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## Hauptmann Says At Noted Trial He Is Innocent

### Stands Up Under The Withering Fire Of Cross-Examination Of Prosecutor Wilentz

Flemington, N. J., Jan. 29.—Defiant and stubborn, Bruno Richard Hauptmann fought his way today to the end of a lashing, two-day cross-examination on the witness stand at his trial for the Lindbergh baby's murder. Smiling frequently, dogged in his denials, he came boldly through his inquisition at the hands of Attorney General David T. Wilentz with his story intact—the story that he had no hand in kidnaping, murder or ransom hoax.

At one point, as the intent Wilentz sought with Hauptmann's own figures and letters to trip him up on the money deals he had with Isador Fisch, his dead alibi man, he wagged his finger in his questioner's face and snapped:

"Ja, you mix that up!" Stolidly he stuck to his words when Wilentz used his witness stand phrase, "oh, that is planned for a year already" for comparison with two ransom note phrases almost identical. "How can I say it otherwise?" he asked.

And he was just as stubborn in his terse reports when Wilentz, ending his inquisition, shot accusation after accusation in swift succession.

The length of the cross-examination delayed until tomorrow the testimony of Hauptmann's wife, Anna, last of the principals in the celebrated case to take the witness stand.

Edward J. Reilly, chief of the defense, just had started his re-direct examination of Hauptmann when court adjourned for the day.

Hauptmann had been on the witness stand during the court session since last Thursday, being turned over to the prosecution for cross-examination shortly before adjournment of court Friday.

Col. Lindbergh, who has not missed one of the 21 days of the trial, listened to every word today, watching Hauptmann's every move.

He heard Hauptmann deny he ever had known Violet Sharpe, the English maid in the home of Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, who committed suicide in June, 1932, after being questioned by police in connection with the kidnaping.

"You didn't know anybody who did know her, did you?" Wilentz demanded.

"No."  
"You didn't know anybody house-held with the Lindbergh household prior to March 1, 1932, did you?"

"No."  
During Monday's session, witting under the driving fire of the searching Attorney General Wilentz, Hauptmann fought with desperate, stumbling words from the witness stand.

Accused of lies, he twice cried: "stop that!" at Wilentz.

He admitted he lied when he was held in New York but when Wilentz shouted: "Lies, lies, lies, about Lindbergh ransom money!" the prisoner shot back: "Well, you lied to me too."

Throughout Monday's ordeal, Hauptmann, perspiring, white-faced and often faltering, insisted he was innocent of the kidnaping, the baby's murder, the cruel ransom hoax.

"It is—I protested, 'I feel innocent and I am innocent and that keeps me the power to stand up.'"

On Wednesday of last week, the day before the state rested its case, the prosecution put on the stand a wood expert who traced the grim kidnap ladder to Hauptmann's tools, to his Bronx attic and to the lumberyard where he once was employed. This witness was Arthur J. Koehler.

**LIGHT, REFRIGERATION RATE IS REDUCED**  
Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., has filed with the State Corporation commissioner, a reduction in their monthly minimum charge to customers, who, in addition to lighting service, have an electric refrigerator in use.  
The reduction is effective, as of the February 10 billing.

## Wilkesboro PCA Stockholders To Meet Saturday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilkesboro Production Credit association is to be held in the court house at Wilkesboro on Saturday, February 2, at 11 a. m.

The seven counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Watauga, Surry, Yadkin and Caldwell, which comprise the district, are each expected to send a large delegation to the gathering, and any farmer, in addition to the stockholders, who is interested in the work of the organization, is especially invited to attend.

## Senate Rejects U. S. Adherence To World Court

### Negative Vote Is First Administration Setback Of Session. Roosevelt Is Silent

Washington, Jan. 29.—The most surprising twist of the current session of Congress came tonight when, despite a marked concession by the administration and direct pressure from the White House, the Senate sent down to defeat the protocol for American adherence to the World Court. The vote was 52 for the resolution of ratification to 36 against. This lacked seven votes of the required two-thirds of those present for approval. Coming after three weeks of torrid debate, tension was plainly marked across the floor and galleries in the Senate chamber.

The vote showed, for one thing, that despite the aid of some Republicans, the huge Democratic majority could not count too heavily on mere numbers in their ranks to approve all proposals urged by the White House. The Democrats have four more than a two-thirds of the Senate, but they fell far short of this majority on the court issue. How today's breakdown would affect the votes on other controversial administration measures was not immediately apparent.

Both friends and foes of American adherence, at once declared the Senate's rejection would mean that the court issue, which has been before the august body at intervals for twelve years, is dead for some time to come, if not permanently.

President Roosevelt was silent tonight on the Senate's action—the first administration setback of the session. At the White House (continued on back back)

## Doughton-Lewis Bill Considered In Committee

Washington, Jan. 29.—Daily hearings on the Doughton-Lewis economic security bill, H. R. 4120, are being conducted by the Ways and Means Committee of which Mr. Doughton is Chairman. The bill is sponsored by the administration and embodies the President's social security ideas as outlined in his recent message to Congress. The bill, briefly, provides, as follows:

1. Unemployment compensation; 2. Old age security; 3. Security for children, and 4. Extension of public health services.  
The hearings will continue several weeks, it is predicted. Among the witnesses who have or will testify before the committee are: Dr. E. E. White, executive director, Committee on Economic Security; Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor; Harry Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator; William Leiserson, Chairman, National Mediation Board; Alvin Hansen, chief economic analyst, Department of State; Douglas Brown, professor of economics, Princeton University; Murray Latimer, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; Miss Katherine Lenroot, Chief, The Children's Bureau; William Green, President, American Federation of Labor, and Miss Josephine Roche, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

## Greensboro Newspaper Editorial Is Complimentary To Alleghany

The editorial reprinted below, entitled "Honor On The Hoof," and complimentary to Alleghany county, was published in Monday's issue of the Greensboro Daily News:

Representative Bowie of Ashe is plausible enough in his argument for a moratorium on Ashe county's public debt, but we doubt if he is doing his people a lasting service when he hooks up honor with cattle on the hoof at two or three cents a pound.

It must be understood by everybody that Ashe is in a pretty bad way. It has a bonded debt of more than a million and a quarter dollars and as Mr. Bowie well contends those debts were contracted at a time when everything about a farm brought a great deal better price than it does now. But we doubt very much if anybody who bought Ashe county bonds would have been willing to give anything for them if there had been in the minds of people who sold these securities and suspicion that Mr. Bowie would plead such a defense against paying them.

Ashe county happens to adjoin Alleghany. The industries and the soils of the two divisions are almost identical. Ashe is apparently in desperate shape; Alleghany is in excellent condition. Nobody there is asking that the valuations of property be cut

about 80 per cent and nobody is asking that bondholders get their pay at the caprice of the county's citizenship. Alleghany had the same temptation to go blindly into bonded indebtedness and the same impulse to indulge in the illusion of riches. Mr. Bowie has the rather unhappy knowledge that if Ashe is overwhelmed by bonded obligations he put those debts upon his own people.

It was in a colloquy with Representative Everett of Durham two years ago that Mr. Bowie interrupted Mr. Everett to ask him which he put first, the homes of the people or the bondholders. Mr. Everett made a very illuminating retort. "I put honor first," the Durham representative said, and we doubt very much if homes or anything else come ahead of it. Certainly honor is too precious a thing to make it impinge upon the traffic in cattle or the price of potatoes. It is our understanding that a great many of the bonds of North Carolina and of its subdivisions carry the proviso that the full faith, credit and taxing power of the government are behind them. The senate at least was seemly the other day when it refused to pass Mr. Bowie's proposal without even asking any questions about it.

## Opening Of New Spartan Theatre To Be Fri. Night

A tremendous crowd is expected to be in Sparta Friday (tomorrow) night to attend the opening of the new Spartan theatre, which is scheduled for seven o'clock.

In "Wings In The Dark," the picture to be shown on the opening night, and also on Saturday night, will be seen an exact duplicate of the plane Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh flew around the world in their 1932 flight, and this duplicate will occupy the center of many of the

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## Damage Hearings Are Held Here In Clerk's Office

Hearings were held Wednesday afternoon in the office of A. F. Reeves, Clerk of Alleghany Superior court, by the North Carolina Industrial Commission, to determine the amount of compensation due in two cases for injuries.

One case was that of C. A. Choate, who was injured a few months ago at a rock quarry near Stratford when a fellow workman accidentally struck him in the face with a heavy stone hammer. The other case was that of Alex

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## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

**LIQUOR AND GOVERNORS**—Some astute political observers in Raleigh express the opinion that passage of any bill to call a referendum on the question of liberalizing North Carolina's bone-dry liquor laws by the present legislature would work decidedly to the benefit of the potential candidacy of Clyde R. Hoey, silver-tongued Shelby orator, for governor next year. These political wise-acs figure that Mr. Hoey would lead once more the fight against liquor and that he would be successful. They say that this would be interpreted as a mandate from the people and that the Shelby attorney would be handed the Democratic nomination for Governor on a figurative silver platter.

**DOUGHTON**—The boys who are supposed to know their political stuff have doped it out that the fate of the sales tax may have more than a little to do with Congressman R. L. Doughton's decision on the gubernatorial race next year. Mr. Doughton led the fight against the sales tax in Congress just a few years ago. If the present General Assembly adopts a sales tax as a necessity he would either be forced to support it or reverse himself, the dopesters say. It looks like the legislature is going to reenact the sales tax and you can make your bets on Congressman Doughton.

**A. H. GRAHAM**—Meantime, friends of Lieutenant Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham are leaving no stone unturned in smoothing out the ground for him to make the race for Governor. Many friends of the second-highest man of North Carolina express confidence that neither Hoey or Doughton will make the race and that Mr. Graham will be the next Governor of North Carolina. It's

all being kept very quiet but so far the Senate's presiding officer hasn't done anything that observers classify as a political mistake and he has said that his luck with this General Assembly probably may have decided influence on his decision in the gubernatorial contest.

**GASOLINE TAXES**—It looks like everybody and his brother want to get their hands into tax money paid by automobile and truck owners of North Carolina. Around legislative halls can be heard many different proposals for using gasoline and license money for other purposes than roads. Some want it to pay local government debts; others to establish employment offices and others for the schools. But the State's roads, especially the secondary highways, are not in the pink of condition and legislators from rural counties know that. Also some bridges still levy tolls for passage. It's likely to be a merry fight before the question of diversion of highway funds is settled.

**MORE MONEY**—The General Assembly has been in Raleigh long enough for it to become apparent that the membership favors boosting salaries of public school teachers even higher than the recommendations of 15 per cent made by Governor Ehringhaus. The tutors will get it if the Legislature can find the money but finance committee meetings have indicated that no members have discovered a tax gold mine.

**SAFETY**—It now appears certain that some sort of automobile drivers license measure will pass the Legislature and become law. Several measures have been intro-

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## Nichols Receives Highest Grade In Postmaster "Exam"

The name of G. Glen Nichols stood first on a certified list of the grades of those taking the examination for the Sparta postmastership, which was held recently at North Wilkesboro in which 13 contestants participated, just received.

It is expected that Mr. Nichols will receive the appointment. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Halsey stood first and second, respectively.

## Both Drivers Found Guilty In Bus Accident

### Bus Driver's Attorney Gives Notice Of Appeal To Superior Court. Bond Fixed In Sum Of \$300

North Wilkesboro, Jan. 29.—King Prevette, driver of the school bus, and A. L. Prevette, driver of the car which collided with the bus on the morning of January 15, were each found guilty of reckless driving by Mayor W. E. Harris at the hearing held before him yesterday afternoon in the office of County Superintendent C. B. Eller.

County school authorities and Patrolman Lentz, who investigated the cause of the wreck, were present for the investigation. Several witnesses testified at the hearing. Prof. E. R. Spruill testified that A. L. Prevette drove onto the hardsurface highway from a side road just in front of the school bus, and his testimony was corroborated by the driver of the bus while on the stand.

A. L. Prevette testified that the school bus had faulty brakes and that its driver saw him in plenty of time to stop. Prevette also stated that the bus was being driven at a higher rate of speed than 15 miles an hour as claimed by King Prevette.

Mayor Harris taxed each of the Prevettes with one-half of the cost and suspended payment of fine, if each agreed to pay the damage to his respective vehicle. King Prevette, through his counsel, Eugene Trivette, gave notice of appeal to the superior court. He gave \$300 bond.

A. L. Prevette was not represented by counsel and conducted his own case.

## Alleghany Co. Survey Shows Erosion Loss

Alleghany county has lost the value of 17,538 acres, or 13.11 per cent of its total area because of aggravated erosion, according to the Soil Erosion Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

Of the 133,760 acres which comprise the county there are 3,800 acres already abandoned due primarily to severe erosion, the report shows. Also, there are 50,000 acres having 25 to 75 per cent of the topsoil gone. The government has found that the county contains 57,712 acres of forest, and that there are 25,650 acres under cultivation, 2,938 acres of idle tillable land and 43,660 acres of open pastureland in addition to the three thousand odd acres of abandoned land. The section of the county most seriously damaged by erosion is the Little River Valley.

The report is the result of an erosion survey made of the entire state under the direction of W. D. Lee and W. W. Stevens, soil specialists of the Soil Erosion Service, to determine the general land condition in North Carolina. Regional headquarters of the Soil Erosion Service is in High Point.

## PRESIDENT'S BALL AT GALAX FRIDAY NIGHT

A ball in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday is to be held in Galax, in Firemen-Legion hall tomorrow night, beginning at 9 o'clock. The ball will be preceded by a reception in the court room in charge of Mayor B. D. Beamer and S. F. Landreth.

## Substitute For N. C. Sales Tax Is Being Planned.

### Forsyth Member Of Legislature To Offer Bill Which Would Eliminate The Tax

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—A substitute plan of raising state revenue which will eliminate the sales tax and at the same time increase the amount for schools will be offered to the General Assembly by Representative Ralph W. McDonald of Forsyth, a member of the House finance committee.

No tax on land is contemplated, Dr. McDonald said tonight in making public his intention of offering such a plan.

"The people of the state have clearly indicated that they wish no tax on land," he declared, "and it has long been my contention that tax on land instead of being increased, should be further reduced."

While not revealing details of his substitute plan, which he said will "in due course" be placed before the assembly, Dr. McDonald accompanied his statement with a table indicating the current trend of taxation in the state. This trend, he said, is shifting the burden from corporation to individuals at the rate of \$14,000,000 a year.

"At this rate of progression," he added, "it would be only 18 years before corporations would be paying no taxes at all."

Dr. McDonald's table, which he said was compiled for him by the state Department of Revenue, shows that in the fiscal year 1931-1932, individuals paid \$51,264,209 in taxes, or 59.98 per cent of the total, while corporations paid \$35,558,836, or 41.02 percent of the whole.

Although the table shows that in 1932-1933 the amount paid by individuals had dropped to \$48,600,256, its proportion to the total had increased to 61.41 percent. In the same year, according to the table, taxes paid by corporations were \$30,503,978, or 38.11 percent of the total.

Backers of the general sales tax had their day in court this afternoon as six members of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce appeared before the joint finance committee of the General Assembly and urged retention of the levy.

The Merchants Association, opponents of the measure, will be heard tomorrow.

## SPARTA TO HAVE NEW AUTO SUPPLY AND REPAIR SHOP

The building belonging to Hort Doughton which was vacated last week by Alleghany Motor Sales is to be stocked by Mr. Doughton with parts and accessories for all makes of cars and a modern repair shop is to be operated in the rear of the building.

The new business will be operated under the management of George Reeves.

## LIVESTOCK PRICES GOOD

At the livestock sale held Monday at Galax, the run of stock exceeded expectations.

The price paid for steers was the best received yet by the market.

## ALMANAC

"Plough deep while sluggards sleep and you will have corn to sell and keep."  
JANUARY  
29—Congress bans all titles of nobility in United States, 1795.  
30—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, forceful president, born 1882.

FEBRUARY  
1—Confederate dollar quoted today at 20c, 1862.

2—"Arctic" are patented by Thomas Wales, 1854.

3—Kansas suffers in thirty degrees below zero cold wave, 1854.

4—Start of the Philippine-American war, 1899.

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