

the court where the gallows stands, were all removed to other quarters, and placed in cells. At 9 o'clock this morning the jail officers had a rehearsal of the execution, and they are to play in the execution, the purpose chiefly of testing the apparatus of the gallows. A bag of sand weighing 100 pounds was attached to a rope, and the trap was sprung by means of a trigger rope, which was pushed into the cells of the north wing.

At 11 a.m., Mrs. Scoville, Guiteau's mother, who had said yesterday that she would not come to see the hanging, appeared at the jail door, and demanded to be admitted. The warden knowing that her presence at the execution would certainly cause a scene, had given orders that she be not admitted. The guards told her that she could not enter, and the woman first begged to be admitted and then announced the officials for their conduct. John Guiteau was sent to the gallows and he succeeded in pacifying his mother.

At 10 o'clock Dr. Hicks and John W. Guiteau went with General Crocker to the scaffold, together with a number of the guards. John W. Guiteau ascended the steps and carefully examined the structure, handling carefully and inspecting all the features, both above and below the platform.

A telegram from New York, signed J. M. Bennett, was received about 10 o'clock, by Dr. Hicks, asking if the warden could obtain possession of Guiteau's body to exhibit for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association. Dr. Hicks paid no attention to the message. The order of procession to the scaffold as agreed upon this morning is as follows: Warden Crocker and his officers will appear first, followed by Dr. Hicks; then will come the prisoner in charge of two guards, Coleman and Woodward. Behind them will walk two men, two Jones, Hudson, Johnson and Crocker, four jail officers, the latter a brother of the warden.

At 10 o'clock seventy policemen arrived at the jail and were posted along the roadway, outside the building. In addition to the regular jail guard, all the available men of battery O, second United States artillery, are now on duty inside the jail. Shortly before 11 o'clock Guiteau called for paper and for twenty minutes busied himself in making a copy of what he terms "his prayer at the scaffold." As his hands will be pinioned Dr. Hicks will hold the manuscript while Guiteau reads. Now that he is employed he appears much calmer and is rapidly completing his work, writing in a large, round and legible hand.

Preparations for the execution are being made. Guiteau has had a bath, dressed, and his dinner was served at 11 o'clock. Dr. Hicks is with him. He says he will die game.

Guiteau has not been informed of Mrs. Scoville's presence, and even if he was aware that she is here it is believed he would not desire to have her present. His great desire now seems to be that there shall be no scene, and his program shall be carried out without any interruption or incident to detract him from the heroic picture which he believes he is about to present. At 10 o'clock there was a large crowd of newspaper correspondents crowding about the gate leading into Guiteau's corridor, but they could see nothing but the warden's door, which screens Guiteau's cell from view. Now and then a guard appeared at the door and sent some message to the warden. At such times those at the gate got a view of the table, corridor and chair on which the death watch sat. After Guiteau had written his prayer upon the scaffold, he began to arrange his dress, putting on a pair of navy blue trousers. At 10:30 a guard came out of the door and said: "He is ready for Dr. Hicks now, and wants for the doctors to come." Another guard who took the message hurried off and soon returned with Hicks, who went into the cell. Guiteau was then reported by the guard to be apparently very composed. Guiteau's message about the flowers referred to his expectation that Mrs. Scoville would send some flowers to him, but none had arrived at the time he asked for them.

After a short conference with Crocker John W. Guiteau went outside the jail to see his sister. He found her in great excitement, bordering upon hysteria, but after a short time he succeeded in calming her and dissuading her from any attempts to witness the execution. She acknowledged the propriety of such a course, but said she could not possibly remain in the city during all the wretched hours of the morning. She brought with her the flowers which Guiteau asked for, and they were taken to the prisoner. Mrs. Scoville also brought two handsome flower pieces, cross and anchor, which she will place upon her brother's coffin with her own hands.

At 11:35 a.m.—While Dr. Hicks was in the prisoner's cell, at 11 o'clock, Guiteau made some requests as to the execution and the hangman. Having made copies of his "last prayer," poem, and other writings, he tore up the originals. He then sent for the jail bootblack and gave him his shoes to be shined. His dinner was brought as the doctor was leaving, and he ate with much relish. His dinner consisted of a pound of broiled steak, a dish of fried potatoes, four slices of toast and a quart of coffee. Dr. Hicks, when he came out of the cell, said the prisoner had not the slightest fear. We have had a pleasant religious talk. He feels now his preparation is completed and he is ready for the last formality. He commits his soul to God with the utmost confidence. I think he will show some emotion because the nervous strain is so great. Nobody, Dr. Hicks said, had seen the prisoner at that time except himself and the jail officers.

At 11 o'clock Dr. A. E. McDonald, of New York, and Dr. Francis Loring, of this city, expert witnesses at the trial of Guiteau, arrived at the jail. Dr. McDonald, said as he understood an autopsy would be performed by three physicians agreed upon by friends of the condemned man. Afterward the brain would be removed for further examination. The three physicians selected to perform the autopsy are Dr. Lamb, who made the autopsy of the President; Dr. Sauer and Dr. Hartigan, deputy coroner of this city. Dr. Loring expects to make a thorough examination of the prisoner's eyes.

Following is the full text of Guiteau's prayer he prepared to read:

MY DYING PRAYER ON THE GALLOWES.

Father, now I go to Thee, and the Savior, I have finished the work thou gavest me to do, and I am only too happy to go to Thee. The world does not appreciate my mission, but thou knowest it. Thou knowest thou didst inspire Garfield's removal, and only good has come from it. This is the best evidence that the inspiration came from Thee, and I have set it forth in my book that all men may know that thou, Father, didst act, for which I am murdered. This govern-

ment and nation, by this act, I know will incur the eternal enmities as did the Jews by killing my man, my Savior. The retribution in that case came quick and sharp, and I know the divine law of retribution will strike this nation and my murderers in the same way. The diabolical spirit of this nation, its government and its newspapers, toward me will justify Thee in cursing them, and I know that the divine law of retribution is inexorable. I therefore predict that this nation will go down in blood and my murderers, from the executive to the hangman, will go to hell. Thy laws are inexorable. Oh, thou Supreme Judge, who unto men that violate thy laws, only weeping and gnashing of teeth awaits, thine American press has a large bill to settle with thee, righteous Father, for their vindictiveness in this matter. Nothing but blood will satisfy him and now my blood be on them and this nation and its officials. Arthur, the President, is a coward and an ingrate. His ingratitude to the man that made him and saved his party and land from overthrow has no parallel in history; but thou, righteous Father, thou knowest me, but the world had not known me, and now I go to thee, Saviour, without the slightest ill-will toward human being. Farewell, ye men of earth!

BREAKING DOWN.

Shortly before 12 o'clock Guiteau seemed to break down completely and burst into tears, and sobbed hysterically. Dr. Hicks sat by his side, fanning him and vainly trying to calm him. About 11:30 the preparations began to be made for the execution. At 11:50 a detachment of artillery was formed on the east side of the rotunda, and brought their muskets to parade rest. At about that time about 250 people were in the rotunda. Dr. Hicks was with the prisoner engaged in prayer.

A REPORTER'S STORY.

At daylight this morning, through the kindness of a prison official, I was permitted to see Guiteau. The sun was peeping over the hills to the east of the prison, lighting his sombre walls. A mist hung over the turbid waters of the eastern branch of the Potomac, and hid from the view the poisonous marshes that line its shores. The assassin had slept but little during the night. A crazy woman had kept everybody at the jail awake with her wild cries and Guiteau was in no mood for rest. Between 2 and 5 o'clock in the morning he dozed at brief intervals, but he was in a condition of nervous excitement that prevented him from sleeping. Attired in his undershirt and drawers, he paced back and forth, within the bounds of his cell like a tiger in a cage. He frequently tossed his hands forward with an expression of vehement rage, and snarled as a cat whines, while playing with a rat. His eyes glowed with excitement and they were set far back in his head with heavy black lines surrounding. The skin was drawn over the cheek bones like stretched parchment, and his fingers worked convulsively as he placed them upon the bars and faced his visitors. Before a word was said to him he burst forth in a volley of explosives, cursing President Arthur, Justice Bradley, Warden Crocker, District Attorney Coffhill and other officials who have been identified with his prosecution and imprisonment. He called upon Almighty God to curse and kill them and became so violent in his expressions of rage that we had to leave the corridor. About 6 o'clock Guiteau sat down to breakfast. He started in with an apparently good appetite, but it was evident he was feigning an unconcern that he did not feel and his stomach refused to sustain him in the attempt to deceive, for after hurriedly swallowing a few mouthfuls he dropped his knife and fork and stopped in his meal. He vainly essayed in a moment after to complete his repast, but could only nibble at the things on the table and soon gave up in disgust, jumping up from the table. Then he proposed to take his usual morning walk, but the deputy warden at first refused to permit him to do so. This threw him into another paroxysm of rage, and he became very violent and launched forth into a tirade against the jail officials. At length the warden allowed him to take his walk. He tramped up and down for a few minutes, and, tiring of his exercise, went back to his cell. Then he affected to busy himself in writing, and had another visit from Dr. Hicks.

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