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THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

How the Scene Appeared to a Newspaper Reporter Who Saw the Shooting.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8.—A newspaper reporter who stood just behind the President when the shooting occurred gave one of the clearest accounts related so far. He said:

"I stood ten feet from the President and saw Czolgosz approach him. The latter had his right hand drawn up close to his breast and a white linen handkerchief wrapped about it bore the appearance of a bandage. He extended his left hand, and I am quite sure the President thought he was injured, for he leaned forward and looked at him in a sympathetic way. When directly in front of the President Czolgosz drew his right hand forward and fired. I saw the flash and smoke, followed by the report, and then heard the second shot. Instantly John Parker, the colored man, and Secret Agent Foster were upon Czolgosz, and they bore him to the floor. Czolgosz, lying prostrate, still retained a hold on his revolver, and seemed to be trying to get his arm free to fire again.

"The President did not fall. He raised his right hand and felt of his breast, and seemed to be maintaining his upright position only by a wonderful effort. I am sure he did not speak at the moment. He gazed fixedly at his assailant with a look which I cannot describe, but which I shall never forget, and in a moment reeled back into the arms of Secretary Cortelyou. Czolgosz's revolver had by that time been knocked from his hand, and some one had picked up the burning handkerchief which lay at his feet. Czolgosz was picked up, forced back and again knocked down.

"Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn supported the President and led him to a chair. I heard him ask that the news be kept from his wife, and a moment later, when Secretary Cortelyou asked him if he felt much pain he said: 'This would hurt very much.' He seemed to be fairly easy as he rested in the chair, and some of the fading color came back to his face. He reached his right hand inside of his shirt, and when he withdrew it his fingers were tipped with blood. He paled again at the sight of the blood, and I think he fainted.

"Senator Azpiz, the Mexican Minister, broke through the crowd, and, rushing up to the President, cried: 'My God, Mr. President, are you shot?' The Minister seemed about to throw himself at the feet of the President, but was restrained. The President's answer came very slowly, and in a halting, subdued voice. He said: 'Yes, I believe I am.' The President was attracted by the scuffle of the officers who were dragging the would-be murderer away, but he did not speak. His hand rested on the arm of Mr. Milburn and he seemed only partly conscious. His countenance was superb, and while he was conscious he was the master of the pain which he suffered. When the ambulance came and a stretcher was brought in he started forward and partially regained his feet unassisted. I heard not a word from the assailant of the President. He was struck down the moment he fired the second shot, and if he did speak it was probably in exclamation at the very rough treatment he was receiving."

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Mr. McKinley smiled, bowed and extended his hand in that spirit of geniality the American people so well know when suddenly the sharp crack of a revolver rang out loud and clear above the hum of voices, the shuffling of myriad feet and vibrating waves of applause that ever and anon swept here and there over the assemblage.

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PRESIDENT SHOT!

A Victim of an Anarchist at Buffalo.

WILL RECOVER

Two Bullets Extracted. Anarchist Boasts of His Crime. The Exposition is Closed. Mrs. McKinley Told.

Special to Journal.

BUFFALO, September 6.—President McKinley was shot this afternoon at the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition. Two wounds were inflicted, one bullet took effect in the abdomen, the other made a flesh wound in the shoulder.

It was at first reported that the would-be assassin was an insane man but later it appeared that he was an anarchist named Fred Nieman. The man was in the line that passed the President and shot him twice as he reached out his hand to shake. The time the attack was made was at 4:35 P. M.

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operating table and subjected to an anesthetic.

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 injury to the intestines or other abdominal organ was discovered.

BUFFALO, Sept. 6.—Leon Czolgosz, the would-be assassin, has signed a confession covering six pages of foolscap, which states that he is an anarchist and that he became an enthusiastic member of that body through the influence of Emma Goldman, whose writings he had read and whose lectures he had listened to. He denies having any confederate and says he decided on the act three days ago and bought the revolver with which the act was committed in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 7.—The President continued to rest easily throughout most of the day. The only fear, outside of his steadily rising temperature, was the possibility of blood poisoning.

The doctors gave various encouraging reports during the day. One doctor said the result of the President's wound would be known within 24 hours, as within that period indications of blood poisoning or peritonitis, which is most feared, might appear. If not the present chances of recovery would be excellent. The rise in temperature was said to be due more to the medicine administered, than to the wound.

Cleveland, O., September 7.—The 'Pittsburgher' says, 'Den Hanna, son of Senator Hanna, has just received a dispatch from his father, who is at Buffalo, stating that the President is worse and cannot live.'

BUFFALO, Sept. 7.—In an interview today the assassin expressed regret that he had not killed the President where he stood, and hoped he would die before morning.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The Journal has issued a bulletin at 8:05 p. m. quoting Dr. Parkes as saying the President would hardly live through the night.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

Cheering Announcement Regarding The President From The Physicians.

The Chief Executive Rests Easy and Cheerful. All Conditions Favorable. Czolgosz Makes Confession.

Special to Journal.

BUFFALO, Sept. 9.—The President has shown continued improvement during the day. He has been comfortable, without pain or unfavorable symptoms. His bowels, kidneys and functions were normal. Pulse 118, temperature 101, respiration 36.

So much improved was the President, that Mrs. McKinley again visited him and conversed several minutes.

When Senator Hanna heard of this he said, 'The next thing, he will be asking for a cigar.'

After a consultation with all the physicians late this afternoon, Dr. Parkes made the announcement, 'The President will get well.'

BUFFALO, Sept. 9.—Czolgosz has confessed to the Superintendent of Police that a week before the shooting of the President he attended a meeting of anarchists, where it was proposed to assassinate President McKinley.

After discussion I agreed to do the shooting.

Czolgosz further said he met a woman here a week ago, believed to be Emma Goldman.

'I had a male accomplice,' said Czolgosz, 'sixth or seventh in the line ahead of me, with a white handkerchief

held over his hand the same as mine, to see if the guard would let him pass. The guard allowed this man to go, and paid no attention to me when I approached the President, and fired.'

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Providence seems to have intervened, and as a result the hope of saving President McKinley's life is brighter late tonight than at any other time since he was shot.

The change in the weather from Saturday to Sunday has been remarkable, and its benefit upon the sufferer has greatly gratified his physicians and friends. The atmosphere is now like that in the Adirondacks. The sky has been clear and the sun was warm during the daylight hours, but a cool and refreshing breeze has tempered the atmosphere, making the day ideal so far as its effects upon the President are concerned.

In consequence of this where there was gloom there is now unexpressed joy. Confidence has replaced depression. Everywhere and by everybody here the opinion is expressed that President McKinley will recover. During the last 24 hours his improvement has been steady. It would be incorrect to say that danger has passed, but every moment gained brings him that much nearer to recovery.

Early bulletins on Sunday announced that the President had passed a restful night and was in little pain. His temperature began to fall, and though the physicians watched carefully there was no indication of the approach of a dangerous fever.

Early in the forenoon the President fell into a light sleep, from which he did not arouse for more than two hours. Again in the afternoon he slept, and at each awakening he showed evidences of increased strength.

Dr. Charles McBurnie, who was called from New York for consultation, was with the President twice. Once in the morning he saw him alone, and again in the afternoon when the other physicians were present. His report did more than anything else that has occurred since the President was shot to give cheer to his friends. Dr. McBurnie found not a single unfavorable symptom. He said that of necessity a wound such as that inflicted by Czolgosz is of grave danger in its consequences, and he declared that it would be folly to attempt to pass a final opinion concerning the outcome of the case.

He dwelt at length upon the favorable fact that the sufferer has not yet exhibited any symptoms of pneumonia. It could not be thus said if there was any considerable inflammation of the stomach. Other favorable conditions led Dr. McBurnie to believe that there would be no peritonitis.

Thus far the bullet which is still in the body gives the physicians no anxiety. But if the slightest inflammation appears in the region of the lead it will be extracted. No difficulty is anticipated in this regard. One of Edison's best X ray machines and his most skillful and trusted operator, Dr. H. A. Knella, have arrived. The batteries are charged and the X machine ready for instant use. With it the physicians say there is not the slightest doubt that the ball can be located perfectly for an operation.

They do not deem it advisable to say any of the President's strength at this time. All his reserve force is needed now to resist the danger of peritonitis and septic poisoning. Besides, if inflammation does not set in around the bullet it will soon become encysted.

Today also for the first time since the shooting nourishment was administered to the President. It was in liquor form and was injected hypodermically to avoid the possibility of irritating the walls of the stomach.

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NO ANARCHISTS HERE.

So Says Governor Aycock. State Charities. Prayers For President. Taxation Under New Revenue Act.

RALEIGH, N. C., September 9.—The State chartered the National Marble Company, of Murphy, Cherokee county capital \$500,000; stockholders T. M. Brady of Canton, Ga., 1726 shares, A. S. Emerson of Murphy 864 shares, and John H. Dillard of Murphy 10 shares.

Collector Duncan announces the seizure of the Cypress Distillery Company's plant at Wilmington on account of irregularities.

'At all the churches here there were special prayers for the President's recovery, and at several the pastors referred to the necessity of getting rid of anarchists. At the Soldiers' Home in the afternoon Auditor Dixon prayed for the President most fervently.

Governor Aycock issued extradition warrant to day for William Ray, a white man wanted by Governor McMillan of Tennessee, for murder in Greene county, that State.

It will probably be ten days before the Corporation Commission decides whether its order reducing freight and passenger rates on branch lines of the Southern and Seaboard Air Line is to stand.

Corporation commissioner Abbott is now on a trip to various counties to confer with the authorities in regard to taxation under the new revenue act. He was today in Orange, and will go to Alamance, Davidson, Cabarrus, Davie, Wilkes and Yadkin. Commissioner Rogers

is at Asheville, to attend the meeting tomorrow of the railway commission of the Southern States.

Mrs. Aycock has returned from the Springs to join her husband, who will return here Thursday.

The vital statistics reported for the week ending August 31, 1901, show that there were only 20 deaths in the county, 12 were of children and a great many of them were of white adults, both of whom, in one case, one woman of 50, who had a high fever case was reported to have died of scarlet fever.

Gov. Aycock in reply to an inquiry as to the proper thing to do with the anarchists said: 'We have no anarchists in North Carolina, for which I am profoundly thankful. I am distinctly in favor of any reasonable and constitutional legislative enactment which will make or lend to make impossible a recurrence of the awful crime recently committed against the nation.'

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RALEIGH.

Rex Hospital Appropriation Reduced Through Spite.

A & M College Cadets Escort Remains Mrs. Carroll. Book Agents are Peddlers. Pension Items. Charters. Transportation Needed.

RALEIGH, Sept. 7.—The cadet battalion of the Agricultural and Mechanical College this morning marched into the city and to the union station as an escort to the remains of Mrs. S. C. Carroll, the beloved matron at the college, who died suddenly last night. The faculty and ex-students were also in the procession. The remains were taken to Magnolia for burial, accompanied by an escort of faculty and students.

This city has annually appropriated \$2000 to the Rex Hospital. It last night reduced this to \$1200 and gave the \$800 to the Hanes memorial library. There is sharp comment on the reduction of the appropriations to the hospital. Altermen say it is because of some patients sent there by the city were not received. This friction, they say, began many months ago and was aggravated by a case last week.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young today paid into the State treasury \$28,102, as the collections for August. The July collections aggregated \$14,943. The collections since April 1, of this year, when the fiscal year began, are \$76,266. The increase over the previous fiscal year will be at least \$25,000.

The attorney General has decided that book agents are peddlers, within the intent of the law.

A. J. Devoe, weather prophet, has written the State agricultural department, offering for a consideration to predict the weather, well in advance, for six months. He sent along a sample prediction. The department turned down the offer.

The State pension board rules that applicants for pensions must show that they are three-fourths disabled. This applies to the fourth-class pensioners. It is found that many of the county boards have approved every application made and the result is that the State board has to do a great deal of weeding out. For example the county board of Burke sent up 236 applications and the State board has disapproved 100 of these. If all the applications sent in by county boards were accepted there would be literally nothing for fourth-class pensioners, so great would be the number. Some county boards pruned down the lists with considerable care. One county, Camden, sent in the applications of only one soldier and three widows, all of which are approved by the State board.

The State chartered the High Point Trunk and Bags Company, capital \$49,000. E. I. Logan and others stockholders.

A general order to the State Guard is issued today, gazetted the death of Capt. William H. Overmans of Co. A., 3d regiment, Salisbury.

Furniture manufacturers at High Point, Thomasville, Lexington and other points in this State on the Southern railway have filed complaints with the corporation commission that there is marked lack of cars to transport their products.

A general order directs all Company commanders of the State Guard to have all State property insured and the policies made payable to the quartermaster general. This is done because in two cases recently Captains secured the insurance and used it in buying fancy uniforms, etc., instead of turning it over to the State.

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