

PORTRAIT OF MURDERER, CAUGHT

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.

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added to his statement the following postscript: "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 Charlton 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 questions 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 cell Captain Scott sat with his hands clenched tight about his walking stick and told his story.

Description Obtained. "In New York," continued Captain Scott, "I went to the National City Bank, where Charlton was employed. There I obtained a description of the man and a sample of his handwriting. Then I went to Hoboken and saw Chief of Police Hayes, and laid the traps for the apprehension of Charlton."

Charlton Signs Name. Captain Scott here described how he hesitated to order the man's arrest and forced Charlton to write his signature which tallied so accurately with a sample in his possession that he felt sure no mistake was being made.

Charlton then was taken to headquarters, where he again signed his name. Again there was marked resemblance 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 clothing. 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 apparently a pen name.

When the youth saw this evidence he stepped close to Chief Hayes, and said: "Yes, I'm Porter Charlton. I admit it." Then he glanced fearfully at his brother-in-law.

"I won't make any statement in the presence of Captain Scott," he said, trembling. "I'll tell everything, only get 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 cases.

Veres Are Found. Among the verses found in his effects were some written when he was only 12 years old. One bit ran as follows: "It struck with lightning the strings on the harp of life."

"Twilight shadows fall across the uplands from the sky, Soft, honey clouds and tender shadows hid the signs of strife."

"Twixt the day and the night; and my soul wanders in the ether, eyes."

"The scroll that each man slowly learns to read, Who soars above the common things and will the heights attain."

"Whose heart from earthly lust, from selfishness and pride is freed, And in it reads these words, Who seeks for peace must pass through pain."

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, Charlton is not without resources. Soon after he was locked up he got an attorney. His father, Judge Charlton, arrived in Hoboken to look after his son's case. The young man will be arraigned 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 Federal authorities.

Charlton's confession, the prisoner said in a steady voice: "I beg your honor's pardon, but there is a small mistake. Where that document reads, 'I have no defense to make and wish to make none,' it should read, 'I wish no more.'"

The man's tone was that of a careful, clerical person, anxious to have his manuscript read smoothly. His eyebrows were slightly raised, his lips slightly pursed, with the bored expression of a blasé 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 Recorder. "If there are any errors or omissions in this statement, you may correct them. Do you wish to make any?" "I do," said the confessed murderer. "Will you have a pen?" asked the Recorder.

"No, thank you," said Charlton, casually, almost airily. "This will do very well. I will do very well. I will do a bit of pencil and from the final sentence 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 wrists he might have passed anywhere for a bank clerk in rather indifferent health.

As he was being taken out it developed that Charlton had hidden his jewels had just been found in his baggage.

Charlton's trunk, found on the pier, had short initials on it. Satisfied that they had the right man, the officers, with Charlton securely manacled, started for police headquarters.

It was then that Charlton began to break down, for he wavered and almost fell, and the detectives had to let him sit on the pier to recover himself.

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

Youth Steward's Friend. Walter Rheinhold, of Dresden, steward of the second cabin in which Charlton traveled, said Charlton came to him on the dock in Genoa late in the afternoon of June 8, the day before the steamer was to sail. He said his name was Coleman and that as he was somewhat 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 appearance, but had to tell him that the rules would not admit the granting of his request. Charlton went away, but was on hand early the next morning, hours before the steamer sailed. The next day when the steamer arrived at New York, the steward found the cabin would be crowded so he "doubled up" Coleman with Charles J. Farquharson, a Canadian, with whom he made the remainder of the journey.

Charlton, the steward said, was pleasant company to those with whom he associated and everybody seemed to think well of him. Rheinhold spoke of him as "nice a fellow as you'd want to meet."

The steward added: "I can't believe he committed a murder."

Charlton kept in the Canadian's company most of the time until last night, when, on the eve of what he must have assumed would be the trying ordeal of landing, he invited one of the few American women in the second cabin, with whom he had formed an acquaintance, to an informal supper. Charlton opened two bottles of champagne during the repast, the steward said, and seemed in the cheeriest of moods. This morning, although he had retired late the night before, he was up before 7 o'clock and looked up Rheinhold. He told the steward he was still short of funds and wanted to borrow \$5. Rheinhold accommodated 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.

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Italian Police Vindicated. Consul's Theory of Double Murder Proves to Have Been Wrong.

The body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle was found packed in a trunk, which was taken from Lake Com near the Village of Moltrasio, by fishermen on June 16. The woman, with her husband, Porter Charlton, had occupied a villa on the lake front leased by them some time before. At the time the woman'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, work was only recently abandoned. American Consul Caughy, on the other hand, held to the theory that a double murder had been committed, and it was through his representations that the Italian 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 passenger upon some steamer which had sailed from Genoa or other Italian port for New York.

The only arrest made in Italy in connection with the case was the detention of Constantine Ispolatoff, a Russian, who had made the acquaintance of the American and his wife. He was examined repeatedly, but satisfied the police that he had not figured in the tragedy and was released.

Millionaire Loses Daughter. LA GRANDE, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Diphtheria today claimed a victim in the home of George Stoddard, millionaire lumberman and attorney at Lawer-Day Saints churchman. The deceased was a girl of 4 years who was ill two days. An older daughter is critically ill and a younger son is threatened. No other cases have been reported in the city.

CHARGES AGAINST PACKERS QUASHED

Indictment of Beef Trust Seriously Defective, Judge Landis Rules.

NEW GRAND JURY CALLED

Court Cannot Supply Fundamental Element of Offense in Decision Sustaining Demurrer—Date of Wrongdoing Omitted.

CHICAGO, June 23.—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 packing companies.

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 announced that the indictment would not stand, but the demonstration came to a sudden end when the court added: "Call a special grand jury venire of 75 men for July 15."

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

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 in interstate commerce. The general statement that the packing companies engaged in a combination in restraint of trade, the court declared to be a mere conclusion. Judge Landis said: "The court is not clothed with authority to supply, entirely by inference, the complete omission of so fundamental an element of the offense."

BOND BILL IS MODIFIED

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 amendments 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 between 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 satisfied 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 hands. The compromise agreed upon with the President sets forth that no project shall be launched that is not approved by engineers 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 conferees, however, would yield, and there will be a further conference tomorrow.

Under today's compromise provision, if it is adopted, projects in the Western States which are in condition to receive part of the \$20,000,000 will be promptly approved by the President. What is desired is to afford to the President some means of preventing waste of money on projects of questionable nature. There are none such in the Northwest.

TAFT CONTEMPLATES VETO?

Rivers and Harbors Bill May Delay Congress' Adjournment.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.—Senators who talked with the President today declare that he 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 midnight Saturday automatically becomes law, for it will then have been in the President's hands ten days.

This situation is likely to carry Congress over into next week, for the President generally want the bill signed and do not want to adjourn leaving it in doubt. Congress adjourns before midnight Saturday and the bill not signed, it would fall to become a law.

Land Exchange Bill Blocked.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 23.—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 Senator Hepburn objected. Jones will renew his motion at the first opportunity, though the chances are against its adoption.

Private Collins Transferred.

BOY CONFESSES MURDER

When Girl Tried to Strike Him With Rocks, He Killed Her.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 23.—Harry Noland, arrested on suspicion of having murdered Mrs. Alice Brown Lytton, whose body was found in the woods below South Cumberland yesterday morning with her throat cut, has made a confession of the murder, police authorities stated today.



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Man Injured in Rock Crusher. MILTON, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Smith Hayes was seriously injured while at work on a rock crusher here this afternoon. He was standing between the chute of the crusher and a car filled 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.

Hand Mangled in Gearing. ATHENA, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Henry Miller, an employe of the Patton-Parton Milling Company in this city, lost his hand in an accident at the mill last night. His hand was caught in some gearing and badly mangled. Physicians hope to save the injured member.

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