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THE NEW YORK HERALD

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The assassination of Abraham Lincoln has been called by newspaper men, the most outstanding human interest article ever published by the American press. Among the papers which found it necessary to run off different editions at brief intervals after the shooting of the president was the New York Herald.

Within the past two weeks, letters from more than fifty people who have original or facsimile copies of the New York Herald for April 15, 1865, have been received.

This monograph is prepared as a preliminary study of the various editions of the paper published and the many reprints made of these editions. Fourteen different printings are listed below.

THE REGULAR OR 2:00 A. M. EDITION

The last dispatch from Washington to be printed in the regular edition of the New York Herald for April 15, 1865, was released at 2:00 A. M. It said, "The President is still alive but there is no improvement in his condition."

Other dispatches had arrived at intervals during the night.

1. Original

The New York Herald for April 15 was No. 10456, and had eight pages numbered, six columns, light rules between columns, six point type.

Page 1. 1st column: "IMPORTANT—ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN. 3rd column: THE PRESS DISPATCHES. 4th column: THE STATE CAPITOL. 5th column: THE REBELS.

Page 2. Financial and commercial news, marriages, deaths, classified advertisement.

Page 3. Classified advertisements.

Page 4. Editorial and 6th column head WASHINGTON.

Page 5. Column Head EUROPE and OUT OF DRAFT.

Page 6 and 7. Classified advertisements.

Page 8. 1st column, GRANT; 4th column, SHERMAN.

2. Johnson Reprint

Reprint of the regular edition.

Four pages instead of eight and pages unnumbered.

Heavy black mourning lines on first page between columns instead of light lines.

Page 2. Same as page four in original with an added inscription in bottom margin as follows: "For sale only by Johnson & Co., 369 W. Madison St., Chicago. Agents wanted."

3. Unidentified Reprint

Printed from the same form as the Johnson reprint as revealed by certain flaws in types and rules, but no imprint at bottom of second page. Probably an earlier printing than the Johnson impression.

THE 3:00 A. M. EDITION

4. Original

At 2:12 A. M. a dispatch arrived stating, "The President is still alive but he is growing weaker." Another message at 3:00 A. M. brought the news that "The President still breathes but is quite insensible as he has been ever since he was shot."

Same as regular edition with exception of changes in fourth and sixth columns of page one.

Extra dispatches from Washington are placed in the fourth column under THE LATEST NEWS, replacing the article THE STATE CAPITOL which is condensed and removed to bottom of sixth column.

THE 8:10 EDITION

5. Original

The death of President Lincoln was made known in a dispatch at 8:00 A. M., the official announcement reading "Abraham Lincoln died at twenty-two minutes past seven."

This 8:10 edition was also numbered 10456 and it had eight pages numbered, six columns, mourning rules between columns, six point type.

Page 1. 1st column IMPORTANT. 3rd and 4th column two column portrait of Lincoln. This picture shows Lincoln with beard. 4th column under portrait EXTRA 8:10 A. M. 5th column THE REBELS.

Other pages same as Regular Edition.

6. Archambault's Reprint

Number of paper, 18459, instead of correct number 18456.

Printed in eight point type. Total width of the six columns, 16½ inches instead of 14½ as in the original.

Four unnumbered pages.

Page One. The photograph of Lincoln has smooth face instead of a beard.

Archambault's advertisements as follows: second page 4½ columns, third page 6 columns, fourth page 3 columns. Latest testimonial, September 6, 1897.

7. Smith Reprint

This reprint is the same as the Archambault's copy except the W. F. Smith company advertisements replace those of Archambault's. A testimonial dated September 10, 1901, is printed.

8. Grain-o Reprint

This reprint has but two pages. The first page is identical with both the Archambaults and Smith reprints. The second page has a four column grain-o advertisement and miscellaneous advertisements at the bottom of both columns one and two.

9. Kitchell Reprint 1890

This reprint is a composite based on the regular edition, Johnson reprint, with the EXTRA 8:10 A. M. dispatches in the fourth column but no picture.

There are six columns of Kitchell's advertisements on page three and at the top of the page appears the date 1890 in the caption head.

10. Kitchell Reprint 1891

In the edition of Kitchell's reprint for 1891 there is a caption head at the top of page two bearing the date 1891 while page three still carries the date 1890.

11. Kitchell Reprint 1893

This reprint is identical with the Kitchell Reprints above with the exception of a change in the Kitchell advertisement matter and the date 1893 appearing in the caption on both pages two and three.

12. Coldwater Road Cart Co. Reprint

The first and last pages are identical with the Kitchell reprints. There are no advertisements on page two. On page three there are five and one-quarter columns of road cart advertisements.

THE 10:00 A. M. EDITION

13. Original

The New York Herald published another extra edition at 10:00 A. M. in which further details of the assassination were given and an offer of 10,000 dollars for the apprehension of the assassin was offered.

This edition omits the picture of Lincoln and goes back to the 3:00 A. M. edition for the form of the paper with the exception of the addition of mourning lines between columns. The printed text is the same with the exception of the fifth column on the first page which is headed, POSTSCRIPT, SATURDAY APRIL 15, 10:00 A. M. DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE 2:00 P. M. EDITION

14. Original

The edition announcing the inauguration of Vice-President Johnson and further information about the progress of the hunt for the assassin came out at 2:00 P. M.

This edition uses page eight for the additional dispatches and with this exception is identical with the 10:00 A. M. edition.

In column two, page eight, is the heading, EXTRA, SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Over column four is the heading, INAUGURATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.