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CHARLTON IS DECLARED GUILTY

Italian Jury Brings in Verdict Against Young American, But Sentence Is Distinct Victory for Prisoner

Como, Italy, Oct. 25.—Porter Charlton, youthful American, was today found guilty of hammering his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, to death in their villa here. Sentence of six years and eight months in prison was imposed.

Deducting the amnesty granted under the Italian law, the time he has already been imprisoned will be deducted and Charlton will be liberated within three months. Therefore the result was a distinct victory for Charlton.

Como, Italy, Oct. 25.—For Porter Charlton, youthful American, the climax of agony in his trial for beating to death his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, came today. Prosecutor Mellini began the argument against him. He declared Charlton was responsible for the willful murder and demanded the most severe penalty under Italian law—life imprisonment.

Attorney Cattaneo was scheduled to follow him for the defense. Charlton's hopes, however, were centered on the closing argument of Micelli Picardi, his chief counsel. Picardi is most interested in the case and it was predicted he would outdo himself. His power over a jury is well known.

Mental irresponsibility was stated as the keynote of his address.

Despite Picardi's ability, however, the outlook was not promising. An adverse verdict was anticipated tonight.

GERMANS ADVANCE ALONG BOTH SIDES OF MORAVA RIVER

Vienna, Oct. 25.—General successes for Austrian arms were described today in the official statement issued by the Austrian war office. The Teuton advance in Serbia continues, despite Serbian reports to the contrary.

"In Serbia, General von Koevess forced the Serbians across the Palanka," said the statement. "The Germans have captured the heights north of Petrovac and are advancing on both sides of the Morava river. West of Klovano we drove them out of the mountains.

"The Bulgarians, by way of Negotin, crossed the middle Timok river in northeastern Serbia and are making progress towards a junction with our forces.

"In Bukovina, east of Lupusno, we have recaptured Czerntorysk from the Russians. Our attacks are progressing at Komarow."

The Timok river is the stream which forms part of the boundary between Serbia and Bulgaria and joins the Danube 18 miles northwest of Vidin.

CARRANZA ASKS FOR CONFERENCE WITH LIND

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Bemidje, Minn., Oct. 25.—John Lind, former special envoy to Mexico, said today Carranza had invited him to confer at the border and that he would probably accept.

EXECUTION OF WOMAN BRINGS PROBE BY KAISER

London, Oct. 25.—The reported summons to General von der Lancken and von Bissing, the civil and military governors of Belgium, to report at imperial headquarters personally regarding the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, English woman, was interpreted here today as meaning that her execution may not be as unqualifiedly approved as the statement in defense issued by Under Secretary Zimmerman of the Berlin foreign office. This announcement held her execution legal and justified, and pointed out that her work was part of a "world-wide" plot in which a woman might be more crafty than a man. The impression has been all along that the Brussels authorities hastened her death lest the kaiser pardon her. The Germans' attempt to prevent American Minister Whitlock from knowing she had been sentenced until after the execution was completed, was also attributed to fear that he would save her somehow. However the kaiser might regard the merits of the case, it is not believed that he was pleased with interference with his prerogatives. Probably for the sake of discipline nothing will be done officially, but it is believed that Bissing and Lancken will be made to regret their course.

TEUTONS CLAIM ITALIAN ATTACKS HAVE FAILED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Vienna, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 25.—Failure of the Italian renewed offensive, coupled with capture of Kolki, Rissia, and other gains in Russia and Serbia, was chronicled in today's official statement.

"Renewed Italian attacks failed," the statement said. "Monte St. Michael is still in our possession. Whenever the enemy happened to reach an Austrian position he was driven back by our counter-attacks.

"The Austrians stormed and took the tenaciously defended town of Kolki, near Czartorysk.

"Up on the Chara, Austro-Germans took 1,600 prisoners.

"In Serbia the central allies continue to advance. The Serbians are retreating and at some places fleeing."

OREGON AGGIES OFF FOR GAME IN EAST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Oct. 25.—The Oregon Aggies squad, including 18 players and Coach Stewart and Assistant Coach May, is en route today to East Lansing, Mich., to play the Michigan Aggies October 30. They went through Portland in a special car last night. Coach Stewart said that the style of play used by the aggies will depend upon the tactics of the opposing teams after the game starts.

STREET RAILWAY CO. TO OPERATE JITNEYS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 25.—An application is on file here today for four "jitney bus" licenses, the cars to be operated by the Stone-Webster Traction company in connection with its street railway system.

AUSTRO-GERMANS' ADVANCE CONTINUES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 25.—The Austro-Germans are advancing along an 80-mile front, 30 miles south of the Danube and Save, and are straddling the Belgrade-Constantinople railroad and the Morava river.

Bulgarians trying to join the central allies in northeastern Serbia were halted, according to Nish advices.

DYNAMITING CHARGED TO GERMANS

Former Lieutenant in Kaiser's Army Is One of Trio Arrested for Alleged Plotting Against American Factories

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Oct. 25.—Robert Fay, former German army lieutenant, and his brother-in-law, Walter Scholtz, believed to be plotters against American munitions plants and steamers bound for the allies, requested a day's postponement when arraigned today, charged with "disorderly conduct," in order that they might arrange for defense. This was granted and they were sent back to jail without bonds.

In connection with the alleged gigantic plot, police arrested Paul Dache, 34 years old, a graduate of Cologne university, who, the authorities said, admitted he came here in 1912 and was connected with Fay and Scholtz.

The capture of the men in a wood near Weehawken, followed by a round-up of bombs and explosives, was one of the most dramatic chapters in the history of spy-catching during the war.

Police said the men had 22 pounds of most deadly explosive known, 25 sticks of dynamite, five mines, cleverly designed to trail behind the screw of a steamship and explode by a time clock, a chart of New York harbor, automatic revolvers, percussion caps, a motorboat and an automobile.

The bombs were so adjusted that water would affect them and explode their contents.

According to Fay, he was a German lieutenant, assigned by the German secret service to the work of crippling allied ships and American munitions factories. Before coming to this country, he said, he was given \$2,000 with which to push his work.

When detectives found the pair, they were in a deep wood, carrying out their work of making bombs. Fay said he was rewarded for his bomb inventions by being sent here on his mission of destruction.

Fay seemed proud of his work. The mines, he pointed out, were capable of sinking any ship. Sugar placed on springs therein discolored gradually as it came in contact with the water and then exploded.

Whether they had accomplished anything, however, was not revealed in Fay's statement. Officials, however, believe the men were ready for a campaign that would have left a trail of destruction.

Fay told of experimenting in the Hudson river with his bombs which were intended for fastening on a rudder and exploding through the action of the water. He admitted he planned to blow up munitions steamers with this device and was only waiting for a chance to try it on one of them.

Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papan, he said, objected to using the device in American waters, but not in Canadian waters.

"Scholtz was the only man working with me. I realized the chances I was taking, but I was working for the fatherland and am ready to take the consequences."

Fay was superintendent of a machinery plant before the war. He invented a bomb for blowing up trenches and was decorated for bravery in the Champagne fighting.

After the arraignment, Fay gave out a lengthy statement, in which he admitted frankly that he came to America in April to stop shipment of munitions to the allies after seeing the terrible havoc of French artillery in the Champagne. The German government, he said, arranged for his

SERBS LOSE GROUND TO INVADERS

The Bulgarians Have Taken Uskub, and Allies Will Have Much Trouble in Getting Reinforcements Through

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Oct. 25.—Horrible cruelties are being visited on Serbians by the Bulgarian invaders of that country, according to dispatches today from Saloniki. Neither side expects or grants any quarter. The troops of both armies seem actuated by fiery personal hatred. The dispatches allege that the Bulgarians are slaughtering non-combatants by the wholesale, not even sparing aged men and women and little children.

Following Sofia's official claim that the Bulgarians have captured Uskub, Czar Ferdinand's troops are rushing reinforcements across the Saloniki-Nish railroad. The occupation of this city gives the Bulgars a strong hold on this line and it is predicted that the allies will have difficulty penetrating to the aid of the imperiled Serbians.

Though still offering desperate opposition to the advancing Austro-German hordes, the Serbians are believed to be weakening. Gradually, it is feared, their army will be smashed.

Teuton gains in the Balkans, however, have been more than offset by their losses on the Russian and Italian fronts, where the Slavs and the army of King Victor Emmanuel are generally on the offensive.

PORTLAND WILL BE BOMBARDED FROM THE SKY TONIGHT

Portland, Oct. 25.—When powerful aerial bombs explode high over Portland's business district tonight, they will announce the opening of the second annual Manufacturers and Land Products show at the Armory. Exhibits from 23 Oregon counties are in place over the 75,000 square feet of space and for 18 days Portland will be the clearing house for information concerning the agricultural and industrial greatness of the state.

Almost every article manufactured in Oregon will be displayed at the show.

passage after relieving him from duty with the 16th Prussian infantry.

"I saw Captain von Papan and Captain Boy-Ed of the German embassy, both of whom strongly declined to aid me," he said. "I had no further communication with them."

He declared he had not executed any plots against munitions plants. This would have been folly, he said, since any damage might easily be repaired. Nothing has been adduced so far to connect the plotters with Frank Holt, Cornell teacher and German sympathizer, who attempted J. P. Morgan's life and plotted to blow up trans-Atlantic steamers carrying war munitions.

Dache told the police he came to Jersey City to investigate factories alleged to be making dum-dum bullets for the allies. He planned a formal complaint to Washington authorities after gathering the evidence. Dache was caught when he left the house of his uncle this morning after the police had called him up saying Fay was very ill.

THE BREMERTON NAVY YARD WILL BE DEVELOPED

Washington, Oct. 25.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today indicated that the next big development of the Pacific coast navy yards would be at Bremerton, Wash.

"It is one of the finest, if not the finest, on the west coast," said Daniels. "It is an all-around admirable yard and especially capable of development. While we do not plan any extensive immediate enlargement or activities at the Pacific coast yards, when the fleet on the west coast is enlarged and the Panama canal made permanently available, I expect to have much more work done at the Bremerton yard."

Unlike the Mare Island navy yard, the naval head said the Bremerton yard has unusual facilities for development because of its deep water.

"The trouble at the Mare Island yard," he said, "is the limited dockage. This is not true at Bremerton, which has ample room for expansion, with deep water available."

"We have not had many ships as far north as Bremerton, but with a larger fleet in Pacific waters and greater use of the Panama canal, I expect the Bremerton yard to become of much more importance. It has a dry dock 800 feet long, capable of building fairly large ships. This could be enlarged without great expense to build the largest battle-ships."

GERMANS CAPTURE 2958 RUSSIANS IN STORMING ILLUXT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 25.—The Germans claimed today success along the east front and in Serbia.

The official statement said: "West of Dwinaburg the Russians were thrown from their positions. In storming Illuxt we took 2,958 prisoners. Russian attacks south of Vyganovskoye lake were repulsed. We took positions west of Czartorysk and near Komarowov."

"The Austro-Germans threw the Serbians back east of Lucavina (Serbia), gained near Palanka, reached the south bank of the Yesenica, won the heights of Slava Boziya, and crossed the Danube near Orsova. The number of dead left on the field north of Petrovac and Ranovac proved the enormous losses of the Serbians."

SAYS JAPS WILL AID ALLIES WHEN TIME COMES

Calgary, Alberta, Oct. 25.—"When the time comes, Japan will be on the job with several hundred thousand of the very best equipped soldiers to aid the allies in Europe. What Japan will do to aid her friends in this war will astound the world."

So declared Kahachi Abe, Japanese consul of Vancouver, who is visiting here today.

SECOND DEATH BY AUTO ACCIDENT IN FOUR DAYS

Tacoma, Oct. 25.—James McMahon, a civil war veteran, who was struck down by an automobile driven by Milton Frazier, is dead at the county hospital today, making the second automobile accident fatality in four days. Coroner Stewart will hold a conference with the prosecuting attorney to decide whether or not the state will file any charges in the case.

ALLIES MAKE ANOTHER DEMAND ON GREECE

London, Oct. 25.—The allies today repeated their request that Greece decide whether to join them or the central allies.

24 WORKERS IN FACTORY PERISH

Employes of Box Company at Allegheny, Pa., Lose Lives When Trapped by Flames and Panic Ensues

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsburg, Oct. 25.—Twenty-four persons, including girl workers, are believed to have perished when flames swept the Union Box company's plant at Allegheny today, trapping 100 workers in it and other small plants of the same structure.

Fourteen bodies had been recovered late this afternoon.

In wild panic many of the girls jumped from upper windows and several thrilling rescues were reported.

J. L. Bass, a box salesman, in a second floor window, caught eight girls as they jumped from the third. He then dropped them to the ground.

Pittsburg, Oct. 25.—Trapped by flames, only 10 out of 26 employes of the Union Box company's plant at Allegheny escaped, as far as known, according to company officials. Nine of these were taken to a hospital. Bodies of four girls and a man, burned to a crisp, were recovered. At least ten others are believed to have perished.

Beside the box factory several small manufacturers occupied the building and there were at least 100 persons within. The dead, however, were mostly box factory employes.

Quick thinking on the part of C. R. Carlisle, a passerby, saved five girls. He threw them a rope to a third story window and they slid down to safety.

Many leaped from other windows before the firemen spread life nets.

Nine girls and a man had been recovered at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Firemen believed 22 perished. One of the injured died.

As fast as the injured were put in ambulances, a priest granted them conditional absolution.

ANOTHER "CALIFORNIA DRY" CAMPAIGN IS ON

Los Angeles, Oct. 25.—Another "California dry" campaign is in full swing today, with every advocate of prohibition confident of ultimate success. At the Bible Institute meeting when the campaign was launched Mayor Sebastian made the principal address, referring to liquor as the "demon rum."

W. C. T. U. workers from all over the country attended the mass meeting.

FRENCH ATTACK NEAR TAHURE HAS BEEN REPULSED

Berlin, via London, Oct. 25.—"After strong artillery preparation, the French attacked near Tahure and north of Mesnil and were driven back heavily," the Berlin official statement today declared.

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg repulsed Russian attacks southeast of Riza, and held positions taken Saturday northwest of Dwinaburg. We took 3,725 prisoners.

"In Serbia our forces occupied mountain passes northwest of Ub, between Drenoyagava and Mirkovac, reached the Lasarevac-Rebrovo line and took heights east of Banliciana, south of Petrovac. After crossing the Danube near Orsova we reached Sij."