

fully delivered to him. Startled and shocked at the serious nature of the news, the vice-president, at 5.45 o'clock immediately started back for the Tabernacle Club. In the meantime the Adirondack stage line blocked at his disposal relays of horses covering the 35 miles to North Creek. A deluging thunderstorm had rendered the roads unusually heavy. Without any delay he moved as rapidly as possible in the direction of North Creek, the Northern terminus of the Adirondack Railway, where his secretary, William Loeb, Jr., and Superintendent C. D. Hammond, of the D. & H. R. R., with a special train, were awaiting his arrival.

Soon after Col. Roosevelt started night came on and rendered the trip exceedingly difficult and dangerous, as mile after mile was travelled in almost impenetrable darkness, but the expert guides piloted the vice-president safely to his objective point, for which he expressed himself truly grateful. Not until he was upon the special train at North Creek, 5.25 this morning did he learn that President McKinley had passed away.

Mr. Loeb, his secretary, was the first to bring the news to him.

The new president was visibly affected by the intelligence and expressed a desire to reach Buffalo as soon as possible. Within one minute after his arrival at North Creek, he boarded the special train, which at once pulled out in the direction of Buffalo. Mr. Roosevelt did not complain of fatigue, but looked somewhat pale and careworn.

Roosevelt President.

Announces Policy Will Be Absolutely Same as Late Chief Magistrate.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Theodore Roosevelt, who today was temporarily elevated to the chief magistracy of the American republic by the death of President McKinley, entered this city this afternoon, after a remarkable and arduous journey from the heart of the north woods. He had been president under the constitution since the minute the martyred president ceased to live, but he was powerless as the humblest citizen to exercise the powers until he had taken the prescribed oath. He took that oath at 3.30 this afternoon in the library at the residence of Amely Wilcox, a personal friend with whom he stayed earlier in the week. There were present: Secretary Root, Hitchcock, Long, Wilson and Smith, Senator Quay, ex-Mr. Depew of New York, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Hon. John N. Schlegel, Mr. and Mrs. Amely Wilcox, Miss Wilcox, George P. Sawyer, Doctors Mann, Parks and Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Milburn, secretary to the president, William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the deceased president, Mr. and Mrs. Correy, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Carey, R. Scattered, J. D. Sawyer, William Jeffers, official stenographer of the United States, in addition to Judge John Hazel of the United States District Court, who administered the oath.

The new president had just come from the Milburn house. Overcome by the deep personal emotion he felt, in his characteristically impulsive way he went first to the house of mourning to offer his condolence to the broken-hearted widow. Secretary Root, who 20 years ago had been a classmate at a similar time when General Arthur took the oath, almost broke down when he requested Mr. Roosevelt on behalf of the cabinet to administer the oath. The president was visibly shaken, but he controlled himself and when he lifted his hand to swear it was as steady as if carved in marble.

With the deep solemnity of the occasion full upon him, he announced to those present that his aim was to be William McKinley's successor in deed as well as in name. Deliberately he proclaimed it in these words:

"In this hour of deep and 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 Roosevelt's first step after taking the oath was to ask the members of the cabinet to retain in their portfolios in order to aid him in conducting the government on lines laid down by him whose policy he had declared he would uphold. Every member, including Secretary of State Hay and Secretary of the Treasury Gage, who were communicated with in Washington, have agreed for the present to retain their portfolios.

Immediately following the dispersing of the spectators after the taking of the oath, the president asked the cabinet members present to confer with him in conference lasted very nearly two hours and when it had finished the president said to the Associated Press:

"Following out the best statement I made when taking the oath that I would follow the administration lines laid down by President McKinley, I request the members of the cabinet who are present to remain in their positions at least for the present. They have assured me that they will and I am glad to have their assurance also from the absent members."

Inquiry was made of the president as to whether an extra session of congress would be called. He replied that he had no intention of calling an extra session of congress until the succession of a vice-president to the presidency and that after consultation with the cabinet they had decided that no such extra session would be called.

The president, after the meeting of the cabinet, saw a few personal friends and then, putting on his silk hat, said to Secretary Root: "Let us take a little walk; it will do us both good."

Secretary Root assented and they walked out on the porch. His host, Mr. Amely Wilcox, said: "Mr. President, shall I go along with you?"

He said: "No, I am going to take a short walk up the street with Secretary Root and will return again."

When he reached the foot of the walk a couple of policemen and a couple of detectives in citizen's clothes started to follow him. He turned and told his secretary, Mr. Loeb, to tell them that he did not desire any protection.

His Life Insurance.

Experts Say Not More Than \$75,000—Had Recently Changed Policy.

New York, Sept. 15.—That President McKinley expected to live for many years is evident from the insurance he carried on his life in favor of his wife, the Press will say tomorrow.

Only a few weeks ago, it can be said on good authority, he had changed a straight life insurance policy of \$50,000 for a 20 year endowment.

by check off Saturday to Mrs. McKinley a policy claim for \$15,000. Experts yesterday placed the total amount of insurance carried by the president at not more than \$75,000.

The Late President's Will.

Bulk of Estate Left to Mrs. McKinley—Sum Not Known.

Buffalo, Sept. 15.—President McKinley has left a will. The instrument was executed some time before the shooting and at no time during his final suffering was there any wish or occasion to revise it or to frame a codicil. It leaves the bulk of his property to Mrs. McKinley. How much the estate is worth cannot be stated, but it is believed to be a goodly sum, although not amounting to a large fortune.

Sunday a Sad Day at Buffalo.

Impressive Services at Milburn House—80,000 People Viewed the Remains.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Buffalo today became a city of mourners. The gay and flaming decorations of the Pan-American exposition gave way to the symbol of sorrow, the black flag. The streets were muffled in the tolling bells of the churches. Bits of crepe appeared on every sleeve. The sorrow was apparent everywhere. In the morning a simple service took place at the residence on Delaware avenue where the martyred president died. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered for the dead body. That was the only immediate family and the friends and political associates of the late president were present. The scene there was pathetic in the extreme.

Then the body was borne out to the waiting cortege on the brawny shoulders of eight sailors and soldiers. The cortege passed through solid walls of humanity, careworn and grief-stricken, to the city hall, where the body lay in state this afternoon. There a remarkable demonstration occurred, which proved how close the president was to the hearts of the people.

Arrangements had been made to allow the public to view the body from the time it arrived, at about 1.30 o'clock, until about 5 o'clock. But the people were wedged into the streets for blocks. Two lines were formed. They extended literally for miles. When 5 o'clock came 40,000 people had already passed and the crowds waiting below in the streets seemed to be diminished. It was decided to extend the time until midnight. Then for hours the streets were dense with people and a constant stream flowed up the steps of the broad entrance into the hall and passed the bier. When the doors were closed at midnight, it was estimated that 80,000 people had viewed the remains, out thousands of disappointed ones were still in the streets. The body will lie in the city hall until morning, when it will be taken to the station by a military escort tomorrow morning and at 8.30 the funeral train will make a start for Washington over the Pennsylvania railroad.

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Christians. All had risen as he began and remained standing throughout the remainder of the service. The reading over the quartette sang the hymn Nearer My God to Thee.

The first line of which President McKinley had repeated at intervals of consciousness during the day before he died. The hymn died away the pastor began his invocation with a stanza from the well-known hymn:

"Oh, God our help in ages past, Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home."

Pastor's Invocation.

"His prayer was followed by the reading of the will. 'We, thy servants, humbly beseech Thee, O God, to bless the soul of our late President, who came into Thy presence. We laud and magnify Thy holy name and praise Thee for all Thy goodness. Be merciful unto us and bless us, O God, as we sorrow for our loss. We come to Thee, O God, for our doubts and fears and faltering faith, pardon all our sins and shortcomings. In this dark night of grief abide with us till the dawning. Speak to our troubled souls, O God, and give us in this hour of our mourning a firm and steady faith which Thy presence only can afford. We thank Thee that Thou answerest the sobbing sigh of the heart, and that Thou dost not let man die he shall live again. We praise Thee for Jesus Christ, Thy son, our Saviour and elder brother that he came to bring life and immortality to light; and because he lives we shall live also. We thank Thee that death is victory that 'to die is gain.' Have mercy upon us in this dispensation of Thy providence. We believe in Thee—We trust Thee—our God of love 'the same yesterday, today and forever.'"

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As the funeral cortege moved south through Delaware avenue toward the city hall it passed through a vast concourse of people filling the walks and crosswalks and crowding house tops windows and every available face of the buildings along the line of march, and as the flower-covered coffin passed along women cried and strong men gave expression to the universal grief.

As the escort of soldiers swung slowly into Franklin street it was raining hard. In two minutes it was raining hard. The long line of troops took their posts at attention, facing city hall. Carriages containing members of the cabinet hurried up to the entrance. The last of the carriages was the one bearing Theodore Roosevelt. Removing his hat, the president stepped from the vehicle and walked into the vestibule. When the hour appeared the four horses were led slowly to the entrance. At the instant the horse became stationary the band, some distance away, began to play the national anthem. At the same time the rain came down in sheets and was driven along a southerly gale off the waters of Lake Erie. The crowd and the body of President McKinley was lying in state.

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The streets about the station were filled with mourning troops and the station itself was occupied by soldiers and sailors in uniform. On the broad stretch of avenue that led to the White House the multitude against the ropes that marked the line of procession. The silence was profound as the funeral cortege passed through the national capital, and even a whisper was the exception, and the only sign of agitation, in the great crowd was the pressing hand driving against the ropes in the endeavor to catch a glimpse of the hearse as it passed slowly up the avenue.

The afternoon had been gloomy and with the loss of the day began the dull and depressing boom of a great gun at intervals of five minutes. It was the signal notice of the approach of the funeral train.

At the Pennsylvania Railroad station men in bright uniforms gathered, a mixture of soldiers and sailors and with lowered voices talked in groups while waiting to take their part in the ceremony. From brigadier general and naval captain down to privates in the ranks there was a man of every rank who had served in the army and navy and who had seen the flag in the field.

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