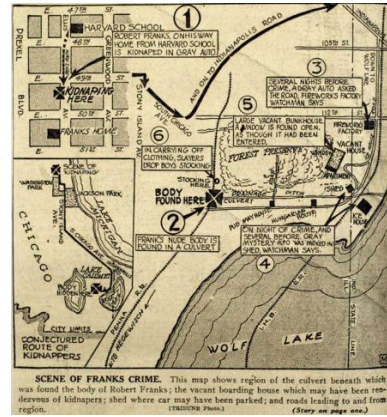


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Northwestern University School of Law has accumulated relevant materials regarding the murder of Bobby Franks, including contemporary news accounts. This image depicts a map, published by the *Chicago Daily News*, regarding the route followed by Leopold and Loeb on the day that they kidnapped, then killed Bobby Franks. Click on the image for a better view.

Why was the public so fascinated with the Bobby Franks murder case?

- Maybe their interest stemmed from the great wealth all three families possessed.
- Maybe it was the violent way in which young Bobby had been killed.
- Maybe Darrow's passionate hatred for the death penalty caused people to think about the ultimate penalty.
- Or - maybe the story just made great reading in *The Chicago Daily News*, whose reporters had helped to crack the case.

This was the so-called "perfect crime." At least, that's what Richard Loeb thought when he concocted it.

Loeb, who had been raised by a strict Canadian governess since he was four, had fantasized about leading a criminal gang. What does history tell us about him?

- Loeb was smart.
- He had finished grade school by the time he was 12 and high school by age 14.
- Because his governess was quick to punish him, he had learned to evade her discipline by lying.
- By seventeen, as one of the youngest graduates from the University of Michigan, he was an expert liar.

Leopold was even more intelligent than Loeb.

- His IQ was 210 - a certifiable genius.

- He was a national expert on birds.
- He spoke nine or ten languages by the time he was 18.
- But ... he was obsessed with his friend Richard Loeb.

He would do what Loeb told him to do.

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