

**0. President McKinley - Assassination - Story Preface**

1. A POPULAR PRESIDENT
2. A SHOOTING IN BUFFALO
3. TOO LATE
4. IF ONLY...
5. IT IS OVER
6. A PRESIDENTIAL FUNERAL
7. TRIAL AND EXECUTION



This political cartoon, by Louis Dalrymple and published in *Puck* (a British journal), depicts William McKinley—the Republican nominee for President in 1896—crowning himself at the party's national convention. Image online, courtesy Library of Congress. Click on the image for a better view.

*We are now at peace with the world, and it is my fervent prayer that if differences arise between us and other powers they may be settled by peaceful arbitration and that hereafter we may be spared the horrors of war.*

William McKinley  
2nd Inaugural Address  
March 4, 1901

Six months after the popular 25th President of the United States delivered his second inaugural address, he was dead.

His goal of settling disputes by arbitration was honorable. An anarchist named Leon Czolgosz, however, thought McKinley had too much power.

A mere 20 years after Garfield's assassination, and 36 years after Lincoln's, the country—and a President's family—once again endured the horror of assassination.

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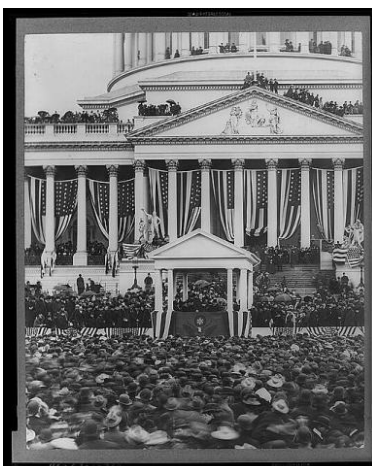
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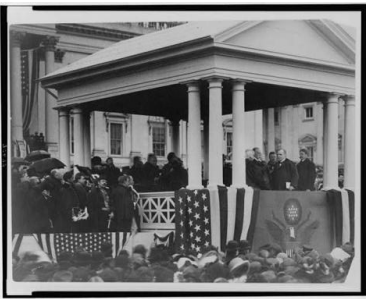
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