

President Roosevelt

Takes Oath of Office at Buffalo As Head of United States.

Funeral of the Late President to Be Held on Thursday.

And the Day is Proclaimed One of Mourning and Prayer.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Theodore Roosevelt today was elevated to the chief magistracy of the United States. He took the oath at 3:38 this afternoon in the library of the residence of Ansley Wilcox, a personal friend, with whom he stopped earlier in the week when the physicians thought President McKinley would recover from the wound inflicted by the assassin.

Secretary Root who, 20 years ago, had been present at a similar scene when President Arthur took the oath after the death of another president, who fell a victim to an assassin's bullet, almost broke down when he requested Mr. Roosevelt on behalf of the members of the cabinet of the late President to take the prescribed oath. There was not a dry eye in the room. The new President was visibly shaken, but he controlled himself, and when he lifted his hand to swear it was as steady as any charged in marble. With the deep solemnity of the occasion fall upon him, he announced to those present that his aim would be to be William McKinley's successor in a dignified and honorable name. Deliberately he proclaimed in these words:

"In this hour of deepest terrible national bereavement, I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue absolutely without variance the policy of President McKinley for the peace and prosperity and honor of our beloved country."

President McKinley is dead. The following proclamation as President of the United States:

"A terrible bereavement has befallen our people. The President of the United States has been struck down, a crime committed not only against the chief magistrate, but against every law-abiding and liberty-loving citizen."

"The President McKinley crowned a life of earnest love for his fellow man, of most earnest endeavor for their welfare, by a death of Christian fortitude and dignity in the way in which he met his death, and the way in which he met his death, will remain forever a precious heritage to our people."

"The bullet which struck over the breast bone did not pass through the skin and did little harm."

"Signed, Harvey D. Gaylord, Herman Metzinger, M. D., P. M. Riker, M. D., Mann, Edward J. Minter, Secretary Park, Eugene Washburn, Chas. M. Erickson, G. S. Sweeney, W. W. Johnson, Chas. Carr, M. D., Edward L. Munson (Assistant Surgeon U. S. Army), Aberdeen, Sept. 14, 1901."

fever merely said: "He was a model man and statesman." Hittcock was almost as brief, he said: "It is an irreparable loss to his country, his family, and to all who knew him."

Postmaster-General Smith paid this tribute: "A lovable man of kindliest spirit; a leader of unequalled tact and sagacity and a ruler who was firm and decisive in his own transactions."

Secretary Root was apparently overcome with grief. He spoke with the same tremor that characterized his speech as he reported on the outside of Milburn House last night and informed them that the end was near. The secretary of war said: "I cannot seem to find it possible to say anything to the point at this time."

Secretary Wilson asked that he might be excused from attempting to give utterance to his sentiments. He added, "I am too fatigued and the death of the President is too recent to permit me to express myself at present."

Late in the day a change was announced in the program of the funeral service at Milburn House tomorrow, 11 a. m. being substituted for 5 p. m. After the service the body will be borne to the city hall and there will lie in state until 11 a. m. tomorrow, when the interment of New York National Guards. The public will be admitted to the city hall from noon until 5 p. m., a line being formed for the purpose of allowing the casket to be viewed. It will remain at the city hall until Monday morning, and will be escorted thence to the train, which will convey the funeral party to Washington.

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HOSTILITIES DENIED.

Ecuador Says She Is Not Fighting Colombia.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 14.—The sensational reports concerning a possible break of hostilities between Colombia and Ecuador should not be credited. All is perfectly quiet here. The Ecuadorian army is being sent to the border with Colombia with arms, in part, the new president, Gen. Plaza, is quietly organizing his government; he has just appointed Senator Fajardo to be minister of finance. Railroad work is actively progressing.

Steel Strike Is Ended

Amalgamated Association and the Steel Corporation Come to Settlement.

Men Will Return to Work in the Mills Tomorrow Morning.

New York, Sept. 14.—The great steel strike which began on June 30, was brought to an end at a conference held today between the leaders of the Amalgamated Association and officers of the United States Steel Corporation.

An agreement was signed under which the men will return to work in the mills on Monday morning. This announcement was made at the office in this city of the American Tin Plate Company, where the conference was held, the representatives of the workmen and the officers of the companies having been in conference from 9 a. m. except for an hour taken for luncheon. The full terms of the settlement were not divulged, and it was announced that this was in accordance with an agreement between the parties to the conference to the effect that no statement would be made until President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association had returned to the city.

This will be tomorrow (Sunday) when he reaches Pittsburgh, whether he went immediately after the conference, however, learned from an authoritative source, that no concessions were made by the United States Steel Corporation to the Amalgamated Association in the settlement of the steel strike. The heartiest congratulations were expressed by the Amalgamated Association, and the Amalgamated Association officers were met at the Tin Plate office by the following officers of that company: Daniel G. Reed, president; W. T. Graham, first vice-president; Warner Arms, second vice-president, and W. McCleod, third vice-president. The American Sheet Company was represented by its president, M. MacArthur and the American Steel Hoop Company was represented by I. W. Jomb, manager of the companies mills. W. R. Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel Company, was also present during part of the conference.

For three hours the strike situation was discussed without result. The companies stood firmly on the basis of the terms offered by President Schwaab, during the negotiations conducted by Mr. Shaffer, that all further negotiations would have to be conducted with officers of companies directly concerned.

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY DIED THIS MORNING

The End Came Gradually, in Spite of Every Effort by the Physicians to Prolong His Life.

He Took an Affecting Farewell of His Devoted Wife Just Before Lapsing Into Unconsciousness.

Buffalo, Sept. 14.—President McKinley died at 2:15 this morning.

Milburn House, Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 13.—President McKinley died at 2:15 a. m. He had been unconscious since 7.05. His last conscious hour on earth was spent with his wife, to whom he had 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 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 peace which marked his long and honorable career. His last conscious words were written by Dr. Mann, who stood at his bedside when they were uttered, were as follows: "Good-bye, all, good-bye; it is God's way. His will be done, not ours." His relatives and members of his official family were at the Milburn House except Secretary Wilson, who did not avail himself of the opportunity, and some of his close personal and political friends took leave of him.

This painful ceremony was simple. His friends simply came to the door of the sick room, took a longing glance at him and turned tearfully away. He was practically unconscious during this time. But the power of the heart stimulants, including oxygen, employed by the attending physicians, was sufficient to bring him back to consciousness for his final parting with his wife. He asked for her, she sat at his side and held his hand. He closed his eyes through the wearying scene with the same bravery and fortitude with which she has borne the grief of the tragedy which ended his life. The immediate cause of the death is death is undetermined. His physicians disagree, and it will probably require an autopsy to finally fix the exact cause. The President's death will be taken to Washington and there will be a state funeral. Vice-President Roosevelt, who now succeeds to the presidency, may take the oath of office whenever he is able to do so. The cabinet will of course resign in a body and President Roosevelt will have an opportunity of forming a new cabinet if he so desires.

The rage of the people of Buffalo against the President's assassin when they learned today that he was dying, and the police force of the city and two regiments of soldiers were necessary to secure his protection. Buffalo, Sept. 13.—Before 6 o'clock it was clear that the President was dying, and preparations were made for the last day of his life. The President came out of one of the rooms of the White House and lay into another. But in this period, when his mind was partially clear, occurred a series of events of a profoundly touching character. Downstairs, with his hands clasped, the members of the cabinet were grouped in anxious waiting. They knew the end was near and that the time had come when they must see him for the last time on earth. This was about six o'clock. It was an awful moment for them. 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 glimpse of the President as he passed the threshold of the death chamber. Then they withdrew, the tears streaming down their faces, and the words of intense grief, "God bless his soul," were heard.

After they left the sick room, the physicians called him to consciousness and the President asked almost immediately that he be brought to his bed. 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 his 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." His last audible words were taken down by Dr. Mann at the bedside: "Good-bye, all, good-bye; it is God's way. His will be done."

Below stairs the grief-stricken gathering waited sadly for the end. One of the last to arrive was Attorney-General Knox, who reached the house at 9:30 p. m. He was permitted to go upstairs to look for the last time upon the face of his friend. Those in the house at this time were: Secretaries Hitchcock, Wilson and Root; Senators Fairbank, Haman and Burrows; Judge Gray, Col. Herbert; Mr. McKinley (the President's brother); and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Mary Barber, Miss Mary Williams, Mrs. McKinley's cousin, the physicians, including Dr. McBurney, who arrived after the death of the President. His brother, Harry Hamlin, all of this city, Secretary Cortelyou and a number of others.

Secretary Cortelyou, who had been much of the time with his dying chief, sent out formal notification that the President was dying. But the President lingered on, his pulse growing fainter and fainter. President Wilson came at 11:58 p. m.—When Dr. Janeway arrived the President was just barely alive. There was no need for official bulletins after this. Those who came from the house at intervals told the story that the President was dying and that the President's vitality was the only remaining factor in the result and this gave hope only of brief postponement of the end. Dr. Mynter thought he might last until 11:30 p. m. The President will be taken to the city hall and there will be a state funeral. Vice-President Roosevelt had been notified early in the day of the critical state of affairs, and word had come from him that he would be in Buffalo in a special train. There was some doubt that in the approaching death of the President a complete change in the executive administration of the government would ensue.

Finally found on the top of Mount Darcy, a distance of 10 miles from the club house, to which point the searchers from Buffalo were delivered to him. The Vice-President immediately started for the club, at which teams were waiting to convey him with the quickest speed.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

London, Sept. 13.—Mr. Choate has sent the following message to Lord Lansdowne: "My government desires to convey to Lord Hopetoun (governor-general of Australia), and Lord Ranfurly (governor of New Zealand) their most sincere gratitude and thanks of the people of the United States for their messages of heartfelt sympathy. Will you please assure them that these messages coming as they do from the most remote quarters of the wide British empire, and all inspired with the same earnest brotherly interest, have touched the hearts of the President's countrymen, and are deeply appreciated. They are in the highest degree cheering to the President and Mrs. McKinley."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

William McKinley, president of the United States, was born at Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, Jan. 29, 1827. He was educated at the public schools, Poland Academy and Allegheny College, and before he attained his majority sought a military career. He was successively in the 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 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watched from the outset in Great Britain with an intense anxiety which resembled the last days of Queen Victoria. Every phase of the medical evidence has been keenly discussed and the painful suddenness of the collapse after a revival of hope deeply stirred the nation. This spontaneous and heartfelt participation in the anxiety of our countrymen at the bedside of the dying President has been expressed in editorials in all the morning papers, which at 8:30 a. m. were still holding their presses open for the last sad news.

TO POSPONE RACE.

New York, Sept. 14.—On account of the death of President McKinley the international yacht race for the America's cup between Shamrock II, and Columbia will be postponed. Whether or not the postponement will take place for a few weeks or next season, has not yet been decided.

Their gentle action and good effect on the system really make them a perfect little pill. They please those who use them. Carter's Little Liver Pills may well be termed "Perfection."

PACIFIC CABLE.

Survey Ship Britannia Now at Honolulu.

Honolulu, Sept. 6, via San Francisco, Sept. 13.—There seems to be serious trouble in Hawaii by reason of the failure of San Francisco exporters to ship cargoes of provisions here. Local stocks of food stuffs are becoming lower. The larger Honolulu dealers are refusing to fill big orders and small retail stores cannot replace their stocks as they sell. The British cable ship Britannia, which has been surveying for the route of the cable from Victoria to Australia, has arrived here. They will effect a cable will lie within 220 miles of the Hawaiian islands to the eastward. The vessel here has revived the possibility of getting cable communication with the islands without waiting for action of congress, by means of a connection with the British line at Fanning islands, about 400 miles only from here.

Do not despair of curing your sick headache when you can't easily obtain Carter's Little Liver Pills. They will effect a cure without permanent cure. Their action is mild and natural.

Texada's Treasures

Marble Bay Mines Proving a Bonanza to Their Enterprising Owner.

Among the arrivals at the Driad last night was J. J. Palmer, proprietor of the Marble Bay mines and the Marble Bay lime kilns, Texada Island. Mr. Palmer has been East for some time and reports business brisk in Ontario. In Manitoba the grain crop, which is being successfully harvested, is everywhere manifest. At Winnipeg business in all lines is flourishing, new buildings are being hastened to completion and the cold weather sets in and everything denotes prosperity and progress. Real estate values have doubled in some instances within the last six months, not on a speculative basis, but for actual business purposes.

The Tacoma Smelter Company Forced to Greatly Increase Its Capacity.

Regarding his mining properties on Texada Island, Mr. Palmer says the Marble Bay mines are now making regular shipments per steamer Selkirk, and are expected to produce about 500,000 tons of ore in five days, averaging 175 tons per shipment. Only the first grade ore is shipped, the second grade dump, which goes \$12 per ton, is being recovered so that the total output will be 600,000 tons. Between 905 votes. He was elected president at the ensuing November election by a popular plurality of 600,000 votes and re-elected in 1897. He was elected in 1895 by a plurality of 21,511 and in 1893 was re-elected by a plurality of 80,905. In 1884 he was a delegate at large to the Republican national convention and supported the nomination of Benjamin Harrison and served as chairman of the convention. At that convention 182 votes were cast for him for president, but he persistently refused to have his name considered.

NEWS IN VICTORIA.

False Reports of President's Death Received During Afternoon.

Since the attempt on the life of the President in Buffalo last week, Victorians have taken a keen interest in the case, and have watched the bulletins from the bedside and all other news connected with the fearful crime, very closely. The opinion was general here up to Thursday night, that President McKinley would recover so that the news of the relapse yesterday morning was received with the greatest disappointment, and all day long the bullet-boards around the city were surrounded. Between 4 and 6 o'clock the Western Union telegraph company received a despatch saying the President was dead, and later received one which said to continue it. Immediately flags throughout the city were lowered to half-mast, and the fire bells were tolled. Then a despatch came over the C.