

LURED TO HER DEATH

Theory of Prosecutor in Case of Grace Brown.

GILLETTE'S STORIES MIXED

Authorities Believe He Induced Miss Brown to Visit Moose Lake, Where She Met Death, by Promise of Marriage, for Which She Had Importuned Him—Prisoner Restless in His Cell.

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Utica, N. Y., July 15.—Chester Gillette, of Cortland, who was arrested at Inlet, in the Adirondacks, yesterday, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Grace Brown, of South Otselic, and who is now confined in the Herkimer County jail in Herkimer village, is to-night in a state of physical and mental collapse. He passed a restless night, and scarcely touched the food that was placed before him to-day. He spent the greater portion of to-day pacing about the narrow confines of his cell or sitting on his cot, holding his head in his hands. Outside of the jail officers, no one is permitted to see him. His relatives in Cortland have not reached Herkimer, but an uncle is expected to-morrow.

Lawyer Mills, of Little Falls, was requested last night by telegraph to visit young Gillette and warn him to keep a close tongue. Mills did as requested, and late last night had half an hour's talk with the prisoner. The prisoner had made many damaging admissions to District Attorney Ward and Deputy Sheriff Klock shortly after his arrest, and the warning, in consequence, was late.

Convinced of His Guilt.

District Attorney Ward is at Big Moose securing witnesses and gathering evidence against Gillette, whom he is confident he can convict of first-degree murder. The

prisoner has made no confession, but to-day he repeated to Deputy Sheriff Klock the story he told last night that Miss Brown was accidentally drowned. When he was asked why he had not reported the Browning to the authorities at Big Moose, instead of attempting to escape, he became badly tangled in his statements and then refused to say more.

District Attorney Ward said to-day: "This fellow is a degenerate, and all circumstances point to the belief that he knocked the girl senseless and threw her overboard. We found part of her hair fastened to an oarlock of the boat, which is evidence that the body was dumped overboard after she had been beaten into unconsciousness with either an oar or a slungshot."

Gillette told the district attorney that he was in the woods on a vacation. Gillette saw the folly of this remark when the district attorney asked him how he intended to have a vacation for himself and Miss Brown on only \$15, which is the amount that Gillette had with him when he left Cortland Monday.

Promised to Marry Her.

Gillette also admitted that he had been intimate with Miss Brown for about a year, and that he was aware of the fact that she was to become a mother. He also said his trip to the woods was for the purpose of being married to Miss Brown. When asked where he intended to marry her, he seemed to be in a quandary over his answer, and finally said he did not know. This point in the case has convinced the district attorney that Gillette lured Miss Brown to her fate under the pretense that he would marry her.

The authorities have taken possession of Gillette's suit case, his camera, and the trunk which was owned by Miss Brown. In this trunk the district attorney found letters of recent date, in which Miss Brown wrote to Gillette begging him to marry her.

The remains of Miss Brown were interred in Valley View Cemetery at South Otselic at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Besides the grief stricken parents and sisters and brothers of the girl, there were many of her friends and companions.