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RING TO SOLVE BOOTH PROBLEM

May Prove Mummy Is Assassin's Body

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—(A.P.)—The face of a signet ring removed by a group of Chicago scientists from the stomach of a mummified man, known as John St. Helen, held the key today to the mystery of whether the man was John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, as St. Helen declared before his death in Oklahoma in 1903.

The ring plate bore a scroll identified by John Dodioroff, an artist, as the initial "B" in old English script. Dr. Orlando Scott, who performed the autopsy, said he believed the plate was part of a ring worn by Booth on the small finger of his left hand in all pictures of him available." For 65 years the fate of Booth has been in dispute despite the fact he was officially reported slain in a barn after he shot Lincoln and buried in the Booth plot in a Baltimore cemetery.

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