

# FISCH GAVE HIM RANSOM MONEY, HAUPTMANN ASSERTS

## BLAME PUT ON DEAD FURRIER BY DEFENDANT

Found Bills in Closet at Home in August, 1934, Hauptmann Says.

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ness on his face was a constant blinking of the eyes.

His face was slightly more flushed than usual, and an occasional crooked smile played over his lips as he recalled intimate details of his home life.

It was evident that Mr. Reilly was attempting to draw a new portrait of this man—that he was trying to show him in the light of a frugal, honest, home-loving husband and father.

Deputy Sheriff Hovey Low led Hauptmann to the witness chair and stood behind him. Bruno leaned forward in his chair, his hands folded in his lap.

Q—(By Reilly)—The apartment from which you were arrested, where was it? A—222nd-st.

Q—You had nothing to do with building that house did you? A—No.

Q—At the time you were married, did your wife have a bank account? A—Yes, in the Central Savings Bank.

Q—You remember the winter after you were married—did you buy a lunch room on Lexington-av? A—Yes.

Q—How much did you pay for it? A—\$500 cash.

Q—Did you sell it after four weeks and for how much? A—\$900.

Q—Now in 1929, including the \$3750 mortgage, how much were you worth? A—You mean at the end of 1929? Q—Yes. A—Approximately \$9000.

### MET FISCH IN 1932

Q—When did you first meet Isidor Fisch? A—The early part of March or April, 1932.

Q—Where? A—At my house.

Q—Who introduced him to you? A—Nobody, he was just at our place.

Q—How soon after that did he suggest or you suggest that you participate in the market? A—May of the same year.

Q—Did he go anywhere with you in relation to Wall Street? A—We went to Steiner Rouse. I didn't have an account there but I watched the board.

Q—Where was Steiner Rouse's office? A—86th-st near 3rd-av.

Q—By the board you mean the one that shows the changes in stock prices and values, is that correct? A—Correct.

Q—Did Fisch give you any money to buy stock? A—Yes.

Q—When? A—August, 1932.

Q—What business was Fisch in? A—Fur trading.

Q—What interest did you have in the fur business with him? A—Half and half.

Q—When did you go into the fur business with Fisch? A—The middle of May.

### ADVANCED HIM \$600

Q—Did you advance him any money? A—About \$600.

Q—What profit did the fur business make? Hauptmann did not reply.

Q—What was the largest sum you received from the fur business? A—About \$1000.

Q—Did he have any invoices made

out by a woman in his neighborhood? A—Yes.

Q—Did you ever meet a Miss Helfert? A—Yes.

Q—When? A—The latter part of the year.

Q—Where? A—At Hengel's house.

Q—Where did you meet Hengel? A—I knew him for quite a while.

Q—Did Fisch ever live with Hengel? A—He lived in the same house.

Q—You remember when Fisch went to Europe? A—I do.

Q—When was that? A—December, 1933.

Q—He never returned, did he? A—No.

Q—Before he went did he call at your house? A—Several times he called.

Q—When was the last time? A—The night before he sailed.

Q—Who was there? A—Mrs. Frederickson.

Q—Did anybody else come in during the evening? A—I can't remember.

### TELLS OF GETTING MONEY

Q—Before he sailed did he leave anything with you? A—Two suitcases, 400 skins and a little box.

Q—Now the 400 skins—did you have them in your possession when you were arrested? A—Yes.

Q—Are they now in possession of the New York police? A—I guess they are.

Q—Now this box, what kind was it? A—A shoe box.

Q—Now tell the jury what kind of a box and what you said? A—About 9 o'clock Fisch came out with a bundle under his arm. We went to the kitchen. He said "I have left something here, if you don't mind take care of it for me." I put the box in a broom closet in the kitchen.

Q—How long did the box remain there before you disturbed it? A—Middle of August, 1934.

Q—What caused you to disturb it? A—It was Sunday and nasty weather outside. I looked for a broom. I hit the box with the broom handle. Then I saw money in the box.

Q—Had there been any moisture in that closet? A—Yes, from ventilating pipes.

Q—Did you take the box down? A—Yes, I took it down to the garage.

Q—What money did you see in that box—how much? A—I didn't count it then.

Q—Is that the money that was found in your garage? A—Yes.

### WIFE IS NEAR TEARS

Q—How many satchels did Fisch leave with you? A—Two.

Q—What did you do with them? A—I opened them but didn't find anything.

Mr. Reilly went over to confer with other defense lawyers. Hauptmann's eyes followed him. Col. Lindbergh leaned forward and whispered to George K. Large of prosecution counsel.

Mrs. Hauptmann seemed near tears.

Q—While Fisch was in Germany did he write to you? A—Yes.

Mr. Reilly asked Atty. Gen. David T. Wilentz for the state's exhibit of the three-mile radius map of the Lindbergh estate. It was unrolled and placed against the wall in back of the witness.

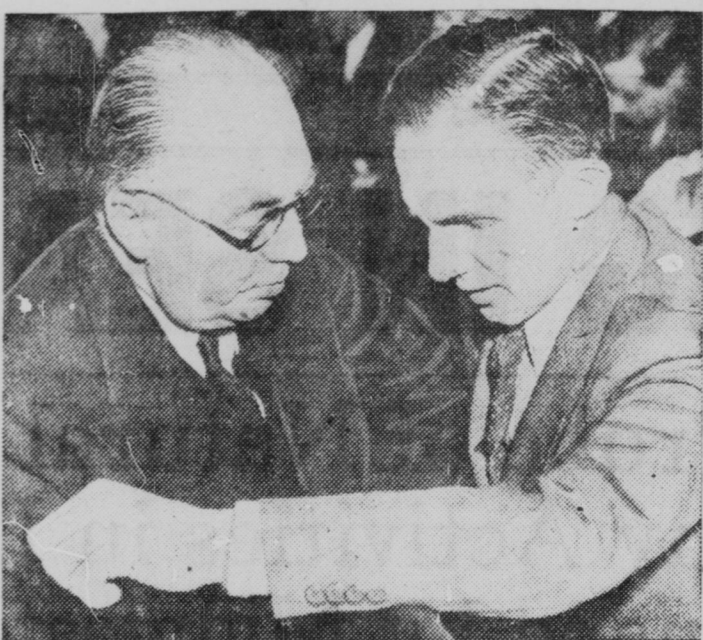
Q—I am pointing to state's exhibit one showing Col. Lindbergh's estate, Hauptmann, were you ever in Hopewell in your life? A—I never was.

### DENIES RANSOM NOTES

Q—On the night of March 1, 1932, were you on the estate of Col. Lindbergh? A—I was not.

Q—On the night of March 1,

### MAPPING DEATH FIGHT STRATEGY



With deadly earnestness, Bruno Hauptmann confers with the chief of his counsel, Edward J. Reilly, as shown here in two courtroom poses, after the state piled up evidence to show that the stolid carpenter was the Lindbergh kidnaper. Intently watching each witness, the defendant continually turned to Reilly to offer suggestions.

1932, did you kidnap Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.? A—I did not.

Q—On the night of March 1, did you leave on the nursery window a note? A—I wasn't there at all.

Q—You never saw the Lindbergh baby in your life, did you? A—I never saw it at all.

Q—I want you to look at state's exhibit 18 (the first ransom note). Did you ever see that note before? A—I saw it in a Bronx courtroom.

Q—That was the first time? A—Yes.

### TOOK WIFE TO WORK

Q—Did you write it A—I did not.

Q—Did you leave it in the Lindbergh nursery? A—I did not.

Q—March 1, 1932 (the day of the kidnapping) you referred to yesterday in a general way. Again tell the jury where you were, your move-

ments that entire day? A—I wake up about 6 o'clock and take my wife to the bakery about a quarter of seven.

Q—How did you take her down? A—In the car.

Q—Who was home when you got back? A—Nobody.

Q—Did the Fredericksons have a dog? A—Yes, I took the dog out for a walk.

Q—Did you meet anybody? A—I met a gentleman. He asked me where I got the dog. I told him it was not mine.

Q—What time was that? A—Between 8 and 8:30.

Q—What time did you and your wife leave Frederickson's bakery? A—It was before or just after 9 o'clock.

Q—On March 2, 1932, what time did you get up? A—About 6.

Q—And you went to the bakery again? A—Yes, and on the way I got a paper and read for the first

time about the Lindbergh kidnapping.

Mr. Reilly showed Hauptmann one ransom note after another. Hauptmann denied writing any of them or mailing any of them.

### DENIES KNOWING JAFSIE

Q—Did you ever know Dr. Condon? A—No.

Q—Did you know anybody named Jafsie? A—No.

Q—Did you know Col. Henry Breckinridge in March, 1932? A—I did not.

Q—Where did you first see Dr. Condon? A—In a police station in New York.

Q—And that was after your arrest last year? A—Yes.

Q—Was Fisch dead at that time? A—Yes.

Hauptmann, hands now crossed, shook his head vigorously to deny he had written the name of Dr. Condon on the wrapping paper enclosing the baby's sleeping suit.

Mr. Reilly took the Lindbergh baby's sleeping suit and held it out to Hauptmann. The defendant shifted in his chair.

Q—Did you take this sleeping suit off of Baby Lindbergh? A—I never saw Baby Lindbergh alive or dead.

Q—When for the first time did you see this suit? A—Right here in this courtroom.

### STATE LITTLE CONCERNED

State counsel sat at their tables, apparently little concerned by the proceedings. Mr. Reilly was carrying Hauptmann through a denial with any connection with the list of exhibits which the state has put in evidence.

Hauptmann sat in his chair behind defense table during a short recess. He talked with his wife and with Mr. Reilly. Mr. Reilly offered a photograph of Woodlawn Cemetery in evidence. It was accepted.

Q—How far away from your house is the main entrance to Woodlawn Cemetery? A—I don't know.

Mr. Reilly fastened a map of the Bronx to the wall behind the witness chair. Hauptmann turned around in the chair to look at the map.

Q—Were you inside the Woodlawn Cemetery gate on March 12, 1931? A—I was not.

Q—Now with the position of your house in mind, how far would you say your house was from that gate? A—I really don't know.

Justice Trenchard interrupted. "If you have some idea you might give us your best judgment."

Hauptmann turned around to face the jurist.

"I would say 40 to 50 blocks."

### DENIES CEMETERY VISIT

Q—Have you any recollection where you were on March 12? A—I really don't know. I guess I was playing cards.

Q—Did you meet Dr. Condon in Woodlawn Cemetery on March 12? A—I did not.

Q—I show you a picture of a frankfurter stand. Were you ever at that stand? A—I was not.

Q—Did you ever sit in the door-

way of that frankfurter stand and talk to Dr. Condon? A—No.

The ladder, which had been taken out of the courtroom temporarily, was brought back. Hauptmann

turned in the witness chair and smiled as Mr. Reilly took the three sections of the ladder apart.

Q—You've seen this ladder here in court? A—Oh, yes.

Q—Did you build that ladder? Hauptmann smiled. A—I am a carpenter.

Hauptmann stepped from the

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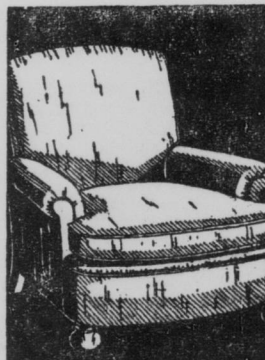
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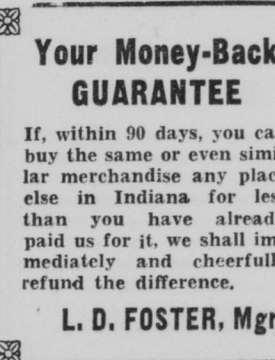
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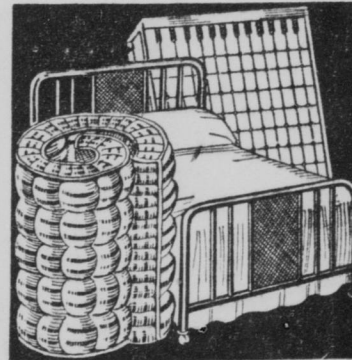
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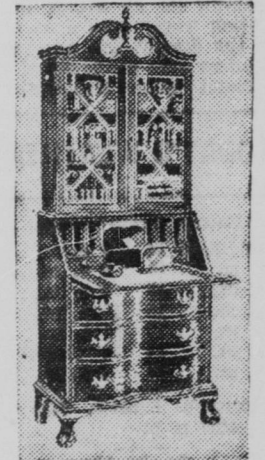
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