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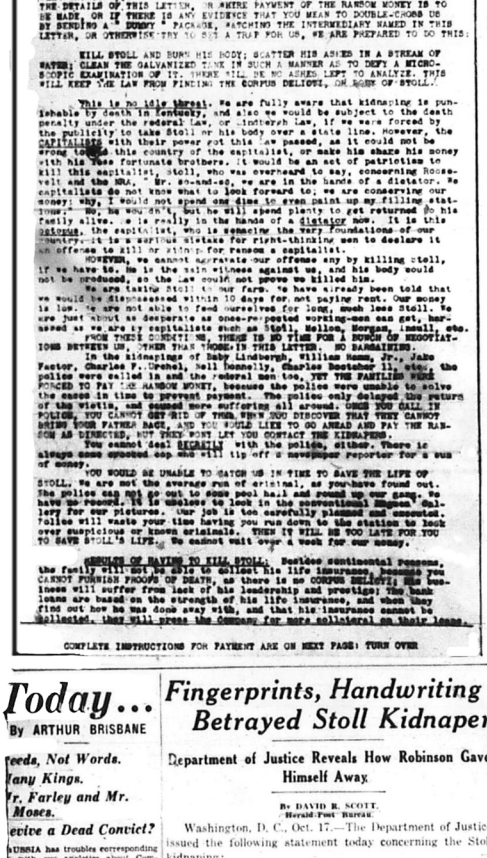
U. S. TO ASK DEATH PENALTY FOR KIDNAPER OF MRS. STOLL

Photostatic Copy of Note Demanding Ransom for Mrs. Stoll



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STOLL FAMILY:

WARNING! Stoll has been kidnaped for ransom. Overcome your first natural impulse to call in the police. Otherwise, you will regret it.

The life of Stoll, and perhaps the lives of his sons and their families, depend on the Stoll family READING THIS LETTER THOROUGHLY AND OBEYING OUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BEGINNING AND FOR ALL TIME THEREAFTER.

Read this letter and you will realize that we mean business. We want the money, not the life of Stoll, BUT IF YOU LET THE POLICE KNOW THE DETAILS OF THIS LETTER, OR IF WE HEAR PAYMENT OF THE RANSOM MONEY IS TO BE MADE, OR IF THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE THAT YOU MEAN TO DOUBLE-CROSS US BY SENDING A " DUMMY " PACKAGE, WATCHING THE INTERMEDIARY NAMED IN THIS LETTER, OR OTHERWISE TRY TO SET A TRAP FOR US, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS:

KILL STOLL AND BURN HIS BODY; SCATTER HIS ASHES IN A STREAM OF WATER; CLEAN THE GALVANIZED TANK IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO DEFY A MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF IT. THERE WILL BE NO ASHES LEFT TO ANALYZE. THIS WILL KEEP THE LAW FROM FINDING THE CORPUS DELICTI, OR BODY OF STOLL.

This is no idle threat. We are fully aware that kidnaping is punishable by death in Kentucky, and also we would be subject to the death penalty under the federal Law, or Lindbergh Law, if we were forced by the publicity to take Stoll or his body over a state line. However, the CAPITALISTS with their power of this Law passed, as it could not be wrong to hold this country of the capitalist, or make his share his money with his less fortunate brothers. It would be an act of patriotism to aid this capitalist, Stoll, who was overpaid to say, concerning Roosevelt and the NRA: " Mr. so-and-so, we are in the hands of a dictator. We capitalists do not know what to look forward to; we are conserving our money; why, I would not spend one dime to even paint up my filling stations." No, he wouldn't, but he will spend plenty to get returned to his family alive. He is really in the hands of a dictator now. It is this dictator, the capitalist, who is sensing the very foundations of our country; it is a capitalist dictator first-thinking seen to declare it an offense to kill or kidnap for ransom a capitalist.

HOWEVER, we cannot aggravate our offense any by killing Stoll, if we have to. He is the sole witness against us, and his body would not be produced, so the law could not prove we killed him.

We are taking Stoll to our farm. We have already been told that we would be discovered within 10 days for not paying rent. Our money is low. We are not able to feed ourselves for long, much less Stoll. We are just about as desperate as once-respected working-men can get, harassed as we are by capitalists such as Stoll, Mellon, Morgan, Insull, etc.

FROM THESE CONDITIONS, THERE IS NO TIME FOR A DOZEN OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US, OTHER THAN THOSE IN THIS LETTER. NO BARGAINING.

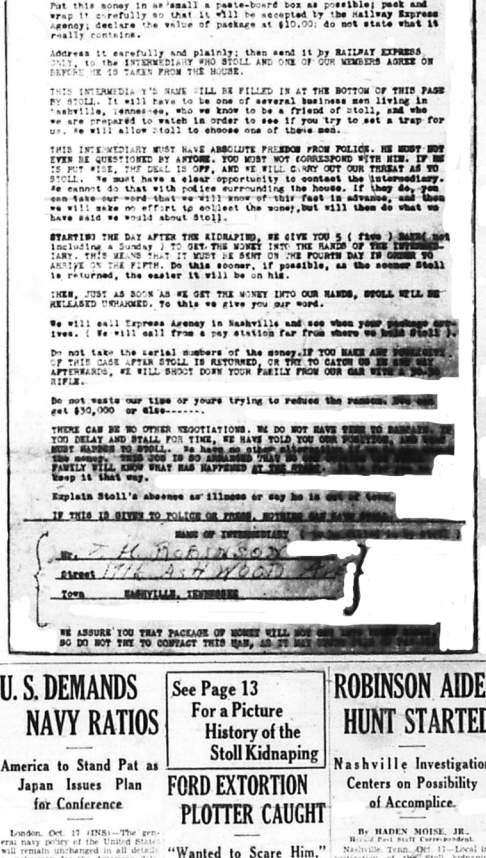
In the kidnapings of Baby Lindbergh, William Hamm, Jr., Jake Factor, Charles F. Urschel, Neil Connelly, Edward Bostchor II., etc., the police were called in and the federal men too, YET THE FAMILIES WERE FORCED TO PAY THE RANSOM MONEY, because the police were unable to solve the cases in time to prevent payment. The police only delayed the return of the victim, and caused more suffering all around. ONES YOU CALL IN POLICE, YOU CANNOT GET RID OF THEM. THEY DO DISCOVER THAT THEY CANNOT HELP YOUR FATHER BACK, AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND PAY THE RANSOM AS DIRECTED, BUT THEY WON'T LET YOU CONTACT THE KIDNAPERS.

You cannot deal BRIBERY with the police, either. There is always some crooked cop who will tip off a newspaper reporter for a sum of money.

YOU WOULD BE UNABLE TO CATCH US IN TIME TO SAVE THE LIFE OF STOLL. We are not the average run of criminal, as you have found out. The police can not go out to dragging pool hall and dance hall, as they have no record. It is useless to look in the sensational Rogues Gallery for our pictures. Our job is too carefully planned and executed. Police will waste your time having you run down to police stations to look over suspicious or known criminals. THEN IT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR YOU TO SAVE STOLL'S LIFE. We cannot wait over a week for our money.

REGARDS OF HAVING TO KILL STOLL: Restless continental persons, the really will not be able to collect his life insurance, because you CANNOT PUNISH PROOF OF DEATH, as there is no CORPUS DELICTI; his business will suffer from lack of his leadership and prestige; the bank loans are based on the strength of his life insurance, and when they find out he was done away with, and that his insurance cannot be collected, they will press the Company for more collateral on their loans.

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT ARE ON NEXT PAGE: TURN OVER



INSTRUCTIONS

AMOUNT OF RANSOM: $30,000(thirty thousand dollars).

$5,000 to be in $10.00 bills, and $25,000 to be in $20.00 bills.

Put this money in as small a paste-board box as possible; pack and wrap it carefully so that it will be accepted by the Railway Express Agency; declare the value of package at $10.00; do not state what it really contains.

Address it carefully and plainly; then send it by RAILWAY EXPRESS ONLY, to the INTERMEDIARY WHO STOLL AND ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AGREE ON BEFORE HE IS TAKEN FROM THE HOUSE.

THIS INTERMEDIARY'S NAME WILL BE FILLED IN AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE BY STOLL. It will have to be one of several business men living in Nashville, Tennessee, who we know to be a friend of Stoll, and who we are prepared to watch in order to see if you try to set a trap for us. We will allow Stoll to choose one of these men.

THIS INTERMEDIARY MUST HAVE ABSOLUTE FREEDOM FROM POLICE. HE MUST NOT EVEN BE QUESTIONED BY ANYONE. YOU MUST NOT CORRESPOND WITH HIM. IF HE IS NOT WISE, THE DEAL IS OFF, AND WE WILL CARRY OUT OUR THREAT AS TO STOLL. We must have a clear opportunity to contact the intermediary. We cannot do that with police surrounding the house. If they do, you can take our word that we will know of this fact in advance, and then we will make no effort to collect the money, but will then do what we have said we would about Stoll.

STARTING THE DAY AFTER THE KIDNAPING, WE GIVE YOU 5 (five) DAYS(not including a Sunday) TO GET THE MONEY INTO THE HANDS OF THE INTERMEDIARY. THIS MEANS THAT IT MUST BE SENT ON THE FOURTH DAY TO ARRIVE ON THE FIFTH. Do this sooner, if possible, as the sooner Stoll is returned, the easier it will be on him.

THEN, JUST AS SOON AS WE GET THE MONEY INTO OUR HANDS, STOLL WILL BE RELEASED UNHARMED. To this we give you our word.

We will call Express Agency in Nashville and see when your package arrives. (We will call from a pay station far from where we hold Stoll).

Do not take the serial numbers of the money. IF YOU MAKE ANY PROMISE OF THIS CASE AFTER STOLL IS RETURNED, OR TRY TO CATCH US IN ONE WAY OR AFTERWARDS, WE WILL SHOOT DOWN YOUR FAMILY FROM OUR CAR WITH A RIFLE.

Do not waste our time or yours trying to reduce the ransom. We want get $30,000 or else------.

THERE CAN BE NO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS. WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO BARGAIN. ANY DELAY AND STALL FOR TIME, WE HAVE TOLD YOU OUR PLAN. WE KNOW WHAT MUST HAPPEN TO STOLL. We have told you the truth. If you try to get the money, THEN YOU IS SO ASHAMED THAT WE WILL NOT LET YOUR FAMILY KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT THE END. Keep it that way.

Explain Stoll's absence as illness or say he is out of town.

IF THIS IS GIVEN TO POLICE OR PRESS, ANYONE CAN [illegible]

HAND OF INTERMEDIARY

Mr. T. H. ROBINSON
Street THE ASH WOOD
Town NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

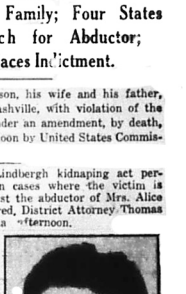
WE ASSURE YOU THAT PACKAGE OF MONEY WILL GO [illegible] SO DO NOT TRY TO CONTACT THIS MAN, AS IT MAY [illegible]

SLUGGING OF VICTIM BASIS FOR DECISION

Guard Posted Over Family; Four States Scoured in Search for Abductor; Suspect's Wife Faces Indictment.

Warrants charging Robinson, his wife and his father, Thomas H. Robinson, Sr., Nashville, with violation of the Lindbergh act, punishable, under an amendment, by death, were issued Wednesday afternoon by United States Commissioner Eugene M. Dailey.

An amendment to the Lindbergh kidnaping act permitting the death penalty in cases where the victim is injured will be invoked against the abductor of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll when he is captured, District Attorney Thomas J. Sparks announced Wednesday afternoon.



THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR.

There previously had been doubt whether Thomas H. Robinson, 27, Nashville, former inmate of an asylum for the insane, who escaped a Department of Justice trap Tuesday in Indianapolis, would be tried in the state courts, where death is prescribed for kidnaping, or in the federal court, where life imprisonment is the penalty.

Use of the death penalty proviso will be based upon the wounds inflicted upon Mrs. Stoll's head when she was struck twice at her home and twice in her Indianapolis apartment-prison with an improvised blackjack.

Fearful the demented kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll will return to Louisville to seek vengeance upon the Stolls for his "betrayal," Director of Safety Dunlap Wakefield meanwhile ordered a police guard placed about every member of the Stoll and Speed families.

Spurred by a statement of Health Director Hugh Rodman Leavell that such a reaction could be expected from a dementia praecox sufferer, Mr. Wakefield announced the police guard would be maintained until the abductor is captured.

While Mrs. Stoll, who was returned to her home Tuesday night by Department of Justice operatives, was resting under a physician's care at her Lime Kiln Lane home, the hunt for Robinson was carried on in four states.

Kidnaper Heads South.

Apparently still in the stolen black Ford V-8 he used in the kidnaping Robinson, who twice has been committed to insane asylums, headed south from Indianapolis with the $50,000 ransom, according to information reported to have been turned over to investigators.

This information led to the belief he might turn up again in Louisville or next he heard of at Nashville.

Another report, however, caused Illinois state highway patrolmen to guard all roads into Peoria. A car believed that of Robinson's was sighted early in the afternoon heading toward Peoria.

MRS. FRANCES ROBINSON.

Meanwhile, James Kirby, operator of a filling station at Twenty-sixth and Harding Streets, Indianapolis, identified

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ROBINSON'S PICTURE IDENTIFIED.

Indianapolis, Oct. 17 (INS)—Department of Justice agents swarmed to 2735 North Meridian Street here today and began a minute examination of a four-room apartment in Lafayette Court, said to have been occupied by Mrs. Berry V. Stoll and her abductors during the six days the Middle West was combed to locate her. Four persons have pointed to photographs of Thomas Robinson, Jr., as the "handsome" young man who had been seen entering and leaving the apartment during the time that Mrs. Stoll was held captive, authorities said.

KNIFED BODY FOUND AT ROADSIDE.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 17 (INS)—Mutilated by twelve knife wounds and two bullets, the body of Samuel W. Rhinehart, 26, was found curled against a blood-stained bush at the edge of a highway near here. He was believed a victim of an underworld "ride" slaying.

Today...

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

eeds, Not Words.
any Kings.
r. Farley and Mr. Moses.
evive a Dead Convict?

STRIA has troubles corresponding with our anxiety about Communists whispering propaganda.

n Russia the trouble is the other way round. Fascists in Russian factories are spreading Fascist propaganda among Communist workers, telling them that Communism is a failure.

Here we are content to monopolize our hands, roll our eyes toward heaven. In Russia they believe deeds, not words only, and there engineers on the "Kuhnetsk" metallurgical works are ordered shot for taking orders from Parliament instead of dictatorship, as compared with Communism, the Stalin kind of dictatorship.

SERBIANS gathered along the line as King Alexander's body passed, mourning the passing "of the last King in Europe." Other kings at least have Parliaments and there was the last real king who was being.

King Alexander did make his own law and enforced them, but in so doing he aroused the hatred of assassins, one of whom killed him. Might better have imitated mild King George of England and allowed Parliament and ministers to carry the load of responsibility.

However, plenty of other "real kings" remain in Europe: Mussolini in Italy, Stalin in Russia and Hitler in Germany. They do not at the moment wear golden crowns or robes of ermine, but any one of them may wear one or both, and in the meanwhile they are real "kings" as regards power—greater, more absolute than Alexander ever had.

MR. MOSES, able citizen, excellent park commissioner, now running for governor of New York on the Republican ticket, believes with many others that he has shown the head of the Postmaster General Mr. Farley miles into the air.

The blowing up is supposed to have

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Fingerprints, Handwriting Betrayed Stoll Kidnaper

Department of Justice Reveals How Robinson Gave Himself Away.

By DAVID R. SCOTT,
Herald-Post Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—The Department of Justice issued the following statement today concerning the Stoll kidnaping:

During the early evening of October 10, 1934, the division of investigation, United States Department of Justice, was informed of the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, wife of Mr. Berry V. Stoll, vice president of the Stoll Oil Refining Company, grand niece of the Hon. Frederic M. Sackett, former United States senator from Kentucky and former ambassador, to Germany, at Louisville, Ky.

An immediate investigation, which was initiated by the special agents of the division of investigation, developed the information that at about 3 o'clock during the afternoon of October 10, 1934, an unknown man appeared at the residence of Mr. Berry V. Stoll on Lime Kiln Lane on the outskirts of Louisville, Ky., and, by means of a pretext that he was an employe of the telephone company, sent for the purpose of checking the telephone connections, gained access to the house.

After apparently disconnecting the telephone service in the basement, he moved through the house, ostensibly checking several extension telephones.

Finally, by threatening the maid, Mrs. Fowler Woolett, with a gun, he forced her to accompany him to the second floor of the house where Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll was resting in her room. There he forced the maid to tape the hands of Mrs. Stoll and he, himself, struck Mrs. Stoll on the head several times with a piece of iron pipe which he had been carrying in his pocket, the blows causing Mrs. Stoll a considerable loss of blood. The individual then tied the hands and feet of the maid and left with her a ransom letter, left the house and placed in what the maid believed to be a Ford V-8 automobile.

The two-page ransom letter, which was typewritten on legal-size paper, referred to the kidnapings of the Lindbergh baby, William Hann, Jr., John Factor, Charles F. Urachel and Charles Boetcher II, and demanded the payment of $50,000 ransom for the release of Mrs. Stoll. It threatened that if the demand was not complied with, or if any attempt was made to apprehend the writer, the victim's body would be burned and the ashes scattered in a

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U. S. DEMANDS NAVY RATIOS

America to Stand Pat as Japan Issues Plan for Conference.

London, Oct. 17 (INS)—The general navy policy of the United States will remain unchanged in all details, a spokesman for the American delegation to the preliminary naval talks here declared today on the eve of the discussions.

The United States, he said, is not represented in these talks in order to "help any other nation or to "threaten" any nation to get it to subscribe to a treaty.

"There will be some sort of a preliminary agreement reached between the three principal naval powers, the United States, Great Britain and Japan, in order to give a ray of hope to the rest of the world in these troubled times," said the spokesman.

He said the agreement would aim to alleviate the new situation which has arisen since the conclusion of the Kellogg-Briand pact and the 1930 London naval conference.

The spokesman expressed the belief history no announced race ever has resulted in peace. The United States, he said, hopes the while forthcoming discussions will be marked by optimism.

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MUSSOLINI'S PAPER SEES SOCIAL REVOLT

Rome, Oct. 17 (INS)—Asserting that President Roosevelt's policies in the United States would be one of the main forces in the field, Premier Benito Mussolini's own newspaper, "Popolo D'Italia," today declared the entire world was facing a social revolution which would inaugurate "a century of Fascism."

The newspaper based its assertion upon recent events in the United States, and in particular upon President Roosevelt's plea for a truce between capital and labor.

2,000 IN HUNGER MARCH.

Lille, France, Oct. 17 (INS)—Three columns of hunger marchers, totaling more than 2,000 jobless, converged today upon Lille, France's largest Northern industrial town, for a mass demonstration in demand of work.

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For a Picture
History of the
Stoll Kidnaping

FORD EXTORTION PLOTTER CAUGHT

"Wanted to Scare Him," Arrested Man Says.

Detroit, Oct. 17 (INS)—An extortion plot against Edsel Ford has been nipped by federal agents today with the arrest of Edward Lickwada, 20, of Detroit, who admitted, according to Department of Justice men that he threatened to kill the auto magnate unless he received $5,000.

William Larson, chief special agent for the Department of Justice here, said the youth had made a full confession.

"I didn't really mean to harm Ford," Lickwada told Larson. "I didn't intend to take the money. I was mad at Ford and I just wanted to scare him."

Lickwada is a jobless factory worker. He never has been employed by the Ford company.

Race Results

CONEY ISLAND (11)—Sheear, $4.20, $2.60, $2.60; Hall Day, $3.80, $2.80; Delma Dunn, $2.80.

LAUREL (1)—Blessed Again, $4.60, $2.30, $2.30; Alwintour, $5.20, $3.10; Dose of Peace, $2.50.

LAUREL (2)—Dorel, $6.60, $3.00, $2.30; Hug Again, $3.40, $2.50; Sun Monk, $2.80.

LAUREL (3) — Tanaringo, $8.70, $4.70, $3.30; Rideaway, $4.50, $3.00; Ridian, $3.30.

NARRAGANSETT (1)—Cantine Lass, $10.70, $5.00, $2.50; Sun Cloister, $7.20, $2.90; Disaster, $2.30.

NARRAGANSETT (2) — Velocter, $16.30, $8.10, $4.30; Decorate, $7.70, $3.80; Annarita, $2.60.

NARRAGANSETT (3) — Wittekind, $6.00, $4.10, $2.00; Wordlidt, $4.70, $3.40; Cooney, $4.20.

EMPIRE CITY (1)—Master Lad, 5-1; Bellaire, 3-1; Little Arga, 10-1, 5-1; Treasury Key, 1-4.

ROBINSON AIDE HUNT STARTED

Nashville Investigation Centers on Possibility of Accomplice.

By HADEN MOISE, JR.,
Herald-Post Staff Correspondent.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 17.—Local investigation of the Stoll kidnaping case in Louisville was being conducted today in an effort to determine whether Thomas H. Robinson, 27, sought as the kidnaper, had any accomplices in the abduction. H. H. Clegg, chief federal investigator in this area, said at a press conference.

Clegg admitted that Robinson's father had been in custody of federal agents and questioned at length since last night. No charges have been filed. The father of Mrs. Robinson, N. L. Althauser, is expected to be grilled.

A warning that charges would be filed immediately against any person whom the investigation disclosed had any part in the crime was issued during the conference.

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Meanwhile Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. N. L. Althauser, was in a hospital. She suffered a collapse when word of her daughter's arrest at Scottsburg, Ind., reached her.

Authorities declined to say what information Thomas H. Robinson, Sr., furnished investigators. The young couple were shocked that Robinson, Jr., was accused of the kidnaping.

H. H. Clegg, chief federal investigator in this area, said that there was

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950 SELF-IMPRISONED MINERS BACK AT JOBS

Pecs, Hungary, Oct. 17 (INS)—One of the greatest industrial dramas ended without tragedy today when the 950 miners who staged a 100-hour hunger strike in the depths of a coal mine returned to work.

Some were thin and a bit shaky as the result of their long, self-imposed incarceration, by which they received a pay increase and winter bonus.