

PORTER CHARLTON TO BE PLACED ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF WIFE

Young American Will Have Friends at Italian Court of Justice July 4.

TO HAVE A FAIR HEARING

Chances for Him Are Just as Good as They Would Be in America.

By William G. Shepherd. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Como, Italy, June 26.—Porter Charlton, the young American, son of former Judge Porter Charlton of Portland, Ore., will not lack friends when he is placed on trial here July 4 for the murder of his beautiful actress wife, Mary Scott Charlton.

Charlton is a household word in this region. His story is well known, as are the circumstances under which the body of the former San Francisco beauty was found in a trunk which had been thrown into Lake Como. But the Italians, like the French, sympathize with the slain and the slayer in "crime passionelle." Even the officials sympathize with Charlton, giving an indication of their willingness to allow introduction of the question of the defendant's sanity.

Where Charlton Is Confined. I was not permitted to talk to Charlton, but I saw his quarters in the asylum where he is confined here. From his window Charlton can see the roof of the villa where he went with his bride for their honeymoon and the spot by the lake where she was killed. He sees the hills which he and his strange, beautiful mate used to range in the early days of their torrid love, when the youth from the grinding of his full street bank and a world-weary adventurer sought peace and love in the mountains.

I talked to the state prosecutor, Signor Milioni, and with the judge of instruction who will try the case, but whose name under the law cannot be divulged. They said they would make no difference in the date of the trial. It has been set for July 4 and is not likely to be changed.

Chances of a Fair Trial. The chances of Charlton having a fair trial are every bit as good as they would be in America. For some months he has been living in the St. Martin asylum under the observation of Dr. Valterra and two other alienists. One has already asserted Charlton was deranged at the time of the murder. The other two are withholding their opinion.

Charlton's father has been in Como for several weeks visiting his son. The prisoner has also been permitted to receive attentions from several Italian-Americans who are interested in him because of his being imprisoned in a foreign country.

HUERTA BOUND FOR BORDER TO TAKE CONTROL

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whether Huerta is alone or not—Carranzista officials here were admittedly anxious. They said that because of the difficulty Huerta has had in securing munitions they are afraid an attempt is afoot to wrest control of his forces from him with a view to allying Carranza with Huerta.

Another Carranzista worry was the question whether General Gonzalez actually has occupied Mexico City. Advice from the border states that he had notified Mexicans there affirmatively, but Villistas denied it and state department advice from Vera Cruz told of much apprehension over the issue of the lack of authentic information.

State department advice early today announced Gonzalez' troops had secured possession of a large part of the capital district about Mexico City, but later word was that the result was doubtful and the Americans, from Vera Cruz consular representative spoke of persistent rumors that he had met with disaster.

The United States has been without direct word from Mexico City for eight days. The state department was anxious over reports that Huerta was used to attack and defend the city since if anything happens to foreigners there America's hand may be forced. The Vera Cruz situation was bad. The water supply was cut off. The authorities had reopened surface wells, closed some years ago to prevent an epidemic.

Reports that American troops at El Paso were to be doubled could not be verified at the war department tonight. No responsible officer could be located and subdivisions refused even to say if any troop orders had been transmitted.

HUERTA HAS 5,000 MEN IN EL PASO FOR INVASION OF MEXICO

El Paso, Texas, June 26.—(U. P.)—The Mexican revolution Victoriano Huerta is organizing in the United States was uncovered here tonight. Official announcement was made by

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TOWERS OVER SAM BLYTHE



Sam Blythe, magazine writer, at left, with giant Chinese in Peking.

Serving as gatekeepers at the Peking zoo are two Chinese of enormous stature—veritable giants—who attract fully as much attention as do the furred and feathered creatures. Samuel G. Blythe, the writer, who has been in the Orient for the Saturday

Evening Post, was in Peking recently, and posed with one of the gatekeepers for a picture. The tremendous size of the man is shown by comparison with Mr. Blythe, who is about 5 feet 10 inches in height. Mr. Blythe is now in Europe, having crossed last month over the Trans-Siberian railway.

the former dictator's agents that a meeting of the old Cientifico-Federalist faction will be held here Sunday or Monday. Delegates are planning a reception to Huerta when he arrives here Sunday morning.

On account of threats made against Huerta's life by Villa and Carranza factions, the Cientificos are arranging to bring the aged dictator into El Paso secretly.

In one warehouse here the Huerta party has 14 machine guns and large quantities of munitions stored. United States troops are guarding it to prevent its being smuggled.

Fourteen former Huerta generals, including his son-in-law, General Luis Fuentes, are in El Paso tonight, with 300 former federalist officers and 5000 soldiers.

A Huerta sympathizer said that Monday was the day set for the invasion of Mexico. Juarez will be the first objective point. Pascasio Orozco, a Huerta leader, just returned from New York after conferring with Huerta and American bankers financing the Cientificos, claims to have the Juárez garrison practically bought out.

"We are going to fight this revolution with vigor," he said, "instead of bullets." "We have already got our missionaries working in the ranks of the different factions."

Plans for the new revolt have been under way in El Paso for weeks. It was learned tonight that the Huerta party has an office in a downtown building. Delegates from the San Antonio and New Orleans committees of the Cientifico party are expected to arrive in El Paso tonight for the meeting here. Many prominent Mexican fugitives from other cities in the United States have arrived here during the last few days.

The purpose of the meeting is to make final arrangements for the organization of a counter revolt in Mexico against the Carranzista and Villista factions. Because of the weakness of the Villa party, the Huerta invasion will first be directed against Villista territory from El Paso. The substantial financial backing the Huerta party apparently has, is expected to have a beneficial effect on the Carranzistas whose currency has depreciated to almost no value.

Defeat of Yaquis Doubtful. Nogales, Ariz., June 26.—(U. P.)—Reports from Washington of Governor Maytorena's troops defeating the Yaqui and Mayo Indians, who are on the warpath, did not receive credence here tonight. Maytorena's action in sending his daughter from Guaymas to this city did not seem to indicate confidence in the Mexican government's part.

There were many wild rumors, but no authentic reports concerning the situation over the border. The Americans, only, said to be practically besieged by Indians. No attempt had been made to restore wires cut by the marauders. American crossing the border told of having heard the Indians were torturing and mutilating prisoners. The Yaquis seemed to have an especial hatred for Mexicans, of whom they have undoubtedly killed many.

Sen. Chamberlain Addresses Travelers

United States Senator Chamberlain talking on optimism was the principal speaker of an entertainment given by the Travelers' Protective association, Oregon and Washington division, at the Multnomah hotel last night. A. G. Clark of the Portland Ad club spoke of "Honest Advertising." The girls of the cabaret of the Oregon grill were there. Frank Koenig sang several songs and W. J. Karkeek gave some piano specialties. A Chinese interpretation was given by Roy Slocum after a dramatic poem read by Charles Ringler.

Only Twenty-Three Pass. Out of 58 firemen taking the municipal civil service military examinations for promotions to positions of lieutenants, only 25 passed according to the ratings made public by the civil service board yesterday.

GERMANS PLAN TO SWEEP GALICIA FREE OF RUSSIAN FORCES

Drive by General Mackensen Continues Without Any Sign of Abatement.

FIGHT SOUTH OF LEMBERG

Tentative Claim Victory North of Aras, While French Report Infantry Checked by Heavy Rain.

London, June 26.—(U. P.)—The German drive through Galicia continues without abatement, according to dispatches received here tonight. Reports from reliable sources discount rumors that General Mackensen has rushed large bodies of troops westward for an immediate campaign against Warsaw, or to hold the German line in France. The Teuton field marshal apparently plans first to sweep Galicia free of Russian forces.

A dispatch from the Berlin bureau of the United Press tonight confirmed these reports. It stated that an American military attache who entered Lemberg with the Austro-German troops returned to the German capital this afternoon with the news that the Galician offensive is continuing. Both the Berlin and the Petrograd official statements received here to-

day agreed that General von Linstingen is attacking with great fury south of Lemberg and along the Dnester to a point north of Stanislaw. They gave only meager details of the action west of Lemberg, but it was pointed out here that exhaustion from the rapid march on Lemberg, rather than the withdrawal of troops, probably has weakened Mackensen's enthusiastic pursuit of the Slavs who evacuated Lemberg.

Military men here tonight expressed doubt that any Austro-Germans from the Galician armies are taking part in the German attacks north of Warsaw, reported in today's official statements. They pointed out that the Germans began a vigorous assault on the Russians around Przemysl, while the Lemberg campaign was on and took the view that the gains claimed by the Germans in this afternoon's communication were gained by the same Wurtembergers who began the action more than a fortnight ago. It was further pointed out that sufficient time has not elapsed since the fall of Lemberg to transport any considerable body of troops from eastern Galicia to northwestern Poland.

Official communiques from Berlin and Paris this afternoon regarding the progress of the battle north of Aras were somewhat contradictory. The German war office reported that the fighting has ended with the last French troops driven from the German trenches. Paris reported that infantry operations north of Aras have been impeded by a heavy rainstorm, but that the artillery engagements continue.

Gold Interferes With Court. Circuit Judge Morrow was confined yesterday to his home suffering from a severe cold. He expects to hold court as usual tomorrow.

According to a Paris physician premature baldness is due to some trouble with the teeth.

WOMAN TELLS HOW YAQUIS KILL HUSBAND WHILE SHE LOOKS ON

Mrs. Susan Walker of Kansas City Tells Pitiful Story of Thrilling Experience.

OUTRAGES ARE NUMEROUS

Mexican Indians Murder Americans, Burn Ranch Buildings and Destroy Much Property.

Nogales, Arizona, June 26.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Susan Walker of Kansas City, a refugee from the Yaqui valley, tonight described how Indians, led by a giant one-armed negro, murdered her husband and ravaged her ranch, 24 miles east of Sochi.

"I went to the Yaqui valley a woman of 33," she said. "The horrors I have seen have changed me to a woman of 60." "When the Yaquis and Mayas were on the warpath, all our Chinese and Mexican hands fled from our ranch, El Piedra Blanca. We decided to seek refuge at Esperanza, the American colony, but received news that the Indians had raided it and killed 30 people. We stayed, therefore, where we were. One Mexican—a good shot—stayed with us. A 'Manso' Yaqui passed one

day and told us the tribesmen had sacked Tehari, which is 53 miles north and were coming our way.

"They arrived a week later, about 200, led by Chief Subuyapa, a negro with one arm and a squint eye. They demanded food and said that if we were hiding any Mexicans there they would torture my husband to death. Our Mexican hid in the cellar. They ate all the food and burned the barn.

"Next day we saddled up and struck out for Esperanza for provisions. Sixty Yaquis ambushed us, but we got away. A mile further on we were ambushed again. My husband, an Englishman, was killed. My horse ran away and I escaped. Three weeks later we recovered my husband's body.

"The colony at Esperanza was heavily barricaded and prepared for a siege. No trains were running and the Mexican troops at Fundacion could not give us protection there, at Sochi or at our ranch. I reached Guaymas by traveling on horse back, by military train and by boat.

Will Appeal to U. S. Los Angeles, Cal., June 26.—(P. N. S.)—Bringing photographs of Americans brutally slain, stripped and mutilated, ranch houses burned and the entire Yaqui river valley, in Sonora, Mexico, desolated by the ferocity of Yaqui Indians and marauding bands of Mexican soldiers, Frank Pauline and Joseph W. Carrio, former California men, arrived in Los Angeles today on their way to Washington, D. C., to show the United States a clear proof of the horrors of the situation in the state of Sonora.

Americans and Mexicans were massacred wherever the Yaquis found them," said Pauline.

"May 11, between 700 and 1000 Yaquis, heavily armed, attacked our section. Led by Americans, a detachment of 100 Mexican soldiers met the Indians at an irrigation canal near the town. Only the width of the canal separated the fighting forces.

"The fight lasted an hour. Then the Mexicans retreated and the Americans covered their retreat.

"Walter Fay, an American, lay hidden with bullets, but still alive. A ranch hand named Stocker had his left hand shot off.

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