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Events in the Lives of Little Men



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Experts Come High in Hauptmann Case

Staggering Expense of Trial Brings Censure.

Trenton, N. J.—More than \$1,000,000 was spent to solve the Lindbergh baby murder including the capture and conviction of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. This estimate was made by Assistant Attorney General Joseph A. Lanigan. He made this estimate when the joint legislative appropriations committee approved a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the remaining expenses of the recent trial at Flemington.

"My estimate," said Lanigan, "takes in two and one-half years of investigation by the state of New Jersey, the city of New York and the federal government."

The cost of the trial alone was extraordinarily high—more than \$200,000—and caused Attorney General David T. Wilentz to fume, sputter, whistle and turn red of face. Routine expenses he could do nothing about—but the expenses dealing with expert witnesses are something else. "I'll whittle some of them down with a blue pencil," Wilentz warned savagely, as he scanned the "expert" fees totaling \$46,061.15.

Kosher Dinners. Among the charges listed were \$28.50 and \$4.50 for special kosher dinners for the family of dead Isidor Fisch, brought here from Germany to testify against Bruno Richard Hauptmann's story. Only one member of the family, Hannah, a sister of Isidor, ever testified—and she only for a few minutes.

Dr. Charles H. Mitchell, who testified about the autopsy he performed on the murdered baby, Charles Lindbergh, charged the state \$500, and Prof. George H. Priest, of Princeton, asked \$150 for reading his translation of a letter Hauptmann wrote to the Fisch family in Germany. District Attorney Samuel Foley, of the Bronx, charged \$307.50 for going

to Flemington, during several weeks of the trial.

Of the handwriting experts, Dr. Wilmer Souder, the government expert from Washington, charged only \$30.15, travel expenses. But ponderous old Albert S. Osborn valued his opinions as a pen scribe at no less than \$12,000 and his son, Albert D. Osborn, asked \$9,000. Fees of other handwriting experts were: Elbridge W. Stein, \$4,800; Herbert J. Walter, \$4,855; Harry M. Cassidy, \$3,535; J. Clark Sellers, \$3,235; and John F. Tyrrell, \$3,557.

Angered, the caustic little attorney general said: "All these bills will be measured by the same yardstick as in the case of a private litigant. No one will be permitted excessive fees merely because the state is the debtor. Some of these bills are outrageously high. They will not be approved by me."

Expert Asks \$4,150. A German medical expert, Dr. Louis Schulhofer, was never called as a witness, yet he billed the state \$4,150. The Hildebrecht hotel in Trenton asked \$4,150 for housing and feeding state's witnesses.

Meanwhile, Hauptmann still remains in death row in Trenton prison, having little to do with other prisoners, looking forward to visits from his wife, Anna, and his lawyers. His little son, Manfred, he may never see again. On her last visit, Mrs. Hauptmann was

Water Plants Lured Mastodons to Death

Beloit, Wis.—A craving for underwater plants brought death to 40 "coal scoop" mastodons and preserved their prehistoric skeletons until ages later when they were found by Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews in the Gobi desert, the famed Beloit college alumnus revealed here.

These mastodons who drew their common name from their peculiarly jutting lower jaw which enabled them to scoop up plants from the soft mud of inland lakes were found piled skeleton upon skeleton by Andrews.

He reconstructed their history in those years the desert was a place of plenty of food and told how they apparently sank in the mud where they were searching for food.

told that she cannot bring the infant to prison, that her husband can never see him again unless he wins a new trial and is acquitted.

The news disheartened Hauptmann, but he still insisted he would triumph in his fight for a new trial. The cost of his appeal will run to more than \$10,000, and will not be borne by the state, as originally agreed, but by the defense. By appearing at rallies in New York, largely before German groups, Mrs. Hauptmann has managed to raise several thousand dollars. Moreover, the defense fund has been swelled by press and radio appeals. Banned from openly soliciting funds in New York, Mrs. Hauptmann is planning appearances in other large cities.

Ball Fighting—Patrons at much amusement parks in the summer months are surprised to find that it is an off-season sport. This is because of the good season, and whether he is encouraged to attend depends upon his informant's impression of the general average of performance.

Tabitian Girls Look Lovers—Popoia, Tahiti, one of the South seas, has one peculiarity that distinguishes it from all other parts. Its natives do not recognize that there is such a thing as love. The Tahitian girls are charming, both in face and figure. They sing, laugh, dance and are happy. And yet love is a quality omitted from their make-up.

Copper Sold as Silver—Silver may, under certain circumstances, be copper. When the white metal comes out of a modern refinery it is 999.999 pure, which is considerably higher than what is considered commercially pure silver. So before it is marketed, a percentage of copper is returned to the silver. This copper is sold as silver.

Progress of Corn—Corn has great powers of adaptability. When the white man entered the North American plains he found the Indians growing corn from Mexico to Manitoba. The work of the Indian was continued and the boundaries of crop production extended beyond all expectations.

Cleopatra's Needle—The hieroglyphs on the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle are inscribed in vertical columns which are read from the top downward; the middle column is in honor of Thothmes, by whom the obelisk was first erected, and the side columns in honor of Ramesses II.

Silver Star Decoration—The Silver Star ranks next below the Distinguished Service Cross as a decoration for valor. The Purple Heart ranks next below the Distinguished Service Medal, which is the highest decoration for meritorious service not involving personal bravery.

Use of Metal-Clad Warships—The first naval battle in which metal-clad ships were used on both sides took place in 1597 between the Japanese and Korean navies. The opposing admirals were Christians, and they killed one another.

Composition of Marl—Marl is defined as earthy, crumbling deposits, consisting of lime mixed with carbonate of lime in varying proportions. It is employed as a fertilizer for soils deficient in lime.

Production of Flax—Experiments in flax growing indicate that California can produce two to three times as high a yield as is obtained in other flax-growing regions of the United States.

Gas in Ohio—During the excavation of a well near Findlay, Ohio, gas was found and carried by a wooden pipe to the owner's fireplace, where it was burned for more than 50 years.

Food in Camel's Hump—The camel does not literally eat the reserve supply of food stored in its hump. This is simply used by the system as it is needed.

Monster's Print on Curb Stone—A sandstone curbing on Lincoln Neb.'s main street, bears the imprint of a prehistoric monster, probably 225,000,000 years old.

Speed of Lightning—Photographic tests by engineers indicate that lightning travels 25,500 miles per second, on the average.

Dancing in Japan—In Japan the beauty of dancing is in the poses, not the movements.

THE FEATHERHEADS

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RUFFLE NECKLINE

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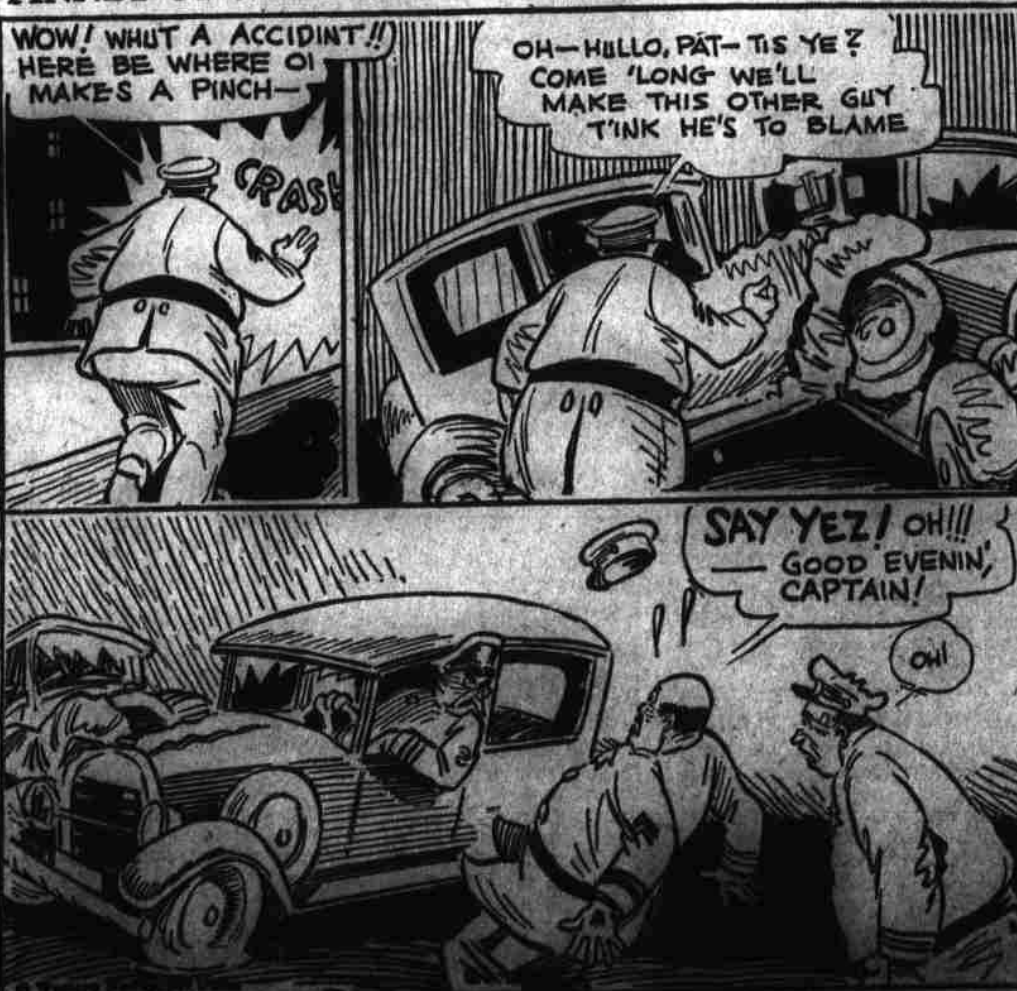


Frame the face, the throat with frilly rufflings, pleatings and shirings. Such is one of fashion's latest edicts. In the neckwear department they are showing huge ruches a la Pierrot and high Medici collars of stiffened lace and tall Elizabethan pleatings of sheer fabrics. The necklines of coats and frocks are also frequently trimmed with voluminous ruffings and ruchings. The huge ruffled silk collar on the dress pictured is very flattering. Matching ruffles on the sleeves add to the attractiveness of this gown. Note the tucks which hold in the fullness of the bodice above the waistline. Designers are using great quantities of tucks as well as fancy shirtings, in fashioning spring and summer apparel.

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

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No Pinch



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Three Principal Forces of the British Navy



A reconnaissance plane of the British Navy flying over a battleship and other vessels in the harbor of the coast of Gibraltar.

Fine For Digestion

WINGLETS

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