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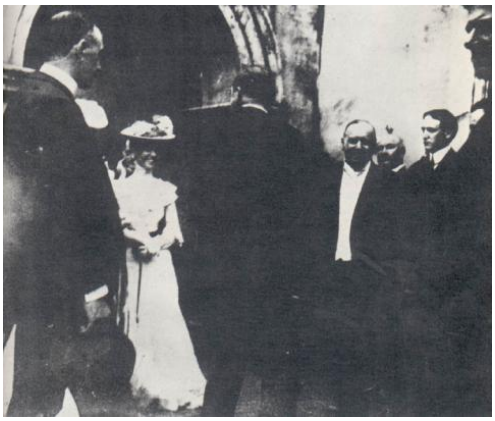

President McKinley, moments before he was shot on September 6, 1901, at the Pan-American Exposition's Temple of Music in Buffalo. By an uncredited photographer, the picture is maintained by the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.

Guards who quickly jumped Czolgosz nearly beat him to death. According to the *Buffalo Courier*:

> *...raging mobs attempt to lynch anarchist...*

McKinley, in a strained voice, cautioned the guards:

> *Go easy on him boys.*

Word of the shooting quickly spread through the Expo. Buffalo crowds were in a panic.

Was the President really injured?

When people learned what had happened, and who was involved, there were shouts of "Lynch him!"

Thomas Edison's company filmed the scene of surging crowds at the Temple of Music right after the assassination. (The 1901 black-and-white movie is maintained at the Library of Congress.)

Meanwhile, as the President saw his would-be assassin lying nearby, he said:

> *Let no one hurt him.*

It was too late for that, however. And it was too late for the President.

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Crowds at the Buffalo Expo

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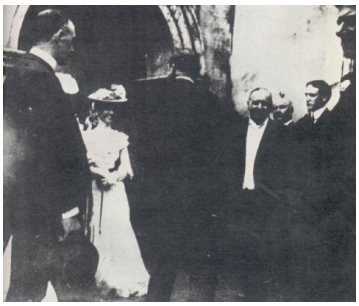

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