

PLACED HER BODY IN THE TRUNK

ADMITS THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE AT COMO, ITALY

States That He Killed Her Because She Had an Ungovernable Temper

United Press Service.

HOBOKEN, N. J., June 23.—Porter Charlton, the young American college man who has been sought by the police of two continents on suspicion of murdering his wife, Mary Crittenden Scott-Charlton of California, was found here today. He confessed to the murder. The body of Mrs. Charlton was found in an iron trunk in Lake Como June 10th. The Charltons had been spending their honeymoon in a villa on the shores of the lake. They had been married three months. After the woman's body was found Charlton disappeared, and he was believed to have been murdered also. Later the Italian police obtained clues that they claimed pointed to Charlton as the murderer. Descriptions of the young man were telegraphed to all leading cities.

The police say Charlton was arrested on the arrival of the Princess Alice the North German Lloyd liner, from the Mediterranean. He was put through the "third degree," and they declare he confessed that he was Charlton, and that he murdered his wife at Lake Como, Italy.

He made the following signed statement: "My name is Porter Charlton. I live at 204 West Fifty-fifth street, New York. I am 21 years of age, and my home is in Omaha. I am a bank clerk by profession. I lived happily with my wife, who was the best woman in the world to me, but had an ungovernable temper, so we quarreled frequently. She used vile language, the meaning of which she surely did not know. The day I killed her she cursed me, and I told her if she did it again I would fix her. Again she swore at me. I was in a rage, and struck her with a mallet with which I had been fixing the couch on which we had been lying. I thought she was dead. I stuffed her body into the trunk and threw the mallet in after her. That night, after midnight I dragged the trunk to the pier near Moltraso, and threw it into the lake. The following day I left Como for Genoa, and boarded the Princess Irene four days later."

Charlton signed the statement, writing at the bottom, "I understand N. C. Ispolatoff has been charged with the crime. He is absolutely guiltless. I have no defense to make, and wish to make none."

While Charlton calmly confessed he made a serious charge against his wife. Her brother, Lieutenant Scott, who was present in the court, jumped to his feet, drew his revolver, and threatened the prisoner. On sight of the weapon Charlton cowered and begged for mercy. Policemen grappled with Scott and wrested the revolver from him. He was then ordered to leave the room by the judge. Scott is married to a daughter of Admiral Sampson.

BITTER FIGHT TO BE WAGED OVER EXTRADITING CHARLTON

Strong American Influence to Be Exerted on Both Sides

United Press Service.

HOBOKEN, N. J., June 24.—Powerful agencies in the American and Italian governments are being moved to effect a return of Porter Charlton to Italy to face a murder charge. Equally powerful ones are at work to prevent such a result. Captain Scott, brother of the murdered woman, is seeking his return, while Judge Paul Charlton, father of the accused man, is seeking to prevent it. A dramatic struggle, paralleling the sensational murder mystery, will be the result. Judge Charlton has engaged powerful attorneys, and insanity will probably be the defense. His counsel has ordered that no interviewers see Charlton. Alienists will testify as to his sanity. Attorneys familiar with Italian law assert that Charlton cannot be convicted of anything but manslaughter, the penalty for which would probably be six years. This is tantamount to a death sentence on account of Charlton's tuberculosis condition.

Marquis Montagli, Italian charge d'affaires, thinks it was premeditated murder, and is provable. He expects to start extradition proceedings immediately. Charlton was arraigned before Recorder McGovern this morning. Judge Charlton arrived today, bringing two letters written by his son while in Italy. They are incoherent and peculiar. Lieutenant Scott also has letters from Charlton which he says are coherent. Recorder McGovern adjourned Charlton's preliminary examination until Tuesday at the request of Charlton's attorneys, who are not familiar with the case.

HUMOR AND LIFE

When we consider how greatly good jokes are rewarded, we may wonder that so few of them are made, especially as so many clever men are always trying to make them. But cleverness and the desire to please will not produce a good joke any more than they will produce a good poem. A real joke like a real poem, is an event; something happens in it that has never happened before. It is a new experience for all who encounter it; and that is why it is so much prized. And it is a new experience because it expresses one. It is, as it were, fire struck out by the contact of character and circumstances, a fire that has never been before and never will be again.

Mark Twain was rewarded by something better than the applause of all English-speaking people, because his best jokes were of this kind; because they expressed experience and the reaction of a brave and determined character against experience. This is proved most clearly by the fact that, though he made many whimsical and isolated jokes, his best humor grew naturally out of a story. No one can doubt that "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are his two best works, and they are drawn most nearly from his own experience. He joked about the old world like a tourist; but he had earned his living on the Mississippi as a pilot, and the river was a lasting memory in his mind. If he had had a mere trick of joking, no doubt he would have made his best jokes about things strange and novel to him, as the mere journalist can always make the best copy out of first impressions.

But Mark Twain was more than a journalist, and he could do something better than make jokes about the German language or the badness of beer at Alpine hotels. This kind of joke needs only high spirits and a gift of expression. There is no character behind it, and Mark Twain's imitators have done it as well as he has. But no one has even tried to imitate "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn." Mark Twain is dead, and no one will ever make his jokes again; for they were the result of his particular character and his particular experience. Therefore they have not died with him; but the jokes of his imitators, empty alike of character and experience, are like machine-made art, a contradiction in terms. Mechanical in themselves, they provoke only the mechanical laughter of those who want to be amused at any cost. The master himself, at his best, makes our reason consent to the laughter which he provokes; just as our reason consents to pleasures which are wrong from us by a great tragedy. There is no cruelty in his fun, but kindness and justice. He does not seem to force events or to twist characters so that he may get a laugh out of them, and we know, even when we laugh most, that there are other things besides laughter in his world. Certainly, it was Mark Twain's business to be a professional humorist; but he succeeded because all his life was not absorbed into that business.—London Times.

FIRST AERIAL LINE IS ESTABLISHED IN GERMANY

United Press Service.

DUSSELDORF, Germany, June 23.—The first aerial line for the transportation of passengers was inaugurated Wednesday. The passengers who made the first journey are enthusiastic. One of them stated:

"It seemed as if we were anchored in mid-air, and the world was passing beneath us. We sat in magnificently furnished apartments and viewed the panorama. The vibrations of the motors was the only sound we heard. It was smoother than an ocean voyage."

The "Sky Lusitania, Deutschland" is preparing to aviate back to Friedrich-Schafen with a score of passengers. Berlin reports that bookings are made for weeks in advance. The airship will sail tomorrow, and it is expected she will reach her floating pier in Lake Constance nine hours later. Count Zeppelin is the nation's hero.

Story About Edward.

King Edward VIII, while still Prince of Wales, had a habit, it is told, of "attending" incognito the great fires of London. There is an old story to the effect that once when looking on one such the royal observer asked a reporter for some details. These were instantly given. Presently the Prince offered his informant a cigar, which the pressman wrapped in a page of his notebook and placed in his pocket.

"Don't you smoke?" asked H. R. H. "Oh, yes," said the reporter, "but I am not likely ever to get another cigar from the Prince of Wales." The latter laughed, and said, producing his case, "You had better have another one, this time to smoke."—Vancouver (B. C.) World.

INTENSE INTEREST IS AROUSED

IMMEDIATELY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON ANOTHER CHARGE

O'Neill's Argument Last Night and Presentation of the Case Wins the Day

There is one man in this city who has reason to feel somewhat of a personal satisfaction through the liberation Thursday on habeas corpus proceedings of Geo. L. Price, who was placed under arrest on the charge of being a fugitive of justice from the state of California. That man is Attorney C. M. O'Neill, who took up the case when everyone believed that it would be an impossibility to get his client on the writ.

As was stated in this paper, the entrance of Mr. O'Neill into the case stirred up the lagging interest of the public, particularly the legal fraternity. Every session of the court was attended by an interested gathering, especially last evening, when Mr. O'Neill and District Attorney Kuykendall made their final arguments to the court. Mr. O'Neill had the district attorney on the stand for a while, and Mr. Kuykendall had a few very uncomfortable moments. The same was true of Justice of the Peace Miller, who was made to tell very reluctantly the various steps of the proceedings in his court. The substance of the testimony of these two men was to the effect that the papers and information on which Price was held were not official, and that they personally were not acquainted with the facts in the case.

Attorney O'Neill then took up his argument to the court, in which he quoted liberally from authorities, and made a closing appeal for the upholding of law for the protection of the liberty of citizens that has ever been heard in this court. He did not offer any defense for the prisoner, stating that whether he was "red-handed" in guilt of the crime with which he is charged offered no excuse for the methods pursued to bring about his apprehension.

Following Mr. O'Neill, the district attorney argued that no matter whether error had crept into the record of the justice court, it could not be used as a lever for the freeing of Price. Mr. Kuykendall quoted from authorities in support of the contention that Price should be held. In the course of his remarks he stated that while the presumption of innocence is accorded a prisoner, there is also another presumption. If this prisoner is innocent, then why does he not face his accusers in California and be acquitted from the charge?

At the close of the remarks by Mr. Kuykendall, the court announced that he would look into the authorities submitted, and announce his decision in the morning. At 9:30 he set the hour of 1:30 as the time for making known his decision, at which time he liberated Price.

Price's freedom was of short duration. Following the order of the court discharging him from custody he proceeded down stairs and was met in the hallway by Deputy Sheriff Schallock, who placed him under arrest on the charge of selling lottery tickets. He was taken to the county jail, and Attorney Harris started out to find Justice of the Peace Miller to demand an immediate hearing for his client.

It is expected that the officer from California will arrive here this evening with requisition papers and certified copies of the official records. Whether the fight for Price's liberty will be continued or whether he will be turned over to the officer has not been announced as yet.

KLAMATH LAND THE BEST

Recent Investor Thinks This the Best Land in Coast States from Mexico to British Columbia

A short time since a reporter for this paper met a gentleman named Parker in Weed, Calif., who had recently bought a farm in Yonna valley, this county, intending it for his son. In speaking of the matter Mr. Parker said:

"I have invested in farm lands in all parts of the coast country, from the Mexican border to the British Columbia line, and have paid from \$15 to \$1,500 an acre for it, but I consider my Klamath county purchase the best I have ever made. It is, I think, the best land in any of the coast states, and I consider myself a judge."

And, as the writer knows, Mr. Parker is not alone in his good opinion of the lands in this country.

He Who Laughs Last, Etc.

The old colored man had climbed into the dentist's chair of torture. "Shall I give you laughing gas, uncle?" queried the tooth carpenter. "Not till after de tooth am out, boss," replied the old man. "Reckon mebbe Ah'll feel mo' lak laffin' den."

GOOD ROADS WILL INCREASE NUMBER

CITIZENS BEGIN TO REALIZE WHAT THEY MEAN TO CITY

would Bring Into the County Thousands of Dollars Annually and Be Big Advertisement

For the first time the people of this city realized last Sunday what to expect in the way of automobile travel, and this in view of the fact that it has just started. Nearly one hundred persons were in the city in automobiles, and their stay in the city meant to the hotels and other business houses an income of close to \$2,000. What would it be if the roads throughout the state were in fairly passable condition. What will it be when the autoists make the statement: "Go by way of Klamath Falls, for you will find in that county the best roads in the state."

There are men in this city today who are crying aloud for good roads who, one year ago, were damning the automobile and saying that the roads were good enough for wagons—let the automobiles take care of themselves. They have changed their tune for the reason they now own machines. It is to be hoped that a number of others will follow in their footsteps, and then there will be, with those who never have and never will own a machine, enough sentiment to bring about a change in the roads of the county.

Six machines arrived here from Seattle last evening. They carried a delegation of the leading citizens of that metropolis. They had fairly good luck until Nalox was reached, when one of the machines was badly smashed by the flywheel coming in contact with a boulder. In addition to these there were machines in the city from Portland, San Francisco, Medford and other places.

Practically all of these tourists come this way on account of Crater lake, and each one emphasizes the necessity for good roads. The business men of the city now see why every effort should be put forth to bring about the construction of the Crater Lake highway, and why Medford citizens have raised practically \$40,000 for that work.

GOLD FROM SOUTH AMERICA

A mining expert, who has been looking over the mineral regions of South America, predicts that the greatest gold-producing regions on earth will be discovered, or re-discovered, in Bolivia and Eastern Peru. Further, that this century will witness the application of the term "the world's treasure-house" to the southern half of the Western hemisphere. This opinion has been held by not a few competent prospectors, and one of them looks for an immense gold discovery in Southern Venezuela, in the regions where the now almost legendary lost gold mines of the Jesuits are said to exist.

It is quite incredible that the sources whence the Incas drew their enormous stocks of gold were exhausted by the primitive methods of those early times; there have been many causes operating to prevent the finding of those rich deposits, but that they will be opened up again is hardly to be doubted.

Alaska, that prodigiously rich territory of the United States, has, so far, produced gold to the value of \$142,000,000 and it is confidently predicted that somewhere in that vast Northern country will be discovered the great mother lode of gold; and it is believed that the placers of Seward peninsula alone, on which Nome is situated, contain up to \$325,000,000 of the yellow metal.

It is likely that, almost any day, new gold discoveries that will surpass any that have hitherto been made; and in fact geological experts look to Mexico equaling South America in gold production.

So there is ample reason to believe that the Western hemisphere will long continue to be a very heavy producer of gold, that prime factor in the monetary scheme of the world.—Mexican Herald.

NOT AFRAID OF THE CHANGE OF ALTITUDE

RENO, June 24.—Jeffries says change of altitude will not affect his lungs. He is anxious to try the effect of eight or nine rounds of boxing. Johnson's train was two hours late and did not arrive until noon. The negro was installed at the Ricks resort.

EXTRA ATTRACTION AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

There will be three big vaudeville acts and six of the latest motion pictures. Espanita, the queen of globe rollers, will be on the bill tonight in her full and complete act. Salindo, marvelous European slack

wire and juggling artist, will close his engagement tonight. Don't fail to see this wonderful juggling genius.

The two Hoyts will also be on the bill again in an entirely new sketch, entitled "Rastus, the Grave Digger."

The pictures tonight will be "The Dreamer, a comic; "Over Crags and Torrent," a beautiful drama; "The Tale of a Tenement," "Sporty Dad" and "Amateur Billiards" will all prove interesting. There will be a dance after the show, with special music furnished by the Opera House Orchestra.

Strange Fish

Fred Dumont Smith of Hutchinson tells that he was fishing once in Lake Killarney. The only evidence that he found of the finny tribe ever having inhabited that body of water was a rumor circulated about that Bryan McCarty, or a man of some such name, had captured a salmon there along about 150 B. C.

But Smith was determined to fish any way, and hired a guide to show him the good places. He fished quite a while, and got not even a nibble. "Guide, are there any fish in this lake?" demanded Smith.

"Lashins iv thim," was the prompt reply. "Any trout?" "Shure!" "Any bass?" "Shure!" "Any cropples?" "Shure!" "Any thermometers?" "Shure!" responded the guide, but in a confidential tone. "Shure, lots iv thim. If yer wor here in March, ye'd see thim lapin' all over the lake." Smith decided to wait until March.—Kansas City Journal.

When He Asked for Food

Mayor Maddox of Atlanta said at a recent "shad breakfast": "This glorious weather is bringing out the flowers and the tramps, particularly the tramps."

"A tramp knocked at a lady's door the other morning and said:

"Lady, I'm starvin'." For the last forty-eight hours not a morsel of food has passed—"

"Oh, you poor fellow!" said the lady. "My husband has an old pair of boots upstairs. Wait and I'll get them for you."

"The tramp bit his lip. "Pardon me, ma'am," he said haughtily. "I know my chin whiskers is gettin' long, but none the less I ain't no goat!"—Louisville Times

Hanging of Quakers

Bearing on the controversy as to whether Quakers were hanged from the limbs of the old Boston elm, Florence E. Daggett of 559 Medford St., Charlestown, has a piece cut from the old elm 50 years ago.

On one side of the wood, which was carved at the Charlestown State Prison by Captain Parker, who for 24 years was an officer on the wall, was: "Cut from the Old Boston Elm, 1860."

On the reverse side was inscribed: "Mary Dyer, a Quakeress, was hanged from this tree, June, 1660."

Growing Old

"I don't believe she is as young as she claims to be."

"Of course she isn't. Didn't you hear her confess a moment ago that she could very well remember when everybody was crazy about Omar Khayyam?"

CROSS HEAD OF THE UPPER LAKE

ITS SURVEYERS ARE IN CHARGE OF CHARLES H. WITHEROW

The Survey Line 1 - Sects the Property of E. St. George Bishop on Crystal Creek

Where are the Oregon Trunk surveyors operating at the head of Upper Lake bound for? That is a question that is being asked more frequently every day, and still remains unanswered. There is one man in this county who could relieve the curiosity if he would. That man is C. H. Witherow, who is directing the operations of the men engaged in running the survey. This will undoubtedly be news to the people of this city, for Mr. Witherow so effectively covered up his actions that no one ever suspected him of any connection with the work. But he is "leading the way," and keeping a still tongue in his head.

It is thought that it is to be one of the feeders for the main line, and will eventually touch Rocky Point, where the Weyerhaeuser people have already purchased a mill site. It is understood that there will be erected at Rocky Point one of the biggest saw-mills in the world, and the fact that surveyors are headed in that direction strengthens the belief that the Weyerhaeuser influence is what brought the Hill line into this section.

Whether it will continue beyond Rocky Point, or if it will go there at all, must await the developments of the future.

Then He Made a Home Run

He—What kind of stone would you like in the ring, darling?

She—Oh, Jack dear, I've heard so much about baseball diamonds. Do you suppose they are very expensive?

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