

0. IT IS OVER - Story Preface

1. A POPULAR PRESIDENT

2. A SHOOTING IN BUFFALO

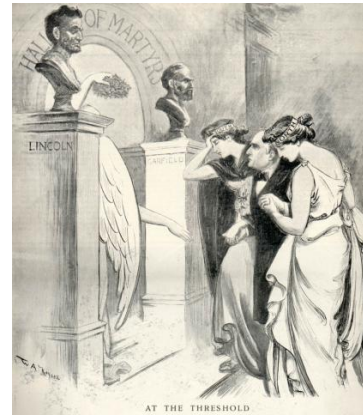
3. TOO LATE

4. IF ONLY...

5. IT IS OVER

6. A PRESIDENTIAL FUNERAL

7. TRIAL AND EXECUTION



W.A. Rogers created this illustration of President McKinley taking his place with other martyred American Presidents. Entitled "At the Threshold," the drawing appeared in the September 14, 1901 issue of *Harper's Weekly* (at page 909). The image is online via the Library of Congress. Click on it for a better view.

William McKinley was 58 years old on September 13, 1901. Lying in a coma at the home of John Milburn, where he was taken following surgery, the President was given oxygen which revived him.

He asked for his wife. Frail herself, she was doing the best she could to handle the strain. Meanwhile, the press and concerned citizens awaited briefings outside the Milburn house.

Drifting in and out of consciousness, the President looked for Ida each time he opened his eyes. When he saw her he whispered:

Nearer my God to Thee.

Mrs. McKinley knew her husband was dying. People in the room looked away so the couple could have privacy. It was time to say their good-byes.

Clutching his wife's hand, the President tried to speak. The woman he loved put her ear to his mouth and heard him say:

God's will, not ours, be done.

The First Lady smiled at the President, but she could not hold back her tears. William McKinley then spoke his last words to everyone in the room:

It is God's way

As he lapsed back into a coma, the President's pulse grew fainter. By 2:16 a.m. on September 14, 1901 the pulse was gone. With tears streaming down his face, Dr. Rixey, McKinley's personal physician, made the official announcement:

It is over. The President is dead.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, Buffalo, N. Y. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION.

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NO. 757 SEX Male COLOR White

CRIME Murder 1st deg. DATE OF ARREST Sept. 6, 1901

PLACE ARRESTED Buffalo, N. Y. COUNTY _____

ARRESTED BY Solomon, Geary, Foster PRECINCT Hd



AGE 28 DATE BORN _____

HEIGHT 5 7-5/8 COMPLEXION Med

EYES Dr. Blue WEIGHT 138

HAIR Red. Br BUILD Med

PLACE OF BIRTH Detroit, Mich.

NATIONALITY Amer.

OCCUPATION Wireworker

CITIZEN Yes

SCARS AND MARKS
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 11-Irr cut sc 3c, 2d phal mid fgr. rear.
 111-opt sc 7c ver lt cheek 3 from ear.

DISPOSITION _____

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Leon Czolgosz had just become a murderer. Teddy Roosevelt would become the next President.

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JOHN G. MILBURN
PRESIDENT OF THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

John G. Milburn

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THE MILBURN HOME AT BUFFALO
 HISTORY RECORDS TO PRESENT DAY THE MILBURN HOME, A FINE EXAMPLE OF A HOUSE OF THE PERIOD THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS TAKEN AWAY AND BURIED AT THE HOUSE, AND LATER WAS A HOUSE WITH A CHURCH AND A HOUSE WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS BURIED AT THE HOUSE.

John Milburn's Home - William McKinley Died Here

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GEORGE B. COSTELLO, THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY
 GEORGE B. COSTELLO, THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, AT THE MILBURN HOME.

Press Reporters - Covering McKinley's Medical Condition

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THE PRESIDENT'S BODY LYING IN STATE IN CITY HALL, BUFFALO
 JUST BEFORE THE ORDER OF THE BODIES TO THE HONORARY TROOPERS. THE PRESIDENT'S BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1901.

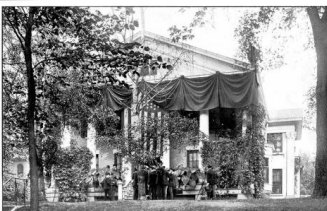
McKinley's Body - Lying in State at Buffalo City Hall

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THE ANSLY WILCOX RESIDENCE, DELAWARE AVENUE, BUFFALO
 WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS TAKEN TO THE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1901, AND LATER TAKEN TO THE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1901.

Swearing-In Place of President T. Roosevelt

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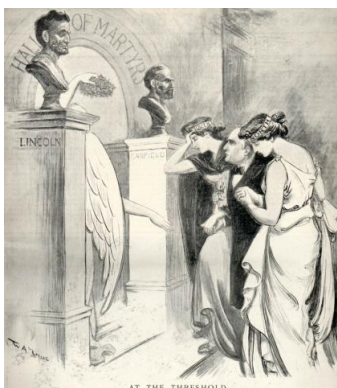


Teddy Roosevelt

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