

Anxiety Over Fate of Stolen Child Felt Throughout Nation and in Foreign Lands

'BABY IS SAFE,' SAYS CARD FROM NEWARK

Postman Intercepts Note to 'Lindbergh' Telling Him to 'Await Instructions.'

MANY OTHER CLUES FAUL

Woman Is Said to Have Bought Ether Before Abduction—Car Licenses Are Traced.

More than 500 men—the entire police force and some of the firemen—were conducting a house-to-house search in Newark last night on what seemed to be the most promising clue to the whereabouts of the Lindbergh baby.

The card was an ordinary one sold at all postoffices. The message was written in pencil. The name of the boy's father was spelled "Lindbergh." Alfred Frey, a carrier, found the card in the corner box at Central Avenue and Plane Street, in the center of the rooming house district.

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Work of Crank Seen.

After most kidnappings there are scores of such notes. But the police dared take no chances. Ten police captains led the searchers, and they were prepared to look into the last house in the city before admitting that the card had failed as a means to discovering the baby.

Mrs. Fannie Fischer, who keeps a rooming house at the corner of Spruce and Mulberry streets, told the searchers that early in the afternoon a car stopped in front of her house, and that she saw three men and a woman—what he said was a bundle in the back seat. A man came in and asked for accommodations for the four, but she did not have them.

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Princeton Clue Falls.

The Princeton Township police said yesterday that they had been unable to secure any helpful information from Luther Marsh, the Newark man who said earlier two men had asked him the way to the Lindbergh home.

Anxiety Throughout England.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES. LONDON, March 2.—The kidnapping of Colonel Lindbergh's baby has aroused the sympathy and indignation of every one here. Kidnappers are not uncommon in the United States, but it is "the ruthlessness rather than the audacity of this outrage which provokes wonder, a class of crime always provokes great indignation, but also because in Mexico relatives of the late Ambassador Morrow are held in the highest esteem. Mr. Morrow and his relatives will always be remembered in this country with affection."

Sorrow at Flying Fields.

At the aviation fields about the city, Colonel Lindbergh's associates of the air all expressed their deepest sympathy. Lieut. Col. John E. Howard, the commanding officer at Mitchell Field, said he hoped "the baby would be home soon."

In Oklahoma City the scheduled proceedings of the General Episcopal Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church South were suspended while more than 400 persons, includ-

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The suggestion was made by the Rev. John Pemberton Jr. of Camden, and the ministers, with more than 1,000 communicants attending the session, bowed in silent prayer for several minutes.

Two Autos Are Traced. The license numbers of automobiles also came in for attention as possible clues to the kidnappers. Two were investigated with no results up to last evening.

The first came to attention when Julius Goldberg, of 176 Baldwin Street, New Brunswick, told the police that he had seen a car with three men and a crying baby on Route 24, between his home town and Newark, Tuesday evening. He said the license number began with "3K 35—." He noticed the baby, he said, because his lights were on it. The car went past Newark in the direction of New York.

A 9:30 o'clock last night a blue sedan in license plates covered with mud, drew up at a service station at Kane Avenue and Crescent Circle, Camden, N. J. The occupants of the front seat, a man and woman, and another man who sat in the rear, seemed nervous, attendants at the station observed. The driver asked if they had seen any developments in the hunt for the Lindbergh baby, and on being told that there were not, asked if Route 25, which leads to Camden from Newark, were open. He was assured that it was and started north.

The employees at the gasoline station decided that the actions of the three had been suspicious and notified the State police, who sent out a request over the teletype alarm in about 2,000 homes in two square miles.

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Car Chased Near Manlius.

A message from Major Schoeffel, deputy superintendent of the New Jersey State Troopers, to New York Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon asked them there to look up license lists for all Hudson sedans carrying number 4U-99—the last number in the New York State license list with a number similar to that of "VU-99"—was chased by the police near Manlius, N. Y., which is not far from the scene of the abduction. It was said to be in the car, two in front and one in the rear holding something in a blanket.

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Minnesota Governor's Message.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 2.—The State of Minnesota, in which Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh grew to manhood, expressed sympathy today through Governor Floyd B. Olson to the parents of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby.

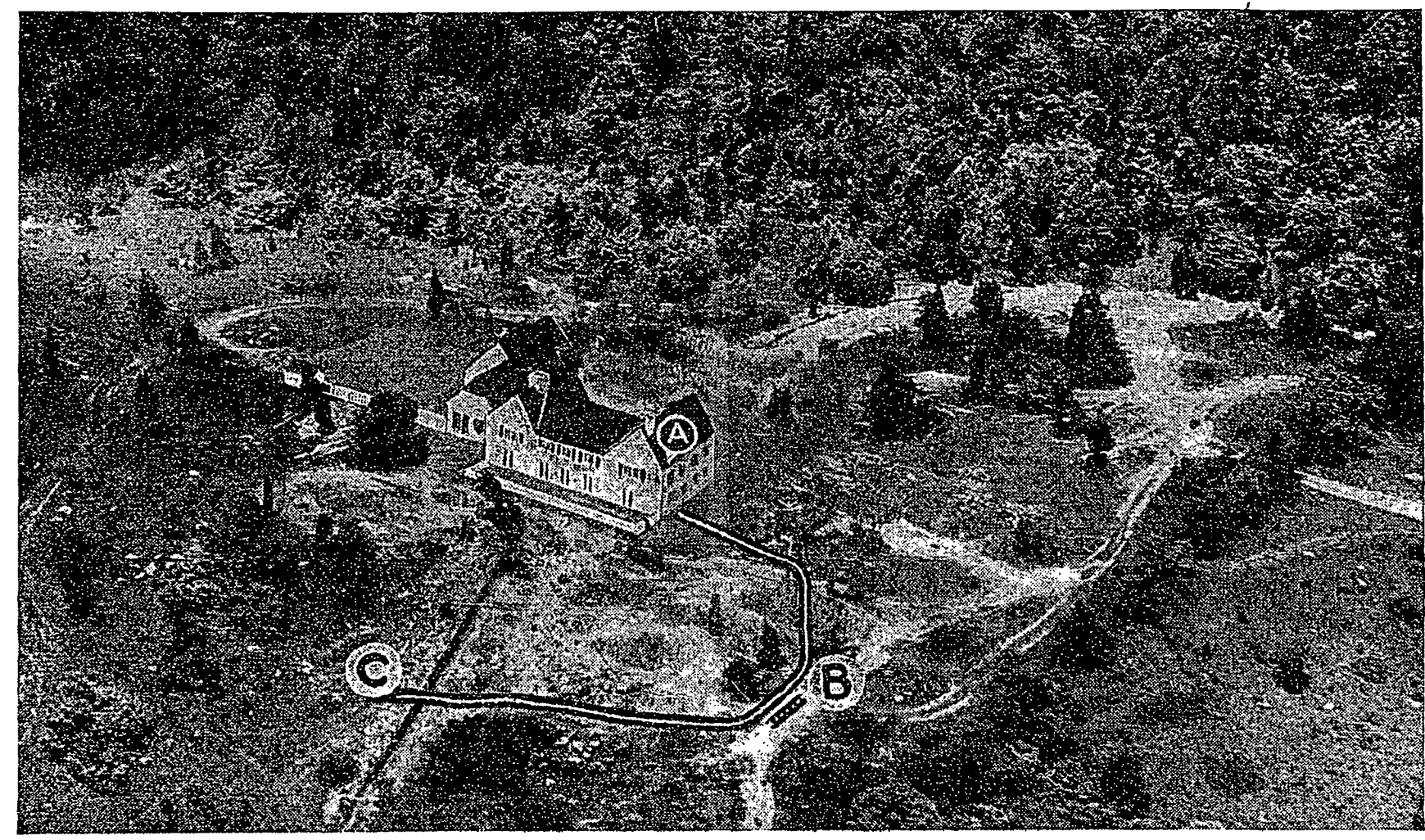
Ortiz Rubio Expresses Grief.

MEXICO CITY, March 2.—President Ortiz Rubio in a declaration issued today from the Presidential castle at Chapultepec said: "The news of the kidnapping of Colonel Lindbergh's son is causing me deep grief, not only because the class of crime always provokes great indignation, but also because in Mexico relatives of the late Ambassador Morrow are held in the highest esteem. Mr. Morrow and his relatives will always be remembered in this country with affection."

Colombia Deeply Stricken.

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 2.—Public feeling in this South American capital over the kidnapping of the child of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh was intense tonight. News-press offices were swamped with telephone and personal inquiries.

THE LINDBERGH HOME, THE SURROUNDINGS AND HOW THE KIDNAPPERS TOOK BABY.



The photo-diagram shows (A) the window of the nursery through which Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. was spirited away, the kidnapper climbing down the ladder with the child and taking the course indicated by the dotted line. The fingerprints of the abductor, who discarded the ladder at B, could be traced across the gully to the point marked C, where, in the edge of some shrubbery, they were lost.

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persons who were employed there will have their handwriting compared to that of the New York State Trooper who reported the kidnapping. Trenton reported that Louis Schindler, a druggist on North Main Street, Pennington, had been visited by a woman who bought ether on Tuesday night. Pennington is about half way between Trenton and Hope-

well. He thought she had the bearing of a nurse, but got out of no importance to the incident until he read of the kidnapping.

There were several other wild clues. A Miss named Kutz at Pottsville, Pa., which is over the Delaware River, about thirty miles from the Lindberghs, found a baby's jacket that could have fitted him. But it belonged to a neighbor's child, having blown off a clothes line.

In Providence, R. I., the police chased a car that had been reported to carry four men and a baby. But they were only hockey players—and there was no baby.

A New York resident saw a baby being taken up the stairs of a blue sedan and went into the six-story apartment at 1,675 Townsend Avenue, the Bronx, yesterday at 8:30 A. M. The police found a baby, but the wrong one. A crowd of nervous housewives with children stood outside the building during the investigation, but the baby turned out to be a girl.

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News of Kidnapping Kept From Baby's Great-Grandmother.

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Mrs. Cutter, the mother of Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow and grandmother of Colonel Lindbergh's wife, the former Anne Morrow, believes that the baby is very young and has been taken by her daughter, Miss Annie S. Cutter, to account for the necessary ringing of the telephone bell and the doorbell of the Cutter home here.

Miss Cutter recalled incidents told to her and her mother by Mrs. Morrow on a visit here last Sunday afternoon. She said that she had learned the words the child has learned, how well he was walking, how healthy he was and how proud of him his parents were.

Colonel Lindbergh provided quarters for them all in the garage beneath his home and liner of the telephone and telegraph companies began stringing wires up the mountain.

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THE SUN. Kidnapping is a foul and cowardly business where adult victims are concerned. What can be said when a child that is not yet 2 years old is the victim? The parents will demand the truth and insist upon action. Not in haste or heat, but with a steady will, the nation should resolve that the crimes of lawlessness must be fought down and beaten.

THE EVENING JOURNAL. There are no words that can express the horror of such a crime. It is dreadful thought that every child and all fathers and mothers are exposed to such dangers. It is quite possible, which should comfort the family, that the kidnapper or kidnappers will soon return the child to their own free will. They will realize that their only hope of escape from punishment lies in restoring the child unharmed to its home. Whoever they may be, the kidnappers are solemnly warned that no other course will save them from the fullest punishment for their atrocious and shameful crime.

THE AMERICAN. Another startling and revolting crime in this crime-ridden land! Perhaps this is the crowning outrage—the last straw—necessary to

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