## PORTER CHARLTON ADVANCES NEW DEFENSE NEW D

### CHARLTON AVERS HE AND MURDERED WIFE WERE RARELY SOBER

Young American, Facing Trial for Murder, Tells of long Debauch Ending in Crime.

> By Camillo Cianfarra. (By the International News Service.)

Rome, Sept. 27 .- After a fortnight of intense mental anguish, during which a life sentence stared him in the face day and night. Porter Charlton, now breathes a little more freely.

He has received a letter stating that

through the intervention of some sympathetic friends who want to give him every possible chance, Judge Palmieri had reconsidered his decision not to defend him and had retained as associate, Signor Giovanni Porzio, a deputy in the Italian parliament and one of Italy's most foremost criminal lawyers.

Until a few days ago Charlton's chance of having even a fair trial was slim, and the young man brooded over it. He informed Judge Rognoni, who conducted the preliminary investigation, that his father's financial resources had been exhausted during the long legal batter for the United States to wrest from the Italian court and he had now no alternative but to avail himself of the free legal assistance to which, under the Italian law, a destitute is en-

The answer was anything but reassuring, as Charlton was unable to submit to the proper authorities a certificate proving he is not a property owner, nor could he assert he came from a family of paupers.

Prisoner in Despair.

Besides, the judge told him that while at the trial a lawyer would be assigned to defend him, still his chance of getting a short sentence rested wholly with his lawyer's ability in conducting the case and preparing the defense and in the alienists' opinion.

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The judge pointed out that he needed a lawyer who would take more than formal interest in the case.

Then Charleton asked for a list of Italy's well known lawyers and asked them to come to his aid. The replies were utterly discouraging; they showed then the Italy are are him that Italian criminal lawyers are nearly as expensive as their American

In despair, Charlton wrote to an Ameri ican here whose name had been sug-gested to him. The final result was that Judge Palmieri consented to in-duce Deputy Porzio to look after Charl-ton's interests while the financial question was being discussed.

Deputy Portzlo's first step was to acquaint Charlton with the Italian penal procedure under which witnesses for both the defendant and the prosecution esiding abroad are not required to come to Italy to testify, but may be heard either before the Italian consul or a nited States commissioner in the district where they reside, their deposition being read at the trial.

This was the first cheering piece of news which had reached the prisoner for days. He immediately sent to Deputy Portzio a long list of names of friends about his past behavior and reputation and also of two family physicians who will make affidavits to the effect that at different periods of his life he suf-

fered from nervous disorders. First Fight in New York.

It is now clear that the first fight over Charlton is to be fought in New York, where former Judge Palmieri will conduct an examination of witnesses before the Italian consul.

This, however, will cause considerable delay, as the matter must be conducted

through diplomatic channels. These examinations over, the preliminary investigation will be closed and the case will be turned over to the indictment section of the court, which is equivalent to the American grand jury. It is only after this verdict has been returned that the date of the trial can

Copies of all the proceedings, com prising the depositions of all witnesses for the prosecution and defense, as well as the examination of the prisoner with copies or descriptions of the exhibits, are turned over to the defending lawyers and to the "king's prosecutor. Although during these stages the in-

vestigation is strictly secret and the prisoner is not allowed to communicate with his lawyers, yet it is known that Porter Charlton has substantially changed his version of the murder from that which he gave immediately after he landed from New York. According to information, Charl

ton has given Judge Rognoni an acup to the final quarrel with his wife and also details of the disposal of her

Among other things Charlton said that after their departure from New York, during all the time they were at Moltrasio he and his wife were never for a single hour fully sober. He de-clared that on the night of June 5 he was even more than usual under the influence of spirits.

A detail on which Charlton insisted strongly, which the combined efforts of Judge Rognoni and Prosecutor Mellini could not induce him to alter, is that never for a moment throughout that night did he realize that his wife was fatally hurt; the stupor in which she lay as well as her moans, he attributed to the effect of excessive drinking.

It was only at daybreak the next morning when he had partially recovered

from the effects of the debauch that he realized to his horror that the woman lying at his side was a corpse,

He was then seized with panic and frantically endeavored to conceal the body of his victim.

Under the Italian code, Charlton will be prosecuted for the equivalent of mur-der in the first degree; the penalty for which is life sentence, including six years of solitary confinement, which very few survive and these only to find

themselves mental and physical wrecks, If extenuating circumstances granted the sentence can be reduced to 20 years. If a plea of insanity, together with a strong provocation, or self-defense is supported by reliable witnesses and medical experts, the sentence can be reduced five to ten years.

In such cases acquittal is very com mon, as in the trial of Professor Ulimvi. who, though caught in the act of carry ing to a station in a vallee the butchered body of his young wife, was set free. In this instance, acquittal was due to the skilful handling of the insanity plea by Mombrosio, himself, one of whose tenets was that crime is always the re-

sult of congenital derangement of some part of the human brain. All the mechanism in a lighthouse off the English coast, including that of a fog siren, is controlled by electricity from a house on shore, a mile away, in

which the keepers live.

### EX-KING MANUEL OF PORTUGAL IS MARRIED---DUBLIN STRIKE RIOTS ATTRACT THRONGS



## CULTIVATING YANKEE ACCENT IN EARNEST

Oxford Drawl and Cockney Twang Supplanted by American Slang.

(By the International News Service.) London, Sept. 27.—The American accent is "The Mode" in London society

An accent of some kind has always been the vogue and for a time the Ox-ford drawl ruled, then the Cockney twang. Americans in this country were formerly ridiculed for their accent; now they find, on the contrary, they are pounced upon and their ever-inflection is studied and copied.

The growing number of American

peeresses is partly responsible, no doubt, for the new fashion which has been largely popularized by Lady Diana Manners, who believes in being a minwas she and her sisters who first introduced the fashion of talking in broad Cockney, and she has long since re nounced all claim to her childhood nick

name, "Lady Perfect Manners," Mrs. Asquith is quite an adept in American slang, as are also the Earl of Rosslyn, Lord Fairfax and the Duchess of Westminster.

Altogether apart from many questions of fashion, many members of the peerage have a natural accent of which they are ofen proud.

The Earl of Curzon cultivates marked north country accent: Lord Jersey speaks in broad Northumber, most all the Scotch and Irish peers carry a trace of their native brogue; the Lancaste family all speak with a decided Cockney intonation, except, of course, the present countess, who was Miss Breese, but

# RETIRING AMBASSADOR

Years in Italy Most Happy.

Rome, Sept. 27 .- Before leaving for San Rossore, where he was received by recall, Thomas O'Brien, the retiring ambassador said that he considered the two years he had spent in Rome as the best of his life.

have done all in my power," he said, "to improve the economic condinote that there is substantial and per-And I have every reason to believe that try or at the seaside considerably enthe progress will continue under the chanted by short theatre going trips, present enlightened government.

Discussing King Victor, the American ambassador said: "I had a number of audiences with the king and from every point of view consider him a remarkable man. deed, Italy has every reason to be proud of him. I hope the people will continue to give him confidence and support.

"The country is also fortunate in having as prime minister, Signor Giolitti, a man having all the fine qualities of a really great leader. I was deeply impressed by the sincerity and capacity of the other ministers. My two years' residence has brought from all sources the most courteous, perfect treatment, This is true from the point of view of than usual, but already they are enterall our relations, official and private, both with Italians and foreigners. My

New Chief Is Very Young Man. London, Sept. 27 .- Central Detective Perthshire, where he is entertaining nspector Hawkins has been promoted to chief inspector at Scotland Yard, and is the youngest officer holding the rank, being but slightly over 30 years

of age. He now forms one of the "Council of Eight" which controls the criminal investigation department of London, under Basil Thompson, the new assistant

-Arrest of James Larkin, Irish labor leader, who by disguising himseli in a false heard and a frock coat, secured entrance to a Dublin hotel balcony whence he addressed the strikers, until arrested, in defiance of the authorities. even they are inclining to the American 2-Funeral of John Higan, who was killed during the Dublin strike

-Prince August Wilhelm and Grand Duchess of Baden leaving the

palace for ex-King Manuel's wedding, 1-Ex-King Manuel of Portugal and his bride, leaving the palace at

LAUDS KING VICTOR SOCIAL TRADITIONS ARE UPSET Thomas O'Brien Declares Two AMERICANS IN ENGLAND SET NEW CUSTOM

siderably brighter during the week, ow- days shooting and fishing. ing to the fact that the ancient fetish King Victor and presented his letter of able for men to be seen in the metrop- her sister in Ireland.

Sigmaringen for the church.

olls during September, American hostesses have destroyed the belief that an invitation to a shoot- brother of Mrs. Keppel, near Glasgow, ing party constitutes a mark of social tions of the country. I am gratified to recognition, consequently London has

> though he has quite a large party stay- a large party. ing with him at Lord Desbrough's house Taplow Court, he made it a practice to bring them to London for a couple of days each week, entertaining them at month, was a girl, making the third.

round of theatres. ican hosts who still have large parties York. in Scotland, where numbers of wealth; Americans still congregate,

at Skibo castle much later this season cate and cannot stand late hours. taining large and very mixed house parties which include both men, authors

Howard Gould is settled at Edradour, few friends shooting.

include Frederick Edey, who, with his hotels considerably this week, daughter, Julia, is staying in the north for a month.

commissioner, and the Hon. F. J. Bing. in Scotland, where she lives the simple callers of an appointment to Berlin, the chief constable.

London, Sept. 27 .- London was con-|self to golf, and the boys spend the

has been exploded that it is unfashion- with her parents, and will later visit

Cora, Lady Stratford, has been a guest of Sir Archibald Edmonstone

The Grand Duke Michael and his wife been full of small parties of fashionable the Countess Torby, arrived yesterday manent progress in every direction, folk, who found their stay in the coun- at Balmaccaan, Mrs. Bradley Martin's shooting box in Invernesshire. Hal Phipps and Mrs. Ogden Mills have Rodman Wananuker has brought this taken a shooting box in Invernesshire form of entertaining to a fine art. Al- with a deer forest, and are entertaining

> The Countess Szechenyi is much disappointed that her child, born last the Carlton hotel and taking them the She and the count are staying at Tangley Manor, near Guilford, until Novem-This plan has been the envy of Amer- ber, when they will make a visit to New

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney is entertaining large parties in Yorkshire for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie arrived the shooting, but she is still very deli-

The Countess of Granard has gone to Paris for a brief visit, returning in Ocstay here will be the most agreeable and and scientists, but very few society tober to open the Forbes house in Halpected as soon as the period of mourning for her father is over.

> A constant stream of American visitors en route to New York, Scotland or New American visitors to Scotland the continent, enlivened the London

Justice Geeard, who is staying at the Ritz, has been the center of attraction The Duchess of Marlborough is also and has had the busiest time receiving in Scotland, where she lives the simple callers of all nationalities, who are in- his grave, which will always be the

PARISIANS ARE AGAIN IN POSSESSION OF CITY Tourists From United States Crowd Steamships

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Paris, Sept. 27.-Paris is now filling | for a short business trip to London. He up with Parisians. Last stragglers will return and stay at the Ritz through from the mountains and seashores are being driven home by bad weather.

The theatres are again well patronzed, and at the cafe de LaPaix one hears less English than a month ago from a tour in Switzerland, Austria and Returning travelers are thankful to get Italy. They are staying at the Hotel even a berth in a crowded stateroom on Crillon. So also is former Attorney to get even the poorest accommodations, cure at Vittel.

After a month spent at Bad Kissenn, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim of New York have taken apartments at | Munich for Vienna he ilotel Ritz, where they will remain

George J. Gould, who was here, left Paris.

Mrs J. P. Morgan, with Mrs. Frances tember. Johnson, came to Paris a few days ago

the steamers; many will have to wait General Wickersham, fresh from the

TOLSTOI'S GRAVE IS MUCH DESECRATED

Frequent Recurrence of Van-Abbot Gasquet Sent to United dalism Inspires Anti-Russian Agitation,

Vienna, Sept. 27 .- A violent anti-Russian agitation has broken out over the systematic desecrations which are being practiced on the grave of Tolatrocities are constantly being committed and although an ex-guard has been set, no clue has been found yet, Even if the culprits are discovered,

it is doubtful if a charge could be sustained against them, as it has been the Russian custom for centuries to lie church now has under way. practice insults over the graves of all indeed, it is considered commendable. Unquestionably the present outrages are the work of the Blackhand, which

considered Tolstol the arch enemy of their faith and organization. Peasants in the neighborhood of Tol-

changed several times; the miscreants, generous subscriptions are forthcomstill are undiscovered. The occasion is being utilized by revlutionists outside of Russia to renew

their fusillade, for Tolstoi is still the best asset of the progressives of Russia. Madame Tolstoi is heartbroken She is making every endeavor to stop the systematic profanation.

Russian reformers are talking of making an appeal to the outside world whose opinion prevented Tolstoi's banishment, and asking help to protect pride of his adherents.

AMERICAN MONEY FOR REVISION OF THE BIBLE

States to Solicit Funds for Revising.

Rome, Sept. 27 .- Announcement was made today at the Vatican that the Right Rev. Abbot Casquet, supreme head of the monastic order of the stol. Unspeakable and indescribable English Benedictines, and who is already in the United States on a visit, has been intrusted with a special mission there by Pope Pius. It is hop that Father Casquet will be able It is hoped secure contributions in America that "Sorry, sir, I am not Lord Charles will make possible the complete "Beresford," was the reply, "I'm the will make possible the complete revision of the Bible, which the Catho-

The preparing of a revised text of who die outside the Greek faith, and the Bible that would stand the test ford in every particular save the color of all modern criticism and research has been one of the greatest ambitions of Pope Plus from the moment he was elected pope 10 years ago. The amount of money which it was foreseen would ties, but, although the guard has been sity of having to abandon it unless

> intrusted by Pope Pius in 1907 to the San Calisto, just outside the walls of Order of the Benedictines. The work Rome, but for the moment financial has been steadily carried on in their difficulties have forced a temporary Owing to the fact that the great bulk of original Biblical manuscripts and early texts are preserved in mu-seums from which they cannot be tak-en the work presented decided obstaseums from which they cannot be taken the work presented decided obstacles. These were later largely overcome
> by having photographs taken of all
> such manuscripts and these permit the
> most minute examination of all ex-

### 'HER ROYAL SHYNESS' HAS NO CHOICE IN THE PLANS FOR WEDDING

Queen Mary Is in Complete Charge of Marriage of the Duchess of Fife and Arthur.

By Ed L. Keen.

bondon, Sept. 27.-Not having hance at a royal marriage for a good tance was that of the present king and queen), English court and society circles have seized upon the forthcoming nuptials of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife with an avidity that is anything but pleasing to

Personally, the prime and duchess, who are to be married October 15, would much prefer to sneak off quietly to the South Kensington registry office and have the knot tied there with-out any fuss or frills, for both are of exceptionally retiring dispositions-the duchess has been known ever since her social debut as "her royal shyness." But that being impossible, they naturally thought they ought to have something to say about the arrangements. These have been taken entirely out of their bands.

Queen Mary Very Active.

King George, having summoned his council and formally given his consent to the marriage of his "very dear cousin and niece," would doubtless have been quite content to let the themselves-but not with Queen Mary on the job. Officially, the details are the hands of the Lord Chamberlain Lord Sandhurst, but everything has receive the O. K. of the mistress of

Buckingham palace.

It is the inalienable privilege of the ordinary bride to choose her own at-tendants but this was one of the first matters to which Queen Mary turned her attention. Of course, the selection of bridesmaids was supposed to have been made by Lord Sandhurst, Princess Mary, the king's daughter, heads the list. Then comes Princess Maud, the bride's sister, Princess "Pat," the bridegroom's sister, and Princess Plary

Prince of Wales Best Man.

The question of the best man was very simple. Young Connaught was given no opportunity even to suggest one of his personal friends. The Lord Chamberlain merely told him that the Prince of Wales had been selected, and he didn't have to say by whym. Wales isn't a bit more tickled over the pros-pect than Connaught himself. The duch-ess did express one wish, all that was that she be permitted to have her own trainbearers, but the Lord Casm-berlain courteously informed her that she would be relieved of this respon-sibility. Queen Mand of Norway, King George's sister, had already bespoken one place for her son, the Crown Prince Olaf, and there was a host of little Tecks and Battenbergs from whom Queen Mary would make selections,

The bride also has had practically nothing to do with the selection of her trousseau. Paris gowns were barred from the start, for the court demands princesses must support Some industries: To avoid domestic Scalousles. England is to provide the silks and velvets, shoes and gloves, Scotland the tweed and woolens, Ireland the inens and lace, and Wales the corsets

Even the guest list is being prepared by the Lord Chamberlain, under Queen Mary's direction, although as a favor it is expected that the bride and bridegroom will be allowed personally to invite a few of their intimate friends—that is, if they are of sufficiently high rank and if there is room for them after all the royalties been crowded into the church. Even the date of the wedding was fixed to suit the conveniences of the king and queen, who will be in Scotland till nearly the middle of Sep-

#### ALFONSO FLEES BEFORE HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

London, Sept. 27 .- It Isn't much fun being a king if your name happens to be Dr. Rehfuss, formerly of the Paris Alfonso and that of your mother-in-law American hospital, is shortly leaving Princess Henry of Battenberg. That Munich for Vienna. there is little love lost between Alfonso and Queen Ena's mother is well known, Robert Bacon, formerly the American but society is still puzzled to learn ambassador to France, is revisiting what new imbroglio was responsible for the Spanish monarch's hasty departure from Cowes just before the recent re-

Alfonso, who is passionately fond of eachting, had arranged for a fortnight's vacation from the bomb throw-ing district, in order to enjoy himself at Cowes, which incidentally has other attractions besides. Apparently he had overlooked the fact that his mother-inlaw was staying there, and for the first night he put up at a hotel. After that his position became impossible, for he had either to ask the hospitality of the princess or accept that of King George, who had just arrived on the royal yacht. The British court is a hit too sedate for Alfonso, so the only alternative was to find that "urgent affairs of state" demanded his return to Spain by the next train and boat.

Waiter is Lord's Double.

London, Sept. 27.—An elderly man in evening dress stood on the terrace at the Welcome club, Earl's Court, last "Hello, Lord Charles-I thought you

were at Cowes," said a man who came up with outstretched hand.

waiter. It's not the first time the mistake has been made, sir." Harry Johnson, the waiter, is the double of Admiral Lord Charles Beres-

of his eyes.

isting texts and early Biblical manu-

scripts. Over 300 volumes of these he entailed made it impossible for his photographs, including those of the stoi's home are highly incensed over holiness to undertake the work until famous Biblical manuscripts in the these descrations and have sent deputations and visited the town authoriof it completed, he is facing the neces-The next step of noting all the differences in these texts and compil ing them was to be carried on by the The actual work of the revision was Benedictine menks in the monastery of

monasteries in all parts of the world, abandonment of the work. In this Owing to the fact that the great emergency, Pope Plus has authorized Father Casquet on his present trip to inspect the Benedictine monasteries in