

MONEY BY FORGERY

Charge Against Titled Frenchman in Chicago.

ARRESTED AND LOCKED IN JAIL

Indignantly Denies the Offense, and Says He Has a Rich Mother-in-Law in Paris.

CHICAGO, April 22.—E. L. Comte de Coulouze Lautree was arrested today at the Auditorium Hotel on a charge of forgery. It is charged that the Count visited Quebec, Canada, two weeks ago and forged papers for money. The amount of the alleged forgery is not given, but it is said to be large. Today a detective who has been tracing Lautree saw him enter the hotel and was waiting for him. At the detective's request, the police arrested the Count and took him to the Harrison-Street Police Station, where he was locked up.

Lautree is said to be the daughter of the Comtesse de Interville, one of the wealthiest women in Paris. She was with her husband when he was arrested, and broke down when she realized what was taking place. She returned to the house of friends in this city. Lautree's marriage occurred in Paris eight months ago. The priest declared that he is guilty of any charge. He also states that he has never been in Canada. The police know very little about the case, and have wired the authorities at Quebec to see if they can get the Count wanted there, and if so, on what charge, but have not yet received an answer. The Count made the following statement:

"I was born of French parents in Poland. My people fled from France during the Revolution, and acquired large estates in Russia. I was educated at the Polytechnic in Paris. I received the degree of civil engineer. I have followed that line of work ever since, both in Europe and in America. I have been interested in the study of engineering feats of Europe, and have also been employed on many of the large railroads of this country. I served as Captain of the Horse Guards in the Russian army for five years. Coming to the United States some eight years ago, I worked my way West as far as Chicago. When the war with Spain broke out, I wished to go to Cuba with the Army.

"I took out naturalization papers and applied for a commission under General Logan, who was a particular friend of mine, but I could not get an appointment, but I would accept. I got a passport, however, and went to Cuba, and from there to France. Then I took trips to all the islands of the West Indies, returning to Paris from my native land, I met and married a young Countess. We sailed for New York. From there we went to Philadelphia, and from there until we came to Chicago, two weeks ago. While in Paris I secured an appointment as American representative for one of the largest engineering firms in France. I am an American citizen, and have never seen Canada. According to International law, they cannot take me to Canada to answer to any charge.

The Count denied the years of age. "Why should I obtain money by forgery," he said, "when my mother-in-law has 22 houses in Paris, and is worth 5,000,000 francs? It is a disgrace to my family. I do not believe that the police of this city have any right to arrest and incarcerate me in a police station just because some man points me out as a forger. I am wanted in Quebec. I will see that I have my rights as an American citizen and a resident of Chicago."

The information upon which Count Lautree was arrested was telegraphed to the Chicago police Saturday. It is alleged that the Count, under the name of V. Castand, disposed of worthless checks amounting to \$100,000 in Montreal. The Canadian authorities claim that Count Lautree and Castand are the same person. When taken to Chicago, he denied that his name was Castand. The mail he received at the hotel was addressed to "Count de Lautree," and, exhibiting the letters, he asserted that they proved his identity.

Amongst the matter which the Auditorium clerk handed the Count just before his arrest was an express package from the Stroyevsky family, which was opened by the police and found to contain a dozen or so blank bonds, which varied in amount from \$100 to \$1,000. The man asked for an explanation as to the bonds, the prisoner said he knew nothing about them, and again suggested that Castand may have been the person for whom the express package was intended.

MILITIA PLACED ON GUARD. Rumor of an Attempt to Release the Canal Lock Blowers.

BUFFALO, April 22.—A Niagara Falls special to the Express says: "Chief Young of the Yonkers Police, his force of half a dozen regular policemen, 20 armed deputies and 20 militiamen are guarding the jail at Clifton, Ont., where are confined the three men charged with blowing up Lock No. 24, at Third Ont. last evening. The extraordinary precautions taken for the guarding of the men is the result of a rumor to the effect that 40 Buffalo grain shovellers were on their way here to liberate the prisoners. The militia of the district, the Forty-fourth battalion, was warned for service. With the canal closed, it is argued, the cooperators of Buffalo might have more work than they would have with the canal open. It was said in Clifton tonight that the grain handlers of Buffalo had organized for the raid, and that they would reach the Canadian town tonight. Not knowing what to expect after such an unusual thing as the assault on the lock yesterday, the authorities determined to take no chances. It is believed that the force at hand will be able to repel any party that may attempt to release the men from jail. That such an attempt will be made is not generally credited here.

Today Chief Young brought from Thorold to Clifton two men who positively identified the three men in jail as the men who were seen to run away from the vicinity of the lock after the explosion. The men were arrested between Thorold and Clifton. They were armed, but made no attempt to shoot. Two of the men, Walsh and Nolan, have been around the Canadian side of the river for several days. The third man, name unknown, had a rifle on him and frequently met the other two, who came across the river. Nolan says he is a mechanic from Philadelphia. Walsh says he is a bartender from Washington, D. C.

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The growth of copper production in the century has, according to this statement, been very rapid. In the first decade, 181-1820, the production was 23,000 tons, in the fifth decade, 1851-1860, it was 100,000 tons, and in the 10th decade, which ends with 1900, 3,540,000 tons, of which 1,920,000 tons are supplied by North America, the large portion of this being from the United States.

The greatly increased demand for this material is further illustrated by the fact that, although the production has increased from 200,000 tons in the decade 1851-1860 to 3,540,000 in the decade 1891-1900, the average price, according to the publication in question, has only fallen from \$55 per ton to \$20 per ton, production having doubled in the period, while the price fell but about one-half.

While the world's production has increased with startling rapidity during the century, that of North America has by far outgrown all other parts of the world, and it is apparently through the enormous supplies of North America—chiefly the United States—that the world's production has so greatly increased. A table contained in this publication which gives the production of each decade by principal countries, shows no record of production in North America earlier than the decade 1841-50