

MURDER DONE IN FIT OF ANGER AT HARSH WORDS

Arrest and Confession of Charlton Prove Theory of Italian Police Correct

Father Hastened From Washington to Arrange for Defense of His Son

her three times. I thought she was dead. I put the body in a trunk, into which I also threw the mallet.

PORTER CHARLTON.

Clears the Russian

As he appended his signature Charlton remarked: "There's a Russian, Isopoloff. I see he has been under suspicion in connection with this affair and I want to clear him. He was the only man of intelligence in the neighborhood of our villa. The rest of those who came to see us were cattle."

Here the prisoner took a pen and added to his statement the following postscript:

I have been informed that C. K. Isopoloff 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.

PORTER CHARLTON.

"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.

"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.

TRAILED BY SCOTT

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.

"Several days ago," he said, "I made up my mind that Porter Charlton would come back to this country. He had no friends in Europe, and it would be his natural impulse to come home. Yesterday I learned that the Deutschland was due here and late at night I got a 10 days' leave of absence and made up my mind to go to New York and watch every incoming steamer."

Scott related how, to lose no time, he borrowed a launch early this morning and crossed the part of Long Island sound that lies between Fishers Island and the mainland. He landed at New London and slept in the railway station until 6 o'clock this morning, when he caught a train for New York.

POLICE HAD TRAP

"In New York," continued Captain Scott, "I went to the National City bank, where Charlton is 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. He had made arrangements to meet the Deutschland down the harbor with a tug, I hastened to the North German Lloyd dock.

"The Princess Irene had just discharged her passengers and the customs officers were examining their baggage. Three detectives were with me. We looked in two or three stalls, and in the last I saw a young fellow I thought answered the description of Charlton. He was looking about him and his hands trembled slightly as he opened his bags for the inspectors. We went up to him, and I asked: 'Aren't you Porter Charlton?' He denied this

The Hub Chas. Keilus & Co. EXCLUSIVE HIGH-GRADE CLOTHIERS NO BRANCH STORES, NO AGENTS

BOOST for the FAIR also boost your personal appearance by wearing one of our spring and summer suits now selling at 1/4 OFF

JEWELERS BUILDING 150 POST STREET San Francisco.

Summary of Tragedy of Lake Como Villa

The body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton, formerly Mrs. Neville H. Castle of San Francisco, was found packed in a trunk which was taken from Lake Como by fishermen June 10.

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 insisted that Charlton was alive, and directed their energies to locating the young man. 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 themselves to make search of the lake bottom near where the trunk had been submerged. This work was but 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. He was arrested yesterday at Hoboken, N. J., as he stepped from the steamer Princess Irene. He confessed that he killed his wife in a fit of anger.

The only arrest made in Italy in connection with the case was that of Constantine Isopoloff, 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.

emphatically and told us that his name was Jack Coleman."

HOW ARREST WAS MADE

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 of the man's that he felt sure that no mistake was being made.

Charlton was then taken to headquarters, where he again signed his name. Again there was marked resemblance with 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 of "John Reinhold" (Charlton), the former apparently a pen name.

ADMITTS IDENTITY

When the youth saw this evidence he stepped close to Chief Hayes and said:

"Yes, I'm Porter Charlton. I admit it."

He glanced fearfully at his brother in law, who felt sure that "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."

Charlton 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 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 suitcases.

VERSES AMONG EFFECTS

Among the verses found in his effects were some written when he was only 17 years of age. The first, dated Washington, November 21, 1901, ran as follows: "I struck with idle hands the strings on the harp of life: Twilight shadows fell across the uplands from the west; Snow clouds and tender shadows hid the light of day; and my tears unrolled before the night."

Another verse was in part as follows: "The woman whom I love indeed is mine alone; Because they are multitudes, Greater than anything, The one who did love me, But who she was or if she was, I have no claim."

ARRIVAL OF FATHER

Confessed murderer though he is, Charlton is not without resources. Soon after he was locked up he got an attorney and his father, Judge Charlton, arrived in Hoboken tonight 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.

As soon as Gustave Dirosa, the Italian consul at New York, learned of Charlton's arrest he called his government lawyer, and the latter has promised that he will be ordered to make application tomorrow for extradition for trial in Italy.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

While life imprisonment is the severest penalty Charlton could pay for his crime under the Italian law, it is expected that his family will endeavor to keep him in this country. While the international law on the subject is not clearly defined, attorneys here and in Washington think that in this they have a good chance of success.

FELLOW VOYAGERS SURPRISED

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.

Walter Reinhold of Dresden, steward of the second cabin, in which Charlton traveled, told 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 Naples the steward found the cabin would be crowded, so he "doubled up" Coleman with Charles Fargurson, a Canadian, with whom he made the remainder of the journey.

WAS PLEASANT COMPANY

Charlton, the steward said, was pleasant company to those with whom he associated and everybody seemed to like him. Reinhold spoke of him as "nice fellow as you'd want to meet." The steward added:

EXTRADITION MAY PROVE DIFFICULT

State Department May Not Consent to Send Charlton Back to Italy

Question of Reciprocity Which Presents Perplexing Problem to Federal Authorities

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The state department is doing some rapid study of precedents in extradition law to make sure whether an application in behalf of the Italian government will lie in the case of young Charlton.

The Italian government has consistently refused to recognize a demand for the extradition from Italy to America of an Italian who commits an extraditable offense within the United States.

There is a reciprocity in such matters which would prevent the United States in ordinary cases from honoring the demand of the Italian government for the extradition of young Charlton. On the other hand, the Italian government always undertakes to try under provisions of Italian law any Italian who is a fugitive from justice for crime committed in the United States. Moreover, the Italian government has severely punished such of these fugitives as have been found guilty. But it is entirely without the power of the government of the United States to punish a man for a crime, no matter how atrocious, committed on foreign soil. A writ of habeas corpus would soon release such a person.

Complications Arise

NEW YORK, June 23.—The arrest of Charlton and such prosecution as will follow present some unusual points of international law. The arrest of Charlton occurred in Italy and it is assumed that the Italian authorities will undertake the prosecution.

They have already taken the initial steps to trace Charlton and to send his extradition to the officials of London, where it was thought he had sought refuge.

Similar requests were made to the police at other leading trans-Atlantic ports, and the general warning that led to the arrest today.

The Italian authorities will seek extradition through the federal government at Washington, which, in turn, will make its representations to the state authorities of New Jersey. Thus the extradition treaty rights between Italy and the United States, as well as the laws of New Jersey relating to extradition and requisition will figure in the various legal phases now to be presented.

Meantime the prisoner is held by the authorities of Hoboken under the New Jersey laws applying to fugitives accused of serious crimes. This status will continue until the Italian authorities take the necessary steps, first with the state of New Jersey, and after that by the state department's application to the New Jersey authorities. The trial and punishment must be according to the laws of Italy if at all.

JURORS INVESTIGATE UNITED WIRELESS CO. Secretary Fined for Refusing to Answer Questions

NEW YORK, June 23.—The grand jury which is investigating the government's complaint against the United wireless telegraph company under the mails to defraud investors appeared before Judge Hand in the United States circuit court and cited Lucien C. Wallace, a secretary at the company's offices here, for contempt.

Assistant United States District Attorney Stephenson told Judge Hand that Wallace, who had been subpoenaed as a witness, had refused to be sworn before the grand jury, alleging that to do so would be in violation of his constitutional rights.

Judge Hand said that this excuse was not a proper one, fined Wallace \$50 and ordered him to return to the grand jury room and be sworn. Wallace was allowed two days in which to pay the fine.

"I can't believe he committed the 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 meet him at the pier and supply him with plenty of money, out of which he would pay the debt.

BORROWED FROM STEWARD

This morning, although he had retired late the night before, he was up before 7 o'clock and looked up Recorder McGovern. He told the steward he was still short of funds and wanted to borrow \$5. Reinhold accommodated him this time. Charlton said he expected to meet her at the pier and supply him with plenty of money, out of which he would pay the debt.

RECOVERS HIS NERVE

After Charlton's confession he was taken before Recorder McGovern. As the recorder was reading 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 'or wish none.'"

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 tightly pursed, the small, hard expression of a bias youth in a club window.

RECORDER SURPRISED

The recorder looked at him in a blank surprise. Sweat was rolling down the recorder's red face, but Charlton was cold as ice outwardly, as well as inwardly. He wasn't even perspiring in the choking atmosphere of the crowded room.

"Very well, Charlton," said the recorder. "If you are at any errors or omissions in this statement you may correct them. Do you wish to make any?"

"I do," said the confessed uxoriator. "Will you have a pen?" asked the recorder.

"No, thank you," said Charlton, casually, almost airily. "This will do very well," and he drew from his pocket a bit of pencil and from the final sentence of confession struck out the words "to make."

STOOD AT HIS EASE

He slipped the pencil away, folded the confession, creased it along the seams, handed it back to the judge and then stood at ease. In the little pause which followed he tugged at the job of his right ear—absolutely the only sign of nervousness he had shown.

DUAL LIFE OF SCHOLAR EXPOSED

Professor Jose Hidalgo Arrested as He Planned Downfall of His Students

Detectives Take Down in Short-hand His Depraved Conversation With Woman

Hotel Navarre, Hidalgo left us, but waited outside in the corridor. After he had gone the girl told me of her meeting with Hidalgo and said that he had proposed to her that he should bring students to her, and that she should give him a third of the money she received.

"He is waiting for his share now," she said.

"Let him wait," I replied. He waited until 1 o'clock in the morning and then slipped a note in through the door, saying he would call again at 3 o'clock the following afternoon.

The woman also told me that Hidalgo was planning to start a resort at Napa, which she was to manage and to which the college students, particularly the sons of South American families, were to be closed. When I saw Hidalgo again, which was the next day, I asked him about what the woman had told me regarding the resort at Napa, and he said he was feeling her with promises to keep her contented and happy.

The woman's story fits in with that told by Posados. She said she was walking the streets Saturday, when Hidalgo struck up an acquaintance and proposed that she meet a college boy, demanding at the same time one-third of the money as his commission. She really assented to the proposition.

The youth was brought to her, given a quantity of absinthe to drink and then later taken out to make the round of the cafes, Hidalgo accompanying them.

ROUNDS OF CAFES

"The next night," she said, "Hidalgo took me around the cafes again in the hope that some other man would be found."

It was on this occasion that Hidalgo brought about his own downfall. Seeing a young man sitting at a nearby table, he pointed him out to the woman and then withdrew discreetly. Unfortunately, Hidalgo, the woman was under the influence of liquor, and the more unfortunately the lonely young man who appeared to be a likely looking fellow, was a newspaperman.

When Hidalgo telephoned Hidalgo went to the newspaperman's table with the intention of carrying out the plan as proposed by Hidalgo. Instead, because of the influence of liquor, he told everything—of Professor Hidalgo's identity, of the ensnaring of the college students and the proposition of the hotel at Napa.

The tale was carried to the office of the district attorney and then to the police. At first it was met with scoffing disbelief, but Wednesday night the police of the house at Napa, and detailed Detectives Wren and Boyle to the case. Grace Carter was approached and consented to betray Hidalgo with the same readiness she had evinced to betray Posados. She telephoned Hidalgo to visit her Wednesday night at the Hotel Navarre, saying she had found a mining man who was willing to finance her in starting a resort at Napa.

Pending his arrival the detectives took up their position in an adjoining bathroom, through the door of which peepholes were kept open.

CONVERSATION OVERHEARD

Then, bit by bit, they drew Hidalgo out. The conversation dealt with the Napa house, with Posados and with university girls the professor is said to have betrayed. His word was taken for here, for the police had overheard these notes Hidalgo showed extreme irritation because the woman had failed to give him a commission on Posados.

The following are portions of the conversation thus recorded: "Grace Carter—How much would it take to start an assignment house?" Hidalgo—Where? "Grace Carter—Here, in San Francisco." Hidalgo—Oh, about \$3,000, at least. "Grace Carter—I've heard of a chance in Napa. I hear you can rent a house there for \$25 a month and get a license for \$30. So we could start on easy capital. Would you like that?" Hidalgo—Certainly.

Grace Carter—Well, make a square proposition. How about the house at Napa? Hidalgo—The way to do business is half and half. You take half and I take half.

Grace Carter—How about getting the money for the place? Hidalgo—Oh, get some you can manage—two young chickens and one good old one. Do not get them under 18. You have to look out; but get young fellows.

Grace Carter (laughing)—Like the one you gave absinthe on your couch the other day? Hidalgo—Yes, certainly. "Grace Carter—How old was she?" Hidalgo—Oh, 20, I guess.

BETRAYED BY WOMAN

And so to the end. The woman betrayed him piecemeal, the conversation developing depths of depravity which the police could scarce believe. The recorder, who had listened and the couch was to a young university girl.

At 4 o'clock in the morning the police kicked in the door. Detective Wren entered first, followed by a pair of manacles. Hidalgo blinked in dumb surprise, shot a glance at the woman, who was

A MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Gains 12 Pounds on Change of Food.

When a change in food can rebuild a man 77 years of age, it is evidence that there is some value in a knowledge that can discriminate in the selection of proper food to rebuild the body. A physician attending a Calif. man 77 years old told him that death from old age would soon claim him. He suffered from general weakness and debility.

An old lady advised him to quit coffee and drink Postum and to eat Grape-Nuts food every morning. He took the advice, and he has gained 12 pounds. Says he is as well as he ever was, and can take long trips in the mountains, which he had been unable to do for a long time.

There is a reason for this: In the first place, coffee acts as a direct nerve destroyer on many highly organized people, both young and old, and many people have been known to select nourishing, healthful, rebuilding food.

Police Hear Professor Tell of Drugging Girl



Mrs. Grace Ellifritz, known to the night life as Grace Carter, who betrayed Professor Hidalgo.

laughing at the success of her betrayal, and without a word held out his hands for the irons.

Instantly he became silent, refusing to say a word about himself or the charges, except that the entire affair was framed by the woman because he had refused to give her money.

The woman told the police that she was attracted in her step by a sudden desire to save the youth of the university who were being corrupted by Hidalgo. She posed as a former actress. Despite the nobility of sentiment which she attributed to herself, the police thought it best to lock her up with Hidalgo, a brief investigation showing that her life in San Francisco was about as low and despicable as any of the travelers in the gutter.

Hidalgo is a short, stocky man, Guatemalan by birth, a doctor of law in his own country, and at one time Guatemalan consul to Japan.

He is 29 years old and has written extensively on aviation. His manners at the university were courtly and polished, and he was a favorite with the women who were pursuing studies under him. He is a charter member and first president of the California Aero Club and the author of a "History of Aviation." He lived in San Francisco and had offices in the Westbank building, where he gave private lessons in Spanish.

COURT REQUESTED TO REMOVE MAYOR

Lloyd of Santa Barbara Accused of Failing to Perform His Official Duties

Petition Alleges Neglect to Remove Resorts in the Red-light District

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA BARBARA, June 23.—A second attempt to remove Mayor Clio L. Lloyd from his office was instituted today on the ground that he had failed to perform his official duties. The duty which was neglected, according to the accusations filed with the superior court by a half dozen citizens, was that of causing the abolition of the resorts of the redlight district.

The first effort to depose the mayor was by a recall petition, but the promoters failed to secure sufficient signatures to authorize an election. The present case will go before the superior court for hearing. Lloyd said tonight: "I am too busy looking after the interests of the city to bother with this little bunch of knackers and scandal mongers, but now that they are going into court, I will be glad of the opportunity to present the facts as they are."

"Agitation against the resorts has resulted in the arrest of one of the keepers, but the case was dismissed on account of the faulty wording of the complaint, and yesterday warrants were sworn to by purity crusaders for the arrest of three owners of property occupied by these people."

LOREN COBURN'S MIND SOUND, SAYS EXPERT

Dr. J. W. Robertson Declares Millionaire Has Poor Memory

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDWOOD CITY, June 23.—That Loren Coburn, the 84 year old multimillionaire of Pescadero, is not suffering from senile dementia, but from a loss of memory, was the statement made by Dr. John W. Robertson, proprietor of a sanitarium at Livermore, and an acknowledged expert on insanity, during the proceedings before Judge Maurice Dooling today.

Doctor Robertson was placed upon the stand by Attorney Archibald Treat, representing Coburn. He testified that Coburn was suffering from a loss of memory only and was of sound mind. Upon a cross examination by Attorney Theodore J. Roche Doctor Robertson admitted that loss of memory is one phase of senile dementia. The cross examination will be concluded July 1, the court having continued the case to that day.

During the morning session the following acquaintance of Coburn were placed upon the stand by Attorney Treat to testify to the defendant's soundness of mind: Postmaster E. Leighton of Pescadero, Manager R. Corey of the Pebble Beach hotel, J. C. Williamson, Charles Luscher and A. H. Jarman.

Down the marble stairs to Camp's restaurant, next to Call bldg., Best Italian dinner with wine, 80c. Music even g.

PHILADELPHIA SHOE CO. THE GREATEST SHOE HOUSE IN THE WEST 825 MARKET STREET, OPP. STOCKTON ST., COMMERCIAL BLDG. WEEK-END SPECIALS SURPRISINGLY LOW PRICED DON'T MISS THESE WONDERFUL VALUES! Women's Patent Colt Women's "Golden Brown" Women's TAN KID "GIBSON" TIES Button Oxfords "CHRISTY" TIES \$1.85 \$2.35 \$1.85 THESE ARE BEAUTIES—Made of a rich shade of chocolate kid, new "short vamp" toes, hand turned soles, Cuban heels, large eyelets, wide silk laces. A DAINTY SUMMER OXFORD—Newest shade of brown vic kid, "Vern" shaped toes, short vamps, hand turned soles, arched Cuban heels. A DAINTY SHOE FOR THE BABIES—Made of extra quality "Meda" canvas, plain "footform" shape, hand turned soles. Sizes 5 to 8 (without heels) 60c to 6 (with heels) \$1.25. Young ladies' sizes, 2 1/2 to 6 \$1.25. INFANTS' WHITE CANVAS BUTTON SHOES 60c GIRLS' BROWN CANVAS VACATION SHOES 90c GIRLS' PATENT DRESS SHOES \$1.20 COLT WOMEN'S PATENT COLT "Short Vamp" Pumps \$2.50 Girls' White Canvas Ankle Strap Pumps 90c Men's Canvas Outing Shoes \$1.50 Khaki Canvas Leggings 50c SEND FOR OUR 1910 CATALOG—IT'S FREE—500 Styles Illustrated