

## THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH

Nation's Beloved Chief Expired at 2.15 A. M. Saturday.

"IT IS GOD'S WAY," HE SAID

Dying Man's Face Lighted Up With Smile As His Wife Clapsed His Hand—She Bore the Ordeal Bravely, Despite Physical Weakness.

Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 14.—President McKinley died at 2.15 a. m. He had been unconscious since 7.59 p. m. His last conscious hour on earth was spent with the wife to whom he devoted a life time of care. He died unattended by a minister of the gospel, but his last words were an humble submission to the will of the God in whom he believed. He was reconciled to the cruel fate to which an assassin's bullet had condemned him, and faced death in the same spirit of calmness and poise which has marked his long and honorable career. His last conscious words, reduced to writing by Dr. Mann, who stood at his bedside when they were uttered, were as follows:

"Goodbye. All goodbye. It is God's way. His will be done, not ours."

Before 6 o'clock last evening it was clear to those at the President's bedside that he was dying, and preparations were made for the last sad offices of farewell from those who were nearest and dearest to him. Oxygen



SECRETARY ROOT AT THE MILBURN HOUSE.

had been administered steadily, but with little effect in keeping back the approach of death. The President came out of one period of unconsciousness only to relapse into another. But in this period, when his mind was partially clear, occurred a series of events of profoundly touching character. Down stairs, with strained and tear-stained faces, members of the cabinet were grouped in anxious waiting. They knew that the end was near, and that the time had come when they must see him for the last time on earth. This was about 6 o'clock. One by one they ascended the stairway—Secretary Root, Secretary Hitchcock and Attorney General Knox. Secretary Wilson also was there, but he held back, not wishing to see the President in his last agony. There was only a momentary stay of the cabinet officers at the threshold of the death chamber. Then they withdrew, the tears streaming down their faces and the words of intense grief choking in their throats.

After they left the sick room the physicians rallied the President to consciousness, and he asked almost immediately that his wife be brought to him. The doctors fell back into the shadows of the room as Mrs. McKinley came through the doorway. The strong face of the dying man lighted up with a faint smile as their hands were clasped. She sat beside him and he held his hand. Despite her physical weakness she bore up bravely under the ordeal.

Then his mind began to wander, and soon afterward he completely lost consciousness. His life was prolonged for hours by the administration of oxygen, and the President finally expressed a desire to be allowed to die. About 8.30 the administration of oxygen ceased, and the pulse grew fainter and fainter. He was sinking gradually like a child into the eternal slumber. By 10 o'clock the pulse could no longer be felt in his extremities, and they grew cold. Below stairs the grief-stricken gathering waited sadly for the end.

Secretary Root and Secretary Wilson came from the house about midnight and paced up and down the sidewalk. All that Secretary Root said was: "The night has not come yet."

Despite the fact that vitality continued to ebb as midnight approached no efforts were spared to keep the spark of life glowing. Dr. Janeway, of New York city, arrived at the Buffalo depot at 11.40 o'clock. George Urban was waiting for him, and they drove at a breakneck pace to the Milburn house. He was shown to the President's room at once, and began an examination of the almost inanimate form.

Secretary of the Navy Long arrived at the Milburn house at 12.06 o'clock. This was his first visit to the city, and he had the extreme satisfaction of seeing the President alive, even though he was not conscious of his visitor's presence. Secretary Long was visibly affected.

Vice President Roosevelt had been notified early in the day of the critical state of affairs. There was no longer a doubt that in the approaching death of the President a complete change in the executive administration of the government would ensue. When Mr. Roosevelt would take the oath of office was wholly a matter of conjecture. President Arthur took the oath at

2 a. m. after the death of Garfield and in that case Justice Brady, of New York, administered the oath. There is no requirement that the oath shall be administered by a justice of the United States supreme court, although that procedure is adopted when circumstances permit.

Without unseemly haste the members of the cabinet will tender their resignation and the new president will then be free to initiate his own policy and choose his own cabinet.

Shortly after midnight the President's breathing was barely perceptible. His pulse had practically ceased and the extremities were cold. It was recognized that nothing remained but the last struggle, and some of the friends of the family who had remained through the day, began to leave the house, not caring to be present at the final scene.

### ROOSEVELT'S QUIET DAY

President Only Went Out to Attend the Funeral.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—President Roosevelt passed a very quiet Sunday at the Wilcox house, only going out to attend the funeral of the late President. His secretary, Mr. Loebe and his assistants were, however, kept busy opening telegrams and mail and classifying them. Piled up on the oak table in the sitting room of the house were at least 600 telegrams and letters, all of them expressing regret at the sad occurrence to the late President and assurances of confidence and support to the new President.

The only announcement the President had to make was that Mr. Cortelyou, the secretary of President McKinley, would for the present act in that capacity for him because of his knowledge of the condition of affairs. Mr. Cortelyou confirmed this statement.

In the early part of the evening the cabinet met at supper. About the board, in addition to the President, were Secretaries Long, Wilson and Hitchcock, Postmaster General Smith and John G. Milburn. Here, too, political discussion was avoided entirely, but after supper, the President had a long discussion with the cabinet officers on the present situation of governmental affairs.

### CZOLGOSZ DOES NOT KNOW

Assassin in Jail Still Unaware of the President's Fate.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—The assassin Czolgosz does not yet know that President McKinley is dead, and will probably 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 arrangement will take place in the court and will be very soon, the exact time depending on the time of the returning of the indictment. No further effort was made by the officers yesterday to talk with Czolgosz, nor was the theory or poisoned bullets taken up by the police. They feel confident that when the bullets remaining in the revolver are chemically examined, as they undoubtedly will be, no poison will be found on them. As to Emma Goldman, the situation stands unchanged, the police holding that there is not sufficient evidence on which to ask for her extradition.

### DETROIT'S STRONG WORDS

Congress Dare Not Adjourn Without Passing Anti-Anarchistic Laws.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 16.—Nearly 2,000 people gathered yesterday in a public mass meeting in memoriam of former President McKinley. General R. A. Alger spoke. General H. M. Duffield declared: "Congress dare not adjourn without passing a measure which will stamp out this greatest of evils—Anarchism." When Alfred Russell, a leader of the local bar, asked what shall be done with Anarchists, there were cries from the audience of "Kill them," "Burn them."

Favorite Hymn Sung in New York.

New York, Sept. 16.—Naturally, the theme of all the sermons preached in New York and its suburbs yesterday was the lamentable death of the President. With practical unanimity those in charge of the services had the congregations sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," as a still further tribute to Mr. McKinley.

Cleveland Eulogized Dead President.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 16.—Tributes were paid to the life of President McKinley in Cleveland yesterday by representatives of every religion. Ministers of the gospel joined in eulogizing William McKinley as the man, Major McKinley as the soldier, and President McKinley as the statesman.

### Last Words Baltimore's Theme.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 16.—Eloquent tributes were paid to President McKinley by the pastors of the churches in this city and throughout the state yesterday. The President's last words were the theme of the sermons.

### Schley Inquiry Postponed.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Admiral Dewey has recalled the notice sent out by him for the meeting today of the Schley court of inquiry. The court may resume its sessions Friday or Saturday of next week.

### Steel Strike's End Unsatisfactory.

Pittsburg, Sept. 16.—Matters pertaining to the settlement of the steel strike are in a very unsatisfactory state. While the telegraphic no ice was sent out Saturday night by Secretary Williams to all vice presidents declaring the strike at an end, it cannot be learned definitely that the official order has been issued by President Shaffer. Some of the local strikers declare that they have had no such notice, and many of them say they will not return to work, order or no order, unless they are recognized as union men.

## FUNERAL AT CAPITOL

President's Body Lies In State at Washington on Tuesday.

SERVICES IN CAPITOL'S ROTUNDA

Remains Will Leave For Canton On Tuesday Evening, at Mrs. McKinley's Request—Public Will Have Little Chance to View Dead Chieftain.

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 on 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 on 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 on Tuesday evening. The funeral train will leave Washington at or about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, and thus will arrive at Canton during the day on Wednesday.

"JOHN HAY,

"Secretary of State.

"ELIHU ROOT,

"Secretary of War.

"JOHN D. LONG,

"Secretary of the Navy."

The heads of the various departments and their principal assistants were busy yesterday making arrangements for the proper execution of so much of the funeral program as fell to them respectively. Secretary Hay came to his desk early in the morning and remained throughout the day. Though it was Sunday, cablegrams of condolence were still coming to the department of state from all parts of the world.

The special guard of honor to represent the navy at the funeral ceremonies will comprise the following officers of high rank: Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Crowninshield, Rear Admiral O'Neill, Paymaster General Remy and Brigadier General Heywood, of the Marine Corps.

While General Brooke will be in general charge of military arrangements here, General Francis S. Guenther will be in command of the military contingent in the procession. Colonel Samuel Reber, son-in-law to General Miles, has been detailed to meet Mrs. McKinley and look specially after her comfort, while Colonel Henry E. Whitney, of General Miles' staff, has been designated to perform a similar service for President Roosevelt.

At the capitol Sergeant-at-arms Randall directed the preparation of the rotunda for the funeral service. The space in even this vast structure is entirely insufficient to meet the demand for the admission of more than a fraction of the persons who think they should be admitted to the services on next Tuesday. The public will be excluded, as the accommodations will not suffice for the officials who must be present. The diplomatic corps alone will occupy about 200 places if all the invitations sent out are accepted, and in addition there will be the United States senate, the Uni-



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ted States supreme court, the house of representatives and a large number of officials, army and navy, and civilians. Every army and navy officer in Washington having been ordered to attend the funeral service they alone would consume a large portion of this seating space. The general public will have an opportunity to view the remains of the late President while the body lies in state before the funeral service.

The sergeant-at-arms has had the catafalque which supported the remains of Lincoln, Garfield and other statesmen brought out of the crypt in which it reposed so long, and has turned it over to the funeral directors, who will have the undertaking in charge. The catafalque is to be freshly covered with new black cloth. The hearse used in the parade will be drawn by six black steeds draped with black setting and a groom in black wearing a high hat will ride beside each horse. Theasket, it is probable, will not be opened at all while in the White House. In the capitol the statues in statuary hall will be draped with the American flags but there will be no draping in the building, with the exception of the walls of the rotunda.

### THE PLAIN RED TAPE OF IT

Buffalo's Coroner Issues Certificate of Death of Late President.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—The coroner of Erie county yesterday issued the following certificate of death of the late President:

"I hereby certify that William McKinley died on the 14th day of September, 1901, about 2.15 o'clock a. m., and that to my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as here underwritten:

"Cause—Gangrene of both walls of stomach and pancreas, following gunshot wound.

"Age—58 years, 7 months, 15 days.

"Color—White.

"Single, married, etc.—Married.

"Occupation—President of the United States.

"Birthplace—Niles, Ohio.

"Father's name—William McKinley.

"Father's birthplace—Pennsylvania, U. S.

"Mother's name—Nancy McKinley.

"Mother's birthplace—Ohio, U. S.

"Place of death—1168 Delaware avenue.

"Last previous residence—Washington, D. C.

"H. R. Caylor, M. D.; H. Z. Matzinger, M. D.; James E. Wilson, coroner."

### THE WORLD-WIDE SORROW

London Newspapers Give Expression of Great Britain's Feelings.

London, Sept. 16.—It would be almost impossible to record in detail the remarkable outburst of sympathy in Great Britain and her colonies over the death of President McKinley.

Funeral marches were played in every church in the kingdom. There was a painful scene in St. David's Church, Merthyr-Tydvil. The vicar, Rev. Mr. Wykes, while referring to the death of Mr. McKinley, swooned. He was carried home ill.

The Daily Chronicle, discussing the world-wide sympathy displayed, says: "This sympathy is intensified by a full realization of the calamity, until we are almost inclined to say that there is no precedent for such a display of emotion and fellow-feeling on these particular lines. It is not impossible that the assassination of Mr. McKinley will advance that 'international comity of governments' to which some political students look as the keynote of future peace and harmony."

The Morning Post says: "It is not too much to assert that all nations mourn by the bier in Buffalo. The American people have been robbed by an assassin of one of the greatest leaders the republic ever produced."

The Standard comments upon "the irony of circumstances that have brought the man supposed to be relegated to obscurity by the vote of the Philadelphia convention into the presidential chair." It compares Mr. Roosevelt to the Presidents of the earlier history of the republic, suggesting that his place in the annals of the United States is likely to be by the side of Madison, Jefferson and Adams.

### Newark, N. J., Takes Action.

New York, Sept. 16.—Charged with making Anarchistic harangues, the police of Newark, N. J., arrested last night Victor Gasscoe and August Britton. Gasscoe will also be charged with assault and battery. In his harangue to the crowd he mentioned the name of the murdered President in a manner which caused Mrs. John Solosky to cry "Shame." Gasscoe struck her in the face. Later, when he proposed the health of Czolgosz, the woman reproached him, and he struck her again.

### Actor Hackett's Noble Stand.

New York, Sept. 16.—On the announcement of the death of President McKinley, Mr. James K. Hackett, who is playing a very successful engagement at Wallack's theatre, closed the house, refusing to appear although the pressure of rival performances were very strong and his house practically sold out. Weber and Fields followed his example. Last night Mr. Hackett made the announcement that he would not resume until after the funeral.

### Five Arrests in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Five men were arrested in Fairmount Park yesterday, charged with conspiring against the laws of the country by attempting to hold alleged Anarchistic meetings. At first they denied that there was to be any meeting, but when they were confronted by a postal card, signed by one of them, calling for a meeting in the park, they claimed that the gathering was not to be of an Anarchistic nature.

### Czeizom's Trial in Fifteen Days.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—Governor Odell announced yesterday that he had decided to call a special term of the supreme court to try the murderer of President McKinley because he believed that haste was not necessary. He said that the district attorney had assured him that the grand jury would indict the case be on trial in 15 days.

### This Anarchist Severely Whipped.

Martinsville, Ind., Sept. 16.—Joseph Pelfeer, an Anarchist of this city, who was knocked down by a bystander a week ago when he said he was glad President McKinley was shot, was visited by a party of unknown men last night, taken to a grove near town and stripped, tied to a tree and severely whipped.

### Assassin's Father Heartbroken.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 16.—The father of the assassin of President McKinley has not slept or eaten anything since Saturday morning. Since the death of the President he has become moody and has lost his appetite. A younger brother of the assassin says that his father is heartbroken as a consequence of the death of the President.

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