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RUFFALO, Sept. 10.—"God's contribution to the American people will be the sparing of the president's life." As the evening shadows were falling last night John G. Milburn, president of the Pan-American exposition, reverently uttered these words as he stood before the house in which the nation's patient was fighting so bravely with death.

Since Sunday night not an unfavorable symptom has appeared. Every hour has been a victory. Faith in the outcome grows stronger and stronger and hope mounts higher and higher until in the minds of some the danger of all future complications is brushed aside and hope has become conviction.

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