lost something since day before yesterday," answered the doctor.

"Well," questioned the president,

"do you think we had better continue the struggle any longer?"

"Oh, yes," answered the physician, with a tone of the most positive encouragement he could command and then the conversation ceased and the president fell asleep.

REVERSION OF FEELING.

The reversion of feeling at the White House to-day was almost painful, on account of the possibility that remains of this favorable period would be but a temporary fluctuation. As the favorable straws grew more plenty the disparaging clutched them eagerly and gathered much comfort therefrom. Mrs. Garfield, Gen. Swain and Col. Rockwell fairly gleamed with hope all the morning. These three have never allowed their faces to show their feeling. The children also are bearing up, and all members of the family have taken new heart.

The physicians are agreeably disappointed. Dr. Boynton has throughout been confident, lacking a single hour yesterday. Dr. Boynton stated last night that the president had been slowly on the mend since four o'clock Friday afternoon. He thought the feebleness of yesterday morning was the temporary result of Friday's experience and not necessarily an indication of failing life.

Dr. Reynolds, on being asked if he had any more encouraging news from the sick room said that improvement in the patient still continued. "Do you think the present rally will be permanent, or do you fear another relapse?"

"Well its best not to make any prophecies for the future, the present is cheering enough and let us take that." The last twenty-four hours had showed a marked improvement in the president's pulse both in frequency and in tone. The stomach was apparently discharging its full functions. Several portions of solid food had been swallowed and retained without nausea. The one or two evacuations during the day had given evidence of improved assimilation of food. The pus from the original wound was slightly improved in character and in quantity. The swelling of the parotid gland has slightly decreased and the discharge of pus therefrom has been much more adequate. During the day the president's mind has not been clouded in any degree, even for a moment. On these features were being built the renewed hopes of all. To say that they did not give ground for encouragement would be useless. Just how much encouragement could be gained from them depends on the continuation of improvement. Every hour that improvement continues, in the opinion of all who closely watch the case, increases the chances for recovery.

CARING THE GOOD NEWS.

Secretary Blaine sent the following this evening: Lowell, Minister, London: The condition of the president at 4 o'clock continues as favorable as could be expected within the past week. His improvement has given great encouragement to the attending surgeons. He swallowed a bountiful supply of liquid food. The peritoid swellings discharges freely and gives promise of marked improvement. His mind is perfectly clear. He has a little more fever than was anticipated, the respiration is somewhat above normal. The general feeling is that of more hopefulness. Two or three days more of improvement will be needed to inspire confidence.

[Signed] BLAINE, Sec'y.

At 5:15 p. m. Mrs. Garfield, accompanied by her brother, Col. Rudolph, her brother-in-law, Col. Rockwell, of St. Louis and Miss Mollie, went out for a drive. Mrs. Garfield looked almost happy, and the strain she has endured the last few days seemed to have left no trace upon her. She bowed and smiled pleasantly to the officers at the gate. Some one of the crowd there assembled said hurriedly, "That Mrs. Garfield." As quick as thought a dozen hats were off, and the little woman acknowledged the courtesy by a graceful bow and another smile.

Before the issuance of the evening bulletin it was learned that its purpose would not be at variance with the progress of the day. The bulletin proved acceptable to all. A short time after the bulletin had been issued Dr. Boynton was seen and asked further in regard to his idea of the president's prospects. He stated that he was entirely satisfied with the progress to-day. It was fully up to his expectations in every respect. The slightly increased temperature was barely as much as the usual febrile rise when the case was supposed to be doing well. The latter part of the day had given evidence of proper assimilation of the food. The discharges of the bowels were what he had reference to, and he said the evidence therein was noticeable. He referred also to an improvement in the COLOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S FACE.

For several days he had been almost ghastly at times. To-day, however, his color was much better and his expression too was a more natural, favorable feature. All last week he had seemed to have no will power at all, as far as control of his emotions and desires was concerned. Now, however, his will power seems to act in full concert with the physical. The character of the wound this evening was improved in amount and quality of pus; also the granulations from these were more satisfactory and noticeable from the exterior.

In regard to the gland it is now considered that the danger of its sloughing off has passed. It would be troublesome for many days yet, but after a day or two of such progress of the case in other respects as to delay the counter-drain of the system on this account would be greatly lessened. Not only was the pus discharging satisfactorily from all the openings, but the walls separating the pockets of pus referred to seemed to be going away. The pus is more concentrated and ought to be more easily drained. The doctors consider that the possibilities of yesterday have been

come probabilities and they should now should be more disappointed in a peculiar sense of the word, if the president should die than if he should reach absolute recovery.

The doctor explained that the sponging of the patient so often spoken of was a sponge bath of alcohol and water in equal parts, and was of great benefit. The operation is usually enjoyed by him. The president continues to take a sufficient quantity of nourishment, but as yet no change has been made in its character. Two enemata have been administered to-day, and other nourishment, consisting of kommiss, peptonized milk, and milk porridge. All the physicians are well satisfied with the evening examination and the dressing of the wound. Hamilton so much so that he decided to return to New York.

At 9:45 to-night Gen. Swain was asked if the president had made, this evening, any remark as to his own idea of improvement. "Yes," said the General, "he said four or five times in my hearing this afternoon and evening, that he felt better, and I think he knows as much about it as any of us."

Col. Rockwell said: "At five o'clock he could not point to a single feature of the case that did not show improvement, but the people must not lose sight of the fact that the president's condition was very critical."

"But," he added, "let us take what the Lord sends and hope for better things to come."

SEEMING HIS CHILDREN.

During the afternoon the president asked: "Can I see Mollie?" Dr. Bliss said there was no reason why the request should not be granted, and the president's daughter was admitted. He took her hand, asked if she was well, told her with an assuring tone that he was feeling better, and sent by her a message to Mrs. Garfield saying he would like to see his boys when the doctors were willing.

Later in the afternoon Jimmie was allowed to go into the room but remained only a short time. His presence had the effect of causing the president's pulse to beat several points higher and exciting him. For this reason it was thought best that Harry, who had hoped to go in, should not be allowed to see his father. None of the children had been permitted to see him since the second incision was made. Despite the resulting excitement the physicians are inclined to think the interview with his children did the president good rather than harm.

The first Sunday in the history of the president's case has been favorable, and the change is more marked, as last night's reports led to a feeling that death was hourly imminent. This morning the president's mind was clear. Drs. Bliss, Reynolds and Boynton, Mrs. Dr. Edson, Col. Rockwell and General Swain were on duty the entire night, relieving each other at brief intervals. Mrs. Garfield also was at hand at momentary intervals. Shortly after midnight the usual enemata was administered, and later there was a satisfactory discharge of the bowels since before daylight the president was sponged off by the physician and a few minutes later the pulse fell from 104 to 100, which was the most satisfactory since Wednesday last.

Dr. Bliss came into Secretary Brown's room before the morning examination was made and stated that the president was much better. He feared one trouble, however. The people had become so depressed by the reports of the last two days that better news would cause too great a reaction of feeling. "We must take care," said he, "that too much is not stated on the improving signs. I am greatly encouraged by the progress made during the night but would not feel like saying that was sufficient to rebuild an entire satisfactory hope."

It was when the examination was made that it was found that the gland presented an improved condition. The size of the swelling had not been materially reduced, though the increased drainage of the pus had eased it. Dr. Boynton this morning said: "The president's improvement during the night was very marked and gave cause for much encouragement that he would ultimately recover. Friday afternoon was, he thought, the TURNING POINT."

Since that point there has been a slow but sure progress toward recovery. The increased feebleness yesterday was due, he thought, to the events of the preceding day rather than a decline in the case. The condition of the stomach was excellent and he based hopes of his recovery on that and complete restoration of the mental powers.

The president has taken an ample quantity of nourishment and there was evidence that assimilation was progressing better. This would have a tendency to aid the elimination of the blood poisoning, which caused the glandular swelling. The only question now was whether the stomach would continue to do well. The gland gave evidence in the right direction. If the other conditions were favorable the gland swelling would be lessened within two or three days, and once that trouble out of the way the patient would have plain sailing and move rapidly to recovery.

Dr. Bliss said that he thought the most satisfactory symptom at present was the patient's clearness of mind. The discharge of the gland is more free, and therefore accordingly is greater. He had accordingly believed yesterday, but now thought that the president would recover. At least his chances were considerably better now than the gland is beginning to disappear. We expect that other symptoms will disappear accordingly, and on this base renewed confidence.

The first cabinet officer who called at the White House was Attorney-General MacVeagh. For the first time in many weeks he wore a bright look. The noon bulletin had evidently not caused renewed fear. At 2 p. m. Secretary Hunt and Postmaster

General James, who returned from New York this morning, telegraphed to Vice-President Arthur that the symptoms of last evening still continued as the afternoon bulletin to him. Among the callers at the White House to-day have been Judge J. S. Black, Congressman Neal of Ohio and Desendorf. Judge Black had an interview with the doctors, as shown by the subsequent conversation, as follows:

"The president is going to get well?" "You can say that with considerable safety."

Congressman Neal, when asked if he felt encouraged, replied: "I have never felt so confident of the president's recovery as now."

Mr. Desendorf said that Dr. Bliss' last remark to him was that "if the president continues to do so well through the evening and to-night as last night we shall have exceedingly strong grounds to hope for his recovery."

SUNDAY'S BULLETINS.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—The following are the bulletins issued from the white house to-day:

ONE A. M. BULLETIN.—The president is sleeping quietly, with no material change in the last hour.

THREE A. M. BULLETIN.—Information obtainable from the sick room up to this hour tends to the impression that little or no ground has been lost during the night, but the improvement does not warrant much encouragement.

FOUR A. M. BULLETIN.—The president's mind continues perfectly clear. He has taken nourishment twice during the night, and his stomach is doing well. As yet no unfavorable symptoms have arisen.

SIX A. M. BULLETIN.—The pulse is still 104 and Dr. Boynton said that the quality was improved. Dr. Bliss stated at seven o'clock the pulse had fallen to 100, having shown a progressive improvement since midnight. He said he felt considerably encouraged by the improvement, but was afraid the people would take too sanguine a view of it, and as even a slight improvement may be. It must be remembered that it was not yet sufficient change for a very strong revival of hope.

EIGHT A. M. BULLETIN.—Drs. Bliss and Boynton have just taken the president's pulse, and found it at 100. The physicians feel encouraged, but give warning that the gain is too slight to be very reassuring.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.—EXECUTIVE MANSION, August 28.—9 a. m.—The bulletin just issued gives the president's condition as follows: The anesthesia and the president's symptoms announced in last evening's bulletin continued during the night and since midnight some further improvement has been observed. The pulse is diminished in frequency, the stomach has continued to retain the liquid nourishment administered, and last evening he asked for and ate a small quantity of milk toast. Stimulating nutrient enemata continues to be retained. There has been no mental disturbance during the night or this morning. At present his pulse is 100, temperature 96, respiration 17.

[Signed] E. H. HAMILTON, D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, R. REYBURN, T. P. M. BULLETIN.

The dressing of the wound developed a reduction in the size of the glandular swelling and by more pricking of the surface a third discharge was established. This is considered still more favorable indication.

ELVEN A. M. BULLETIN.—Information just received from the sick-room is to the effect that the favorable condition noted in the morning bulletin still continues and that the president's pulse is better in character and much less frequent than yesterday, ranging since the morning dressing at about 104.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.—12:30 P. M.—At the morning dressing of the president several yellowish points were observed just below the ear of the swollen parotid, and an incision being made a teaspoonful of healthy looking pus escaped. There were also some discharges of pus through the two openings into the ear and the incision mentioned in the previous bulletin. The wound looks rather less indolent than it has been doing for several days past. Since the morning bulletin there has been some rise of temperature, but little increase in the frequency of the pulse, and in other respects no material change has occurred. Pulse 104, temperature 99.5-10, respiration 18.

[Signed] E. H. HAMILTON, D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, R. REYBURN, T. P. M. BULLETIN.

At this hour everything is quiet at the White House. The president is reported as resting comfortably. No unfavorable change since the noon bulletin.

FIVE P. M. BULLETIN.—The reports from the president's room up to this hour show no unfavorable changes in the president's condition. His pulse is about the same as at noon, and other symptoms do not materially differ. Gen. Swain has just sent the following dispatch to friends in New York:

"The president's condition continues to improve, and he is better now than at any time for a week. All are hopeful and seem confident."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.—6:30 P. M.—The improvement in the president's condition declared yesterday afternoon still maintained. He continues to take willingly liquid food given by mouth and is apparently digesting it. Stimulants and nu-

triments given by enema are retained. At the evening dressing an increased quantity of healthy looking pus was discharged from the suppurating parotid gland. The appearance of the wound has not perceptibly changed since the morning dressing. But little rise in the temperature or pulse has taken place since noon and the pulse is perceptibly stronger than at this time yesterday. Pulse 110, temperature 99.7, respiration 20. [Signed] E. H. HAMILTON, E. H. AGNEW, D. W. BLISS, J. J. WOODWARD, J. K. BARNES, R. K. REYBURN.

EIGHT P. M. BULLETIN.—The favorable condition of the president, as indicated in official bulletins, still continues.

NINE P. M. BULLETIN.—Dr. Hamilton is so well satisfied with the progress of the case that he leaves for New York at 9:30 p. m.

TEN P. M. BULLETIN.—The president has just had his sponge bath and is preparing for sleep. He has already had one nap since the evening bulletin. The febrile rise is subsiding, the pulse now being 105.

ELEVEN P. M. BULLETIN.—At this hour Dr. Woodward states that there are no discouraging signs noticeable. The president is resting fairly.

MIDNIGHT BULLETIN.—Reports from the sick room indicate no reason to believe anything will occur during the night to cause the present encouragement to be in any way lessened.

THIS MORNING'S BULLETINS.—WASHINGTON, August 29.—1 a. m.—The president is resting quietly, his pulse less than given in the evening bulletin, and the favorable symptoms continue.

TWO O'CLOCK A. M.—The president is now sleeping quietly and there is nothing to indicate that he has lost ground.

HEARING THE NEWS.—Inspecting the Bulletins in New York and Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, August 28.—To-day the special bulletins of the president's condition were read in most of the churches in this city and vicinity, and in the Catholic churches special prayers were said for his recovery at all the masses.

Vice-President Arthur has received no summons to go to Washington and expected none. He is greatly encouraged by the news from Washington.

TALMAGE PREACHES.—Brooklyn, August 28.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage preached a sermon, the subject being the condition of the president this morning. The discourse was one of the ablest ever delivered by Talmage. His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause, while his pathetic allusions to the wife, children and mother of the president caused tears to come to many eyes, even strong men bowing their heads and weeping.

"We stand under a great sorrow," said the pastor in the opening prayer. "Our chief magistrate is lying low. Divine physician, put thy hands upon his wounds. Thou hast never yet lost a case. We feel as if we cannot give him up. Give us the faith of miracles. Give more than human skill to medical attendants. Soothe his pain, restore his health. Let it not be told that the hand of an American assassin was successful. We ask it on behalf of the aged mother, stricken wife and weeping children. Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from us. But if it be for the best for him to go, give us an easy exit to the land where there is no death."

In the final prayer he said: "Hear his aged mother's prayer, his wife's prayer, and that of his children and the nation. Thou canst do it. We pray Thy will be done. Lord, heal him! We ask it in the name of the assassinated Christ."

The text of the pastor's sermon was, "Comfort ye, ye that weep, my people, saith your God."

DEATH IN THE FLAMES.—A Small Holocaust in Cincinnati.—Fatal Jump.

CINCINNATI, August 28.—The feed store of Stone & Co., 42 Court street, and the boarding house and restaurant adjoining, kept by S. D. Bright, took fire, and in the haste of the inmates to escape Colbert Warren was killed by jumping from a window. D. Quimby badly burnt, Mrs. Bright and daughter nearly suffocated and several others injured. The buildings were partially destroyed. Loss, \$10,000.

FATAL COLLISION.—Two Freight Trains Demolished.—Several Men Killed.

National Associated Press.—LANCASTER, Ont., August 28.—Early this morning a terrible collision occurred between two freight trains. Both engines and a fireman were fatally injured. Fireman Hensley and Braken Nelson and Anderson were also injured. The engines and cars were damaged. The collision was the result of carelessness of an operator and also of the conductor of the down freight in not having stopped to receive his clear orders.

INDICATIONS.—WASHINGTON, August 28.—The following are the probabilities for the succeeding twelve hours: For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys fair weather, followed by increasing cloudiness, possibly by local rains, warm southerly generally shifting to colder north winds and higher pressure.

THE DARK DAY.

Fighting the Desperate Battle With the Grim Destroyer.

Sinking Almost Into the Dark Valley of Death.

Grasping Again the Slender Thread of Life.

The President Makes Marked Improvement Saturday Night.

The most unfavorable feature during the day was the extreme fluctuations. The pulse at one time reached 135, at another it fell to 109, and for hours traversed that limit. During the afternoon, however, the limit was descended more closely, and the pulse averaged 120. His sleep was more satisfactory, and nourishment, according to his own words, "tasted better." This change led to reports that the president was rallying.

The rumors that the cabinet had decided to take steps towards calling together the senate, and that Blaine had obtained from the president some time ago his signature to a necessary document to effect this purpose, were telegraphed over the wires, and many inquiries were sent to the White House. The cabinet denied the plan broached.

NO DESPAIR.—In the private part of the mansion it was noticeable that no atmosphere of despair existed. The immediate family of the president consists practically of Mrs. Garfield, Miss Mollie, James and Harry, Gen. Swain, Col. Rockwell and Dr. Boynton, with the attending surgeons and Dr. Hamilton. Mrs. Garfield apparently had not given up hope. She understands the situation perfectly and feels that it is too critical to be explained away. To keep him from being despondent seems to be her great object. She is most of the time by his side, always has a pleasant look for him and utters words of cheer whenever the opportunity affords.

The children depend almost entirely on their mother in the regulation of their hope and fear. Not a tear has been noticed in the eye of any of them. They move about quietly and anxiously, glean every bit of information obtainable in regard to their father's condition, but no such thing as being discouraged. The spirits are kept up in great measure by the cheerfulness of Gen. Swain and Col. Rockwell, both of whom insist that the president is better and that the case is not hopeless.

The patient early yesterday morning apparently felt the ground slipping away from under him. His perturbed inquiry of Dr. Boynton as to whether he thought it worth while to continue the struggle any longer was good evidence of this. Cheered by his wife and the doctors he evidently recovered from his depression and late in the day expressed himself as feeling stronger and as seeming to taste his food more satisfactorily.

VICTORIA'S SYMPATHY.—The following correspondence by cable is furnished from the state department: LONDON, August 27.—Blaine, Secretary: I have just received from Her Majesty the Queen, at Balmoral, a telegram in these words: "I most deeply grieve at the sad news of the last few days, and would wish my deep sympathy to be conveyed to Mrs. Garfield." [Signed]

LOWELL, Minister.—The following reply was cabled: DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, August 28.—To Lowell, London: I have submitted to Mrs. Garfield your telegram conveying the kind message from the queen. Mrs. Garfield is constantly by her husband's bedside and does not give up all hope of his recovery. Her request is that you will return the queen her most sincere thanks and express her heartfelt appreciation of the constant interest and tenderness and sympathy shown by her majesty toward the president and his family in their deep grief and most painful suspense. [Signed] BLAINE, Secretary.

ANOTHER CABLEGRAM.—The following was cabled to-night: LOWELL, LONDON: A somewhat more hopeful feeling exists to-night in regard to the president. The regular evening bulletin is more favorable, and the good indications are continued. His pulse is lower, being now 111, and of better quality. His mind is entirely clear. He has shown a positive appetite, asking for milk toast, a small quantity of which was given to him. This is the first time for many days that he has swallowed anything but liquid food. His slight increase in his respiration is the only adverse symptom reported at this time: 10:30 p. m. [Signed] BLAINE, Secretary.

KATS A PIECE OF TOAST.—After the evening dressing the president remarked: "I could eat a piece of milk toast." Dr. Bliss soon came in, and when informed of the president's request said: "Let him have it if he asked for it. I would like to see if he can work his jaws to eat it." Accordingly a piece of milk toast was prepared by Mrs. Garfield and by her taken to the president. He ate a piece about half the size of Mrs. Garfield's hand, and said it was good.

He seemed to have no trouble in using his jaws, and after another morsel had been disposed of lay back apparently satisfied. Dr. Hamilton said: "This evidence of improvement should encourage us to redouble our efforts." An hour later Dr. Bliss said the president had experienced no trouble from the toast, which of course was an encouraging sign.

Dr. Agnew had not seen the president for five days until this afternoon.

He arrived on the limited express and did not wait to remove his traveling coat before going to the sick room. The president was awake and Dr. Agnew stepped to the bedstead his hand was extended and the doctor's was clasped as the latter inquired: "How are you to-day, Mr. President?" The president replied: "Well, I don't feel any worse." Dr. Agnew remarked: "Yes, I am glad to know that." He expressed himself as surprised to find so much vitality as the president exhibited.

ARTHUR'S CABINET.—NEW YORK, August 28.—Vice-President Arthur has received the bulletins from Washington and many private dispatches. He says he is not going to Washington until summoned by the cabinet and did not expect to be summoned until the president was dead; "unless," he said, "the president should linger a long time."

Speculation is rife over the composition of Arthur's cabinet if he succeeds to the presidency. A friend of Arthur's gives the following: Hamilton Fish for secretary of state; Emily Storrs or Alonzo Taft for attorney general; M. S. Oway for secretary of the interior; Lincoln and Hunt to remain, the postmasterhip to be changed if Fish, of New York, gets a portfolio.

JAMES' VISIT TO NEW YORK.—Secretary Blaine said that he was aware that the postmaster general had gone to New York. He did not know why he had gone. The general impression prevails here to-night that the visit of the postmaster general is for a plain talk with the vice president on the exact situation at the white house and consultation with him as to his immediate plans in the event of a serious turn in the case. It is stated authoritatively, however, that the New York visit of Postmaster-General James is not to be construed in any way as unfavorable to the president's condition. In fact, the postmaster general did not go to New York until today's improvement became noticeable.

SATURDAY'S BULLETINS.—WASHINGTON, August 27.—The following bulletins were issued to-day from four o'clock in the afternoon up to midnight:

FOUR P. M. BULLETIN.—Just after four o'clock this afternoon Dr. Bliss, in answer to a question, replied that the president had passed a more comfortable day than had been anticipated, that his mental condition was perfect, that he continued to take his food, while his pulse had fallen to 114. All these facts he considered as favorable indications. Dr. Bliss' idea of the president's condition is evidently found in his remark just made: "I think he is just a shade better."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.—WHITE HOUSE, 6:30 p. m.—The president's symptoms show a slight amelioration this afternoon. His pulse is somewhat less frequent and his temperature is lower. Moreover, the mental disturbance described in yesterday morning's bulletin has disappeared. The parotid swelling has discharged a little pus, the opening spontaneously formed into the ear as well as by the incision made, but is not perceptibly swollen. The liquid food given by the mouth and the enemata continues to be retained. Pulse 114, temperature 98.9, respiration 22. [Signed] E. H. HAMILTON, D. H. AGNEW, D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, R. K. REYBURN.

EIGHT P. M. BULLETIN.—Col. Rockwell just said: "I believe there are grounds for encouragement. For the past thirty-six hours the president's mind has been clear as a bell."

NINE P. M. BULLETIN.—The doctors are so much encouraged by the behavior of the stomach that the president has been given a little toast and milk to-night. Thus far no bad results have appeared.

TEN P. M. BULLETIN.—The president had several good naps this evening, and between them swallowed four ounces of milk broth. The physicians say that up to this hour he had held his own since the evening bulletin.

ELVEN P. M. BULLETIN.—The president's pulse is 111, and is reported to be of a firmer quality. His respiration is somewhat higher, but the temperature seems unchanged. The president slept considerably this evening and no increased unfavorable symptoms are reported.

TWELVE M. BULLETIN.—Col. Rockwell has telegraphed to a friend just now that the pulse was 104 and that the president was sleeping as an infant. Gen. Swain sends the same in substance in another direction, and insists that the improvement of the early evening is maintained.

Foreign Flashes.—LONDON, August 28.—The victory of India telegraphs as follows: It is reported that Ayob Khan and his army have marched from Candahar to give battle to the Afghans near Khat-Gilhat. A dispatch from Durans says that the feeling against the convention is becoming very strong.

ROME, August 29.—General Becks, vicar-general of the Jesuits, is dying.

Serious Fire.—National Associated Press.—BOSTON, August 28.—The Union Stone company's building in East Everett were destroyed by fire last evening. Loss \$80,000. Seventy-five men are thrown out of employment.

Way.—Anyone who has the will to try THOMAS ELECTRIC OIL will surely find the way to robust health, in cases of bronchial affections, sore throat, pains, etc., and as an internal remedy it is invaluable.

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