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EXTRA.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1865

BY TELEGRAPH DEATH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Andrew Johnson Assumes
the Duties of President.

John Wilkes Booth
THE MURDERER!

Evidences of his Guilt

Particulars of the President's Death
Cabinet Meeting

PRES'T JOHNSON WILL ISSUE
A PROCLAMATION TO
THE PEOPLE.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED IN NEW
YORK, AND THE CITY
Draped in Mourning.

Booth Reported Captured!

SEWARD STILL ALIVE!

OFFICIAL.

WAR DEPT WASHINGTON.

April 15, 3 P. M.

Official notice of the late President Abraham Lincoln, was given by the head of the Departments this morning to Andrew Johnson, Vice President, upon whom the Constitution devolves the office of President. Mr. Johnson upon receiving this notice approved before Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the U. S., and took the oath of office as President of the U. S. and assumed its duties and functions at 12 o'clock. The President met the heads of the departments in Cabinet meeting at the Treasury building and among other other business the following was transacted: First.—The arrangements for the funeral of the late President, were referred to the several sections as far as relates to their respective departments. Second.—William Hunter, Esq., was approved Acting Sec'y of State, during the disability of Mr. Seward and his son Fred Seward, the Assistant Sec'y. Third.—The President formally announced that he desired to retain the present Secretaries of Department of his Cabinet, and they would go on and discharge the duties of their respective offices in the same manner as before the deplorable event that had changed the head of the Government. All business in the departments was suspended during the day. The Surgeons report that the condition of Mr. Seward remains unchanged. He is doing well. No improvement in Mr. Fred Seward. The murderers have not yet been apprehended.

Signed,
E. M. STANTON.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

President Lincoln died at 7:22 this A. M.—Secretary Seward is still alive.

NEW YORK, April 15th—11 A. M.

President Lincoln died at 7:22 this A. M.—They have a man they suppose was the assassin, but will not tell his name yet, till they are sure.

There seems to be not much doubt but it is J. Wilkes Booth, the Actor.

Secretary Seward's wounds are not supposed to be fatal, but in connection with his other injuries it is hardly expected that he will survive.

BUFFALO, P. M.

Sec'y Seward and son alive at last accounts but in a very critical condition.

NEW YORK, April 15—12:30.

A dispatch just received from Washington, says Fred W. Seward is not dead, but in a critical condition.

WASHINGTON, April 15—12 M.

Andrew Johnson was sworn into office as President of the U. S.

Sec. McCulloch and Att'y Gen. Speel and others were present.

He remarked, "The duties are mine. I will pursue them, trusting in God."

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 15.

Lieut. Gen. Grant left here for Washington at 6 o'clock this morning.

[Signed.] Mrs. U. S. GRANT.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PRO. MAR. GEN.'S }
BUREAU, WASH., Apr. 15th—9:40 a. m. }

It is believed that the assassins of the President and Secretary Seward are attempting to escape to Canada.

You will make a careful and thorough examination of all persons attempting to cross from the United States into Canada. And will arrest all suspicious persons.

The most vigilant scrutiny on your part, and the forces at your disposal, is demanded.

A description of the parties supposed to be implicated in the murder will be telegraphed you to-day, but in the meantime be active in preventing the crossing of any suspicious persons.

By order of the Sec'y of War,
Signed, N. L. JEFFRIES,
Brev't Brig. Gen.
Acting P. M. Gen'l.

Washington, April 15.

The assassin of President Lincoln left behind him his hat and a spur. The hat was picked up in the President's box, and has been identified by parties to whom it has been shown as the one belonging to the suspected man, and accurately described by other parties not allowed to see it before describing it

The spur was dropped upon the stage and that has been identified as the one procured at a stable where the same man hired a horse in the evening. Two gentlemen who went to the Secretary of War to apprise him of the attack on Mr. Lincoln, met at the residence of the former a man muffled in a cloak who when accosted by them hastened away.

It had been Mr. Stanton's intention to accompany Mr. Lincoln to the theatre and occupy the same box but the press of business prevented. It thus seems evident that the aim of the plotters was to paralyze the country by at once striking down the head, the heart and the arm of the country.

As soon as the dreadful events were announced in the streets, Sup't Richard and his assistants were at work to discover the assassin.

In a few moments the telegraph had aroused the whole police force of the city.

Mayor Wallach and several members of the city government were soon on the spot, and every precaution was taken to preserve order and quiet in the city.

Every street in Washington was patrolled, at the request of Mr. Richards.

Gen. Augur sent horses to mount the police.

Every road leading out of Washington was strongly picketed, and every possible avenue of escape was thoroughly guarded. Steamboat about to depart down the Potomac were stopped.

The Daily Chronicle says:

As it is suspected that this conspiracy originated in Maryland. The telegraph flashed the mournful news to Baltimore, and all the cavalry was immediately put upon active duty. Every road was picketed, and every precaution taken to prevent the escape of the assassin.

A preliminary examination was made by Messrs. Richards and his assistants. Several persons were called to testify, and the evidence as elicited before an informed tribunal, and not under oath, was conclusive to this point: The murderer of President Lincoln was JOHN WILKES BOOTH. His hat was found in the private box and identified by several persons who has seen him within the last two days, and the spur which he dropped by accident after he jumped to the stage was identified as one of those which he had obtained from the stable where he hired his horse.

This man Booth has played more than once at Ford's Theatre, and is of course acquainted with its exit and entrances, and the facility with which he escaped behind the scenes is easily understood.

The person who attacked Secretary Seward, left behind him a slouched hat and an old rusty navy revolver. The chambers were broken loose from the barrel as if done by striking. The loads were drawn from the chambers, one being but a rough piece of lead, and the other balls smaller than the chambers, wrapped in paper as if to keep them from falling out.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

There is no confirmation of the report that the murderer of the President has been arrested.

Among the circumstances tending to fix the crime on Booth were letters found in his trunk, one of which apparently from a lady, supplicated him to desist from the perilous undertaking in which he was about to embark, as the time was inauspicious, the mine not yet being ready to be sprung.

The extra Intelligencer says: "From the evidence obtained it is rendered highly probable that the man who stabbed Mr. Seward and his sons, is John Sarratt, of Prince George County, Md. The horse he rode was hired at Naylor's stable on 14th street. Sarratt is a young man with light hair and goatee. His father is said to have been Post Master in Prince George County."

WASHINGTON, April 15, 11—A. M.

The Star Extra says at 7:20 o'clock the President breathed his last, closing his eyes as if falling to sleep, and his countenance assuming an expression of perfect serenity. There was no indications of pain and it was not known that he was dead until the gradually drawn respiration ceased altogether. The Rev. Dr. Gurley, of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church immediately on its being ascertained that life was extinct, knelt at the bedside and offered an impressive prayer, which was responded to by all present.

Dr. Gurley then proceeded to the front parlor where Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. John Hay the Private Sec'y, and others were waiting, where He again offered a prayer for the consolation of the family.

Immediately after the President's death a Cabinet meeting was called by Sec'y Stanton and held in the room in which the corpse lay. Sec'y Stanton, Wells, Usher, P. M. Gen. Dennison, and Att'y Gen. Speed were all present. The results of the conference are as yet unknown.

Reports prevail that Mr. Fred W. Seward who was kindly assisting the necessities of Sec'y Seward, received a stab in the back. His shoulder blade prevented the knife or dagger from penetrating into his body. Prospects are that he will soon recover.

A report was circulated and repeated by almost every body, that Booth was captured 15 miles this side of Baltimore.

If it be true, as asserted, that the War Department has received such information, it will doubtless be officially promulgated.

The Government Departments are closed, by order, and will be draped with emblems of mourning.

The roads leading to and from the city are guarded by military, and the utmost circumspection is observed as to all attempting to enter or leave the city.

The President's body was removed from the private residence opposite Flood's theatre to the Executive Mansion this morning at nine thirty in a hearse, and wrapped in the American flag.

It was escorted by a small guard of cavalry. Gen. Auger and other military officers followed on foot.

A dense crowd accompanied the remains to the White House, where a military guard excluded the crowd, allowing none but persons of the household and personal friends of the deceased to enter the premises.

The body is being embalmed, with a view to its removal to Illinois.

New York, April 15.

All places of business are rapidly closing, and the streets are assuming a sombre hue. The various Hotels, the New-England Rooms, the Post Offices, Custom House, and other public places are being draped. The Corn Exchange met, passed suitable resolutions, ordered the building to be draped, and adjourned.

The Commission merchants have resolved to close their places of business.

The Gold Room is closed. The Board of Brokers adjourned after passing appropriate resolutions. All the banks of the city are closed, and a meeting of merchants and citizens is being held in Wall street, presided over by Mr. Draper.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Bullet, Dickinson and others. The crowd there was immense. Appropriate resolutions were submitted to the meeting and adopted, and a Committee of thirteen eminent merchants and citizens appointed to go to Washington to attend the funeral of the President.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 15.

At an early hour this Morning Hon. E. M. Stanton sent an official communication to Hon. Andrew Soenson, Vice President of the U. S. stating that in consequence of the sudden and unexpected death of the Chief Magistrate His inauguration should take place as soon as possible and requesting him to state the place and hour at which the ceremony should be performed.

Mr. Johnson at once replied that it would agreeable to him to have the proceedings take place at his rooms in the Kirkwood House as soon as the arrangements could be made.

Chief Justice Chase was informed of the fact and repaid to the appointed place in company with sec McCulloch, the Treasury dept, atty Gen. Speed, F. P. Blair sen, Hon. Mountgumory Blair, senators Foot, of Vermont, Ramsey of Minnesota, Yates of Ill, Sewart of Nevada, Hale of N. H. and Rep. Farnsworth, of Ill.

At 11 o'clock the oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice of the United States in the usual solemn and impressive manner.

Mr. Johnson received the kind expressions of the gentlemen by whom he was surrounded in a manner which showed his appreciation of the great responsibility so suddenly devolved upon him, and made a brief speech, in which he said:

The duties of the office are mine. I will perform them. The consequences are with God.

GENTLEMEN:—I shall lean upon you. I feel that I shall need your support. I am deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and the responsibilities of the duties of the office I am assuming.

Mr. Johnson appeared to be in remarkably good health, and has a high and realizing sense of the hopes that are centered upon him. His manner was solemn and dignified, and his whole bearing produced a most gratifying impression upon those who participated in the ceremony.

It is probable that during the day President Johnson will issue his first Proclamation to the American People.

It is expected, though nothing has been definitely determined upon, that the funeral of the late President Lincoln will take place on, or about Thursday next. It is supposed that his remains will be temporarily deposited in the Congressional Cemetery.

New York, April 15.

The Post's Washington special says: Mr. Hansell, the messenger of the State Department, who was in attendance upon Mr. Seward, is dead. Sec'y Seward is in a very precarious condition.

It is reported that Booth was captured this morning.

The story is that his horse threw him so severely that he was obliged to seek relief in a house on the Seventh street road.

The Post also publishes a dispatch to Clarence A. Seward, which says Mr. Seward's wounds are bad, but not mortal.

He has lost much blood, but no arteries are cut.

Fred. Seward's skull is fractured badly in two places above the temple, and he is insensible, and I fear will die. His brother's wounds are very slight. The Governor's throat would have been cut if he had not rolled out of bed.

LATER.

The doctor says Frederick's condition is highly critical, but not hopeless.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.

The most intense horror is excited by the lamentable fate of President Lincoln. The city is draped with flags and streamers. Every house gave evidence of preparations for the illumination fixed for Monday evening, but the public joy gives place to mourning and there is a deep feeling of rage.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

About 12 o'clock last night two men crossed the Anacosta bridge, one of whom gave his name as Booth, and the other as Smith. The latter is believed to be John Surratt.

Last night a riderless horse was found, which has been identified by the proprietor of one of the stables previously mentioned as having been missed from his establishment.

Reports are conflicting as to whether Booth crossed the bridge on horseback or on foot, but it is believed that he rode across it. It is presumed that he had exchanged his horse.

From information in the possession of the authorities, it is evident that the scope of the plot intended to be much more comprehensive. The Vice President and other prominent members of the Administration were particularly inquired for by suspected parties, and their precise localities accurately obtained, but providentially in their cases the scheme miscarried.

A boat was at once sent down the Potomac to notify the gunboats on the river of the awful crime in order that all possible means should be taken for the arrest of the perpetrators. The most ample precautions have been taken, and it is not believed the culprits will long succeed in evading the overtaking arm of justice.

BUFFALO April 15.

The Governor of New York has issued a Proclamation revoking the proposed Thanksgiving for recent victories, on 20th April, and changing to one of Prayer and Humiliation for our great affliction.