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The prayer at every bedside is that the Lord may comfort and sustain Mrs. McKinley.

Significant.

THROUGHOUT the many hundreds of official and personal messages of sympathy and condolence received by the officials of our government for transmission to Mrs. McKinley and the American people, there runs a spirit of sincerity which redounds from commonplace their often formal language.

It is especially gratifying to the people, and is another fine proof of Theodore Roosevelt's sagacity and munificence.

Secretary Cortelyou.

IT FRETFULLY happens that while men in high office, under the glare of publicity, receive widespread credit for superior qualities, other men, also great, but laboring in a subordinate relationship, gain deserved recognition only from the few who see their merit demonstrated.

A man of modest and self-restraining nature, but of great ability, who has earned the gratitude and confidence of the American people in the trying affliction through which the nation has passed is George B. Cortelyou, the private secretary of the dead chief, of whom the Pittsburgh Times well says: "Mr. Cortelyou was with the president when the assassin fired the fatal shot. From that moment until the end came Mr. Cortelyou was burdened with the gravest responsibilities, which he carried without a single failure. It was he who attended to the arrangements for the operation upon the president, and who passed in judgment upon everything except matters requiring technical knowledge. He saw that the people were apprised constantly of the condition of the patient, and that the tidings given out were accurate and comprehensive. Mr. Cortelyou dealt with the people as candidly as he could have done with his own household. Every development was given to the newspapers and press associations at once and without evasion.

For a Union Memorial Service.

THE PROCLAMATION of the president of the United States and the governor of Pennsylvania, making tomorrow a day of memorial for William McKinley, should be generally recognized. The fact that the Roosevelt Council has issued an announcement urging the proper observance in Scranton of this sad occasion, is to be commended, and the proposed plan to hold a great memorial service in the Armory tomorrow is one which will be approved by every right-minded citizen.

No man, woman or child who is physically and mentally able to enter into the spirit of such exercises in honor of the foremost man of civilization of our times, should be absent from this meeting. Plans of business are ordered to be closed. The feeling in this community, full of loyal workmen and loyal employers of labor, is unanimous in that the grief of the nation touches every heart.

The services in the Armory are very properly to take in all denominations, all creeds and all colors. Clergymen from Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew churches should make addresses, and the exercises should be of such a character that the occasion will be forever impressed on those who shall be there. The children should come from the various schools and crowd the great building to the doors, for to them this dark page of our nation's history should be made an object lesson never to be forgotten.

Let the meeting in the Armory be one which shall suitably speak our sorrow. The bells of this city have tolled no knells for the dead president, as have the bells in almost every town and village of the land, but we can demonstrate our honor, affection and loyalty tomorrow in a vast assemblage of our people for an hour of solemn remembrance of our loss.

Characteristic.

IT IS CHARACTERISTIC of Theodore Roosevelt that one of his first determinations in the trying place of president by succession is to put from him absolutely all thought of personal political ambition. His announcement at Buffalo to a friend that he has given himself unconditionally to the carrying forward of President McKinley's policy and that he is in no sense a candidate for election in 1904 is like the man. It is the statement of one whose word has never been questioned, and it will add largely to his already firm hold upon public confidence and esteem.

We believe that this much may be said with perfect propriety at this time as a matter of justice. To have it understood at the earliest possible mo-

ment that the new administration is to be unselfishly loyal to the old, and guided without reference to personal ambition, is in such thorough keeping with the spirit of the solemn occasion that it constitutes an essential part of the memorial observances.

Years ago, when in Washington as a member of the civil service commission, Roosevelt wrote to a friend: "It seems to me that a man's comfort and usefulness in public are greatly impaired the moment he begins to get worrying about how his actions will affect his own future. When I was in the legislature I soon found that for my own happiness as well as for the sake of doing good work I had to cast aside all thoughts of my own future, and as soon as I had made up my mind to this and voted simply as I thought right, not only disregarding politicians, but even disregarding people themselves, if I honestly thought them all wrong on a matter of principle, not of mere expediency, then I began thoroughly to enjoy myself and to feel that I was doing good. It is just the same way with my present work as civil service commissioner. I believe in it with all my heart, and am absolutely certain that I could not possibly be engaged in any other work at the present moment more vitally important to the public welfare; and I literally do not care a rap what politicians say of me, in or out of congress, save in so far as my actions may help or hurt the cause for which I am working."

It is evidently of the same mind today, and it is a good mind to maintain. When the time shall come to discuss 1904 the people themselves will attend to that.

The new president's request to the old cabinet to continue in place throughout his term is, under the circumstances, in the nature of a command. It is exceedingly gratifying to the people, and is another fine proof of Theodore Roosevelt's sagacity and munificence.

As showing how rapidly the sceptre of time is cutting down the veteran soldier of the Civil war, in the ten years immediately past, the membership of the Grand Army has declined from 288,672 to 237,327. The number lost by death last year was 8,168.

Only a few years ago the papers were full of articles telling how English syndicates were buying American industries. Now American capitalists are frequently buying English industries. Wonderfully has the tide turned.

Confidence Is Felt In New President

From "Holland's" New York Letter in the Philadelphia Press.

IT WAS made apparent Monday morning that all acquiescence in the Roosevelt administration had passed away, for the markets displayed remarkable strength. This habitual loss was, it is true, due in part to the gratification of the public mind at the new turn in the United States and the fact that the American people in the trying affliction through which the nation has passed is George B. Cortelyou, the private secretary of the dead chief, of whom the Pittsburgh Times well says: "Mr. Cortelyou was with the president when the assassin fired the fatal shot. From that moment until the end came Mr. Cortelyou was burdened with the gravest responsibilities, which he carried without a single failure. It was he who attended to the arrangements for the operation upon the president, and who passed in judgment upon everything except matters requiring technical knowledge. He saw that the people were apprised constantly of the condition of the patient, and that the tidings given out were accurate and comprehensive. Mr. Cortelyou dealt with the people as candidly as he could have done with his own household. Every development was given to the newspapers and press associations at once and without evasion.

In all of the trying period he stood for the people in their relation with the sick bedside. He kept constantly in mind the private affairs of the president. He gave attention to multifarious duties arising from the unusual situation, answering demands upon his time and energy. So conservative an organization as the Associated Press, never much given to personal compliment, makes mention of the admirable manner in which Mr. Cortelyou discharged his numerous tasks, and the Associated Press, handling many columns of telegraphic messages daily, has been in position to realize his helpfulness. His work is not yet finished. Until the earth closes over the coffin Mr. Cortelyou will continue his considerate and useful direction of affairs. It is only when he comes in this way before the gaze of the people that the country comprehends what the man has done in his official capacity as the secretary to the president of the United States."

It has been said that Major McKinley appreciated so recently the loyalty and exceptional efficiency of his secretary that he was only waiting for a suitable opportunity to advance Mr. Cortelyou to a field of labor in which his splendid qualities would have a better chance to win public recognition. Should this intention be fulfilled by President Roosevelt, we believe that it would meet with very general public approbation.

The Roosevelt Programme.

MORE liberal and extensive reciprocity in the purchase and sale of commodities, so that the overproduction of this country can be satisfactorily disposed of by fair and equitable arrangement with foreign countries. The abolition entirely of commercial war with other countries and the adoption of such tariffs on foreign goods as are no longer needed for revenue, if such abolition can be had without harm to our industries and labor. The establishment of direct commercial lines between the eastern coast of the United States and the ports in South America and the Pacific coast ports of Mexico, Central America and South America. The encouraging of the merchant marine and the building of ships

which shall carry the American flag and be owned and controlled by American and American capital. The building and completion as soon as possible of the Isthmian canal, so as to give direct water communication with the coasts of Central America, South America and Mexico. The construction of a cable owned by the government, connecting our mainland with our foreign possessions, notably Hawaii and the Philippines. The use of conciliatory methods of arbitration in all disputes with foreign nations, so as to avoid armed strife. The protection of the savings of the people in banks and in other forms of investments by the preservation of the commercial prosperity of the country and the placing in positions of trust men of only the highest integrity. In other words, McKinleyism carried forward.

Coincidences abound in connection with the Buffalo tragedy. One of the latest to be noted is that President Garfield's death occurred on the same day of the month fixed for President McKinley's burial at Canton, the anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga, in which General Garfield took a conspicuous part. Furthermore, yesterday, the day of the McKinley funeral services at Washington, was also the anniversary of the battle of Antietam, in which Mr. McKinley's conduct was so heroic as to elicit special mention by his commanding officer, Colonel, afterward President Hayes. Strangely, indeed, do the threads of our history intertwine.

It is temperance that is discovered in what many regard as Roosevelt's impetuosity, a quality at times caused him to face acute tribulation by not always careful. Nevertheless, he displayed great tact when he was at Albany serving as governor. Roosevelt's vision, as far as all of the activities of his life are concerned, is undoubtedly broader than McKinley's. McKinley's fondness for activity found its outlet in the military and naval life, which explains his delight in railway travel. He once told the writer that he always had been very fond of traveling. When he was a boy it seemed to him that the highest gratification possible was that obtained by a man who was able to "ride on the cars." He did not look forth upon nature with almost the poet's eye, as Roosevelt always does, nor was his imagination so fertile or cultivated, comparable to that which Roosevelt possessed. He had but little interest in literature as such, excepting the applied literature of statistics and all that appertains to government. He studied men, where as Roosevelt seems to know them intuitively.

The temperamental qualities which distinguish Roosevelt explain his intimacies. McKinley's closest companions were men of authority or experience or knowledge in affairs of government or industry or commerce. His intimacies have always been men of high intellectual cultivation. He has not had a large circle of friends composed of men who were prominent in finance or industry or commerce. His temperament and his taste caused him to throw down his law books in disgust, not so much at the abstract principles of law as with what he perceived must be the tedious refinements related by its practice. Here in recent years his very intimate friends have been men who were both scholarly, highly cultivated, of vast knowledge, and yet not more academic than men of affairs, as for instance, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, dean of the School of Philosophy at Columbia University, or Frederick W. Hodge, late one of the United States commissioners at the Hague conference and now a member of the International Tribunal. It was the scholarly qualities of Senator Lodge, of his command of language, his poetry, his imagery, his rhetoric, his diction, that especially attracted Roosevelt to him and the intimacy long established between Roosevelt and Senator Lodge is traceable to these Harvard associations rather than to any friendship or any understanding or sympathy created by political alliance or views.

In methods of work, in the privacy of the library, in the personal but superficial characteristics of executive action, there will be discovered a marked difference between the two distinguished McKinleys and those which will identify Roosevelt. He may have no more energy, no greater power of concentration than McKinley possessed, but this quality will be more apparent. His energy will be not only more conspicuously manifested but more immediately communicated to those around him than was the case with McKinley. But in the great fundamental qualities of character, in moral fiber, in intense patriotism, the late president and his successor are singularly alike.

Took It Literally. "Oh, Johnny, I'm awfully excited to think you took two dishes of ice cream and four pieces of cake at Katie Ketchum's party!" "Big mamma, they kept asking me if I'd had more, and you know you told me to eat 'em, 'specially 'nd 'yes, na'am.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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rich but by those who had from the time of Peter Minnivan been entered the leading families, so far as cultivation, breeding, refinement and an understanding of the finer impulses of the city are concerned, it was a circle to which the very few were seldom admitted. It belonged to Hamilton Fish and his family, the Livingstons, the Van Rensselaers, the Schuylers, and to it were admitted men prominent for ability or cultivation, but who were not of New York birth; as, for instance, William M. Evans and Joseph H. Choate. It was amid these environments and in a peculiarly refined and cultivated circle that Roosevelt was bred to early manhood. It was this environment that stimulated a natural disposition to literary attainments afterward so fully developed in Roosevelt's studies and writings upon the concurring of our great west by the forces of civilization and industry. Measured therefore by European standards, Roosevelt, instead of being a typical cowboy or frontiersman, represents the very flower of New York cultivation, just as the Adams did that of Boston.

Every one here who had personal acquaintance with both President McKinley and with Theodore Roosevelt knew that the essential distinction between the two men was simply a difference of temperament. In all the fundamental attributes of character, in moral fiber, in an exquisite sense of duty and responsibility, in the sense of what the obligations of intercourse between man and man require, the two men were singularly alike. In temperament, however, it would be difficult to discover two more wholly unlike. It is not so far as temperament touches upon moral qualities there was strong resemblance between them. McKinley was conservative, cautious, tentative by nature, and he needed a great deal of training for the cultivation of those qualities. With Roosevelt they have been very largely acquired, although his friends have some times thought that there was a strain of distrust of others in his nature, which McKinley failed ever to give evidence, not the distrust that engenders dislike but that which impelled Roosevelt always to know his man before he gave that friend his unbounded confidence. When once given, however, it was supreme and unshakable.

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