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After "doing time" at Joliet Prison, Leopold and Loeb were transferred to Statesville. Located not far from Joliet, in the town of Crest Hill, Statesville was (and still is) a maximum-security correctional facility. When the death penalty was legal in Illinois, Statesville had (and used) an electric chair. This image depicts the cell of Richard Loeb at Statesville Correctional Center. Image online via Wikimedia Commons.

"Dickie" Loeb and Nathan ("Babe") Leopold went to prison together. Leopold would say, years later, that Loeb entered prison without any remorse whatsoever. The only thing he was sorry for was the outcome: He got caught.

But some would argue Justice ultimately had her way with Richard Loeb.

On January 28, 1936 Loeb's cell mate, James Day, attacked Loeb in the shower. Day said Loeb had made advances toward him, so he struck Loeb with a straight razor 58 times.

Gravely injured, and covered with blood, Loeb died even though seven physicians, including two Loeb family doctors, tried to save him.

Although Day said he had attacked Loeb because of Dick's advances, that is not what the evidence showed. His wounds were inflicted from behind.

Despite the facts, Day was acquitted at his murder trial. Richard Loeb was dead, and his killer was "not guilty."

But ... what did the future hold for Nathan Leopold?

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James Day - Killer of Richard Loeb

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Scene of the Crime - Where Loeb was Killed

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