

# BODY OF ALTGELD TO LIE IN STATE.

Brought from Joliet, and Funeral Will Be Held at Residence Tomorrow.

SERVICE TO BE PRIVATE.

Public Will Take Its Last View of the Ex-Governor's Face on Saturday.

CITY'S FLAG AT HALF MAST.

The body of ex-Governor John P. Altgeld was brought on a special funeral train from Joliet to Chicago yesterday evening. While scores of his friends and associates stood with heads uncovered in the train shed, the body was carried from the funeral car to the hearse and taken to the Altgeld residence, 3225 Malden avenue.

The statements of Mr. Altgeld's physicians early yesterday morning that death could not be averted had been correct. After his collapse at the end of his pro-Boer speech at the Joliet Theater the ex-Governor continued in an unconscious condition until 7:09 a. m., when he died. The cause of death was apoplexy.

**Body to Lie in State.**

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow afternoon from the residence. It will be for relatives and intimate friends. From the house the body will be taken to the chapel in Graceland Cemetery. On Saturday it will be taken to the North Clark Street Turner Hall, where it will lie in state from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. The burial will be at Graceland.

At a later date, not yet decided on, there will be memorial services in the Auditorium.

These arrangements have been made to spare Mrs. Altgeld as far as possible. To save her from the effect of a long-continued strain it has been decided to have the funeral service take place first. While the arrangements in no way contemplate a state funeral it has been decided that the people to whom Mr. Altgeld was endeared should be given an opportunity to view his face.

After the first prostration Mrs. Altgeld is reported as bearing herself courageously. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of All Souls' Church will preach the funeral sermon at the residence.

During the short time the body lay in the Hotel Munroe yesterday Joliet did honor to the dead man. As soon as the death became known the flag was raised to half mast over the courthouse. Workingmen and many women viewed the remains.

**Dies at 7:09 A. M.**

It was 7 o'clock in the morning—scarcely before death occurred—when the watchers at Mr. Altgeld's bed noticed a change in his condition. He revived slightly—not, however, becoming conscious—his pulse growing stronger and his temperature dropping a little. The physicians, who had been called hastily when he fainted at the close of his speech the night before, left for breakfast, Dr. Stewart alone remaining in the sickroom. He alone was there when the death occurred, soon after the favorable symptoms had been observed. At 7:09 the patient stopped breathing, and all efforts to revive him were without result.

Clarence S. Darrow, Mr. Altgeld's law partner, reached Joliet at 10 o'clock and took charge of the remains. The question of a post-mortem examination was raised, but the family and friends opposed it. The statement of the physicians that death resulted from cerebral hemorrhage was said to be satisfactory.

Arrangements were made at once for the removal of the body to Chicago. Mayor Barr detailed six members of the city fire department to act as pallbearers. Throughout the city flags were hung at half-mast.

**Special Train Furnished.**

At first it was intended to attach the funeral car to the Chicago and Alton train which reaches Chicago at 5:04 o'clock in the afternoon. It being discovered that this train was three hours late, the railroad officials provided a special train of two cars.

As the body was hurried through the streets of the city from the Hotel Munroe to the station a large number of professional men and other citizens walked behind the hearse. A detail of police marched at the head.

Two large floral pieces, the tributes of the business-men of Joliet, had been laid on the plain black coffin which had been selected by Mr. Darrow. One of these pieces was of Maréchal Niel roses and the other of variegated carnations and ferns.

From Joliet to Chicago a quick run was made by the special train. With the body were Mr. Darrow, S. A. Calhoun, the escort of the Pro-Boer society who had accompanied Mr. Altgeld to Joliet, ex-Mayor John B. Mount of Joliet, Representatives W. A. Bowles, and others.

**Judges Plan a Memorial.**

As soon as the news of the death was received in Chicago different organizations were called together to prepare memorials and to make arrangements for the funeral. The Judges of the Superior Court, in which branch of the judiciary Mr. Altgeld sat as a Judge prior to his election as Governor, met in the afternoon. A committee was appointed to draw a memorial and arrangements were made for a special meeting of all Judges at 12:30 o'clock today in Judge Brentano's chambers. Judges Kavanagh, Brentano, and Tuley were appointed to draft resolutions. Present at the meeting were Judges Shepard, Chetlain, Waterman, Brentano, Stein, Kavanagh, Freeman, and Tuley.

**Action by County Democracy.**

At a special meeting of the Cook County Democracy held in the afternoon a committee, consisting of Alderman John Powers, William J. Roach, Robert E. Burke, James H. Farrell, and Charles F. Gunther, was appointed to confer with other bodies in regard to the funeral. This committee also was authorized to report resolutions at the meeting of the organization on Sunday.

Resolutions were adopted by the Iroquois club at the luncheon hour.

**City Hall Flag at Half-Mast.**

Out of respect to the memory of Mr. Altgeld, Acting Mayor Walker ordered the flag on the City Hall to be hung at half-mast.

"Governor Altgeld was a man of pronounced opinions and strong character," Mr. Walker said, "and, like all such men, had close friends and bitter enemies. Of his personal integrity there could be no doubt. Had he chosen to remain on the bench, instead of taking the Governor's chair, there is every probability that he would have created a great name for himself as a jurist. He showed remarkable ability while Judge."

**Acting Governor's Proclamation.**

In Springfield Acting Governor Northcott issued the following proclamation:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the people of Illinois the death of John P. Altgeld, twentieth Governor of the State, who filled the Executive office from Jan. 10, 1893, until Jan. 11, 1897.

Born in Prussia in 1848, he came to this country when a child, and as soon as he was old enough

enlisted in the service for the defense of his adopted country, and bore the part of a true soldier in the closing days of the civil war.

He was an able lawyer, a distinguished Judge, a man of strong convictions, and always courageous in giving them utterance.

In respect to his memory I request that flags on all State buildings be displayed at half mast until after his funeral, and that business in the various State departments be suspended during the hours of the funeral.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be attached the great seal of State, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1902.

Notices were sent out last night to the members of the Democratic State committee, calling a meeting for this evening, at which a memorial will be drawn.

**Not Satisfied with the Law.**

Friends of Mr. Altgeld say that he had begun to express a desire to quit the practice of law and that he was dissatisfied with it. Such an expression was drawn from him on the occasion of Judge Tuley's banquet and was made to a friend with whom he walked to the banquet-room at that time.

He never, according to these friends, had been more active than during the few days just preceding his death. His movements in the last few days illustrate this. On Saturday night he spoke in Buffalo. On Monday and Tuesday he appeared in the federal courts, and Tuesday night he was speaking in Joliet.

As it is affirmed that every one of Mr. Altgeld's addresses represented much care, forethought, and preparation, these occasions became a strain to him. Each address was carefully written by him and changed and then dictated to a stenographer, during which process he learned it by rote and could repeat it line for line.

**Eulogy by J. P. Hopkins.**

"I cannot command words suitable to express the esteem in which I held John P. Altgeld," said Chairman Hopkins of the Democratic State committee. "To my mind he was the greatest man of his generation and his end was a fitting one, dying, as his friend Henry George died, while making a speech for what he thought was right."

"There has been a great deal of misconception in the popular mind regarding Altgeld's character. He was not the radical man most people supposed him to be. On the contrary, he was a conservative man, and the proof is that while he was Governor there was not a radical piece of legislation enacted in Illinois. He was never an enemy of property interests; in fact, all the large interests of Illinois had perfect confidence in his integrity, and when he ran for Governor the second time, even with Bryan at the head of the ticket, they were not in the least afraid of him."

"When he pardoned the Anarchists there was no popular objection to the act. In fact, he was asked to do it by the largest and best petition ever presented a Governor by any State, and the name of Lyman J. Gage, afterwards Secretary of the Treasury, was at the head of it."

**Not a 16 to 1 Man.**

"Also take the free silver issue. No one ever heard Altgeld say he was in favor of 16 to 1. He was in favor of bimetallism, and the only reason he ever gave for consenting to the insertion of the 16 to 1 ratio in the platform of 1896 was that it was necessary to have some ratio to fight for, otherwise the silver forces could not unite."

"His hatred of President Cleveland grew out of Cleveland's action in sending federal troops into Illinois when he was Governor without even consulting him. It was a natural anger and the Governor was right in his protest. At that he did not go as far as did General Palmer when President Grant started to do the same thing at the time of the Chicago fire."

"In every way John P. Altgeld was a great man, a man way ahead of his age."

**Other Words of Praise.**

As indicating the estimate at which Mr. Altgeld was held by his associates in his profession and by other citizens, the following expressions were made:

Judge Murray F. Tuley—Ex-Governor Altgeld was a true friend, a loyal citizen, and as a Judge his integrity was unimpeachable. It is true that he was an intense thinker, an intense man in everything he did, but he always turned towards what he thought was right.

William Prentiss—Governor Altgeld was a man of exceptional intellect. He was a man who went directly towards his object without stopping to consider consequences. He would not be tactful. He pardoned the Anarchists because he thought they had not had a fair trial. He would have been among the great organizers of the country if he had lived here during the revolution.

Clarence S. Darrow—It was a fitting close to his life that his last words should be spoken for the women and children in south Africa. If he had chosen a way I think this is the way it would have been. Throughout all my association with him in prosperity and in adversity I have always found him a true loyal friend.

Levy Mayer—I think that during his life he was the brainiest friend the laboring people of this country ever had.

Walter L. Fisher—Mr. Altgeld was a man of remarkable force and ability embittered by hardships in early life. He was an intense partisan but fearless.

Judge C. S. Cutting—I knew Mr. Altgeld well as a lawyer and as a Judge. He was an able, earnest, and fearless man, whose opinions, often radical, were never doubtful.

Judge Edward F. Dunne—John P. Altgeld while on the bench had the reputation of being an honest, fearless Judge, who had a contempt for mere technicality when it in-

terfered with the doing of justice. He was a tireless student.

Judge Farlin Q. Ball—Mr. Altgeld was an advocate of the people. The bar of this State recognizes his high ability as a Judge. His associates loved him for his kindness of heart and respected him for his honesty of purpose.

**Comment of Business-Men.**

T. M. Baxter—I believe he always did what he thought was along the line of justice.

Robert Lindblom—I regarded him as the foremost champion of the new era of liberty and equal rights. He combined exalted ability and courage with ideal honesty. The last words he uttered will ring down the ages as a final protest against the spoliation of human liberty for the sake of commerce. His death was beautiful and such as he wished it to be.

George S. McReynolds—He was able, clean-cut, and ambitious. He was guided by what he believed to be the right principles.

J. G. Snyder—I believe he was perfectly honest in what he thought was right.

Walter H. Wilson—While I have never agreed with him in a political way, I always have regarded him as a man of high character; honest, and one who always was actuated by the best motives.

George Birkhoff Jr.—Mr. Altgeld was a strong man, a brilliant man, and one whose every public act was inspired by a regard for the welfare of the people.

William A. Bond—As Governor he always showed himself to be a friend to that legislation which promised to make for the general welfare of the people of Chicago.