

THE STORY

of

DOCTOR JOHN F. CONDON

" EGOIST "

Extraordinary.

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THE STORY of DR. JOHN F. CONDON - IS MADE POSSIBLE
by ANOTHER EQUALLY UNIQUE - which story runs thusly:

On the blustery night of March 1, 1932 - with a 65
mile gale blowing - a "Wizard" from the Bronx -
knowing - somehow - that the Lindbergh baby would be
at Hopewell on this particular night - when it was
not expected to be there - reached the house carrying
a three section ladder.

The "Wizard" is supposed to have placed the ladder
to the right of the window of the nursery - and the
fact that it was three feet short of the window sill -
seemed to have no deterrent effect.

The Shutters of the nursery were closed but he was
supposed to have opened them from his precarious posi-
tion atop the ladder. Somehow, the Shutters did
not flap in the heavy wind. He opened the window and
entered the dark room - disturbing nothing.

It was muddy underneath the ladder - but the "Wizard"
left no footprints on the ladder - but - he got some
on the window sill - on a suit case under it - and
on the floor of the room. Must have had the mud
in his pocket and it dropped out as he leaned over.

However - this "Wizard" stole a baby - left a Ransom
note - kept the baby quiet - climbed out of the window
with it - closed the window behind him - and - somehow
managed to close both Shutters as well. Then he took
the ladder and hid it.

Why he was so careful about all this - we do not know -
except that he was probably a tidy Wizard and believed
in cleaning up after his work was done.

BUT - the story we wish to tell - is that of another
"Wizard" who offered to go and get "Wizard" Num-
ber 1, and his story runs something like this:-

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THE STORY OF DR. JOHN F. CONDON.

The Doctor sat with some friends in a restaurant when the news of the kidnaping was blazoned forth in the Newspapers.

Although he had a long line on initials attached to his name - the World had never known the Doctor for the man he knew himself to be. His light had never come all the way out from beneath the proverbial bushel.

Later - all this was to be changed. Fate was to bring him into contact with the two Colonels - Lindbergh and Breckinridge. They at once - recognized him for the "Genius" he really was. They received him with open arms and put full faith in his every suggestion.

The Doctor heard foreigners in the restaurant and elsewhere saying that the authorities were not competent to run the kidnapers down. As a staunch citizen - his blood boiled as he heard these aspersions cast. He determined that Uncle Sam would show these doubters that they could find the answer - that is - they could - with his help.

With a foresight - which is usually only credited to a Seventh son of a Seventh son - he perceived that an advertisement in the Bronx Home News would be more productive than one in any of the large dailies. So - in that Journal - he made his plea to the kidnapers.

Now - if the Doctor had not talked with Insp. Walsh - we would never have known that the main reason he jumped into the situation - so reluctantly - was because he wanted to clear Red Johnson - who was accused of the kidnaping. True - he didn't know Johnson - but that is the way of an altruist.

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THE DOCTOR HITS ON ALL EIGHT.

Mirabile Dictu - some one calls up the Doctor in answer to his advertisement. They also sent him a note in which they enclosed a sealed one for Col. Lindbergh.

The Doctor went out of his class and talked with some of his friends and showed them the "Signature" by which the kidnapers were to be identified.

The Doctor called up Col. Lindbergh and told him about the two notes, concerning which the Doctor later became confused.

At the LIND. INVEST. - he said that both his note and the one to Lindbergh bore the "Signature".
In LIBERTY - he says that he first saw the Sig. when Lindbergh told him to open the sealed note.
On CROSS EXAM. he said he opened the sealed note - before Lindbergh told him to do so, then after recess - he retraced this statement.

We want to say right here - that the Doctor is very consistent at being inconsistent. He has a most peculiar habit of differing with himself.

The Doctor and his pals went to Hopewell to see the Col. At Princeton - they called up Lindbergh's house and Col. Breckinridge said he would meet them part way there.

The Doctor told the GRAND JURY that Breckinridge met them at the second turn in the road, but he said elsewhere that he first met Breckinridge in Lindbergh's kitchen.

The Doctor says in LIBERTY, that Breckinridge drove directly to the Doctor's home when they returned from Hopewell. That Breckinridge left to insert an advertisement they had prepared - in the paper.
In the LIND. INVEST. he said that they drove to Breckinridge's office - that Breck. got out and the Doctor drove to his home. But he also said at the same hearing that he himself inserted the advertisement and not Breckinridge, but that it was put in the following day.

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SOMETHING ABOUT PERRONE and JOHN.

Taxi driver - Perrone - brought the first answer to the advertisement.

According to the Doctor - Perrone is also inconsistent. In one instance he said that the man who gave him the note looked back as if to take his number, But at the GRAND JURY INVEST. he said that Perrone told him that the man asked for Perrone's pencil with which to write down the number.

On the strength of the note received - the Doctor and Reich went to a frankfurter stand and got another note. Following the directions of the second note - the Doctor went to the Cemetery Gate.

Here he met John - face to face - only Three (3) apart.

In LIBERTY, he says, that he knew John's face as clearly as a well remembered Poem.

In LIBERTY, he also says they were talking only about Three(3) minutes when the Guard disturbed them.

In LIND. INVEST., he says they were there about 25 minutes before the Guard arrived.

In SPEC. REPORT, he says John ran 20 yards after climbing the gate.

In CROSS EXAM. he says John ran about 100 yards before he caught him.

They then sat on a bench and had a rambling talk.

In the course of the talk, he says - in several places - that John told him his mother would cry if she knew what he was doing.

In SPEC. REPORT, and elsewhere, he says that the man said his " fader " would not let him take the Doctor to the baby. he also says that John said his father was one of the Gang. (LIBERTY)

Nowhere was anything said about John being married - until Jimmy Finn brought a wife into the picture in his Departmental report with the " mysterious " date of July 11, 1934.

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PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF KIDNAPERS.

DESCRIPTIONS of JOHN and CAN I IDENTIFY HIM.

Being a careful man - the Doctor wanted to be sure that he was dealing with the right parties - so - notwithstanding the "Signature" he asked John how he could be sure he was the right party. In answer to this we get:-

On DIRECT. EXAM. he said that John told him that the baby was held in the Crib with safety pins and that they had to remove the pins to get the baby. He showed John his two pins and he said they were the same. In another place the sleeping suit - which was later sent - was to be the proof.

In LIBERTY - LIND. INVEST and KEATON - Condon says he could positively identify John.

His descriptions of John are illuminating.

In this connection we again call attention to the fact that Finn's report of Condon identification is filed as of July II, 1934 - two years after other descriptions by Condon AND about two Months before the arrest of Hauptmann.

Remarkable how dilatory the Department can be OR could the report have been back-dated? Written after arrest?

In Finn's report - some strong characteristics of Hauptmann are given, none of which appear in any of the other Five (5) descriptions by Condon, even though the latter were given in 1932 when his memory should have been fresh.

Finn's report says: John had very large ears.
He had heavy eyebrows - straight across.
He had a medium neck.
He had a Military carriage.

Finn does not mention those - Almond eyes so stressed by Condon, in other reports.

In Insp. Walsh report John has a high forehead.

In Finn report he has a prominent forehead.

How could Condon tell about the forehead when the hat was pulled down all of the time?

In Finn's report - we learn for the first time - that important fact that John has a wife.

This is not even hinted at in any other report by Condon.

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	INSF. WALSH	LIND. DVEST	LIBERTY CONDON STORY	LIBERTY FINN STORY	KEATON	BRESLIN	G. JOY
AGE	30	30	36	36	36		
HEIGHT	5' 3" or 9"	5' 9"	5' 9 1/2"	5' 8" - 10"	5' 8" - 10"		
WEIGHT	158 - 60	158 - 65		158 - 65	158 - 60	150	
HAIR				Med. Chest	Med. light		
CHEEK BONES		High	High	High	High		
Eyes		Blue Grey	Blue Grey	Bluish Gray	Almond		
Eyes	Straight axle	Separate from nose	Deep dot				
"		like Chinese & Jap.					
"		Almond shaped					
Mouth	Well formed		Small				Nicely formed
Nose	Tell formed	Straight down		straight			
Skin	Smooth	Smooth face	Sallow	clean shaven			
Chin	Very narrow	Almost pointed		Round pointed			
Forehead	High			Prominent			
Build				Med. muscular			
Face				Invert. Triangle			
Eyelids				Straight line			
Ears				Unusually large			
Shoulders				Incl. to stoop			
Carriage				Military			
Hands				Fleshy devel.			

Please note that the Department record of Condon's description is dated July 17, 1934. Please also note that Condon's description in the report of July 1934 - gives several striking characteristics of John - not mentioned in any of the other descriptions he gave. Unusually large EARS etc. and omits others such as Almond eyes etc. Singular that the Department report of description by Condon should not appear until over two (2) years after Condon talked with John, and two (2) months before Hauptmann was captured.

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If the FBI description came from Condon in 1932 - Condon knew all about John (or Hauptmann) except what kind of underwear he had on and he should have walked right over to Hauptmann and said "Hi". I want that \$ 50,000.00 back

THE STORY of the SAFETY PINS.

Only a man in possession of the greatest of vision - could have known what a valuable clue he was handling - when he took the two safety pins from the baby's crib the night he slept in the Nursery. But, then the good Doctor had everything.

Just the use he intended to make of them, we are sure, he did not at the time, know. But when a master mind is at work - most anything seems to be of value - to him.

On DIRECT EXAM. he tells us how he utilized the fact to learn from John - more definitely than the Signature would make it - that John was the right party to deal with. He asked John how he could be sure he was the right party and John replied:- "the baby was held in the crib by safety pins".

In SPEC. REPORT - he asked John how the baby was covered.

John said, "Vid a blanket vid safety pins". The Doctor showed John his two pins and John then said, "A blanket was pinned to the baby's suit and we had to take two pins off to get the baby out of the crib".

In LIBERTY 2/1/36 - Condon said, that eager to have further proof that John was the right man, he showed him his two pins and asked if he had ever seen them before.

"Yes" John replied, "those pins fastened the maddress to the baby's crib. Near the top. Near the pillow".

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THE FIRST TELEPHONE CALL.

In LIBERTY 1/25 - The Doctor tells us that the man who called him up to ask if he would act as go-between - said he was calling from Westchester. He asked the Doctor if he wrote pieces from the papers. Upon his response in the affirmative, the Doctor could hear the man telling someone else that he did write for the papers. He heard someone say "Statti Citto" meaning "shut up" and he goes on to say "and the voice that uttered those words was not the voice of the kidnaper."

FINN'S story 10/19 - quotes Condon as saying a voice - not of the man he was talking to, said, "Statti Citto" and at this point Condon heard what seemed to be male Italian voices etc.

There are two reasons for bringing this to attention now.

FIRST. It clearly indicates that more than one person was involved in the kidnaping..

SECOND. The Doctor seems to have awakened to the fact and it does not agree with his present contention that it was all a one man job - so, this is what we now learn;

We are advised that he will now contend that all of the talking he heard over the phone that night was done (by the one man - who was talking with the Doctor) and done to fool the Doctor.

It seems that the "Wizard" thought of everything. That is - until later on - when he seems to have gone just "plain dumb".

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THAT IMPORTANT COUGH.

Now the Doctor - while not an M. D. - was a kindly soul and was much disturbed about the health of John.

In LIND. INVEST. he tells about the hacking cough and says it looked as though ravages of disease made his face the shape it was.

But here again - we find him differing with himself.

In SPEC. REPORT - he said that John coughed frequently.

In LIBERTY - he only mentions John as coughing once.

In CROSS. EXAM. - he said that John coughed only once during all the time he was with him.

THE LADY of TUCKAHOE

Did the Doctor have an appointment with a lady in Tuckahoe - or did he not?

On this subject he seems to surpass himself in differing as to facts.

In LIBERTY - he says, that on March 19, he held a charity bazaar at 194 East 100th St.

That a short, middle-aged woman with the oval face and olive complexion of an Italian came into the room. Mysteriously, she approached him and when opportunity offered whispered, "Nothing can be done until the excitement is over. There is too much publicity. Meet me at the depot at Tuckahoe, Wednesday at Five in the afternoon. I will have a message for you".

In SPEC. REPORT - he has the lady saying the same thing but adding "Keep advertising in the Home News".

He tells of his daughter-in-law driving him to Tuckahoe and of the woman not showing up.

However, at the GRAND JURY INVEST. - he said he never had an appointment to meet a woman in Tuckahoe and never went there during the investigation.

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THE HODGE-PODGE concerning THE SECOND TAXI MAN.

Here we have the Doctor at his best.

LIBERTY 2/22 " Myra started for the door. I followed. Over her shoulder, I saw a man in a Taxi cab turn and start down the steps. His cab pulled away from the curb as I tore open the envelope etc."

DET. LEON I took the letter from the Taxi man and left him at the door. I took the note to Lindbergh and Breckinridge. All of us went to the door but the man was gone.

LIVET. KEATON Condon says, the Taxi man handed me the letter, then walked off the porch and rode away. He appeared to be a Jew - about 5' 6" tall and wore long side-boards.

GRAND JURY Condon did not admit the man but left the door half open.

LIND. INVEST. Condon said the man told him that the note had been given him to deliver by a man at the corner of 188th St. and Marion Ave.

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MONEY - LINDBERGH and "Hey Doktor".

When the money was to be paid - Lindbergh drove the car. He parked himself in the car - on Tremont Ave. Condon left him there and went to contact John.

Condon - later - advised Mrs. Morrow - (LIBERTY) that Lindbergh was about 150 feet from him - when he contacted John.

From behind a tombstone - John called in a guttural voice (quite different from shouting) " Hey. Doktor".

When John called - in that "guttural" voice - he must have been 200 feet from Lindbergh. Yet - Lindbergh testified that he recognized Hauptmann's voice as the one the said " Hey. Doktor".

John jumped over a low wall and left a foot impression in a newly turned grave. HACKER - took an impression of it BUT it was not shown in court.

John said it would take 10 minutes to get back with the note of instructions. He was back in just 13 minutes.

Statements about John agreeing to take \$ 50,000.00 differ.

LIBERTY 2/29 - Condon told John that Lindbergh could not raise the additional \$ 20,000.00 and added, " but I can go to the auto and get \$ 50,000.000. Then John agreed to take it.

INSP. WALSH. - Condon said he told John times were hard and John said he knew it and would take \$ 50,000.00.

WALSH - asks - " Who suggested the \$ 50,000.00?
CONDON said - " They did. I did not suggest any amount".

SPEC. REPORT - Condon offered the \$ 50,000.00 and John said " Well if I can't get \$ 70,000.00 I will take \$ 50,000.00

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THE MAN and THE GIRL.

The Doctor says he left Lindbergh in the car and went to find John.

That he saw a man and a girl standing on the corner of Tremont and Whittemore and asked them where Whittemore St. was.

The man said they did not know - that they were strangers. They left immediately.

INSP. WALSH. Condon says that he had the box of money under his arm when he talked with the man and the girl.

EXCHANGE OF MONEY and NOTE.

The Doctor goes to great extremes to explain with what great care the exchange of money and note of directions was made.

SPEC. REPORT.- Condon hands the money with one hand and takes the note with the other.

LIBERTY 2/28 - " With the box balanced in my Left hand I reached out with my right hand towards John's Left to receive the note. At the exact moment that his Right hand reached out for the box, my fingers closed upon the note which he took from his coat pocket. I pocketed the note as he placed the box at his own feet etc."

INSP. WALSH. Condon put the money on top of the hedge and the man took it from there and then handed Condon the note.

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WAS JOHN A GERMAN or a SCANDANAVIAN?

The Doctor admitted on various occasions - that he told many people the John was a Scandanavian.

INSPEC. WALSH puts it right up to him and this is what we get:-

WALSH "What made you think John was a Scandanavian?"

CONDON "He told me - and his accent.

WALSH "With your experience, you have heard different languages. Could you say of your own knowledge?"

CONDON "I figure he was not a German. From what he said(Walsh should have crowded that out. Hoage) and from the way I heard him speak and from the way he spoke to me".

OTHER ADMISSIONS.

The Doctor admits that he did not tell reporters at Miami that Hauptmann was John.
Said he did not want to bias the case.

Can you imagine that from the Doctor?

BURIAL of CHILD.

CROSS EXAM "Did you tell Marcus Griffin of the N. Y. Inquirer - Dec. 1934 - that you knew it for a fact - that the child's body was brought back for burial?"

CONDON "I don't know".

(There may have been a reason for not pressing this question, but it does not appear here. Hoage)

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FAILURE TO IDENTIFY.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Doctor had said repeatedly - that he could not fail to identify John - He did fail at the Greenwich Street Police Station and at Headquarters.
This in view of two other conditions.

He claimed to have seen John and recognized him in August 1934 - from the top of a moving Bus.
The time was only two months before hea failed to identify him at Greenwich St. and at Headquarters.

Also - it is indicated - on CROSS EXAM. - that pictures of Hauptmann had been given to CONDON by Det. Callahan of the Bronx.
Due to the failure of Reilly to crowd this situation - we can not definitely tell whether the pictures were given before or after the visit to Headquarters.

ATOP the BUS.

Two months before the arrest of Hauptmann - the Doctor claims to have seen John from the top of a moving bus.

What did he do?

Well - again the stories seem to differ. At least he was again dilatory.
He says he asked the driver of the bus to run the man down - then he retracts the statement.

He says he did get off at the next corner - but again - his man was gone.

But that is not the worst of it.

On CROSS EXAM. - he was asked if he had asked the driver to stop. And what do you think he said?

CONDON " No, it was none of my business".

The " Wizard " refuses to " wizard " any more.

But - don't get the idea that he is out of the picture. We are to hear from him again.

Leon Hoage

\$ 1,000.00 and \$ 12,000.00

The Doctor - in his first appeal to the kidnapers - offered \$ 1,000.00 of his own money in addition to whatever other reward was paid.

In that advertisement he says (and he has since reiterated the fact) that the \$ 1,000.00 was " all that he can scrape together ".

Now, he tells us - in LIBERTY March 14 - that he never received any financial remuneration whatever for all the work he did and all the money he spent.

He says that he spent over \$ 12,000.00 of his own money trying to get the baby back.

We wonder if the good Doctor will tell us - in view of his statement in his first advertisement - that \$ 1,000.00 was all he could scrape together - where he got the additional \$ 11,000.00.

We also wonder if the Doctor realizes the class in which he has placed Col. Lindbergh - who according to his (Condon's) own statement - has not insisted that he accept - at least - the \$ 12,000.00.

It seems almost like my paying the milk bill for J. P. Morgan.

ATOP the BUS - AGAIN.

The Doctor just starts his story about that trip on the bus in August 1934, when he sees and recognizes John.

He leaves us in suspense until next week. However he starts well and we will quote him:-

CONDON " I saw a man in the garb of a workman walking in a northeasterly direction toward a nearby woods. It was broad daylight, and in that wild instant that I saw him, and jumped eagerly to my feet, shouting to the driver to stop the bus, I had recognized the man".

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ATOP the BUS.

The WIZARD FAILS AGAIN.

As I fought my way forward in the slow moving bus - I shouted:-
" Stop this bus. Stop this bus".

The driver said, "I can't stop here Doc. There's cross traffic".

CONDON looks back but can't see John - who had been travelling in the opposite direction from that in which the bus was travelling.

Bus - stopped on the SOUTH side of Pelham Parkway.

CONDON says, he could not tell whether John had disappeared in the nearby woods or had taken an automobile. He had disappeared.

CONDON phoned, Fed. Bur. of Invest. Dep. of Justice on Lexington Ave.

JUST WHAT IS an IDENTIFICATION?

The NAIVENESS of CONDON at IT'S BEST.

With a little HELP from the EDITOR of LIBERTY -
CONDON hands us some more " BUNK ".

CONDON Less than a month after the above incident - the afternoon of Sept. 20, 1934 - two N. Y. City Plainclothesmen came to the house. They were excited and said:-

" Get your hat on, Doctor. We've got John."

GREEN- Arrived at Station House after 5 P. M.

WICH ST. The place looked like a STAMPEDE.

Newspaper men and reporters all over the place.

INSP LYONS - in charge.

Some one said to me - " If you see JOHN in the line-up - step up and put your hand on his shoulder.

LINE-UP Twelve or more men - and perhaps eleven(II) of them broad-shouldered, STORY, florid-faced, bull-neck chaps etc. (Even Condon disgusted. H-)

by Among them - slender - sallow of face - expressionless - stood CONDON JOHN - the man I had been seeking for 2½ years.

I had said I would recognize him anywhere.

INSTANTLY - I did it now. (Then why all the monkey-doodles. THAT FOLLOWED? Hoage)

BUT - the whole atmosphere was unfair. No orderly procedure of justice. And a man's life at stake.

I thought of JOHN'S interests. (The Altruist again. Hoage)

The officers told me - on the way - that the man had been caught with ransom money.

(I can not remember of having read anything - anywhere - that would indicate that the Police authorities thought that Hauptmann was JOHN - notwithstanding that wonderful and minute description of JOHN - given in FINN story in LIBERTY. Hoage)

CONDON asked to be allowed to conduct things as he saw fit and was allowed to do so. (Just had to run things. Had them all Rpyt. H-)

He picked Four(4) men- one of them John (Not so hard with all of the rest of them - broad-shouldered - florid-faced and bull-necked. Hoage)

JUST WHAT IS AN IDENTIFICATION?

CONDON says he heard one of the men grumble to his companion:-
"What is he picking me for"? (All of the Cops should have declared in some similar fashion - then CONDON would have had no doubts as to who the "Suspect " was. Hoage)

CONDON asked the Four their names. Given - including Hauptmann.
Hauptmann - voice, military bearing, "inverted triangle " face slightly stooped shoulders, Straight nose. In every detail the John of Van Cortlandt Park and St. Raymonds.
Each man denied ever having seen Condon before.

CONDON wrote on paper, "he would smack me out", and other sayings of John. He had each man read them aloud.
He inspected their hands.
On Hauptmann's hands was the well developed muscle at the ball of the thumb - the mark of the carpenter's profession.

CONDON asked, "Können Sie Deutsch sprechen"?
says Hauptmann answered in an anxious grateful voice,
"Ja, Ich kann. Sprechen Sie zu mir Deutsch."

CONDON spouts some German poetry. No response from Hauptmann.

" tells INSP LYONS - he is through.

LYONS " Which one is JOHN "?

CONDON " I shall not declare an identification at this time."
" Some drool about identification and Declaration of Identification.
" claims - in LIBERTY - 3/21/38 - that he identified John but refused to say so because he objected to the haphazard way in which the identification was run.

CONDON Some papers say I identified Hauptmann and ordered him from the line-up. Others that I did not identify him. Both were wrong.
says he would identify only at the proper time - proper time being when he was on stand under oath.

CONDON says that at that moment - he was - THE FORGOTTEN MAN - of the LINDBERGH case and was willing to remain so. (See my special report on CONDON - the MAN - stating what I thought his reaction was at that moment. Hoage)

CONDON The investigation still continues. There are minor mysteries.
Whose voice called STATTI CITTO the night John phoned? 3/11/32
To whom did John relay my answer "he sometimes writes for papers".
Who was the Italian woman at the Bazaar?
Who is the Taxi man who brought the note on April 2, 1932?
Speaks of John Condax who got Symbols at library. (Who is Condax, H-)

CONDON goes to Wilentz. (He has been doing that mental milling. Hoage)
Says Hauptmann is John.
Wilentz suggests he see Hauptmann in his cell. Done.

TALK Talks with Hauptmann about mother and boy.

WITH CONDON does all the talking. NOT ONE WORD SUGGESTING A CONFESSION.

HAUPT. Next saw Hauptmann in Court.

F I N I S

The \$ 14.00 still a Mystery. CONDON forgot to mention it in his list of minor mysteries. Probably thanks due to the Editor of LIBERTY.

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Hand-
writing
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Expert OSBORN saw cert. and Slip. Said Similar.

Mar. Cert. - Deposit Slip and photostat of
Geissler's passport sent to SAUNDERS- appoint-
on the case by Washington.

SAUNDERS

says all three were written by the same party.

WE LEARN

That a John Faulkner once lived at 547 W. 149.

That he had died.

That all the writing was the same.

WE NOTE.

Juggling of address on Slip.

" " " " Marriage license.

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THE J. J. FAULKNER STORY.

FACTS - as given in the FINN STORY in LIBERTY.

IT IS OUR CERTAIN BELIEF

that here is a DOOR to the

COMPLETE SOLUTION of the LINDBERGH CASE.

May 1933 \$ 2,980.00 deposited by party giving
NAME J. J. FAULKNER
ADDRESS 587 West 149th St.

A FAULKNER family formerly lived at
547 West 149th St.

1921 Jane Emily Faulkner married C. O. Geissler
Her sister married Alvin Weigner

There was a brother JOHN - who had died.

Part of the family moved away in 1921
The balance - later - to address unknown.

Check of That A. Weigner - whose former address was
BANKS 547 West 149th St. had a deposit in the
showed Manufacturers Trust Co. but then lived at
 120 No. Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont, N. Y.

Check at That C. O. Geissler lived at the Larchmont
Larch. address. That Weigner lived there only
showed periodically. Then at Yankee Lake, N. Y.

Marriage On marriage certificate - of Geissler and

J. J. FAULKNER STORY - continued.

GEISLER had two children by a former marriage.

Carl D. Phyllis Ann.

Phyllis married Henry Clay Liepold.

A check made out by Carl - was made payable to Herman Halpern - 25 Alameda St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
A Ransom bill had been partially traced to cash drawer of Halpern.

About this time - Mrs. Liepold went to Canada under an assumed name.

April 7, 1933 Liepold sent a mysterious cable to Willie Krippendorf in Germany, seriously advising to return on cheap boat - preferably in Steerage.

Nov. 1933 Liepold committed suicide.

When Krippendorf returned to America - he went to live with LEO RODEL - at 333-335 Tom Hunter Road, Fort Lee, N.J.

Krippendorf and Rodel were close friends of RALPH HACKER son-in-law of J. F. CONDON.

WHAT DO WE GET FROM THIS?

Mrs. Liepold using assumed name

Why?

Strange cable to Krippendorf

WHY?

FINN says he never got explanation of cable

WHY?

No legitimate Faulkner ever turned-up

WHY?

This Faulkner lead is probably the HOTTEST CLUE the DEPARTMENT turned-up.

Seemingly the Department was stale-mated on it.

WHY?

What a family this Faulkner - Geissler - Liepold seem to be. What a fertile field for investigation.

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Let us LOOK at
WILLIE KRIPPENDORF.

by Finn

Compare description of Krippendorf - which is meager although it can be amplified - with the passers on Ransom money. One a \$ 5.00 bill - the other a \$ 50.00 bill.

The former at Edwards Sport Shop in December 1932
The latter at U. S. Cigar Store in March 1933.

FINN	EDWARDS S. S.	U. S. CIGAR STORE
33	-----	40
5' 11"	8'	6'
155 pounds	-----	-----
Gray eyes	-----	-----
Blend hair	-----	-----
-----	Light complexion	Light complexion
-----	-----	Long thin face
German	Foreigner	-----
-----	-----	Soft hat
-----	-----	Dark clothing

The 5' 11" - known measurement of Krippendorf fits in with the 6' of the two other descriptions.

With all of the other descriptions running not over 5' 10" and Hauptmann's actual height - seems to preclude Hauptmann being this fellow who passed the \$ 5.00 and the \$ 50.00

And what about Liepold - and what is his full story?

Surely Hauptmann could not have known name and address of Faulkner unless he knew the family and would have had to know them as far back as 1921 (when I believe Hauptmann was in Germany) or he would have to know them very well, being acquainted with past history - or he must have worked with them.

Leon Hongo

DIRECT EXAMINATION

Question

Ans.

Condon asks John how he is to know that he is talking to the right man.

"What did the man say?"

"The baby was held in the crib by safety pins."

Question

Ans.

"You had the pins with you?"

"Yes, took them the night I slept in the Nursery.

They were, as nearly as I can judge, to the right and left of where the baby's neck was."

The above is another version as to how the pins came into the conversation

Also another version as to how Condon was to know that he was dealing with the right parties.

In all other places the SLEEPING SUIT was to be the proof.

SIDE LIGHTS.

Cross Examination.

Condon says he saw Hauptmann in Centre St and that later he saw him from the top of the Bus.

He saw H. at Center St. in Oct. 1934 and from the top of the Bus in Aug. 1934.

Comment. In Aug. he claims to have known his man from the top of a moving bus, BUT TWO(2) months later he cannot recognize him at Police Headquarters. //

Cross Examination.

Admits he never told reporters at Miami that John was Hauptmann. Says he did not want to affect the case. Failed to recognize at Police Headquarters - Greenwich St. station house - was not called in extradition proceedings. Recognized Hauptmann in court for the first time.

GRAND JURY

2nd TAXI MAN.

LIND. INVEST.

Condon here says he asked man where he came from and man said from 188th St and Marion Ave.

INSP. WALSH.

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"I figure he was not a German. I figure from what he said and from the way I have heard them speak and from the way he spoke to me.

LIND. INVEST.

Did not take Istgate seriously. Went for coffee and get a friends opinion.

Phoned. Lind. Printed message peculiar. No sig. but SYMBOL.

Says too late to put Ad in after return from Lind's. Same inserted next day. Answer the following day. SAYS elsewhere that Breck. left him to put Ad. in.