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## THE PRESIDENT SHOT DOWN

### Attempted Assassination at a Reception on the Buffalo Exposition Grounds.

#### PHYSICIANS EXPRESS STRONG HOPES FOR RECOVERY

#### An Anarchist Named Czolgosz Fires Twice at Mr. McKinley When About to Shake His Hand in the Temple of Music—One Bullet Pierces the Walls of the Stomach—Doctors Unable to Find It by an Operation—Crowds Seek to Lynch the Would-Be Murderer—Story of the Tragedy.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 6.—President McKinley was shot twice by a would-be assassin as he stood in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American Exposition at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The shots were fired by Leon Czolgosz, of Detroit, who said afterward that he was an Anarchist and had only done his duty.

The attempted assassination took place in the presence of 3,000 people, who had crowded into the Temple of Music, while 10,000 others stood outside the Temple waiting for a chance to enter and shake hands with the President.

The first bullet struck the sternum in the President's chest, deflected to the right, and traveled beneath the skin to a point directly below the right nipple. The second bullet penetrated the abdomen. Only a superficial wound was caused by the first bullet, and within five minutes after the physicians reached the President it had been removed. The second bullet was not found.

An operation was performed on the President at the emergency hospital on the exposition grounds at 6 o'clock by Dr. Matthew D. Mann, Dr. John Parmenter, and Dr. Herman Mynter. The President's stomach was opened, but the bullet was not found. Drainage tubes were inserted, the incision was sewed up, and at 7:45 o'clock the President was removed to the home of John G. Milburn, at Delaware Avenue and Ferry Street. The doctors stated after the operation that they were hopeful, and that while the wound caused by the second shot was serious, it was not necessarily fatal.

#### Seized by Detectives.

The man who did the shooting was seized immediately by the detectives. He offered no resistance at first, but refused to give any information about himself. Later he said his name was Fred Nieman, that he was twenty-eight years old, and had come to Buffalo from Detroit a week ago. He was living at 1025 Broadway. He gave his occupation as a blacksmith, and said he was born in Detroit. It was not until evening that his right name was learned.

The reception to the President this afternoon was one to which the general public had been invited. John G. Milburn, President of the exposition, had introduced the Executive to the great crowd in the Temple, and men, women, and children came forward for a personal greeting. Among those in line was Czolgosz, whose left hand was wrapped in a handkerchief. Folded in the handkerchief was a .32-caliber deringer.

A little girl was led up by her father, and the President shook hands with her. As she passed along to the right the President looked after her smilingly and waved his hand in pleasant adieu. Next in line came the would-be assassin. As the President turned to the right again, bringing his right hand about in the characteristic manner with which he extends it while receiving, Czolgosz thrust out both his hands, brushed aside the President's extended arm, and brought the revolver, hidden in the handkerchief, up against the President's stomach. At the same instant he pulled the trigger.

#### First Bullet Too High.

The first bullet entered too high for the purpose of the Anarchist, who had fired again as quickly as his finger could move the trigger. On receiving the first shot President McKinley lifted himself on his toes with something of a gasp. His movement caused the second shot to enter just below the navel. With the second shot the President doubled slightly forward and then sank back.

Detective Gary caught the President in his arms and Mr. Milburn helped to support him. It had all happened in an instant. Almost before the noise of the second shot sounded Czolgosz was seized by S. R. Ireland, a United States Secret Service man, who stood opposite the President. Ireland hurled him to the floor, and as he fell a negro waiter, John Harper by name, leaped upon him. Soldiers of the United States Artillery, detailed at the reception, sprang upon them and he was surrounded by

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a squad of police and Secret Service men.

Detective Gallagher grabbed Czolgosz's right hand, tore away the handkerchief, and seized the revolver. The artillerymen, seeing the revolver in Gallagher's hand, rushed at him and handled him rather roughly. Meanwhile Ireland and the negro held the would-be murderer, endeavoring to shield him from the attacks of the infuriated artillerymen and the blows of the policemen's clubs.

Supported by Detective Geary and President Milburn, and surrounded by Secretary George Cortelyou and half a dozen exposition officials, the President was assisted to a chair. His face was very white, but he made no outcry, and sank back with one hand holding his abdomen. His eyes were open, and he was clearly conscious of all that had transpired.

#### First Thought for His Wife.

He looked up into President Milburn's face and gasped "Cortelyou." The President's Secretary bent over him. "Cortelyou," said the President, "My wife; be careful about her. Don't let her know."

Moved by a paroxysm he writhed to the left, and then his eyes fell on the prostrate form of the would-be assassin, Czolgosz, who lay on the floor bloody and helpless beneath the blows of the guard. The President raised his right hand, red with his own blood, and placed it on the shoulder of his secretary.

"Let no one hurt him," he gasped, and sank back in the chair while the guards carried Czolgosz out of his sight.

An ambulance from the exposition hospital was summoned immediately, and the President, still conscious, sank upon the stretcher. Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn rode with him in the ambulance, and in nine minutes after the shooting the President was awaiting the arrival of surgeons, who had been summoned from all sections of the city and by special train from Niagara Falls.

#### Conscious in the Ambulance.

The President continued conscious and conversed with Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn on his way to the hospital. "I am sorry," he said, "to have been the cause of trouble to the exposition."

Three thoughts had found expression with the President: First, that the news should be kept from his wife; second, that the assassin should not be harmed; and third, regret that the tragedy might hurt the exposition.

#### Crowds Gather Quickly.

The news that the President had been shot passed across the exposition grounds with almost incredible speed, and the crowd around the Temple of Music grew until it counted fifty thousand people. This big crowd followed the ambulance to the hospital, and then divided itself into two parts, one anxious to learn the condition of the President and to catch up every rumor that came from the hospital, the other eager to find the would-be assassin and to punish him.

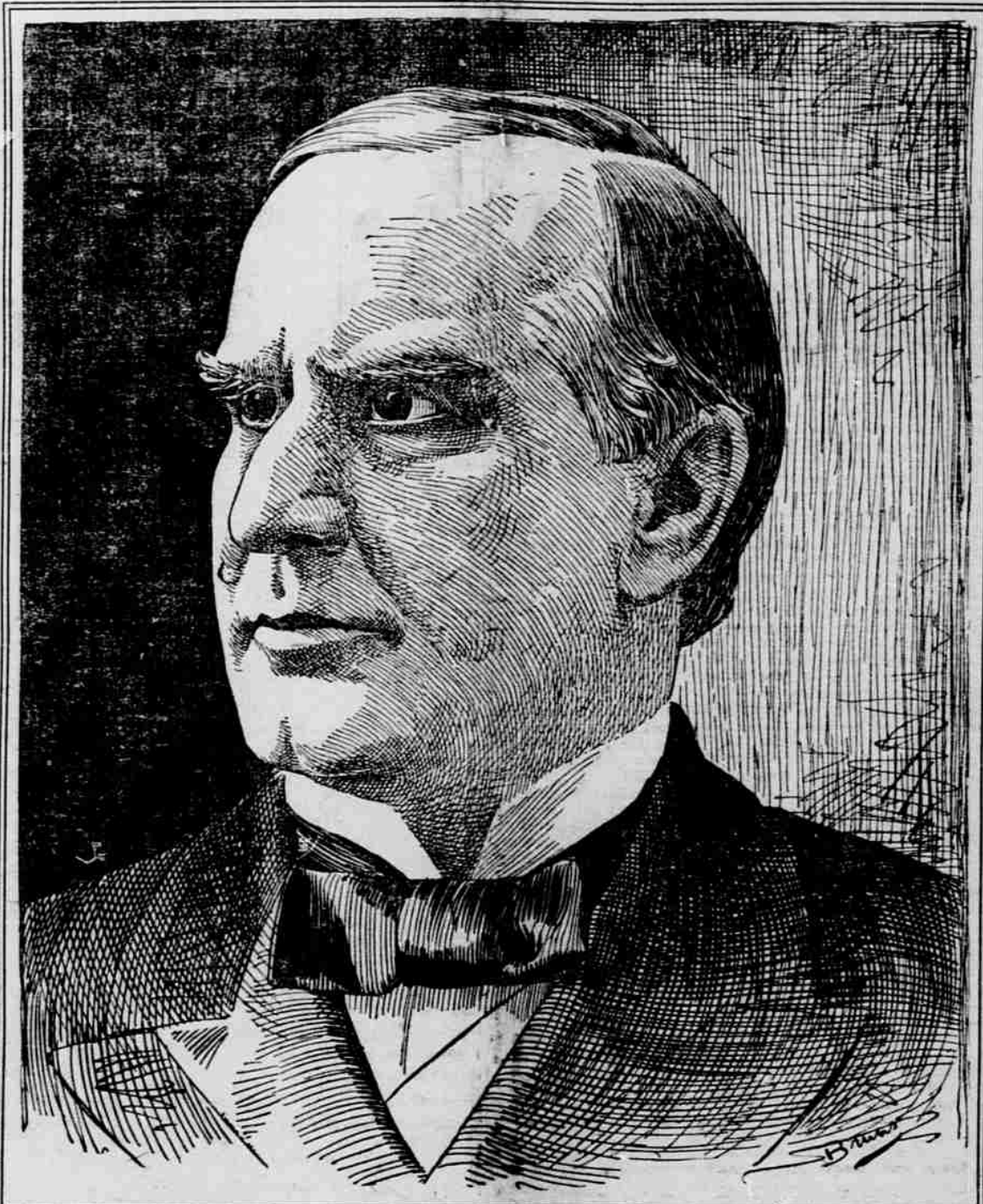
Certain it is that if the officials had not used remarkable diligence in taking Czolgosz out of the way of the crowd he would have been mobbed and beaten to death. Czolgosz had been carried into a side room at the northwest corner of the Temple. There he was searched, but nothing was found upon him except a letter relating to lodgings. They washed the blood from his face and asked him who he was and why he had tried to kill the President. He made no answer at first, but finally gave his name as Nieman. He is of medium height, smooth shaven, brown haired, and was dressed in the ordinary clothes of a mechanic. He offered no explanation for the deed, except that he was an Anarchist and had done his duty.

A detail of exposition guards was sent for and a company of soldiers. A carriage was summoned. South of the Temple a space had been roped off. The crowd tore out the iron stanchions holding the ropes and carried the ropes to a flag pole standing nearby on the Esplanade.

"Lynch him!" cried a hundred voices.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 7 (2:30 a. m.).—The condition of President McKinley at 2 o'clock this morning was as reassuring as could be expected. Although he was naturally suffering slightly from what is known as delayed or secondary shock, caused either by the bullet of the would-be murderer or the operation, there was every sign that the patient was bearing up wonderfully well. At the hour stated Mr. McKinley was free from pain and was resting easily. His temperature was 100.2, only slightly above normal, while the pulse had decreased to 120. The respiration was easy and unlabored at 24. The physicians declare that the only danger now is from complications, the most feared of these being peritonitis. The second bullet fired by the Anarchist passed through both walls of the stomach, and has not yet been extracted. An operation was performed, the wounds in the stomach being sutured, but the bullet could not be found. The wound of the first bullet was little more than a contusion, the flesh not having been pierced.

and a start was made for one of the entrances of the Temple.

Soldiers and police beat back the crowd, the guards and people wrangling, shouting, and fighting. In this confusion Czolgosz, still bleeding, with his clothes torn and scarcely able to walk, was led out by Capt. James F. Vailly, chief of the exposition detectives, Commandant Robinson, and a squad of Secret Service men. Czolgosz was thrown into a carriage and the detectives jumped in on him. Captain Vailly sprang to the driver's seat and lashed the horses into a gallop. The crowd burst into a roar of rage.

"Murderer!" "Assassin!" "Lynch, hang him!" they yelled. Men sprang at the horses and clutched at the whirling wheels of the carriage. Czolgosz huddled back in the corner, concealed between two detectives.

"The rope, the rope!" yelled the crowd, and they started forward all in one grand fight, the soldiers to save and the citizens to take a would-be murderer's life. Soldiers fought a way clear at the heads of the horses, and, pursued by the infuriated thousands, the carriage whirled across the Esplanade, the horses dashing at a full gallop over the triumphal causeway, through the Lincoln Parkway gate, and down Delaware Avenue, until police headquarters was reached.

Thousands left the exposition grounds, and learning that the man had been taken to police headquarters, followed there, willing to do violent justice if the President was dead. As evening came on the numbers grew, so that the multitudes blocked all the streets in the vicinity of police headquarters, ten thousand asking one another, "Is the President still alive?"

**Hospital Bulletin Censored.** All efforts to dispel the crowds were vain. The conversation of this mass of people penetrated ever to the cell where Czolgosz lay. Now and then the crowd would surge over to one of the newspaper building bulletin boards, cheering wildly when the statement was flashed out that the hope of recovery was entertained.

While this crowd threatened the life

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of the would-be murderer, every effort was being made to offer scientific aid to the President and to bring to him the best surgeons that could be secured. Dr. E. W. Lee, of St. Louis; Dr. Storer, of Chicago, and Dr. Van Peyma, of Buffalo, were on the grounds and joined the hospital staff. Dr. Matthew D. Mann, Dr. Herman Mynter, and Dr. John Parmenter were summoned by telephone, and Drs. Harrington and Stockton were brought to the grounds in swift automobiles.

The President was borne from the Temple of Music at 4:14 o'clock by Drs. Hall, Ellis, and Mann, Jr., who were in charge of the ambulance. The crowd fell back when it saw the figure of the President on the stretcher. There was no need for the police to ask the crowd to move back. Along the route of fountains and through the hall the crowd itself cleared a pathway, crying: "Keep back; keep back; make way!"

**Carried to the Hospital.** Colonel Chapin, of General Roe's staff, with the mounted escort, that had accompanied President McKinley in his out-door appearance since his arrival in Buffalo, surrounded the ambulance, and they went swiftly to the hospital. The doctors were at the President's side within thirty seconds after his arrival, and the nurses had made ready for the task of the surgeons.

Outside the hospital the police established safety lines, and the crowd fell back, thousands remaining there for hours and whispering questions to those who went in and out of the hospital.

In the room with the President were Messrs. Milburn and Cortelyou. In the hall of the hospital were John N. Scattered, of the executive committee of the exposition, and James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture. Melville C. Hanna, of Cleveland, was also present. The first news that came from the operating room was that one bullet had been extracted, and that this wound was superficial and by no means serious.

Then came the news of the second wound, and the information that the bullet had not been found, and that the doctors had decided to wait for a con-

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Milburn home to make preparations to receive the President.

Two nurses from the hospital took an automobile, loaded with supplies, down to the Milburn house, and at 7:25 o'clock the ambulance backed up to the hospital door. Four surgeons carried the stretcher on which the President lay. His head rested on a pillow, and a white sheet concealed all but his face, which looked as white as the linen around it. There was not a sound from the crowd. All heads were bare.

It could be seen that the President was conscious. His eyes were open, but he made no sign. Dr. Park, who had removed his coat and rolled up his sleeves, entered the ambulance and sat at the President's head, while Dr. Washburn, of the Marine Hospital, sat at his feet. General Welch and Colonel Chapin sat with the driver, and the military guard rode out at the head of the ambulance. Behind the ambulance went two automobiles carrying Secretary Cortelyou, Secretary Wilson, Mr. Milburn, and Dr. Mann.

It was found that the second and serious wound was a bullet hole in the abdomen about five inches below the left nipple and an inch and a half to the left of the median line. The bullet which caused that wound penetrated both the anterior and posterior walls of the stomach, going through and completely perforating that organ.

It was found also that as a consequence of the perforation, the stomach fluid had circulated about the abdominal cavity. Further examination disclosed that the hole made by the entrance of the bullet was small and clean cut, while that on the other side of the stomach was large and ragged.

A five-inch incision was made, and through that aperture the physicians were enabled to turn the organ about so as to suture the larger bullet hole. After that had been sewed the abdominal cavity was washed with a salt solution.

The other and slighter wound was directly in the middle of the breast above the breast bone. It was a contused wound and the flesh was not broken. The ball evidently had struck the flesh at the breast bone and glanced. During the operation the President's pulse remained at about 130, being at that figure when the operation was concluded.

The anesthetic used in the operation was ether. The President's respiration was normal throughout, and at no time was his breathing labored or difficult. The operation was a complete success from the point of view of the physicians. The danger now is from complications, the one most feared being peritonitis.

President McKinley showed no indication of having suffered from the shock of the attempted assassination or the operation. If this condition continues, as is probable, he will recover. Late tonight, under fire of cross-examination by detectives, the would-be assassin admitted that his name was Leon Czolgosz. He came here from Cleveland a week ago, and hired a room from John Nowak, a saloonkeeper, at 1073 Broadway. He says he had no intention of assassinating the President until this morning.

While he was being examined at police headquarters, a small match, which was found in his room, was brought in. It contained his picture and the empty box which had held the revolver. The prisoner is unmarried, can read and write, and seems to be a fairly intelligent man.

At 9:30 o'clock Superintendent Bull sent out an order to arrest all the persons at the Nowak House. Detectives Solomon, Geary, Divine, and Hanafelt arrested Nowak and three others. All were taken in to Superintendent Bull's office and examined. Among the prisoners was Czolgosz's roommate, who is the office boy of Reuben Goetz, a prominent Republican. Czolgosz says no one aided him in his crime, but the police say otherwise. They say he was shielded by an accomplice as he approached the President in the Temple of Music.

A patrol wagon stood all night in front of police headquarters filled with blue coats and answered several riot calls. The most serious riot occurred at 10 o'clock, when a great crowd surged down West Seneca Street toward headquarters, howling and shouting and ready for a lynching.

A squad of police charged the mob and Thornely Hudson, the ringleader, a railway brakeman, was knocked down with a police club. This stopped the onward movement of the crowd. Two others arrested were A. W. Dwyer, a broker, forty years old, and Benjamin Downer, who, it is said, were trying to incite the crowd to lynch the assassin.

All the people needed was a leader and they would have taken Czolgosz from his cell and hanged him.

After the operation the patient rested quietly and later was removed from the emergency hospital to the home of John G. Milburn in Delaware Avenue. At 8:45 a verbal bulletin was issued, stating that the President was not as strong as expected and that he appeared to be slightly weaker from delayed or secondary shock. This was followed by other unsigned bulletins of a more reassuring nature, together with the announcement that the patient was resting easily, and that no other bulletins would be issued unless there was a decided change in his condition.

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## SYMPATHY FELT IN LONDON

### Tributes Paid to Mr. McKinley in All the Papers.

#### A General Belief That Nations Should Be United Against the Common Evil of Society—Justifying the Protection of Europe's Rulers.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The British public and the people of Europe will learn of the attempt on the life of the President of the United States only this morning, but the first news soon spread among the clubs after the closing of the theatres here, evoking expressions of a universal hope of his recovery and abhorrence of the deed. There was deep relief when it was learned that Czolgosz's revolver was not as likely to prove as deadly as Cessario's dagger at Lyons in 1894, when President Carnot fell by an Anarchist's hand at the moment he was paying a similar visit among his admiring fellow citizens.

The crime which will now shock Europe comes as a startling substantiation of the deep felt anxiety of the police of all European countries, who even now are doubling their numbers and redoubling their vigilance whenever a ruler emerges from his circle of friends and attendants into the region of crowds. This caused unprecedented privacy within the masses of uniformed guards during the Kaiser's and King Edward's journeys on the occasion of Empress Frederick's funeral and the same motive compelled the French Government to confine its programme for the Czar's visit to places where he will be surrounded by uniformed protectors, and there will be no risking the crowds of Paris, lest they conceal an Anarchist vowed to murder the Russian ruler.

The entire press of London joins in paying a tribute to President McKinley's refined character and friendly personality, which should be the last in the world to provoke a murderous attack. The "Morning Post" says:

"Another of those inexplicable events which disgrace humanity has to be recorded. This morning, the day after the amiable and broadminded utterances of his President's Day speech, with his heart full not merely of zealous regard for the interests of his own countrymen but also consideration and friendliness for his neighbors and commercial rivals, President-McKinley has been the victim of a murderous attack. The blow struck at a monarch or President is a blow aimed at the majesty and power of a nation. Isolated, insane outrages are by no means provision or even safeguards, but there are certain measures of precaution which all nations can take and take in concert, which they are justified in enforcing. The common enemy ought to be exterminated as he can be, by joint international action of the great nations."

The "Telegraph" says: "When the British Empire was plunged into grief by the close of the great and glorious reign of Queen Victoria, the genuine sorrow manifested by all classes in the United States proved to us that they felt our loss as their own. Sympathy can only be repaid with sympathy. There is nothing in the intentions of the President of the United States, upon whose prosperity we dwell only two days ago with justifiable pride, or in their external relations, which could account for the existence of the passions that breed assassins. Assassination and incitement to assassination are not political but anti-social offences. Those guilty do not strike against a particular form of government, but all organized defence of law and order. In a vast majority of cases, the man who presses the trigger is morally less a villain than the cowardly words denunciations he translates into action."

The "Daily Mail" says: "President McKinley has been a wise and far-seeing ruler. He was the first to recognize clearly the necessity for expansion of the United States. His period of office will always be famous as the epoch in which the foundations of the American Empire began. He is not, perhaps, a great statesman, but is a man of plain, sterling sense."

The "Mail" thinks that it is notoriety and publicity which in most cases leads a criminal to perpetrate such atrocities, and says that if the criminal could be dealt with on the spot one great social crime would be removed. There is no reason why rulers should not be accompanied by one or two armed men who in such cases would have orders to shoot and shoot at once.

The "Daily News" writing under the impression that the President's wounds are mortal, says that a brave, upright governor of men perishes in the execution of his duty. He was a typical American. In this country the middle class have been general or directors of a big business. In America he was the wise President and his imperturbable self-reliance and belief in the destiny of his country made him the most beloved of Presidents. His last speech sounded the note of a commercial empire in which his name will be associated. He was the first President to expound the imperial idea, which has played havoc with old party lines in America as it has done here.

The "Standard" says: "All the fustian about vindicating the rights of the poor and avenging the wrongs done by Governments, is but the vicious gloss that disguises the brutal instincts of vice. We do not wonder that the multitude did their best to lynch the assassin. The deaths of Lincoln and Garfield differ from the present crime."

The "Chronicle" says that the closest alliance between the police of all nations and the greatest vigilance within each country are the only effective weapons society has against the common enemy. On political grounds, as well as on grounds of human feeling, it would be a grievous calamity if McKinley does not recover. The President stands for a new era and an epoch. His work is not concluded."

#### PRESIDENT RESTING EASILY.

#### A Reassuring Dispatch Received From Secretary Cortelyou.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Colonel Montgomery gave out a despatch just received at the White House from Secretary Cortelyou at Buffalo. The message read as follows:

"The President's physicians at 1 o'clock this morning, gave out the following bulletin: 'The President is free from pain, and is resting easily. Temperature 100.2 degrees; pulse 120; respiration 24.'"

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