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# Treasures

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This Issue's  
Special Treasure...

The impact of the U.S. mails on  
the Lindbergh kidnaping case

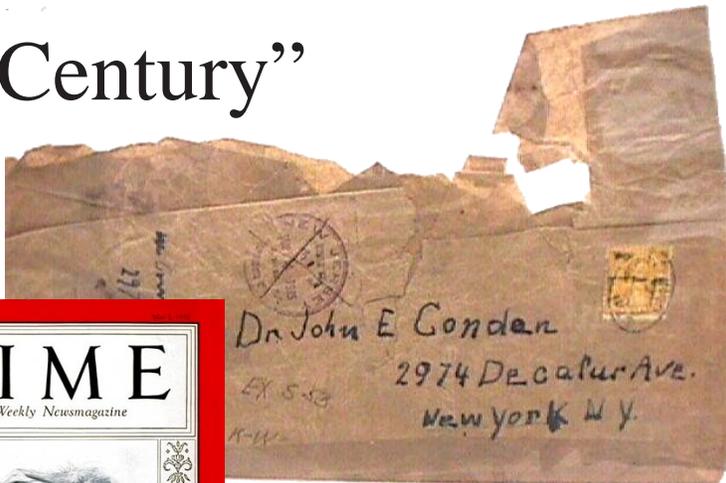
## Postal History & “The Crime of the Century”



A 1936 pinback button (for some strange reason produced by the Bird's Eye Co.) sold during the Hauptmann trial.



Lindbergh flight covers are a major favorite among collectors. Shown above: a 1929 cover actually flown by Charles A. Lindbergh on a flight from New York City to British Guiana. In the years before the kidnaping, Lindbergh continued to fly the airmail on numerous occasions



The “Lindbergh Mystique” was the chief element in major postal history that was created before, during and after the kidnaping of baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., in March of 1932. Even though some of the actual postal history will never be in the hands of collectors, there is sufficient historic mail-related material to form a nice collection that relates to what is still called “The Crime of the Century.”

**Historic mail may be in your attic or basement. Perhaps you should check and see.**



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**PERSPECTIVE**



In April of 1926, one year before his Trans-Atlantic flight, Charles Lindbergh inaugurated air mail service from St. Louis to Chicago.

**A seemingly innocuous envelope postmarked in the 1920s may be the kind of thing that lies largely ignored in countless attics.**

For instance, take a look at the photo above. It shows sacks of mail being loaded onto an airplane by Charles A. Lindbergh—in preparation for his piloting the first flight [Continued p. 3...]

Whether it's a magazine that went through the mails (the May 2, 1932, issue of *Time*), or a package wrapper that is evidence held in the New Jersey State Police archives (used to wrap a package sent from the kidnapper and containing the baby's clothing), the mail surrounding this crime is fascinating. [Cont. P. 3...]



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