

ROOSEVELT IS STEADILY IMPROVING; INFECTION OF WOUND IS NOW REMOTE

May Leave For Home Saturday.

TAKE ANOTHER XRAY

Surgeons Disagree on Splintering of Rib.

TO KNOW WORST TOMORROW.

By That Time It Will Be Determined Whether There is Danger of Blood Poisoning—Martin Tells a Graphic Story of Capturing Assassin.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Colonel Roosevelt has had such steady gain in the last twenty-four hours that the attending surgeons were more hopeful early today for his ultimate recovery than they have been at any time since he was shot in Milwaukee.

The last official bulletin of the night was:

"The records show the pulse to be 84, temperature 98.6, respiration 20. General condition good. Patient cheerful and resting easily.

"MURPHY, DEVAN AND TYRELL."

The surgeons announced that no further bulletins would be issued.

In an examination made at Mercy hospital shortly before midnight the pulse and respiration were shown to be nearly normal, the condition good and the patient cheerful and resting well.

That the surgeons themselves feel more hopeful is best evidenced by the admissions in a bit of repartee while the colonel was being examined. As he was being rolled over the colonel exclaimed with a grin:

"I move with greater agility than I have for a couple of days."

"We are all breathing more easier, too," came the quick reply from Dr. J. B. Murphy. The official bulletin after the examination showed the pulse to be 84, temperature 98.6, respiration 20.

Unless complications appear Colonel Roosevelt will be removed to Oyster Bay Saturday evening. This was decided upon at a conference between the surgeons and the Roosevelt family yesterday afternoon.

After making public the result of the examination Dr. Murphy said he saw no reason for remaining at the hospital overnight and that he would not return until morning. Every indication pointed, he said, that the patient would rest easily throughout the night.

Dr. T. A. Kreuzer of the hospital staff, who was detailed to watch the condition of the patient during the night, said, after the chief surgeon had gone:

"Colonel Roosevelt's condition shows remarkable improvement since he came here yesterday. He is a different man entirely. His color is coming back and he is more vigorous. The colonel just told me that he had had a splendid day.

"I think Dr. Murphy is much pleased with my improved condition," was the way the colonel put it."

Mrs. Roosevelt spent the entire evening reading to the colonel up to the time Dr. Murphy came. She then bid the colonel good night and retired. When Dr. Kreuzer and Miss Fitzgerald, the nurse, had made the colonel comfortable for the night the patient expressed concern for the health of the nurse and advised her to go to sleep. He told her he would call her if he needed her. The colonel then switched on the reading lamp and said that as he did not feel sleepy he would while away the time with his books.

The nurse had only been gone a few minutes, however, when she received a call from the colonel. The patient apologetically said that the hospital night-shirt was not comfortable and requested her to get his pajamas. The request was granted, and then she retired a second time.

Worst Known on Friday.

The surgeons received the result of the last X ray examination in the afternoon. The picture shows the bullet lodged up against the fourth rib. It could not be determined by the doctors in this picture whether the rib had been splintered or not. In fact, there was a division of opinion of the medical men in this particular.

The surgeons also expressed the belief that Friday will settle definitely whether the bullet fired by Schrank will cause trouble. If there are no symptoms of blood poisoning by that time the surgeons believe that nature will segregate the bullet from the adjoining tissues and that there will be no danger of blood poisoning.

It was evident that in all probability the bullet will never be extracted.

How the Colonel Spent Yesterday.

From midnight the colonel had slept and read Macaulay's essays alternately. A few minutes after 7 o'clock the nurse took a clinical record of his condition which showed a normal temperature of 98.6, pulse 74, a drop of eighteen beats during the night, and respiration 18. With this detail out of the way the colonel called for his

ELBERT E. MARTIN.

Holding Manuscript Which Was Perforated by Schrank's Bullet.



Photo by American Press Association. Elbert Martin overpowered Schrank, the crank who tried to kill Roosevelt. He is a former football star. He has in his hand a sheet of the manuscript which helped to defeat the assassin's bullet.

breakfast of bacon and eggs and toast and tea. While this was being prepared Dr. Terrell, who had spent the night in an adjoining room, came in, looked the patient over, suggested that he take a sponge bath and chatted with him.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Theodore, Jr., on their arrival were met at the Englewood station by Mrs. Alice Longworth and Mrs. Medill McCormick. Mrs. Roosevelt was the first to alight and as she stepped rapidly off the train, assisted by Dr. Alexander Lambert, the Roosevelt family physician, who has accompanied the party from New York, Mrs. Longworth pushed forward, embraced and reassured her there was nothing to worry about.

"I am so relieved," she exclaimed. "I feared that they were keeping something back from me as to his real condition. Now I know there is no danger. His being taken to a hospital after the first reassuring message was disconcerting."

When Mrs. Roosevelt reached the hospital the colonel greeted his wife with a gay "Hello."

After greeting the children the colonel again reassured the whole family by having read the last of the bulletins of the surgeons. The husband and father attempted to tell the family just "how it happened," but a warning came through the doorway from one of the doctors that the patient must not excite himself unnecessarily and the talk was limited to family circle happenings.

With the exception of Mrs. Roosevelt, the members of the family left the hospital shortly after the noon hour. They will stay with friends in the immediate vicinity of the hospital. Mrs. Roosevelt took luncheon with the colonel.

Asks For Books to Read.

During the early afternoon Dr. Lambert, Dr. W. A. Evans, former health commissioner of Chicago, and Dr. Woods Hutchinson called on the colonel. After a few minutes' chat the patient expressed a wish for some books to read, telling Dr. Lambert to get some volumes on nature study, "that I can learn something from them without knowing that I am studying or making an effort."

Drs. Lambert and Evans immediately departed for the downtown district, returning in about two hours with several volumes of nature study, travel and fiction. This supply was augmented by the arrival at the hospital of a box of books from "two women admirers" during the afternoon.

Other visitors were Father E. J. Vattman and Colonel Cecil Lyon. "I talked with the colonel for five minutes," said Colonel Lyon. "During that time we talked of everything under the sun. He's all right, all right."

Colonel Lyon hinted that Colonel Roosevelt expected to be back in the campaign at the end of two weeks. "When a man becomes president of the United States does he thereby 'cinech' the position of head of his family?" queried one visitor, with a mischievous glance at Mrs. Roosevelt.

"No," was the colonel's quick retort, "not by a long shot."

The colonel's son-in-law, Nicholas Longworth, was another early afternoon visitor. He remained only a few minutes. His cousin, Philip Roosevelt, also called.

In the middle of the afternoon an X ray photograph of the colonel's side was taken to ascertain, if possible, the exact location of the bullet. The colonel dropped off to sleep afterward and slept for more than an hour. On awakening he made several corrections in the manuscript of the speech of Albert J. Beveridge at Louisville.

In the early evening Mrs. Longworth and Theodore, Jr., called again for a

few minutes, after which the colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt had dinner together, and they spent the evening together alone, only nurses and surgeons being permitted to enter the sick chamber.

Bullets Not Poisoned.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 17.—One great cause of anxiety was removed for the physicians who are caring for Colonel Roosevelt when it was learned positively that John Schrank, his assassin, had not poisoned the bullets with which he fired at the colonel. This was learned in the report of Dean E. W. Sommer of Marquette university's medical department to Judge N. J. Neenan, the district court judge who ordered a chemical examination of the bullets in Schrank's gun.

The report of Professor Sommer was easily the chief development of the day in Milwaukee. Schrank's day was quiet, but the authorities are preparing to make a secret study of him by alienists, to make certain that the state will win on the issue of insanity, if this were to be brought in as a defense.

"They have taken thirty pictures of me since the shooting and I have told the newspaper men all that I ever knew, so do not let any one in to see me," said Schrank to Sheriff Arnold when a reporter tried to get an interview with him.

Schrank has not selected a lawyer to represent him in the trial. When asked about it he said that he would think about one and when the time came he might have one selected. The prisoner slept well Tuesday night and was good natured yesterday when his breakfast was brought to him. He drank a cup of coffee and ate some bread and molasses.

"He is a fine prisoner," said Jailor Roth, who is one of the oldest jailers in the country. "He is pleasant."

Roosevelt Saved Schrank.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—That Colonel Roosevelt, with the assassin's bullet in his body, saved the man who tried to murder him from being choked to death right there and then, is the statement of Elbert E. Martin, the colonel's stenographer, who threw himself on top of Schrank in the hope of catching the bullet.

"I would have killed him," said Martin, "if the colonel hadn't called to me to stop and bring the man to him." And every man who heard Martin make that statement and noted his husky physique believed him.

"It is a mistake," said Martin, "to say that I jumped for the assassin after the shot was fired. I saw the man raise the gun as I was putting my foot on the step of the automobile. How quickly the whole thing was done I suppose I never will be able to tell, but as the thought went through my mind that it was really a revolver in the man's hand I threw myself into the air toward the man, who was about five feet away, pushing off from the auto to get a sort of springboard effect. As far as I can recollect, there were two things in my mind. A man thinks as fast as I thought then only once in his life.

"My first thought—it's funny to speak of having first thoughts under these circumstances—was, if possible, to reach the man and bear down on him before he fired. My second thought was to take the bullet myself if he fired before I reached him.

"He fired while I was in the air—that's just about what happened, for it couldn't have been more than half a second from the time when I, seeing the gun, leaped to the time I landed on him and we went down to the pavement together.

"My arm, from old wrestling practice—any wrestler will tell you it's a natural thing to do—went around his neck in half Nelson. As we struck the pavement he tried to slip the gun in between us, and I knew that meant that he intended to shoot me.

"I got my left hand to the muzzle of the gun as a first precaution, turned it in on him and then broke his hold. With the gun in my left hand and my half Nelson backed by a strength that I never realized that I had, I commenced to force his head back to break his neck. If Colonel Roosevelt hadn't stopped me I would have killed him."

Roosevelt's Message to Party.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 17.—Following is the message dictated by Colonel Roosevelt to his party and delivered by Senator Beveridge to an audience in Louisville, Ky., last night:

"It matters little about me, but it matters all about the cause we fight for. If one soldier who happens to carry the flag is stricken another will take it from his hands and carry it on. One after another the standard bearers may be laid low, but the standard itself can never fall. You know that personally I did not want ever to be a candidate for office again. And you know that only the call that came to the men of the sixties made me answer it in our day as they did more nobly in their day. And now, as then, it is not important whether one leader lives or dies. It is important only that the cause shall live and win. Tell the people not to worry about me, for if I go down another will take my place. For always the army is true. Always the cause is there, and it is the cause for which the people care, for it is the people's cause."

INDIAN ORCHARD.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Indian Orchard Aid society will meet with Mrs. Rebecca Leftwich for tea Wednesday, October 16.

Miss Frances Grey, Hawley, spent Sunday among relatives at this place.

H. H. Crosby and wife visited at L. Williams, Adams Lake, on Sunday.

A. P. Whitmore and friend of Port Jervis, were recent guests at P. L. Braman's.

M. Leo Braman and wife, Honesdale, were guests of relatives at this place on Sunday last.

James Myers and wife, White Mills, also Wm. Myers and family, Bethany, were visiting relatives at this place a few days last week.

C. T. Weeks and wife enjoyed an auto ride on Sunday last in their son's car.

The A. M. Henshaw sale was well attended on Saturday last and things sold brought a good price.

Mrs. Ray Bayly and children, East Honesdale, and Charles Budd and family, Beachlake, were among the guests entertained at E. C. Hain's on Sunday last.

Elieck Crosby and family, Beachlake, spent Sunday at H. H. Crosby's.

A few of our young people attended the moving picture show at White Mills on Monday night and report a fine time.

Misses Eva Silsbee and Bertha Bishop, White Mills, spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Joseph Saunders, Florence and William Pragnell, East Honesdale, spent Sunday at W. D. Buckingham's.

O. D. Henshaw, who is teaching at Gallie, spent Saturday and Sunday at this place with his family.

BETHANY.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Bethany, Oct. 16.

Mrs. Allison of Prompton, spent last week with Mrs. J. E. Pritchard. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gammell and Miss Gilchrist attended the Tri-County fair at Uniondale Wednesday.

Mrs. Gammell was one of the judges of fancy work.

Horace Ross left for Scranton last week to learn automobile.

Mr. Yerkes, while cutting corn last week, cut his leg quite severely.

Miss Cody, of Scranton, spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Fred Hauser.

A fine dinner was served Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. O. Avery and there was a good-sized attendance; over \$7 was cleared.

Mrs. H. C. Many and son, Edward, spent Friday and Saturday in Honesdale.

Several from here attended the box party at Beere school house Friday night and the dance which followed at Miss Kilroe's home.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will serve their annual roast pig and chicken supper at the home of Mrs. E. W. Gammell on Thursday evening, Oct. 24th. Price of supper, 50c. Aprons of all kinds will be on sale.

The many friends of Mrs. Rush Kimble were sorry to hear of her painful accident Saturday night.

HAMLIN.

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Hamlin, Oct. 16.

The farmers of this vicinity are very busy harvesting their crops during these bright autumn days.

H. D. Spangenberg, who is working at Spring Brook, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. Geo. Collins and sister, Ada Sadler, Headies, visited their sister, Mrs. Floyd Neville, at Noblestown. Miss Sadler also spent a day with Miss Edna Chumard.

Dr. O. J. Mullen is very busy these days, having been appointed State Medical Examiner of the schools in Salem and Dreher townships. He began his duties the first of the week and has already examined the pupils of the Hamlin school and of the East school. In addition to a report concerning the physical condition of each pupil he is obliged to report as to sanitary conditions of the school house and grounds.

Chas. Howe, Sterling, is assisting Robert Spangenberg in gathering his apple crop.

Mrs. C. M. Loring made a business trip to Scranton on Monday.

Miss D. P. Hamlin spent part of last week in Scranton.

Calvin Kimble is moving onto the farm formerly owned by George Henneforth. Mr. Henneforth will move his family onto the farm now occupied by Mr. Kimble.

H. F. Nicholson's new house is making very satisfactory progress.

Miss D. P. Hamlin is entertaining Mrs. C. E. Mills and sister, Mrs. Beers, of Honesdale.

Mrs. W. H. Alt is visiting Mrs. Cobb at Bidwell Hill.

Mrs. M. Franc entertained a small party for supper recently.

The Book club met on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9, with Miss Cora Alt.

INGLEHART.

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Inglehart, Oct. 17.

A box social, with various other forms of amusement, such as grab-bag, fishing pond, etc., will be held at the East Berlin school house on Halloween eve for the purpose of raising funds with which to buy an organ for the school. The patrons of the school, and all other friends of education and the school, in the vicinity are warmly urged to come and have a good time and give the school a lift. You are invited not only to come yourselves but to do your best to bring your friends with you so as to make the occasion a success, both socially and financially. As the school house is used for church and Sunday school purposes also, it is doubly desirable to have an organ in the school. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whitmore have returned to their home at Rockaway, after spending a few days at this place.

Claude Hector, of Palmyra, is not gaining very fast. He has been spending some time at J. H. Decker's of this place.

Mrs. Frank Branning and daughter Alice, were callers at Mrs. H. Hill's and Mrs. E. Gevert's Saturday, Oct. 12.

Frank Branning, of this place, and brother, J. C. Branning, of Narrowsburg, N. Y., took a trip to Equinunk Saturday, Oct. 12, to visit their sister, Mrs. J. K. Hornbeck.

Some of the young people of this place and also Troops Corners gave Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hector a serenade Thursday night, Oct. 10.

Miss Minnetta Whitmore is spending a few days with her uncle, B. Whitmore, of Cohecton.

There will be a harvest home evening dance held at the Progressive grange hall Saturday, Oct. 19.

The people of the surrounding neighborhood gave Mr. and Mrs. John Buddenhagen a surprise on their 20th anniversary Saturday evening, Oct. 12. After the people had gathered at the home the young and old enjoyed dancing and other games. Before leaving refreshments were served. All reported a fine time.

Frank Wood, of Lackawaxen, was up to see his mother, Mrs. B. Wood, who is very ill at the home of her son, Harry Wood.

There will be regular services of the Baptist church this coming Sunday, both morning and evening.

The members of the M. P. church presented their pastor, A. R. Reicht with a purse containing \$35 before his leaving for the annual conference.

Complaints are coming from every section that the potatoes are rotting fast.

Rev. A. R. Reichert and Stew. Beers have returned from the session of the Eastern Annual Conference which met at Brooklyn, N. Y. last week. Rev. Reichert has returned for another year and connection with his work here.

supply Maplelake and Covington suit. He will open his year's work here on Sunday, Oct. 27th, preaching at Hollisterville at 11 a. m., at Sterling at 3 p. m. and at the Union church at 7:30 p. m.

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Orville Welsh was a business caller at Honesdale on Monday.

Fred Wragge, of Lake Huntington, is spending a few days with friends at this place.

Miss Regina Boughton of Abrahamsville, spent Sunday at the home of Rev. R. D. Minch.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oliver will spend the winter at Damascus at the home of their daughter, Mrs. T. A. Oliver.

George A. Tyler is having a concrete walk and steps laid in front of his house, which will add greatly to the appearance of his property.

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Mrs. W. D. Yerkes returned home from Honesdale on Friday evening of last week.

Miss Mabel Skinner recently spent a few days at Binghamton and Brandt. At the latter place Miss Skinner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hynes of New York City, spent Sunday in town.

Wm. Yerkes had his allo filled last week.

Lord, Swendsen and Dexter have been thrashing in this vicinity.

Miss Frederica Hooker spent Saturday at Port Jervis.

The ribbon social held at the school house on Friday evening last week was well attended.

Miss Florence V. Skinner was recent guest of Mrs. W. C. Yerkes.

M. L. Skinner and daughter, Mr. R. R. Beagle attended the funeral of the late Wm. Van Keur, Honesdale on Wednesday. Mr. Van Keuren had been a welcome visitor to Milanville for many years and his friends regret his untimely death.

Mrs. Wallace Barnes, of Honesdale, was called here Sunday by illness of her little grandson, Mary Barnes, who, we are glad to state is better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Yerkes were pleasantly surprised last Saturday evening when a few friends from Tyler Hill and Milanville assembled to spend the evening, the occasion being their eighteenth anniversary. A jolly evening was spent and dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Price a daughter, Beulah, spent Saturday, Honesdale.

Miss Florence Price visited grandparents the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tegalar spent Sunday at Gallie.

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