

PIGEONS BRING FANTASTIC NEW KIDNAP 'LEADS'

Lindy Probers Study Notes Found Attached to Dead Carrier Birds.

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HOPEWELL, N. J., March 21.—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh waited today for some sign from the persons holding their kidnapped baby son, while police continued to check every avenue available for trace of the boy.

Police investigation has entered the fantastic. Dead carrier pigeons with curiously worded notes attached to them have been found and the notes sent to police.

Mysterious movements of persons in the Hopewell area on the night of the kidnaping have been reported.

Police admitted little credence could be put in many of the reports, but all were being investigated carefully in the hope of finding some trace of the child stolen from its crib March 1.

Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey state police, issued the following statement to the press this morning:

Two Carrier Pigeon Notes

"Two notes carried by carrier pigeons have been reported to us. The first one is alleged to have been a note in code. This was supposed to have been taken off the carrier pigeon which was beaten down by a heavy storm in Connecticut, and upon being decoded by a local bootlegger is read approximately as follows:

"All lines unsafe. Kid in yacht making no ports. Well trained care outside United States jurisdiction. Return bird."

The informant did not see this note and had only the word of the unidentified bootlegger to go by.

"No additional information was available and the informant refused to identify the source of his information. Charles E. Stein, Lehighton, Pa., and Arthur L. Vaughn, East Stroudsburg, Pa., brought to these headquarters a dead pigeon with a note folded and attached to the band on the pigeon's leg. The band bore the number AU 30 S 3481 and the note read:

"Pulled off the job in fine order. Made a clear getaway. No one even suspects me. Will meet you Monday as planned. Will have the dough with me. Ours, Red."

Johnson Still Being Held

"The band is such as would not indicate particularly that this had anything to do with the Lindbergh kidnaping. However, the investigation is continuing to determine the exact meaning and significance of this communication.

"Several people were interviewed at this headquarters Sunday purporting to have information concerning the case. In each of these instances the information was offered in confidence, and this confidence will be respected. All of the information so received is now being investigated.

"Following a telephonic communication with Jersey City we find that Henry Johnson still is in the custody of Jersey City, and has been there continuously since his return to the city Sunday night. Indications are that he is about to be turned over to the federal immigration authorities.

"Investigators are out all over the state following up information received and no reports are available as yet from any of them."

P.T.A. FEDERATION TO HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Annual meeting of the Indianapolis Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations will be held Wednesday afternoon and night in Caleb Mills hall with Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, president of De Pauw University, as the principal speaker.

Mrs. S. M. Myers, president, will be in charge.

Dr. Oxnam will speak at 8 following the dinner in the school cafeteria. His subject will be "The Promised Land."

Mrs. Otto B. Heppner, music chairman of the federation, will be in charge of a music program by Shortridge high school music orchestra.

Following an organ recital, Mrs. Myers members will inspect the building and all departments.

Guests for the events, in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Oxnam, will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Stetson, city school superintendent; Mr. and Mrs. George Buck, Shortridge principal, and members of the school board.

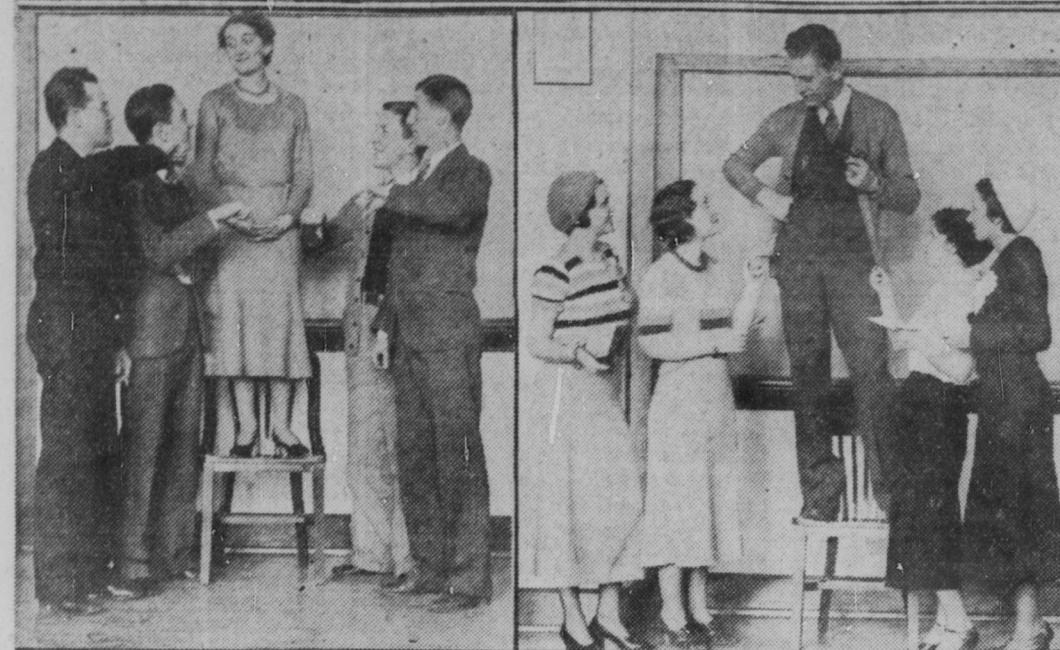
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BY BEN STERN

ONE of the greatest evils of politics—and one which rarely is accorded recognition—is the plague of panhandlers who grab the opportunity to put the "bee" on a candidate for amounts ranging from a jitney to a saw-buck.

Candidates in the primary having business in the courthouse must steam from room to room or run the gauntlet of chiselers who congregate in the lobby.

The evil particularly is acute this year, because of the great number of unemployed who crowd into the building to keep warm.

Many are the expedients resorted to by experts in the line.

Holidays, of course, get a full play.

St. Patrick's day, with the innumerable dances and card parties, offered an excuse which was grabbed eagerly, and the victims had to buy tickets from almost every precinct committeeman and hanger-on.

Among the hard luck stories getting the big play is the act put on by an old medicine bottle.

The bedraggled panhandler will approach a candidate and sob out a hard luck story about the wife and children having the influenza.

Officers William Fuller and Arthur Smith found Gertrude on a corner. She told them with tears in her eyes that she was cold and hungry. They fed her and took her to the central station.

There she spun a tale that held reporters spellbound.

Her father, she said, was killed in a war in England six years ago. Her mother, she said, gave her away to another lady.

For three days, Gertrude told them, she had been living in the loop getting her meals in a vague manner and sleeping in "nice clean beds that nice ladies" offered.

As strange adventure followed strange adventure from the lips of Gertrude, the telephone rang.

Mrs. Luchsinger was calling to report that her 7-year-old daughter Gertrude, had been missing for four hours and did the officers have any trace of the child.

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Six other occupants were killed as the big plane, flying low through a dense fog, struck a high tension wire ten miles east of here and burst into flames as it hit the ground.

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Just to get even with Butler university "co-eds" for declaring "thar ain't no such animal" as an ideal man, the university's youths have turned "thumbs down" on blonds.

They declare the recent survey of the school and a search for an ideal man.

Left—Miss Virginia Taylor, a blonde "co-ed," getting the regal razz from four brawns. But from Miss Taylor's eyes it looks as if she's handing back a package or two of "regust."

Right—A group of co-eds hunting for their ideal man in the person of Frank Reissner, 3925 North Delaware street.

12 INJURED IN BLAST

Explosion Rocks School at Springfield, Ill.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 21.—Prompt inquiry was made today in the mysterious explosions which rocked the \$1,000,000 high school building, and injured a dozen persons, several seriously.

Investigators hunted trace of malefactors who are believed responsible for a recent series of disastrous fires in central Illinois.

Six firemen, a newspaper reporter, two high school students and several townspersons were injured in the blasts which followed the outbreak of a small fire in the basement of the building.

The first explosion came after the group had entered the basement to investigate the fire, which proved to be of little consequence. After the first blast, a series of smaller detonations was caused by igniting gas.

SEVEN DIE IN PLANE

American Airways Liner Hits High Tension Wire.

By United Press

REDLANDS, Cal., March 21.—Toll of an accident which wrecked an American Airways liner near here Saturday night stood at seven lives today, after death of the one passenger who was not killed almost instantly.

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