

GEE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

**Murderer of Millie Gee to be Executed at
Woodstock Gaol July 22nd.**

**FATEFUL WORDS WERE SPOKEN THIS MORNING BY
CHIEF JUSTICE TUCK.**

**Final Proceedings in the Trial---No Hope Held Out
for Prisoner.**

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Woodstock, April 29.—The last stage but one in the sad career of George Gee was reached at 11 o'clock this morning, when he was brought into the dock and the death sentence was passed on him by Chief Justice Tuck.

There was a large number of people in the court house, but nothing like the crowd present yesterday, as the people at large were not given an idea of just when sentence would be passed.

When Gee came in he was very pale but composed and showed no signs of a breakdown. He stood up with his eyes cast on the ground during the judge's remarks.

The Chief's Observations.

The Chief Justice in sentencing him said that he had been found guilty by an intelligent and painstaking jury of murdering his cousin Millie Gee on the 13th of March last. He was defended by counsel who had given great attention to the case, and in view of the circumstances did every thing possible in the way of defence, and deserved great credit.

The only plea which was set up was insanity, and he had been forced to tell the jury that that had not been made out. He spoke of the evil reputation of the community from which George Gee came. It was a blot on Carleton Co., that such a state of affairs should exist as did exist there. There were indiscriminate communications between men and women without regard to the marriage tie, and he hoped the fate of the prisoner might not be without effect.

He said that he would hold out no hope for a commutation of sentence, even if a petition were presented.

He urged the prisoner during the few weeks that were left to him, to make his peace with his Maker.

The Death Sentence.

Concluding, the Chief Justice standing up and said, "George Gee, the sentence of the court is that you be taken from this to the place where you came, that is the common gaol of the county of Carleton, and be confined there till Friday the 22nd day of July next, and that on that day you be hanged by the neck till you are dead, and may God, who pardons those who truly repent and earnestly seek salvation, have mercy on your soul."

Last Day of the Trial.

The verdict of wilful murder against George Gee rendered by the jury in the Carleton Circuit court yesterday afternoon, and exclusively announced in the Herald last night, was no surprise to the public and is recognized as a righteous one. The defence ably put forward by the prisoner's counsel, T. C. L. Ketchum and J. C. Hartley, was insanity, and several members of the Gee family were called to give testimony in support of the plea.

Mr. Hartley, in his address to the jury claimed Gee was insane, adding that intoxicating liquors would increase his insanity. Jealousy will likely produce insanity, as well as disappointment. It has been shown that the prisoner has of late very much changed. May not the deed of which he is charged be the culmination of his insanity?

Attorney General Scores Prisoner.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, for the crown, began

by referring to the unfortunate position of the prisoner. The jurors must not let sentiment influence their verdict. There was not a shadow of defence for George Gee. He had deliberately taken the life of his cousin. As to the claim of insanity, the learned counsel quoted the law showing the burden of each proof to be upon the defence. The prisoner knew he had done wrong and gave himself up willingly. Insanity cannot be made out by conjecture. The prisoner had boasted of his intention to shoot deceased. Here the events leading up to the tragedy were outlined by counsel.

Dr. Pugsley said it is plain that the murder was premeditated. Malice was apparent. The doctors operated in good faith, and in his (Pugsley's) opinion deserved the highest praise, and were worthy of a larger field for practice. There was urgency for the operation. Deceased was in great pain.

The attorney-general expressed his wish that there had been some point of efficient force to save the prisoner. He had done his duty in pointing out the facts of the case, and nothing more. His address lasted 40 minutes. Adjournment was taken for dinner.

After dinner the court was thronged with spectators, including many ladies, to convict him. Of course it is sad, but the prisoner said to a reporter that he was feeling well but had no appetite.

Chief Justice Tuck's Charge.

Chief Justice Tuck addressed the jury as follows:

"Gentlemen of the jury: If the prisoner at the bar is guilty it is your duty some sympathy should be felt for the murdered girl. Geo. Gee is charged with murdering Millie Gee. The defence has been particularly well handled.

"There are two defences set up, viz., insanity, and death caused by the doctors' operation. If Geo. Gee fired the gun with intent to kill and the doctors performed the operation in good faith, Geo. Gee is guilty. Procuring a gun from Mr. Melville, Geo. Gee went to the home of Millie Gee with two bottles of whiskey. If Geo. Gee was drunk it was no excuse. In Victoria county a man was hanged although he had the delirium tremens at the time of committing murder. After Geo. Gee and Millie Gee went out of the house George fired the shot which passed through Millie Gee. Afterwards George went away and admitted the shooting and expressed regret at not having shot her through her heart. His own boast practically admits that the bullet had not gone as he intended it. In murder trials the circumstances must be taken. Let me refer to the fact that in my opinion the medical men acted in good faith. If Geo. Gee fired the shot the man is guilty regardless of the medical men, providing they acted in good faith. Inflammation had set in, in the bowels, and the doctors did what they considered as absolutely necessary.

"As regards insanity, which is the main defence, it is not the relatives' condition but the prisoner's condition which you must consider. Could the prisoner, should you bring in a verdict of not guilty, go to the insane asylum? Was there any motive for the crime? There was. It was jealousy. There is the motive. I think this is as far as I can go. I fail to see that Geo. Gee was insane on the night of the murder.

At this point the prisoner was allowed a few minutes fresh air.

His honor thought the prisoner was "out most of the time," and he added, "Don't gentlemen allow any mock sympathy to hinder you in rendering your verdict. Now go and do your duty."

The jury were out just 45 minutes and when they returned with their verdict of "guilty of wilful murder," the

prisoner showed little signs of his terrible situation.

The chief justice then announced that he would pronounce sentence this morning, and Gee was remanded to jail, where a Telegraph representative interviewed him.

Benjamin Gee and Mrs. Zora Gee, the parents of the prisoner, and Bennie Gee were present. The prisoner had asked for Bennie, saying he wished to speak with him and Bennie arrived as stated.

A Dramatic Scene.

George began addressing Bennie Gee: "I am to be hanged for the murder of Millie Gee. I did not murder Millie Gee, although I had the rifle in my hands. You, Bennie, was the cause of the murder. When I went to your house and found you—it drove me crazy. I would have murdered you, too. I was wild.

"I am going to die and I could not die with any hardness in my heart against anyone so I sent for you. I could not without seeing you but you are the murderer, not me. Now, after seeing you I will die for the murder I am charged with, and I have no hard feelings now for you or anyone."

After this dramatic speech Gee's nerve completely collapsed and he sobbed like a child.

Bennie Gee actually rolled on the floor and cried hysterically, while Mr. and Mrs. Gee, the prisoner's parents, cried softly. It was a hard sight.

WAR NEWS SCARCE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Pekin, April 29.—It is asserted on best authority that Russians are about to enforce martial law west of Liao river.

The government is worried and the Dowager Empress has ordered the provincial governors to abandon her birthday celebration, and use the money collected for that purpose to equip seventy-two thousand troops immediately.

Vladivostok, April 29.—The squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Yezzen has returned here from its operation off the Korean coast.

Bitter Oranges.

G. T. Whelpley is in receipt of and is offering another lot of Marmalade oranges.—d.

How can you prove that half of twelve is seven? XII. Draw a line through the centre.

Vain.

"Did you find the Chinese a vain people?"

"Very. To hear a Chinese brag you could almost believe an American was talking."—Detroit Free Press.

Funeral Collections.

In the course of a trial at Carnarvon it was stated that in north Wales the custom prevails of making a collection from those present at funerals, the money being handed to the clergy or ministers instead of burial fees.

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