

Bank Clerk Confesses to Killing Wife After Dramatic Arrest on Pier.

LAKE COM MYSTERY ENDS

Callow Youth, Taken as He Steps From Liner After Army Officer's **Remarkable Premonition**, Tells Story of His Crime

(Continued From First Page.) added to his statement the following postacript: "I have been informed that C. K. Ispolatoff has been implicated, and I wish to state that this gentleman is absolutely guiltless. I have no

defense to make, and don't wish to." "Don't you know that the autopsy showed that your wife was not dead when she was put in the trunk?" one of the detectives asked the prisoner.

Self-Control Lost.

Again Chariton lost his self-control. "Oh, my God, it could not be." he cried. "She must have been dead." The youth showed a curious desire to protect the reputation of the woman he killed and refused to answer ques-tions bearing on her life abroad. "Is my wife's name going to appear in this?" was one of his first questions. After Charlton had been led away to a ceil Captain Scott sat with his bands clenched tight about his walk-ing stick and told his story.

ing stick and told his story. "Several days ago," he said, "I made up my mind that Porter Charlton would

Forme back to this country. He had no friends in Europe, and it would be his natural impulse to come home. Yester-day I learned that the Deutschland was due here, and later at night I got a ten days' leave of absence and made up my mind to go to New York and watch every incoming steamer

Description Obtained.

"In New York," continued Captain bott, "I went to the National City ank, where Charlton was employed. Scott, Bank, There I obtained a description of the man and a sample of his handwriting. Then I went to Hoboken and saw Chief

Then I went to Hoboken and saw Chief of Police Hayes, and laid the traps for the apprehension of Chariton. "While I was giving the description of the man I was informed that the Prinzess Irene had just docked. Al-though I had made arrangements to meet the Deutschiand down the har-bor with a tug, I hastened to the North German Lloyd dock. The Prinzess Irene had just discharged her passen-gers and the customs officers were exgers and the customs officers were ex-amining their baggage. Three de-tectives were with me. "We looked in two or three stalls and

in the last I saw a young fellow I thought answered the description of Charlton. He was looking about him and his hands trembled slightly as he opened his bags for the inspectors. We went up to him and I asked: 'Aren't you Porter Chari-ton?' He denied this emphatically and told me that his name was Jack Cole-

Charlton Signs Name.

Captain Scott here described how he hesitated to order the man's arrest and forced Charlton to write his signature,

which tailled so accurately with a sample in his possession that he felt mire no mistake was being made. Chariton then was taken to headquart-ers, where he again signed his name. Again there was marked resemblance to the handwriting in Scott's posses.

Chariton's confession, the prisoner said in a steady voice: "I beg your honor's pardon, but there is a small mistake. Where that docu-ment reads, 'I have no defense to make and wish to make none,' it should read, 'or wish none.' The man's tone was that of a care-ful, clerkly person, anxious to have his manuscript read smoothly. His eye-brows were slightly raised, his lips slightly pursed, with the bored expres-sion of a blase youth in a club window. The Recorder looked at him in blank surprise. Sweat was rolling down the Recorder's red face, but Charlton was cold as ice outwardly. He wasn't even perspiring in the choking atmosphere of the crowded room. "Very well, Charlton," said the Re-corder, "if there are any errors or omis-sions in this statement, you may cor-rect them. Do you wish to make any?" "I do," said the confessed murderer. "Will you'have a pen?" asked the re-corder.

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order.

"No, thank you," said Charlton, cas-ually, almost airly. "this will do very well," and he drew from his pocket a bit of pencil and from the final sent-ence of the confession struck out the words "to make."

Handcuffs Slipped On. Charlton held out his hands, a pair of steel handcuffs were slipped on them and locked and he was led away to a cell. Except for the fetters on his



Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, Who Orders New Beef Trust. Investigation of

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wrists he might have passed anywhere for a bank clerk in rather indifferent health.

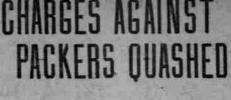
As he was being taken out it de-veloped that the murdered woman's jewels had just been found in his baggage.

baggage. Charlton's trunk, found on the pler, bore the single initial, "C." Satisfied that they had the right man, the offi-cers, with Charlton securely manacled, started for police headquarters. It was then Charlton began to break down, for he wavered and almost fell, and the detectives had to let him sit on the place to recover binsol?

the pler to recover himself. Charlton's arrest for murder gave every one who made the voyage with every one who made the voyage with him from Italy on the Prinzess Irene a decided shock. They could not believe that the modest, unassuming, gentle-manly young fellow, who made him-self so pleasant on board, could be guilty of the crime he confessed.

Youth Steward's Friend.

Waiter Rheinhold, of Dresden, stew-Waiter Rheinhold, of Dresden, stew-ard of the second cabin in which Chari-ton traveled, said Charlton came to him on the dock in Genoa late in the aff-ernoon of June 8, the day before the steamer was to sail. He said his name was Coleman and that as he was some-what short of funds after purchasing his ticket, he would like the privilege of sleeping on board the steamer that night. The steward looked him over and was impressed with his appear-ance, but had to tell him that the rules would not admit the granting of his request. Charlton went away, but was



Indictment of Beef Trust Seriously Defective, Judge Landis Rules.

NEW GRAND JURY CALLED

Court Cannot Supply Fundamental Element of Offense Is Decision Sustaining Demurrer-Date

of Wrongdoing Omitted.

. CHICAGO, June 25 -Judge Landis in the United States District Court here today sustained the demurrers of the so-called beef trust to the indictment charging a combination in restraint of trade. A new grand jury was ordered to renew the investigation of the pack-The indictment, drawn on evidence

The indictment, drawn on evidence secured by the agents of the Federal Government, was against the National Packing Company and its 10 subsidiary companies, charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Smiles, handclaps and congratulations were exchanged when Judge Landis an-nounced that the indictment would not stand but the demonstration came to

stand, but the demonstration came to a sudden end when the court added: "Call a special grand jury venire of 75 men for July 14."

This body will be ordered to hear testimony with a view to finding valid indictments against the packing companies.

panies. The indictment quashed today failed to show, in the view of Judge Landis, that any offense had been committed within the last three years. It did not show that during this statutory period the defendants had been engaged ... interstate commerce. The general state-ment that the packing companies en-gaged in a combination in restraint of trade, the court declared to be a mere conclusion. Judge Landis said: "The court is not clothed with au-"The court is not clothed with au-

thority to supply, entirely by inference the complete omission of so fundamen-tal an element of the offense."



CONFEREES IN DEADLOCK OVER IRRIGATION MEASURE.

House Insists on Original Bill and

Senators Will Not Yield-Another Meeting Set for Today.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.—The House having disagreed today to the Senate amend-ments to the bill providing for \$20,-000,000 of bonds for irrigation in the West, a conference is now in progress seeking to adjust the differences be-tween the two houses

seeking to adjust the differences be-tween the two houses. President Taft and several of the Western Senators held a meeting today to discuss the possibilities of reaching an agreement. The President was sat-isfied to omit the provision that no project shall be aided unless it has the approval of a board of Army engineers. The Western Senators have objected strongly to having the irrigation issue placed in Army bands. The compro-mise agreed upon with the President sats forth that no project shall be launched that is not approved by engi-



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this morning for Portland. While they ing murdered Mrs. Allce Brown Lytton, whose body was found in the woods below South Cumberland yesterday morning with her throat cut, has made failed to secure the necessary means here to put up the hotel they have not given up the idea. a confession of the murder, police au-thorities stated today. Man Injured in Rock Crusher.

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Noland, who is only 16 years old. said he and the young woman quarreled over another girl. Growing furious, Alice, Noland claimed, attempted to strike him with rocks. He choked her and threw her to the ground, drew his at work on a rock crusher here this afternoon. He was standing between knife and cut her throat twice, and fled. The slain woman was 18 years old. She was married at the age of 14 years to Charles F. Lytton, with with crushed rock when the chute dropped and he was caught between it and the car. A rib was broken and he was otherwise injured. whom she is said to have lived but one day.

Hotel Idea Not Abandoned.



MILTON, Or., June 23.-(Special.)-

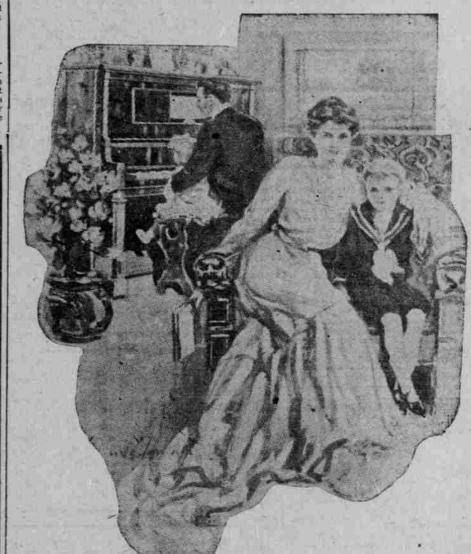
Smith Hayes was seriously injured while

the chute of the crusher and a car filled

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to the handwriting in Scott's possession but there was yet doubt in the minds of the police until they examined the inside of a small collar-bag. There they found a tag, such as is attached to nlothing. It was lettered "P. Charlton." Several sheets of paper covered with typewritten verses were found also and one of these bore the signature, "John Rodney" (Porter Charlton), the former

Konney (rotter Charlton), the former apparently a pen name. When the youth saw this evidence he stepped close to Chief Hayes, and said: "Yes, Tm Porter Charlton. I admit it." Then he glanced fearfully at his brother-in-law,

"I won't make any statement in the resence. of Captain Scott," he said; embling. "Til tell everything; only get trembling. Captain Scott out of the room." Scott withdrew and the youth then told his story. Finishing, he added calmly.

almost smugly: "I have no defense to make. No defense." Charlton looked anything but capable

of the deed to which he confessed. He is a blond and slender, under average height, with a face rather weak, but by no means repellent. He had on, a well-worn suit of blue serge and appeared rather down at the heels. His baggage consisted of two leather suit asses consisted of two leather suit cases

Verses Are Found.

Among the verses found in his effects were some written when he was only 12 years old. One bit ran as follows: "I struck with idle hands the strings on the harp of life." debt.

"Twilight shadows fell across the up-

Winght shahows for across the up-lands from the sky.
"Soft, fleecy clouds and tender shadows hid the signs of strife
"Twist the day and the night; and my touch unrolled before the eye

"The scroll that each man slowly learns

to read, "Who soars above the common things and will the beights attain, "Whose heart from earthly lust, from selfishness and pride is freed, "And in it reads these words, **Why

Who se aks for peace must pass through

Another verse was in part as follows: "The women whom I love indeed None has the time to sing,

Because they are a multitude Greater than anything." Confessed murderer though he is, Chariton is not without resources. Soon after he was locked up he got an at-torney. His father, Judge Charlton, arrived in Hoboken to look after his son's case. The young man will be ar-raigned before Recorder McGovern at 9 o'clock tomorrow as a fugitive from justice, and the disposition of his case from that time will rest with the Fed-eral authorities.

Italian Consul Acts.

As soon as Gustave Dirosa, the Italian Consult at New York, learned of Charl-ton's arrest, be cabled his government for instructions. He believes tonight that he will be ordered to make applica-tion tomorrow for extradition for trial in Italy

While life imprisonment is the se verest penalty Charlton could pay for his crime under the Italian law, it is ex-

request. Charlton went away, but was launched that is not approved by englon hand early the next morning, hours before the steamer sailed. The next day when the steamer arrived at Na-ples the steward found the cabin would be crowded so he "doubled up" Cole-man with Charles J. Farquharson, a

man with Charles J. Farquharson, a Canadian, with whom he made the re-mainder of the journey. Charlton, the steward said, was pleas-ant company to those with whom he as-sociated, and everybody seemed to think well of him. Reinhold spoke of him as "nice a fellow as you'd want to meet." The steward added: "I can't believe he committed a mur-der."

Charlton kept in the Canadian's com-pany most of the time until last night when, on the eve of what he must have Northwest.

Congress' Adjournment,

when, on the eve of what he must have assumed would be the trying ordeal of landing, he invited one of the few Amer-ican women in the second cabin, with whom he had formed an acquaintance, to an informal supper. Chariton opened two bottles of champagne during the re-past, the steward said, and seemed in the cheeriest of moods. This morning, although he had retired late the night be-fore, he was up before 7 o'clock and fore, he was up before 7 o'clock and looked up Rheinhold. He told the stew-ard he was still short of funds and wanted to borrow \$5. Rheinhold accom-modated him this time. Charlton said he expected relatives to meet him at the pier and supply him with plenty of money, out of which he would repay the debt.

ITALIAN POLICE VINDICATED

Consul's Theory of Double Murder

Proves to Have Been Wrong.

The body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton was found packed in a trunk, which was taken from Lake Como, near the Village of Moltrasio, by fishermen on June 10. The woman, with her hus-band, Porter Charlton, had occupied a villa on the lake front leased by them some time before. At the time the wom-an's body was recovered, Porter Charlton could not be found. The Italian police have insisted that Charlton was alive and have directed their energies to finding the young man. American Consul Caughey, on the other hand, held to the theory that a double murder had been committed, and it was through his representations that the Ital-ian authorities engaged divers to make a The body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle

ian authorities engaged divers to make a search of the lake bottom near where the trunk had been submerged. This work was only recently abandoned. Meantime, the detectives followed up

their own theory and their most recent conclusion was that Charlton was a pas-senger upon some steamer which had sailed from Genoa or other Italian port ton. for New York.

for New York. The only arrest made in Italy in con-nection with the case was the detention of Constantine Ispolatoff, a Russian, who had made the acquaintance of the American and his wife. He was exam-ined repeatedly, but satisfied the police that he had not figured in the tragedy and was released.

Millionaire Loses Daughter.

his crime under the Italian law, if is expected that his family will endeavor to keep him in this country. While the international law on the subject is not clearly defined, attorneys here and in Washington think that in this they have a good chance of success. After Charlton's confession, he was arraigned before Recorder McGovern. As the Recorder finished reading

neers to be chosen by the President himself. The bill as modified was submitted to the conferees, but the House members refused to agree to it. They insisted upon the original House bill. The Senate.

ate conferees, however, refused to yield, and there will be a further conference tomorrow. Under today's compromise provision, if it is adopted, projects in Northwest-ern States which are in condition to re-ceive part of the \$20,00°,000 will be promptly approved by the President. What is desired is to afford the Presi-dent some means of presenting means dent some means of preventing waste of money on projects of questionable nature. There are none such in the

TAFT CONTEMPLATES VETO?

Rivers and Harbors Bill May Delay

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.-Senators who talked with the President today declare that he is inclined to veto the river and harbor is inclined to veto the river and harbor bill, because he is anxious to economize; he regards it as too much of a "pork barrel" proposition. The parliamentary situation is such, however, that he may not be able to veto it. Unless the bill is signed or vetoed by mionight Saturday it automatically becomes law, for it will then have been in the President's hands ten days.

ten days. This situation is likely to carry Con-gress over into next week, for the mem-bers generally want the bill signed and do not want to adjourn leaving it in doubt. Should Congress adjourn before midnight Saturday and the bill not be signed, it would fail to become a law.

Land Exchange Bill Blocked.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 28.—Senator Jones today undertook to pass through the Senate the Hamer bill permitting the exchange of scattered school sections in the forest reserves for compact tracts of reserve lands of equal value and area, but Sena-tor Heyburn objected. Jones will renew his motion at the first opportunity, though the chances are against its adop-

Private Collins Transferred.

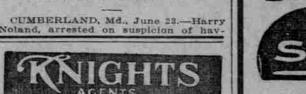
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.-Private Hugh Collins, of the Signal Corps at Fort Omaha, has been ordered transferred to Fort Law-

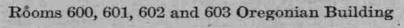
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