

# DR. M'BURNEY TELLS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CASE

## New York Surgeon Describes Its Progress and Treatment.

Says Crisis Will Have Been Passed by  
Tuesday, and a Month May  
See the President Back  
at Work.

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BUFFALO, Sept. 8.—The President will be back to his work in the White House within three weeks or a month, in the opinion of Dr. Charles McBurney, who is now retained as the master mind among the doctors at Mr. McKinley's bedside. In an interview with THE TIMES's reporter to-night Dr. McBurney said:

"If there is no set-back, the President will be able to resume his duties within three weeks or a month. Of course, that is assuming that he will get well in a normal period of time and that his case is what we call 'a perfect case' for a man in vigorous health."

"For a man as old as the President?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "the President is a strong man, in almost perfect health, and he has as good a chance of recovery, and speedy recovery, as anybody could have."

"What nourishment is the President getting?" was asked.

"He is on a diet of whiskey, hot water, and raw egg, administered by injection," was the reply. "He also takes a little water."

"Does the President show any animation?" was asked.

"Yes, he talks cheerfully, with the doctors and maintains magnificent nerve," was the answer.

"There has been talk of the crisis in the President's case," was suggested.

"When will the crisis be reached?"

"By Tuesday," was the reply. "That is allowing an ample margin of time. I cannot express, nor can any one express, absolute certainty or confidence until Tuesday next. Peritonitis has not developed. It will have developed by Tuesday if at all. The wounds have entirely closed—they were closed immediately after the operation—and there has been no subsequent exploration of the wounds. The presumption is that the bullet is lodged in the muscles of the back. If it is lodged there it is harmless. The bullet has not been seen or felt, but, judging by the appearance of the wounds, it is lodged in the back muscles."

"There are no signs of the formation of pus. If there are no signs of trouble, there will be no need of using the X rays, as the only purpose in using them would be to locate the bullet. The President is not being relieved by opiates. None have been used since Saturday."