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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

And a special salute to you Senator Rogers, Gentlemen of the Pennsylvania Legislature - and our hosts. My first news item tonight is from New Jersey.

The web of testimony in the Hauptmann case today focuses around one statement that was made, an outright declaration by defense attorney Reilly. Everybody has known the final strategy of the defense would be to push all the blame over on to the dead man Fisch. Hitherto this has been merely implied, most plainly implied, in the testimony of various defense witnesses. But today, Reilly, while questioning a witness, stated the defense position outright in so many words.

Today's witnesses can be divided into two groups: those that talked about Fisch, and those that did not.

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~~questioning this witness that defense attorney Reilly made~~  
~~that first outright declaration of his, blaming everything~~  
~~on the furrier.~~ Mrs. Bertha Hoff, another of the housewife  
type of witness, told the story of how in nineteen thirty  
one she had spent a vacation on a farm a few miles from  
Hopewell, a farm owned by a man named Budreau. Two years  
later, in nineteen thirty three, this man Budreau called  
on her at her home in Bayside, Long Island, in company of  
a man whom she identified as Isidor Fisch. Fisch had  
some bundles, which he wanted to leave with her. This  
latter part of her story was complicated by a wrangle  
between counsel, and before she had time to finish, the  
witness was temporarily excused from the witness stand.  
The bundles of course tie in with the shoe box of ransom  
money which Hauptmann claims Fisch left in his care.



The little furrier who went home to Germany to die must have been trying hard to leave packages of cash here, there and the next place. That is the inference.

A glow of romance appeared in the court proceedings while Benjamin Heier, a young restaurant cashier took the witness stand. He testified that on the night of the ransom payment he saw a man jump over a gate or a wall at the St. Raymond's Cemetery where the ransom money was paid. He identified the man as Isidor Fisch. The question of how the witness happened to be near the cemetery brought forward the element of romance. He was sitting in a parked car with a young lady. Since then she married and died. He didn't want to tell who she was. He tried to keep it secret in the face of the cross examiners hammering questions. Finally he told the girl's name. It was Schwartz. This testimony placing Fisch at the scene of the ransom payment was rather vague. The witness said the man jumping over the wall landed right in front of his car. But he was none too positive in his identification of Fisch.

This testimony came late in the day, and then followed

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the last witness--a steamship agent. It was he who sold Isidor Fisch the ticket for the furriers' return to Germany. There was only one logical point, the description of Fisch as a sick looking man, with a violent cough. It is known that the furrier died of tuberculosis. The defense brought forth the testimony about that cough, to connect it with Jafsie's statement that the mysterious John to whom he gave the Lindbergh money also had a bad cough.

A statement made earlier in the day declared that there had been a gang of three men in the St. Raymond's cemetery on the ransom night. This was told by the first witness of the morning, who was also the funniest. He was Phillip Moses, a little man with a big voice, which he loves to use. He is also a man of many occupations. He said he had driven a taxi, operated a news stand, and worked as a runner in Wall Street. He has also been a



farmer, a song writer, an amateur dancer, an amateur actor, a motor truck driver, a radio broadcaster, and an imitator of Will Rogers - and probably prouder of being a truck driver than anything else. He proceeded to prove it all on the witness stand by giving an imitation of Will Rogers.

After all of those interesting occupations he now has none. He's one of the jobless, unless you consider being the star witness at Flemington as a job. Witness Moses seems to have been around Flemington basking in glory. The Attorney General in his cross examination brought forward evidence that Mr. Moses had been signing his autograph, and had signed himself with this comment: "I am the star witness". Attorney General Wilentz had rather a good time trying to make the witness appear something of a clown. And that ~~ex~~ took away some of the seriousness of the testimony that on the night of the ransom payment Moses, then in the taxi driver stage of his existence, had

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driven three men to the cemetery, where they were joined by a fourth.

This was brought up to support the defense contention that the kidnapping was the work, not of one man, but of a gang.

The remainder of the day's testimony backed up various aspects of Hauptmann's story. Several witnesses, including Mrs. Hauptmann's niece, a pre-possessing brunette, corroborated Hauptmann's version of the party at which Fisch gave him the shoe box full of money. ~~Other angles of testimony were brought in to disprove the statement of one of the prosecution witnesses that Hauptmann one night had passed a ransom bill at the Greenwich Village theatre.~~

Court proceedings ended early when defense attorney Reilly ran out of witnesses, as he had done on previous days. The Judge spoke words of reproof. In answer they *Defense*



blamed today's snowfall. The weather was cited as the reason for the non appearance of witnesses from here and there.

## SOPHIE DAWES

Here's a story for gentlemen only. All ladies tune out. It's about a dame named Sophie. This is a good item for a men's banquet!

An old evil story of bygone days is revealed in London. It tells us of a wicked beauty of a hundred years ago, who with the connivance of a King, murdered a Royal Prince of France.

Her name was Sophie Dawes, and her origins were shrouded in meanness and shame. Her fortunes changed when she attracted the attention of two men of the most exalted rank. One was the Duke of Kent of the Royal House of Great Britain. The Duke was the father of Queen Victoria. The other man was of the Royal blood of France, the Duke of Bourbon, who later became Prince Conde. One of the stories is that the two noblemen decided Sophie's destiny with a gamble -- tossed a coin for her. The Frenchman won. And so it was that Sophie Dawes became a glittering figure in Paris, under the protection of the Prince of Conde.



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The revelation of the sinister climax comes in a book just published in London—the scandal of Sophie Dawes. There was a revolution in Paris, the King fled. A new king was crowned, Louis Phillipe. The Prince of Conde was a powerful adherent of the exiled King, and Louis Phillipe was afraid of him. Sophie knew that the Prince of Conde was planning to leave France, and she informed the King. It is revealed in old letters that the King wrote to Sophie, telling her that the Prince must be prevented from escaping abroad, no matter what means had to be used. The prince had made a will leaving Sophie eight million dollars.

The end comes with criminal logic. The Prince of Conde was found murdered. It was a matter of some surprise in that distant day why Sophie Dawes was never prosecuted for the crime. The King's letters now make that quite clear. Sophie got the eight million dollars left her by

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Sophie Dawes.

the Prince and lived the rest of her life in England, a  
wealthy woman.

Just another one of those puzzles of the dim past,  
come to light and finally explained in this late day.

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In Washington the guesses about Gold are more complicated than ever. After the dopesters have been racking their brains, trying to figure out what the decision of the Supreme Court will be, they are now confronted with a further problem. "When?". When will the High Justices hand down their verdict?. There may be all sorts of dynamite in the selection of the precise day.

It has been rumored strongly that the Stock Exchanges might close on the day of the decision, because of the fear that if the Supreme Court were to knock out the Government Gold Policy, it might start a sudden wild flare in the market, something of a panic. The New York Stock Exchange officials have been quietly but most seriously discussing this angle among themselves. The "Wall Street Journal" tells us that in well informed financial circles the word has gone around that the Stock Exchange Governors do not favor closing on that

Gold decision day. They believe the trading market should remain open, no matter what the excitement of the Gold verdict might be. In Chicago though, the Mercantile Exchange feels that it should close all day, or at least part. These reasonings of course are based on the supposition that there will be advance word of the fateful day when the nine lonely men in Washington will speak their words.

A Saturday decision, especially if not announced too early in the morning would not give time for any extravagant stock exchange flurry. Instead, it would allow a day and a half, until Monday, during which time the financial world would have lesiure to digest the news. Moreover, that week-end Saturday afternoon and Sunday would give the administration and Congress time to draft swift legislation to meet a decision against the Gold policy.

That's the way the dope is running, but I would like to point out that all these notions of precaution and of "safety-first" would not have so much point, unless the Supreme Court were to turn thumbs down on the Government's way with Gold. With



a decision upholding the administration, there would not be much chance of violent ructions. It makes a nice logical problem, figure it out for yourselves.

L. T.: I wonder if there are any of us here who can figure it out?

VOICES: No!

L. T.: The answer seems to be "no", so let's move along to something less complicated.

## FOREIGN GOLD

But, by the way, the Gold excitement is by no means limited to this country. In foreign nations, Canada in particular, holders of Uncle Sam's bonds are waiting to see ~~xx~~ whether there is any chance of their being paid according to the full gold value of the one hundred cent dollar instead of the fifty nine cent revalued unit. And foreign law tribunals are waiting too!

That lofty British Court, the House of Lords, - the Peers - recently handed down a decision in a case in which Belgian Electric Company bonds are tangled up with the Roosevelt Gold Policy. An appeal is ready to do to his Majesty's privy Council, but that's being held up -- until the Supreme Court in Washington decides.



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Politicians in Washington are wondering how much of a following Carter Glass can take along with him in a battle with the administration. The Virginia Senator, with his salty wit and peppery temper, seems to be grooming himself for a bitter fight against the policies of the White House. He has been in opposition all along—that's well known. And now the most scarlet kind of red flag is waving, to make Carter Glass angry. There are reasons of principle, and there is that personal angle which stings more sharply than any broad theory of the mind.

In principle, Senator Glass is opposed to the concentration in Washington of power over the nation's credit. He believes that if the Federal Reserve Systems with the twelve regional centers, were unified by means of some sort of central controlling bank in Washington, why then the government would exercise a virtual

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dictatorship over credit.

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Naturally, Carter Glass, has a peculiar personal interest in Federal Reserve affairs, <sup>for</sup> he himself is the creator of the system. He was the guiding financial mind who in the Wilson administration put across that then drastic reform <sup>on</sup> banking. So naturally the Virginia Senator feels as if the Federal Reserve system were his own child. Anything affecting it comes close <sup>home</sup>.  
~~to home.~~

He says he was promised a look at the new Federal Reserve legislation, the laws that will alter and amend his brain child.

But somebody forgot. He hasn't been shown. Senator Fletcher and Representative Steagall, in charge of Committees preparing new legislation, went right ahead.



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Plans for the centralization of the Federal Reserve System in Washington have been in process of completion. But Senator Glass, creator of the Federal Reserve, claims he hasn't been given a look in.

8 1/2 He's a statesman with a hot head and a rasping temper, and the bitterness of a battle is in prospect.

Just what that <sup>344p</sup> means no one here in Harrisburg, the great capitol city of Pennsylvania, could guess. They never have bitter legislative battles up here, — or do you gentlemen?

Voices — Oh No!

9 L.T. What do you do when you feel in a bathing mood here at Harrisburg?

Voice: — Oh, we just shake hands and say — so long until tomorrow!