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Slight Inflammation Causes the Removal of the Stitches in the Skin Wound—No Fear of Complications From This Cause. Visitors at the Milburn House Cheered by the Tidings of Continued Improvement—Cabinet Members Leaving Buffalo—The Present Aspects of the Case as Viewed by the Attending Physicians.

Buffalo, Sept. 10.—"Convalescent" is the word that today is on everybody's lips. With the exception of the physicians, who are conservatively careful not to commit themselves to a statement that is even a shade beyond the fact, all persons who have had access to the Milburn house do not hesitate to say that the chances of an evil turn are so remote that the convalescence of President McKinley has practically begun. General Grosvenor, who arrived here this morning, said that the President was at the threshold of his recovery and that the convalescence would be rapid. This, of course, is the optimistic view.

Remote as they are, the fact yet remains that all chances of the development of serious symptoms are not yet eliminated and will not be for at least three or four days to come. And yet every doctor in attendance fully, in his heart, believes that the President is going to get well, and probably each and every one of them believes that his convalescence will be rapid. That they do not commit themselves to a formal statement to that effect is simply because there is perhaps only one chance in five hundred that they would be overoptimistic in doing so and they do not propose to take that chance.

Of all those who have cut out the element of uncertainty from their calculations, none is more confident in this respect than the President himself. He not only feels sure he is going to get well, but he is slowly making the impression that he is about well already. He wants to read the newspapers; he wants to sit up. Already he is making his future plans. He said today that he wishes to go to New York in a few days and that he would like to travel and be asked the doctors how soon that would be.

His answers did not fully fill the void left by his subject. They were of the substance that as yet it was a little too early to tell. As a matter of fact, it will be three weeks at least before they will permit him to be moved. Not that such a length of time is absolutely necessary. But the physicians who have the tremendous responsibility on their shoulders are determined that not one single chance that they can foresee or imagine shall be taken. They are determined that the President shall not only be practically a well man when he starts back but that he shall have a considerable degree of strength. They understand perfectly well what sort of a patient he is and they receive along the route. In spite of all the precautions that might be taken, of all the consideration the people might be determined to show, it is foreseen that there is a possibility of some incident calculated to cause the patient more or less excitement, and quiet and freedom from excitement are two things that were in the very groundwork of the treatment.

It may be put down as practically a certainty that the President will remain right where he is until on or about the 1st of October. Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson and Postmaster General Smith, after visiting the Milburn house, started for the exposition, but evidently changed their minds, and returned in five minutes to the house. At 11:25 Secretary Root and Hay arrived, and were followed two minutes later by Vice President Roosevelt. The meeting of the five Cabinet officers and Vice President Roosevelt was locked upon as being the most important of the day. The deal of comment. While the meeting was in progress, C. F. Moberly Bell, general manager of the "London Times," arrived and was admitted. About 11:45 a large number of baskets of flowers, including American Beauty roses, gladioli, salivas, Kaiserin and bridesmaid roses, and Japanese lilies were sent to the house by Governor Gregory of Michigan. The flowers from the Fourth Signal Corps were also received.

The Vice President left the house at 12:20, having spent an hour there. He said: "I regard the President's recovery as absolutely certain, and that is the opinion of all those around him. I did not see the President myself. No visitors have seen him. I shall leave this city for Oyster Bay this evening."

"That is in itself an indication of how confident you feel?"

"Yes," he answered emphatically. "I am confident, absolutely confident."

"Has the presence of yourself and five Cabinet members in the house at the same time any significance?"

"No, it has none," he answered. "I have not seen Secretary Hay for a long time, and I was glad of the opportunity for a while. There was no formal conference, none at all."

Dr. Henry A. Knoll, the X-ray expert, was at the house during the morning. He said that the machine was all fitted and tested with the ten-inch coil. He said: "I do not know when the operation will be performed or when the machine will be used. It will all depend on the progress in charge. The machine is all ready. When I was first called here the President was too weak to have an operation performed, but his condition is entirely satisfactory now."

"I do not believe there will be any operation today, and I do not know whether it will be tomorrow or not. As you know, the bullet perforated the stomach and is lodged in the muscles of the back. It is entirely harmless where it is, and the only danger is that it may become so."

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CABINET OFFICERS LEAVE.

Secretary Gage and Attorney General Knox Depart.

Others Wait in Buffalo to Greet the President When He Recovers—Sensational Public Receptions May Be Abandoned in the Future.

BUFFALO, Sept. 10.—The Buffalo Club, which has been practically the seat of the United States Government since President McKinley was taken ill, was deserted by outside celebrities today. Vice President Roosevelt left town and so did Senator Hanna, Secretary Gage, and Attorney General Knox. Secretary Gage and Attorney General Knox departed for their homes. Secretary Gage will be here several days to await the opportunity to grasp the President's hand. Senator Hanna will be here to greet the President when he recovers. Secretary Gage and Attorney General Knox will be here to greet the President when he recovers.

Up to the hour only Mrs. McKinley, the surgeons, nurse, and Secretary Cortelyou have seen the President. Not even Senator Hanna nor Attorney General Knox, the President's brother, have been admitted to the sick room. The surgeons are, of course, kindly ones to be sure, but they will not take any chance where the President is concerned. They want him kept quiet for several days to come.

When the President is fully recovered it is proposed to have a special thanksgiving day in Buffalo. Only those who have been here since the President was taken ill can speak adequately of the kindness, hospitality and courtesy of the Buffalo Club. John G. Milburn, Harry Hamlin, ex-Postmaster General Wilson S. Hissell, Edwin Fleming, Secretary of the Pan-American Exposition, ex-Representative Leonard P. Mack, and many others have worked like beavers to see to it that the people of the United States should have every facility for getting the news of the President's condition as quickly as possible. Mr. Fleming, Mr. Milburn and Mr. Cortelyou have had a vigorous aide in Mr. Fleming, and no one speaks more enthusiastically of the separation of the members of the President's Cabinet and Senator Hanna.

Many of the newspaper correspondents are to return home tomorrow evening. They should be given every great newspaper in London, and Herd had had his representatives here, and as a special evidence of interest, the "London Times" had had three of its best representatives on the spot. They were hurried from Toronto, Montreal, and New York. This is mentioned merely to indicate the great interest all nations have had in the fate of President McKinley.

The Buffalo Club has been the common meeting place for the President, Roosevelt, the President's Cabinet, and the correspondents from all parts of the world and all have chummed together in the most friendly way. The doctors and the world's quickest and most accurate news of the President's condition. No member of the President's Cabinet will be quoted on the subject, for the reason that it is not the duty of his chief, but it may be said that the President's official household and others quite as important in the McKinley Administration will advise their chief in the future to forego promiscuous public receptions. Several members of the Cabinet are very pronounced in their views on this subject and yet they say they cannot presume to speak for President McKinley, who has been a warm friend of greeting the American people.

He delights to have the folks come up and shake hands with him in the old-fashioned way, and he says he will be pleased, if it was added, would tend to make him unhappy. Still, it was insisted, other consoling may eventually prevail with him.

BRYAN DENOUNCES VIOLENCE. Republicans Blamed for Making Political Capital of the Crisis.—Addressing his home Democratic county convention today, Mr. Bryan said: "We meet here under circumstances of distress to all parties. The result of the Buffalo disaster has been a public reception that Democratic conventions over the State have been passing resolutions denouncing that cowardly and distasteful deed. I am not surprised because what has happened here has happened in other parts of the country. We are in favor of a government administered so as to bring it up near to the people, and so pliant to the popular will that every man may hope for redress for every wrong."

Resolutions, written by Bryan's brother-in-law, were adopted, denouncing the assassination, pledging loyalty to the Government, and expressing the opinion that another man chosen in his place, and expressing gratification over probability of his recovery.

REJOICING AT THE EXPOSITION. Rhode Island Day Exercises a Tribute to the President.—BUFFALO, Sept. 10.—In opening the may of Rhode Island Day at the exposition, Governor Gregory said one of the purposes of the meeting was to "Praise God that the President will live."

Instantly the big audience rose and burst into cheers, which were given to the Temple of Music pealed triumphant strains. After a melody of national airs by the Salem Cadet Band, Chairman Wilson addressed the gathering. At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's remarks, Senator Hanna was introduced. He said: "I did not come here this morning to receive an ovation like this. I came here on this auspicious occasion to do my duty as a citizen of the United States."

SOVEREIGNS AT A LUNCHEON. The Zar Leaves Copenhagen on His Yacht for Danzig.—COPENHAGEN, Sept. 10.—The royal yacht of King Alexander of England took on board the Russian royal yacht Standart today. Afterward the yacht with the Zar aboard started for Danzig. The Czarina with her children sailed for Kiel on the yacht Polar Star.

Forgers Held in Havana.—HAVANA, Sept. 10.—The ringleaders in the recent robbery of \$40,000 from the Spanish Bank and \$50,000 from Upmann & Co. have been arrested. The robbers were committed through the agency of forged checks.

An Austrian Oil Factory Burned.—TRIESTE, Sept. 10.—The largest oil factory in Austria was burned last night. The damage amounts to 4,000,000 crowns.

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The Third Member of the Schley Court of Enquiry Arrives.

Admiral General Knox's Refusal to Implement the Administration in the Case—Final Touches to the Marylander's Case Made Yesterday.

Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison, one of the three members of the Schley Court of Enquiry, arrived in Washington last night and registered at the Edmont House. He came from his home in Yonkers, N. Y., to be present at the opening and organization of the court at the Navy Yard tomorrow. Mrs. Howison accompanies him. Admiral Howison is an officer of very pleasant manners and address, courteous and dignified. He declined, however, last night to discuss any phase of the Schley case, or the probabilities of his remaining upon the court.

"A double ban of silence prevents me from making any expression upon the merits of the case," he said. "I will do so at this time," said Admiral Howison. "The first place, the ordinary proprieties of my position would enjoin me to refrain from talking of the controversy. It is improper for me to discuss it as a member of a tribunal of the kind which is now sitting. My opinion whatever upon the case which is to come before him. In the second place, in company with all other officers, I am prevented by the orders of Secretary Long from saying anything on the subject. Furthermore, there is nothing which I desire to say regarding the case."

Admiral Howison expressed great sorrow at the attempted assassination of the President, and gratification at the reports of his probable recovery.

Admiral Howison will report to Admiral Dewey, who is presiding over the court of enquiry, today, and it is probable that there will be an informal meeting of the three officers some time today for the purpose of discussing some of the details of the preliminary investigation. Admiral Howison will report to the Navy Department his presence in Washington, but he is not required to report there in connection with the business of the court. As has been stated heretofore, Admiral Schley will challenge Admiral Howison when the court convenes, and his counsel have prepared a somewhat lengthy argument in support of the contention that he be relieved from service. The basis of their objections to Howison is, of course, the alleged interview published in the "Boston Record," and other statements in the "Boston Record" and "Boston Herald" which Howison had made in the past. Howison is not required to report there in connection with the business of the court.

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The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Hackett, received a letter from Attorney General Knox yesterday afternoon, in which the latter, responding to a suggestion of Mr. Hackett, that an officer of the Department be appointed to assist Judge Advocate General Lemly in the conduct of the Schley Enquiry, said that he could find no authority for permitting a civil legal officer of the Government to assist in the conduct of the Department to participate in a purely naval investigation. The suggestion was first made by Mr. Hackett about a fortnight ago, and brought from the Attorney General a statement of the facts of the case. Yesterday, the Attorney General recognized the right of an officer of his department to participate in a court-martial case, where the Government was in the position of a prosecutor, but that the Schley Enquiry there is no direct charges, and the court is merely to ascertain facts and report its opinions and findings. It is no right to prescribe any punishment. The functions correspond to those of a grand jury.

When Mr. Knox was in Buffalo, he received another communication on the subject from the Department. He said that the appearance of civil legal officers of the Government in military enquiries. The Attorney General talked over the matter informally at Buffalo with one of the military officers. He expressed himself as satisfied that the Department of Justice had no authority to detail one of its officers, and said he was opposed to doing so, also on the ground of policy. He said that he explained to his Cabinet colleagues, the matter was one solely for the Navy Department, the court being convened for the purpose simply of making an enquiry. The Department of Justice has no position to call for outside assistance.

The suggestion that an officer of the Department of Justice be detailed in the case grew out of the desire to have a skillful cross-examination of the witnesses, and undertake the oral examination of witnesses produced by Admiral Schley. The functions of the judge advocate is to lay the facts before the court, and the witnesses will be embraced largely of official records. Judge Wilson of Admiral Schley's counsel