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## THE PRESIDENT CRITICAL. LY 111.

Reports sent out from the bedside of President McKinley at 2:30 this (Friday) morning state that he experienced a sinking spell shortly after 2 o'clock. The physicians are administering restoratives to him with the hope of reviving him. The Associated Press has been authorized to say that President McKinley is critically ill.

LATER.—A telegram received in Camden this morning at 10 o'clock stated that the President's condition was slightly improved.

## The Attempted Assassination of President McKinley.

On Friday afternoon last the nation was horrified when the news flashed over the wires that President McKinley was shot down by an anarchist.

The attempt was of the vilest and most cowardly kind—by one assuming to be a friend and admirer.

It was few moments after 4 p.m., while President McKinley was holding a public reception in the Temple of Music on the Pan-American grounds that the cowardly attack was made. Standing in the midst of dense crowds, numbering thousands, surrounded by every evidence of good will, showered with expressions of love and loyalty, all eager to clasp his hand amid these surroundings the blow of the assassin fell and in an instant pleasure gave way to pain, admiration to agony, folly to furor and pandemonium followed.

We do not, of course, in all things agree with President McKinley, but cold indeed would be the heart and corrupt the community which would not go out in profound sympathy at the great catastrophe which has befallen the head of the nation, and no where in the Union is this attempt at the life of President McKinley more deeply deplored than in the Southland.

Truthfully says an able exchange "there can be no political enemy who will not for reasons apart from questions of national destiny, hope that the President will soon recover. It will be a gratification to the country to know that the attempted assassination was not the work of an American nor prompted by any difference as to our national policies."

That would have been a special calamity. The deed was done by an anarchist of foreign birth—one of those mad dogs of civilization that range two worlds with hell in their hearts, a blind, venomous rage against all rules, an insane aspiration to abolish government by destroying the heads of government."

The would-be assassin is a full 28 years old, stands 5 feet 9 inches high, weighs 160 pounds, has dark brown hair, blue eyes, smooth face, regular features with prominent nose.

President McKinley himself plucked from his side the bullet which had struck the breast bone and glanced, lodging under the skin, the same time saying to the detective:

"Foster, I believe there is another bullet in there."

"Shortly afterwards he said: 'Do not exaggerate this to Mrs. McKinley'."

The president throughout displayed the greatest fortitude, and all the time, his coolness and courage were wonderful.

It was somewhat singular that the very first expression of official sympathy regarding the catastrophe which befel President McKinley came from the island of Cuba. It came in the shape of the following telegram:

"Aff. Gen. Washington. Mayor and City council of New York and City expressing their

sympathy for the president and desiring his family be advised of these expressions. Scott, Adj't. Gen.

Czolgoz.

The name of Mr. McKinley's assailant is spelled in 400 dispatches two ways, "Czolgoz" and "Czolgoz." According to a Baltimore dispatch to the New York World, William M. Doyce, official interpreter of Polish and Bohemian languages in the United States immigration office at Baltimore, and himself a Pole by birth, says that the pronunciation of Czolgoz is "cholgoz,"—Columbus State.

Regarding Matt Tonic.

At a recent meeting of the State board it was decided that the ordinary mat tonic placed on the market by the druggists is an intoxicant and its sale and transportation is forbidden and the constables are instructed to seize it and treat it the same as all other contraband goods.

Despite remarks that Vice President Roosevelt was going about guarded by secret service men, he has positively declined to have anything to do with him.

Gov. S. L. M. Davis said to Secretary Hobart, at Princeton, S. C., for a Premium List. No delay to do so.

The premiums offered this year at the State Fair have been greatly increased and competition will be keen. Because to get a premium list.

Patrons bring or send the fruits of your labor to the State Fair, 1 Columbia, Oct. 28th to Nov. 1st, and you need not exhibit, as many are allowed to do every year. You can beat that.

The cotton buyers of Kershaw have given notice that all bales of cotton brought to their market and offered for sale with more than six yards of binding, as covering for same will be docked two pounds to the yard, in excess of six yards. They state that they are forced to do this from the fact that they have lost heavily from excess binding. They also give notice that they will not bid on or buy cotton unless same is cut and sampled by a cotton buyer or his authorized cutter.

Mr. J. Hough has been elected to the house of representatives from Chesterfield county to succeed the late Dr. J. R. Rutherford. Mr. Hough defeated his opponent, Mr. Pollock, by 31 votes. He is a brother of Senator Hough of Lancaster.

The rates to the State fair this year will be one fare from all points in the State, to which will be added fifty cents for admission to the fair grounds. Tickets will be sold October 20 to 31, with final limit for return to November 3.

Lever and Beantley are in the second race for Congress in the Seventh District.

Items Over the State And Elsewhere.

Oil has been discovered in Williamsburg county. The find was made while boring for water in the town of Lake City.

Dr. Arthur Becker, a physician who has been practicing in Sumter for several months, slipped that city last week leaving a wife and child destitute. He seems to have been a professional swindler as his creditors are numerous.

The State Fair Association has decided on something new for this year. It has been arranged that the Fair will open at night on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This arrangement will enable many people who have to work all day to see the exhibit and shows, and will also afford a place of amusement for the crowds who arrive late in the evening with no place to visit, and on the whole it is considered a good plan.

C. O. Dixon, a young white man working for the J. B. Martin Lumber Co., near King's Creek in York county, was killed by a tree falling on him last Tuesday. Dixon had gone out to the wagon to see about some lumber while one of the negro hands was cutting down a tree. He had his back turned to the falling tree and it fell on him with results above stated. The young man was from Allen Springs, Ill., and his remains were sent to that place.

Meek Lowry and Tom Armstrong, two York county negroes were in love with the same girl and while returning from church after preaching was over there was some difference of opinion as to who would see her home. She chose Armstrong as an escort. The rebuffed lover, Meek Lowry, stepped to the side of the road, picked up a rock and felled Armstrong to the ground, from the effects of which he died the Friday following.

There is some excitement in the Prius section of Lancaster county over the Lancaster Ledger over the fact that a very large bear was seen by Mr. J. W. Hineson near his home last Tuesday evening. He followed

row and substitute for the president and his family he advised of these expressions.

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