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CZOLGOSZ SPEEDILY FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Dramatic Scenes Enacted in the Closing Hours of the Assassin's
Trial—His Counsel's Memorable Plea in His Defense.

SPECTATORS IN COURTROOM ARE MOVED TO TEARS

The Verdict Received in Silence in Court—There Was No Handclapping and No Cheers
and Court Was at Once Adjourned—Judge White Will Sentence Prisoner
Tomorrow Afternoon—The Assassin Appears in No Way
Affected by the Result—The Verdict in London.

BUFFALO, Sept. 24.—Leon F. Czolgosz was found guilty today of murder in the first degree by a jury in Part III of the supreme court, in having on the sixth day of September shot President McKinley, the wounds inflicted afterwards resulting in the death of the president.

The wheels of justice moved swiftly. The trial of the assassin consumed eight hours and twenty-six minutes and covered a period of only two days. Practically all this time was occupied by the prosecution in presenting the case.

The announcement by the attorneys for Czolgosz that eminent alcoholists, summoned to determine his exact mental condition, had declared him perfectly sane, destroyed the only vestige of defense that Judge Lewis and Tins could have put together.

Justice White announced he would pronounce sentence upon the defendant Thursday afternoon. To all appearances he was in no way affected by the result of the trial.

The crowd gathered at the city hall today was the largest that has been to see him since his arraignment.

At 2:44 this afternoon, District Attorney Penney abruptly announced that the case of the prosecution was ended. Judge Lewis, addressing the court, said that the sudden closing of the case against Czolgosz was a surprise to him and his colleagues. They had no witness to call for the defense. He asked the court that he be allowed to address the jury at once. The court assented and the venerable jurist began an address that will long be remembered by those who heard it.

Judge Lewis said: "Gentlemen of the jury—A calamity has fallen upon this nation through the act of this man, but the question is whether his act was the act of an insane man. If an insane man, it is not murder and he should be acquitted. The defendant, no matter how serious a crime he has committed, is entitled under our laws to the benefit of a trial. You listened to the defendant's plea of guilty when he was arraigned at the opening of this term, but the law of our state will not permit him to plead guilty to such a crime as this. The law is so careful of the rights of citizens that it will not permit a man to plead guilty to the crime of murder.

"There are in our country individuals who think, in a case like this, or even in charges of much less degree, it is entirely proper that the case should be disposed of by lynch or mob law. It is not long since I read in a paper that a colored man in the South had his life taken because he had insulted a white man. I suggest, gentlemen, that cases where crying out that a man who is charged with a crime that the defendant is should not be permitted to have a trial before a court of justice, are more dangerous a class to a community than the anarchists about whom we read so much.

"It is the duty of every American citizen to stand firmly by the law and put his voice against any idea that a man should be punished for any crime until he is proven guilty. Here is this defendant without having any animosity against the president, without any personal motive so far as we can see, committed an act which he knew, if he was sane, must cause his death. How can a man with a sane mind perform such an act? If you find he was not responsible you would aid in lifting a great cloud from the minds of the people of this country. If you find that the president met his fate through the act of an insane man, it is the same as if he met it by accident.

"I had the profoundest respect for President McKinley. He was one of the noblest men God ever made. His death was the saddest blow to me that has occurred in many years."

Judge Lewis was crying when he finished, and the eyes of many of those

in the court room were filled with tears.

At 3:10 District Attorney Penney began summing up. He said in part: "It is hardly possible for any man to stand and talk about this case, without the deepest emotion. It was the most awful tragedy that ever came upon the world.

"Counsel for the defense says if the defendant was sane he was responsible and that if he was insane he must be presumed to be innocent. "It is the presumption of the law that every man is sane until he is proven insane. Evidence tending to show that the prisoner was insane has not been forthcoming."

Justice White began his charge to the jury at 3:24. He arose and stepped to the side of the bench nearest the jury box. He said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, in this case the defendant has acknowledged his guilt. Such acknowledgment in such circumstances cannot go to the jury or to the court. The law requires that the defendant charged with such a crime must be tried. If, when all the circumstances are considered, there still exists in your minds a reasonable doubt that the defendant is not guilty, you cannot find this man guilty. If you are satisfied that there was a design and premeditation, and if, in accordance with that premeditation and design, these shots were fired, then the defendant is guilty of the crime of murder in the first degree."

Judge White explained the meaning of a "reasonable doubt" and "murder in the first degree," and then ordered the jury to retire and bring in a verdict.

It was 4:35 when the order rapped for order and the jury filed into the room. No time was wasted. The jurors did not sit down.

Addressing them, Justice White said: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," responded Foreman Wendt.

"What is your verdict?" "The defendant is guilty of murder in the first degree."

There was a moment of silence and then a murmur arose from the lips of the crowd. It ended there. There was no handclapping, no cheers. The court at once adjourned.

THE SPEEDY TRIAL APPROVED.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The conviction of the assassin of President McKinley is the subject of editorials in all the papers which express satisfaction at the speedy nature of the trial.

TWO NEW BOATS FOR NAVY.

Destroyer Nicholson and Submarine Boat Porpoise Just Launched.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The torpedo boat destroyer Nicholson of the United States navy and the Holland submarine boat Porpoise have just been launched at the Nixon shipyards at Elizabethport, N. J. The Nicholson is one of the same class as the O'Brien, which was launched a few weeks ago at the same yard. She is expected to develop upward of 26 knots and is powerfully built. The Holland is of that type of boat which the Holland Company is building for the government.

CLAIMS AGAINST GILMAN ESTATE.

Large Amounts Asked for Out of Tea Merchant's Property.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 24.—The Bridgeport Trust Company, administrator of the estate of the late George F. Gilman, through its attorneys, has filed an application in the probate court seeking to have the estate declared insolvent. The action is taken in view of the vast accumulation of claims against the estate of the deceased tea merchant.

of which one filed by George Smith for \$35,000 and another by Miss Katherine Kupfer for \$15,000 are samples. There are some 500 items in the Smith claim. The petition of the administrator will come to a hearing shortly, but no opposition is expected, since the course taken entailing the subsequent appointment of commissioners to look into the whole matter of claims against the estate will simplify the situation and hasten a settlement.

The action just instituted in the state courts does not affect the suit brought by Mrs. Helen Potts Hall in the United States district court for possession of the entire estate.

SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

Fear of an Epidemic in the Metropolitan Districts.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Londoners are frightened by the spread of smallpox epidemic. The disease has gained quite a hold in one or two metropolitan districts.

The London school board was asked by the dual government board to allow children in its schools to be examined to see if they had been vaccinated, but permission was only granted on condition that parents saw no objection to examination. Vaccination is by the law voluntary, not compulsory, and many people attribute the appearance of the disease to this very fact.

OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS OF COLUMBIA AND SHAMROCK

The Latter Will Give the American Boat Forty-Three Seconds Over a Thirty-Mile Course.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The official measurement of Shamrock II and Columbia were made public tonight. The Shamrock allows forty-three seconds to the Columbia over a thirty-mile course. Shamrock has a shorter water line length. She has a longer spinnaker boom, longer topmast, longer gaff and carries more canvas. The designer of Shamrock II, by keeping down the load water line length of the yacht, has got the better of his rival. The sail area of the Shamrock is larger, and by a judicious handling of his spars Watson only penalties forty-five seconds.

PUGILISTS ARE JUBILANT.

Ordinance Prohibiting Athletic Contests Not Voted by Mayor Harrison.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Fight promoters are jubilant owing to the failure of Mayor Harrison to veto an ordinance authorizing the appointment of a committee to supervise "wrestling and other boxing exhibitions."

Last night was the date for the expiration of the time in which the mayor might veto the ordinance and his failure to do so is taken as a sign that pugilistic events may be revived in Chicago.

The ordinance provides for a committee of five to regulate athletic contests and impose a tax of ten per cent of the gross receipts on all shows where an admission is charged.

LIBERAL DONATION.

Wealthy Mine Owner Gives One Million Dollars to People's Church.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—George W. Bowman, a wealthy mine owner, has agreed to give to the People's Church of America \$1,000,000 of the earnings of his mines to further the work of the church. It is said that "other millions" will be forthcoming if needed. This statement is made by Hiram W. Thomas, founder and head of the People's church: "If everything goes right, as soon as desirable men can be secured, we shall open churches in every theater in cities and towns throughout the United States. We are also planning a school for the study of sociology and comparative religion."

METHODIST MINISTERS REPORT.

Drunkenness Is Not an Increase Since Army Canteen Was Abolished.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The special committee of Methodist ministers appointed last spring to investigate the published reports that drunkenness was on the increase in the United States army posts in New York and vicinity since the abolishment of the army canteen has made its report to the Methodist ministers weekly meeting. The committee visited all the forts in this city and vicinity and declared that at every post they found the reports to be false.

SAMPSON INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Rear-Admiral Sampson when questioned today at Fort Hamilton said he did not know whether he would be a witness at the Schley investigation. The admiral said his health was much improved.

MEXICAN ROADS TO MERGE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The Herald says: Plans are well under way for financing the work of standard gauging the

line of the Mexican National railroad. It is expected that these plans will be announced in a short time by Speyer & Co., who, it is understood, have the matter in hand. A report is in circulation to the effect that the Speyer roads in Mexico, including the International—later purchased from the Pacific Improvement Company—and the National would soon form a consolidation with the Mexican Central, was declared to be premature and at the present time had no foundation in fact. Wall street, however, holds to the theory that as soon as the two Speyer roads have completed certain improvements which are contemplated a merger of the three roads will occur.

AFFAIRS IN AFGHANISTAN.

Amer's Military Scheme Is What Caused Recent Disturbances.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Mail advices to the Times from Simla throw light on the Afghan disturbances. Amer Abdul Rahman celebrated the anniversary of his accession in August at Kabul and the celebration was attended by the officials and chief. The amer exhorted the chiefs to be loyal to his authority, saying that only by obedience could they maintain the strength of the country, their legacy from the Almighty. He then explained a plan of taking one man in eight from each tribe for military service. The Jags resented this plan, hence the recent disturbances, and the Afghan invasion of British territory in pursuit of the rebellious tribe.

It is said that the amer seemed robust and spoke vigorously in spite of the reports of his ill health.

The death of the senior widow of the Amer Shere Ali is announced. She played a prominent part in the politics of her country before and after her husband's death.

BETTING ON YACHT RACE.

Five to Four, With Columbia at Big End, the Prevailing Odds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Betting on the cup race, while it has not reached any magnitude as yet, is nevertheless giving evidence of interest and confidence on the part of those who believe Columbia is the better boat. Shamrock money at 5 to 4, with the Columbia at the big end, is around in plenty, though the actual amounts so far recorded as having been wagered are small. One firm of brokers is offering \$10,000 to \$5,000 that Columbia will hold the cup and up to last night none of the Shamrock people had appeared to take up the offer. A number of minor bets, at the same odds, have been placed on the stock exchange.

AWFUL DISTRESS IN CHINA.

Ten Million Persons Were Rendered Destitute by the Great Floods.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai gives additional details of the appalling destitution in the Yangtze district as the result of the recent floods.

Large subscriptions for the sufferers have been collected in Shanghai, but such a comparatively small effort, says the correspondent, is practically useless. 10,000,000 persons having already suffered.

It is certain that there will be intense distress during the coming winter.

REVOLUTIONARY FORCE LANDED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama, Colombia, via Galveston, Tex., says:

It is generally reported that the revolutionary expedition commanded by General Lago has landed recently near Point Chame, bringing war material. The expeditionary force is now supposed to be marching to join the revolutionists in the interior of the department.

HARVARD GETTING READY.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 24.—The Harvard football squad has started practice. Captain Campbell is playing at left halfback, but this is only a temporary position for him. Stone, a promising candidate for quarterback, strained his ankle badly and thus contributed the first accident of the year. Graydon, Baldwin, Devens, Rainford and Grow of last year's squad have reported. The squad numbers sixty-three.

ROYALTY SPEEDING WESTWARD.

NORTH BAY, Sept. 24.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York resumed their tour west through Canada today. Their next halt of any length of time will be at Winnipeg on Thursday, after a continuous run of sixty hours from the capitol.

GENERAL MARIN DEFEATED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Mail advices received at the Colombian legation confirm the reports of the defeat of General Marin, the revolutionary leader who has been operating in the department of Tolima. General Marin himself escaped capture.

SETH LOW GIVEN THE NOMINATION

Choice of Republicans for Mayor of New York.

OTHER OFFICIALS CHOSEN

The Candidates for Controller and President of Board of Aldermen—Tammany Hall Denounced as a Band of Conspirators.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Seth Low, president of Columbia college, was tonight nominated for mayor by the Republican city convention and the convention of the Citizens' union.

Edmund M. Grout, of Brooklyn, for controller; Charles V. Fornes, of New York, for president of the board of aldermen.

The platform arraigns Tammany Hall as "a band of conspirators against the public welfare and an organization devoted to public plunder."

YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING.

President Roosevelt Indicates a Strong Belief in Reciprocity Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Secretaries Gage and Wilson, Attorney General Knox and Postmaster General Smith were the only members at today's cabinet meeting. The status of reciprocity treaties pending before congress was discussed, the president plainly indicating that he believed strongly in the reciprocity principle.

THE OREGON'S REMARKABLE TRIP FROM CAPE NOME

Hungry Passengers Suffer for Ten Days On the Voyage—Provisions Run Short.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 24.—The steamer Rosamack arrived from Nome this evening, bringing 397 passengers and \$50,000 in gold.

The voyage of the Oregon from Nome was one of the most remarkable ever made by a steamship wherein so many people barely escaped death by drowning, and for ten days suffered the pangs of hunger. After the Oregon dropped anchor here the people were crazed to get ashore to get something to eat. The passengers claim that on the fourth day out from Nome the provisions run short.

IN MEMORY OF MCKINLEY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—According to a London dispatch to the Tribune, the last echoes of the public mourning for President McKinley come from the English sections where the Salvation Army conducts an active campaign. These amateur bands required several days of practice before they could master the dead march from "Saul," but the work has been done and the Salvation Army is now playing solemn requiems from town to town in honor of the American president.

LOW RATES TO PREVAIL.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—To a large extent the low passenger rates that have been in effect in the territory west of Chicago during the summer are to prevail throughout the winter months. Independent action has been taken by a number of western roads providing for excursions on the first and third Tuesday in October, November and December to Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Manitoba, Canadian Northwest and British Columbia.

THE COBRA DISASTER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—There is absolutely nothing to justify the hypothesis that the ill fated destroyer Cobra touched ground, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The cause which led her to break in two and founder without the slightest warning may perhaps never be determined. The vessel authorities have, however, declared that in the construction of future vessels speed will be sacrificed to solidity.

FRUIT DRYER BURNED.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 24.—A large fruit dryer, belonging to M. C. Henkle at Mill Plain, burned last night. The loss is estimated at \$2500.

AGED PIONEER DEAD.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—Sidney H. Moss, a pioneer of 1842, aged 97, died this afternoon. He was a clerk of the first court held under the provisional government of Oregon.

BASEBALL SCORES.

TACOMA, Sept. 24.—SPOKANE, T. Tacoma, 7.