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# DETAILS OF THE DEATH SCENE

Members of the Cabinet Were Called to Bid a Last Farewell to Their Chief—Touching Scene Between the President and His Wife—By Means of Oxygen the Doomed Executive's Life Was Prolonged for Hours—Repeats the Words of Hymn "Nearer My God to Thee"—"It Is God's Way, His Will Be Done."

From Wednesday and Thursday's Daily.



THE DEAD PRESIDENT.

Buffalo, Sept. 13, via Skagway, Sept. 17.—Before 6 o'clock tonight, it was clear to those at the president's bedside that he was dying, and preparations were made for the last offices of farewell from those present. Oxygen was administered steadily but with little effect. The president came out of one period of unconsciousness only to relapse into another. But when his mind was partially clear there occurred a series of events of profoundly touching character. Down stairs with tear-stained faces the members of the cabinet were grouped in anxious waiting. They knew that the end was near and the time had come when they must see the president for the last time on earth. Then they were summoned. About 6 o'clock, one by one, they ascended the stairs; Secretaries Root and Hitchcock, and Attorney General Knox, Secretary Wilson was also there, but held back, not wishing to see the president in his last agony. There was only a momentary stay of the cabinet officials at the threshold of the death chamber, then they withdrew, tears streaming down their faces, and words of intense grief choking in their throats.

After they left the sick room the physicians rallied him to consciousness and the president asked almost immediately that his wife be brought to him. The doctors fell back into shadows of the room as Mrs. McKinley came through the doorway. The strong face of the dying man lighted up with the faintest smile and their hands clasped. She sat beside him and held his hand. Despite her physical weakness, she bore up bravely under the ordeal. The president, in his last period of consciousness, which ended about 7:40 o'clock, chanted the words of the beautiful hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," and his last audible words as taken down by Dr. Mann at

the bedside were "Good bye all; good bye. It is God's way. His will be done." Then his mind began to wander and soon afterward he completely lost consciousness. His life was prolonged for hours by the administration of oxygen.

## DEATH CAME SUDDENLY

Hope Was Held Out Almost Until the End.

Skagway, Sept. 18.—The president's death was apparently unexpected for more than a day. Newspapers of the 10th, 11th and even 12th used big heads, "President out of danger." The afternoon papers of the 12th printed bulletins that his recovery was very rapid. The president had taken much nourishment, including solid food. The first news of a sinking spell came at 2:45 on the morning of the 13th and the Associated Press was authorized to state that the president was seriously ill. Alarming bulletin after bulletin followed and early editions of the afternoon papers contained the report that the president was near death's door, with a chance for life. An extra of the Seattle P. I., issued at 10:20 contained bare details, and Vancouver News-Advertiser of the 14th brought full details.

The Humboldt came by the outside passage, not stopping at Juneau. Her half-masted flag told the story to Skagway when the vessel was far down the canal. Nearing the dock some one shouted "How is the president?" Not one of the passengers crowding the deck answered. The captain, pointing aft, said, "The flag tells it all." The news was received with profound sadness.

## WEED OUT ANARCHISTS

Is Advice of Prominent New York Statesman.

New York, Sept. 7.—Cornelius N. Bliss said last night, when he heard of the shooting of President McKinley: "Why should any creature wish to harm William McKinley? No president has been a warmer friend of the common people than he, rising from the position of a private volunteer soldier of the civil war to his present exalted position, apparently without an enemy. The dastardly attempt on his life is a shock to every American. To those who know the president personally, who have lived with him and who love him, it is an overwhelming blow. Why should any one wish him ill? The answer is that we have within our borders a tribe of foreign devils who glory in calling themselves anarchists. Their creed is to destroy all governments and all rulers, no matter whether they are good or bad."

"It is alleged that the plot to kill the late King of Italy was hatched by these pests in Paterson, N. J., and recently they held a meeting there to glorify the assassin they sent out to do his devilish work. We in the United States are so afraid of interfering with personal liberty that these anarchistic scoundrels have been allowed to live unmolested."

"Isn't it about time that the state governments should take hold of these people they shelter?"

### Visiting Magistrate.

Mr. George Taylor who has recently received the appointment of police magistrate at Whitehorse, is in the city for the purpose of taking the oath of office. After a few days' visit among friends located here, Mr. Taylor will return to his station on the upper river.

By the Australian naval force, captured in 1887, a fleet of five fast cruisers and two torpedo gunboats was equipped for service in Australian seas.

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## AMUR HIT A ROCK

A Compartment Filled But No Serious Damage Done.

Skagway, Sept. 18.—It is reported by passengers on the steamer Hating that the Amur struck a rock on her last trip south. The accident occurred in Lynn canal. Her forward compartment filled but the damage will be easily repaired. The boat is now on the dry dock at Victoria.

The Danube is also said to have struck a mud bank near Ketchikan.

### Dock Accident.

Seattle, Sept. 14, via Skagway, Sept. 18.—The White Star dock collapsed this morning on account of being over loaded with hay and cement. Four persons were on the dock at the time the accident occurred, but all escaped.

### Visit May Be Ended.

Montreal, Sept. 14, via Skagway, Sept. 18.—It is stated here that the Duke of York party may be recalled on account of President McKinley's death. In any event all gaiety in connection with the visit to Canada will be laid aside.

### Yacht Race Postponed.

New York, Sept. 14, via Skagway, Sept. 18.—The international yacht race has been postponed until next week owing to the president's death. It is possible that the races will not come off until the end of the season.

## MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Is a New Mineral Found in Nome Country.

Nome has produced everything from nuggets and law suits to hard times and bitter disappointments, and by a paper of recent issue published in the Silent City it is seen a new mineral is alleged to have just been discovered which it is presumed will yield nothing less than millions to the lucky owners. Charley creek, a tributary of Sinoek river, is the scene of the excitement, but the experts have as yet been unable to determine whether the precious stuff is cobalt or bismuth. It is said, however, that whatever it is carries gold to the extent of 25 a pound, and as it is found in a gravel deposit, the discoverer makes the estimate that he can easily shovel in enough gravel in a day to yield 60 pounds of bismuth (he calls it bismuth) and never turn a hair. The usual English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the entire creek. At last accounts there have been no injunctions begun on the creek's annual occurrence in Nome.

## IS SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Postmaster J. H. Wright of Nome Goes Wrong.

Joseph H. Wright, postmaster at Nome, has been removed from office by Inspector Chas. owing to a shortage in his cash accounts. From Wright's statement it would appear that he undoubtedly employed a method of keeping books peculiarly his own. He says he thought his cash was over \$1000 ahead, whereas at the close of business on August 17, after checking up his books he found there was a shortage of \$10,000.22. A few days later the sum of \$6000 was picked up from an unexpected source which leaves the actual shortage \$4400. Wright has executed a trust deed to his bondsmen in order to indemnify them against loss. He succeeded his brother, George N. Wright, as postmaster, who was also removed from office, the cause being on account of his personal conduct.

### Notes From Sulphur.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Rockwell of 3 below roadhouse, will shortly leave for the outside.

Joe Healy's claim goes below, both upper and lower halves, will be worked this winter.

Poor Old Whiskey, a well known mailman at one time a member of the crack team of the A. C. Co., went mad a few days ago and it was necessary to shoot him.

Genial Jim Shupard has charge of 36 roadhouse and store which property has lately passed into the hands of the N. A. T. & T. Co. All the old employees have been retained. Mr. Shupard, former owner, will soon go to the outside, his wife and daughter having gone out some time ago.

There are now five roadhouses on Sulphur and all are apparently doing good business.

## DAWSON MOURNS

With the Bereaved Nation the Loss of Her Beloved President

### GIVING EXPRESSION TO SORROW

By Largely Attended Public Meeting Where

### CONDOLENCE IS EXPRESSED

And Ordered Telegraphed to Secretary of State—Many Addresses—Memorial Services.

From Wednesday and Thursday's Daily.—The meeting held this noon by the citizens of Dawson for the purpose of framing resolutions of condolence to Mrs. McKinley and the people of the United States over the death of the president was largely attended by both American and Canadian citizens.

Mr. Justice Dugas, upon the request of U. S. Consul J. C. McCook, occupied the chair and in a brief address upon calling the meeting to order said:

"Gentlemen, we were called here a short time ago to frame resolutions of condolence to the people of the United States on learning the news of the attack made upon the life of President McKinley."

"We were then hoping that the wounds would not prove fatal and that the president would soon be on the way to recovery."

"Last night the telegram was received containing the news of the president's death."

"We must join with the rest of the world in deploring the death of Wm. McKinley, the chief executive of a great nation who has won the admiration and respect of the whole world and whose loss will be sincerely mourned by all. I will not add anything to the few remarks I made on the former occasion when we were assembled here. We are here now for the purpose of framing further condolences to extend to the widow of the president and the people of the United States upon their irreparable loss."

A committee consisting of Judge W. D. Wood, of Seattle; H. T. Willis, Thos. McGowan, Capt. McDowell and Chas. McDonald was appointed to prepare the resolutions and submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted:

The people of the Yukon territory have received the news of the death of William McKinley, president of the United States, with most profound sorrow. They recognize with heartfelt sympathy the domestic bereavement of his widow and relatives and the national bereavement of the people of the United States. They deplore and denounce the assassination of President McKinley as a crime against the chief executive of one of the most enlightened governments the world has ever known; and brand this crime as an assault upon all enlightened governments and upon civilization and join their assurance with the response which comes from civilized men everywhere that such crimes and such criminals with all accessories must and shall, throughout the world, be justly but surely punished and suppressed.

The above report was this afternoon read to the secretary of State, signed by

C. A. DUGAS,

Chairman of Meeting.

HDOAR A. MIZNER,

Pres. Board of Trade.

J. C. MCCOOK,

U. S. Consul.

After the adoption of the resolutions the following address was made by U. S. Consul J. C. McCook, whose voice trembled with emotion as he spoke so as to make it almost impossible for the words to be uttered:

"The Lord reigns and the government at Washington still lives," were the words uttered by the memorable Garfield at the Astor house, New York, to an excited populace on the day of the assassination. President Lincoln, so we today can say "The Lord reigns and the government at Washington still lives." Less than a week has passed since we met here on hearing of the shooting of the president, to express our sympathy and to wire a message to Washington.

"Today we meet to send another message. Our sorrow mingling with that of the people of the United States and of the whole world."

"President McKinley's last words were, 'It is God's way. His will be done.' The Almighty has seen fit to again afflict the American nation. I trust (and I know you all agree with me) that through the sacrifice of the life of President McKinley the death

knell of anarchy has been sounded."

Judge Wm. D. Wood, of Seattle made a short address in which on behalf of the citizens of the United States in Dawson and in their own country he extended the sincerest thanks for the feelings of sympathy to unanimously expressed by the citizens of Canada. Mr. Chas. McDonald, clerk of the territorial court, followed Judge Wood and in an eloquent address spoke of the death of the beloved Queen Victoria which came as a natural result of a long and useful life and then compared the difference with the manner of President McKinley's death who was cut down in the midst of a useful and honorable career. He then mentioned the fact of the death of the Czar of Russia, the President of France, the King of Italy and the Empress of Austria, all of whom had been administered the death blow by an assassin, actuated by the same motive and belonging to the same class of society as the one who had so foully murdered President McKinley. He ended his address by concurring the opinion expressed by Consul McCook that the death knell of anarchy should be sounded. Mr. Justice Dugas proposed that memorial services should be held on the same date as those held on the outside. The suggestion was adopted and the following committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements: Messrs. Willis, Olson, McGowan, McDonald, Capt. McDowell, Te. Roffer, Walsh, Congdon, Major Primrose and Matheson. A meeting of the committee was held after adjournment of the meeting and it was decided to hold the memorial services a week from Sunday in the Savoy theater at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was also decided to ask the ministers of the various churches to participate in the services; the minister of the denomination of which the president was a member to deliver the address and the other ministers aiding in other parts of the service. The following names were added to the general committee: Messrs. Sheridan, Boyle, Daig, Cook, Mizner, Fulda, Ison, J. F. Burke, Judge McCauley, Littlejohn, Tabor, W. M. White, H. Macaulay and R. P. McLennan. A sub-committee of five was appointed to complete the arrangements for the service. They are Capt. McDowell, H. Te. Roffer, A. Mizner, Mr. Congdon and T. McGowan.

The committee also decided to ask Justice Dugas to preside over the services and to arrange for addresses by one American and one Canadian citizen. The meeting then adjourned subject to a call from the chairman.

### Traveling on a Pass.

"Traveling on another fellow's pass is sometimes a dangerous thing," said a well known man. "Not long ago I had occasion to go out of town and borrowed a pass from a friend of mine who is a physician in addition to being one of those favored by the railroad for political reasons. The conductor took up the pass, with the others, for overnight, as is the custom, and I thought everything was all right. But about 3 o'clock in the morning I was aroused from a sound slumber in my berth by some one shaking me. I looked up, startled. It was the conductor."

"'Sorry to disturb you, doctor,' said he, 'but there's a man in the car very sick. Won't you take a look at him?'" "Here's a pretty fix," thought I. "But I'll have to make the bluff good or forfeit my pass." So I got up, slipped on my clothes and looked at the patient. "Felt his pulse, solemnly measured it by my watch, and then said, as though I knew just what ailed him, 'There's one here who has a flask? I had a half dozen often in a minute. Give me two teaspoonsful of whiskey every ten minutes,' said I, 'and bathe his head with ice water.' I knew that prescription wouldn't hurt him, anyway. After the first dose the patient rallied, and I was congratulating myself when the conductor came up with another passenger."

"'Here's a fellow physician, doctor,' he said. 'Perhaps a consultation will be an over.'"

"I shook hands with the gentleman, trembling in my boots. 'What have you given him, doctor?' he asked sharply. I told him, 'Excellent,' he said. The patient got better, and the next morning when wakened at Pittsburgh, the joke being too good to keep, I made a clean breast of it to the physician. He laughed. 'So you're not a doctor at all, eh?' he said. Then he laughed again and looked about him cautiously. 'Say, old man,' he said in a whisper, 'that's a good one. Neither am I.'"

### Philadelpia Times.

### Took His Life at Sea.

Falmouth, Eng., Sept. 10.—The Wilson line steamer Buffalo, which passed the Lizard last night and signalled that she had broken her shaft, arrived here today. The captain reported that a New York newspaper named Joy had committed suicide by taking poison during the voyage. In a letter addressed to the captain he requested that his remains be buried at sea, which was done. Joy wrote that he took the voyage especially to commit suicide. He directed that certain of his belongings be sent to Josephine Joy, and left presents for the stewards and stewardesses.

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