

LAKE MURDER ARREST.

GIRL'S COMPANION HELD.

Nephew of Manufacturer Employing Her Accused of Killing.

Utica, N. Y., July 14.—Chester Gillette, of Cortland, N. Y., was arrested at the Arrowhead, Eagle Bay, on Fourth Lake, about 8 o'clock this morning, charged with the murder of Grace Brown, of South Otselic, on Big Moose Lake, on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning last. He was brought to Fulton Chain, and there was met by the manager of the hotel at Big Moose, where Miss Brown and the man, who signed his name Carl Graham, Albany, registered on Wednesday. Others staying at the hotel at the time were at Fulton Chain when the boat arrived, and the man under arrest was at once fully identified as the man who accompanied Miss Brown on her trip upon the lake.

This afternoon Gillette said he was with the Brown girl in this city Monday night, and that they went to Tupper Lake on Tuesday and remained there a night. Then they came back to Big Moose and went out on the lake, sending her trunk to Old Forge.

He says that while they were in the boat he arose to get his hat and that the boat tipped over. He kept as far away from Miss Brown as possible, he says, fearing that she would carry him down with her, and shouted to her to catch hold of the boat. This she failed to do and sank.

He does not explain why he did not give the alarm, and he says that his grip was left on the shore at another point.

It is explained that he did not attempt to leave the woods because he was out of money. He had written a friend in Cortland to send him \$5 at Eagle Bay, and yesterday is understood to have telephoned for money.

Gillette worked in the same factory with Miss Brown in Cortland. He went there about two years ago from Seattle, Wash. He is a nephew of the proprietor of the factory. He had been attentive to the girl, and she had told her parents that they were to be married. When she was on her vacation to her home in South Otselic Gillette wrote her several letters and once she went to the village and held a long conversation with him over the telephone. She was heard to accuse him of being false to her, said he had deceived her and that she should look to him to keep his promise.

The drowning caused great excitement in the neighborhood where it occurred. The post mortem examination of the body of Miss Brown this morning establishes the fact that she was alive when the body entered the water.

Syracuse, July 14.—A special to "The Herald" from Cortland says that the "Carl Graham" who was with Grace Brown at Big Moose Lake when she met her death is believed there to be Chester Gillette, of Cortland. N. H. Gillette, proprietor of the Gillette skirt factory, in which Miss Brown was also employed, is his uncle. He departed on Monday, telling his uncle he was going to spend a week at Big Moose Lake.

When Miss Brown departed she told her intimate friends that she had an invitation to go to Big Moose Lake and "bring her young man along."

Mr. Gillette believes that it was his nephew who was with Miss Brown, but says that if it was his nephew is probably drowned.

"He is not the sort of a boy to hide on an occasion like this," said Mr. Gillette.

The young man bore an excellent reputation in Cortland.