

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY FALLS BEFORE AN ANARCHIST'S BULLET

UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL SURVIVE

Doctors Are Puzzled to Trace the Course of the Ball Through the Body.

ASSASSIN BOASTS THAT HIS DUTY IS DONE

Under Cover of a Handkerchief He Carries Revolver to Reception.

SHOOTS WITH PRETENSE OF SHAKING HANDS

Quick as a Flash Three Men Leap Upon the Murderous Assailant.

CRIES OF LYNCHING HEARD IN ALL DIRECTIONS

When Rescued by Police and Hustled Away to Jail He is covered with Blood from a Gash Upon His Head.

BUFFALO, Sept. 7.—At 3 a. m. the following bulletin was issued: "The president continues to rest well. Temperature 101.6, pulse 110, respiration 24."

BUFFALO, Sept. 7.—The president's physicians issued the following bulletin at 1 a. m.:

"The president is free from pain and resting well. Temperature 100.2, pulse 120, respiration 24."

BUFFALO, Sept. 7.—3 a. m.—Inquiries at the home of President Milburn at this hour (3 a. m.) are fruitless, the street in the immediate vicinity of the house where the president lies is roped off and guarded by police, who will admit nobody.

At 3 a. m. the street in the neighborhood of the Milburn residence was deserted, save for the policemen who were on guard, and the streets downtown were almost equally quiet.

BUFFALO, Sept. 6.—President McKinley was shot and seriously wounded by a would-be assassin while holding a reception in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American grounds a few minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon.

One shot took effect in the right breast, the other in the abdomen. The first wound is not of a serious nature and the bullet has been extracted. The second bullet pierced the abdominal wall and has not been located.

At 10:40 p. m. the condition of the president's wounds. "The president is rallying and is resting comfortably. At 10:15 p. m. the temperature is 100.4 degrees, pulse 124, respiration 24."

"Signed: P. M. Rixey, M. B. Mann, H. Parke, H. Minter, Eugene Wanburn. "Countersigned: George B. Cortelyou, Secretary to the President."

REAL NAME OF THE ASSASSIN LEON CZOLGOSZ.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The police have just learned that the real name of the would-be assassin is Leon Czolgosz. He was born in Detroit and came here from Cleveland.

FIVE ANARCHISTS ARRESTED IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Five anarchists were arrested here tonight on information from Buffalo. One of the five is Abraham Isack.

CITY'S JOY TURNS TO HORROR

Blow Falls Upon Buffalo and the Nation in Midst of Great Festivities.

BUFFALO, Sept. 6.—Just a brief twenty-four hours ago the newspapers of the city blazoned forth in all the pomp of headline type "The Prouddest Day in Buffalo's History."

Tonight, in sackcloth and ashes, in somber type, surrounded by gruesome borders of black, the same newspapers are telling in funeral tales to a horrified populace the deplorable details of "The Blackest Day in the History of Buffalo."

President McKinley, the idol of the American people, the nation's chief executive and the city's guest, his prostrated, suffering the pangs inflicted by the bullet of a cowardly assassin, while his life hangs in the balance. Out on Delaware avenue, at the home of John A. Milburn, president of the Pan-American exposition, with tearful face and heart torn by conflicting hopes and fears, sits the faithful wife, whose devotion is known to all the nation.

When the Revolution Came.

It was a few moments after 4 p. m., while President McKinley was holding a public reception in the great Temple of Music on the Pan-American grounds, that the cowardly attack was made, with what success time alone can tell.

Standing in the midst of crowds numbering thousands, surrounded by every evidence of good will, pressed by a motley throng of people, showered with expressions of love and loyalty, besieged by the assassin eager to clasp his hands amid these surroundings and with the ever-recurring plaudits of any army of eighteenth century in his ears, the blow of the assassin fell and in an instant pleasure gave way to pain, admiration to agony, fully turned to fury and pandemonium followed.

Tonight a surging, awing, eager multitude throngs the city's main thoroughfares, choking the streets in front of the principal newspaper offices, scanning the bulletins with anxious eyes and groaning and cheering in turn at each succeeding announcement as the nature of the message winks or booms their lips.

Prisoner's Lips Sealed.

Down at police headquarters, surrounded by stern-faced inquirers of the law, is a medium-sized man of commonplace appearance, with his fixed gaze directed to the floor, who presses his lips firmly together and listens with an air of assumed indifference to the persistent stream of questions, arguments, objections and admonitions with which his captors seek to induce or compel him to talk.

It was just after the daily organ re-

Official Bulletin

BUFFALO, Sept. 6.—Secretary Cortelyou tonight gave out the following statement:

The following bulletin was issued by the physicians at 7 o'clock:

The president was shot about 4 o'clock. One bullet struck him on the upper portion of the breastbone, glancing and not penetrating; the second bullet penetrated the abdomen five inches below the left nipple and one and one-half inches to the left of the median line.

The abdomen was opened through the line of the bullet wound. It was found that the bullet had penetrated the stomach. The opening in the front wall of the stomach was carefully closed with silk stitches, after which a search was made for a hole in the back wall of the stomach. This was found, and also closed in the same way. The further course of the bullet could not be discovered, although careful search was made. The abdominal wound was closed without drainage. No wound to the intestines or other abdominal organs was discovered. The patient stood the operation well—pulse of good quality, rate of 130. Condition at the conclusion of the operation was gratifying. The result cannot be foretold. His condition at present justifies hope of recovery.

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, Secretary to the President.

RIXEY TELLS MRS. MCKINLEY

Family Physician Entrusted with Delicate Task—She Bears Up Bravely.

BUFFALO, Sept. 6.—Immediately the president was cared for at the exposition grounds Director General W. L. Buchanan started for the Milburn residence to forestall any information that might reach there by telephone or otherwise.

Very luckily he was first to arrive with the information. The Niagara Falls trip had tired Mrs. McKinley and on returning to the Milburn residence she took leave of her niece, the Misses Barber, and the president's niece, Miss Duncan, as well as their hostess, Mrs. Milburn, and then went to her room to rest.

Mr. Buchanan broke the news to the niece as easily as he could, and it was thought best to await Mrs. McKinley's awakening, or shortly after, before Mr. Buchanan should break the news to her, if in the meantime her physician, Dr. Rixey, had not arrived.

Wonders at His Absence.

Mrs. McKinley awoke from her sleep at about 5:30. She was feeling splendidly, she said, and at once took up her crocheting, which, as is well known, is one of her favorite diversions. Immediately on Mr. Buchanan's arrival at the Milburn home he had telephonic communication therewith cut off, for there had been several calls, and he decided on this as the wisest course to pursue, lest Mrs. McKinley, hearing the continued ringing of the telephone bell, might inquire what it meant.

While the light of day continued Mrs. McKinley continued with her crocheting, when it became dusk and the president did not arrive she began to feel anxious concerning him.

"I wonder why he does not come," asked one of her nieces. There was no clock in Mrs. McKinley's room and when it was 7 o'clock she had no idea it was so late, and this is when she began to feel anxious concerning her husband, for he was due to return to Mr. Milburn's house about 6 o'clock.

At 7 o'clock Dr. Rixey arrived at the Milburn residence. He had been driven hurriedly down Delaware avenue in an open carriage. As he came up Mr. Buchanan was out on the lawn conversing with a reporter.

"Do you know," said Mr. Buchanan, "I had a sort of premonition? Since early morning I had been extremely nervous and feared that something might go wrong. Our trip to the Falls was uneventful, but what an awful ending to our day!"

Dr. Rixey Breaks the News.

At 7:20 Dr. Rixey came out of the house, accompanied by Colonel Webb Hayes, son of former President Hayes, who is a friend of President McKinley. They entered a carriage and returned to the exposition grounds. After Dr. Rixey had gone Director General Buchanan said that the doctor had broken the news in a most gentle manner to Mrs. McKinley. He said she had stood it bravely, though considerably affected. If it were possible to bring him to her she would like to see him.

Dr. Rixey assured her that the president could be brought with safety to the home. These included members of the diplomatic corps. Later, some time after the president had been brought into the house, Governor B. R. Odell and his private secretary, James Graham, who were in Lockport when they heard the news, called.



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WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

OMAHA PEOPLE BOW IN GRIEF

Announcement of Attack on President McKinley is a Severe Shock.

BEE IS FIRST TO TELL OF THE TRAGEDY

Business is Practically Suspended While an Anxious Public clamors for Latest Information—Devotion to President.

No happening in the last quarter century has created a more profound sensation in Omaha than the news of the attack on President McKinley.

It was a shock so severe as to extend to all—even the children talked of it in subdued tones and seemed to feel the pall that dropped about the town and country.

Men of affairs were incredulous at first. "It cannot be so," they exclaimed. A great crowd gathered around The Bee office clamoring for confirmation. When the doctors indicated hope of the president's recovery. The mere fact that President McKinley had been the target for an assassin was enough to arouse the patriotic spirit of all Omahans.

Omaha Opinion of the Crime.

Omaha citizens, regardless of party affiliation, deplore the tragedy which marred the president's visit to the Pan-American exposition. Some of the expressions picked up at random are as follows:

Senator J. H. Millard—The report has pained me greatly. Mr. McKinley is certainly the last man whom I would have expected to have been shot. He is a most lovable man. If there is any way in which such crimes could be prevented I would be in favor of adopting it. The secret service of the government should be strengthened and its members so numerous that they would run down all members of anarchist societies. I have no sympathy with anarchy and do not believe that there is any place in America for it. We cannot suffer anything that hints at anarchy to exist in this country.

Calamity Beyond Measure.

Edward Rosewater—It is a awful shock. The republic will survive, of course, and the government will live on, but the extent of the calamity can hardly be measured. This is the third time within my memory that a president has been assassinated and this is the greatest shock of all because it comes more unexpectedly. Right now when the country is at the height of a prosperous reign, it is indeed surprising that any one should conceive the idea of removing the president.

Outcome of Unbridled License.

General C. F. Manderson—What can any man say? We have fallen under the rule of the tramp and the anarchist. This is the logical result of the constant attacks upon the powers that be, as a result of the words of a certain press and the ravings of demagogues. Any man who imagines that he has a grievance thinks he has a right to attack the president, congress and the supreme court. It is simply dreadful and I hope that later reports will prove the first ones false. There never was a man in the executive office with greater kindness of heart than William McKinley, or one who had a greater desire to benefit the country and especially the people of the country. In every relation of life he was a model. He carried the country through a very trying time with a degree of wisdom and forbearance that excited the admiration and respect of the whole world. Lincoln's death was an incident of war and while a most horrible tragedy that shocked the whole world it was not surprising that it should have occurred. Garfield died from the bullet of an insane man. But I cannot imagine any reason or excuse in the mind of anybody for McKinley's assassination. I have known him since boyhood and our acquaintance while we lived together at Canton was of the most intimate and closest character. I afterwards served with him in congress and in the last five years since he has become president I have been with him frequently. A more amiable and lovable man I have never known. In the

Wild Clamor for Information.

Every telephone in the Bee establishment was kept in constant operation from a short while after 4 o'clock until early this morning.

On the retail thoroughfares, even busy Sixteenth street, salesmen and saleswomen left customers unattended while they pressed forward to inquire for the very latest developments.

On the streets there was wild anxiety. The brawny workman, in overalls and soot-begrimed face, vied with the astute man of affairs in seeking information. It was a striking example of the devotion of the masses to the chief executive of the nation—a pretty tribute to McKinley, the man, as well as to McKinley, the president.

Business throughout the city was practically suspended. Men who under ordinary circumstances are calm as stones rushed hither and thither discussing the news.

Bee is First with News.

At exactly one minute after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a score or more newsboys dashed out of the alley from The Bee press room carrying an extra edition announcing that President McKinley had been shot. A moment later the boys had scattered to Farnam street and other prominent thoroughfares.

This is how Omaha received first news of the national tragedy.

Seven minutes later came the World-Herald with abridged bulletins.

Still twenty minutes further along, the Daily News reached the streets with a hurriedly written rehash.

A few minutes after the first extra had been circulated on the streets, The Bee issued another, giving more complete details of the calamity, which has spread consternation throughout the country. This was followed by still another edition with further particulars.

Every minute between 6 and 8 o'clock

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Showers and Much Cooler Saturday; Sunday Fair, with Rising Temperature; Winds Becoming Northwesterly.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg.

domestic relation he was a model, exercising a care for an invalid wife most exceptional in his delicacy and care-taking. The loss to the country and to the world at large is beyond measure and expression. Far better had government by injunction or even government by strong military power than government by assassination resulting from the teaching of the socialists and the anarchists. But why talk of this; language will not express the feelings.

Blow at the Republic.

Mayor Frank E. Moore—This is one of the saddest blows which ever befell the republic. President McKinley's life has been similar to that of President Lincoln. He brought the nation safely through one of the greatest crises in history and is now shot down at a time when peace and happiness have crowned his efforts. No man ever fought more heroically for his country than Major McKinley. His life has been given almost entirely to the advancement of the republic. While the president is lying at the point of death it is comforting to think that such a capable man was elected to the vice presidency. Americans admire and respect Mr. Roosevelt. They have complete confidence in him. It is hard to believe that there is a man in America who would care to end the life of such a noble man as President McKinley. He is above reproach, the idol of the American people.

Beyond Excuse of Reason.

General John C. Cowin—I am at a loss to understand what excuse any man could have for making an attempt upon the life of President McKinley. It is impossible to conceive of a man of mere spotless character. Such a man cannot have personal enemies. The shooting must have been the work of a person or persons who had carefully laid plans to kill the president. Whether the work of a sane or an insane man it certainly must have been premeditated. The death of President McKinley would rob the United States of one of the noblest men who ever lived. He is as nearly perfect as it is possible for a man to be.

Deed of a Wicked Heart.

Judge Ben S. Baker—Mr. McKinley will go down in history as the greatest and best man who ever occupied the presidential chair. His career is different from that of Lincoln, but none the less great and none the less important to our nation. His would-be assassin cannot emanate from any class or faction in our nation. The deed must come from a wicked heart and a crazed brain, more or less stimulated by the agitators. It is a shocking thing and means much to the nation. The only man at the head of the government in case of the death of President McKinley. The country will have the utmost confidence in the ability of Theodore Roosevelt to take up the reins of government and the nation's interests will not be disturbed.

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ROOSEVELT AT HELM

Under the Constitutional Duties of President Devolve Upon Him.

DISABILITY CLAUSE MAKES COURSE CLEAR

Cabinet Officials Hurry to Buffalo for Special Council.

WASHINGTON RECEIVES NEWS WITH AWE

Frayful Anticipation that President May Survive.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IF DEATH RESULTS

Public Affairs Would Probably Require an Emergency Session of the Senate—Surgery's Strides Give Much Hope.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Steps are being taken to provide for the future of the executive branch of the government. It is realized that even under the most favorable conditions the president's injuries are of such a character as to make it almost certain that he cannot undertake for a long time to discharge the duties of chief executive even in the most formal way.

Every member of the cabinet able to travel is expected to speed at once to Buffalo and there a cabinet council will be held to decide upon the course to be followed by the executive branch.

Vice President Roosevelt is said to be in Vermont, this being the information furnished by his relatives here, and of course will hold himself in readiness to do whatever is necessary and to meet the obligations imposed upon the vice president by the constitution of the United States. These are contained in paragraph 6, section 1, article II, in the following words:

Constitutional Clause.

6. In case of the removal of the president from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the vice president, etc.

Under the terms of this article as soon as Mr. Roosevelt is assured by proper authority, probably in this case by the senior member of the cabinet, Secretary Hay, who will doubtless be in Buffalo by tomorrow evening, he will undertake at once in a provisional way to discharge such duties as may devolve upon him.

Much will depend upon the character of the president's injuries and to the extent to which Mr. Roosevelt will discharge the presidential duties, if he undertakes them at all, and it is almost certain that in the absence of great emergency in public affairs, even if called to assume these obligations, the vice president will confine himself in the exercise of his powers to the discharge of the most routine and indispensable functions.

Reluctant to Think of It.

For the present the thought of a fatal termination of the president's condition is referred to with awe-like apprehension, and there is a hopeful, even prayerful anticipation that there may be no need for meeting those grave emergencies which would follow a fatal termination of the tragic event. Should the worst come, however, it is realized that important changes in the public affairs of the country would be brought about.

In case of the president's death an extra session of both houses must be called under the law.

All this has been thought of here only in the vaguest manner and the opinion is almost universal here, based on the president's excellent physical condition and the tremendous strides that have been made since Garfield's time in surgery, that there will be no occasion to resort to the constitutional provisions made to meet the demise of a president in office.

WASHINGTON DOUBTS AT FIRST

Gloom Settles Over City When News of Shooting is Definitely Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The news of the shooting of President McKinley, which reached Washington first through the medium of the Associated Press late this afternoon, caused a tremendous sensation. So frequent have been the rumors of this sort, often put about in recent years for stock jobbing purposes, that the general disposition at first was to withhold full acceptance of the story, but when it was confirmed a feeling of deep gloom and profound sorrow spread over the city, for Mr. McKinley's delightful personality had endeared him to the citizens of Washington, apart from the official class, in a degree that rarely has been equaled. It was some time before the full force of the blow was appreciated, the people were stunned, and they could not respond at once and fully comprehend the extent of the great disaster that had fallen upon the country and themselves.

At the Bulletin Boards.

Then the newspapers began to appear, the crowds of people began to gather from all parts of the city around the newspaper bulletin boards.

The telephone system of the city was simply paralyzed for a time and so many were crowding into the newspaper offices and around the bulletin boards that it was totally impracticable to get any details of the shooting that the operators were overwhelmed.

A reporter for the Associated Press carried to the White House the first bulletin announcing the shooting of the president. The executive mansion was reached about 4:25 p. m. and at that time all its few inmates were in total ignorance of the tragedy in which their chief had just played so serious a part. A policeman passed up and down under the portico as usual, but his serene countenance indicated that he was totally ignorant of the affair. Inside there were few to receive the news, the most prominent personage there being a telegraph operator, Assistant Secretary Pruden, who has been in charge of the White House, having left his office for the day, as had his subordinate.

The telegraph operator, the watchman, the policeman and the faithful colored servant, "Uncle Jerry," were the only persons who remained.

They received with great satisfaction