

GILLETTE IS FOUND GUILTY

Defendant Betrays No Sign of Emotion

AS VERDICT IS ANNOUNCED

Calmly Writes a Note to His Father as Doom is Announced—The Sentence Will Be Imposed Tomorrow.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Though convicted of a capital crime, Chester E. Gillette has a peculiar confidence that he will not be executed. This morning he had recovered his composure, but he is being carefully guarded to prevent suicide. It was recently found that a stopcock in the gas stove in his cell had been turned on and it is believed that the prisoner did it with the intention of self-destruction.

"I am so glad he was convicted," said Mrs. Brown, the mother of the murdered girl, when informed of the verdict. "I feared the wretch might escape somehow."

The jury in the trial of Chester E. Gillette for the murder of his sweet-heart, Grace Brown, at Big Moose lake on July 11, last night returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

Sentence will be pronounced on Thursday morning, to which time the court adjourned, after the jury had reported. Former Senator Mills, Gillette's counsel, before adjournment announced that when court reconvened at ten o'clock Thursday morning that he would move to have the verdict set aside.

The jury, which had deliberated for five hours, sent word at eleven o'clock that a verdict had been reached. A moment later they filed into the court room and at 11:15 o'clock an officer who had been sent for Gillette, returned with the prisoner.

Pale and a trifle nervous apparently, Gillette faced the jury and when Marshall Hatch, the foreman, declared that a verdict of guilty in the first degree had been found, the youthful prisoner gave not a sign of emotion. A few moments later, when his counsel had announced his purpose of making a formal motion that the verdict be set aside, and the judge was dismissing the jurors, Gillette bent over a nearby table and picking up a pencil wrote deliberately this message:

"Chester."

This was one of the earliest despatches carrying the news of Gillette's doom beyond the walls of the court house. It went to his father in Denver, immediately afterwards he was taken from the court room back to his cell in the jail.

It was learned that the jury had some difficulty in reaching an agreement and six ballots were taken before the twelve men agreed. Up to that time the jury had stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

The undersheriff took him back to jail and when he entered his cell he was smiling. The jailer who locked the cell door stood dumbfounded to see the prisoner prepare hurriedly for bed and with an air of a youth who had nothing more than physical weariness to get rid of.

"The reporters want to see me!" he asked of Sheriff Richards, as he doffed his clothes. "Tell them I have nothing to say," only I didn't expect that verdict."

With this Gillette tumbled into his bed and according to those near him, was slumbering peacefully while excited throngs outside the jail were still discussing the verdict.

VERDICT AGAINST BOSTON. Damages of \$34,336 Awarded Against City in Case.

Boston, Dec. 5.—A verdict of \$34,336, against the City of Boston was awarded today in the suit by the proprietors of the Westminster Chambers, to receive damages for being obliged to cut down their buildings to conform with the new building laws. Various phases of this litigation have been before the courts for a number of years.

JAPS THREATENED WITH DEATH. When They Would Not Leave a Town.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—The Sheriff will be asked to send deputies to Adler to protect the Japanese taken there to work. When the Japs arrived, they were set upon by a mob and clubbed, kicked and threatened with death if they did not leave.

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER. Burglars Knock Householder down With Brass Knuckles.

New York, Dec. 5.—Elias Asiel, a millionaire, had a desperate fight with burglars he caught looting his house early this morning. After knocking him down with brass knuckles the two men escaped with \$240 in jewelry.

GENERAL LOWTHER, AMBASSADOR Will Probably Succeed Sir Mortimer Durand at Washington.

London, Dec. 5.—Unless his enemies defeat the plan, General Lowther will probably be selected to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand, as American ambassador.

MASSACHUSETTS MAYORS.

Eight Out of Ten Re-Elected in Yesterday's Voting.

Boston, Dec. 5.—The re-election of eight out of ten mayors and the reduction in the vote favoring the sale of intoxicating liquors were the great features of the municipal elections in thirteen cities in Massachusetts yesterday. Two mayors were defeated, Thompson in New Bedford and Parsons in Marlboro, while three cities chose new men to direct affairs.

The following is a list of mayors elected: Brockton, John S. Kent, Rep., plurality 591. Pittsburg, James J. McMahon, Ind. Cit., plurality 42. Gloucester, George E. McDonald, Rep. Cit., plurality 72.

Haverhill, Roswell L. Wood, Rep., plurality 594. Lawrence, John P. Kane, Dem., plurality 1,271. Marlboro, Edward F. Brown, Dem., plurality 54. New Bedford, Charles S. Ashley, Cit., plurality 71.

Northampton, Egbert I. Clapp, Rep., plurality 517. Pittsfield, Allen H. Bagg, Rep., 178. Quincy, James Thompson, Rep., plurality 195. Springfield, William E. Sanderson, Rep., 1,282.

Taunton, John B. Tracy, Rep., plurality 591. Waltham, John L. Harvey, Rep., plurality 814. Re-elected.

PACIFIC COAST STIRRED FROM END TO END

Feeling is Bitter at That Part of President's Message Relating to Japanese—Press Condemns President.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The President's message has stirred the Pacific Coast from end to end. Feeling is particularly bitter among the masses of the people and especially labor unions, and it is predicted California, if not the whole coast, may be driven from the Republican ranks. People of the East have no conception of the depth of feeling here. All the papers this morning condemn the President. They are growing particularly angry over the threat to use troops.

DISBURSERS OF "YELLOW DOG." To Be Summoned Before Grand Jury in N. Y. Life Cases.

New York, Dec. 5.—It is announced today that Judge Andrew Hamilton, disburser of the "Yellow Dog" fund of the New York Life Insurance company, will be summoned before the December grand jury. The investigation of the New York Life will be taken up as soon as the trial of Geo. Burnham, Jr., vice-president of the Mutual Reserve is finished. The Metropolitan Life will probably follow.

TRIAL TODAY. The Vermont Must Go at 18 Knots Speed.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 5.—The battleship Vermont, a product of the Fore River Ship Building and Engine company at Quincy, Mass., arrived here yesterday, and today will be sent over the government course of Oat's Head on the annual speed standardizing trial. The Vermont will be required to maintain a speed of 18 knots an hour. After the speed test tomorrow, the Vermont will have the usual four-hour endurance run from Monhegan Island to Cape Ann, on Thursday and on Friday it is planned to give her the 24 hour test off the coast.

Elephant Dies of Cold.

Araboo, Wis., Dec. 5.—Rajah is dead at the age of 100 years, carried off by a cold in his head. Rajah was an elephant, one of the oldest in the world, of a circus which has its winter headquarters here. In order to provide a burial place for the animal, a hole was excavated that rivals an ordinary cellar, and derricks were used to lower the beast into its final resting place.

CHELSEA. Bertie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flanders, is ill with chicken pox.

Mrs. Roxanna Jones spent Thanksgiving with her brother, Sheriff Frank H. Tracey, of Montpelier.

Hon. Horace White of Topsham, who has been at the Orange County hotel for several days, was in West Fairlee on business today.

Miss Maude Merrill, who recently returned from Burlington, where she had been for several weeks to perfect herself as a shorthand reporter and stenographer, has entered the office of Darling & Wilson to do professional work.

George A. Tracy has sold his grocery business to C. O. Slack and possession was given December 1st. Mr. Tracy has conducted a nice business for several years and has been a very popular merchant. He has enjoyed the liberal patronage and his many friends and patrons regret to have him retire from the business. Mr. Slack, the new proprietor, has been in trade here before, and his past experience in business, together with his extensive acquaintance with the townspeople, bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

Ten cases of contagious diseases were reported during the month of November to Health Officer R. H. Miner, of Rutland. They were as follows: Chicken-pox, one; scarlet fever, three; pneumonia, two; erysipelas, one; typhoid fever, one; mumps, one.

The selectmen of Springfield have paid \$600 for damages to sheep by dogs. This is the largest sum ever paid in one year. Some flocks of sheep have been about exterminated. Several dogs have been caught and killed.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS

Bill Up In Senate This Afternoon

IS EXPECTED TO PASS

More Bills Introduced in the Legislature Today—State House Addition Bill Killed—Conference on Anti-Spitting Bill.

Montpelier, Dec. 5.—The bill of most importance to come before the Vermont legislature today was that providing for the weekly payment of wages by corporations. The bill had already passed the House and came up in the Senate as a special order this afternoon. There was no report, either favorable or unfavorable, on the act by the general committee, it being left for the Senate to thresh out the merits of the proposition. The leading opponent to the measure in the Senate has been Senator Holden of Bennington. Although his test vote has been taken, it is said that the bill will pass the Senate and go to the governor for his signature. The scope of the measure includes, mining, quarrying, manufacturing, mercantile, telegraph, telephone, railroad or other transportation corporations, an incorporated express, water, electric light or power company.

Neither branch of the legislature has got out of the habit of introducing bills, notwithstanding that the time ought to have been long past. One of the new measures introduced today was a railroad commission of three members, the salaries to be \$1,500 annually, and expenses, with \$500 for the chairman. Mr. Slayton of Elmora, for the committee on highways, presented a bill relating to watering troughs, providing that selection may be made in troughs at a cost not exceeding \$10, with annual cost of maintenance of \$5.

Acting for the committee on judiciary, Mr. Bailey of Essex presented a bill to repeal the "retainer vendors" law which required persons doing temporary or transient business to take out a state license and make a \$200 deposit with the state treasurer. The law further requires a local license fee to be paid.

The attempt to get an appropriation of \$200,000 for an addition to the State House was squelched by the House today, also regulating the crossing of streets by electric railways, and the banking facilities were already sufficient and that his bank was ready to loan money on good security. Banking men in Barre and Montpelier were quoted as being in favor of incorporating the new institution in Northfield.

SWEPT DOWN BY A WALL OF WATER

Flood at Clifton, Arizona, Broke Causing Great Destruction—From 7 to 20 Lives Lost.

Bisbee, Arizona, Dec. 5.—The worst flood in the history of Clifton came down San Francisco and Chase creek Monday night. The business section of Clifton is ruined. From 7 to 20 lives are reported lost. One saloon which was washed away, carried several men with it. Women children were lost in a restaurant. The financial loss has not yet been estimated.

JAMES H. HOLDEN DEAD. Was for Many Years Foreman of the Estey Organ Company's Works.

Brattleboro, Dec. 5.—James Henry Holden, aged 78, died this morning at the home of his son on Oak street. He had lived in this town for the past 30 years, and was employed for many years as foreman of the Estey Organ company. He spent the early part of his life in West Orange, Mass., going there from Hartwick, Mass., where he was born September 17, 1828. During many years he was a bridge builder on several different railroads, and later was employed as master mechanic in the Dwight Manufacturing company in Chicopee, Mass.

LOCOMOTIVE OFF TRACK. Passengers Taken to Essex Junction in Teams.

Burlington, Dec. 5.—The engine on the mixed train from Cambridge Junction was derailed at 7:35 this morning east of Essex Centre. The damage was small. Passengers on the train were conveyed by team to the junction.

Insists on Simplified Spelling.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The entire text of the President's message appears in the Congressional Record today, spelled according to President Roosevelt's simplified plan. The rest of the Record is spelled as usual.

Forest Lands Burned.

Augusta, Maine, Dec. 5.—The report of State Forestry Commissioner King shows that during the year 7,355 acres of wild-lands were burned. Loss \$30,919.

MAN FROZEN TO DEATH

Robert Prentiss of Bennington Perished

ON SHREWSBURY HIGHWAY

Has Nearly Reached Bissell Lumber Mill Where He Hoped to Get Employment—Selectmen Took the Body in Charge.

Rutland, Dec. 5.—Robert Prentiss of Bennington, a widower, was found frozen to death in the road near the Bissell lumber mill in Shrewsbury yesterday morning. Prentiss is said to have been a hard drinker and it is believed that he fell in the road while walking from this city to Shrewsbury, 10 miles, last night. Prentiss worked as a carpenter for Samuel Geno of this city all last summer. Since discharged last fall he has knocked about here and there. Monday he went to Geno's after some belongings and stated that he was going to Bissell's for work. The selectmen of Shrewsbury took the body in charge.

Prentiss had a son in Burlington, a daughter at North Adams, Mass., and a brother in Bennington.

KILLED ON A CROSSING.

Charles Dompier Struck by the Rutland Flyer at Bartonville.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 5.—Charles Dompier, aged 30, employed at Lawrence mills near Bartonville, was struck by the Rutland flyer there yesterday afternoon and fatally injured. Dompier was driving across the tracks and was struck by the approaching engine. The car was smashed into fragments and the horses thrown for some distance but were uninjured. On stopping the train Dompier could not be discovered and later was found wedged over the engine pilot. The body was terribly mangled and he was brought to Bellows Falls, where he died early in the evening. He was unmarried, his parents living in Grafton.

NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE.

Death of George Waterhouse, Burned at West Townshend.

Brattleboro, Dec. 5.—An investigation in the death of George Waterhouse, the Civil War veteran, who was burned in his house in West Townshend, 21 miles from here Monday morning, was held yesterday by A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro, ex-state attorney, acting for State Attorney R. C. Bacon.

ENGINEER ARRESTED.

George Murray of Gravel Train That Caused Wreck at Vergennes.

Middlebury, Dec. 5.—George Murray, engineer of the gravel train which ran into the mixed train at Vergennes last Saturday morning and caused the terrible wreck there, was arrested in Rutland yesterday by Officer George Ellsworth of that city and brought here. He was taken before Judge F. M. Foote of the county court and charged with manufacturing a false report. Murray, which was furnished, and his case will be taken up by the grand jury now in session. P. M. Mellon of Rutland, H. Powers of Morrisville and F. L. Fish of Vergennes appeared for the defendant, and State's Attorney L. G. Russell prosecuted.

Child Strangled to Death.

Rutland, Dec. 5.—Relph, the six years old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Proulx of Granville, N. Y., was strangled in a queer manner. While playing with a calendar a task with which it had been fastened to the wall flew into his mouth, and choked the boy to death in three minutes. The parents have two other children.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

W. T. Donovan of St. Albans was in town on business today.

William Ayers of Windsor was in the city today on a business visit.

Mark C. Carpenter leaves tonight for Pasadena, California, where he will work in a hotel this winter.

Public dance in Miles' hall tonight. E. M. Jones of Burlington was in the city on business today.

The guests of the evening included them who assisted in the minstrel show which the order gave recently.

Hinsdale, the apple man, is here and selling apples fast. Do not miss this chance, as apples are extremely scarce.

Among arrivals at the city hotel are J. McDaniel, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. Myers, F. A. Carter and C. G. Baker, Boston.

Several Barre people attended a dance and supper given by the Elks at the E. of C. hall in Montpelier last evening.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Officers of Sons of St. George Assume Office—Concert Follows.

The second annual public installation of Hearts of Oak lodge, No. 4477, Order Sons of St. George, was held in their hall last evening, when the following officers were installed by W. G. P. Charles Oliver, and W. M., Wm. Blackmore:

W. president, Nancy Eathorne. V. president, John Stanlake. Secretary, Wm. Oliver. Assistant secretary, Nicholas Veal. Treasurer, Thos. Nichols. Mess., Albert Abbott. Assistant mess., Arthur Perkins. Chaplain, Thos. Davy. Inside sentinel, John Whittaker. Outside sentinel, Ed. C. Veal.

After which there was a concert with programme as follows: Selections by four boys, Williams' and Blackmore's. Solo by Wm. Oliver. Duet by Misses Clark and Kenerson. Solo by Richard Veale. Solo by Nicholas Veal. Solo by W. H. Goodfellow, with male quartette chorus.

After the concert refreshments were served consisting of coffee and sandwiches, ice cream and cake, and fruit. The balance of the evening was spent in playing games and marbling. There were about 300 present, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening, the success of which was due to the committee, which consisted of the following: Nancy Eathorne, A. Abbott, John Stanlake, Thos. Nichols, Wm. Oliver.

ENTERTAINED GENTLEMEN.

Clover Club Has Pleasant Gathering at Dr. and Mrs. Worthen's.

The Clover club observed gentlemen's evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Worthen, Keith avenue, last evening. After the arrival of the members and guests dainty programmes and quotations were distributed, symbolizing the decoration the colors and name of the club.

A very interesting musical programme in charge of Mrs. C. C. Connor was given. The programme was as follows: Minnet, Mozart, Bertina Hooker, Lyman Whitcomb.

Quartets, Clarinet solo, Ray Worthen. Reading, Mrs. A. C. Averill. Piano solo, Romance by Guese, Harry McLeod.

Vocal solo, Miss Ella Morse. Reading, Mrs. A. C. Averill. Piano solo, Sonata, Opus 10, No. 1, Beethoven, Miss Alice Averill.

After a social half hour, refreshments in charge of Mrs. L. M. Averill, Miss Thilde and Mrs. Kent were served. Mrs. Noble Love, Misses Grace Worthen, Freda Hooker, Beatrice Kent, Ruth Connor and Helen Averill acted as waitresses.

As each repaired to their several homes, they carried with them the feeling that there was one more pleasant feature to be chronicled in the history of the Clover club.

ATHENA CLUB MUSICAL.

Delightful Entertainment Given Last Evening.

The Athena club gave a musical at the home of Mrs. C. L. Bugbee, Tuesday evening. A short programme was rendered as follows: Vocal duet, Mrs. Brady and Gordon. Violin solo, Master Morris Bugbee. Piano solo, Miss Ellen Hoar. Trio, Mrs. Brady, Bassett and Hoar. Vocal solo, Miss Alice Beckly. Vocal solo, Mrs. Brady. Piano duet, Mrs. Bassett and Miss Hoar.

SCORE 5 TO 3.

Victory for Clan Gordon Over Foresters of America Team.

At a meeting of the Interfraternity bridge club last evening the Clan Gordon team defeated the Foresters of America team by a score of 5 to 3.

Following is the score of the play by tables:

Gatt and McKay, C. G. defeated Pythe and Birnie, F. O. A.; Reddell and Webster, C. G. defeated Alexander and Clark, F. O. A.; Craig and Birnie, C. G. defeated Williams and Stephens, F. O. A.; Gordon and Cowie, C. G. defeated Ironside and Will, F. O. A.; Tierney and Kelly, C. G. defeated Schneider and Fitzgerald, F. O. A.; Clark and Marshall, F. O. A. defeated Henderson and Robertson, C. G.; Brown and Lavolette, F. O. A. defeated Stewart and Boegrie, C. G.; Smith and Gibb, F. O. A. defeated Henry and Webster, C. G.

The Red Men and Manchester Unity teams are to play this evening. Following is the standing of the teams to date:

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Points. C. O. F. 22 10 688. R. M. 14 10 583. F. O. A. 15 16 484. C. G. 11 21 355. M. U. 9 14 348.

Fire Underwriters Reorganize.

Montpelier, Dec. 5.—The Montpelier board of fire underwriters met yesterday morning in the office of J. G. Brown for the purpose of reorganization, the old board having become obsolete. W. C. Washburn was elected president; G. H. Pape of Barre, vice-president; and C. C. Graves of Waterbury, secretary and treasurer. The president appointed B. G. Sumner of Montpelier, G. H. Pape of Barre and E. Flaistrig of Northfield as a rating committee.

ORANGE CO. COURT OPENS

December Term Opens With Judge Waterman

DEFENDANTS IN TWO CASES

Pleaded Guilty and Ate Sentenced to a Year Each at Hard Labor in State Prison, But Sentence is Suspended.

Chelsea, Dec. 5.—The December term of Orange county court convened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with the Hon. E. L. Waterman of Brattleboro presiding judge. Hon. Cyrus U. Latour of Williamstown and Hon. Horace White of Topsham are assistant judges; Hale G. Darling, clerk; Stanley C. Wilson, deputy clerk; March M. Wilson of Randolph, state's attorney; Emma Gordon Nutt of Montpelier, reporter; W. H. Sprague, sheriff; Rev. L. N. Moody, chaplain. Deputies B. H. Adams of this place and W. Grant Jackson of Topsham are on duty as court officials. The calling of the docket occupied the entire forenoon when it was found that there would be no cases ready for trial until Thursday morning. Thirty jurymen responded to the summons at the opening of the afternoon session, four having been excused from service and no cases being ready for trial the jurymen were dismissed until Thursday morning. During the afternoon the case of state vs. Newell King of Randolph, charging the respondent with adultery, and the case of state vs. Nellie E. Barr of Randolph, charging her with the crime of bigamy, and in each case the respondents pleaded guilty and were sentenced to not less than 12 months nor more than 15 months at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor. The circumstances attending the case, however, were such that they appeared to the court for leniency, in that the respondents had been married about two years during which time two children had been born to them, and the wife, as she is supposed, had sufficient reason to believe her former husband dead several years before her marriage to Mr. King, but who within a short time had appeared on the scene very much alive.

On the suggestion of J. D. Denison, counsel for the respondents, and the acquiescence of the state's attorney, the court ordered the suspension of the sentences and the case ordered on the docket for the probation officer for one year. Following the disposition of these two cases, the respondent, Mrs. Esty, alias King, was given a hearing on a petition for divorce from the former husband for wilful desertion, which petition was filed and case ordered on the docket about six years ago, the case being dropped after she had been informed that her husband was dead, but which had never been ordered stricken off the docket.

The following attorneys were present at the opening of court: J. E. Darling, George L. Storr, and S. C. Wilson of Chelsea, J. B. Peckett, D. C. Conant and F. S. Williams of Bradford, J. D. Driscoll and M. M. Wilson of Randolph, R. T. Smith of Wells River, R. M. Harvey of Montpelier and M. M. Gordon of Barre.

JOHN GILBERTSON.

Sudden Death of Well Known Citizen of Barre.

John Gilbertson died quite suddenly last night at his home on Foy's Place. He was stricken with an apoplexy which he had been suffering from at 11:45. He had not been feeling well for the past few days, but his condition was not considered at all dangerous. Mr. Gilbertson was born in Gales, England, in 1852, and came to this country in 1873. He was a stone cutter by trade and had been employed for several years by the Brothers' plant for several years. He had resided in Barre for the past twenty years. He was a former member of the old Barre band and was well known in this city. He leaves a widow, three sons, William J., Joseph and David, and four daughters, Mrs. Annabel of Montpelier, Mrs. George Newnam of Boston, Mrs. Harry Gipson of Newell, Maine, and Miss Hannah Gilbertson of this city. He also leaves a mother and three sisters in England, a brother, William of East street, this city, and a half brother, James Daw of Quincy, Mass. The deceased was a member of the Manchester Unity, Odd Fellows. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

CHAUNCEY E. HARRIS.

Dead Veteran of Civil War—Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow.

Chauncey E. Harris died yesterday at five o'clock, at his home 11 Brook st., of Bright's disease. He had been a falling health for three years, but his sickness was of only five days duration. The deceased was born in Vermont, this state, 60 years ago last July. He moved to Barre eighteen years ago and followed his occupation of pattern-maker. He leaves a widow, one son, Lester, a daughter, Edith Gann, a step-daughter, Miss Jennie Lovell of Bangor, Maine.

Mr. Harris fought in the Civil war and was a member of Cranford Post, G. O. A. of this city. He was also a long-time member of Aurora Lodge of the Masons of Montpelier, having been connected with that lodge for about 30 years. Mr. Harris was very fond of fishing and hunting, and on the beginning of the season for the sport he was always among the first to go out with his rod or his gun. The funeral will be held from his late home tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and the remains will be taken to Worcester for burial.