

# German Received Ransom Money in Cemetery, Claim

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flights over land and sea—all of them in vain.

He told of putting \$70,000 in a small wooden box and of removing \$20,000 at the cemetery after Dr. Condon told him the ransom could be done for \$50,000. The box was slightly cracked, he said, because of the bulk of the \$30,000.

The doctor got out of the automobile at the cemetery, he related, and returned in from ten to 15 minutes. Later, he went to Bridgeport, Conn., hoping to get his child.

He went by car with Dr. Condon, Colonel Henry Breckinridge and a Mr. Tley of the internal revenue bureau.

**Took To Air**  
From Bridgeport the party took to the air in an amphibian plane.

"How long were you in the air in your plane?" Wilentz asked.

"I believe several hours; I haven't the exact time, but we flew over the area described in the note. We landed up there and spent a considerable time looking over the sea harbors in that vicinity."

The note of which he spoke, he said, had been delivered to Dr. Condon at St. Raymond's cemetery when the money was paid.

"What was the purpose of your mission in the plane?" he was asked.

"We were looking for the boat described in the note which you just showed me, and to see if we could find any location of my son."

"Did you pilot the plane yourself?" "I did."

**Searched for Boat**  
"And during those hours you searched the waters in that vicinity for the boat that you hoped had your son in it?"

"That is correct."  
"Your search, of course, was in vain that time?" Wilentz prompted.

"It was," Lindbergh replied simply. "You returned then where?"

"I believe we returned to a field, a landing field near Hempstead, Long Island, called the Aviation Country Club."

"Did you make another effort in a plane to locate the boat that was supposed to be the one that you were looking for?"

"I did later."

"When? The same day?"

"No, it was a day or two afterward."  
"And again that search was in vain?"

"Yes."  
"Then he landed at Teterboro airport in New Jersey, he said, and drove on to his home in Hopewell—"That was in April, during the early part."

**Tells of Hearing Voice**  
The flier's full testimony on the matter of hearing what he alleged was Hauptmann's voice, follows:

Q. On the night of April 2nd, 1932 when you were in the vicinity of St. Raymond's cemetery and prior to delivering the money to Dr. Condon and you heard a voice hollering "Hey, Doctor," in some foreign voice, I think as you referred to it—since that time have you heard the same voice?

A. Yes, I have.  
Q. Whose voice was it, colonel, that you heard in the vicinity of St. Raymond's cemetery that night saying, "Hey, Doctor?"

A. That was Hauptmann's voice.  
Q. You heard it a second time where?

A. At District Attorney Foley's office in the Bronx.

"After telling that the serial numbers of the ransom bills were recorded at his request, Lindbergh related he was called back to Hopewell from one of his numerous trips on the night of May 12, 1932.

**Saw Baby at Morgue**  
"Now Colonel," Wilentz asked, "on that night, somewhere around midnight, you say you returned to Hopewell; and did you visit a morgue in Genton?"

"On the following day I did," he said.

"By the way," Wilentz went on, "in March, 1932, when was the last time you saw Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.?"

"On the Sunday evening preceding the first of March. That would be in February, 1932."

"And from that time on did you ever see that child alive again?"

"I did not."  
"Did you see the child at all again?"

"I saw the child's body."  
"When?"

"On the 13th of May, 1932."

"Sometime slightly after midnight of May 13th?"  
"Yes."  
"And it was your child?"  
"It was."  
"And you ordered the body cremated, as I understand it?"

Right after this Wilentz said: "So that you did not get your money back and did not get your child?"

"I did not," Lindbergh said.  
**Star Cross Examination**  
Colonel Lindbergh squared his shoulders as he prepared for defense counsel Reilly's first questions of cross-examination.

Before asking if he was armed, Reilly wanted to know if the flier was a peace officer of the state. He was not. The court sustained the state's objection to the question about being armed, but let it go because the witness "seemed to want to answer."

Reilly pressed Lindbergh closely with questions about his servants.

"It would be possible for someone in the house to take the baby out of the crib?" he asked.

Betty Gow, listening, hearing her own name mentioned from time to time appeared tense, though motionless. Her fingers quietly clasped her purse. Her head was turned away from the witness.

**Inside Job Hinted**  
Reilly was plainly pressing his announced intention of attempting to show the kidnaping was planned inside the Lindbergh home, by others than members of the family.

He wanted to know what investigation Lindbergh made of his servants before he fired them, and what investigation he made of them after the kidnaping.

The flier said he depended upon the police for the latter investigation. He, himself, talked to Ollie Wheatley, the butler, and Wheatley's wife, before he employed them, he said.

There was laughter in the courtroom when Reilly remarked that some of the police were not infallible. Nevertheless, Colonel Lindbergh said: "I think we have very good police."

Mrs. Wheatley, a widow now, sat in the court room. She wept when Lindbergh related the death of his former butler.

**Baby Had Cold**  
Colonel Lindbergh said his family usually spent only the weekends at Hopewell, but decided to remain over Monday the time the baby was taken because the baby had a cold.

"Now, how many people knew the baby had a cold and that the baby

was going to stay in your house on Monday?" Reilly asked.

"I don't think anybody knew that on Monday," Lindbergh answered, "because as I recall there was some question as to whether my wife might not come to Englewood on Monday. I don't believe we knew that ourselves Monday morning as I recall now."

"So that if the family followed their usual course that Monday," Reilly pressed, "they would have returned to Englewood?"

"Well, if you say usual course—we had only been there—the house was newly built and we had been there only a few weekends so there was no established precedent as to what our movements were."

"But your movements were in the knowledge of your butler and your butler's wife and your nursemaid, is that correct?"

**Nurse Uninformed**  
"Not completely, no. Miss Gow was in Englewood that Monday and she did not know until my wife called her. I think, I believe Tuesday. That is something I can't testify to, what date my wife called her. I understand she didn't know what we were going to do until she was called."

"How did you communicate with your wife that you would not be home Monday night?"

"I believe that I called her that evening by phone."  
"Did you talk to the butler?"

"He might have answered the phone. I don't remember that."  
"But he would know that you were not coming home Monday night after you finished talking to your wife, wouldn't he?"

"He probably would. I can't say definitely, but I think probably."

**Few New Plans**  
"Very few people would know that you were going back to New York again on Tuesday, would they, Colonel?"

"Very few people know what I do."  
"Yes, so that a person on the outside world or a gang on the outside world on Tuesday, March the 1st, would have knowledge as to where you were?"

"Well, that depends upon their organization."  
"I couldn't depend upon any information that you gave?"

"Well, not with my knowledge."

**No License**—Frank A. Richards, Ashland, was arrested by state police officers yesterday, charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. He is slated to appear in Judge Roberts' justice court in Ashland today.

## FORUM LUNCHEON MONDAY TO TALK WORK INSURANCE

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employers present. The plans to be submitted are as follows:

1. Contributions from employers, employees, and state. This plan has been in force in England since 1911.

2. Contributions from employer and the employee. This plan closely approximates in its fundamental aspect the law recommended by an Ohio commission.

3. Contributions from the employer only. This plan is similar to one enacted in the state of Wisconsin.

4. A proposal for a set up of federal machinery to support any of the three foregoing plans. This idea has been suggested by groups of manufacturers throughout the nation.

It is expected that hundreds of forum luncheons will be held next Monday and as a result of these meetings it is the purpose of the national committee to prepare recommendations on the basic principles involved that should go into any sound state and national unemployment legislation.

Information received by the local chamber of commerce would indicate that the movement to bring about unemployment insurance is national in scope and that legislation for same will be urged at the earliest possible moment.

It is therefore necessary, chamber of commerce officials point out, that a large number of employers be present at the meeting on Monday so as to hear the four plans so far suggested and also in order to, if possible, recommend one plan which the majority of local employers believe they feel they should support.

At the forum on Monday the four following speakers will present the four plans: W. F. Isaacs, Floyd Hart, Dr. W. F. Roney and Don Newbury.

Chamber of commerce officials believe that this is a rather unusual type of forum luncheon and on account of the fact that its purpose affects all employers of labor a large turnout is expected. Reservations for same should be made immediately at the chamber of commerce office.

## FITTS BATTLES TO ESCAPE TRIAL



District Attorney Buron Fitts of Los Angeles, indicted with his sister, Mrs. Bertha Gregory, on perjury charges launched an attack on the indictments on the grounds the grand jury was illegally drawn. Fitts (left) in court with two of his attorneys, Gerry Giesler (center) and Joseph Scott. (Associated Press Photo)

## CASTER'S SEATING MONDAY IS UPHELD IN RULING BY D. A.

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winner John A. Barneburg. The legality of Nealon's appointment was attacked at the time, and it was upheld by the state attorney general.

The Hood River and Jackson county situations are identical, causing District Attorney Coddling to inquire into its legal phases today, simply as a matter of sound policy.

District Attorney Coddling in his opinion holds that an Oregon law passed in 1908, several years after the law upon which the Hood River county ruling was made, provides that county commissioners elected at the November general election, shall take office in January. Coddling holds the law is specific upon this point, and does not permit of any other interpretation, and takes precedent over the older law.

Caster, a resident of Phoenix, and the county for 50 years, was elected last November over Commissioner Nealon by a majority of approximately 450 votes. It was the upset of the last general election. Caster ran on the Democratic ticket.

A press dispatch from Hood River reads as follows:

**HOOD RIVER, Jan. 3. (Sp.)**—Because County Clerk H. P. Blackman responded to an urge to deliver into an old volume of Oregon laws this week, Joe Smullin, who was elected county commissioner on the democratic ticket last November, will sit in the bleachers for the next six months.

Blackman discovered that the law provides that county commissioners, county treasurers and county surveyors, when newly elected, shall not take office until the July of the year following their election.

Smullin was on hand yesterday to take up his duties, but District Attorney Baker ruled that the law must be observed and Smullin retired, while the clerk notified Frank L. Keating, incumbent, who was defeated last fall, to appear and carry on his duties for the next six months.

## SHRINE LUNCHEON PRECEDES ANNUAL MEETING TONIGHT

Members of the Medford Shrine club held their monthly get-together at the Hotel Medford today, preceding the annual meeting of Hillah Temple, which will be held in Ashland tonight. E. C. "Jerry" Jerome, entertainingly told the Shrines about the annual East-West gridiron classic, which was held at San Francisco on New Year's day, sponsored by the Shrine for the benefit of the Shriner's hospitals for crippled children.

potentate O. O. Alenderfer urged the members of the Medford Shrine club to attend tonight's meeting at Ashland, when the officers for the coming year will be selected, and installed.

Henry Garlie, representative of the company which will bring an indoor circus to Medford soon, under the auspices of the Hillah Patrol, briefly described the program which his organization will present at the Medford armory. This indoor circus is now playing in Klamath Falls, under the auspices of the American Legion Drum corps, of that city.

A record turnout is expected for the annual meeting of southern Oregon Shrines in Ashland this evening, and a supper will follow the important business session.

**C. P. A. Here**—R. V. Stratford, C. P. A., and is in Medford for a few days on business.

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