

Bruno Hauptmann Goes to His Death Silently

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Weather: Fresh northwest winds, fair
and cold tonight and on Sunday.

GOV'T LAUNCH GREAT WORKS PROGRAM

Bruno Hauptmann Paid the Penalty Without a Word

Walked to Chair Without Assistance — Pronounced Dead in 6½ Minutes.

TRENTON, New Jersey, April 4—Shortly after 9:45 P. M., A. S. T., the word was flashed around the world that the convicted slayer of the Lindbergh baby had paid the penalty of the crime.

Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who once before had saved him, did nothing at the last minute last night. There was expectation he would.

He had announced earlier he was powerless to reprieve at this time.

Bruno Hauptmann walked to the electric chair last night and died in silence for the murder of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's baby.

His face was gray, but his limbs were firm and he needed no help as he went briskly to the chair.

Col. Mark O. Kimberling, prison warden, said he made no confession to the crime which he had maintained throughout that he did not commit.

Until the end he had hoped desperately something might save him—the strange “something” which had intervened before to keep him out of the little room with the dirty white walls, only a few paces from the cell where he had been since February 16, 1935, three days after his conviction.

Hauptmann, pale and weak after three, seeing the date fixed for his death come and go—once on the hour—was led into the sombre little execution chamber at 9:41 P. M., A. S. T., 41 minutes past the hour set for his fourth date with death—the date he did not escape.

Six and a half minutes later—at 9:47:30 A. S. T., he was pronounced dead after a double examination by six physicians.

Hauptmann who ordered a hearty dinner and appeared only slightly nervous during the day—in sharp contrast to his demeanor last Tuesday—walked quickly and lightly into the death chamber.

There was a trace of what seemed to be a sneer on his pallid face.

Quickly the guards closed in around him as he sat in the chair. They adjusted the straps and fastened an electrode to his right leg. Robert Elliott, veteran executioner for four states, slipped the death helmet over his face.

Hauptmann had looked only once toward the 55 witnesses who faced him from the other side of the dingy little room.

At 9:43 A. S. T., two minutes after he entered the chamber, the first shock was applied. The other followed at minute intervals and at 9:46 A. S. T. Elliott turned off the current.

One hour after the governor an-

ACTIVITIES OF “Y” INCREASE IN POPULARITY

Over one hundred persons ranging from ten-year-old boys and teen age girls, to young men and young women, are working toward a demonstration of Y. M. C. A. activities which is to be presented this month. Soft ball in the schools is to be started soon and further high school activities are contemplated. Reports of the progress of these activities and discussion of the coming financial drive were the chief items which came before the local Y. M. C. A. board of directors at their meeting in the City Hall last night.

George W. Brown, president of the Y. M. C. A., was chairman of the meeting. Reginald A. Murray and Ralph J. Albrant read reports.

Mr. Albrant's report indicated that seven different groups are busily engaged in practising fifteen different numbers for the demonstration of “Y” gym work to be held later in the month. The Comers group which is comprised of boys from 10-12 years of age is meeting twice weekly now in Fraser Memorial gym. The Juniors group made up of boys 13-15 years of age is meeting twice weekly at Brunswick gym.

The Young Men's Gym Club has developed some first class gymnasts. The Young Men's Basketball league has concluded but a special group is practicing a basketball drill for the gym demonstration.

Mr. Albrant also reported that plans were made to run softball leagues among the boys in the city schools.

Mr. Murray's report dealt with the organization of the Financial Campaign to secure funds for carrying on the work another year.

Major I. B. Rouse was elected to the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. as the representative of the local Association for 1936. Those present at last night's meeting were: George W. Brown, J. D. MacKay, W. E. McMullen, Fred Campbell, Egbert Cass, Ross Kerr, Robin Kilburn, F. E. McDiarmid, Reginald A. Murray, Rolfe K. Nevers, Major I. B. Rouse, W. K. Tibert, W. Borden Trites, R. B. VanDine, Wm. J. West, and Ralph J. Albrant.

nounced there would be no further reprieve—he granted one reprieve in January—Dr. Howard Weisler straightened up from Hauptmann's limp body in the chair and said:

“This man is dead.”

Thus ended the career of the carpenter and petty criminal from Kamen, Germany, who was projected sud-

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HAUPTMANN TRIAL COST THE COUNTY \$2,000,000

TRENTON, N. J., April 4—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, a petty thug in his native Germany and an illegal dweller in the United States, lived to become in 16 dramatic months the biggest financial liability American criminal history has ever known.

The total expense of Bruno Hauptmann to the American people was computed today at more than \$1,000,000 as follows:

Federal government investigation, \$500,000.

New York city police and courts, \$250,000.

New Jersey trial \$162,000 plus other expenses since.

Col. Lindbergh paid \$50,000 ransom most of it lost, the rest in the courts pending settlement.

Mrs. Elwyn Walsh McLean, Washington, paid \$100,000 in false ransom plot to Gordon B. Means, who was sentenced to penitentiary as a result. Defence costs for Hauptmann about \$43,000.

Newspapers, press associations news reels, companies, special writers at least \$265,000. Telephone, telegraph and cable costs added another \$280,000. Reward \$25,000 by state of New Jersey remains to be paid.

The smallest cost of all was for the electric current required to execute Hauptmann One cent.

Large Funeral Today for Late Mrs. Harold Post

Hundreds of people gathered this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Scott on Smythe street to pay final tribute to the late Mrs. Harold B. Post, formerly Miss Emma Scott, whose sad death occurred at Waterbury, Conn., this week. The remains arrived here by train at noon today, accompanied by her husband, her mother, Mrs. James M. Scott, and a sister, Mrs. B. H. Hagerman, the latter two having been at Mrs. Post's bedside during the last few days of her illness.

The funeral service took place at 3:30 o'clock and was impressively conducted by Rev. George Telford. Members of St. Paul's United church choir were present and sang the hymns “The Lord Is My Shepherd” and “Abide With Me.” Interment was made in the Rural cemetery. The deceased was a great favorite with a large number of friends in this city and there were feeling expressions of regret on all sides at the funeral service this afternoon. Mrs. Post was possessed of many gifts that made friends whom she retained. Her passing will be felt by many in the province as well as in the United States where she had lately made her home.

The pallbearers were E. Allison MacKay, Dr. J. Gilbert Turner, Major Gordon Jones, Edward Hagerman, James Gallagher and Gerald Phillips. The mourners were as follows: Harold B. Post, James M. Scott, J. Stanley Scott, K. A. Scott, John C. O. Scott, Chas. E. Scott, John M. Scott, W. J. Scott, Chas. M. Scott, John Savage, B. H. Hagerman, W. R. Clark, Thomas Davidson, Chas. V. Pickard, David Pickard, Robt. Graham, Scovil Graham, Donald Graham, Alder Graham, Harry Graham, Lardon Graham, Rev. Fraser Dunlop, Karl Bishop, Walter Kirkpatrick, Walter Smith.

A very great number of beautiful floral tributes were received testifying of the popularity of the late Mrs. Post.

Mr. Boucher's Statement

Gaspard Boucher, M.P.P. for Madawaska County and Deputy Speaker of the Legislature was rather hot under the collar yesterday afternoon when he arose on a question of privilege in the House and paid his respects to The Daily Mail. Mr. Boucher claimed that this paper had misquoted certain statements which he had made at the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature, regarding the Department of Agriculture. He referred to the “baby reporters” of The Daily Mail and what he would do with them if they worked on his paper.

The statement credited to Mr. Boucher by our young man who reports the proceedings of the Legislative Committees is exactly the same as credited to him by the other Fredericton paper, and also by the Telegraph-Journal of Saint John. Mr. Boucher evidently reads only The Daily Mail, which fact we duly appreciate, so that our paper was the only one which he sailed into.

The statement attributed to Mr. Boucher was as follows: “J. G. BOUCHER, (LIBERAL), MADAWASKA, SUBMITTED THAT NOT TEN PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT SPENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WENT TO THE ACTUAL PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE, THE REMAINDER GOING TO OVERHEAD.”

If Mr. Boucher will take the trouble to read the two other daily papers mentioned he will see that the reports of the Committee published in these papers are ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL WITH THAT PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY MAIL.

After Mr. Boucher made his remarks in the Legislature The Daily Mail took the trouble to check up on our young man's report. The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee informed us that our report of the proceedings was absolutely correct.

We often hear of speakers after their remarks appear in print trying to blame the reporters for misquoting them. This is an old game. This is the first time in our experience, however, that it has been played by another newspaper man.

Three of the leading daily newspapers in the Province will appreciate receiving lessons in “baby reporting” from our genial brother of the press, the editor of the Madawaska Weekly Journal. When he referred to the baby reporters the laugh in the House seemed to be on himself rather than on the reporters. The report of the Committee was as follows:

“F. T. B. Young (Liberal Gloucester) wondered if there was not a duplication of services among federal and provincial representatives and if there could not be a co-ordination of such services.

“E. W. Melville, (Conservative Carleton) agreed with Mr. Young in this regard. A suggestion was made that the Committee recommend to the agricultural committee that it consider this matter, but no action was taken. It was pointed out that this subject was taken up at the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa.

“E. J. Henneberry, (Liberal, Saint John City), doubted that the Province was getting its full value from the expenditures of the department of agriculture.

“There was something wrong in the promotional work of the department, several members believed.

“A change of policy was needed, Mr. Henneberry contended. The department was “top heavy”. In each district there should be a model farm to be a centre of radiation of instruction or example. The farmer should be assisted to stand on his own feet, he thought.

J. G. Boucher (Liberal, Madawaska) submitted that not ten per cent of the amount spent by the department of agriculture went to the actual promotion of agriculture, the remainder going to overhead.

“Mr. Henneberry asked if it was possible for the government to get away from its obligation to the Brookville Mrg. Co. Ltd. G. W. Perry (Conservative, Carleton) explained how that company had gained possession of the lime plant at Brookville. There was a contract binding the government which required the department to turn over all orders received by it for lime from farmers to the Brookville Company.

“Mr. Henneberry thought the committee should recommend to the agricultural committee that it investigate the matter.

LADY TWEEDSMUIR TO BE MEMORIAL FUND PATRESS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, April 4—Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor-General, has consented to act as patroness of the Hamilton Women's Press Club Kit Memorial Fund. Miss Winifred Stokes, President, learned.

BOSTON TRAIN LATE

The Boston train was more than an hour late today it was reported from the Union station. The train has been late for the past several days the reason being a serious washout in the vicinity of Bangor, Maine, which is only in process of repair at the present time.

WINNIPEG BREAD PRICE UP - TO FIVE CENTS LOAF

WINNIPEG, Man., April 4—Ending months of disputes between selling organizations, a conference of bakers and retailers decided to raise the price of unwrapped bread from four to five cents a loaf in Winnipeg. The increase was the second attempt since last October on the part of dealers to eliminate price-cutting in the baking industry, and was the result of a recent Governmental inquiry into the industry in Manitoba.

A. G. Shepherd of Burt's Corner, is in the city today and made a pleasant call at this office.

Statement of Daniel Bannister May be Admitted Today

It Is Probable That Evidence Will Wind Up Today
and That Verdict Will Be Rendered on
Monday or Tuesday

Case a Tiresome Repetition

Witnesses Yesterday Followed Same Line as at
Previous Bannister Trials

EASTER RECESS IN OTTAWA BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

40 Million Dollar Plan to
Be Brought Down Before
Easter

OTTAWA, April 4—A forty million dollar programme of public undertakings—perhaps more than that—is to be brought down in Parliament before the Easter recess, which begins on Wednesday. It will be designed for the relief of unemployment.

The precise amount will depend upon the extent to which the proposed appropriations are modified.

Many Suggestions

There are all kinds of suggestions. Each department of the government which has anything to do with construction works has developed a programme while members of Parliament have been prolific in proposals for their own constituencies.

DIDN'T WANT YACHT, SO HE JUST LEFT IT

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 4—The ways of the sea were not for Homer B. Millard, Washington, D. C., so Canadian National Steamships added a school yacht to their fleet.

Millard recently started off with a party of guests in his schooner yacht, Kaydet, on what apparently was to have been a cruise to the West Indies. When next heard from, Millard and his party had abandoned the boat and were on board the steamer Rosario.

Sunday, the Canadian National Steamships freighter, Caveller, steaming 200 miles northwest of Bermuda, sighted the drifting schooner. The boat was in good condition, Captain LeBlanc reported. She was manned with a crew from the freighter, and Caveller headed for Kingston, Jamaica with Kaydet in tow.

BROTHER IS ILL

Friends will regret to learn that Miss McCarron received word that her brother, James McCarron, is critically ill at his home in Saint John. All hopes for his recovery have been abandoned. Miss McCarron is leaving this evening for Saint John to be with her brother.

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

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COL. JAMES WALKER, CALGARY, LAST “ORIGINAL” MOUNTIE DEAD

CALGARY, April 4—The West is tabulated white man's law on the mourning the passing of one of the Prairies, fifty years ago, Colonel Jas. original “riders of the plains.” Last Walker, died here recently. The 90-surviving member of a Royal North year-old veteran succumbed to a West Mounted Police troop that es-lingering illness in hospital.

OLDER CITIZENS REGRET DEATH SGT. GEORGE POLKINGHORN

Older citizens who were acquainted with the Royal Canadian Regiment in the nineties will regret to learn of the death of one of the non-commissioned officers, in the person of Sergeant George Polkinghorn. He had been ill for about a week with an attack of malaria fever, from which he usually suffered about two attacks each year, and while some anxiety was felt because of his advanced age still his death came as a distinct shock to all. His devoted son, Ernest, was ministering loving and kindly aid when the end came peacefully and suddenly.

Mr. Polkinghorn was eighty-three years of age, and had had a brilliant military career. He was an Englishman by birth and a soldier of the British and Canadian armies. When a young man he enlisted as a volunteer in the British army and served twelve years with the 101st Fusiliers. He came to Canada fifty years ago, and when the Boer war broke out he enlisted and served with distinction in the 1st Canadian contingent that went to South Africa. He was also Staff Sergeant in the Military School at Fredericton for some years.