

# PRESIDENT M'KINLEY IS DEAD

## Passed Away at 2:15 This Morning.

MILBURN HOUSE, Buffalo, Sept. 14.—President McKinley died at 2:15 a. m. He had been unconscious since 7:50 p. m. His last conscious hour on earth was spent with his wife to whom he devoted a lifetime of care. He died unattended by a minister of the gospel, but his last words were an humble submission to the will of the God in whom he believed. He was reconciled to the cruel fate to which an assassin's bullet had condemned him and faced death in the same spirit of calmness and poise which has marked his long and honorable career. His last conscious words, reduced to writing by Dr. Mann, who stood at his side when they were uttered, were as follows:

“Good-bye, all; good-bye. It is God's way. His will be done.”

His relatives and the members of his official family were at the Milburn house, except Secretary Wilson, who did not avail himself of the opportunity. Some others of his personal and political friends also took leave of him. The painful ceremony was simple. His friends came to the door of the sick room, took a longing glance at him and turned tearfully away. He was practically unconscious during the time. But the powerful heart stimulants, including oxygen, were employed to restore him to consciousness for his final parting with his wife. He asked for her and she sat at his side and held his hand; he consoled her and bade her good-bye. She went through the heart-trying scene with the same bravery and fortitude with

### LAST HOURS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MILBURN HOUSE, BUFFALO, Sept. 12.—The president is slowly dying. Secretary Cortelyou sent this announcement from the house at 9:30 o'clock tonight. At the same time Dr. Mynter, who had just come from the sick room, said there was hardly any pulse left and the body was getting cold, although the president's vitality was so strong that he might last until 2 o'clock in the morning. But he might die at any moment. The extremities are now cold with the approach of death.

The last sad offices about the bedside have been said and the president has again lapsed into unconsciousness after a brief period of consciousness. During his conscious moments Mrs. McKinley was brought into the chamber and there was an affecting farewell. Members of the cabinet, one by one, saw the president momentarily and there was a hushed exchange. Then the president softly chanted a hymn. Just before he lapsed into unconsciousness, he begged the doctors to let him die. At 9:30 every one within the house and in the great crowd outside awaited the announcement of the end.

The president's last words were addressed to his wife: “God's will, not ours, be done.”

At 10:40 Dr. Mann said the president was still alive, and might live for an hour longer.

10:55 p. m.—The crowds on Delaware avenue near the mansion grow larger, and the police and military sentries have their hands full in preserving the lines.

10:50 p. m.—The rooms in the rear of the Milburn house, hitherto darkened, have just been brilliantly lighted. There is much activity in that part of the house.

10:55 p. m.—The awful suspense continues. The relatives and distinguished visitors are still gathered in the drawing room awaiting the announcement of the end.

10:59 p. m.—The president is alone with his physicians and nurses. His extremities have long been cold and for more than two hours he has been unconscious.

11:05 p. m.—A messenger from the house announces that the president's vitality is marvelous. Condition remains unchanged, and death may come in one minute or not for an hour or more.

11:07 p. m.—Dr. McBurney said it was possible that the president might live several hours. He is scarcely breathing, the circulation has ceased in his extremities, and they are cold.

11:12 p. m.—Dr. Mann has just said: “The president is pulseless and is dying. He may live an hour.”

The personal colored attendant of the president at 11:45 announced that the president was still alive.

At 11:47 Dr. Janeway, of New York, the heart specialist, arrived and was admitted to the Milburn house.

11:58 p. m.—When Dr. Janeway arrived the president was just barely alive. Secretary of Navy John D. Long arrived at 12:06 in time to see the president alive, though unconscious.

12:30 a. m.—Frank Baird announced from Secretary Cortelyou that the president is still alive, and his condition practically as it had been for an hour.

12:30 a. m.—Coroner Wilson reached the house a few minutes ago. This led to startling reports.

The district attorney ordered the coroner to proceed to Milburn house because he had heard a report that the president was dead. Coroner Wilson's arrival was followed immediately by his departure, his presence not being necessary, as the president still lived.

The arrival on the scene of Coroner Wilson is explained by the statement that he was ordered by the district attorney to go to the Milburn house.

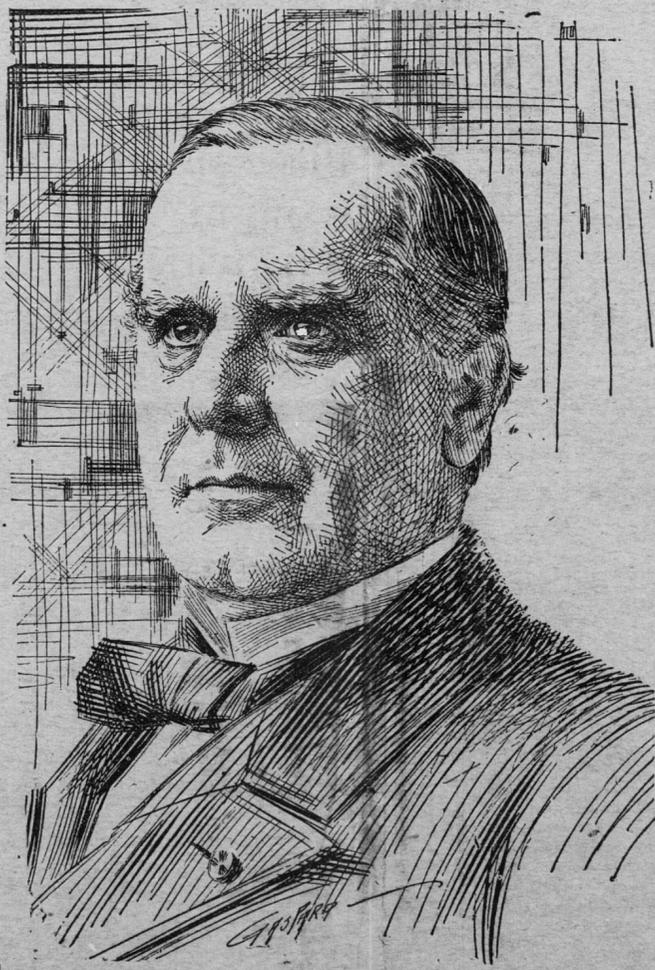
1:55 a. m.—The physicians, it is announced, are now remaining with the president out of respect, the time for their services having passed.

Mrs. McKinley has retired to her room.

Secretary Cortelyou made the announcement.

2:24 a. m.—The members of the family, with the exception of the bereaved wife, were at the deathbed. Mrs. McKinley was in an adjoining room. Dr. Rixey was the only physician present.

2:30 a. m.—The announcement of the death to the members of the cabinet



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which she has borne the grief of the tragedy which ended his life.

The immediate cause of the president's death is undetermined. His physicians disagree and it will possibly require an autopsy to fix the exact cause. The president's remains will be taken to Washington and there will be a state funeral. Vice President Roosevelt, who now succeeds to the presidency, may take the oath of office wherever he happens to hear the news. The cabinet will, of course, resign in a body, and Pres. Roosevelt will have an opportunity of forming a new cabinet if he so desires.

The rage of the people of Buffalo against the president's assassin, when they learned tonight that he was dying, was boundless.

KEPT UP BY OXYGEN.

Before 6 o'clock it was clear to those at the president's bedside that he was dying, and preparations were made for the last sad offices of farewell from those who were nearest and dearest to him. Oxygen had been administered steadily, but with little effect in keeping back the approach of death. The president came out of one period of unconsciousness only to relapse into another. But in this period, when his mind was partially clear, occurred a series of events of profoundly touching character. Down stairs, with strained and tear-stained faces, members of the cabinet were grouped in anxious waiting. They knew the end was near and that the time had come when they must see him for the last time on earth. This was about 6 o'clock. One by one they ascended the stairway—Secretary Root, Secretary Hitchcock and Attorney General Knox. Secretary Wilson also was there, but he held back, not wishing to see the president in his last agony. There was only a momentary stay of the cabinet officers at the threshold of the death chamber. Then they withdrew, the tears streaming down their faces and the words of intense grief choking in their throats. After they left the sick room, the physicians rallied him to consciousness, and the president asked almost immediately that his wife be brought to him. The doctors