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SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT.

Must self-government among men perish because anarchy has decreed the death of the people's rulers? Must the blessings of liberty be sacrificed in order that the head of the nation may find protection for his life by the adoption of the safeguards common in European monarchies? Must the taking of the oath as president of the United States come to be the equivalent of a self-inflicted death sentence? Must the modern American republic be in peril of its own existence because miscreant foreigners, smarting from real or fancied wrongs, may here conspire against law and order and in safety elect men to carry out the decree of congregated assassins and strike down the idols of the people as an expression of some mad, frenzied notion of vicarious retribution? In other words, is there too much freedom under freedom's banner?

These are questions which naturally suggest themselves to the men and women of a grief-stricken nation as they partially recover, only to recoil again, from the shock of the president's attempted assassination. To indulge on such an occasion in the language of eulogy touching the private and public character of William McKinley gives no relief to the outraged sentiments of the nation, to its grief, its indignation, its alarm, its consternation at this moment of supreme peril. That the victim of the assassin, while yet in the prime of life, has become one of the greatest of Americans, that his administration has brought prosperity and happiness to the people of all classes, that his private life has afforded an example of tenderness and devotion which have won him the infinite love and respect of the American people; that conspicuously and undeniably he has been the most popular president since the great Lincoln, whom he greatly resembles in his own affection for the masses and theirs for him—these attributes to his goodness and greatness will rise simultaneously and naturally to the lips of every man and woman who knows or understands the character of the president. Many of our own citizens give expression to their respect for the executive in language which is typical of popular sentiment from Maine to Texas, for in such a time as this there is no thought in any mind that is not the result of affection and solicitude.

Mingled with the general horror is one gleam of satisfaction which grows out of the fact that no American is responsible for the deed. No American could be responsible for it. There is the same passing satisfaction in the fact that no Anglo-Saxon can be charged with the crime. To none of the immigrants from Great Britain which seek American shores to partake of the blessings of free government can the offense be charged, one which the foul fiend himself would not investigate. It was the deed of some wretch from Poland, where the minds of men have been warped by centuries of oppression, and whose lower classes can not distinguish between the privileges granted by monarchial and republican governments. They come here believing that all governments are tyrannical and that assassination, force against force, is the only remedy. After their arrival the American people themselves must take part of the responsibility for results, for beyond a doubt the so-called yellow press is not wholly guiltless of offenses growing out of misconceptions of the policy and character of the American government. When a foreign anarchist lands at New York he reads in the yellow press that the administration is an aggregation of thieves and tyrants; that it is seeking to build up a military power to over-awe the people; that the whole country is in the hands of half a dozen corporations bent on plunder and coercion. Not only the yellow press but the pictorial press is engaged in the same work. The effect on the depraved and ignorant anarchist immigrant can be imagined. He naturally believes that he has left one tyranny for another, that conditions are no better here than in Poland or Italy or Austria. Foon meetings are held and

secret societies are organized and crimes which shock and stagger humanity are the consequence.

But great as is the people's love for the president, grateful as they are to him for his public work and he is to them for their confidence, the time has come to consider, frankly, the question of the cause and prevention of such crimes as that of yesterday, crimes that are enough almost to justify doubts of the civilization of man and the goodness of God. Thus we may well inquire: Have we too much liberty in this country? Should the yellow press be allowed to circulate its libels about men high in the government of the United States? Should it be allowed to malign and vilify the chosen rulers of the people and thus fan the fires of ignorance and fanaticism in this land? But whatever may be said of the yellow press and its partisan and malevolent falsehoods and its imitators of greater or less degree in all the states, it is certain that too much liberty has been accorded the anarchists. Every member of their criminal order should be confined in jail or deported whence he came. This is a land of freedom but not license, and the lesson of yesterday's awful event is that the terms have been transposed in the minds of certain men who read the yellow press and listen to the voices of political demagogues as they charge imperialism and oppression and subservency to the money power upon the noble and patriotic men temporarily in charge of the government and so placed by the majority of the people.

The prayers of the Christian world are ascending to heaven for the recovery of William McKinley and the preservation of the nation whose chief magistrate he is. Should death ensue, however, the American people will find consolation and safety in the fact that there will still be a strong man at the head of the government whom assassins can not terrify nor demagogues discourage. He is a typical American, big of heart, strong of limb, superb in courage, a man in whose veins flows the blood of patriots and who may well be entrusted to protect the government from foes within and without. If it becomes necessary to hang a few thousand anarchists he will order it done and it will be done legally. He will meet every emergency that may arise should death remove the president, and he will meet it like an American president, in defense of the institutions of liberty.

The American congress may be relied upon actively to supplement executive work in the matter of suppressing anarchists. First, the immigration laws need a thorough overhauling in order that anarchists, or men likely to become anarchists, may be prevented from landing. Next, laws should be passed prohibiting anarchist meetings, anarchist processions and the publication of anarchist papers. The penalties should be made severe in the extreme. The American government should, in short, give notice to the world that while the United States is an asylum for the oppressed of all lands, it is not an asylum for lunatics nor agitators nor demagogues of foreign birth, and that every immigrant seeking this country for the enjoyment of the blessings of liberty should leave the political troubles of his own country behind him, neglecting no opportunity to show his gratitude for every new privilege and a determination to become a good citizen of the land of his adoption. All other kind of immigration should be rejected though it might take a line of battleships along every coast as a means of protection. Foreign anarchists and political demagogues are twin curses of the republic, but it is pitiful if the assassination of the nation's best beloved president is needed to emphasize the national danger.

PERSONAL.

Frank Bell is over from Pony. Miss Stella Coplin of Anaconda is visiting Butte friends. Joe Whitworth of Deer Lodge was in the city last evening. H. L. Frank left last night for Frank, Northwest territory, to look after his coal property. David O'Connor left this morning for Spokane to take in the Elks' carnival, street fair and races there. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Douglass in Boulder. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gerard, who arrived from New York two days ago, have gone to Hamilton to visit Mrs. Marcus Daly, mother of Mrs. Gerard. Bert Towkin, a high school graduate and a volunteer soldier in the recent war, left yesterday for Bowlder, Colo., to attend the state university. Mr. Towkin is studying medicine and will be graduated in two years. Senator W. A. Clark returned last night from the east. Mr. Clark was away six weeks, and during his absence he visited California, Arizona, New York, Maine and Massachusetts. He is in good health. Judge Knowles of the United States court left last evening for Missoula, his home. He will return Monday and open court at 2 o'clock. When the news of the shooting of President McKinley reached the judge yesterday afternoon he adjourned court without hearing an argument in progress before him.

WIDESPREAD SORROW THROUGHOUT MONTANA

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WHAT BUTTE DOCTORS SAY

Professional Opinion Inclines to the Belief That President Will Live.

With a view of giving its readers the benefit of the opinions of the leading physicians of Butte, regarding the indications of the present symptoms of President McKinley, the Inter Mountain secured expressions from as many as possible, which are given below. Some of Butte's best known doctors are at present absent from the city and several others were too busily engaged with practice to find time to express their views. Those who did express opinions however, are numbered among the leading medical men of the city and what they think of the chances of the president in his fight for life are more than of interest. They are almost a unit.

DR. I. D. FREUND—of Murray & Freund's hospital. "I think the condition of the president is favorable. His pulse, 80; his respiration 24 and temperature 104, are all encouraging. If the intestines are not punctured it has an excellent chance of recovery. Of course, alarming and what might prove fatal symptoms, may develop, but from the information at hand I should say that the condition of the president was favorable and that the wound of the abdomen is not necessarily fatal. I am inclined to believe that the bullet lodged in the muscular tissue of the back."

Later when Dr. Freund was informed that the pulse of the President had increased to 146, he said that was a bad indication and that he feared peritonitis would set in, which would mean an alarming condition.

DR. H. M. HALL—"I should say that the President has a good chance for recovery as matters now stand. This is about the time for peritonitis to set in, if it is to be feared. An increase in the pulsation is a bad indication and might prove fatal. The President is in good hands. I am personally acquainted with Dr. Rosefell E. Parke, who is attending him. He was my professor at the Northwestern University and is thoroughly competent. He is a great surgeon and the compiler and part author of a work in two volumes, known as 'New Surgery by American Authors.' It is an excellent publication. I believe the bullet which wounded the president in the abdomen, entered the peritoneal cavity. Naturally alarming developments are to be feared, but if the temperature does not increase and the pulse gets not a great deal faster, I should say the president's condition is not necessarily fatal."

DR. H. H. HANSON—"An increased pulsation is a very bad indication. The decrease of the pulse beats from 124 to 80 was very favorable and if the intestines are not punctured would indicate that he will recover. Of course, not being familiar with the detailed symptoms, it would be difficult to say positively what the president's chances are."

DR. LOUIS BERNHEIM—"I was surprised to read that the pulse of the President was only 80, forty-five minutes after the wound was inflicted. The increase to 124 was to be expected. If the decrease to 80, which followed, was perfectly natural, that is not induced by a weak heart or other conditions. I should say the chances for recovery were very favorable. The bullet appears to be in the peritoneal cavity and the surgeons did all they could when they opened the abdomen and sewed up the wounds caused by it. An increase in the pulsation and temperature would mean peritonitis and that is dangerous."

DR. J. R. E. SIEVERS—"I am alarmed, because of the rise in the pulsation. Matters looked favorable before it came, but now the conditions would indicate a fatality. I am afraid of septic peritonitis. That would cause an increased pulse and temperature and vomiting will follow. The bullet is in the peritoneal cavity and there is no draining there. That will cause a puss formation and then the track of the bullet is quite likely to become infected. I am grieved to say that from what I can learn, the condition of the president is not favorable. Septic peritonitis proves fatal in almost 99 out of 100 cases."

Public Opinion.

EX-GOVERNOR J. E. RICKARDS—"The deed was horrible. I had a personal acquaintance with Mr. McKinley, and was once his guest while governor of the state. He is one of the most companionable and lovable men I have ever met. If he lives or dies all must admit that his record as president of the United States has not been excelled. When I heard the news of the shooting it made me sick and I can readily conceive the feelings which prompt men to wreak vengeance on a man guilty of the crime of which the one that fired the shot now stands charged. I am not advocate of lynching or the unlawful destruction of one who commits such a terrible act, but at the same time I will say that hanging or electrocution is too good for him. When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated I was an impressionable boy and can remember very distinctly that strong men gave way to emotions and cried like children. I now understand those emotions more thoroughly. The government of this country should at once take steps to crush the anarchistic organizations within its midst and do it most effectively."

DANIEL TEWEY, proprietor of the Southern hotel—"It is a sad affair. It is becoming so in this country that a president cannot walk out without having some crank make a target of him. I believe this is the first instance in which a public man has been shot while extending the hand of recognition to an assassin."

EX-GOVERNOR ROBERT B. SMITH—"I met Mr. McKinley on three distinct occasions and always found him a most genial man. He was not bigoted or stuck up in the least—just a plain man. Of course, he and I differed politically, but that does not matter. It will be very gratifying if he recovers. He is a good, conscientious, Christian man."

E. A. SPRIGGS, formerly lieutenant governor of the state—"The deed was one of a lunatic, for certainly no sane man could have expected to accomplish anything by such an act. I hope the president will recover. The blow is a hard one for Mrs. McKinley."

CHARLES N. GOSSMAN—"The crime was an awful one and the only regret I have is that the crowd present at the time of the shooting did not get hold of the assassin."

FRED HOLBROOK—"It is a sad blow to the country. Mr. McKinley has the respect of every American, of whatever party he may be a member. It is to be hoped that the president will recover."

D. M. NEWBRO—"The country can ill afford to lose Mr. McKinley's steady hand whilst it rides these high waves of prosperity, for there is always danger of breakers ahead. The miscreant who shot the president ought not to be allowed to have another chance to harm anybody."

BEN E. CALKINS—"The grief over this awful affair will be as great among members of the opposing as among those of his own party. Mr. McKinley is par excellence in uprightness. The soldiers of the Spanish-American war, as well as of the war for the union, will be especially grieved. The president was a soldier that every man must respect."

JAMES T. FINLEN—"Mr. McKinley was our president, president of all the people; and this assault is a blow at every individual in the country. His death would be a grave calamity."

HARRY SYMONS—"There can be no possible excuse for, or toleration of, the act. The prosperity of the nation should be a guarantee of peace and good will. Mr. McKinley is a conservative and safe as well as a most excellent man."

OCTAVIUS HIGHT—"It is unspeakably distressing."

H. J. BLUME—"If it is the result of an anarchistic plot, the next, at Paterson, N. J., should be rounded up to a finality."

A. C. LYLES—"The crime is too horrible to talk about. That the perpetrator still lives is too bad. There ought to be no more room in this country for anarchists."

CITY TREASURER BEN CALKINS—"It was a cowardly deed, without semblance of justification. The government, in case the shot terminates fatally, ought to take hold and exterminate, or exile for all time, the men whose teachings are responsible for this act. It is unjust to the people at large to have the best men of the country shot down for no other reason than that they are chosen, by reason of their ability, to take charge of the affairs of the nation. It is the duty of the government to drive out all such desperate teachers as those whose writings have led up to this appalling deed. We must, if life is to be held sacred. The law is for the protection of law abiding people. No one has a right to live here and think or do such deeds as this."

POLICE JUDGE THOMAS BOYLE—"There are no two sides to the question of the horror of the deed. The chief magistrate of the nation was shot down in cold blood, by a fanatic, who was made so, doubtless, by what he had read or heard from false teachers. It is deplorable in every sense of the word."

JAILER SOL LEVY—"I sincerely hope that McKinley may recover. He was the president of this nation, elected by the people, and was deserving of a better end than to be shot down by an unknown assassin, who stood for anarchy and the breaking down of laws. Human life is always too sacred to go in this way; it is especially so in the case of a high official chosen by the people to execute the laws that they make."

DAY POLICE SERGEANT GEORGE YOUNG—"Why couldn't he have taken some worthless fellow who was worth nothing to the country, instead of the chief executive of the nation? McKinley did only what the people elected him to do—execute the laws of the land. If there was any occasion to change the laws and the order of society of murder, the assassin should start in to kill all the people, instead of the man who executes the laws."

DR. C. B. NORCROSS—"My father was a union soldier, and of course, my sympathies are always with the veterans of that war. It is all the more keenly felt by me when I remember that after Wm. McKinley had bared his breast a thousand times to a hall of an open enemy's bullets, he should fall by the hand of a cowardly assassin."

A. S. CHRISTIE—"How such miscreants as anarchists can flourish on this soil is a mystery. No punishment can adequately punish the crime. President McKinley is greatly esteemed abroad as well as at home. The horror is made worse by the thought of the president's long suffering wife."

G. S. LANDER—"There is a problem to be solved in this country; and that is, where liberty ends and license begins. President McKinley is the ablest and best chief executive any country in the world has today. His death would be a calamity that it is not easy to foretell. Let us all hope that the president will recover."

W. A. SMITH—"Words fail to express my contempt for the awful crime. Every true American's heart is bowed in grief at the bedside of President McKinley today."

HARRY A. KENNEDY—"It looks as if sometimes liberty and license are taken as one. There ought to be no room in this country for anarchists. America never had a purer, cleaner, more patriotic president than Mr. McKinley."

E. A. HEUSER—"As much respected as he is today, President McKinley's true worth as a statesman, patriot and good man will not be fully recognized for another generation."

J. H. LEYSON—"This nation can ill afford to spare President McKinley. He is a brave, gentle, able, pure and brave man. His political opponents are his admirers, and many are his warm friends. The assassin's deed is most deplorable. The assassin's deed is most deplorable. Let us all hope that the president will recover."

BANDMASTER TRELOAR—"If everybody feels as I do, the assassin would never have a chance to shoot at anybody again, whether the president lives or not."

J. H. FARRISS—"There ought to be a law that makes even attempted assassination a capital offense. Every man will earnestly hope for the president's recovery."

CAPTAIN FRANK G. DOWNEY—"It was a horrible deed. There may be a few things on which President McKinley and myself do not agree, but a case of this kind is one in which the people as a whole are concerned and politics cut no figure."

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dispatches that the Patterson, N. J., anarchists, met last night and gloated over the work of one of their number between draughts of beer. If the good people of that city permit such a thing Patterson ought to be rubbed from a place on the map of the country.

C. P. CONNOLLY—"Formerly county attorney, I hope the president will recover. He is a good man and his death would be a hard blow to the country."

WM. BROWNFIELD—"Every one must feel personally outraged at the dastardly deed. Whether the president recovers or not, and let us hope he will get well, there ought to be no room on this earth for the assassin."

WM. HORGAN—"It is impossible to estimate the awfulness of the calamity. It is early hoped for the welfare of the nation, as well as for Mr. McKinley himself, that the president will recover."

H. H. PAXSON—"It is an awful blow. Its suddenness adds to its horror. President McKinley has always been an edifying home man and a beacon of light for American citizenship. The crime is most deplorable."

JOHN MAGUIRE—"Hanging or electrocution would be too good for the man that shot the president. If I had him to deal with I would either put him on the rack or throw him into a den of rattlesnakes and vipers and keep him there until the reptiles finished him."

MAYOR W. H. DAVEY—"It is a terrible state of affairs when the chief executive of the nation cannot go out in public for an outing in a time of profound peace, without being made the target for an assassin's pistol. If there were anything to be gained by such a dastardly shooting, it would be different. If McKinley, or any other man were directly responsible even, for the state of society which cranks deplore and seek to change, it would be different. But no one man is responsible. Society is what the mass of the people make it, and no one man can change it, by his life or death. The shooting is without the faintest justification, even on the most rabid anarchistic grounds. If the assassin had succeeded in his object,

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