

Statement of George Steinweg, taken at his office, 226 E. 86th Street, New York, on October 25, 1936.

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- Q. Mr. Steinweg, when this fellow Fisch came here and purchased a ticket from you, according to the testimony he paid somewhere around \$1,000. all totaled.
- A. Yes. The thing is this, when he was here, naturally my young man and myself we never took any notice of what kind of money he paid, but to tell the absolute truth, the day when I read that when this girl in the movie claimed she got a yellow back and was told the Lindbergh money was not yellow back, but yellow certificate, has a yellow stamp, or have only the yellow stamp I was reminded of the incident on the day when Fisch was here. Fisch was here in the morning, first, he came and made a deposit, I don't remember anything but on the 14th of November, in the morning Fisch was here and brought about \$1,000. I had an associate here in business and he intended to go, the following spring to Europe and used to come here always. His office is on 86th Street and his name is Louis Gartner, 407 E. 86th Street. He used to come in and say, "If you have any gold, I will take it and take it over with me and I get more for it" and then we were off of the standard, but was not mandatory to deliver gold notes and every day he used to come in and on the 14th of November I had quite a lot and before noon he came in and took about \$100. or so from my young man and gave him nice fresh money and about a half an hour later he came back again and said, "If you got some more, give me some more" and I gave him another \$100. or so and said, "Give me more. You will take my check?" and I said, "Sure" and I remember that and I remember that and I took about \$100. and put it in my own pocket. My wife's birthday is later in November and thought I would give it to her, they looked so nice and clean. And this incident with this Mr. Gartner, this check, I remembered it immediately because it was certificates. I had them my money a day or two later on and put it back, they were not gold notes and thought my wife would not look at them anyway because they are not yellow, on the back and Mr. Gartner kept them until the spring when it was mandatory to deliver the gold notes. The last day and that very last day he went down to the Federal Reserve and delivered them to the Bank.
- Q. Were they delivered under his name?
- A. Under his name, Gartner. Federal Reserve on Pine & Wall and when the case came up with Bruno Hauptmann, some inspectors came to him apparently asking for income tax until all of a sudden they gave him a little piece of paper and told him to write Faulkner and made him sign all kinds of names, Faulkner, Faulkner, Faulkner, whole pages full and happened to be the same day Federal Reserve had received Lindbergh's notice that he made a deposit of the money he got from me. That money he got from me on the 14th of November, on the day when Fisch paid here. I remember the incident and said, "Louis, you

gave me a check. Get that out. I know you gave me cash and beside you gave me a check" and that is the check on the 14th of November, from Louis Gartner.

(Produces check, as follows: "New York, November 14, 1933, Manufacturers Trust Co., 1513 First Ave., Corner 79th Street, Pay to the Order of Adriatic Exchange, \$150.00. (Signed) Louis Gartner" Endorsed "Adriatic Exchange, 226 E. 86th Street, New York City".)

We had more and deposited some and recently I spoke to the man in the bank and said, "Did you have trouble too? Did you ever get any of the Lindbergh money?" He said, "Yes, they were here, but we couldn't check that up, nothing that you could trace that." I wanted to see if it was on the 14th it was deposited and there was a \$500. cash deposit on that slip and if the Federal Reserve on the 14th of November also found in the deposit of the Corn Exchange certificates, you have a closed case there. What he got and what I had and what I deposited there, was about \$1,000.

Q. What other money came in that day?

A. No big amounts. That was in the morning he was here. He came here and got checks for Uhlig. He paid for Uhlig's ticket as well as travelers checks. Uhlig disclaimed it first and later Uhlig said first he was here that day, and he was not here because Fisch was here alone and paid for Uhlig's ticket and also the travellers checks and then Uhlig said he felt Fisch owed it to him. Anyway, Uhlig called me on the telephone and said, "Mr. Steinweg, what shall I do, you know Fisch died and he left some bundles with friends in the Bronx. How can I ship those things over," I said, "Mr. Uhlig, very simple, bring them here and I will take care of that" and he said, "All right, I will see you the next day" and he did come and sent some money to his father, \$40. A small amount and I said, "What did you do with the bundle," and he said, "That is all right. That is taken care of" and that was in the spring. Bruno was arrested in September and that was months before, right after Uhlig returned. He called me up and he denied he ever said it and how should I know there were bundles. He said "Up with friends in the Bronx" and later I asked him and he said, "I didn't say it" and I said "I told you you didn't have to do anything. To put it in a big box, just put an address on and I will ship them over. Cost you 12¢ a pound" "All right, he said, I will bring them down" and he came a few days afterward and said, "Oh, that is all taken care of", so he knew Fisch left bundles there. When he called me up he said Fisch died. He said he paid for the ticket and then later he said Fisch paid it, but he owed it to him. My partner was stumped and had my man to sign the name of Faulkner and got the hand-writing.

Q. Fisch had other money here?

A. Yes, sure. Of course, I didn't count it, but he had quite a lot. You should check up on deposits in the Yorkville National Bank from the 14th to 20th, and the Corn Exchange National Bank.