

TAMPA MORNING TRIBUNE

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J.F. EASTERLING IS LAID TO REST

SECRET ORDERS ATTEND FUNERAL IN LARGE NUMBER

Post Mortem Examination Held at the Reed Undertaking Establishment by Physicians

In Woodlawn Cemetery yesterday afternoon, J.F. Easterling who died as the result of an assassin's bullet, was laid in its last resting place leaving sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn his demise. Many wreaths were piled on the grave by friends who had known and loved MR. Easterling during his life time, among them members of secret orders to which he belonged. The funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted from the Reed Undertaking parlors at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. John F. Porter officiating. Members of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias attended in a body in uniform.

A post mortem examination of the body of the bullet victim was conducted at the Reed establishment yesterday morning by Dr. L.S. Oppenheimer, assisted by Drs. J.D. McRue, W.P. Adamson, A.R. Beyer, T.B. Fitts and Sheldon Stinger. The examination showed the result of the operation performed by Dr. Oppenheimer the day following the shooting to have been satisfactory. The physicians had previously agreed that, as the bullet had not entered any part of the alimentary canal, its lodging place was not a matter of importance, and the examination showed the bullet had located itself in the liver. Death was found to have been caused by a hemorrhage resulting from ulceration of the stomach.

Some uneasiness was felt yesterday throughout the city regarding the possible effect of the death of Easterling on the strained situation which at present maintains in the city and which caused the lynching of Castenge Ficarrotta and Angelo Albano, the two men charged with the shooting. Although he did not anticipate any disorders, Sheriff Jackson increased his force of deputies on duty throughout the city in order to be prepared should anything have turned up. As the evening wore on, however, and nothing occurred it became certain that nothing would happen during the night hours which would disturb the peace.

Mrs. Easterling, widow of the assassination victim, has asked the Tribune to print the following card of thanks:

"Will you please express my deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to the devoted friends who have shown such interest in the trying illness of my husband. Especially do I wish to have you tell the good doctors who were so kind and skillful in their treatment of him and the devoted nurse who did not leave his bedside day or night during those terrible weeks. I will never forget them."

"MRS. J.F. EASTERLING"