# Austin Dam Defendants Acquitted.

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WELLSBORO, Penn., Nov. 25.—George C. Bayless of Binghamton, N. Y., President of the Bayless Pulp Company, and Fred M. Hamlin, Superintendent, were to-day acquitted of involuntary manslaughter before Judge David Cameron and a jury. The indictments were found as the result of the breaking of the Austin dam on Sept. 30, 1911, when eighty lives were lost. The discharge of the defendants was not unexpected. Claims totaling half a million dollars had been filed against the company, and the civil suits brought to collect this amount were recently dropped on the payment of $150,000.

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