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HIS PLEA WAS GUILTY.

CONTRARY TO LAW, THE COURT REFUSES TO ACCEPT IT.

The Jury Secured on Record Time and Reception of Testimony Begins—Indications Point to Conviction and Fateful Sentence at Second Session—The Trial May be Short.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Czolgosz was placed on trial Monday morning, charged with the murder of President McKinley. He entered a plea of "guilty," and subsequently changed it to "not guilty" by direction of the court. All events of the day indicated that the trial will be short. The court convened at 10 o'clock, and in two hours eight jurors had been secured.

Jury Quickly Secured.
Justice White, one of the oldest and most experienced supreme judges on the bench, is presiding at the trial. Immediately after the opening of court, and after the prisoner had pleaded, Justice Lewis, senior counsel for the defendant, announced that he was ready to act in behalf of the prisoner. The work of securing jurors was undertaken with amazing celerity.

Summary of Day's Work.
Before the day was over, the entire panel had been sworn, the jurors had listened to a description of the Temple of Music, where the crime occurred, had seen photographs of the interior of the structure and had been told by three surgeons what caused death and the effect of the assassin's shot upon various organs of the body. They also learned why the fatal bullet had not been located.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURT.
Resume of the First Day's Proceedings in Trial of Czolgosz.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Long before 10 o'clock Monday morning—the hour for the commencement of the trial of Louis Czolgosz for the assassination of President McKinley—the streets in the vicinity of the city hall were the objective of many curious persons. They were willing to take chances on being admitted to the court room, even though they knew that there were but 150 seats available. The various entrances to the great building, with the exception of that on Franklin street, were closed and guarded. Policemen were everywhere, and rigid discipline was the order of the day. Squads of blue coated men were stationed on every landing and in a double line far outside of the place of entrance to keep back the crowds, while in a station not far away reserves were ready to reinforce the detail on duty should the feelings of the people become aroused to the extent of rioting. Mounted officers paced slowly around every side of the structure, and no one was allowed to stand on the sidewalks for a moment, so that at no time was the crowd large.

In the Court Room.
The enclosure for the bench and bar occupies over one-half of the floor space, while the remainder is given over to seats for the general public. Not over 150 of the latter could be accommodated, and these seats today were mainly occupied by the men summoned to serve on the jury. Czolgosz sat with his counsel, and occupied seats directly in front of the judge's bench. The prisoner's chair was just back of that of Judge Titus, and deputy sheriffs with their staffs were placed at various points in the room and quiet was enforced upon all. The spectators' seats were filled very slowly, owing to the extreme care shown.

He Pleads Guilty.
After the arrival of Czolgosz, the district attorney read the charge against the prisoner and asked him how he pleaded. He spoke to Czolgosz in a low voice—low fact, so low that when the prisoner was asked to plead he seemed not to know what had been said. Justice White asked him: "What have you to say?" There was a moment's hesitation. The prisoner's lips moved as if to make a reply, but before he could do so his junior counsel, Mr. Lewis, arose to speak, not having seen the prisoner's motion.

Justice White, however, insisted that Czolgosz should speak, and the prisoner said:

"I did not hear what was said."
Mr. Penney then read the indictment again in a louder voice and to the demand for a reply, the prisoner, who was standing at the time, said in a very low voice:

"Guilty."
This plea was, however, not permitted to stand under the law, and a plea of "not guilty" was at once ordered by the court.

Personnel of Jury.
The selection of a jury was thereupon taken up, and shortly after the afternoon session had opened it was secured as follows:
Frederick V. Lauer, plumber.
Richard J. Garwood, street railway foreman.
Henry W. Went, manufacturer.
Silas Graham, farmer.
James S. Stynall, Jr., plumber.
William Loten, farmer.
Walter E. Everett, blacksmith.
Ben C. Ralph, bank cashier.

Samuel P. Walden, boot and shoe merchant.
Andrew J. Smith, contractor.
Joachim H. Mertens, boot and shoe merchant.
Robert J. Adams, contractor.
Following the presentation of the case by the district attorney, the taking of testimony was begun.

THE FATE OF CZOLGOSZ

JURY PROMPTLY FINDS HIM GUILTY OF MURDER.

Its Deliberations Are Brief—Thirty-five Minutes After Retiring It Returns Judgment Which Means Death for the Anarchist—Red-Handed Murderer Displays no Emotion—Sentence to be Pronounced Thursday.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 26.—After being out 35 minutes the jury rendered a verdict finding Czolgosz guilty of murder in the first degree.

Buffalo, Sept. 26.—Leon F. Czolgosz, alias Fred Niemaier, was found guilty Tuesday of murder in the first degree by the jury in having, on the 6th of September, shot President McKinley, inflicting wounds which afterward resulted in the death of the president.

Justice Moves Swiftly.
The wheels of justice moved swiftly. The trial of the assassin consumed eight hours and 20 minutes, and covered a period of only two days. Practically all the time was occupied by the prosecution in presenting the case so clear and conclusive that, even had the prisoner entered a plea of insanity, it is doubtful if the jury would have returned a verdict different from the one rendered.

No Refuge in Insanity.
The announcement by the attorneys for Czolgosz that the eminent alienists summoned by the Erie County Bar association and the district attorney to examine Czolgosz and determine his exact mental condition had declared him perfectly sane destroyed the only refuge of the defense.

Sentence on Thursday Afternoon.
Before adjournment, Justice White announced that he would pronounce sentence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The prisoner was at once taken back to jail. To all appearances he was in no way affected by the result of the trial.

SHE SHINES IN JEWELS.

Countess Castellane Makes the Most Bewildering Display.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 25.—In who was Miss Anna Gould, is the most bejeweled woman at Trouville. Pink is the countess' favorite color. She wears it often as a background for her splendid black pearls. Her other gems are also in evidence, including the tiara of diamonds, emeralds and sapphires which she purchased from ex-Queen Isabella of Spain for \$125,000.

At Trouville the countess and her coachman drive much behind four horses. The coachman wears a powdered peruke, an old-fashioned cocked hat and a liverly of blue satin, embroidered with gold.

WANTS SALE SET ASIDE.

Chester and Centralia Railroads Again in Court.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—In the United States circuit court suit was instituted asking an order setting aside the sale of the Chester and Centralia railroads, made by a master in chancery of a federal court, May 16, 1900, to John R. Walsh of Chicago for \$450,000. The complainants offer to bid \$1,000,000 for the property if the sale is set aside.

BALANCE ON WRONG SIDE.

American Board of Foreign Missions Has a Deficit.

Boston, Sept. 22.—The annual statement of the American board of foreign missions shows total receipts of \$697,370 and expenditures of \$717,081. The excess added to the fund of a year ago, makes the present total \$182,341. The receipts of the past year, compared with the previous, show a gain in donations of \$9,639; a shrinkage in the receipts from the woman's board of \$16,118, and a shrinkage in legacies of \$30,256.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

Three Lives Lost by Disaster at Sheldon, Ill.

Sheldon, Ill., Sept. 20.—A boiler explosion in the electric light plant Wednesday instantly killed Earnest Powell, the manager, and fatally injured Leonard Cnow, a banker, and an unknown insurance man of Chicago. The property loss is large.

FOUL CRIME SUSPECTED.

Parents Return to Find Three Children Burned to Death.

Spencer, Wis., Sept. 19.—Word comes from Orange postoffice, 30 miles northeast of here, that Robert Beasle and wife returned Sunday night and found their home burned, with the bodies of their three children, a girl of 16 and two boys of 11 and four years. There is a suspicion of criminal assault and that the bodies were burned to cover the crime.

SCHLEY WAS SLOW

TIME LOST IN VOYAGE FROM CIENFUEGOS TO SANTIAGO.

ONE STATEMENT CORRECTED.

Admiral Higginson Permitted to Retake the Stand for an Explanatory Word.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Only one new witness was introduced Saturday at the naval court—Commander Schroeder, the executive officer of the battleship Massachusetts and now governor of Guam. His testimony dealt with the cruise of the Flying squadron from Cienfuegos to Santiago and the bombardment of the Colon in the mouth of the harbor.

Commander Schroeder said the cruise was not as expeditious as it should have been and that the bombardment of the Colon and fleet had not acted as deliberately as the commander-in-chief had announced his purpose to have it act.

Squadron Moved Slowly.
While Commander Schroeder was giving his testimony Mr. Wilson, counsel for Schley, sought a comparison of the distance of the fleet from the shore under Schley with the distance under Sampson after the latter officer arrived, but the judge advocate objected and Attorney Wilson withdrew the question, saying he would raise the point later.

Higginson Corrects Statement.
The forenoon was devoted mainly to a cross-examination of Commander Harber and Admiral Higginson, the latter having been recalled. Admiral Higginson corrected his statement concerning the distance from the shore maintained by the fleet blockade at Santiago. He said that early in the blockade the fleet was five or six miles out at sea, moving up closer later.

THE DAY WAS EXCITING.

THREE OFFICERS FROM THE TEXAS FIGURE IN COURT.

Tell of Brooklyn's Loop—Commander Heilner Says it Placed His Ship in Great Danger—Schley's Counsel Introduce Official Chart to Show the Inconsistency of a Witness.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The part played by the Texas at Santiago July 3, 1898, was the basis of the greater part of Monday's proceedings of the court of inquiry. Of the four witnesses examined three were officers of the Texas during the battle and two of them new witnesses. These were Commander Heilner, the navigator, and Commander Bates, chief engineer. The fourth witness was Commander Schroeder, the executive officer of the Massachusetts.

The testimony several times during the day was somewhat exciting, especially so when Commander Heilner described the battle and the part the Texas had taken. He said when the Brooklyn made the loop and passed across the Texas' bow the distance did not exceed 100 or 150 yards, and the Texas was brought to a dead stop. Commander Bates testified that the starboard engines were stopped and said he thought this also happened to the port engines.

Commander Heilner expressed the opinion that three miles were lost by the maneuvers and that part of the machinery was deranged. He considered that the Texas was in greater danger when the Brooklyn crossed than at any other time.

DEATH CALLS A HALT.

Hon. Jere Wilson Passes Away in His Apartments in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The Schley court of inquiry was brought to a sudden termination Tuesday, 18 minutes after convening, by the announcement of the sudden death of Judge Jeremiah Wilson, senior counsel for Admiral Schley. The announcement was made to the court by Hon. Isadore Rayner, assistant counsel, in the following language:

"I have a very sad announcement to make to the court. I have just heard of the death of Judge Wilson. I left him at 10 o'clock this morning slightly indisposed. I was with him until last night. I saw him this morning at 8 o'clock, and left him at 10. We have confirmed the rumor through the telephone that he has died at the Shoreham hotel and I would respectfully ask the court, if it meets with the approval of the court, to adjourn for today."

Mr. Rayner said that so far as he could now see the counsel for Admiral Schley would be able to proceed tomorrow, but he added it would be desirable to attend the funeral when it occurred. Admiral Dewey and Captain Lemly agreed that this detail could be arranged later.

The proceedings of the court were very brief. Commanders Bates and Schroeder were recalled to listen to the reading of the official report of their testimony given Monday. First Class Machinist Claxton, who had charge of the port engine of the Texas on the day of the battle of Santiago, had just taken the stand when the announcement of Wilson's death was received.

GENERAL NEWS

Matters of Interest Covering Various Parts of the World in Concise Form.

The German linoleum plant consisting of nine factories has broken up.

The Louisville distillery agreed to limit the whiskey next fiscal year to 27,500,000 gallons.

Isaac Stephenson, the German, has presented a bill with a library building.

United States Senator Burn denies his report to the widow of his kin H. Blackburn.

Benjamin Mackie, a killed and six others injured in a collision between a Big 1 train and a freight near Ind., Saturday night.

It is reported on good authority that the Burlington road is to build into Salt Lake City, tending the Alliance across the state of Wyoming.

The Brussels correspondent of the London Post learns that the national congress to deal with anarchist dealing before the end of the year.

Frank H. Burnham, of the Grand Army of the Republic, Minn., died at home of his daughter, Chicago. Death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease.

The recent purchase of North German Lloyd Steamship Company for New York by the Klein Journal to demand law forbidding foreign shares in the German company.

The general court of England declared a dividend of 5 per cent. The profits for the half year 31, were \$719,414.

Burlington railway will be enough corn in New York, and that this is the condition where damage was done. Late improvement has worked.

The National Hay Dealers' association at Indianapolis elected these officers: President, G. S. Bridge, Chicago; first vice president, A. F. Dillenbeck, Ohio; secretary-treasurer, Winchester, Ind.

The summer home of Montgomery of Chicago on the Hilda Nelson, the cook for Hugh A. Howison of Chicago to start the kitchen fire. A five gallon can exploded enveloping the woman. The girl's clothing was burned within two hours. The doctor says she can recover.

WINDS UP ITS BUSINESS.

Illinois Liquor Dealer Ends Convention.

Rockford, Ill., Sept. 2.—The convention of the Illinois Liquor Dealers' Protective association closed Wednesday. Deatur was elected: President—Dennis Galvin; Vice President—Fred Quincy, Ill.; Secretary—Henry Montgomery; Treasurer—James Conington.

NO BAN ON PAPER.

American Federation of Labor Demands Western I.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The council of the American Federation of Labor has denied the union to place the Western Labor fair list on the ground that the organization refused to curb its expression of opinion by any means of union workers.

DIED LIKE PRESIDENT.

Indiana Child Poses and is Fatally.

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 21.—Aged 10, was fatally shot Thursday while posing as a child. The child was the same age, who was the archist in the case. The most through the child's.

Eight Killed in a.

Bucharest, Sept. 23.—for Vienna collided the Pulozt with a petroleum eight persons and 18 Eighteen petroleum car tire express train was destroyed by fire.

Prof. Deering, of Western University, Cleveland, offered the deanship of Western University, his alma mater, also of Western Reserve an offer from Union college, N. Y.

Toledo, O., Sept. 2.—The local plant of the American company burned Saturday at \$300,000; insurance \$180,000.

WIRE.

Country's Highest and Humblest Citizens Gather to Pay Last Tribute to Dead President.

Canton, O., Sept. 19.—With majestic solemnity, surrounded by his countrymen and townspeople, in the presence of the president of the United States, the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, senators, representatives, heads of the military and naval establishment, governors of states and a great concourse of people who had known and loved him, all that is mortal of the third president to fall by an assassin's bullet, was committed to the grave this afternoon. The final scenes at the First Methodist church, where the funeral service was held, and at beautiful West Lawn cemetery, where the body was consigned to the vault, were simple and impressive.

Funeral Procession Imposing.
The services at the church consisted of a brief oration, prayers by ministers of three denominations and singing by a quartet. The body was then taken to West Lawn cemetery and placed in a receiving vault, pending the time when it will be finally laid to rest beside the dead children who were buried years ago. The funeral procession was very imposing, and included, not only representatives of the army and navy, but the entire military strength of Ohio and hundreds of civic and fraternal organizations.

Mrs. McKinley Remains at Home.
One of the most pathetic features of the day was the absence of Mrs. McKinley from the funeral services at the church and cemetery. Since the first shock of the shooting, then the death and through the ordeal of the state ceremonies, she had borne up bravely, but there was a limit to human endurance, and when today came it found her too weak to pass through the trials of the final ceremony. Through the open door of her room she heard the prayer of the minister as the body was borne out of the house.

Anguish Flows Through Tears.
After that Dr. Rixey remained close by her side, and, although the full force of the calamity had come to her, it was believed by those about her that there was a providential mercy in her tears, as they gave some relief to the anguish of heart within.

Beautiful Tribute to Dead.
Bishop Andrews Extols the Life and Lauds of William McKinley.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—In his eulogy of William McKinley, the third martyred president of the republic, Bishop Andrews said:

"Character abides." "We ask, therefore, even at the grave of the illustrious, not what great achievements they have performed, but chiefly what sort they were; what interior nature the man was; what were his affinities."

"I think we must concede that nature and training, and reverently be it said, the inspiration of the Almighty, conspired to conform this man admirable in his moral temper and aims. We none of us can doubt, I even think, that even by nature he was eminently gifted. His claim and equitable temperament, his kindly, generous heart, his love of justice and right, his tendency toward faith and loyalty to unseen powers and authorities—these things must have been with him from infancy."

"It is a beautiful thing that to end his life he bent reverently before that mother whose example and teachings and prayers had so fashioned his mind and all his aims. The school came but briefly and then came to him the church, with the ministrations of power. He accepted the truths which it taught and from it he received the inspiration that lifted him above much of the trouble and weakness incident to our human nature, and, in the final hour, enabled him to say: 'His will, not ours, be done.'"

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"Shall I speak a word next of that domestic love which has so often been commented upon. I take it no word can set forth fully the unflinching kindness, carefulness and unbearing love which belonged to this great man. And he was a man who believed in the right, who had a profound conviction that the courses of this world must be ordered in accordance with everlasting righteousness; that no nation can expect success except as it conformed to the eternal love of an infinite Lord."

"His high qualities drew to him the good will of his associates in political life in an eminent degree. They felt his kindness and confided in his honesty and honor. His qualities even associated with him in the kindly relations those who were his political opponents and made possible for him to bind all parts of the country in one firmer indissoluble union. And will such a man die? The divine work of the scriptures leaves no room for doubt."

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