

IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

two minutes Gillette had been officially pronounced dead.

CHESTER GILLETTE DIED FOR MURDER OF GRACE BROWN, WHICH HE CONFESSED.

AUBURN, N. Y., April 30.—Chester E. Gillette today paid the full penalty of the brutal murder of Grace Brown. He went to his death in the electric chair at Auburn prison without a sign of weakness, and with the same lack of emotion which has characterized him from the day he was arrested, charged with the crime.

Gillette appeared to have been fully reconciled to his fate, and in a statement given out by his spiritual advisers immediately after the execution, it is indicated that he had made a confession of his guilt. This statement was signed by Rev. Henry McIlravy, of Little Falls, and Rev. Cordello Herick, the prison chaplain, who had attended Gillette since he has been in the death cell at prison. It is as follows:

"Because our relationship with Chester Gillette was privileged, we do not deem it wise to make a detailed statement, and simply wish to say that no legal mistake was made in his electrocution."

Gillette himself, so far as the public was concerned, never admitted his crime. His last word in the form of a statement, which was handed to Warden Benham last night, follows:

"In the shadow of the valley of death, it is my desire to do everything that would remove any doubt as to my having found Jesus Christ, the personal savior and the unfailing friend. My one regret at this time is that I have not given him the pre-eminence in my life while I had the opportunity to work for him. If I could only say one thing that would draw young men to him, I would deem it the greatest privilege ever granted me. But all I can say now is, I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

"If the young men of this country could only know the joy and pleasure of a Christian life, I know they would do all in their power to become earnest, active Christians, and would strive to live as Christ would have them live.

"There is not one thing which I have left undone which will bar me from facing my God, knowing that my sins are forgiven, for I have been free and frank in my talk with my spiritual advisers, and God knows where I stand.

"My task is done; the victory won."

CHESTER E. GILLETTE."

Any fear which the prison officials may have entertained that Gillette's remarkable composure would desert him at the last moment was quickly dispelled when he stepped from his cell to the corridor leading to the death chamber. His step was firm and strong and he walked rapidly toward the instrument of death. Not even by the quiver of an eyelash did he betray the least sign of emotion, and at no stage did he require assistance from the keepers and his spiritual advisers, who accompanied him in his last walk. He seated himself in the chair, the straps and electrodes were placed and within