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### EDITORIAL.

#### THE NATION MOURNS.

Ere the sun this day sinks in the western horizon the last sad rites over the mortal remains of our assassinated president will have been performed in his home cemetery at Canton—while seventy-five million people of the United States are enshrouded in gloom and mourn, the sympathy of the civilized world is extended to the widow and our nation in this great bereavement. With the last breathing of President McKinley all partisan feeling was hushed, and the whole nation mourns as one family that has been bereft of a husband and father, and this lends a beauty to the grief that soars high with true American patriotism for our land, and its chosen rulers.

The private life of William McKinley, as testified by those who knew him intimately, was pure and such as to command the love and esteem of his fellow citizens. That he was faultless is not to be claimed, for we are taught that only One was thus, and that no man is perfect. The career of Mr. McKinley was a remarkable one, as will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Centre Democrat, given at considerable length and is the sketch by one who was an admirer of the departed president; there has nothing unkind appeared in any column of the twenty thousand publications of the United States, of any party or denomination, in alluding to the death of the president. This attribute of the American character will prove that all Americans are truly loyal and that this land of freedom will be perpetuated to generations unborn.

The government of this nation will survive and if a score of its rulers fall by the hands of the assassin, or are called hence by the Great Judge on high. And this thought affords consolation to every patriotic heart in this hour of the nation's dire affliction. The country still lives, and it is moving on the same as though the life of him over whose resting place the earth is now closing, had not been cut short by the dastardly hand of the anarchist, the enemy of the human race. The declarations of the new president, Mr. Roosevelt, assure us that the government will be administered in the spirit of his oath, and we pray and trust that he will be guided by justice and wisdom, those essentials that alone are the bulwark of our free institutions.

We Americans will differ, and should, for the general good, as to the wisdom of measures of public policy, and must be left free thus to differ. While we accord others full liberty to think and vote we claim the same privilege in all questions of public moment, and will exercise it with vigor. This sentinel must remain on the watch tower, to sound the alarm when there is danger, otherwise despotism would finally result and this mighty fabric of free government totter and fall. When the bullet of the assassin struck President McKinley, every American citizen felt the pain of the wound as though the ball had entered his own body. With this sensitiveness must we watch against encroachments upon our great free government, founded by our revolutionary sires, and sacredly guard the persons of our public servants in the discharge of their duties, and not permit anarchism to halt them by assassination.

Owing to the large amount of space devoted to the death of the president we are compelled to curtail local and general news and advertisements. The importance and solemnity of the occasion deserve that this be a McKinley memorial issue. For the same reason we deem it imprudent and distasteful to take up the discussion in our editorial department of any political issues that might incidentally arise. As we stand in the solemn presence of death, those who seize this opportunity to vent their political creeds, only make themselves offensive by their ill-timed utterances.

The anarchists claim to be opposed to all law and government. Very well then, let them emigrate to some uninhabited island and do without law and government and take Emma Goldman along to do the cooking.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has made a splendid start in the assumption of his great office. He has won the confidence of the people. We wish him well.

Of the elected presidents of the United States Grover Cleveland is the only one living.

# ALL BUFFALO MOURNED

### Simple Obsequies Over President's Body at Milburn House.

#### PATHETIC IN THE EXTREME

### Mrs. McKinley Bore Up Bravely—President Roosevelt Looks Upon His Dead Chief—Senator Hanna's Grief. The Remains at the City Hall.

Buffalo, Sept. 16.—Buffalo yesterday became a city of mourners. The gay and flaming decorations of the Pan-American exposition gave way to the symbol of sorrow. The black drapery of the city's streets muffled the tolling bells of the churches. Bits of crepe appeared on every sleeve. The sorrow was everywhere apparent. In the morning a simple service took place at the residence on Delaware avenue where the martyred president died. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered over the dead body. That was all. Only the immediate family and the friends and political assistants of the late President were present. The scene there was pathetic in the extreme. Then the body was borne out to the waiting cortege on the brawny shoulders of eight sailors and soldiers of the republic. The cortege passed through solid walls of living humanity, bare-headed and grief-stricken, to the city hall, where the body lay in state yesterday afternoon. There a remarkable demonstration occurred which proved how close the President was to the hearts of the people. Arrangements had been made to allow the public to view the body from the time it arrived, at about 1.30 o'clock until about 5 o'clock. But the people were wedged into the streets for blocks. Two lines were formed. They extended literally for miles. When 5 o'clock came 40,000



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

people had already passed and the crowds waiting below in the streets seemed undiminished. It was decided to extend the time until midnight. For hours longer the streets were dense with people and a constant stream flowed up the steps of the broad entrance into the hall and passed the pier. When the doors were closed at midnight it was estimated that 80,000 people had viewed the remains, but thousands of disappointed ones were still in the streets.

In the drawing room to the right of the hall as President Roosevelt entered, the dead chieftain was stretched upon his bier. His head was to the rising sun. On his face was written the story of the Christian forbearance with which he had met his martyrdom. Only the thinness of his face bore mute testimony to the patient suffering he had endured. He was dressed as he always was in life. The black frock coat was buttoned across the breast where the first bullet of the assassin had struck. The black string tie below the standing collar showed the little triangle of white shirt front. The right hand lay at his side. The left was across his body. He looked as millions of his countrymen have seen him, save for one thing. The little badge of the Loyal Legion, the only decoration he ever which was always in the left lapel of his coat was missing. And those who remarked it spoke of it, and after the body was taken to the city hall the little badge which he prized through life was placed again where it had always been.

The family had taken leave of their loved one before the others arrived. Mrs. McKinley, the poor grief-crushed widow, had been led into the chamber by her physician, Dr. Rixey, and had sat awhile alone with him who had supported and comforted her through all their years of wedded life. But though her support was gone she had upon him and fondled his face.

Senator Hanna, who had fairly worshipped his dead friend for years, entered the room at this time but did not approach the casket. His face was set like an iron-willed man who would not let down the barriers of his grief. The senator spoke to no one. His eyes were vacant. He passed through the throng and seated himself behind Governor Odell, sinking far down into his chair and resting his head upon his hand. During all the service that followed he did not stir.

When President Roosevelt entered he steeled himself for a look into the face of him whose death had made him the first ruler of the world. The tension in the room was great. Every one seemed to be waiting. The minister of the gospel stood with the Holy Book in his hand ready to begin. Perhaps it might have been 60 seconds. It seemed longer. Then the President turned and at the same time advanced a step. He bowed his head and looked upon the man whose burden and responsibility he had taken up. Long he gazed, standing immovable save for a twitching of the muscles of the chin as he labored with heavy breath to repress his emotion. At last he stepped back.

#### THE CABINET UNBROKEN

### President Requests Members to Retain Office During His Term.

Washington, Sept. 18.—President Roosevelt at 3 o'clock yesterday convened his first cabinet meeting held in Washington. At this meeting the President asked the members of Mr. McKinley's cabinet to retain their respective portfolios throughout his term and announced that his administration would follow the policy outlined by President McKinley at Buffalo.

The President then addressed his advisors collectively, as he had previously done individually, requesting them all to retain their respective positions in his cabinet. Mr. Roosevelt expressed the hope and expectation that every member would serve throughout his term for, he said, he tendered the appointments as if he had just been elected to the presidency and was forming an original cabinet.

The President said, however, there was one difference between the present tender and that of an original offer, namely, under the present circumstances they were not at liberty to decline. Upon being asked by a member if resignations should be formally presented in the usual manner the President answered that his action at this meeting had precluded the necessity of presenting resignations.

The discussion turned upon the policy of the administration and Mr. Roosevelt announced that he regarded the speech of the late President at Buffalo Pan-American exposition, the day previous to the tragic shooting, as outlining the policies to be followed by the administration. It cannot be learned at this time whether or not all the members will be willing to serve the full term.

#### HOWISON WAS REJECTED

### Court of Inquiry Sustained Admiral Schley's Protest.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Within three hours from the time of convening the court of inquiry yesterday it was announced that Rear Admiral Howison was disqualified from serving as a member of the court and was excused from further duty. This brought the proceedings to an abrupt termination, and caused a temporary adjournment of the court in order to permit the navy department to designate an officer to succeed Admiral Howison.

The first skirmish was opened quietly by Admiral Schley rising from his seat and speaking in strong voice, calmly and deliberately, challenging Admiral Howison's eligibility as a member of the court. Three witnesses were brought forward in support of this challenge, namely, Mr. Francis S. Frost, Mr. William E. Spon and Mr. Foster Nicholls.

Frost said that Howison had told him that Sampson had arranged the campaign and the order of battle. It had worked out according to his plans, and he was therefore entitled to the credit for the victory. Frost said: "Howison said that Schley was not as competent as Sampson. He was not as highly regarded by naval officers. He did not have as high a standing. I was impressed with the fact that Howison had no use for Schley personally. He said he was rash, hot-headed, and not Sampson's equal."

During the cross-examination Admiral Howison said very emphatically: "I have not the slightest desire to force myself on this court. I do not want to sit on it. It is not agreeable duty for me. I have no desire whatever to do it; and I am not making any excuses for myself or for any of my private discussions with my own outside. I think that is my own affair, and nobody else is asked about these private discussions. I am perfectly willing to get out."

The inquiry will resume its sessions on Friday morning. Definite plans for the daily work of the court have not been completed, but the expectation is two sessions will be held daily.

#### NO MORE A HUNTER

### Pastor Prays For Roosevelt to Abstain From the Chase.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 18.—One feature of the prayer of Rev. Father Don Luigi Sartori, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Midland, Allegheny county, recited in church for the new President of the United States, was as follows: "That he may prove a courageous President in every respect for the welfare of the people, quitting at once hunting wild animals of the forest for the energetic hunting down of the two-legged savage beasts left roaming free about this vast civilized country."

It is to the credit of the authorities in Buffalo that they have thus far been successful in safely holding Czolgoz from any form of bodily injury. He should receive a trial like every other criminal and his punishment as provided by statute. We claim to be a law-abiding people. Under all circumstances law and order are supreme, no matter how great the provocation or affliction. Therefore let us be patient and justice will be meted out to the assassin.

THREE times within the memory of men now living has the assassin's hand stricken down the chief officer of the United States. Once for sectionalism, once for personal revenge, and now, a third time, for anarchy. Is it not time to take measures to protect our presidents?

A PROMINENT Philadelphia daily paper is making a desperate effort to create sentiment against one of its principal competitors, using the death of the president, in a most sordid and questionable manner, to accomplish the purpose. Is it not infamous?

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Alone, and seeing her footing five or six feet beneath her, she at once exerted every muscle and by so doing climbed to terra firma once more. But for her superior strength, she might have sunk into the earth and been strangled or frightened to death.

The orifice is about three feet in diameter, widening to fully ten feet, with great crevices along the sides.—Centre Reporter.

#### The Grange Picnic.

The grange picnic at Centre Hall is in swing this week, with the usual equipment for tents and a program for the edification as well as amusement of the crowds. The Sunday services partook of the nature of a memorial of the dead president, McKinley. For the other days and evenings of the week prominent grangers will lecture upon subjects of interest to the patrons of husbandry and others. The occasion is one for a comingling and outing for the members of the order with abundance of hospitality and welcome for the visiting class. The usually large attendance has been greatly interfered with by bad weather in the past four days; for to-day the sky indicates bright sunshine and a large crowd will go thither, no doubt.

THE steel strike has broken up, and nothing now remains but to save whatever can be saved from the wreck. It was well to abandon the hopeless struggle; the present is no time for finish fights.

THE reader's attention is called to special articles on pages 2, 3 and 6 of this memorial issue. The articles were carefully prepared and will prove of special interest at this time.

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Saved His Boy's Life.

"I believe I saved my (nine year old) boy's life this winter with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says A. M. Hoppe, Rio Creek, Wis. "He was so choked up with croup that he could not speak. I gave it to him freely until he vomited and in a short time he was all right." For sale by Green's Pharmacy.

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There is no rose without a thorn,  
No joy without a sorrow;  
With every rosy night is born  
A headache on the morrow.

If at first you don't succeed,  
Try, try again;  
There are other friends to bleed  
For five or ten.

Mary had a little lamb:  
It was a tender beast.  
She took it to the Stock Exchange,  
And it was promptly fleeced.

Running in debt—a watch at a pawnshop.  
A donkey made of dough must be a cracker-jack.

A person seldom gets a medal for being a meddler.  
The lightest part of a theatre is done by the electrician.

Weakfish will be strong, if you keep them long enough.  
Doesn't the horse that wins keep out of the beaten track?

A little change will vary the monotony of an empty pocket.  
The comet is a celestial body, and thereby hangs a tail.

There is quite a difference between an airship and an heirship.  
The coal dealer always conducts his business on a large scale.

Idleness is a disease with some people, and it's contagious at that.  
The armless wonder of museum fame has to be handy with his feet.

A girl doesn't think it's a giveaway when she is presented at court.  
There will come a time when even the Dead Sea shall give up its dead.

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