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IMPORTANT.

ASSASSINATION

OF

PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

The President Shot at the Theatre

Last Evening.

SECRETARY SEWARD

DAGGERED IN HIS BED

BUT

NOT MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Clarence and Frederick

Seward Badly Hurt.

ESCAPE OF THE ASSASSINS.

Intense Excitement in

Washington.

SCENE AT THE DEATHBED OF MR.

LINCOLN.

J. Wilkes Booth, the Actor, the Alleged

Assassin of the President,

&c., &c., &c.

THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1865.

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Details of the Assassination.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1865.

Washington was thrown into intense excite-

ment a few minutes before eleven o'clock

evening, by the announcement that the President

and Secretary Seward had been assassinated and

were dead.

The wildest excitement prevailed in all parts

of the city. Men, women and children, old and

young, rushed to and fro, and the rumors were

repeated until we had nearly every member of

the Cabinet killed. Some time elapsed before

substantive data could be ascertained in regard

to the affair.

The President and Mrs. Lincoln were at Ford's

Theatre, listening to the performance of the

American Overture, occupying the box in the sec-

ond tier. At the close of the play, the third act of a person

entered the box occupied by the President and

shot Mr. Lincoln in the head. The shot entered

the back of his head and came out above the

temple.

The assassin then jumped from the box upon

the stage and rushed to the other side, carrying

a dagger in his hand, flourishing it in a tri-

umphant manner, shouting the words "Long live

the Emperor!" and then fled to the rear of the

stage, where he was seen to enter a door.

At the same time, the assassin who had

shot the President, was seen to enter a door

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The President has been assassinated ever since

he was shot, and is now dying.

About the same time, an assassin, whether the

same or not, entered Mr. Seward's apartments

and under pretence of having a prescription

shown to the Secretary's sick chamber.

He immediately rushed to the bed and

inflicted two or three blows on the throat and

two on the face.

His hopes the wounds may not be mortal, but

apprehension is that they will prove fatal.

The name of the assassin, Mr. Frederick Seward,

was in an adjoining room, and he hastened to

the door of his father's room, when he met the

assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more

dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick

Seward is doubtful.

It is not probable that the President will live

through the night.

General Grant and his wife were advertised

to be at the theatre this evening, but he started

to Burlington at six o'clock this evening.

As called meeting, at which General Grant

was present, the subject of the state of the

country and the prospect of a speedy peace was

discussed. The President was very cheerful and

hopeful, and spoke very kindly of General Lee

and others of the confederacy, and of the estab-

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His Latest Appeal to his

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Disgrace as it Leaves the Rebel Armies

Free to Move From Point to Point.

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BRECKINRIDGE AND THE REST OF DAVIS'

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The Organ of Gov. Vance, of North Carolina,

Advices the Submission of the Rebels

to President Lincoln's Terms.

&c., &c., &c.

JEFF. DAVIS' LAST PROCLAMATION.

DECLARED TO BE ISSUED BY HIMSELF AT ALL HAZARDS.

DANVILLE, VA., April 14, 1865.

The General-in-Chief found it necessary

to make such movements of his troops as to uncover

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