

THE TERRIFYING SINKING SPELL

Story in Detail of the Sudden Turn the Case Took Early This Morning.

Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 13.—President McKinley began to sink shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, after a critical period of 12 hours, in which alarm and hope mingled in the emotions of those who surrounded him. Trouble began on the preceding afternoon through the failure of the digestive organs to perform their functions.

The necessity for nourishment had been pressing for several days and the partial failure of artificial means had led to the adoption of natural means. The rectum, through which nourishment had been injected previously to Wednesday, became irritated and rejected the enemas. This forced the physicians to try to feed him through the mouth, probably before the stomach was prepared. The first administration of beef juice through the mouth, however, seemed to agree with the patient and the physicians were highly gratified at the way the stomach seemed to receive the food.

First Anxiety.

Dr. McBurney was especially jubilant over the action of the stomach and yesterday morning before his departure for New York dwelt upon the fact that the stomach seemed to have resumed its normal functions. The breakfast of chicken broth, toast and coffee yesterday morning was spoken of by all the physicians as strong evidence of the president's marked improvement. It was only when it became apparent, late in the morning, that this food had not agreed with the president that the first genuine anxiety appeared. The first note of alarm was sounded in the official bulletin yesterday afternoon, which spoke of the president's fatigue.

President McKinley is already weak from the ordeal of the tragedy and suffering and complained of an increasing feeling of fatigue. He had before been so buoyant and cheerful that his complaints were regarded seriously. The pulse was then also abnormally high—125 beats to the minute. With a temperature of 100.2, it should have been 30 beats lower. The weakness of the heart began to arouse serious concern. Instead of growing better steadily worse.

other bulletin would be issued until morning.

Hope Comes Again.

Hope came once more to the breasts of those who had waited for hours in anxiety. The physicians parted for the night and every sign was a cheering one. There had been disquieting pulse action for several hours, but practically all of the unfavorable symptoms had been linked with the stomach trouble, and it was thought that they would probably disappear with the removal of the cause which was supposed to have created them. The unofficial reports at 1 o'clock and 1:30 o'clock were both of a satisfactory nature and the watchers gathered about the house prepared for an uninterrupted night.

Another thunder storm came up out of the northwest and a few minutes of lightning play brought rain in a downpour. Shortly after 2 o'clock the physicians and nurses detected a weakening of the heart action. The pulse fluttered and weakened, and the president sank toward a collapse. The end appeared to be at hand. Restoratives were speedily applied, and the physicians fought the battle with all the reserve forces of science. The action was immediate and decisive. Digitalis and strychnine were administered, and as a last resort a saline solution was injected into the veins.

Dramatic Scene.

The scene about the house and in the storm swept street was dramatic in its action and setting, and the spirit of the tragedy was upon those who looked upon it. A messenger who darted into the rain and was whisked away in an electric cab, gave the outside watchers the first intimation of the ill news from within. At the same moment new lights burned within the windows of the Milburn residence. Soon the word passed out that the president had partially collapsed and was critically ill. It was a confirmation that was hardly needed, for the fact had been established by action that needed no words.

The newspaper correspondents who had already sent warning of a serious change in the president's condition rushed to the improvised telegraph offices with the first bulletins.

A general alarm went speeding to the consulting physicians and trained nurses as fast as messengers, the telegraph and the telephone could carry it. The restoratives did not at once prove effective, and it was realized that the president was in an extremely critical condition. That realization, with the shadow of death behind it, led to another call, and a summons to the cabinet, relatives, and close personal friends of the president. The messengers who returned with the doctors and nurses were hurried off after those within reach, and to those who were absent from the city telegrams conveying the painful tidings were quickly transmitted.

Rallying Slowly.

Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson and Mr. Milburn came out of the house shortly after 6, the former two going to their respective stopping places in the city. Their serious faces showed the deep concern felt by them for the condition of the chief executive, but they announced that they still had hopes of his recovery. Secretary Hitchcock declared: "The president is rallying slowly and we still think that he has a more than an even chance of recovery."

The sudden attack of depression of the early morning came in the nature of a great surprise to the president's friends and physicians. They were prepared to hear that he might not be so well in the morning, but they felt that the change would not be as severe as it proved to be. "We are more surprised at the depression than at the fact of his rallying," said one member of the cabinet in talking of the change.

Doctors Arrive in Haste.

As the telegraph instrument rattled away with their forlorn story early this morning the hastily aroused physicians began arriving. An automobile racing at top speed brought Dr. Mynter first. He did not stop to speak, but rushed into the house. Dr. Mann came almost on his heels and he too ran down the street. Neither stopped for a word as they rushed into the house. After them came Abner McKinley, pale and agitated. He had left the house scarcely two hours before and had departed with the assurance that the tide had turned in the case of his distinguished brother. He had been aroused from slumber by a messenger who told him to come at once.

Secretaries Wilson and Hitchcock, in grief at the danger of the chief arrived in a few moments. Neither knew the true state of the president at that moment and they quickly entered the house. Another hurrying visitor was Dr. Wasdin, whose arrival completed the whole circle of physicians and another, Mrs. McWilliams, the friend of Mrs. McKinley.

Greatest Apprehension.

The physicians after their consultation and examination of the patient could offer little encouragement. He was very weak and his heart was so feeble that they feared lest his life go out at any time. The bulletin they issued at 2:50 told of the very critical condition of the president. "It gives rise," they said, "to the gravest apprehensions." The movement of the bowels had occurred, but the heart did not respond to stimulation. The little coterie below stairs watched the clock tick away the minutes and hours and perhaps the life of the president, without a word of encouragement until 4 o'clock, when the president rallied slightly. The saline solution which saved Mrs. McKinley's life in San Francisco had proved in a measure effective. Dr. Mann and Dr. Mynter left for their

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Improving Slightly.

Governor Yates of Illinois and Colonel Russell B. Harrison, emerging from the mansion at 11:30, brought the same news given by earlier callers, its purport being that the president is not only holding his own, but improving slightly.

HARVARD STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN.

Special to The Journal. Calumet, Mich., Sept. 13.—Nine students of the mining department of Harvard University are in the city. They will spend a few weeks in the region, visiting the mines. Before coming to the copper country the mines in the iron district were inspected.

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Mrs. McKinley in Ignorance.

During the whole dreadful night Mrs. McKinley knew nothing of the sudden change that had come. In her feeble condition it was considered best not to inform her of the president's critical condition, and she slept peacefully in her room through it all.

Vice President Roosevelt was telegraphed to at three places in the Adirondacks. The probability is that he is now on his way to Albany and that he will reach there some time during this afternoon or to-night.

Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn paced up and down in front of the house for twenty minutes just before the dawn came. They had little encouragement to offer. Secretary Wilson also came out on the porch and stood for ten minutes looking away into the darkness. He said he had not abandoned hope, but his air was not one of conviction. Everything indicated that heart failure was feared.

The day broke clear and bright. At 5:30 Secretary Wilson came out looking haggard and dejected.

"The president has a fighting chance," said he. The tone of his words sounded like the expression of a forlorn hope.

The President Rallies.

No word came out of the Milburn residence for almost an hour after Secretaries Wilson and Hitchcock had left. The bulletin usually issued at 6:30 was omitted. Dr. Rixey at 7:30 said that he felt slightly encouraged.

"The president has rallied somewhat," said he, "but then you know," he added, "the president is usually better in the morning."

Secretary Cortelyou at that hour was lying down. He was taking his first rest in twenty-four hours.

The Buffalo papers all had extras with the sad intelligence of the president's relapse, on the streets at daylight. One paper announced that the president was dying. The result was that the whole city was thoroughly aroused and alarmed.

They stood at the ropes far down the intersection of the streets and waited patiently for the appearance of the morning bulletin. Many of them refused to credit the news of the president's sudden change for the worse until they had learned by word of mouth from the sentries the president's dangerous and critical condition.

The new detail of soldiers for guard duty for to-day, arrived from Fort Porter a few minutes later. The guard was changed and the sentries posted for the day. Lieutenant Charles N. Murphy was the new officer in charge.

A Memorable Scene.

At 9:30 the scene about the Milburn residence was one that will live in the memory of those who witnessed it as long as life lasts. Down the street in every direction people were massed, while at the corner where the headquarters of the press was located, correspondents of all the leading journals of the world were waiting, ready to flash the first news far as the wires reached, and within the tents the busy telegraph instruments were clicking out the sad intelligence. In front of the residence blue-coated soldiers paced with arms at right shoulder. All were waiting, waiting almost breathlessly, for the news.

The doctors finished their consultation at 9:40. They left the house together and stopped for a few minutes on the lawn to convey their verdict first to the president's brother, Chaplain Sykes of the navy, in his black vestments, who had come to inquire after the president's health, lifted his hat as the men upon whom the president's life depended, passed him. The physicians looked serious as they walked away from the residence.

Better Than in the Morning.

Dr. Mann and Dr. Mynter came away together. "We are very anxious," said Dr. Mann, "very anxious," he repeated as he entered the carriage.

"Have you given up hope?" "By no means," replied the doctor,

"Is he better than when you saw him last?"

"He is better than he was in the early hours of the morning," he responded as he directed the coachman to drive away.

Dr. Mynter had little encouragement to offer.

"I am not absolutely without hope," said he. "The president has a fighting chance but I would be more hopeful if the day were passed and he had gained more strength."

"He has improved some since early this morning, but the improvement is very slight. The trouble lies with his heart. We are stimulating it and our treatment has been fairly successful."

Dr. Mynter admitted that saline solution and other means to keep the action of the heart were being administered.

Almost a Forlorn Hope.

The bulletin when issued was slightly reassuring and indicated that the crisis might be prolonged, stating definitely that the president's condition had somewhat improved during the past few hours and that there was better response to stimulation. But his pulse was up to 128 and the conviction grew that it was almost a forlorn hope.

It was learned that the physicians had decided that it would not be well for Mrs. McKinley to enter the sick room to-day, but on account of her feeble health and the excitement it might cause the president. So far as can be learned Mrs. McKinley had not been informed up to 10 o'clock of the grave condition in which her husband was.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the intimate friends and relatives of the president who were telegraphed for early this morning began to arrive, and soon after 10 o'clock there were assembled in the downstairs rooms of the Milburn house Senators Hanna and Fairbanks, ex-Secretary of State Day, Secretary Wilson and Secretary Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Baer, Abner McKinley, Miss Helen McKinley and Mrs. J. T. Duncan, sisters of the president, and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams, in addition to John G. Milburn, former Postmaster-General Bissell, John N. Scatchard of Buffalo and Representatives Alexander of the Buffalo district. The latter came from the house and said:

If the president successfully weathers the morning his chances of ultimate recovery will be greatly increased, because his condition, other than his heart weakness, is very encouraging.

Senator Hanna came on a special train from Cleveland, making the run in the remarkably fast time of three hours. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hanna, Colonel Myron T. Herrick, Miss Barber and a few other friends of the president. He received the news at 4 o'clock this morning and immediately ordered a special train.

All cabinet officers were telegraphed for at 3 a. m. and are now presumably on their way hither. Dr. W. W. Johnston, of Washington, who is at Portsmouth, N. H., and Dr. Janeway, of New York, both celebrated heart specialists, have been summoned.

A celebrated heart specialist who has been watching the bulletin closely expressed the opinion that the extreme weakness of the heart is due to the shock of the first bullet, which struck the president's breast-bone, and is now manifesting itself for the first time.

The president is perfectly conscious, despite his extreme weakness. This morning, when the nurses sought to adjust the pillows so as to shut out the light of the window, the president protested.

"No, I want to see the trees," he murmured. "They are so beautiful."

Realizes His Condition.

The doctors believe he fully realizes how low he is, although he has not been informed.

When Mrs. McKinley was told that it would be better for her not to see him this morning she assented without protest, but she seemed to realize the full import of the request, for she said nothing.

Vice-President Roosevelt was heard from shortly after 10 o'clock. He had received the news of the president's serious

condition and sent word from the Tahawus club where he is staying, that he would come at once. He would stop at Albany for news and there determine his future movements.

Best News of the Morning.

Congressman Alexander at 10:45 gave the most encouraging news of the morning. He said:

It is not true that the physicians are without hope or that those gathered in the house are despondent. The lowering of the heart action is a natural result of the giving of a cathartic and was expected. It was found that the solid food given yesterday had not passed through the stomach and that a cathartic would have to be given. Then came the reaction. The physicians gave a saline solution, but in very small quantities, and this reaction used some digitalis, but also in small quantities. They did not want to use any more artificial means than absolutely necessary. The results so far are good and the president is now sleeping, watched by Drs. Rixey, Park and Stockton.

Everybody about the house is hopeful. The two men who know him best, Secretary Cortelyou and Senator Hanna, are cheerful and as confident as the setback will allow. They both know his strength and think that will help. Doctors Janeway and Johnson have been summoned to take care of the heart action. In other respects the president is doing well.

Encouraging Phase.

Congressman Olmstead of Pennsylvania left the Milburn house at 11:10 in company with C. W. Goodyear of Buffalo. The latter said that the most encouraging phase of the situation was to be found in the hopeful demeanor of those closest to him. Senator Hanna expressed confidence that Abner McKinley's sanguine hopes were warranted. The Ohio senator is quoted as adding:

"The president most certainly has a fighting chance. I still believe he will pull through."

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