

BURIED IN THE JAIL YARD

THE LAST OF THE PRESIDENT'S MURDERER.

GUITEAU'S BODY PLACED WHERE BODY-SNATCHERS CANNOT GET AT IT—CARRIED TO THE GRAVE BY SIX CONVICTS AND INTERRED WITHOUT CEREMONY.

WASHINGTON, July 1. — The body of Charles J. Guiteau was buried this afternoon in the north-east corridor of the jail, and, so far as is now known, it will lie there undisturbed by any future attempt at interment. Under the law, the disposition of the bodies of criminals who are hanged rests with the discretion of the Warden. In the case of Guiteau, his sister, Mrs. Scoville, was without means, and could not have undertaken his burial expenses, even if permitted to do so. The only other relative who has appeared upon the scene, his brother, John W. Guiteau, was unwilling to assume the risk of taking charge of the body, believing that he would be powerless to prevent "body snatchers" from stealing them. Therefore Gen. Crocker resolved to bury the assassin's body within the walls of the jail, where it would be beyond the reach alike of vengeance or speculation. The north-east corridor, in which Guiteau was buried, is upon the opposite side of the rotunda from the one in which he was hanged, and from the window of the cell in which he was confined one can look down upon his grave. The brick flooring was removed this morning and a grave 7 feet deep was dug. At 4 o'clock this afternoon, the coffin containing the body of Guiteau was borne from the chapel upon the shoulders of six of the jail prisoners, and, without any service or ceremony whatever, was lowered into this grave and buried from sight. The only persons present were John W. Guiteau, the Rev. Mr. Hicks, Warden Crocker and son, Mr. Wright, the undertaker, Ward, the engineer, of the jail, Deputy Warden Russ, Capt. Crocker, and the six prisoners who acted as pall-bearers. The coffin was closed last evening and no one has since been permitted to see the body. Mrs. Scoville, accompanied by Miss Chevalliere, arrived at the jail just before 4 o'clock, and importuned the Warden to be allowed to see the body and witness the burial. Gen. Crocker, however, remained firm in his determination not to accede to her request, and after a few minutes she returned to the city, leaving a number of flower pieces which she had brought with her, and which she expected to place upon the grave.

As the body was being taken down the steps leading from the chapel to the centre rotunda of the building the mourners, or rather witnesses, stood near the door leading to the north-east rotunda, and as it was taken down the flight of steps leading from the rotunda to the brick floor of the corridor they silently filed in behind the convict pall-bearers. Arrived at the grave, the little procession halted. Warden Crocker looked inquiringly first toward Dr. Hicks and then to John W. Guiteau. "All right," said the latter, with the same imperturbable composure that he has exhibited all through the past three days, and the coffin was at once lowered to its place. After the earth had been replaced and the top of the grave leveled off, John W. Guiteau placed at its head a crown of white immortelles. Not a word was spoken, not a tear was shed.

Dr. Lamb was asked to-day if it was true that Guiteau's brain was found in a normal condition, and replied: "That is true as far as the brain is concerned, but the membrane that envelopes it was found to be unhealthy, and will be examined closely. The condition of the brain was no surprise to me. It could not have been very well as I had no expectation in regard to it. I simply examined the brain with the desire to find out as much as possible of its contents. Drs. Lamb and Towers think it will be several days before the report is completed. Dr. Hartigan is of the opinion that it will be ready sooner. Dr. Hartigan said that the membranes around the brain were apt to cause a doubt in the minds of those who were disposed to favor the insanity theory, but that he had often seen the same condition of the membrane in persons never suspected of insanity.

Dr. MacDonald, whose expert testimony during the Guiteau trial formed one of the features, attended the autopsy yesterday and was to-day asked if it was true that the brain was found in a healthy condition. "Yes," was the reply; "that was the case. It could hardly have been in a better condition. In weight it was only a half ounce below the normal and its appearance was natural and healthy. This was not an unexpected result; not to me, at least. It was no more than I expected, and as far as the brain showed the mental condition I have seen no reason to change my opinion about the late deceased. The brain to a certain extent indicates the mental condition, and as the work with the microscope becomes more accurate it will show it more fully. A diseased brain is regarded as an indication of insanity, although sane people have been known to have diseased brains. The membrane was not healthy, and its condition might or might not indicate disease. The microscopic examination will show that, and will determine exactly what it does indicate. I do not see how there can be anything further developed in the examination of the brain to change my opinion. The examination will be continued, and will be as thorough as possible, and will give minute particulars, but general conclusions arrived at will not be changed, in my opinion. The brain was a good one."

TORONTO, Ontario, July 1.—To-day's *Globe* says:

"The last scene of the wretched Guiteau's life was of a piece with the whole year's work. No censure could be too strong to be dealt out to those who are responsible for the crowning disgrace of yesterday's performance. We say 'performance' advisedly, for every element of a low caste raree show was present at what ought to have been a solemn ceremonial. From first to last Guiteau has been encouraged to parade publicly his eccentricities and blasphemies—the more eccentric and blasphemous he could appear the more applause he received. He has been treated as an irresponsible lunatic while being reserved for the punishment awarded to him, on the theory of his perfect sanity."

The *Mail* says:

"It is pretty safe to say that the parody on religion, which disgraced the execution of Guiteau yesterday, could not have occurred in any other civilized country under the sun. It in no way mitigates the indecency of the exhibition that a clergyman was present and took part in the so-called services, which were composed of rank blasphemy and meaningless drivel. The assassin offered a prayer which was an outrage, and recited a so-called poem which was simply rubbish. The whole of the proceedings in the assassin's case have been a prolonged farce, of which the execution has been the climax."