

CONDITION OF CHICAGO CHIEF STILL CRITICAL

Apparently Crazed Gunman Stands on Chair to Fire at Roosevelt.

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Railway yards, where his special train was waiting.

As soon as he learned that Cermak's injuries were critical, however, Mr. Roosevelt cancelled his plans to leave for the north, and returned to the hospital.

"I'm glad it was me, not you," Mayor Cermak told Mr. Roosevelt. "I wish you would be more careful. The country needs you badly. You shouldn't take any more such chances as you took tonight."

Mr. Roosevelt expressed his sorrow over the mayor's injury. He promised to see him again in the morning. Then he returned to the Astor yacht, where friends said he showed no nervousness over the attack.

First Thought for President

Mystery surrounded the supposed absence of Cermak's usual bodyguard. The mayor had been seen on the bandstand in front of the concrete "shell" that acts as a sounding board for speakers in the park. Mr. Roosevelt had waved to him and indicated his desire to speak to him.

Cermak made his way to the President-elect's car, apparently without guards, and stood on the running board while Mr. Roosevelt was speaking. He had extended his hand in congratulation when the shots rang out, and he fell to the ground.

Mayor Cermak's first thought as he fell to the ground after the attack of the would-be assassin, was for President-Elect Roosevelt, eye-witnesses revealed.

"The President," he gasped. "Get me away!"

Crowd Advances on Jail

A second after the shots had rippled through the air, the car in which Mr. Roosevelt was riding, and on which Cermak had been standing, leaped forward to carry the President-elect to safety.

Mr. Roosevelt, after quick realization of what had happened, commanded the driver to stop.

Secret service men and L. L. Lee, city manager of Miami, raised Cermak from the ground and placed him in the seat next to the President-elect. Mr. Roosevelt helped support the wounded man as orders were given to rush him to the Jackson memorial hospital.

In the park, knots of people stood telling each other how the attack had occurred. Several hundred of the Roosevelt audience had left to advance on the building which houses Miami's jail.

Extra police guards were put on duty to keep the crowd away from the building's entrances, though there was little danger that the crowd could reach Zangara. The jail is on the twenty-seventh floor of the building.

Inside, detectives were drawing from the Italian bricklayer a story of hatred of all kings and presidents, and of all the rich and powerful, a story as well of a "sore stomach" which he indicated had driven him to desire to kill Mr. Roosevelt.

He told how he had bought the pistol he used only a few hours before the attack. He had been here for two months, hoping his stomach would improve, but it had not grown better, police quoted him as saying.

Early today Valerio Zangara's roommate was picked up on a charge of suspicion of being an accomplice. Police had not filed a formal charge against Zangara.

STUMP TO GIVE TALK

Maine Sinking Anniversary to Be Observed at Services.

Harold C. McGraw camp, United Spanish war veterans will give an entertainment at 8 Friday at Ft. Friendly, 512 North Illinois street, in commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the sinking of the Maine, Feb. 15, 1898.

Albert Stump will speak.

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Wife's Poise Is Unshaken by Attack Upon Roosevelt



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

'Phew, That's Great,' She Says When Told Bullets Had Missed Husband.

BY RUBY BLACK
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Word of a maniacal attack upon her husband failed to shake the calm poise of Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Phew, that's great!" she exclaimed when told at her home here Wednesday night that the bullets which spattered into a Miami throng had missed their objective — her husband.

I had just entered the United Press offices when I heard a shout that five shots had been fired at Mr. Roosevelt. In an instant, some one was hustling me off in a taxicab to the Roosevelt home.

I arrived to find Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter, Mrs. Curtis Dall, just returning from an early evening engagement.

Receives News Calmly

An agitated Negro butler opened the door.

"What's it all about?" asked Mrs. Roosevelt quickly.

The butler told her that there were reports that Mr. Roosevelt had been fired upon, but had escaped injury.

Mrs. Roosevelt received the news calmly.

"These things are to be expected," she said.

A few moments later she was called to the telephone. It was Mr. Roosevelt, calling from the hospital where he had gone to see Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago.

"How Are You, Honey?"

"How are you, honey?" asked Mrs. Roosevelt.

There was a quick conversation.

Then Mrs. Roosevelt turned to those in the room and said:

"He's all right. He's not the least bit excited."

After talking with her husband, Mrs. Roosevelt quickly telephoned

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'Dastardly Act,' Hoover's Statement on Attack Upon Roosevelt.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The secret service today redoubled its protection of President Herbert Hoover and President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, while the nation's highest officials expressed thankfulness that Mr. Roosevelt had escaped a gunman's bullet in Miami.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois suggested that elaborate indoor inauguration ceremonies on March 4 be canceled so Mr. Roosevelt's appearances before crowds could be made as brief as possible.

"Dastardly," says Hoover

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the inaugural committee, said, however, that there would be no change in arrangements for elaborate outdoor ceremonies during which Mr. Roosevelt would face crowds of many thousands.

President Hoover issued a statement denouncing the attempted attack as a "dastardly act" and rejoicing over the safety of the man to whom he will surrender the country's highest office in just sixteen days.

Mr. Hoover had retired when first word of the shooting was flashed to the White House by the United Press. He was aroused at once. After receiving details he issued the following statement:

"I am deeply shocked at the news. It is a dastardly act."

White-haired Richard Jervis, veteran secret service officer in charge of White House detail, immediately strengthened the guard of operations at the mansion.

Guards Are Strengthened

The detail of policemen who patrol the White House grounds was augmented.

The big iron gates remained open, however, and all was quiet through the night.

Additional guards also were assigned to Vice-President Clarence Curtis and Vice-President-Elect John N. Garner.

"Extreme care must be taken to protect Mr. Roosevelt," said Senator Lewis, an intimate friend of the gravely wounded Cermak.

"The open-air inauguration ceremonies make the President-Elect a target. The services should be held in the house of representatives."

Measure for Money Lost in Banks Is Sent to House

Bill to reimburse the state treasury for \$152,303 lost in bank failure was passed by the Indiana senate Wednesday and referred to the house. Senator Thurman A. Gottschalk (Dem., Berne), explained that the measure allowed the treasurer's books to be cleared of an item for which no hope for collection now exists.

Assassin's Deed Would Make Garner President

Method of Succession Is Provided by 'Lame Duck' Amendment Recently Made U. S. Law.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—If the bullets aimed at President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt had found their mark Speaker John W. Garner the Vice-President-elect, would have succeeded to the presidency.

This method of succession was included in the Norris "lame duck" constitutional amendment adopted recently by the states.

Prior to that time no provision was made in the Constitution or the law to cover such cases.

There also was no precedent for the succession as at no time in the country's history has a President-Elect died before taking office.

While the main provisions of the Norris resolution became effective only on Oct. 15, this provision was made effective immediately on ratification of the amendment.

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