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ASSASSIN'S BULLETS WERE SPED TO TAKE PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY'S LIFE.

As he Extended His Hand to Grasp in Friendship That of One who Presented Himself, the President was Twice Shot.

The Fiend an Anarchist-- Promptly Arrested; Nearly Lynched; Now in Jail while Execrations heap Upon Him--The Effects of Awful Act.

Buffalo, Sept. 6--While President McKinley was receiving in the Temple of Music this afternoon, he was approached by a man with one hand covered with a handkerchief. As the man extended his hand to the president to shake hands with him, he fired two shots, one entering the president's right breast, the other his abdomen. The would-be assassin was captured at once.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 6--President McKinley lies prostrate, suffering the pangs inflicted by the bullets of a cowardly assassin, while his life hangs in the balance.

It was a few minutes after 4 p. m., while President McKinley was holding a public reception in the great Temple of Music on the Pan-American grounds that the cowardly attack was made.

Standing in the midst of crowds numbering thousands surrounded by every evidence of good will, pressed by a motley throng of people, showered with expressions of love and loyalty, besieged by multitudes all eager to clasp his hand--amidst those surroundings and with the ever recurring plaudits of an admiring army of sightseers ringing in his ears, the blow of the assassin fell.

Tonight a surging, swaying, eager multitude throngs the city's main thoroughfares, choking the streets in front of the principal newspaper offices, scanning the bulletins with anxious eyes and groaning or cheering in turn each succeeding announcement.

In a cell at police headquarters sits a medium sized man of commonplace appearance, listening with an air of assumed indifference to the persistent stream of questions, arguments, objections and admonitions with which his captors seek to induce him to talk.

The president, though well guarded by United States Secret Service detectives, was fully exposed to the attack. He stood at the edge of the raised dais upon which stands the great pipe organ, at the east side of the structure. Throngs of people crowded in at the various entrances to see the chief executive and, if possible, clasp his hand.

The good-natured mob, every minute swelled and multiplied. The president was in a cheerful mood and was enjoying to the full the hearty evidences of good will which everywhere met his gaze. Upon his right stood John G. Milburn, of Buffalo, president of the Pan-American exposition, chatting with the president and introducing to him especially, persons of note who approached. Upon the president's left stood Mr. Cortelyou.

ASSASSIN'S STEALTHY APPROACH.

Wormed His Way Through Crowd to Take Life of Man Who Offered Him His Hand in Friendly Grasp.

It was shortly after 4 p. m., when one of the throng which surrounded the presidential party, a medium sized man of ordinary appearance, and plainly dressed in black, approached as if to greet the president.

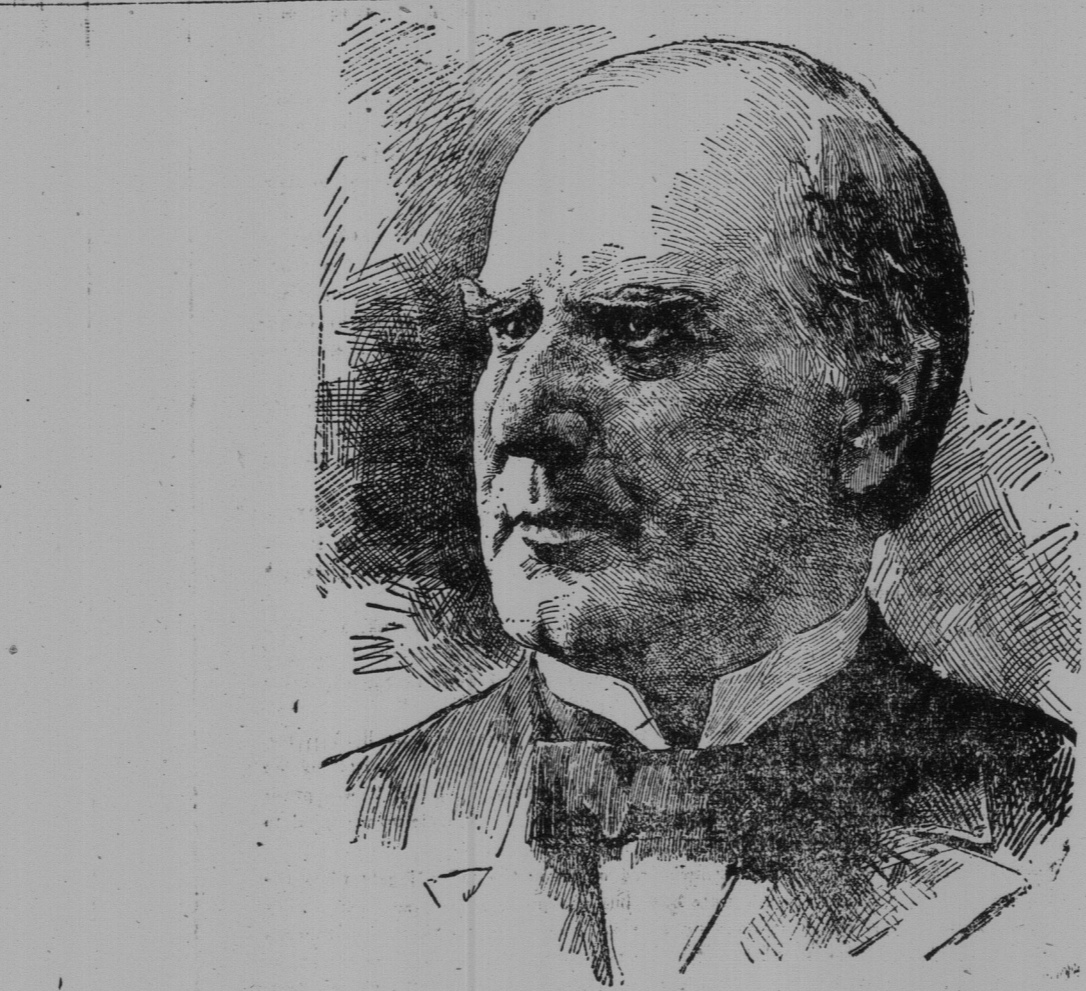
Both Secretary Cortelyou and President Milburn noticed that the man's hand was swathed in a bandage or handkerchief. Reports of bystanders differ as to which hand. He worked his way amid the stream of people up to the edge of the dais until he was within two feet of the president.

President 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 feet and waves of applause.

The president stood stock still, a look of hesitancy, almost of bewilderment on his face. Then he retreated a step while a pallor began to steal over his features. The multitude, only partially aware that something serious had happened, paused in the silence of surprise, while necks were craned and all eyes turned as one toward the rostrum.

Then came a commotion. Three men threw themselves forward as with one impulse and sprang toward the would-be assassin. Two of them were United States Secret Service men, whose duty it was to guard against such a calamity. The third was a bystander, a negro, who had only an instant previously grasped in his dusky palm the hand of the president. The trio hurled themselves upon the assailant. In a twinkling he was borne to the ground, his weapon wrenched from his grasp and he was pinioned down before the vast multitude began to realize what had happened. A murmur arose, spread and swelled to pandemonium. The crowds surged forward toward the stage, while a hoarse cry welled up from a thousand throats and a thousand men charged forward to lay hands upon the perpetrator. For a moment the confusion was terrible. The crowd surged forward regardless of consequences. Men shouted and fought, women screamed and children cried. Some of those nearest the doors fled in fear of a stampede, while hundreds of others from the outside struggled blindly forward in the effort to penetrate the crowd. Of the multitude which witnessed or bore a part in the scene, there was but one mind which seemed to retain its equilibrium, that of President McKinley.

After the first shock of the assassin's shots, he retreated a step, then as the detectives leaped upon his assailant, he turned, walked steadily to a chair and seated himself, at the same time removing his hat and bowing his head in his hands. In an instant Secretary Cortelyou and President Milburn were at his side. His waistcoat was



PRESIDENT MCKINLEY, VICTIM OF FRIDAY'S OUTRAGE.

hurriedly opened, the President meanwhile admonishing those about him to remain calm and telling them not to be alarmed.

"But you are wounded," cried his secretary; "let me examine."

"No, I think not," answered the President. "I am not badly hurt, I assure you."

Nevertheless his outer garments were hastily loosened and when a trickling stream of crimson was seen to wind its way down his breast, spreading its telltale stain over the linen, the worst fears were confirmed. A force of exposition guards were on the scene by this time, and an effort was made to clear the building. By this time the crush was terrific. Spectators crowded down the stairways from the galleries, the crowd on the floor surged forward toward the rostrum, while, despite the strenuous efforts of police and guards, the throng without struggled madly to obtain admission.

The president's assailant in the meantime had been hustled to the rear of the building by exposition guards, where he was turned over to Superintendent Hull, of the Buffalo police department, who took him to No. 13 police station and later to police headquarters. As soon as the crowd in the Temple of Music had been dispersed sufficiently the president was removed in the automobile ambulance and taken to the exposition hospital where an examination was made. The best medical skill was summoned and within a brief period several of Buffalo's best known practitioners were at the patient's side.

The president retained the full exercise of his faculties until placed on the operating table and subjected to an anæsthetic. Upon the first examination it was ascertained that one bullet had taken effect in the right breast just below the nipple, causing a comparatively harmless wound.

The other took effect in the abdomen, four inches below the left nipple, four inches to the left of the navel and about on a level with it.

Upon arrival at the exposition hospital the second bullet was probed for. The walls of the abdomen were opened, but the ball was not located. The incision was hastily closed, and after a hasty consultation it was decided to remove the patient to the home of President Milburn. This was done, the automobile ambulance being used for the purpose.

Arriving at the Milburn residence, all persons outside the medical attendants, nurses and the officials immediately connected, were excluded and the task of probing for the bullet which had lodged in the abdomen was begun by Dr. Parke.

When the news was telephoned to the home of President Milburn, where Mrs. McKinley was resting, immediate steps were taken to spare her the shock of a premature statement of the occurrence before the true condition of the president should be ascertained. Guards were stationed and no one permitted to approach the house.

When it was decided to remove the president from the exposition hospital to the Milburn residence, the news was broken to Mrs. McKinley. She bore the shock remarkably well.

While the wounded president was being borne from the exposition to the Milburn residence, between rows of onlookers with bared heads, a far different spectacle was being witnessed along the assailant's route from the scene of his crime to police headquarters. The trip was made so quickly that the prisoner was safely landed within the wide portals of the police station and the doors closed before anyone was aware of his presence.

The prisoner at first proved quite communicative. He first gave his name as Fried Nieman, said his home was in Detroit, Mich., and that he had been in Buffalo about a week. He said he had been boarding at a place in Broadway. Later this place was located at John Nowak's saloon, a Raine's Law hotel, No. 1078 Broadway. Nowak said he knew very little about his guest. He came there, he declared, last Saturday, saying he had come to see the Pan American and that his home was in Toledo. He had been alone at all times about Nowak's place and had no visitors.

In his room was found a small travelling bag of cheap make. It contained an empty cartridge box and a few clothes.

As near as can be learned tonight the facts contained in the confession are as follows:

The man's name is Leon Czolgoose. He is of Polish-German extraction. His home is in Cleveland, where he has seven brothers and sisters. He is an avowed anarchist and an ardent disciple of Emma Goldman, whose teachings, he alleges, are responsible for today's attack on the president. He denies steadfastly that he is the instrument of any coterie of plotters. He declares that he did not even have a confederate. His only reason for the deed, he declares, is that he believed that the present form of government in the United States was unjust,

and he concluded the most effective way to remedy it was to kill the president.

WIFE OF PRESIDENT BRAVE.

Told of Husband's Condition by Doctor--Wanted Him Brought to Milburn House if It Could Be Done.

Dr. Rixey broke the news to Mrs. McKinley. When it became dusk and the president had not arrived, she began to feel anxious concerning him.

"I wonder why he does not come," she asked one of her nieces. It was 7 o'clock when she began to feel anxious, for her husband was due to return to Mr. Milburn's house about 6 o'clock.

At 7 o'clock Dr. Rixey arrived. At 7.20 he came out. After Dr. Rixey had gone, Director General Buchanan said that the doctor had broken the news in a most gentle way to Mrs. McKinley. He said she stood it bravely. If it was possible to bring him to her, she said, she wanted it done.

TELLS OF PRESIDENT'S WOUNDS.

One Bullet Glanced from Breast Bone; Second Penetrated the Stomach--Bullet Not Located.

Buffalo, Sept. 6--Secretary Cortelyou tonight gave out the following statement:

"The following bulletin was issued by the physicians at 7 p. m.:

"The president was shot about 4 o'clock. 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 a 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 sutures, 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.

"The patient now the operation well; pulse of good quality, rate of 123, condition at the conclusion of operation was gratifying. The result cannot be foretold. His condition at present justifies hope of recovery."

AS HEARD BY PROMINENT MEN.

Deep the Feelings of Sorrow They Express--Griggs Had Warned President Against Just This, But He Laughed It Off.

New York, Sept. 6--Former Attorney General Griggs, in discussing at Paterson, N. J., the shooting of President McKinley, said:

"I warned him against this very thing time and time again. I asked him for the country's sake, if not for his own, to have a body guard when he went out. He refused. He laughed at me. He insisted on going about almost as freely as if he was not liable to attack. He insisted the American people were too intelligent and too loyal to their country to do any harm to their chief executive. He had supreme confidence in the people. He was right, perhaps, but the irresponsible individual has done what I feared."

When J. P. Morgan was informed of the shooting of President McKinley he stood as one thunderstruck. For a few moments there was utter silence and then Mr. Morgan turned to Mr. Satterlee, and communicated the news to him. Mr. Morgan at once went into conference with his partners and remained inaccessible.

Buckfield, Me., Sept. 6--Hon. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, who has been passing his vacation at the Long homestead, two miles from this place, learned of the shooting of President McKinley tonight. He was deeply affected by the news. He proceeded to his home at once, declaring that he was undecided about future plans. The secretary refused to say anything for publication.

He Walked to his Chair at Pan American Temple of Music, Doffed His Hat, Bowed Head on Hands while Wounds were Examined.

Hopes Held Out for Recovery--The World Shivers at Thought of Foul Deed and Sympathizes with the American Nation.

Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 9.--The following bulletin was issued by the President's physicians at 9.30 p. m.:

The President's condition continues favorable. Pulse 112; temperature 101; respiration 37.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 6--The news of the attempted assassination of the president did not reach Cardinal Gibbons until nearly 7 o'clock. Upon being informed that the condition of the president was still very grave the cardinal said:

"It is sad indeed that an insane fanatic can have it in his power to endanger the life of the head of a great nation like this and a man possessing the many virtues of President McKinley. The man who did it must be a madman. The president has no personal enemies and no one but a madman would have committed such a deed. If, however, he has a spark of reason left and it can be shown that he is responsible, no punishment would be too great for him.

"You may announce, if you will, that I will order immediately that prayers shall be held in every church in my diocese on Sunday next. If the president still lives, and God grant that he may, they will be for his recovery."

ROOSEVELT ACTING PRESIDENT.

Condition of the President Warrants Assumption of Place by Second in Office--Cabinet Members Hurry to Buffalo.

Washington, Sept. 6--Steps have been taken to provide for the future of the executive branch of the government. It was realized that even under the most favorable conditions the president's injuries are of such a character as to make it almost certain that he cannot undertake for a long time the duties of chief executive. Every member of the cabinet, able to travel, is expected to speed at once to Buffalo, and there a council will be held to decide upon the course to be followed by the executive branch.

"In case of the removal of the president from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the vice-president, etc."

Under the terms of this article, as soon as Mr. Roosevelt is assured by proper authority, probably in this case, by the senior member of the cabinet, Secretary Hay, who will doubtless be in Buffalo by tomorrow evening, will undertake at once in a provisional way to discharge such duties as may devolve upon him.

Much will depend upon the report of the physicians on the character of the president's injuries, as to the extent to which Mr. Roosevelt will discharge the presidential duties, if he undertakes them at all, and it is almost certain that in the absence of great emergency in public affairs, even if called to assume these obligations, the vice-president will confine himself in the exercise of his powers to the discharge of the most routine and indispensable functions.

For the present the thought of a fatal termination of the president's condition is referred to with awe-like apprehension and there is a hopeful anticipation that there may be no need for meeting those grave emergencies which would follow a fatal termination of the tragic event. Should the worst come, however, it is realized that important conditions in the public affairs of the country would soon be brought about. Whether there would be an extra session of congress is open to question, but there seems no doubt an extra session of the senate would be essential as an incident to a change of administration. All this has been thought of only in the vaguest manner, and confidence is almost universal here based on the president's magnificent constitution, his present excellent physical condition and the tremendous stride that has been made since Garfield's time in surgery, that there will be no occasion to resort to the provisions made to meet the demise of a president in office.

NATIONS OF EARTH NOTIFIED.

Every United States Embassy, Legacy and Consulate Gets Word--More Anarchists Arrested--Real Name of Assassin Learned.

Washington, Sept. 6--Mr. Ades, the acting head of the state department, was caught at the station as he was leaving for his country home near Laurel, Md., and returned at once to the state department. He waited for official confirmation of the news, and it was not until he received a copy of the bulletin issued by the physicians through Secretary Cortelyou that he undertook to acquaint officially the governments of all the nations of the world with the facts of the shooting.

He then drew up a message which will be sent to every United States embassy, legation and consulate throughout the civilized world, directing them to acquaint the governments to which they were accredited of the facts. These he embodied in a condemnation of the physician's bulletin with Mr. Cortelyou's statement.

Chicago, Sept. 6--Five anarchists were arrested here tonight on information from Buffalo. One of the five is Abraham Isack.

Buffalo, Sept. 6--The police have just learned that the real name of the would-be assassin is Leon Czolgoose. He was born in Detroit and came here from Cleveland.

New York, Sept. 6--Immediately upon receipt of the news of the