

GILLETTE'S STORY OF GRACE BROWN'S DEATH.

Strong Belief That the Young Man's Evidence Only Proved His Guilt.

Declares That the Young Woman Jumped from the Boat to Her Death.

Herkimer, Dec. 3. — When Chester E. Gillette shambled from the witness stand to-night, shuffled his way through the slush and snow, between a howling mob, who jeered and laughed among themselves, and crept into his dark little cell, it may be that through some abortive twist of his cramped mind he imagined that in telling his feeble story of "Billy" Brown's death he had cleared himself.

It may be, in fact it is probable, that he is convinced that he will be believed; that in saying that the girl who trusted him went to her death voluntarily, he thrust away the clouds of suspicion resting upon him, but in Herkimer there is but one conclusion in the minds of those who watched, criticized and hung upon his words, viz.:

Chester Gillette has convicted himself as thoroughly as if he had confessed, as convincingly as if he himself had enacted the death scene before the court.

Gillette, with his small, hog-like eyes peering defiantly at the bull-necked District Attorney, he allowed words to fall from his lips in expressionless emptiness.

"I loved her," he said, and then stifled a yawn.

"She said, 'I'll end it now,' and then jumped into the water," was his explanation of her death. This, in the face of her own words written to him in the pathetic pleading manner that wet every eye in the room except his, in which she said: "I feel like jumping into the river to-night, but I'm not a coward—are you, Chester?" He told of that aimless row about the lake, of landing, of one of a luncheon eaten in the shade of a little grove, of picking pond lilies, and then:

"Finally, we got to talking about what we ought to do. I told her I thought she had better go home, and tell her people about it, and she said, 'You don't know my father.' I argued with her. She was crying, and suddenly she said, 'I will end it all,' and jumped on the side of the boat.

"I tried to reach her, but failed. The boat tipped over. I came up and grabbed hold of the boat. I couldn't see Grace. I swam ashore. Then I got my suit case and started up the trail for Eagle Bay."

A Dramatic Incident.

The introduction of Gillette to the witness chair was dramatic.

"Now, gentlemen, if you want to hear how Grace Brown died, from the lips of the only one who saw her die, you shall hear it," Charles D. Thomas, senior counsel for the defence, was closing his brief opening address.

"Mr. Gillette, please take the stand," said ex-Senator Mills, and the prisoner walked to the witness chair. He was pale and began in a voice scarcely above a whisper.

He said he was 23 years of age, had worked as a train boy out west, and as a brakeman. A boy his parents took him to San Francisco, and from there to the Hawaiian Islands. Returning from the Pacific coast, he went to Oserlin College, where he remained two years.

After leaving college he took up rail-roading in Chicago. From there he went to Cortland in March, 1905, and began working in his uncle's factory.

It took but one short glance at the faces of the twelve men in the jury box, to tell at that moment what their verdict would be.

Without attempt at parley or evasion he admitted that he had caused all the misery that had come into her life and confessed that one moment before the waters of Big Moose closed over her head forever she had walked out to him, "Chester, what shall we do," and he had replied, "I don't know."

His actions on the witness stand could hardly be described as cool and collected, the hackneyed expression of "I am a defendant" seemed sadly out of place in relation to what he was saying, and, paradoxically, he was all of them.

At one time the picture of "Billy" Brown was thrust almost in his face by his inquisitor.

TOWN BLOWN UP.

THREE HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED OR WOUNDED.

Town of Annen, Near Berlin, Reduced to Heap of Ruins by Explosion in Nearby Factory—No House Left Intact.

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 3. — "Robur" factory, situated close to the town of Annen, seven miles southwest of here, blew up yesterday evening and was wiped from the face of the earth. It is estimated that 300 persons were killed or wounded. Up to half-past 1 o'clock this morning eight dead bodies had been recovered, and eighty of the severely wounded persons had been conveyed to hospitals. The work of rescue now going on is attended with the greatest danger, from the possibility of a renewal of the explosion. The accident occurred at about half-past 8 o'clock.

There were two tremendous detonations, heard throughout the entire surrounding industrial region, which is thickly populated, and the neighborhood fled in panic, fearing further explosions. The town of Annen is nothing more than a heap of ruins. Houses were shattered and left, and no house escaped injury.

TWENTY-FOUR DEAD.

RESULT OF THE ROBURITE DISASTER IN GERMANY.

Hundreds Injured—Ninety-six Are in a Dangerous Condition—Several Hundred Are Only Slightly Hurt—Emperor William Aids.

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 3. — So far as can be ascertained this morning 24 persons were killed, 96 were dangerously wounded and several hundreds were slightly injured as a result of the explosion last night of the roburite factory near Annen.

At the time of the explosion 600 boxes, each containing 80 pounds of roburite, were stored in the factory. The great force of the explosion was felt as far as Dortmund, ten miles from the scene of the disaster, where a large number of windows were broken. Experts declare that considering the great precautions with which the explosives were stored, the disaster could only have resulted from some outrage.

Emperor William has directed General von Schell to visit Annen and Witten, and has subscribed \$6,250 for the relief of the sufferers.

WHAT HE WANTS.

Forecast of President Roosevelt's Message.

New York, Dec. 3. — The Herald makes the following forecast of President Roosevelt's annual message to Congress, to be delivered next week: In his message the President advocates consideration by Congress of a progressive inheritance tax to reduce great fortunes.

He advocates the supervision by license or otherwise of all corporations other than railroads doing interstate commerce business.

He advocates a bill providing for a more elastic currency.

BURNED TO DEATH.

FEARFUL FATE OF FOUR MEN AT A HOTEL FIRE.

St. Louis, Dec. 3. — Four men were burned to death and probably 35 were injured in a fire early to-day that practically destroyed the Lighthouse Hotel, conducted by the Salvation Army at the northwest corner of Ninth and Market streets.

AGENTS' STRIKE SETTLED.

Minimum Monthly Salary and Commission to be Paid by Express Company.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 3. — It is announced to-night that the strike of the Canadian Express agents along the Intercolonial Railway is settled. The strikers were I. C. R. telegraphers and station agents, who have been acting also as agents of the express company.

JAPS ON THROUGH TRAINS.

A New Departure Initiated by the C. P. R.

Montreal, Dec. 3. — The Canadian Pacific management will introduce Japanese attendants in the through train service between Montreal and Vancouver. The Japanese will be employed as supplementary to the present train staff, and their functions will be to render a somewhat similar service on first

FATAL SMASH ON VIRGINIAN ROAD.

President of the Railway Company and Several Others Killed in the Wreck.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 3. — President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, was killed and his body burned beyond recognition, at Lawyer, Va., 11 miles below here at 6:30 o'clock this morning. Philip Schuyler, of New York, of Mr. Spencer's party, also was killed, as was Mr. Spencer's special train despatcher, E. W. Davis, of Alexandria, Va., and Engineer Terry. One man not yet identified, also was killed.

Eight negroes were injured, one probably fatally.

The accident resulted from a collision between train No. 37, the Washington & Southwestern vestibuled limited, which ran into the rear end of train No. 33, known as the Jacksonville limited. President Spencer's private coach was entirely buried.

MORE ARRESTS.

EIGHT POLICE AND SIX STRIKERS ARRAIGNED AT BUCKINGHAM.

Alex. McLaren is Also Held—Judge Decides Enough Evidence Submitted—Mayor is Acquitted and Accused Charged With Perjury.

Buckingham, Que., despatch: The preliminary hearing of Mr. Alexander McLaren, eight police, and six strikers, charged with manslaughter in causing the deaths of Detective Warner, Thomas Belanger, and Francois Theriault, strikers, the men killed in the riot on Oct. 8, were practically concluded before Judge Choquette. It was expected that the hearings would continue for a day or two longer, but six or seven of the Crown's witnesses failed to show up, and Judge Choquette decided that enough evidence had been submitted and postponed the formal commitments. He, however, ordered the defendants to appear before him at Hull on Wednesday next, when the finishing touches will be put on the hearings. Bail was renewed.

HONORED BY SHAH.

MR. C. H. STEINWAY GIVEN IMPERIAL ORDER OF SUN AND LION.

New York, Dec. 3. — A firman, issued by the Shah of Persia, just received by Charles H. Steinway, of Steinway & Sons, reads as follows: "In consideration of the friendship existing between the Governments of Persia and the United States, and in appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Charles Hermann Steinway, I, Mozaffereddin, Shah of Persia, have commanded that the third class star of the Imperial Order of the Sun and the Lion be bestowed upon him. Month of Ramazan, in the year 1324."

MAY RUN AGAIN.

CIRCUMSTANCES MAY MAKE IT IMPERATIVE FOR HEARST TO DO SO.

Mexico City, Dec. 3. — William R. Hearst was interviewed by a member of the staff of the Mexican Herald last night regarding his alleged statement that he would not be a candidate for public office again. Mr. Hearst said he had no desire to run for office again and would not seek or accept a congressional nomination. He modified the utterance recently attributed to him to the effect that he would never accept another nomination by saying that if circumstances made it imperative he would once more be a candidate for office. He did not designate the office.

SUICIDE AT LONDON.

A Patient at the Asylum Strangles Himself.

London, Ont., Dec. 3. — Donald Sinclair, a patient at the London Asylum for the Insane, committed suicide with a rope made from his bedclothes, and his death was not known until a considerable time after he had died. The man, who was in the section for dangerous persons, looped the rope around his neck and fastened it to an iron bar at the window, then, bracing his feet against the wall, slowly strangled himself. His dead body was found in a sitting position. Dr. McCullum decided an inquest was unnecessary.

KILLED AT CROSSING.

ONE MAN LOST HIS LIFE—ANOTHER'S SKULL CRUSHED.

Clarkson, Ont., despatch: Malcolm McEachren and George Goldsmith, both of Clarkson, were struck by the evening G. T. R. train at the crossing just below Craigleith, when driving home from Collingwood last night. McEachren, who owned the team, was killed instantly, as were the horses, and Goldsmith's skull was badly fractured. Goldsmith is now at Collingwood Hospital. Canon Burnett, after considering the statements of trainmen and passengers, decided an inquest was unnecessary. McEachren leaves a wife and two children. Goldsmith lived with a widowed mother.

RATS HAVE DEBAUCH.

Gnaw Hole in Beer Duct to Get Gloriously Drunk.

London, Dec. 3. — A search to ascertain the cause of a leakage in the beer cellar of a restaurant in Birmingham revealed that rats had gnawed a beer duct with the apparent deliberate intention of carousing. A number of the rodents were found wallowing in a shallow flood of beer in various stages of inebriety. Some were helplessly drunk, others were zigzagging about in a befuddled manner, while others were alert, but unable to control their legs. None were able to escape.

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BRUTALLY TREATED.

Sad Stories of Bulgarian Workmen Sent to the United States.

Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 3. — The Bogomir Jakitch Emigration Agency, of Belgrade, which is the largest in Servia, has for some time past been inducing Bulgarian workmen to go to Servia, and for some time past has been sending them to Florida and North and South Carolina, where they are said to have been insufficiently paid and brutally treated.

BIG OCEAN STEAMERS.

Several New Vessels for the Anglo-Canadian Route.

London, Dec. 3. — The Liverpool Daily Post-Mercury says that the Dominion Line contemplates ordering two new large powerful steamers for the Canadian service. The Allan Line intends placing a new twin screw steamer on the Liverpool-Montreal route. The C. P. R. will eventually place two more new steamers on the transatlantic service similar to the Empress of Ireland. Another rumor abroad is that the C. T. R. will make a working agreement with the existing line.

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