

GITEAU'S TRIAL.

The Assize's New Year in Jail—Favored with a Host of Visitors—Further Testimony by Dr. Gray—the Case Drifting Slowly Along.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.

It is understood the defense in the Giteau case will shortly introduce a new feature. Forty or fifty so-called cranks have been arrested here since Giteau shot the president, most of whom have been sent to the insane asylum on physicians' certificates. It is said the physicians in each case will be subpoenaed for the purpose of comparing those cases with that of Giteau. Among the physicians are those upon whose certificates Biggins was committed to the asylum. Biggins fancied Grant appeared to him by means of a key hole in the door and persecuted him. Biggins afterwards sued Grant for a hundred thousand dollars damages. He was finally released and is now engaged in business here.

The court-room this morning was very cold.

Giteau said, "I had a very happy New Year's yesterday. I had lots of visitors. They all expressed the opinion that I shall be acquitted."

Dr. Gray took the stand, and Scoville resumed the examination.

The witness had not, in giving the opinion on direct examination, that the prisoner was sane, taken into account the evidence of the prisoner himself; but taking that element into account his opinion would still be the same, the prisoner is sane and was sane on July 2d.

A hypothetical question was propounded by Scoville, involving the killing of a woman by her husband without apparent motive. Witness was asked if that act would be an indication of insanity.

Answer—It would be a very extraordinary act. I should want to make an examination to see if it was from passion, or whether the man was drunk or had disease of the brain.

Giteau—You would have to find disease of the brain before you could call him insane? That shows just how much you experts know about it.

Witness was asked if he was familiar with the case of Lieut. Sanborn, killed by Dr. Wright at Norfolk, and replied, "Yes, sir. I was sent by the President to make an examination and give an opinion in the case."

"How much did you get for it," shouted Giteau.

Witness was cross-questioned as to how or by what physical examination insanity and disease of the brain could be detected, and was asked if he ever had a patient in his asylum who recovered.

Answer—I have.

Question—Have you seen persons who recovered in three months?

Answer—I have.

Scoville—Were they discharged?

Answer—Yes, sir.

Scoville—If you experts were to examine such a patient immediately upon discharge could you tell by any physical indications that he had been insane only three months previous?

Witness (hesitatingly)—Not without a history of the case.

Scoville—I thought so.

Giteau—Your idea, doctor, that a man cannot be insane unless his brain is diseased is rather frivolous. You don't agree with the Saviour. You ought to study up spirituality.

Witness did not believe in emotional insanity or moral insanity. Kleptomania and pyromania were simply conventional terms, invented to cover certain crimes. Insanity is never transmitted any more than cancer. Susceptibility to insanity is undoubtedly transmitted from parents to children, but insanity does not necessarily follow except from profound physical disturbance.

The district attorney announced the conclusion of the evidence on the part of the government.

Dr. Bowker, called by Scoville, said Mrs. Dunnire told him at Leadville she entertained grave doubts as to the mental condition of Giteau at the time of her divorce.

The prisoner undertook to read a letter, as he claimed from an old friend of Garfield's in Ohio, showing that public opinion is making in his favor.

Judge Cox ordered him to be silent.

Giteau—"It shows that the state of public opinion outside of the court room."

Cox—"Be silent. Public opinion has nothing to do with case."

Giteau—"When I speak I speak to fifty million, not to this little crowd."

Marshal Henry (moving toward dock)—"Keep quiet, sir."

Giteau—"I'm through, sir."

The marshal whispered to a bailiff, and the prisoner soon started another hurraque. The bailiff put a hand on his shoulder and tried to quiet him.

Giteau—"Get away from me or I will slap you in the mouth." With this outburst he subsided.

It was agreed that Scoville shall tomorrow give reason for wishing to introduce new witnesses for the defence.

The court then adjourned.

That Kentucky Outrage.

ASHLAND, Ky., Jan. 3.—Wm. Neal, Ellis Craft and George Ellis (all whites) have been arrested for the murder of Gibbons' children. George Ellis confessed and says Craft and Neal awakened him on the night of the murder and urged him to go with them to Gibbons' house. He went reluctantly. They entered the window and Neal and Craft outraged the two girls. Emma Thomas recognized Neal and said she would tell her mother. The boy Robert was about to give the alarm when Craft struck him on the head with an axe, killing him. Craft told Fanny her time to die had come, and amid piteous cries of the child for mercy struck her on the head and killed her instantly. Neal then killed Emma Thomas the same way. Craft and Neal at first denied Ellis' story, but Neal confessed this afternoon, and both he and Ellis waived examination. Craft will have a hearing on Thursday. Ellis and Neal are married. Craft is single. They were all present when Gibbons' residence was burned, and one of them drove the hearse at the funeral. Another was a pall-bearer. Crowds have been gathered all day, and lynching is anticipated.



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