

Two-Year Man Hunt Cost Million to Place Hauptmann on Trial

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PLEMINGTON, N. J.—(UP)—It took \$1,200,000 and more than two years of grinding work by police and federal agents to bring Bruno Richard Hauptmann to trial in Hunterdon County Courthouse on Jan. 2, 1935.

At 9:45 a. m. on that day Hauptmann was led in from the jail by Lieut. Alan Smith of the New Jersey state police and Deputy Sheriff Henry Low of Hunterdon county. The prisoner was seated in a folding chair, with a guard on each side of him. He had on a brown suit, blue necktie and brown shoes, but that wasn't what everybody noticed first. Hauptmann had changed the way he combed his hair—it was parted on the left side instead of on the right in an attempt to plant doubt in the minds of witnesses who would be called upon to identify him.

"Your honor," said Egbert Rosecrans, defense counsel, "I move the admission to the New Jersey bar of Mr. Edward J. Reilly of Brooklyn, N. Y."

Reilly in Morning Coat
Reilly stood up—Reilly who had won acquittals in 1,000 homicide cases—a heavy, red-faced man in striped trousers and morning coat.

"We are glad to have you with us, Mr. Reilly," said Justice Thomas W. Trenchard.

The nation's most sensational murder trial was on.

It took a day and a half to get a jury of four men and eight women. Attorney General David T. Wilentz had never prosecuted a criminal case until he found himself in the little courtroom at Flemington where the heat of so many human beings packed into so small a space raised the temperature from 68 to 83 in three hours. He laid his lines carefully; minor witnesses established the fact that the crime was committed in Hunterdon county, and then Wilentz walked half-way across the courtroom and said: "Mrs. Lindbergh, will you take the stand?"

Mrs. Lindbergh Dressed in Black
She had on a little black hat that tilted down over her nose and a black coat and dress. There was no rouge on her face and she seemed lost in the big oak witness chair. Wilentz carried over to Mrs. Lindbergh a scrap of cloth and asked if that was part of the shirt her son was wearing the night he was kidnapped.

"Yes, that's the shirt," she said, gulping back her grief.

"Your witness," said Wilentz.

Reilly bowed to Mrs. Lindbergh and the court.

"Mrs. Lindbergh's grief needs no cross-examination," said Reilly.

Colonel Next Witness
Lindbergh was next. He had been in court all the time, sitting about eight feet from Hauptmann behind the prosecution table. He contributed two pieces of testimony. He said he heard a crash on the night of the kidnapping—"something like a crate breaking"—and the state let the jury assume that was the kidnapers ladder breaking. Then Lindbergh told of going on April 2, 1932 to St. Raymond's cemetery in the Bronx with Dr. John F. (Jafie) Condon and a box full of ransom money. He heard a voice, he said, calling "Hey, doctor, over here," a voice guiding Condon to the rendezvous.

"That was Hauptmann's voice," said Lindbergh calmly.

Then came the "three old men"—witnesses who were so damaging against Hauptmann that Justice Trenchard recalled their testimony in his charge to the jury.

The first was Amandus Hochmuth, a former soldier in the Prussian army, who lived where Featherbed lane cuts into the main highway, a few hundred yards from the Lindbergh house. About noon on March 1, 1932, Hochmuth said he saw a green car, with a ladder on the running board, skid into a ditch. Inside was a tall, lean man "who looked like he had seen a ghost."

"Point that man out if he is in this room," suggested Wilentz.

Hauptmann Pointed Out
Hochmuth hobbled down from the witness chair, went slowly across the room and laid his right hand on Hauptmann's knee.

Albert Osborn was the second. So deaf that he used a mechanical ear

tended, because on the night of March 1, 1932, he was sitting in a bakery in the Bronx waiting for his wife to get through work so he could escort her home. Several persons said they saw him there. Evert Carlstrom saw him, and laughed at him because he spoke broken English. Louis Klac, then a bootlegger, saw Hauptmann there, too. Mrs. Hauptmann said he was there.

Defendant Guided by Reilly
Then Hauptmann got on the stand. Under Reilly's guidance he explained that a man named Isidor Fisch, a former business partner, gave him the ransom money that was found in the Hauptmann garage. Where Fisch got it, Hauptmann didn't know and no one else knew because Fisch went away to Germany and died of tuberculosis.

"Hauptmann," did you kidnap the Lindbergh baby?" asked Reilly.

"No."

"Were you ever in Col. Lindbergh's house in your life?"
"No, I never was."
"Did you build that ladder?"
Hauptmann looked at the ramshackle ladder, laughed and said: "I am a carpenter."

Affirmance Was Explained
Why did Hauptmann quit work and live in ease after the ransom was paid? Because he had made some money in the stock market.

Peter Sommer testified he was sure it was not Hauptmann who kidnaped the Lindbergh baby because he saw the actual kidnapers on the Weehawken ferry, escaping from New Jersey. A woman was with them, he said, and she was Violet Sharpe, maid in the home of Mrs. Dwight Morrow who later committed suicide. She carried a blonde, curly-haired baby. Isidor Fisch was with her.

"The defense rests," said Reilly. Wilentz walked up and down in

of the jury box, waving his arms.
"Hauptmann is Public Enemy No. 1 of all the world," he shouted. "He is the kind of man who would cut out your heart and go upstairs to dinner. I hate to be in the same room with him. The state of New Jersey asks you to bring back the only verdict possible in this case—murder in the first degree."

"Judge not lest ye be judged," cautioned Reilly, reading the Bible to the jury. "Don't send this man to his death and then, years from now, learn that somebody else has confessed on his death bed."

The jury retired at 11:23 a. m. Feb. 13. At 10:28 p. m. the bell in the courthouse tower tolled—signal that a verdict had been reached in a capital case.

Hauptmann never flinched as he stood up to hear Trenchard say "Bruno Richard Hauptmann, you

have been convicted of murder in the first degree. The sentence is that you, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, suffer death at a time and place and in a manner provided by law."

HOME-MADE WINE REDUCES MARKET FOR ALIEN TRADE

WASHINGTON (UP)—A amateur manufacturer of wine and heavy taxes explain a small decline in wine imports from Spain last year and the

failure of Argentina and Chile to find a market here, trade authorities believe.

More than 25,000,000 gallons of wine were estimated produced last year in the basements of American homes. Hundreds of thousands who learned to make wine during "bone dry" days have continued the practice even when wine can be purchased at every corner grocery.

In 1933 Spain shipped 478,000 gallons of wine to the United States. And in 1934 only 350,000 gallons. Preliminary predictions that the wine of Argentina and Chile would find markets here have not been fulfilled.

Importers blame the home manufacturers, the tariff and the internal revenues for the unfavorable import situation. They are seeking reduction in internal revenues, and also hope that the negotiation of a United States-Spain reciprocal trade agree-

ment might lead to lower tariffs.

A third possible remedy would be an advertising campaign for imported wines.

The National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Importers pointed out that many American consumers are buying distilled spirits in preference to wines. The future of the import wine trade, it was thought, is not bright, and an advertising campaign was recommended.

The Roosevelt-Hull trade program thus far has favored rum, whiskey, and gin imports but had little effect on the international wine trade. Rum tariff was cut in the Cuban agreement, old-whisky tariff in the Canadian pact, and gin in the recent Netherlands treaty.

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