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KARPIS CAPTURED BY G-MEN IN RAID AT NEW ORLEANS

Law Victor Again



J. EDGAR HOOVER
ALVIN KARPIS

Victor and vanquished in another battle of Law vs. Crime. Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, led the raid last night in which Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was captured.

HOOVER LEADS ROUND-UP OF PUBLIC ENEMY

Desperado, Trapped by Federal Agents in Apartment, Surrenders Without Shot Being Fired; Suspect in Mail Robbery and Unidentified Woman Also Taken

Fugitive, Listed as Nation's Most Daring Outlaw, Hunted for Years as Killer, Bandit, Kidnapper; Quarry Spirited Away by Plane for Undisclosed Destination

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (A. P.).—Alvin Karpis, No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without resistance by officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A few hours later, the man who succeeded John Dillinger as the country's most wanted criminal was placed aboard an airplane heavily guarded and manacled and taken from the city with the destination unannounced.

Without a shot, Karpis was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from an apartment building about half a mile from the centre of the business district.

Hoover made the announcement of the capture with the simple statement, "we've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as Public Enemy No. 1—but not to us."

Then he added "they were taken without the firing of a shot. Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

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for the \$100,000 kidnapping of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

He was wanted on a charge

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of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley, at West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

The three-year hunt from coast to coast and beyond for Karpis was as extensive as that for his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1, Dillinger, who was shot in Chicago.

Last of Gang

He was the last of the original Karpis-Barker gang. Seven of that band of bank robbers and kidnappers are now dead and the rest have been captured.

Within the past two weeks, the Justice Department placed a \$5000 price upon Karpis' head, and added a \$2500 price for information leading to the capture of his pal, Harry Campbell.

Four days ago, the Postal Inspection Service followed the Justice Department's lead and added a \$2000 reward for Karpis, bringing his price to \$7000 and \$2000 more for Campbell. But Campbell escaped the raid today.

Hoover said the Bureau of Investigation had known that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the past several months. He had come here several days ago to direct the manhunt.

Hoover, smiling slightly, made his announcement of the capture in the bureau office in the postoffice building here about an hour after the raid, saying: "I've got something interesting to tell you."

No Shots Fired

Hoover did not say how many men took part in the capture, but there were reported to have been between 15 and 20.

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Shackles were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles then bound together. He and the others were taken to the postoffice building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Interested in Fishing

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, was about 21 years old, pretty, haired and dressed in white. Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

The neighbors described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech who was interested in fishing.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons nearby were aware of the Federal agents' latest success.

Faced G-Men's Guns

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk and crisply commanded them to surrender. When the desperadoes made no move they were grabbed and rushed from the scene.

"Hunter," Hoover said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the postoffice robbery on November 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" Hoover was asked.

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been on his trail."

"How many men participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We got him sitting in the automobile."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

"I saw him three times," Hoffman said. "He came up to me, did not mention his name, told me he stayed in the corner apartment, and asked if he could keep the car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street."

"Seemed All Right"

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought three dollars would be a fair price. He took the bills out of his pocket right then and paid me."

"I didn't pay much attention to the man, seeing him only a few minutes, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the

apartment building, described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

Only Two Lived in Apartment

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said, and added that "O'Hara" and the woman who posed as his wife, were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the apartment building, said that when he got off a street car this afternoon he saw a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) walking across the sidewalk.

Six Men in Ambush

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner (Karpis) was being put into an automobile by a couple of Government men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent."

"The G-men left with the three prisoners and six more Government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols."

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door. I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go."

He went back to the apartment building and saw the man who had been in the car.

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**CAPTURE THREE
MORE OF GANG**

**J. Edgar Hoover Announces
Capture Made at To-
ledo, Ohio**

Cleveland, May 7.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, announced here that Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang; a woman, described as his wife, and Sam Coker, a minor gangland figure, were captured by federal agents early today at Toledo, Ohio.

Hoover said the capture was effected without the firing of a shot. Campbell was taken to St. Paul by airplane to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnapping.

Campbell showed what Hoover termed "a little resistance" when the agents apprehended him.

The agents surprised Campbell and the woman in a Toledo apartment. On Campbell's person the agents found a .45 calibre revolver and six clips of shells, Hoover said.

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KARPIS MOB WIPED OUT BY G-MEN

Campbell, Coker Taken
In Raids at Toledo
by J. Edgar Hoover

CLEVELAND, May 7 (By
International News Service).

The G-Men today wiped out
the last remnants of the notor-
ious Karpis-Barker gang with
the arrest of Harry Campbell,
reputed "brains of the gang,"
and Sam Coker, a minor mem-
ber of the ring, in two Toledo
raids.

G. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
personally led a large force of
agents in the raids. Both men
were seized without the firing of
a shot in the same fashion that
Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, a
henchmen, were seized last Friday
night in New Orleans.

Campbell's girl-bride, described
by Hoover as "just an innocent
little girl" who is not suspected of
any part in the gang's crimes, also
was taken into custody but prob-
ably will be released later after
questioning.

The arrests, Hoover said, clean
up the major angles of the Bremer
kidnaping case in St. Paul.

2 SECRET RAIDS.

The two raids were accom-
plished in utmost secrecy. Hoover
flew from Washington to Toledo
last night. Early today, the
G-men struck. Campbell and his
20-year-old wife were seized in a
street apartment house, and
Coker, a 40-year-old Oklahoma
paroled robber, in a private resi-
dence nearby.

Swiftly the two men were
whisked by chartered plane to
Cleveland. There Campbell's wife
and Coker were taken quietly by
Hoover and several agents to the
office of J. P. McFarland, head of
the Bureau of Investigation unit
here, and Campbell taken on by
plane to St. Paul.

Not until Hoover, unshaven and
tired, made his announcement in
McFarland's 14th floor office in a
downtown skyscraper, was the
seizure of the two long-sought
gangsters revealed.

Contrary to his usual practice of
issuing short announcements,
Hoover conversed at length with
newspapermen. Only as to the de-
tails of the raids was he reticent.

KIDNAP CHARGE.

Campbell, whom he described as
"one of the most notorious desper-
adoes to come out of the south-
west in 10 years," and the co-plot-
ter with Karpis of the Edward G.
Bremer kidnaping, will be charged
with kidnaping in that case,
Hoover said.

Coker will be returned to Okla-
homa, where he faces a prison
term of 18 years as a parole vio-
lator. Oklahoma officials were
notified of his capture and word
was expected from them today as
to when they would send officers
for him.

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CAMPBELL BEATEN TO DRAW BY G-MEN

Last of Karpis-Barker Gang Gives Up Without Fight When Surrounded

ST. PAUL, May 7 (A. P.)—In a capture that was almost a copy of that of his erstwhile gang chief, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, last uncaught principal of the Barker-Karpis gang, was sized at dawn today in Toledo, Ohio, bundled into an airplane, and whisked here for questioning about a long series of kidnappings and robberies.

Not a trigger was squeezed as Government officers, led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, closed in on the only remaining fugitive from the 25 persons accused by the Department of Justice of implication in the \$200,000 abduction here in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," said Hoover, intimating his quarry reached for a gun. But the heavily armed Federal men who had surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, pounced on the long sought limping outlaw this morning as he emerged and snatched his .45 calibre pistol from his pocket.

Prisoner Shackled

Then following the same procedure which they initiated last Friday night after the arrest of Karpis in New Orleans, Hoover's men shackled their prisoner with legirons and handcuffs, hurried him to a chartered "flying patrol wagon" and sped him here with only a ten-minute stop at Chicago municipal airport en route.

On his arrival in St. Paul U. S. District Attorney George Sullivan announced that bail of \$500,000 would be asked for the gangster when he is arraigned on the kidnap charge. This would equal the largest bail ever asked in a criminal case—that sought from Karpis in the Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., kidnappings.

A 19-year-old girl claiming to be Campbell's wife and Sam Cokar, a minor member of the now broken Karpis-Barker mob, were nabbed also, but were not brought here with him. Cokar was taken in a simultaneous raid on another apartment house in Toledo. The girl was seized with Campbell.

Escorted by Six Men

Six Federal men, headed by E. J. Campbell, Cincinnati, escorted Campbell here. They, with four automobiles of agents from the St. Paul office, rushed him from the airport to the Federal building and into the same room where Karpis, now in the county jail here, was subjected to intensive grilling this week.

Later Campbell will be taken to the same jail two blocks away, where Doc Barker, of the Touhy gang, and Tommy Touhy before him, occupied cells.

Like those jail occupants before him Campbell has a long underworld record, ranging, Federal officers said, from vagrancy to bank robbery, kidnapping and murder.

His first offense was vagrancy December 25, 1920, at Tulsa, Okla., where he paid a \$19 fine and costs. He is wanted on burglary and robbery charges at Tulsa, Joplin, Mo., Hutchinson, Kas., and Stillwater, Okla., the slaying of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa criminal practice attorney, August 19, 1932, and the kidnapping of Bremer, wealthy banker, here two years ago.

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Capture Campbell,
Karpis Companion

CLEVELAND, (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, arrived here from Washington and announced that Harry Campbell, companion of Alvin Karpis, was captured today at Toledo.

"We have the last of the Karpis gang," Hoover said. "Campbell was taken today in Toledo and is already on his way by plane to St. Paul, Minn."

Campbell was wanted on charges of participating in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer of St. Paul and in connection with a \$46,000 machine gun mail train holdup at Garrettsville, O.

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G MEN SEIZE LAST MEMBER OF KARPIS GANG

Hoover Nabs Campbell
in Raid on Toledo
Apartment

2D OUTLAW TRAPPED

Cleveland, May 7. — (UP) — J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today that Harry Campbell, only remaining fugitive member of the Karpis-Barker gang, was captured in Toledo at 5 o'clock this morning.

Hoover arrested Campbell personally, brought him to Cleveland in a chartered plane and then sent him to St. Paul under guard of Federal agents.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second-floor apartment. In the apartment with him they found a woman who Hoover said was Campbell's wife.

The girl was brought to Cleveland, but was not placed under arrest. Investigators found \$2900 in cash, a revolver and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo five months, almost constantly since the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November. He had been in and out of Toledo for the last eighteen months.

Washington, May 7. — Harry Campbell was staged quietly this morning, and the two were immediately brought to Cleveland.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer while he was held captive.

In another raid at Toledo, Federal agents captured Sam Coker, on parole from the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, where he was

serving a thirty-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held here in the Department of Justice cage and will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob, but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnapping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

Harry Campbell was with Karpis when they machine-gunned their way out of a police trap laid for them in Atlantic City in January, 1935. They managed to fight their way through police barricades and fled into Pennsylvania.

Near Allentown they kidnapped Dr. Horace H. Hunsicker, a member of the medical staff of the Allentown State Hospital and a son of the then State Senator Dr. William C. Hunsicker, who is now Director of Public Health in Philadelphia.

They forced him to drive them in his automobile to a spot near Akron, O., where they bound and gagged him and threw him out of the machine.

Two women who were with Campbell and Karpis in an Atlantic City hotel were abandoned by the desperadoes. They are Winona Burdette, cabaret singer and sweetheart of Campbell, and Dolores Delaney, Karpis' friend.

The latter was about to become a mother. She was held under guard at the Hahnemann Hospital until her child was born and then was turned over to the Federal authorities and sentenced for harboring the fugitives.



HARRY CAMPBELL

Whose arrest by J. Edgar Hoover at Toledo this morning completes the round-up of the Karpis-Barker gang

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HOOVER CAPTURES HARRY CAMPBELL LAST KARPIS PAL

Leads Squad Arresting Girl
With Him in Toledo Raid —
Gunman Gave Up Without
Firing Shot

ON WAY TO ST. PAUL BEFORE
ARREST WAS DISCLOSED



Harry Campbell

Cleveland, May 7—(AP)—Harry Campbell, 36, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "Public Enemy No. 1," and two others fell into a G-men's trap at Toledo, O., at dawn today.

Campbell was captured like his gangland leader a week ago in New Orleans, without the firing of a shot.

The capture was personally made by J. Edgar Hoover and a squad of Bureau of Investigation agents.

Announcement of the capture was made by Hoover here, who flew to Cleveland after the trio had been apprehended.

Campbell was Karpis when the outlaw shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City on January 20, 1935. The pair, fleeing westward, kidnaped Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker, of Philadelphia, near Quakertown, Pa., and forced him to accompany them. The physician was released a day later at Medina, O.

Hoover said Campbell already was on his way to St. Paul by plane to face kidnaping charges in the Edward Bremer abduction case.

Taken with Campbell, Hoover said, was a 19-year-old girl who claimed to be Campbell's wife.

In a simultaneous raid on another apartment, Federal agents apprehended Sam Cokar, described by Hoover as a minor figure in the defunct Karpis gang.

Hoover disclosed that he flew to Toledo from Washington last night and directed Campbell's capture.

The G-men's chief also led in the capture of Karpis. Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension.

Federal men denied that John Brock, of Tulsa, Okla., in jail here charged with participating in a \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery, for which Karpis and Campbell were wanted, provided the "tip."

Federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, Hoover said. Some were posted inside the lobby.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl emerged from the building, presumably prepared to leave Toledo.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," Hoover said. He intimated the fugitive attempted to reach a .45-calibre revolver found on his person.

The gangster had six clips of shells in his possession.

"This is the last of the ringleaders of the Karpis gang," Hoover asserted. He added that the Government would continue its hunt for persons who aided the fugitives.

Hoover said the girl claimed she married Campbell under his alias of Bob Miller, at Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935.

Cokar, he said, is wanted by Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator. He was sentenced to serve 30 years for bank robbery.

The girl and Cokar are in custody here, Federal men said.

The Bureau Chief said agents found \$2,900 in currency in Campbell's room.

Hoover said a doctor named "Moran," formerly of Cleveland, "who is probably dead now," had performed facelifting and fingerprint obliterating operations on leaders of the Karpis mob.

"I have reason to believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie after the Karpis crowd took him for a ride," Hoover declared.

The Federal Chief disclosed that Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 when "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians."

"We are looking into all angles involved in that tipoff," Hoover observed. "We're going to get all those who aided and abetted or harbored that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians. I understand there were crooks in the Cleveland Police Department that

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Hoover Hints New Drive
as Mahan and Camp-
bell Are Taken

FUGITIVES' HELPERS
TO BE ROUNDED UP

Washington, May 8.—(UP)—An indication that the next major field of the Federal Government's G men would be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harassed the Nation for more than three years remains at large.

Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pressed a Federal round-up of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from Federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies captured by his department to justice.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnapper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "Public Enemy No. 1" (or Public Rat No. 1," according to Hoover) during the six days after the capture of Alvin Karpis, faced quick

arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, 36, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Remaining at large was Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnapper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, of Louisville, who has retained his liberty so far only because he has no underworld connections and is an expert female impersonator.

Hoover revealed that arrests were imminent in the Cleveland area, where, he said, members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities. He intimated that no person who aided any of the recently captured fugitives would escape. He revealed that Campbell and Karpis had escaped capture months ago only because they had been tipped off by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections."

Crooked politicians, Hoover said, are the real public enemies.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of each other yesterday—Campbell at dawn in Toledo, O., Mahan at noon in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes, where they will face the bars of justice.

\$200,000 Abduction Cleared

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnapping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys the G men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000 and expected to recover most of the remainder.

Mahan had \$7300 in his pocket when arrested and in his car more than \$30,000 was found. Previously \$15,000, which he had been forced to abandon with an automobile he had used in his constant fleeing from authorities, was recovered.

Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnapper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

Hoover said Mahan was captured when agents traced the Weyerhaeuser kidnap money, which he had been spending freely along the Pacific Coast. He had attempted to alter serial numbers on several bills.

Campbell, known as the "right-hand man" of Karpis, was carrying \$2900 in his pockets. In addition to the kidnappings, he was sought for mail robberies and for shooting his way, with Karpis, out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel last year.

Hoover hinted that he believed United States postal inspectors had failed to co-operate in apprehension of Campbell.

"I can only say that the Department of Justice received no help of any kind from the postal inspection service in these cases," he said.

Tacoma, May 8.—(UP)—Apparently enjoying the notoriety and attention, William Mahan was held under heavy guard in a Federal cell at the city police station today awaiting arraignment on charges of kidnapping George Hunt Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom.

Mahan grinned broadly as he was hustled through a crowd at Tacoma Airport last night. He was brought here by plane from San Francisco, where he was captured yesterday.

He is under indictment on charges of kidnapping and extortion, with bail set at \$100,000 on each charge.

St. Paul, May 8.—(UP)—Harry Campbell today underwent the same relentless questioning that forced his former leader, Alvin Karpis, to "squeal" on him.

Federal agents intended to pry every bit of information they could from the crippled Karpis aide before giving him up for trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping.

Campbell's admissions, if any, probably will not alter plans to try him in the Bremer case, for which he has been indicted. Apparently he has not been connected with the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., for which Karpis will be tried.

Unless he chooses to plead guilty, Campbell will be tried in the Fall term of court for the Bremer kidnapping. Karpis may be tried first in the Hamm case, and then brought back to trial with Campbell in the Bremer case.

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HOOVER'S G MEN GET CAMPBELL, ALLY OF KARPIS

Outlaw Is Seized in Toledo
Apartment With Bride
of a Year.

HAD NO CHANCE TO USE GUN

Prisoner Is Started by Air for
St. Paul—Coker, Another
Karpis Mobster, Held.

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TOLEDO, Ohio, May 7 (U. P.).—
Harry Campbell, the only remain-
ing principal member of the Karpis-
Barker gang of terrorizing kidnap-
ers and robbers still at liberty, was
captured today by Federal Bureau
of Investigation agents in a raid
led personally by Director J. Edgar
Hoover.

Mr. Hoover and his aids loaded
Campbell on a chartered plane
bound for St. Paul, where he is
wanted for participating in the kid-
naping of Edward G. Bremer, St.
Paul banker, in January, 1934.

Mr. Hoover and his investigators
slipped in and out of Toledo quiet-
ly. They encountered little re-
sistance when they broke into
Campbell's front apartment on the
second floor of a store building.

Mr. Hoover disclosed after the
raid that Dr. Joseph Moran of Chi-
cago, who altered the fingerprints
of the Karpis-Barker gangsters and
performed plastic surgery on their
faces, is believed to be "at the bot-
tom of Lake Erie."

Outlaw's Young Wife Held.

"We are not checking him off
our list yet," Mr. Hoover remarked,
"but we believe gangsters killed
him in fear he would squeal."

With Campbell was his wife, an
attractive twenty-two-year-old bru-
nette. She was held for question-
ing in Cleveland but was not placed
under arrest.

Mr. Hoover doubted that she knew
her husband's identity. They were
married a year ago in Bowling
Green, Ohio. Campbell used the
name Bob Miller, the same name
under which he lived here.

Half an hour after Campbell was
captured, Mr. Hoover and his men
arrested Sam Coker, Oklahoma

convict and associate of Alvin Kar-
pis, who was taken in New Orleans
Friday night.

Coker was living with an aged
couple suffering from heart trouble
and Mr. Hoover used extreme pre-
caution not to excite them. Coker
will be returned to Oklahoma for
parole violation.

Mr. Hoover revealed that Camp-
bell had been living here for five
months and had been in and out of
Toledo for the last year and a half.
He said Campbell and Karpis
parted after the Garrettsville, Ohio,
mail train robbery last November.
Karpis went South and Campbell
remained in Ohio.

Campbell 'Yellow' Too.

A revolver, six clips of cartridges
and \$2,900 in cash were found in
the apartment. Campbell had no
chance to reach his gun.

"He was yellow just like all the
rest of them," Mr. Hoover said.
"As soon as they see you mean
business, they wilt."

The Bureau of Investigation will
intensify its search for doctors,
politicians and others who aided
the Karpis-Barker mob.

Mr. Hoover disclosed that most
of the gang hid in Cleveland in
the summer of 1934. They were
kipped off by "crooked Cleveland
politicians with police connections"
that a Federal raid was planned
and fled.

A chartered plane brought Mr.
Hoover from Washington to Toledo
at 2 A. M. After the raids, Coker,
Campbell and his wife were taken
by plane to Cleveland. Coker and
Mrs. Campbell were detained there
and Campbell was started for St.
Paul immediately under heavy
guard.

Shot Way Out of Police Trap.

Campbell's prison record dates
back to 1920, but he did not join the
Karpis-Barker gang until shortly
before it was broken up by the
death of some members and the
imprisonment of others. His chief

claim to notoriety rests on the fray
in Atlantic City in January, 1935,
when he and Alvin Karpis shot
their way to freedom from a hotel
room hideout in which they had
been cornered by the local police.
He also was implicated in the Bre-
mer kidnaping.

Campbell is 36 years old, a native
of McClintocville, Pa. His police
record began when, at the age of
20, he was arrested in Tulsa, Okla.,
and fined \$19.

He next was arrested in Lincoln
county, Okla., on a bank robbery
charge, but after six months in the
State penitentiary was released by
court order. The next record the
Federal files show on Campbell is
a Tulsa arrest on a burglary charge
in 1932. He was released on bond
and the case still is listed as "pend-
ing."

Attorney-General Cummings re-
cently announced a reward of \$2,500
for information leading to Camp-
bell's arrest. The reward was posted
because of his participation in the
Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul in
January, 1934.

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DOZEN ALIASES OF CAMPBELL, CRIME ACE

WASHINGTON, May 7 (By International News Service).—The capture of Harry Campbell by G-Men today brought to a close the reckless career of one of the expert "torpedoes" and "hard guys" of the old Karpis-Barker gang—and placed in Federal custody a criminal on whose head was a \$2,500 Department of Justice bounty.

Campbell, known as "Limpy" to his intimates because of a game right leg, operated under a dozen aliases, and his activities have carried him into half the States of the Union.

His known aliases were David Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George I. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Wingfield, George Swanson, and George F. Summers. He seemed to have a weakness for the name George.

36 YEARS OLD.

The Karpis-Barker gang "torpedo" is 36 years old, and his description as spread over the country in Department of Justice pamphlets revealed that the years of lawless life have taken their toll of him physically.

He was born on January 1, 1900, at McClintockville, Penna. He is five feet, five inches in height, weighs about 140 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes and is marked by scars. His teeth, said the Justice Department pamphlet, cryptically, are decayed.

Scars about his eyes, and on his left arm, tell a story of narrow squeaks in running from the law.

U. S. RAIDS ALONE.

TOLEDO, O., May 7 (By International News Service).—The surprise arrest of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, last members of the notorious Alvin Karpis gang to lose their liberty in the nationwide net spread by the G-men, apparently was carried out without the assistance of local authorities.

Several hours after Campbell, his wife, and Coker had been taken to Cleveland by airplane and there put aboard another plane for St. Paul, Police Chief Ray Allen said he had not learned "officially" of their capture here.

Chief Allen added, however, that local police for some months had been checking reports that the Karpis gangster had been in hiding here.

The Monroe st. address, where Campbell and his wife were taken into custody, Chief Allen said, is in a commercial district.

"The apartment where they were living was that of 'Slim' Martin, who has a long police record and is known to us as a 'safe' man," said the police chief.

The house where Coker was apprehended is in the residential district.

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Hoover Captures Bremer Kidnapers Without Gun-Play

Karpis-Barker Gang's Last Member Seized, Sent to St. Paul By Airplane

Long Crime Record

CLEVELAND, (U.P.) — J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today announced that Harry Campbell, companion of Alvin Karpis, has been captured in Toledo, O.

Campbell was the only remaining member of the Karpis-Barker gang and was arrested by Hoover at 5 o'clock this morning.

Sped by Air to St. Paul

Hoover brought Campbell to Cleveland by airplane and then sent him to St. Paul under guard of Federal agents.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second floor apartment. They found a woman, who Hoover said was Campbell's wife, in the apartment with him.

The girl was brought to Cleveland but was not placed under arrest.

Investigators found \$2,900 in cash, a revolver, and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo five months or almost constantly since the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery which he and Karpis allegedly directed last November. He had been in and out of Toledo for the last eighteen months.

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night. The raid was made this morning and the two were immediately brought to Cleveland.

Guarded St. Paul Banker

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer, St.

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G-MEN COME THRU

By gathering Alvin Karpis, who bore the title of "Public Enemy No. 1," into the toils of the law, Uncle Sam's G-Men have again upheld their reputation for "getting their man."

The success of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, directed by J. Edgar Hoover, is having its effect in bringing pressure upon local police organizations to go and do likewise. Legislation now pending, which will make it possible to deport criminal aliens after they have been convicted for a third offense against American laws, should be enacted. This would help materially to reduce the number of professional crooks who have helped to pull down America as the land of free and easy plundering.

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KARPIS CAUGHT IN POLICE NET

**"Public Enemy No. 1"
Rushed to St. Paul Under Heavy Guard —
Wanted for Kidnaping**

St. Paul, May 2—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's "Public Enemy No. 1," who was captured Friday in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 8:50 a. m., central standard time, today, and was whisked away by federal agents to the Department of Justice in the federal building.

The plane which brought Karpis here from the Louisiana city carried eight federal agents besides the long-sought leader of the gang who kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, for \$100,000 ransom, June 15, 1933, and then abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 six months later.

Weather conditions, it was believed, forced the plane off the direct route from New Orleans to St. Paul via Chicago, and the trip was by way of Indianapolis to St. Louis and Kansas City. At the latter city the plane was stopped more than three hours before taking off at 5:30 a. m., central standard time, on the final leg of the trip here.

At the Kansas City Airport, an attendant said Karpis was chained to his seat and was not permitted to leave the plane during the long stop.

Twenty St. Paul federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 3 a. m.

It was presumed Karpis would be rushed to the Ramsey County jail in St. Paul, where six others with whom he was indicted, only ten days ago for the Hamm kidnaping, are being held.

Karpis was transported from the airport in a big sedan. Besides the driver, four federal agents who guarded the outlaw with machine guns.

The prisoner wore a summer suit and a straw hat, an apparel not in keeping with the weather just a few degrees above the freezing mark.

Karpis either had been in the air or shackled inside the plane for more than 12 hours. He walked unsteadily to the automobile which had been backed against the airliner inside the hangar.

At the federal building the outlaw was hustled from the car at a brisk half trot with spectators scarcely getting a glimpse of him.

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Alvin Karpis, arrested in New Orleans Friday night by a group of G-men, had been hunted for months on charges of kidnaping, bank robbery and murder. He was listed as "Public Enemy No. 1," and was known to be a man who killed on sight. He never hesitated to let his victims have "the works."

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the investigation department of the Department of Justice, personally supervised the capture of Karpis as he walked from an apartment house to an automobile. In describing the arrest, Hoover said: "Karpis said he'd never be taken alive, but we took him without firing a shot. That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat. He was scared to death when we closed in on him. He shook all over—his voice, his hands and his knees."

Thus does the big, bad killer act when the tables are turned.
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CAMPBELL GRILLED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Mystery Phone Call Leads To Reports Further Ar- rests Impend

ST. PAUL, May 8 (AP).—A mysterious long distance telephone call followed by a secret conference in the Federal Building today led to reports that further arrests impended in the roundup of Barker-Karpis gangsters which yielded two top members in the last week.

The reports could not be immediately verified.

The phone call came to R. R. Suren, member of the Federal kidnap detail. Questions regarding it were unanswered.

Harry Campbell, indicted in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, whose arrest in Toledo yesterday followed that of his chief, Alvin Karpis, by less than a week, was subjected to the same intensive questioning as Karpis had been.

Karpis was held in the county jail—in the same cell in which Willie Sharkey, Touhy gangster, hanged himself while awaiting trial for the William Hamm kidnaping. Karpis is under indictment both for the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings, while Campbell is accused in the Bremer case.

Whether the telephone call and conference grew out of questioning of Campbell could not be learned, but it was recalled a similar conference, during Karpis' five-day grilling, preceded Campbell's capture.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, asserted after Campbell's seizure that the hunt would be pressed for those who aided Barker-Karpis gangsters to evade capture for so long.

Agents questioning Campbell sought especially names of these.

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 8 (AP).—The capture here of Harry Campbell, 36, by Federal agents precipitated an investigation of the city police department today as Lucas County Sheriff James O'Reilly claimed he had no suspicion that a casual acquaintance he knew as Bob Miller was the notorious gangster.

Police Chief Ray Allen announced members of his department would be questioned to ascertain whether any knew Campbell under his alias while he lived for six months in a modest apartment.

J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, in Washington reiterated a statement yesterday: "I wouldn't cooperate with any department that was corrupt, inefficient or publicity mad."

Informed of Hoover's statement, Allen replied he was interested only in knowing whether Federal men had evidence of laxity in his department.

He demanded earlier that Hoover produce any such evidence, saying: "If the Federal agents had anything on the department or any one in it, I'd certainly like to know what it is. Let them produce it."

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Two More Public Enemies Caught



Harry Campbell (left) pal of Alvin Karpis, arrested yesterday by Federal men in Toledo, Ohio, and William Mahan (right), wanted for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, who was seized by Federal agents in San Francisco.

Cummings Is Jubilant
Over G-Men's Success

Attorney General Declares 'Activity of Interstate
Groups of Criminals Has Been Practically
Broken Up'—Robinson Is Next
On Hoover's List

By WILLIAM M. PINKERTON

Washington—(AP)—Attorney General Cummings jubilantly surveyed the law's cleanup of two kidnap gangs and declared today that "the activity of interstate groups of criminals has been practically broken up."

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Bloodless Raids

Federal agents wrote "finish" on the records of the two mobs in a pair of swift, bloodless raids hundreds of miles apart yesterday.

William Mahan was seized in San Francisco yesterday. He was called "the remaining principal" in the \$200,000 kidnaping of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, heir to a Tacoma, Wash., timber fortune.

A few hours earlier, J. Edgar Hoover led a squad of his agents in a raid on a Toledo apartment where Harry Campbell, last survivor of the Barker-Karpis mob, was arrested.

Alvin Karpis was captured by Hoover and his men in New Orleans a week ago.

The hunt concentrated today on Thomas H. Robinson Jr., accused of kidnaping Mrs. Berry V. Stoll in Louisville, Ky., a year and a half ago, for \$50,000 ransom.

Hoover agreed with Cummings, his chief, that kidnaping and bank robbery are, at last, "under control."

"Bank robbery and kidnaping will always continue to some degree, however," Hoover added quickly.

Gratifying News

Cummings said news of the rapid-fire capture of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan was "the most gratifying piece of information I've received for some time," and called the cleanup "a splendid piece of work."

"This was just another illustration of the need for a mobile force such as our Federal Bureau of Investigation men," he added. "Here we had the splendid spectacle of a highly-trained force striking in quick succession in three places as widely separated as New Orleans, Toledo and San Francisco, and moving effectively to get its man in each case. What could local officers do in a situation like that?"

"Those groups of criminals engaged in predatory crimes—especially kidnaping and extortion—had to be broken up. Before we reorganized the federal force, a situation existed in which they were protected merely by moving quickly to get state lines between themselves and the scene of the crime."

Cummings recalled the series of new federal crime laws and said that "without these new laws, we'd have been powerless in a situation of this kind."

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Robinson

Mysterious 'Ruth' in Custody of Federal Authorities Here Said to Be from Oklahoma

Desperado Captured in New Orleans Willing to Assume Responsibility for One Crime

Two persons who had occasion to see her when she was a resident of the Canal street apartment occupied by Karpis and herself and frequently visited by Fred Hunter, a Karpis gangster, also in custody, positively identified a photograph of the Oklahoma woman as that of the prisoner.

The girl, described in press association messages as a brunette, has no criminal record, according to Tulsa, Okla., authorities. She was said to have left Hot Springs for New Orleans in company with Karpis and Hunter, and was asserted to be friendly with the latter rather than with the gang leader.

David W. Magee, in charge of the New Orleans office of the bureau, shown the photograph, made no definite denial, but said, "It doesn't look like anybody I've ever seen."

Mr. Magee Sunday night reiterated that he "does not know the woman's name."

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Confession Reported

Reporters who have endeavored to pierce the gauze veil worn by the woman on periodical emergencies from a guardroom in the postoffice building said the contour of her features resembled that of the photograph.

This development shared interest here with reports:

1. That Karpis has, in St. Paul, confessed the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings.

2. That Mr. Hoover personally supervised the Karpis capture here Friday because Karpis had threatened to kill him, Hoover, on sight.

3. That Hoover reminded Karpis when they encountered each other at the time of the latter's arrest, this "threat," and that Karpis replied he would have killed Hoover "if I had the chance."

Meanwhile Mr. Magee conferred with Fred W. Peterson, United States postoffice inspector here, and said he still was awaiting orders concerning disposition of Hunter and the woman.

That the latter has "talked" was gathered by newspapermen who have been stationed outside the room in which she is being held. A detailed account of her relations with Karpis and Hunter was believed to have been obtained by questioners. She was questioned apart from Hunter.

Hunter is charged with Karpis and others in connection with a \$46,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7.

Wallace Briggs, postoffice inspector in charge at Cincinnati, was reported en route here to take him in charge as soon as the FBI men had completed the relentless interrogation to which he has been subjected.

"Ruth," who was the "woman-in-

KARPIS CONFESSES HIS GUILT IN TWO KIDNAPING CASES

Mysterious 'Ruth' Held
Here Said to Be from
Oklahoma Town

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white" until she changed her garb Saturday night to a red-plaid dress, again shielded her features with a thin cloth when she ran the gantlet of reporters and photographers in the postoffice building Sunday. Their captors have from the first guarded both her and Hunter from photographers.

Mr. Magee was absent from his office most of the day. He left with two agents about 2 p. m., carrying a black bag and a pink-and-white blanket.

The only information given out about the woman was that she was an "Arkansas girl." Agents said her fingerprints had been sent to Washington for a positive identification. "Names don't mean anything," they explained.

Saturday night, however, a telegram addressed to her under her suspected name apparently was opened and read by the investigators. Announcement then was made that the acceptance of the message had been refused.

Picture Identified

A picture of the Frederick, Okla., woman who is believed by police of that city to have accompanied Karpis and Hunter to New Orleans, was viewed Sunday afternoon by Adison Cole and John Campbell, resident and janitor, respectively, at the apartment house where Karpis was apprehended. Without hesitation Cole and Campbell identified the picture as that of the woman who was living in the apartment as Karpis' wife, under the name of "Mrs. O'Hara."

Campbell and Cole, who is a 17-year-old high school student, said they had seen the woman several times during her three-week residence in the house. Each asserted that he was "certain" the photograph shown them is that of this woman.

The picture was examined also by Mrs. Edward Hoffman, who saw the woman last Sunday afternoon when Karpis was making arrangements to rent a garage from her husband, who lives in the first house at the rear of the apartment building.

"I had no reason to study the woman's face and I don't remember it vividly, but I do recall that she had a round, full face, like the person in this picture," Mrs. Hoffman said.

Offers Guilty Plea

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, 139 South Rendon street, who operates the apartment house, said that she had seen "Mrs. O'Hara" several times, but did not remember her appearance accurately enough to identify the picture.

"I doubt if I could recognize the woman if she were standing face to face with me at this moment," Mrs. Meyer added.

St. Paul dispatches Sunday said Karpis has offered to plead guilty to kidnappings either of Edward G. Bremer or of William Hamm, provided the other case is dropped.

Life imprisonment is the maximum sentence for either abduction, since they occurred before the "Lindbergh Act" became operative.

The dispatches added that Karpis has refused to name accomplices, harborers or physicians who performed a plastic-surgery operation which partly transformed his features.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today for the Hamm kidnaping.

From New York, where the G-man chief was resting Sunday, came assertions that when Hoover and Karpis came face to face, the latter said:

"I see we've finally met."
"Yes," Hoover was reported to have replied, "and if memory serves, you were going to kill me."

'Ruth' Chided

To which Karpis is supposed to have rejoined:

"I would have if I had the chance."

"Ruth," according to this dispatch, was chided by Karpis following his arrest for "not listening to me."

He was said to have explained to the G-men that he urged the girl to "go home" two days before his capture.

He was reported to have added that had Hunter followed his suggestion to "take in a baseball game" he would have escaped arrest.

There was no league baseball game in New Orleans, however, on Friday.

Another St. Paul dispatch quoted an unnamed government agent as saying Sunday:

"Karpis said he was glad it was over and that the last two years had been a 'hell on earth' for him. He said he was tired of being constantly on his guard day and night against a possible raid by law officers."

"He told us he ate with a gun on

the chair beside him, slept with one under his pillow, carried one in his pocket and kept one or more in his car at all times.

"The slightest noise at night would wake him and send him into a cold sweat, a submachine gun in his hands, waiting to find out what the noise meant."

Added to other reports "was one based on an interview with Hoover in New York Sunday in which the bureau chief was quoted as saying Karpis begged to be killed here after his capture."

Raid Timed

"He was yellow all the way through," Hoover was said to have asserted. "He was sure he would never be taken alive. After his arrest he begged me to order him killed immediately. I never saw a man more afraid. His knees were actually knocking together when we closed in on him in his automobile."

"If shooting had begun, however, innocent people would have been killed. There must have been 300 people and 200 automobiles jammed in around the scene. The raid was timed for 5 p. m. and the apartment was on a busy street. When traffic was stopped the crowds poured in."

"If Karpis had sensed what was up and started firing some of those people would have been caught in the fire. It couldn't have been helped. As it was he came out of his apartment unsuspectingly and we surrounded him before he had time to get a gun into his hands."

Hoover added in his New York interview that he was preparing to lead an armed assault on the gangster's apartment when Karpis emerged.

Agents Posted

Groups of agents had been posted to guard the three other exits to the building, he explained, and the Hoover party intended to drive a half-block past the structure and return on foot with gas bombs and weapons.

As for the threat against his life, he expressed regret it had ever "gone out of the department."

"All enforcement officials get threats and pay no attention to them," he said. He declined comment as to whether his own participation in the raid was in answer to Karpis' threat.

Concerning fishing tackle found in Karpis' apartment, which was brought by agents to the postoffice building Saturday, Hoover said Karpis had planned to go fishing Friday. He had been fishing in Florida.

KARPIS INVARIABLY FLED TO GIRL

Like a robber baron to his light-o'-love, Alvin Karpis, who, until his capture by G-men last week was Public Enemy Number One, always had a moll in a fortress-hideout to whom he fled in intervals between his murderous forays.

This is one of the startling facts revealed by Courtney Ryley Cooper, whose series of six sensational articles on the dethroned gangster king starts in Sunday's Examiner.

Cooper's Karpis story—fairly blazes with action.

It is a story such as may never be written again; for the iron hand of the law, as demonstrated in the Karpis case, steadily crushes the roving killers of whom Karpis may be the last. The last—and the most spec-

tacular, for the life and crimes of Alvin Karpis is a subject worthy of the pen of Courtney Ryley Cooper.

And he does the subject full justice. In words that catch the terrific tempo of the terror and the death and the banditry and the vicious cruelty that Karpis spread across the nation, Cooper paints a picture of the desperado that leaves the reader tense with excitement, gasping with the surge and thrill of it.

Karpis affected disguises in his long flight from the law... and all of his disguises, and all of his mysteries are ripped away by the famous author in this series which—

Starts Sunday in The Examiner!

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J. JOSEPH
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So Crime Pays?



The old Gilbert and Sullivan line that "a policeman's lot is not a happy one," may be true, but it is certainly much truer when applied to the **CRIMINAL**.

Crime may pay in money—for a while. But as any gangster will testify when he is caught, it does **NOT** pay in **SAFETY, SECURITY OR PEACE OF MIND**.

Alvin Karpis, kidnaper recently captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his G-Men, says that his life for the last two or three years has been **HELL**. Probably he was not bothered by pangs of conscience. Mr. Karpis seems to have been born without a conscience. But he found that it was no joke to be hunted like a rat from one hiding-place to another, knowing that at any moment the trap would close upon him, or that he might be filled full of lead from a G-Man's pistol.

The "rewards" of crime may sound alluring. But the cartoon above is worth the study of any young man who is tempted by them. It shows what those "rewards" are **IN FACT, NOT IN FANCY**.

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Karpis' Capture Solves Mystery Of John Zetzer

The mystery of the disappearance last March of John Zetzer, 31, Port Clinton garage man, was solved today when Zetzer admitted he had been in custody of G-men for a week because they knew he had flown Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and members of his gang from Port Clinton to Hot Springs, Ark., after the \$40,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery.

The Blade, the day after Zetzer's disappearance, which had been announced as a kidnaping, revealed that Zetzer was in the custody of the federal agents.

Zetzer revealed to the G-men at that time that he had flown Karpis and the gang to Hot Springs, Ark., but did not know the identity of his passengers until the government men showed him pictures of the noted criminal. It is known Karpis was living in the vicinity of Toledo at that time.

Immediately the government agents who were in the vicinity chartered a plane at Akron and flew to Hot Springs but word of their destination leaked out and Karpis, being apprised of their coming, fled before they arrived.

Zetzer Offered \$500

Zetzer said that last October a man, later identified as Karpis, came to his garage and offered him \$500 to charter a plane and take him to Hot Springs, Ark. The man wore octagon shaped glasses, was quietly dressed and soft spoken.

He said that he then bought a cabin plane from Delbert Gross, 211 Platt street, Toledo, and awaited further orders.

On Nov. 6, the day before the Garrettsville robbery, Zetzer said Karpis came to the garage and told him to meet him at the airport but that the noted criminal failed to appear at the appointed time.

Zetzer said he next saw Karpis on Nov. 8, and that he had two men whom he called Jack and Slim with him. Karpis carried a bulky briefcase, believed to have carried the loot and weapons. None of the trio permitted Zetzer to handle their luggage. They got into the plane at the Port Clinton airport and took off.

Taken to Hot Springs

At Memphis, Tenn., the plane had a forced landing but refueled and took off for Tulsa, Okla., where Slim got out. Zetzer then took Karpis and Jack to Hot Springs, returning the next day after being paid \$500.

It was this information given by Zetzer when he was in custody of the G-men that led to the fruitless raid on a dwelling at Hot Springs.

Zetzer said he knew John Brock, who was arrested in Youngstown this week and who is reported to have confessed his part in the Garrettsville robbery.

Zetzer said that he had no idea of the identity of his passengers until the G-men, in a Toledo hotel, showed him a picture of Karpis and he identified it as being that of the leader of the group and the

man who had chartered the plane.

Zetzer was questioned both in Toledo and Cleveland by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, E. S. Connelly, in charge of the agents searching for Karpis and others.

Wires Tapped

Hoping that Karpis and his gang might want to contact Zetzer again, the government agents released the garage man and told him to return home but to do no talking. Meantime, telephone wires in Toledo and Port Clinton were tapped and mail watched to see if Karpis would attempt to get in touch with the pilot by those means.

Zetzer denied that he ever had taken Karpis and Harry Campbell, the latter's chief lieutenant, to Middle Island, a small island in Lake Erie just north of the international line and seven miles east of Put-in-Bay.

Although the Hot Springs trip proved a fizzle, the agents did not relax their vigilance.

Two weeks ago, The Blade learned that the government men had information that Karpis was in Louisiana and that most of the agents had gone to that territory. The capture of the noted criminal in New Orleans verifies that information.

The Barker-Karpis gang made Toledo its hideouts on two occasions. The first time was immediately after the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

Fingers Doctored Here

Immediately after the \$200,000 ransom had been paid and Bremer released, the gang sped to Toledo. Part of them occupied a cottage in Point Place and others stayed at a downtown hotel. It was in Toledo that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, later slain by the kidnapers to prevent him from talking, operated on the fingers of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Barker and Karpis in hopes of preventing identification by finger prints should they be caught.

James J. Wilson, another member of the gang, had an aunt living in Toledo.

Wilson, one of the gang members who was convicted, testified that when he arrived in Toledo in April, 1934, after the Bremer kidnaping, he made his way to the Casino club and asked for Ted Angus.

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Here Later Also

Karpis also visited Toledo late in the year, staying in a cottage near the old Casino grounds. It said a city official played car with him one night and was dumfounded later when he learned the identity of the player.

It is understood that at one time last year as many as 10 departments of justice men were assigned to Toledo to capture Karpis, and the criminal fled the city only a day or so before the operators closed on him.

After the holdup of the Garrettsville mail train, Karpis and Campbell again sped to the island region and were helped by their northwest Ohio contacts. But when the G-men learned of their whereabouts, it was too late, for Karpis and Campbell had become wary and had left for the south.

R. E. JOSEPH

Pilot for Karpis



JOHN ZETZER

John Zetzer, Port Clinton garage man and airplane pilot, admitted today that he had flown Alvin Karpis, noted criminal and his gang to Hot Springs, Ark., after the gang held up a mail train at Garrettsville, O., last fall. Zetzer said he did not know the identity of the men at the time.

R. E. JOSEPH

Harry Called Good Sport, Cheap Skate by Relatives

Mr. Campbell Apparently Dazzled Some Folks
but Failed to Impress Other
in-Laws.

To the members of the family into which he married, Harry Campbell was both a swell guy and a cheap skate.

The expressions are theirs, for in the garbled domestic life of the Billeter family the captured Public Enemy No. 1 played a two-faced role.

To the father of his wife Gertrude he was a tender and sympathetic soul. He dropped \$25 into his lap one day two months ago when Joseph Billeter was ill in his home at 839 Vinton street. Last Easter he brought Gertrude's father a box of cigars, then took him for a long ride in the country.

Let Henry Billeter, brother of Joseph and owner of the house in which Gertrude's father lives, tell you about the man who took the place of Karpis.

"It's not true," he shouted when a Blade reporter informed him of the real identity of "Robert Miller."

"He was only here a few weeks ago and was the same kindly, quiet, well dressed man who was always solicitous of the family welfare. Why, he used to come to the house with presents, then drive Gertrude and her father out into the country."

He only came at night, however, Mr. Billeter admitted.

Campbell, he said, met Gertrude at a party given at the beer tavern of the Goulets more than a year ago. After a short and hectic courtship, they were married last Memorial Day. According to Henry Billeter, Campbell was an "all-right guy."

But listen to the story told by Joseph Billeter, brother of Gertrude, who lives with his mother at 518 Kopehik avenue. Mrs. Billeter has

been separated from her husband for the last five years.

"I never trusted him," Joseph said. "He never looked me straight in the eye. One day several months ago he offered me a dollar to wash his car. While I was washing it I found a .45 caliber revolver in the front pocket."

"He never would say what his business was, although Gertrude told us he was a contractor. He always seemed to have plenty of money, yet one day when I did a special job on his car and thought it was worth more than the usual dollar, the cheap skate refused to pay additional money."

Joseph, Jr., revealed that Campbell was an enthusiastic fisherman. He made frequent trips to Silver Lake, Mich. Joe made several trips with the newly-weds, still nervous, he admits, for the alleged contractor still carried a pistol in the side pocket of the car. In all his dealings on the trips, Joseph said, the supposed tough guy would haggle over the price of a dinner.

Joe, who works for the Acklin Auto Stamping Co., revealed that the gangster was a temperamental fisherman. He'd give up in disgust if the fish didn't bite immediately.

Such a man was Harry Campbell—a swell guy and a cheap skate.

Detective Visits Scene of Capture

A member of the Toledo police department appeared on the scene of the Campbell capture at 7 o'clock last night, marking the second approach since the apprehension of the gangster early in the morning. Detective Harry Manson, mem-

ber of the newly organized investigation squad, appeared at the door where the G-men were working about noon, but made no attempt

to enter. The other officer, Detective Claire Powers, burglar squad officer, walked to the door then left quietly without comment.

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MAHAN TO FACE KIDNAP TRIAL

Accused Weyerhaeuser Abductor Flown to Tacoma by G-Men.

TACOMA, Wash., May 8 (AP)—William Mahan came back to the scene of the George Weyerhaeuser, Jr., kidnaping today, with the government ready to place him on trial immediately for the \$200,000 abduction of the 9-year-old lumber fortune heir.

Brought here by airplane last night after his bloodless capture by federal agents at San Francisco, the 33-year-old ex-convict was hustled off to a cell scarcely a

dozen blocks from the scene of the kidnaping May 24, 1935.

"We are ready to go to trial today, if necessary," said J. Charles Dennis, United States district attorney.

He also indicated the young kidnap victim would be the government's chief witness against the scar-faced fugitive who evaded capture for nearly a year.

A large crowd was at the airport when the chartered plane bearing the federal agents and their prisoner arrived from San Francisco.

A year ago they had been stirred by the kidnaping of young Weyerhaeuser; his release upon payment of the ransom eight days later and the arrest and trial of Harmon Metz Waley and his wife, Margaret, both serving sentences for participating in the crime.

A dozen deputy United States marshals, state police and city officers hustled the accused kidnaper through the crowd and dashed directly to the city jail in downtown Tacoma.

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CAPTIVE BRAVE, G-MEN REPORT

**Campbell Called 10 Times
as Courageous
as Karpis.**

Alvin Karpis may have been labeled America's Public Enemy No. 1, but his right hand man, Harry Campbell, captured here yesterday, possesses 10 times the courage of his leader.

This is the opinion of G-men who participated in the raid that brought the last free member of the Karpis gang into captivity.

"He was cool, and steady," one operative said today.

When J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation entered the Monroe street apartment where Campbell was arrested, the gangster called him by name, according to another G-man who was in the raiding party.

"How do you know who I am?" Mr. Hoover queried.

"Well," Campbell is said to have replied, "I've studied so many pictures of you that I probably know you better than you know me."

It also was revealed by some of the operatives that it was Campbell

who saved Karpis from a police trap in Atlantic City in January, 1935. Campbell was the man who led his chief in a dash from a hotel there and opened a means of escape by maintaining a volley of gunfire as the two ran for an automobile.

Both Campbell and Karpis were hunted in Toledo shortly after their escape from Atlantic City.

"SCRAM," G-MEN TELL DETECTIVE

**Green Drives Up as Raid
Gets Under Way; Finds
He Isn't Needed.**

"Scram."

That was the order given to Detective Owen Green early yesterday by federal agents when he unexpectedly came upon the G-men in their raid on the apartment at 2132 Monroe street that resulted in the capture of Harry Campbell, notorious criminal.

Green was driving home with friends when the G-men arrived in front of the Monroe street building. A friend remarked to him that the men had machine guns and thought it might be a stickup.

The detective circled around, stopped his car and walked back to investigate.

He halted when one of the agents swung a machine gun on him.

"We're federal agents. Scram," said the agent. "We're all set. We really don't need your help and I think it would be better for you to go."

Green replied that he was a city detective and offered his assistance.

Another agent, whom he now believes to have been J. Edgar Hoover, approached.

"We're grateful to you for your offer," said the G-man. "But we've got everything all lined up."

Green then left. It was not until he awakened yesterday afternoon that he learned the G-men had captured Campbell.

It's Up to Chief of Police Ray Allen

A FEW days ago Ray Allen, chief of police, decreed that no crook, big or little, shall find a resting place in Toledo. One of the most notorious outlaws in America has been here for months. Yesterday federal officers came and got him—took him away right from under the noses of the police. The crisis has come. It is up to the chief. He is new on the job. He has just announced his new policy. Can he make good? The Blade believes he can.

This newspaper openly approved the appointment of the chief only a few weeks ago. He is an earnest young man, has been a good officer, and wants to prove himself a competent chief.

Allen can do it but he must get busy very fast, work very hard, sweep very clean with that new broom.

We can't expect J. Edgar Hoover constantly to guard the gates of Toledo. That's up to the police.

Let the chief put sharp teeth in his policy, get his men together, today, and start a new fight that will prove Toledo has a police force we can be proud of.

Chief—it's up to you!

KARPIS REACHES ST. PAUL BY AIR WITH 10 G-MEN

Desperado Rushed to Federal
Building for Arraignment in
Hamm Kidnaping.

CHAINED ON PLANE TRIP
Salesman Gives Clew and
Gangster Is Arrested by
Agents in New Orleans.

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sociate, Harry Campbell, still is at large.

Guard Plane with Machine Guns.
A dozen local department operatives, carrying sub-machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, formed a cordon around the plane door as Karpis was led out. He appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

Karpis was loaded into one of five automobiles provided by local agents. He was placed in the back seat between two heavily armed operatives. With two cars proceeding and two following, the cavalcade dashed to the Department of Justice offices.

Hoover directed Karpis' removal from the plane.

Wind Delayed Plane.
The ship was scheduled to have arrived here early this morning, but it was delayed five hours by strong headwinds north of St. Louis.

At the department offices, Karpis was to be subjected to immediate questioning concerning the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer and the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping.

Commenting on the capture in New Orleans, Mr. Hoover said:

"Karpis was arrested at 3,343 Canal St., New Orleans, where he was living with Fred Hunter and a woman posing as Mrs. Hunter.

"Hunter also was taken into custody and is being held at New Orleans. We have not decided whether he will be charged in connection with a postal robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last year, or, as a harbinger of Karpis. Karpis was living at his apartment."

Spent Time Fishing.

Mr. Hoover said that Karpis had been in the South and Southwest for several months. "He was spending most of his time hunting and fishing," Mr. Hoover said. "He was fishing a great deal in Florida and along the Gulf."

NEW-YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM,
New York City, N. Y.
May 2, 1936.

Karpis had undergone a crude plastic surgery operation, Mr. Hoover disclosed. There was a deep scar under his left ear and lobes of his ears had been cut. His fingerprints had been mutilated.

"The operation," Mr. Hoover said, "was performed by Dr. Joseph Moran, former member of the gang now believed dead. But it was a crude job and did not in the least alter Karpis' features."

Had 3 Revolvers.

When arrested, Mr. Hoover said, Karpis had a rifle in his automobile and three .45-calibre revolvers in his apartment. Neither he nor Hunter had a weapon on their person.

The capture was made as Karpis and Hunter came out of their first-floor apartment, Mr. Hoover said. They left unexpectedly while agents were waiting for them after surrounding the house. They entered a car and were driving away when a car in which Hoover and others were riding drew alongside, forced Karpis' car to the curb and commanded him to halt.

"He offered no resistance whatsoever," Mr. Hoover said. "He was so nervous he could scarcely talk. His hands were shaking like a leaf and his knees shook as badly as if he had palsy."

Charged with 3 Kidnapings.

Mr. Hoover said Karpis is charged with three kidnapings, fifteen bank robberies and three or four mail robberies. He had \$80 in his wallet when arrested, but Mr. Hoover declined to say whether it was ransom money.

Inasmuch as the capture was made by federal agents, the \$5,000 recently offered for Karpis' arrest will not be paid.

Hoover said that the department had "definite information" for several days prior to the capture that Karpis was in New Orleans. He himself had been there "two or three days," he said.

Federal agents, as usual, kept

secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that an automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Rumors circulated that the woman tipped off the federal agents for the \$7,000 reward, but these, like scores of others, were without the least confirmation.

Soon after Karpis arrived in New Orleans he went to the automobile agency where Pucheu is employed. Pucheu met him at the door.

"Let's don't talk here," said Karpis, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows looking into the street.

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that maybe he was a gangster.

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gangsters and one or the other sug-

gested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their

friends and relatives. One night

while out driving they saw the sedan

parked in front of the Canal St.

apartment house, and they told

their friends that the man they be-

lieved was Karpis was living there.

"Why don't you tip off the G-men

and get that reward, Duke?" said

Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

But Pucheu procrastinated. Mean-

while, his gossip had resulted in

rumors that spread all over New

Orleans. As early as Monday

strangers to the Pucheus and their

circle of friends had heard that

Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the rumors reached the

G-men.

So fast and secretly did the

G-men work that many of Karpis'

neighbors in his apartment house

hide-out knew nothing about it un-

til hours later.

New Orleans police knew nothing

of the trap. Excited neighbors tele-

phoned them when it was sprung.

They were indignant that the Fed-

eral men had invaded their balli-

wick without even a "by-your-leave."

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Fly Karpis to St. Paul

G-Men Rush the Desperado, Shackled Hand and Foot, to Federal Building.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, May 2.—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul in an airliner chartered by G-men today.

The gunman, captured at New Orleans last night without a shot being fired, probably will be tried for kidnaping William Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer.

Long delayed, the plane taxied directly into the hangar of the 149th U. S. Air Squadron. The doors slammed shut, and newsmen and spectators were barred.

G-Men Waiting.

A dozen G-men from the St. Paul headquarters were waiting to help shift Karpis to a waiting automobile. Ten federal men commanded by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who made the arrest last night, were aboard the plane.

Ten minutes after the airliner arrived Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters.

He will be locked in the "escape-proof" cell at county jail.

Karpis was transferred to St. Paul under the Lindbergh law, making extradition unnecessary.

Karpis is the last of the Barker-Karpis mob, although his recent as-

List of Crimes Laid to Karpis

By the United Press.

ALVIN KARPIS is suspected by federal agents of participating in the following crimes:—

MURDERS.

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. (Indicted.)

A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his associate, Fred Barker, who is alleged to have been killed as "a favor."

John Lazia, Kansas City politician.

The Kansas City Union Station massacre, in which gunmen shot down a federal agent, three police officers and their prisoner.

Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

KIDNAPINGS.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released on payment of \$50,000. (Indicted.)

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped June 16, 1933, and released on payment of \$100,000. (Indicted.)

ROBBERIES.

The robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, in which \$46,000 was taken by a gang of machine gun bandits that included, federal agents say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, another hunted gangster, and Fred Hunter, who was captured with Karpis in New Orleans.

FEDERAL MEN TRAIL PARTNER OF KARPIS

Campbell's Arrest Is Near, Says Post Office Inspector.

By the United Press.

CLEVELAND, May 2.—The search for Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$46,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail train robbery, is "hot" and his arrest is imminent, Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick said today.

John Brock, the "mystery man" brought here two days ago and also charged with participating in the robbery, was captured in Tulsa, Okla., Campbell's home town, Mr. Hettrick said. Brock has sworn in affidavits that Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville hold-up leaders.

Only two alleged members of the gang which engineered the hold-up last November 7 in Wild West fashion remained uncaptured. They were Campbell and a man known only as Sam. Fred Hunter, the fifth suspect, was arrested in Karpis' hideout in New Orleans last night.

ISSUE KARPIS WARRANT HERE

**Prosecutor Seeks Gangster,
Four Aids in Garrettsville
Train Holdup**

Warrants charging Alvin Karpis, notorious gunman; his partner, Harry Campbell, and three others with the \$46,000 robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, were issued today by Emerich B. Freed, district attorney here.

Frank Wiedemann, assistant district attorney, had held several conferences with Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector, before the warrants were issued. John Brock, Fred Hunter and Sam Doe are the others named.

It was learned that one of the men named in the warrants is held in jail near Cleveland and has made sworn affidavits that Karpis and Campbell led the machine gun gang that lined up passengers and forced the Erie train crew to hand over a payroll from Cleveland.

A reward of \$2000 for each man named in the warrants was posted by the Postoffice Department. Grover Keady, 43, who was brought to Cleveland Feb. 26 from Tulsa, Okla., as a suspect in the robbery, is held at County Jail in default of \$50,000 bond. He also is reported to have named Karpis and Campbell as leaders of the robber gang.

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Another Capture.

Karpis, Campbell, Mahan, Robinson, all taken within a week! Such is the record of the G-men of the Department of Justice, four fugitives from the law whose names have become known throughout the country as malefactors of the worst type, whose guilt has been established and whose liberty has been a menace, captured in rapid succession after many months of pursuit. It is indeed a remarkable record and furthermore a striking coincidence of successes in short order.

The latest arrest is especially gratifying, for the fugitive, owing to certain personal peculiarities, was enabled to disguise himself sufficiently to evade detection for months. But he, too, was traced by the means of ransom money, a trail which he could not efface. This demonstrates anew that the business of kidnaping for gain is desperately hazardous. In the case of the Lindbergh kidnaping the trail of the ransom money finally led to the arrest, conviction and execution of Hauptmann. Not even the attempted change of the serial numbers on the bills he took effected the escape of Mahan, the third of the quartet captured in this latest haul of "public enemies."

Scientific methods of detection, intelligent and patient pursuit have led to these recent captures, which have their high value in demonstration of the futility of crime and the certainty of punishment in cases falling within the scope of the Federal jurisdiction. It does not follow that crime will cease. That is

probably impossible. But it does prove that the chances of evasion of justice have been greatly lessened, a demonstration that is certain to have an effect in the discouragement of criminal enterprises.

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Karpis Aide Gets Life

ST. PAUL—Harry Campbell today pleaded guilty to charges of kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, Jan. 17, 1934. Federal Judge M. M. Joyce immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

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ARREST OF 4 SOLVES HAMM KIDNAP CASE

Postmaster, Woman Involved
in Brewer's Abduction;
Alvin Karpis Blamed

By United Press
ST. PAUL, April 18—Federal agents held three men and a woman today in a smashing climax of a three-year search for kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., scion of a wealthy St. Paul brewing family.

Secreted in Department of Justice offices were John P. (Jack) Pfeiffer, held as the gang's local agent; Edward C. Bartholmey, rushed here from his Bensenville (Ill.) tavern, and Morris Rosner, former Midwest bootleg king, held as a material witness. All were undergoing severe questioning.

Bartholmey is postmaster of his town.

Woman in Los Angeles

The woman was believed to be a friend of Charles J. Fitzgerald, arrested in Los Angeles and expected here tomorrow. In addition to the men arrested yesterday, the following were involved in the abduction, according to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau:

Arthur (Doc) Barker, now in Alcatraz Prison.

Elmer Farmer, now in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Bryan Bolton, now in jail in St. Paul.

Fred C. Goetz, known as "Shotgun Ziegler," now dead.

Fred Barker, brother of Arthur, now dead.

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, at large.

The Hamm kidnaping case in which \$100,000 ransom was paid June 19, 1933, was one of the most sensational in a series of abductions dating from the Lindbergh crime.

Karpis once escaped the agents when he shot his way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

Only Three at Large

Solution of the Hamm kidnaping now leaves Karpis and Theodore H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll and William Mahan, abductor of George Weyerhauser Jr. of Tacoma, Wash., as the three kidnaping fugitives still at large. Karpis is wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case as well as the Hamm abduction.

Mrs. Stoll was kidnaped in Louisville, Ky., in 1934, and later was released without any ransom payment.

Ransom of \$200,000 was paid Mahan, reported recently in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Harman Waley, alleged accomplices, are in prison.

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Stoll Kidnaper Now Reigns As U. S. Public Enemy No. 1

Most Elusive of Them All, Robinson Leaves No Trail
of Squandered Ransom Money for G-Men to
Follow; Called Non-Gangster Lone Wolf.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the kidnaping of pretty Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., now is Public Enemy No. 1 on the G-men's sought list.

Robinson achieved the position last week when Federal agents arrested William Mahan and Harry Campbell only a few days after nabbing Alvin Karpis in a New Orleans apartment house.

Mahan, seized in San Francisco, was sought for his part in the "snatch" of George Weyerhaeuser, lumber fortune heir, in May, 1935. Campbell, a pal of Karpis, was wanted along with Karpis in connection with the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul in 1934.

Robinson Lone Wolf.

Robinson, however, is likely to evade capture longer than any of the other public enemies, G-men confess reluctantly. For he is a lone wolf.

He is not a gangster. Son of Thomas H. Robinson, Sr., 63-year-old bridge engineer, of Nashville, Tenn., young Robinson spent some time in an insane asylum for observation and is an eccentric with a penchant for dressing in women's clothing.

This week his wife, Mrs. Frances Robinson, of Nashville, announced

she was suing him for divorce.

Mrs. Stoll, wife of a wealthy oil operator, was kidnaped from her pretentious Louisville home in broad daylight, on October 11, 1934. Her captor dragged her from a sickbed and bludgeoned her into submission with a lead pipe.

Ransom Is Secret.

He left a crudely written note demanding \$50,000 ransom. Robinson's father was named as the intermediary. The ransom was paid in a way that Federal agents never revealed.

Mrs. Stoll was held captive six days in an Indianapolis apartment and freed almost within sight of her home after the ransom was paid.

Immediately the search for Robinson began. But it was like seeking a will-o'-the-wisp.

No Trail of Money.

So far as the public knows, only about \$1000 of the ransom money has appeared. Usually G-men can trace the wanderings of a kidnaper by the trail of money he leaves behind.

In Robinson's case, however, even that dim trail is not available. But the G-men have sworn to make clean their record for nabbing public enemies. They will seek Robinson relentlessly until they place him behind the bars.

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Police Expose Threatened St. Paul's Higher-Ups Face Federal Inquiry City Waits for Explosion Among Her Officials

BY GORDON SESSIONS.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—One of the greatest political explosions in all St. Paul's history is about to be touched off in the wake of Alvin Karpis' confession to \$300,000 worth of kidnappings.

This information came from a widely known St. Paul figure, for many years closely acquainted with the gang chieftains who made this city the rendezvous of so many outlaws that Attorney General Cummings once called it America's crime capital.

Seeks Money

For the first time, he revealed, also, how police got the tip that led to the death of Homer Van Meter, "brains" of the Dillinger gang. He said: "Van Meter had \$5,000 coming from one man here and \$4,000 from another. He ran short of money and contacted one of these fellows and made an appointment to get the money. This policeman made a deal with a policeman to 'finger' Van Meter. Then, when he kept the appointment, officers were waiting, and shot him down."

Predicts Expose

Of the impending political expose, this man related: "Everybody knows certain police were helping the Dillinger gang and the Karpis-Barker mob hide out in St. Paul, and were getting plenty of money for it. They not only helped them arrange hideouts, but helped them

set up in spots where they could make money on gambling. When 'Ned' (H. E.) Warren became commissioner of public safety and put Chief Coulter in charge of the police department, there was a big shakeup, and things have been clamped down for the last two years. Things got so tough that the gamblers and slot machine distributors and put a tremendous amount of money into the campaign to beat Warren for re-election."

Voted Down

Warren was defeated two weeks ago—by less than 400 votes—but there are persistent rumors that he will demand a recount and that he will submit fraud on the part of workers for his opponents. Meanwhile, the whole city was speculating about the possible revelations from the Karpis inquiry. As The Herald and Examiner's "insider" men ever get the true story it will rock this town like it never was rocked before. He voiced the opinion that there should be "obvious conclusions from the fact that these fellows were never picked up until the federal men picked them up. It is because of these political alliances that the federal agents under Chief Clinton Stephens of the St. Paul division are

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tipuig their interrogation of Karpis so relentlessly. This was the third day that they had questioned him almost constantly, with occasional interruption to permit him to rest.

Their chief success had been Sunday when Karpis confessed to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, both in 1933.

As far as the agents would admit today, however, he still was refusing to name any of his accomplices, remaining true to gangland's so-called honor code despite his loss of much of his previous belligerence.

Crimes Studied

The federal investigators were not the only ones who were spending all their time trying to clear up Karpis' crimes. Prosecuting attorneys of Ramsey County (St. Paul), Hennepin County (Minneapolis) and Dakota County (South St. Paul) were trying to link him with \$55,000 worth of holdups that cost the lives of three policemen and an innocent motorist.

One of these was the \$25,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis on December 16, 1932, in which

Policemen Ira L. Evans and Leopold Gursky, and Oscar Erickson, a passing civilian, were fatally shot.

Arraignment of Karpis, tentatively scheduled for today, was postponed by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan because the questioning was still in progress. It may be several days before he is taken into court, it was indicated.

Seeks High Bond

Sullivan said he would demand that bonds of \$400,000—the highest in St. Paul's history—be set for Karpis, to insure that he have no chance to escape the law's punishment.

It was generally believed that the gang chief would plead guilty to one of the kidnaping charges.

The government is in no hurry about the arraignment, since that can be disposed of any time after the expected "mop up" is finished.

Though no one in authority would discuss it, it was reported the arraignment might be deferred until after arrest of Harry Campbell, partner of Karpis at Atlantic City when they shot their way out of a police ambuscade outside the rooms they were occupying with two women.

Campbell's capture is believed to be imminent, investigators have indicated. Near, too, it was expected, is the arrest of at least one aviator who flew Karpis around the country.

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THE CAPTIVE KARPIS



—Picture from International News Photo Service.
Photo shows Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, in handcuffs and quailing as he stepped from an auto to grips the federal building at St. Paul, after G-men flew him from New Orleans.

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Karpis Confession Links Politicians

By International News Service

ST. PAUL, May 4.—A cowed and cringing Alvin Karpis is expected to plead guilty tomorrow, International News Service was informed by a reliable source today, when arraigned on charges of conspiracy in the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

All his swagger and bravado gone, Karpis was locked up in the Ramsey county jail today after a severe 48-hour grilling by federal agents.

The thoroughly tamed bad man talked freely, it was learned, concerning the bank robberies, mail robberies, kidnapings and murders with which he is charged.

The one-time champion marble-shooter of Topeka, Kan., who turned to shooting up banks, has provided "G" men with a vast amount of information, it was reported.

As a result, it was learned from an unimpeachable source, a sensational roundup of camp followers of the Karpis-Barker mob is in the offing and it will include prominent politicians and police executives.

Adhering to policy, Clinton Stein,

chief of the St. Paul office of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, today refused to discuss what had been learned from Karpis.

But Karpis was particularly questioned concerning "leaks" during the investigation of the Hamm abduction and the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Federal men were constantly balked in their investigations, it was learned, because of information as to their every movement relayed to the kidnapers.

The maximum penalty is life imprisonment for the Hamm kidnaping charge. Later Karpis may be turned over to Missouri authorities, who would like to convict him and sentence him to death for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains.

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Public Enemy No. 1 Discovers Too Late "Crime Does Not Pay"



ALVIN KARPIS, PRISONER OF G-MEN
Reflecting, in ~~His~~ Summer Cell, on That Police Axiom: "You Can't Win"

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MAHAN SEIZURE NETS \$142,000 RANSOM MONEY

Kidnapers' Auto and Room Reveal Cash; G-Men at Postal Sleuths in Clash

TACOMA, Wash., May 8 (U.P.)—William Mahan will appear before Judge E. E. Cushman at 10 a. m. tomorrow to answer indictments charging him with kidnaping and extortion. U. S. District Attorney J. Charles Dennis announced tonight.

By STANLEY CARROLL

Pressing a relentless search for the balance of the \$200,000 paid by George Weyerhaeuser, of Tacoma, Wash., for the release of his 9-year-old son, G-men yesterday trapped William Mahan, reputed brains of the kidnap plot, last night had counted for \$142,000 of the ransom bills.

This includes the \$7,300 found on Mahan when he was seized in San Francisco Thursday, \$29,000 disclosed in a search of his apartment and his rooming quarters, the \$10,000 he abandoned in his car in Butte, Mont., earlier when he slipped out of a tightening Federal dragnet and the \$90,000 covered with the arrest of Mahan and Mrs. Harmon Waley, conspirators in the abduction.

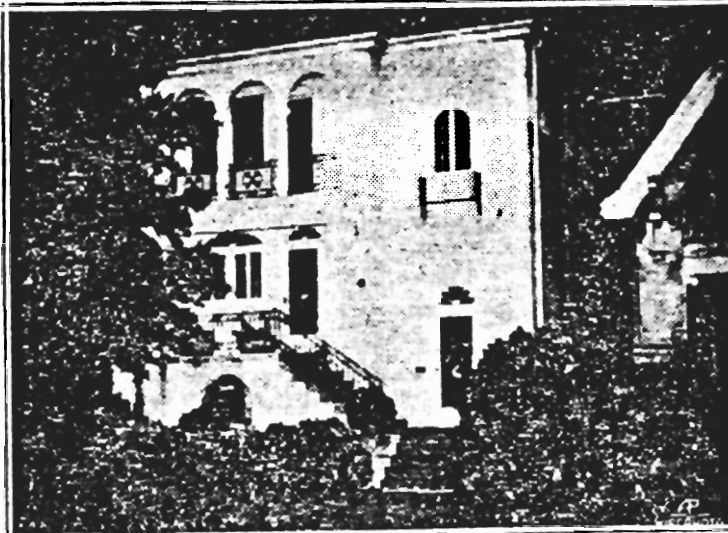
GRILLING RENEWED

As ranking G-men at Tacoma renewed their grilling of Mahan last night, the clash between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Post Office inspection service over the G-men's capture of Alvin Karpis and three other mail robbers threatened sharp repercussions in the Cabinet.

Returning to the Capital after personally directing the arrests of Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, all wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery at Gettysville, Ohio, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, was incensed at what associates described as the "obstructionist methods" of the postal inspectors.

Hoover himself refused to reveal what had occurred, but did admit postal inspectors bluntly refused to cooperate with his men when called upon.

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WITNESSED KARPIS CAPTURE. (AP—Wirephoto). Picture at top, left, shows the grilled entrance to the New Orleans, La., apartment where Alvin Karpis lived. The G-Men trapped the badman as he walked through this door to his car at the curb. John Campbell, top right, janitor of the building, witnessed Karpis' arrest. Below is a view of the house where Karpis lived as Edward O'Hara.

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Karpis' Face Lifting Fails



NO ONE WAS FOOLED. (AP—Wirephoto). This latest picture of Alvin Karpis, dethroned Public Enemy No. 1, taken after his capture in New Orleans, shows what Federal agents describe as a "poor job of face lifting" through plastic surgery, by which the desperado sought to escape recognition.

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'KARPIS YELLOW, TREMBLING'

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HE WAS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE



Manacled and flanked by G-men, Alvin Karpis, former Public Enemy No. 1, leaves the Federal Building in New Orleans for the airport, to be flown to

St. Paul to face charges in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. The capture of Karpis came without a shot being fired. (International News photo.)

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G-MAN HOOVER'S STORY OF TRAP LAID FOR ENEMY NO. 1

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(A.P.)—Sullen and shivering, Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, was brought back to St. Paul today in chains to face trial on kidnaping charges.

Department of Justice agents who trapped the notorious gunman in New Orleans late yesterday, returned him here in an uneventful overnight plane trip.

In the custody of federal men headed by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, Karpis, charged with two kidnapings, at least three killings and numerous other crimes, was landed here at 9:47 a. m. (Chicago time), slightly more than twelve hours after the heavily armed party left Louisiana.

Surrounded With Guns

The desperado, wearing thin Summer apparel in a temperature just above freezing, was hustled from the big airliner, which taxied into a National Guard hangar, to a heavily armed auto, surrounded by machine guns. He was taken direct to the agents' headquarters in the Federal Building.

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Whether Karpis would be promptly arranged on indictments charging him with abduction of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm Jr., brewery head, was not immediately determined.

Making a short stop at St. Louis for refueling around midnight the party was tied up at Kansas City from 3 a. m. until 6:30 a. m. because of unfavorable flying weather.

All of this time, the prisoner had been manacled inside the plane and was said to have been chained to his seat. Safely on the ground here, his feet scarcely touched the earth as the agents hurried him to the Federal Building.

Hoover, who met newsmen within an hour after his arrival, said he planned to go by plane to New York this afternoon.

Tells Karpis Capture

He told some of the details of Karpis' capture and emphasized no reward will be paid by the federal bureau of investigation. This was taken to mean that no "tips" were received from persons seeking the \$7,000 price offered for Karpis' arrest recently.

Hoover said Fred Hunter, captured with Karpis, is being held in New Orleans, pending decision as to whether he will be tried on a mail robbery charge or a postal offense.

The woman known as "Ruth," captured with Hunter and Karpis, was described by Hoover as posing as Mrs. Ruth Hunter, but is not Hunter's wife. Hoover said she is being held in New Orleans without charge and indicated she may be released after further questioning.

Karpis Has Face Lifted

Hoover said Karpis had been under surveillance by federal agents for two or three days before his capture. He added:

"Karpis was quite a fisherman and a hunter. He was in and out of New Orleans. Notwithstanding plas-

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Karpis Faces Hamm Kidnap Charge First

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tic surgery on his face, he was easily recognizable from his photograph.

"He had two scars on his ears, apparently for the purpose of lifting his face, and a cut into the lobe of each ear, but he looks exactly like his picture.

"When we had definite information he was in New Orleans, we surrounded the apartment house in which he lived with Hunter.

"We nabbed the three after they had entered their car. There was a rifle in the back seat, but neither Karpis nor Hunter had a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols.

"Within three minutes after their arrest, there were more than a thousand people swarmed around Karpis' car and the apartment house."

KARPIS SCARED.

Asked Karpis' reaction when he was told to throw up his hands, Hoover said:

"He was so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Hoover said the department was "glad to take him alive" and that capture of the No. 1 badman "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob."

When asked whether Harry Campbell, fugitive in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping and pal of Karpis, now would be designated as public enemy No. 1, Hoover said:

"We don't give them any rating in the federal bureau of investigation. They are all yellow rats to us. That was proven last night."

Twenty federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 4 a. m.

The route from the airport to the Federal Building was patrolled by squad cars and deputy sheriffs.

SENSATIONAL CRIMES.

Two of the nation's most sensational abductions topped the list of crimes in which he has been named.

Karpis has been indicted here

by federal grand juries on charges of kidnaping two St. Paul business leaders—William A. Hamm Jr., brewing company head, and Edward G. Bremer, bank president.

Karpis and six others were indicted only ten days ago in the Hamm case. The others all are in custody. Previously he had been charged in the Bremer case.

Federal officials have not indicated which charge they would press first against Karpis, but it was considered likely he would be tried for the Hamm abduction, since that occurred first. The maximum penalty on conviction is life imprisonment.

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Karpis 'Molls' Already in Prison NEWS SHOCK KARPIS' DAD



DELORES DELANEY.
Friend of desperado.

MIAMI, Fla., May 2.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was in Miami during the Winter of 1933-34.

He and Delores Delaney registered at a Miami hotel as Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wagner. They also registered as Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Winona Burdette, who registered as Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Summers.

They flew from this house after learning that Fred and Kate Barker, their associates, were shot and killed in a gun battle with federal gents at Oklawaha, Fla.

The men left Miami by automobile and the two women by train. The four next appeared at the Atlantic City hotel from which the men escaped during a gun battle with police.

The two women were returned to Miami, where they pleaded guilty to charges of harboring and concealing Karpis and were sentenced to the federal detention farm at Milan, Mich.

They will be returned to Miami on May 18 to appear as material witnesses in the trial of Joe Adams, Miami Hotel and greyhound racetrack manager, and Henry Randall, Greyhound track employe, under indictment on charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.



WINONA BURDETTE
Held as Karpis' friend.

Alvin Karpis' father, a janitor at 2842 N. Francisco av., was stunned today by the news he had been awaiting to hear for three years.

The old man, who speaks English brokenly, said he did not want to comment on the capture of his son.

His name is John Karpivics. His wife, Anna, came to the door when he heard the word and shuffled back to their quarters quietly.

Later Karpivics returned and warned a reporter that if he did not leave he would get hurt.

The mother and father have not seen little of Alvin since he left home at the age of 14.

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Karpis Faces Four Major Trials



WILLIAM A. HAMM JR.
St. Paul Brewer

Kidnaping of Bremer and Hamm Laid to His Leadership

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Alvin Karpis may be tried for any one of four major crimes:

The \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934. Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Volney Davis and other leaders of the mob are serving Alcatraz sentences for this crime.

The \$100,000 kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933.

The \$34,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November. Fred Hunter, captured with Karpis, and Harry Campbell who escaped the New Orleans trap, are wanted for this crime.

The slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly in West Plains, Mo., December 19, 1931.



EDWARD G. BREMER
St. Paul Banker

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Kidnaper Mahan Now Public Enemy No. 1

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—William Mahan moved to the top of the federal agents' "wanted" list today as Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," awaited arraignment for one of four major crimes charges against him.

Karpis may be tried for the William A. Hamm Jr. or Edward G. Bremer kidnappings, slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly in West Plains, Mo., December 19, 1931, or the \$34,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November.

Justice Department officials said that several times recently they have been close to Mahan, described as "the remaining principal" in the \$200,000 kidnaping May 24, 1935, of young George Weyerhaeuser, heir to a Tacoma, Wash., lumber fortune.

Harry Campbell, 26, who has shuttled across the country with Karpis for the past two years, is the last of the Karpis gang still at large. Campbell is wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, and for at least one murder—that of J. Earl Smith, a Tulsa criminal lawyer—and for kidnappings.

SOLITARY FIGURE

Campbell today is a solitary figure with every official hand reaching to land him in a state prison, in the electric chair or in the federal "Devil's Island," Alcatraz.

For J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation who led the squad of agents who captured Karpis in New Orleans, the arrest had an element of sweet revenge.

Hoover was the object of a death-threat note supposed to have come from Karpis last Summer. Hoover said then he had assured himself that Karpis was the author of the threat.

The capture was Hoover's first

Fashion Note

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, under indictment for two major kidnappings, gained the distinction of formally opening the straw hat season a month early when he was brought here today from New Orleans by airplane.

He also wore a light Summer suit.

The day was cold and cloudy.

arrest. He testified before the Senate appropriations committee recently that he had never made an arrest because when he was an investigator agents were not empowered to make them.

The Justice Department had "no comment" today on the question who, if any one, could share in the \$5,000 reward offered by Attorney General Cummings recently for "information leading to the arrest" of Karpis. The postoffice inspection service, seeking Karpis for the Garrettsville, train robbery, had offered an additional \$2,000.

Another man still hunted as a kidnaper is Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 abduction of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

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SISTER WEEPS AT CAPTURE

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2.—(AP)—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said today the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He refused to permit interviews with his wife, Karpis' sister, saying:

"She's inside crying, and I'm sure she has nothing to say.

"It's been several years since my wife saw Alvin. We've not heard from him in a long time except to read what the papers have said about him.

"I don't think Alvin is as bad as they've painted him. Of course I guess he has done some things he should not have done."

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Ex-Wife Recalls Karpis' Boast He Didn't Make Good

TULSA, Okla., May 2. (AP)—In surrendering to federal agents without a fight, Alvin Karpis failed to carry out the boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, once heard him make:

"I'll never be taken alive."

She won a divorce last November 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty. She said:

"He was young and good looking and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club. We went to Chicago. I left him after only a few months.

"It was in Chicago that I heard Alvin boast to Freddie Barker that he never would be taken alive. After that he promised me he would 'go straight.'"

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KARPIS VICTIM 'RELIEVED'

PHILADELPHIA, May 2. (AP)—

The doctor Alvin Karpis kidnaped in making his escape to the Midwest after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was "relieved" today after hearing Karpis had been captured.

"It's interesting and a relief to know he's been caught," said Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker of Allentown, who was forced at pistol-point to drive Karpis and a "pal" across Pennsylvania and into Ohio in making good their escape.

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by Karpis and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the hotel, as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia, and forced him to take them to Medina, O.

There they dumped him, bound and gagged, into a vacant hall and sped off in his car. He freed himself and notified authorities.

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NOT ONE SHOT NECESSARY TO CAPTURE 'BAD MAN'

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(A.P.)—Federal agents captured desperado Alvin Karpis without a shot being fired to answer for kidnappings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

The gunman, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered here last night to federal raiders in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice chief.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were levelled by fifteen or twenty agents to take the fight out of the youth most wanted for the \$100,000 abduction of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later.

Karpis lifted his hands.

Arrested with him in his motor car near a pretentious Canal St. apartment were a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth," who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7, 1935.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men and took them and the women to the postoffice building for questioning.

HOOVER TELLS STORY

Hoover's simple greeting to newspapermen an hour after the capture, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was the "tip-off" to the story.

His "something interesting" was:

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said:

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They were in an apartment

and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

TRAILED TWO MONTHS

Hoover said the arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans. Karpis had been living in the apartment with the woman and Hunter visited them nightly.

Other officers were posted about the apartment where Karpis had been known as "Ed O'Hara," a mild-mannered devotee of fishing.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane took off.

Wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, Karpis was led out of the bureau's office between two burly special agents. He was shackled hand and foot and the shackles were chained together before he was placed aboard the plane.

Federal agents declined to disclose the ultimate destination. A midnight stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

Hunter and the mystery girl were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other federal agents.

McGee observed:

"She's a tough baby and she won't talk."

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked

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J. EDGAR HOOVER (right) AND AN AID.
In New Orleans after capture of Karpis.

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\$500,000 LOOT CREDITED TO 3-YEAR PILLAGING

Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans ends a man-hunt as extensive as that for his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

During three years of his career, while he was co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers, bandits and killers, they were responsible for an estimated \$500,000 in loot and five killings, including four policemen.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent most of his years from then on in penitentiaries or in wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy" was feared and hated by members of his mob.

BEGAN AS THIEF

Karpis started out as a thug and petty thief in Kansas and Missouri and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killers and kidnapers. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker said he was confined "in a living hell" for twenty-one days.

The desperado was born in Canada August 10, 1909, and at an early age was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy and had three sisters.

When 16 years old—in 1926—he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for a ten-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence O'Keefe, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years.

O'Keefe now is serving a life

term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two policemen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, O'Keefe admitted.

MEETS FRED BARKER

After a year of freedom Karpis and O'Keefe were arrested in Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the reformatory and became friends. After a year in Lansing Karpis was paroled.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd.

While in Lansing Karpis and Freddie Barker plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery in Henryetta, Okla. Karpis was arrested for this crime on June 10, 1931, in Tulsa, and taken to Okmulgee. Freddie Barker escaped the police trap.

Karpis was sentenced September 11 to four years in the penitentiary, but he never served that term, for after staying in the county jail four months before and after trial he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was December 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains hold-up. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

"Ma" Barker thought a good

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deal of Karpis. And "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a S. Robert st. address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." The officers were looking for the kidnapers of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

KILLS FOR A FAVOR

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

In January, 1934, just half a year after the Hamm kidnaping, came the "highlight" of Karpis' career, the Bremer kidnaping. That crime marked Karpis and Barker and their associates for death. Federal men hunted Karpis with shoot-to-kill orders. The penalty for that offense was death under the Lindbergh law since they had taken Bremer across a state line.

Cordons of police were thrown about roads in the path they

thought the fleeing gangster would take. His trail led through Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and other midwestern states—but the police could not close in.

The desperado came closest to capture in January, 1935, when he and a companion, Harry Campbell, were trapped in an Atlantic City hotel.

Police of that city had been told to watch for two men and two girls in a car, merely as suspects. They found the car in a garage and learned the owners were in a hotel. Not knowing who they were, they knocked at their hotel rooms and a blast of gun fire met them. The gangsters abandoned the girls, shot their way out, kidnaped a motorist and forced him to help them escape through a night of terror.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932; loot, \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1933; loot, \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery, September 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot, \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

William Hamm abduction, June 15, 1933; \$100,000 ransom.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, January 17, 1934; \$200,000 ransom.

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Seize Karpis at New Orleans Hideout



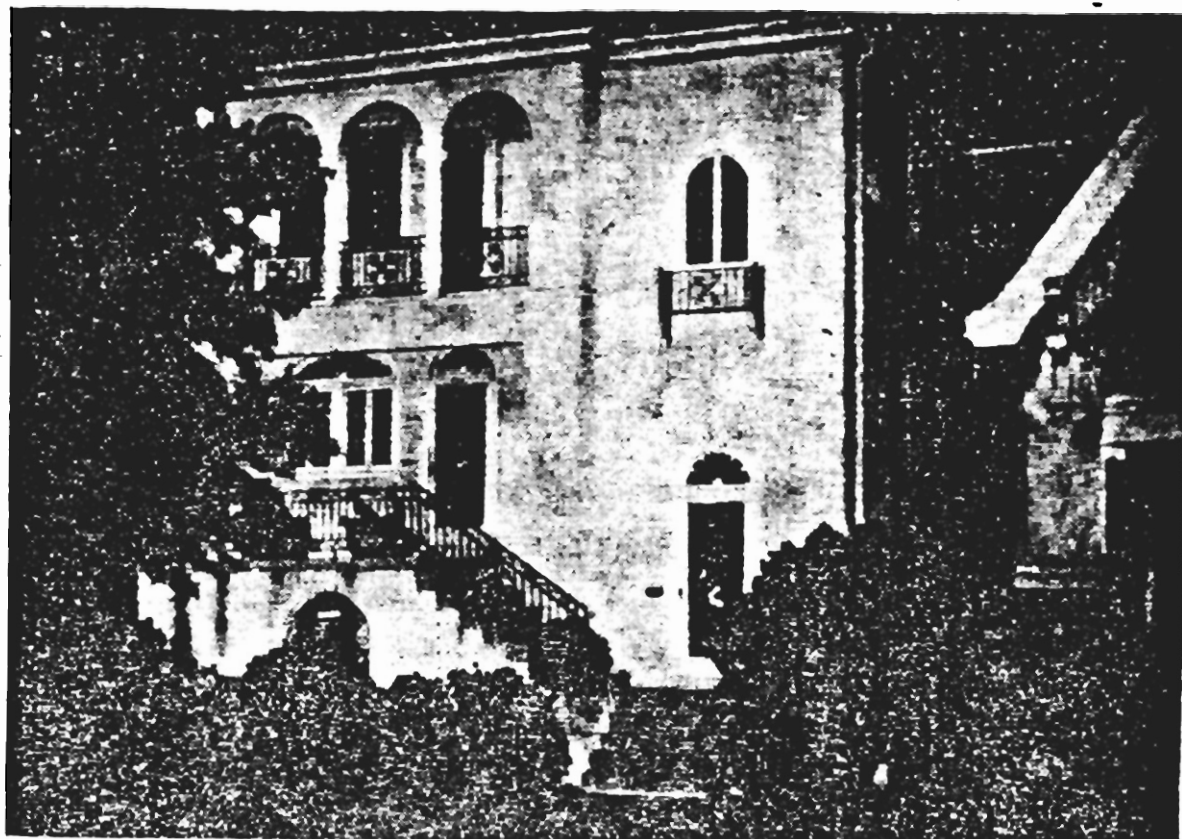
NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bandit and public enemy No. 1, whose flight from law-enforcement agents ended with his capture by department of justice operatives in front of an apartment house here.



The outlaw as a boy burglar. Alvin Karpis is shown as a boy of 16 when he was sentenced to the Kansas reformatory on a charge of stealing automobile tires. After serving three years of a long-term sentence, he escaped by sawing through the bars. His stay at the reformatory, his relatives said, embittered him against society.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

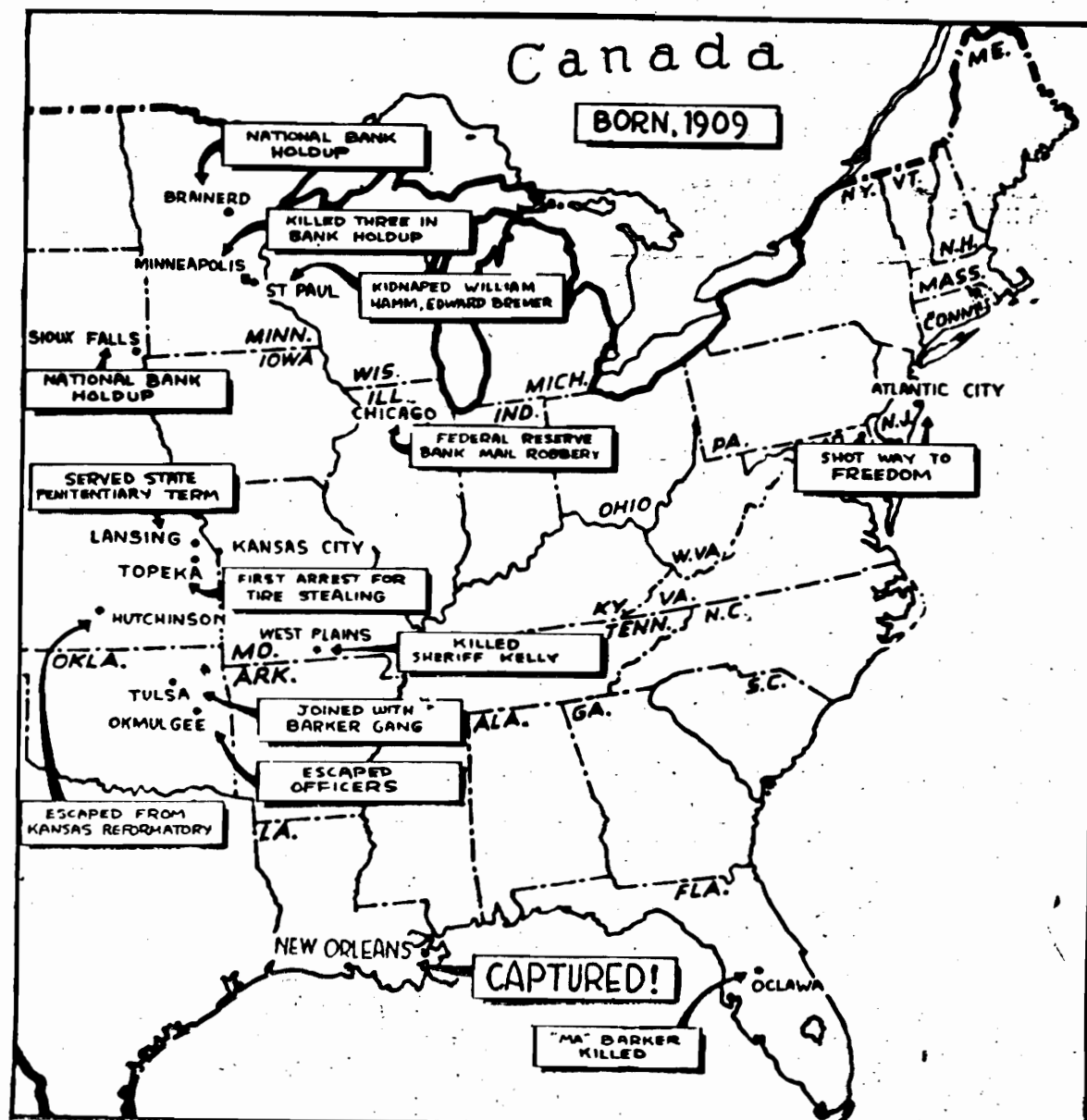
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.—This is the apartment hideout at 3343 Canal street where Karpis, his woman companion, identified only as "Ruth," and Fred Hunter, who was wanted for a mail-train robbery, were seized.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

High Points in Karpis' Career of Crime



This map outlines the major spots in the crime career of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The sordid trail, marked with death, loot and extortion, ran principally through the middle west, coming to its end at New Orleans.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]



Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, for whose kidnaping Karpis is under indictment. Bremer was held captive at Bensenville, just west of Chicago, while negotiations were made for the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

[The Associated Press.]



William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, whose kidnaping for \$100,000 ransom, recently solved with the arrest of the postmaster of Bensenville, also is charged up to Karpis. Hamm was held just two blocks from the house where Bremer was a captive.

[The Associated Press.]



NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Mrs. J. S. Meyer, manager of the apartment where Karpis resided, who described the outlaw as "such a nice quiet little man." Karpis, whom she knew as "Ed O'Hara," rented her apartment three weeks ago, she said.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]



William Mahan.



Harry Campbell.



Thomas G. Robinson Jr.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans last night, these three fugitives from justice were in line today for successor to the title, "Public Enemy Number One." Mahan is wanted for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping; Campbell, a Karpis aid, is sought in the Bremer kidnaping, and Robinson Jr. is hunted in the Alice Stoll abduction.

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KARPIS 'CRACKS,' CONFESSES RICH RANSOM CRIMES

Meek and Sleepy, Captive
Gunman Talks as G-Men
Ply Questions

ANXIOUS TO DODGE
A DEATH SENTENCE

Federal Agents Joyful as
He Tells of Kidnaping
Bremer and Hamm

Universal Service.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3 (U.S.)—Cracking abjectly under 36 hours of merciless grilling at the hands of federal agents, Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's most desperate public enemy, confessed today the \$300,000 ransom kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul brewer.

This was learned from an unimpeachable source at the federal building here, where the desperado has been under almost constant questioning since he was rushed to St. Paul by plane by J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the federal agents, after the outlaw's capture Friday night in New Orleans.

With the word of the confession came the further statement that Karpis had offered to plead guilty to either one of the kidnappings if the government would agree to "forget" the other.

Afraid of Death.

His willingness to co-operate led also to the speculation that Karpis believed imprisonment for the kidnaping might save him from prosecution on murder charges which carry the death penalty.

Life imprisonment is the maximum for the abductions since they took place before the amended "Lindbergh law" became operative.

Despite the confession of the public enemy who had boasted he would "never be taken alive," but who meekly surrendered in New Orleans Friday without firing a shot, the government men continued unrelenting interrogation.

Karpis, it was said, while freely confessing his own part in the "snatching," has so far refused to name accomplices in the actual crime, to give the names of persons who harbored him, or to identify physicians who performed his "face-lifting" operation, and these are the main points the government seeks. Karpis is already thoroughly linked with abductions through the statements of Edmund Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, and Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster.

Were Held There.

It was in Bensenville that both Bremer and Hamm were held, pending payment of the ransom for their safety.

According to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, Karpis will be arraigned tomorrow morning for the Hamm kidnaping. Whether he will be formally charged, also, at that time with the Bremer abduction was not decided late today.

Intimation that a sensational "break" had taken place, came earlier when weary G-men emerged from the questioning with almost jubilant expressions. That Karpis was "talking" was indicated when one of the federal agents revealed: "Karpis said he was glad it was over and that the last two years had been a 'hell on earth' for him. He said he was tired of being constantly on his guard day and night against a possible raid by law officers."

Not for two years has foot without an automatic shotgun, a rifle or a tommy told his captors.

"He told us he ate with the chair beside him, slept under his pillow, carried pocket and kept one or more car at all times," the federal agent said.

"The slightest noise at night would wake him and send him into a cold sweat, a submachine gun in his hands, waiting to find out what the noise meant."

Always Ready.

The smooth-faced, slender Karpis, whose appearance belies his reputation as a ruthless killer and daring robber and kidnaper, got his only rest last night lying on the floor of the federal building with weapons pointing at him from all sides.

This was after federal agents had worked on him in relays, seeking to extract confessions of the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings, the five or more murders that are charged to the old Barker-Karpis gang and a large number of bank and mail holdups in which they are alleged to have participated.

Has Had Little Rest.

The now deflated public enemy No. 1 had scant sleep, in fact, since Hoover, head of the department of justice bureau of investigation, personally staged his capture in New Orleans and brought him here by plane yesterday morning to stand trial for one or both of the kidnappings.

Further startling developments, with new arrests—possibly of supposedly respectable citizens—were freely predicted by local authorities, who pointed out that Karpis and his mob made St. Paul their headquarters for some of their most sensational maraudings.

Karpis' Ex-Wife, Hounded By Stigma, Asks a Chance

Notoriety of 'Public Enemy No. 1' Brings Only
Grief to Dorothy Slayman; Seeks Honest Living

EDITOR'S NOTE: In an exclusive interview Saturday, Dorothy Slayman, former wife of Alvin Karpis, for the first time told the full story of her youthful marriage and life with the former "public enemy No. 1." Divorced from Karpis last November, the girl today asks only one thing—a chance to regain and hold her place in society.

She is working in a north-side restaurant and lives in a small apartment in that section of the city. Her employer does not know her real identity. He says she's an efficient worker.

By DOROTHY SLAYMAN
AS TOLD TO J. NELSON TAYLOR
Of The World Staff.

ALVIN KARPIS made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it. As to whether he should be penalized or not, I have no comment to make. His way was not my way and so we quit.

Why do the newspapers hound me all the time? I married Alvin back in September, 1931, lived with him less than five weeks and have never seen him since that time.

It doesn't matter whether I say he should pay the penalties for his crime or not. The law is going to convict him and he'll probably go to the penitentiary the rest of his life. I would rather not comment on what I think should happen.

All I ask is that John Public let me alone. I merely want a fair break so I can make an honest living. When I got my divorce I was driven from my home and forced to quit business college. Then I thought it was all over. Now it breaks right in my face again.

I DON'T feel as if I should have to pay for something over which I had no control. Yes, I tried to reform him after he got in his first scrape; then when he got in trouble the second time I decided that his ways weren't my ways. This was brought home forcibly to me when I was being held in West Plains,

Mo., after Alvin was alleged to have been with Freddie Barker when Sheriff Kelley was shot to death.

I met Karpis when I was just 17 years old. I was visiting a friend in Tulsa when Freddie Barker, slain by G-men in a Florida police trap, and Alvin were released from the Kansas state reformatory at Hutchinson.

They came to Tulsa and a girl whose name I don't want to reveal introduced us. I either became infatuated or felt that he needed someone to take care of him.

He had tuberculosis, never weighed over 120 pounds. The short stretch in the reformatory hadn't helped his condition. This was in April. While we were going together he disappeared and the next thing I knew he was arrested on the east side for participation in the robbery of a jewelry store in Henryetta.

They took him to Okmulgee and put him in jail. A fellow who knew Alvin told me where the loot from the jewelry store was and I hitchhiked to Henryetta and gave it back to the jeweler. I think his name was Black.

With my aid, Alvin was given a bench parole. It was granted by Judge Harry Swann at Okmulgee. I knew Alvin was friendly with members of the Barker gang and I prevailed upon him to take me to Chicago.

We lived up there with his parents for several weeks. Karpis got a job and we were happy for the first time in our lives. We were married shortly after he got out of the Okmulgee jail.

One Halloween night we were at a party and Alvin received a telephone call. I don't know where it was from but he said:

"Honey, I've got a good job. I'm going to it."

He left against my will. He was ill when he took a bus out of Chicago and I was disturbed about his condition.

MORE than a week passed and I didn't hear from him. I quit my job and boarded a bus for West Plains. I thought he had been stricken and needed me. Before I got on the bus I sent a telegram to him general delivery.

I arrived in West Plains just before Christmas. I checked the station which was in a restaurant but nobody knew him. I went to the restroom and powdered my face, combed my hair. As I emerged an officer accosted me. I refused to tell him my name and he said I would have to be detained there. Several days later, just before New Year's, I was told that the sheriff had been shot and killed by one of two men who escaped in an automobile.

During my stay in West Plains I decided one thing definitely—Alvin Karpis was the sort of a man they said he was. I was through with him. I would have to go fly his own plane. I didn't go for that sort of thing.

When I was released I came to Oklahoma and visited my parents. Then I went back to Chicago. I stayed with his folks. I got in Chicago and worked there from 1932 until 1934.

Then I got homesick and came back to Tulsa to be near my mother. I have never seen him since he left Chicago that time on the bus bound for West Plains.

I knew that sooner or later I would have to get a divorce. I knew that as long as I kept that name I would be harrassed by newspapers. All I wanted was a chance to make a living.

Finally I went to see a lawyer last November, told him about my case, and he advised me to go through with it so the publicity would be dropped. The newspapers didn't find out about the decree until a week after it was granted.

When I read where the department of justice had placed \$5,000 on his head I said that it wouldn't be long. I dreaded the ordeal. I didn't know what to do when the climax came. I didn't want to leave the city because I had a job.

Friday night I heard a Tulsa World newsboy hollering that a desperado had been captured. I didn't understand the name but I told my sister, "That's Karpis. They've got him this time."

Scores of other times I had heard them holler that he was about to be captured or that someone believed to be him had been arrested. For some unknown reason I didn't pay any attention to those rumors but I

knew he had reached the end of the trail Friday. I rushed out and bought a paper.

I was frightened. I didn't know whether to quit and leave town or face the music. I decided to stay. I hadn't done anything. Why should they hound me?

Now it's all over and I hope the public will let me make a living. I hope this is the end. In sum and substance I married a man when I was a kid. I found he had erring ways and when he got into his first scrape, I tried to reform him and interest him in my way of living. I failed and left him. What's wrong in that?

I'm not going to be harrassed again. This is absolutely the last interview I will give anyone. I hope it's the last one I will be asked for. All I want is obscurity. I have paid a terrible price if I made a mistake. The public should be satisfied.

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Captured With Al Karpis, Pretty Red-Head Is Freed

Small-Town Oklahoma
Girl Had Fling With
Public Enemy

A small-town Oklahoma girl, who consorted with America's big-league public enemies and found herself in a G-Man trap with Alvin Karpis, will be given a chance to redeem herself, department of justice agents decided at New Orleans Tuesday.

Ruth Hamm, who also uses the name of Robinson, named as a companion of Karpis when he was seized Friday, was released from custody under orders from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau. Her real identity was kept cloaked by department of justice agents since her arrest.

Postal inspectors and department of justice officers Tuesday that it was by tracing the activities of the pretty Oklahoma girl in Hot Springs that they nearly arrested Karpis and Fred Hunter in a residence at the edge of that city less than a month ago.

Hunter, according to Associated Press dispatches, will be charged with harboring Karpis and also with participation in the \$38,000 daylight train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Although officers blame "some woman" for tipping off Hunter and Karpis when federal agents converged on their lair at Hot Springs, they refused to say whether or not the Robinson girl was responsible.

"Ruth Robinson is Hunter's girl and was not over friendly with Karpis," Earl Gardner, city detective who assisted federal officers in the chase, said Tuesday. "Hunter, whose home is in Warren, Pa., met here several months before the Garrettsville robbery while 'cooling off' in Hot Springs. She had lived in the Arkansas city for a long period."

"After pulling the Ohio robbery with Karpis, John Brock, Harry



Ruth Robinson.

Campbell and a convict named Kozarth, chartered an airplane and landed at Hot Springs.

"Karpis left the party there and Hunter picked up Ruth. They let Brock off at Fort Smith and he took a bus to Tulsa. Hunter and the Robinson girl went to San Antonio to visit the girl's relatives."

According to officers, Hunter and his girl friend returned later and joined Karpis. Before the raid there the three left during the night by automobile and turned up at New Orleans.

Information in the hands of federal officers indicate that the girl is 18 years old, has blue eyes and weighs 115 pounds. Her home was at Frederick, Okla. Her hair formerly was blond, but was dyed after she arrived in New Orleans.

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City Men Take

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Outlaw Surrenders Without Fight To G-men in Night Raid.

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"I'll never be taken alive."

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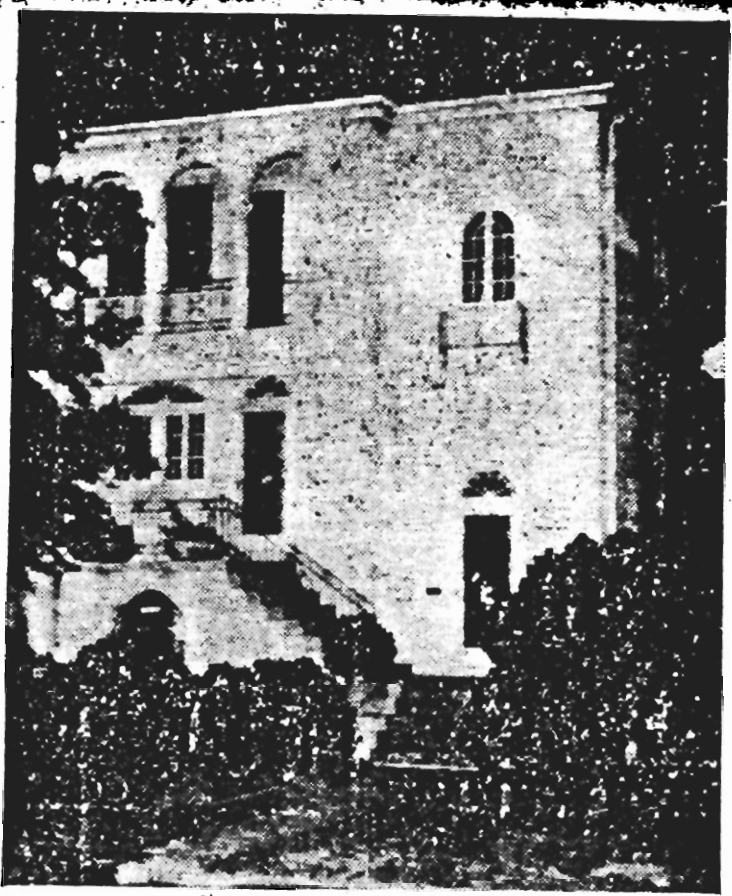
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"Department of justice agents and postal inspectors have been just a jump behind Karpis since the robbery," said Lieut. Earl Gardner of the Tulsa police department. Gardner aided in the arrest here of George "Burr Head" Keady and John Brock, alleged members of the gang.

Gardner said he had tips from underworld sources that Keady furnished Karpis at least two men for the daylight train robbery.

Two Arrests in Three Days

Tulsa postal inspectors communicated with Cleveland and three men were sent to Tulsa to check on Keady.

On February 20 he was arrested in a race horse booking place here and taken immediately to Cleveland.

Three days later Brock, a paroled convict from Oklahoma state penitentiary, was arrested at a hotel by Gardner and postal inspectors who were aided by Capt. Hugh Edwards and Joe Anderson of the Kansas highway patrol and E. T. Davis of the Oklahoma state highway patrol.

"Following the arrest of Keady and Brock we were told the complete story behind the train robbery," Gardner said.

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"The gang abandoned their getaway automobile at Toledo and with the exception of Kozarth and Campbell, took a chartered plane.

"Karpis left the plane at Hot Springs, Ark., Brock at Fort Smith and Hunter with a girl friend picked up at Hot Springs went to San Antonio, Texas.

Gardner's information was that Brock came to Tulsa by bus and delivered a portion of the loot to a friend here for safekeeping. Brock was convicted, Gardner said, for an attempted burglary at the home of Dr. W. P. Longmire in Creek county. The physician was shot in the hand when he surprised the burglar.

Postal inspectors, while refusing to discuss the case directly, admitted Saturday that officers of that unit and department of justice agents had been close behind Karpis and Hunter.

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Gardner said information here was that Hunter and a girl friend known as Ruth Hamm visited the girl's sister at San Antonio and then joined Karpis at Hot Springs and moved into a house at the outskirts, leased by a friend.

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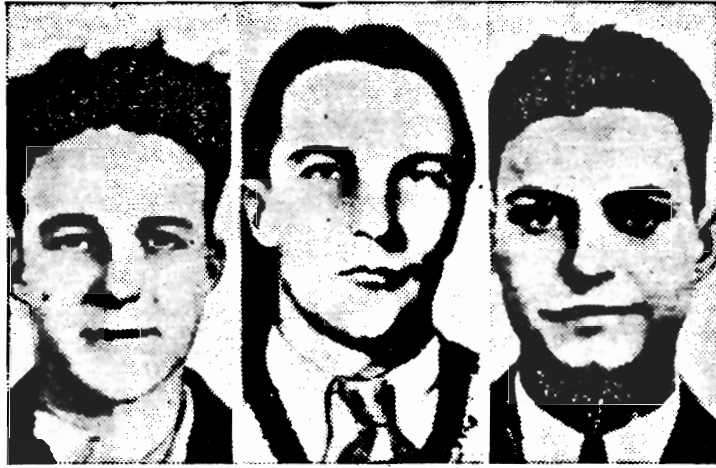
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By WILLIAM VOIGT JR.

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Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa, Okla., criminal lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnapings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

Lonely Road Ahead

But he is a solitary figure, with every official hand reaching to land him in a state prison, in the electric chair or in the federal "Devil's Island"—Alcatraz.

His fellows have gone—died under the guns of the law or landed behind the bars for long terms, many for life.

They were far different from the Dalton, Starr and other bands of two decades ago.

So different were they, in fact, that many in the wealthy midcontinent oil and cattle country have clothed the old timers in an aura of romance.

Careers Are Brief

Not thus the gangsters of the depression era. These have been mowed down or captured, singly and in groups.

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Russell "Rusty" Gibson, Karpis associate in the Bremer case, was killed by officers. His biggest previous "job" was the \$75,000 robbery of an Oklahoma City bank messenger about six years ago.

More or less directly associated—through intimacy or similarity of operation—were these:

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Willie (Slippery) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes.

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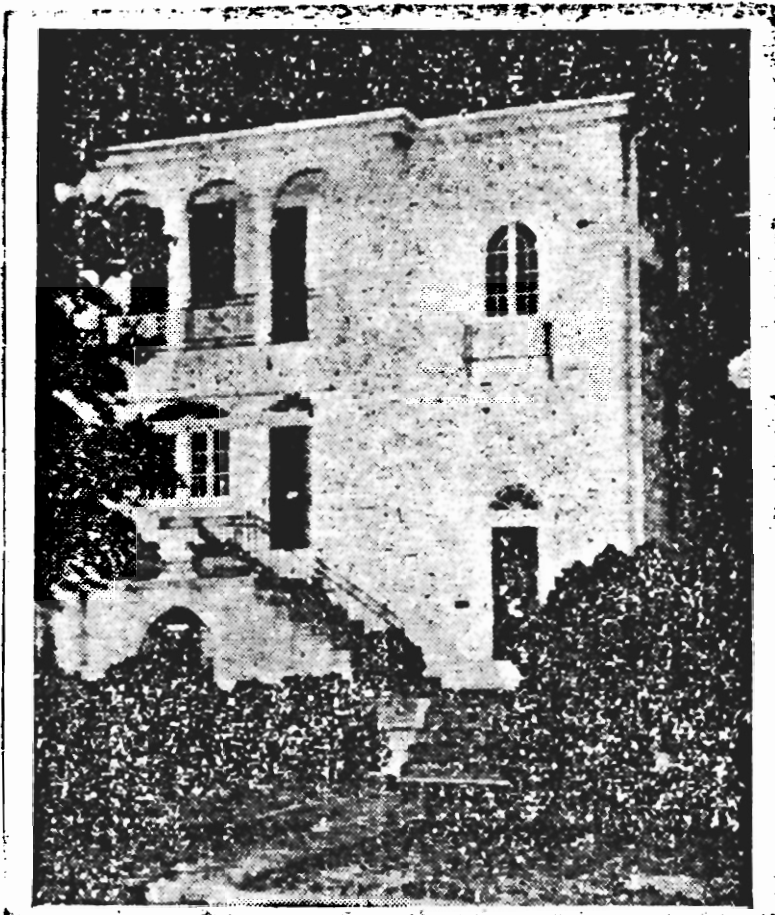
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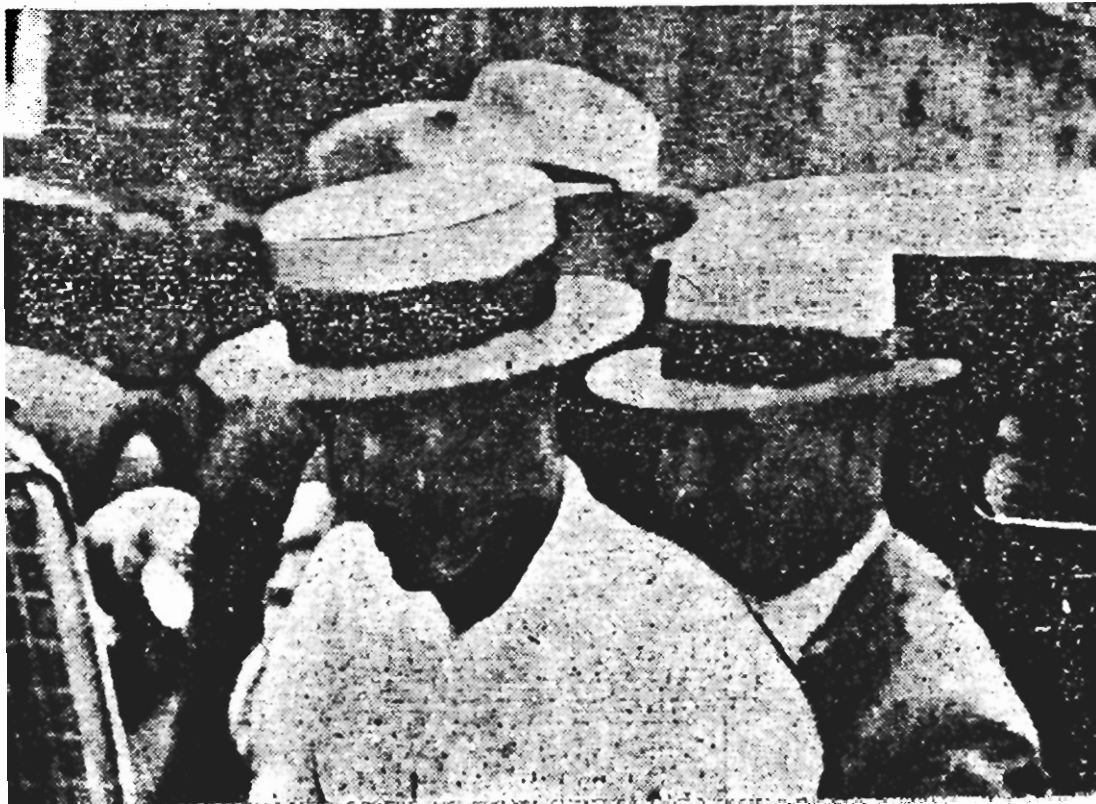
WIRELESS SILENT

CURTAINS for Ethiopia

By United Press
*Final scenes in the drama
of the Italo-Ethiopian war.*

ADDIS ABABA—Foreigners in
the Ethiopian capital took refuge
behind barbed wire entangle-
ments guarded by 250 Sikh
troops of British embassy as looting
and shooting broke out.

KARPIS RETURNED TO SCENE OF CRIMES



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2 STEPS NEEDED FOR EFFICIENT POLICE SYSTEM

Chief Should Be Under
Civil Service Which Must
Be More Effective

CHARTER CHANGES

By BEN HOLSTROM

Two principal steps are needed
bring the Minneapolis police de-
partment up to par with the best
like systems of the midwest.
Both involve changes in the
present city charter. They are:

Place the chief of police di-
rectly under civil service.
Make the civil service commis-
sion more effective.

It also is essential to meet the
present undermanned state of the
force by addition of more

Latest Victim



MRS. IRENE DEASON
Died at General hospital

5 AUTO DEATHS IN 2 DAYS

GANGSTER BROUGHT BACK ALIVE AFTER CAPTURE IN SOUTH

Prisoner Taken to Department of Justice Offices
After Arrival on Plane—Lodged in
Escape Proof Cell

TRANSFERRED UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy who swore "G-men" would never take him alive, Friday was captured in New Orleans without a shot and today was back in St. Paul where the federal government charged he engineered the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Karpis, known to the underworld as "Old Creepy" because of his wily brain and his phenomenal ability to keep his mouth shut, was flown to St. Paul from New

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Story of capture of desperado and two aids.
Karpis' parents turn reporters away.
List of crimes linked to Karpis.
Mahan now public enemy No. 1.
Gossip of car salesman led trail to Karpis.
Gangster got start in crime as petty thief.
Escaped from trap in city.

reported to have occupied Egersa, village 35 miles north of capital. Landslide holding up main body many miles farther back.

ROME—Italian troops, fighting rain and mud, proceeded on last stage of their march to Addis Ababa. Ethiopian chieftains along the route submitted without resistance.

LONDON—Commercial wireless communication with Addis Ababa severed soon after government station in Ethiopian capital started the business for the day.

London.—(U.P.)—Foreigners in Addis Ababa took refuge behind the barbed wire entanglements of the British legation today, in imminent danger of an attack by warriors enraged at the Italian victory.

Emperor Haile Selassie abandoned his capital with his family. Looting and shooting broke out in the city.

Five Machine Guns

Foreigners fled to the fortified British legation compound to the protection of its barbed wire, its five machine guns, and its little company of 250 Sikh infantrymen.

War

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Minneapolis Reported to Be in Danger Zone

include a Minneapolis woman—missionaries, business men, the United States legation staff and two newspaper correspondents—were in Addis Ababa today, menaced by looting mobs of Ethiopians.

The Minneapolis woman, Miss Selma Bergsten, has been stationed with the United Presbyterian mission two miles from Addis Ababa.

On the legation staff are Cornelius Van H. Engert, consul general, and William M. Cramp, vice consul. Ben Ames and James Rohrbaugh, United Press correspondents, are the only American reporters still in the capital.

Four United States navy men also are in Addis Ababa, to keep Washington, 8,000 miles distant, informed by wireless of developments.

Probably not more than 30 Americans remain in the country with most of them in the capital.



ALVIN (OLD CREEPY) KARPIS IN HIS NEW ORLEANS STRAW HAT
Flown back by chartered plane to the scene of his worst crimes

Minneapolis Star Photo by Wayne Bell

Dnieper, Seventh Heaven Scratched; 17 in Derby

Clear Weather and Fast Track Promised for Classic

Churchhill Downs, Louisville, Ky.—(U.P.)—The field for the 62nd running of the Kentucky Derby was reduced to 17 crack three-year-olds at scratch time early today when Dnieper and Seventh Heaven, a filly, were withdrawn.

Clear weather and a fast track—a break for the favorite, Brevity—was the outlook at scratch time.

The vanguard of the expected record-breaking crowd of 75,000 began arriving.

Post-time for the classic was an-

nounced as 4:40 p.m.

At 9 a.m., the weather had turned slightly cloudy but a strong warm wind blew from the southwest.

BESSE BUILDING WILL BE RAZED

Agents for owners of the Besse building at Sixth street and Nicollet avenue today were reported negotiating with a firm from outside the city for lease of a new structure to be built on the site.

Tenants of the building have been notified to vacate by June 30. The building will be razed and a two-story modern structure erected in its place.

FARMERS OPEN CENTRAL MARKET

The Minneapolis central market opened for the season today with approximately 150 truck farmers leasing space from which to sell their produce, according to R. H. Nelson, market master. The market is located between Sixth and Seventh streets and Second and Third avenues N.

Woman, 72, Struck by Cycle Cop in Traffic Safety Drive, Is Dead

Rock Island, Ill.—(U.P.)—Shelia Leman, 72, struck by motorcycle Policeman Hartzell yesterday while he was chasing a speeder, died today. The accident occurred on the second day of a police drive to curb traffic violators.

ment, the Bertillon department and the police school—all recognized by police experts as important divisions of a modern police department. The city's police force will never achieve permanent efficiency until politics is stamped out of it. After a study of middlewestern cities of the same population class as Minneapolis this conclusion is inescapable.

Recurrent Upheavals
 And the department cannot be separated from politics except by removing the chief of police from control of the mayor of the city and placing him directly under civil service. So long as the present system of making the mayor the head of the police system and the chief merely

Police
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FOUR FLEE FIRE, MAN IS BURNED

Family Trapped in Blazing Bungalow on South Side

Trapped in their home early today by fire which caused more than \$2,000 damage, L. W. Tessner, purchasing agent for the Minneapolis Moline Plow Co., his wife and two children escaped by leaping out a bedroom window.

Tessner received painful burns about the face and neck in the blaze which swept his bungalow at 5340 Thirty-sixth avenue S.

Awakened by the odor of smoke, Mrs. Tessner roused her husband. He started to lead his family out.

The heat was so intense that the four were forced back. Before he could return to the bedroom and close the door, Mr. Tessner had been burned.

Mrs. Tessner carried Lee, Jr., 10 months old, and William Tessner, 1, through the window. Mr. Tessner injured an ankle as he leaped out of the window.

Cause of the fire was undetermined.

Weather for the Week

Weather outlook for the period May 4 to 9, 1936:
 For the region of the Great Lakes: Generally fair first of week, some rain likely during middle or late week; temperature mostly below or near normal.
 For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Considerable precipitation likely during middle of week with temperature mostly below or near normal in north portion and above normal in south portion.

TRAFFIC CHIEF

Bakken Urges Mandatory Works Terms for Offenders

WOMAN IS KILLED

Another traffic death, the fifth in three days, today prompted Capt. Oscar Bakken of the police traffic division to urge minimum mandatory workhouse sentences for motorists found guilty of serious driving infractions.

"Something must be done to curb the traffic death rate," Captain Bakken said. "It seems to me that stiff workhouse sentences for drunk and careless drivers without any alternative of paying fines might be the means. Safety campaigns do not seem to be convincing motorists they must exercise care when driving. Perhaps workhouse sentences will."

Latest Victim

Latest traffic victim was Mrs. Irene Deason, 56, 2623 E. Twenty-ninth street, struck at Twenty-ninth street and Twenty-seventh avenue S., by a truck driven by Fred Borgeson, 40, 2727 E. Twenty-fourth street, who was held pending questioning by the county attorney's office.

Mrs. Deason died at General Hospital less than 30 minutes after the accident. Death was caused by a skull fracture. Her death is the twenty-third of the year. In 1935 at the same time 31 fatalities had been reported.

28 Accidents Reported

Twenty-eight accidents and 11 injuries were reported for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Three men were held in jail on charges of driving while drunk in connection with three of the mishaps.

They are:

George Hansen, 40, 210 E. Fifty-eighth street, arrested after almost forcing one motorcycle patrolman off Central avenue and having a head-on collision with a second, Frank Solem, 28, 3201 Polk street N.E., in which Solem was injured. Ed J. Voile, 30, 2939 Eighteenth avenue S., arrested after three cars were damaged at 913 Cedar avenue.

A. J. McGovern, 45, 5304 Third avenue S., jailed after a collision with a parked car at Twenty-ninth street and First avenue S.

Tom Murphy, 36, 1517 Tenth avenue S., charged with being drunk after a minor accident.

'UNKNOWN SWEETHEART'

Today's installment of Anne Gardner's lively story, "Unknown Sweetheart," appears today in the TABLOID. It's not too late to start it.

of the department of justice, flew from New Orleans in the chartered plane after personally supervising Karpis' capture.

Hoover directed Karpis' removal from the plane to the federal department of justice offices. E. J. Connolly, head of the department's "kidnap" squad, also was on the plane.

To Be Put in Escape Proof Cell

The chartered plane raced northward throughout the night to bring Karpis from New Orleans. It arrived at the St. Paul airport at 8:45 a.m., covering the distance from the gulf in 12 hours. Ten minutes after the machine-gunner arrived at the airport he was at department of justice headquarters.

He will be locked in an escape-proof cell of the Ramsey county jail, the cell once occupied by Doc Barker, Tommy Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Sharkey and others of Karpis' henchmen who were allied with him when the Barker-Karpis gang was regarded as second only to the Dillinger mob in cunning and reckless daring.

Closely Guarded on Arrival

Karpis was wearing a faded straw hat and a soiled white shirt, open at the neck—the same clothes he had when agents seized him late yesterday.

Karpis Plane Ride Cost U. S. \$1,000

It cost the federal government approximately \$1,000 to bring Alvin Karpis from New Orleans to St. Paul in the chartered plane, TWA airline officials estimated today. The trip took about 12 hours, and the regular charter rate is \$80 an hour.

KADRIE IS FINED \$1,000 IN PERJURY

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed by District Judge Levi M. Hall today on George Kadrie, 114 Washington avenue S., following his plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with perjury in connection with his application for a liquor license.

A prison sentence of 2 to 10 years also was imposed, but was stayed for a year.

On the Inside

Moontan Democrat group meets.
 Beer parlors held youth crime source.
 Dr. Nelson's church news.
 Lac qui Parle fete Monday.
 World peace up to U. S. women told.
 House passes big navy bill.
 Charter plan failure seen.
 Benson seeks M. & St. L. witnesses.

THE WEATHER

Fair, Heavy Frost Tonight; Fair, Warmer Sunday
 Temperatures Midnight to Noon
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 T 41 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 43
 Highest year ago, 44; lowest, 32
 Complete data, Editorial page

The giant TWA plane, City of Indianapolis, which brought Karpis to St. Paul was wheeled into a closed hangar before the prisoner was removed. A dozen local department operatives, carrying sub-machineguns and sawed-off shotguns, formed a cordon around the plane door as Karpis was led out.

Tightly Manacled

Both Karpis hands were tightly manacled. He looked out for a minute at the spacious hangar, then stepped down the ladder with minced steps. He was handcuffed to an agent but his feet were not bound. Karpis appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

His return to St. Paul was in contrast to the last time he was

Karpis
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Zionchecks 'Speed' on Toward Miami

Beaumont, N. Y. (U.P.)—Representative Marion Zioncheck of Seattle, Wash., "problem child" of congress, his pretty bride and his fast automobile, were somewhere between here and Miami, Fla., today.

The Zionchecks arrived yesterday, caught 40 hog fish from the deck of the yacht of Capt. John Dickinson, distributed cigars to filling station attendants, and joked with their coast guard escort.

CAR DELIVERIES AT 6-YEAR PEAK

New car deliveries in Hennepin county during the first four months of 1936 totaled 6,986, the largest for any corresponding period since 1930, Finance and Commerce, commercial publication, reported today. April sales of 3,012 also were larger than for any corresponding month since April, 1930.

Alvin Karpis, No. 1 Gangster, Captured

FUGITIVE TAKEN WITHOUT FIGHT BY U.S. AGENTS

Man and Woman Also Seized at Desperado's Apartment

New Orleans, La.—(U.P.)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, with a reward of \$7,000 on his head, wanted for kidnappings, robberies, murders, today was a captive of department of justice agents, bound for the north to stand trial for his misdeeds.

Karpis, the last man at large of a major gang, had long boasted, "I will never be taken alive."

But when G-men swarmed about him as he emerged from an apartment building here, he surrendered hastily, without a word, his hands high in the air.

Two Others Nabbed

Other agents went to action at once. They went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a handsome, 22 year old girl, whose identity the agents still are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank robber.

Karpis and the girl had lived in the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara since April 10, when Karpis is believed to have first come to New Orleans.

Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips since then. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to a distant city and with Hunter participated in a hold-up. Federal agents suspected him of using New Orleans as a base for a number of robberies.

Rushed by Plane

Karpis was rushed to department of justice headquarters here and questioned. Less than five hours after his meek surrender, the former terrorist of the midwest was chained hand and foot and rushed to the bar of justice by plane.

Federal agents, as usual, kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossip automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Work in Secret

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of Karpis' neighbors in his apartment house knew nothing about it until

Led Capture



J. EDGAR HOOVER
Sprung the trap

man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since Jan. 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal street here.

Early Friday, the department chartered a twin-motored Douglas transport plane from the Transcontinental and Western Air at Newark, N. J., airport. Hoover, who was in New York when the information was received, flew in it to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriving only a short time before the capture.

Orders Sent Out

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived 20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and submachine guns, were assembled in the department of justice offices in the federal building here.

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. Then all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent took up his pre-arranged post, under cover but instantly available.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk toward his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side.—Copyright 1936.

KARPIS STARTED CRIME CAREER AS PETTY THIEF

Joined Barkers After Escape From Kansas Prison

Washington, D. C.—(U.P.)—Alvin Karpis began his crime career as a petty thief, being sent to the Kansas state penitentiary for 10 years for burglary in 1926. In 1931 he escaped with Larry O'Keefe, who taught him the fine points of crime.

O'Keefe now is serving a life sentence in Minnesota state penitentiary.

Joined Barkers

He soon joined the Barkers, Arthur and Fred, and later became joint leader of the mob, together with the brothers.

With this gang, Karpis is alleged to have participated in the \$100,000 kidnaping of William, St. Paul brewer, June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Feb. 7, 1934.

Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, were killed by G-men in Florida in January, 1935. Karpis had been in their hide-out a few hours before the raid, and fled northward with Harry Campbell to Atlantic City, where an unsuccessful trap was set for them several weeks later.

Campbell Remains

Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured meanwhile, was convicted with a number of associates of the Bremer kidnaping, and is now serving a life term.

Only Campbell, of the "big shots" of the Barker-Karpis gang remains at large, and other notorious names of gang figures now are out of the news, their bearers slain or in prison.

Rubber-tired steam locomotives may be seen on the highways of England. They are used to pull freight trucks.

Mahan Public Enemy Following K



WILLIAM MAHAN

Advances to front

Washington, D. C.—(U.P.)—The head of William Mahan, a coast kidnaper, the department justice today placed the dubious crown of America's Public Enemy No. 1.

Mahan is sought for the \$2,000 kidnaping of George Wehauser, at Tacoma, Wash., May 1935.

Capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans left but two other major kidnappings unsolved. The other was the abduction of Mrs. A. Speed Stoll of Louisville, Ky., 1933, for which Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., is sought.

Robinson Second

Robinson was placed second the "public enemy" list by T. Quinn, assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, awarded third place to Harry Campbell, midwestern Karpis's mate for whom a reward of \$25,000 is offered.

Since the slaying of John Dillinger in Chicago nearly two years ago, "G-men" have been thinning the ranks of interstate criminals rapidly.

Crimes Link

By 1

Public enemy Alvin Karpis of participation in the following

N

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, V. A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law who is alleged to have been John Laxia, Kansas City

The Kansas City union men shot down a federal their prisoner.

Winona Area Cleans Up After Storm and Floods

Rock Slides Block Roads;

fractures when farm buildings collapsed.

Red by Hoover in New Orleans Trap

Enemy No. 1 Karpis Capture



HARRY CAMPBELL
Gets third place

Karpis was the last of the Karpis-Barker gang to be accounted for.

Reported Seen Frequently

Agents under direction of J. Edgar Hoover have been working for months on apprehension of Robinson and Mahan. Both have been reported seen frequently, but have eluded capture. Mahan is believed to have a gang, but Robinson is regarded as a "lone wolf."

Since the department of justice began its nationwide drive against the kidnaping racket three years ago, more than 100 persons have been arrested and most of them convicted.

Collected Over \$1,000,000

Department records and unofficial reports reveal kidnapers collected more than \$1,000,000 in ransoms resulting from a series of kidnapings since 1933, when the racket was at its height. Most of that has been recovered.

Campbell is the only man with a department of justice price on his head now. He is a midwestern gunman and bank robber who shot his way out of an Atlantic City hotel a year ago with Karpis.

With Karpis

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Karpis' Parents Turn Reporters Away From Door

Chicago, Ill.—(U.P.)—The unassuming parents who disowned Alvin Karpis when he turned to a life of crime shut their doors against questioners today.

Reporters flocked to the home of John Karpavicz, apartment janitor, soon after they learned his son, who changed his name to Karpis, had been arrested.

"Go away," Karpavicz shouted through shuttered windows. "I don't want to talk to you."

Mrs. Karpavicz could be seen sitting in the kitchen with her grandson, Raymond. The boy, 14 months old, is the son of Margaret Delaney, who was captured in Karpis' Atlantic City, N. J., hangout, Jan. 20, 1935. The boy was left with his grandparents when his mother was imprisoned for harboring Karpis.

KARPIS ESCAPED FROM CITY TRAP

Lived in Minneapolis for
Month Last Year,
Goff Says

Alvin Karpis was in Minneapolis for a month last year and escaped because police and G-men asked too many questions, County Attorney Ed J. Goff revealed today.

Karpis lived in an apartment on Dean boulevard near Lake Calhoun, Goff said.

Learning on an underworld tip Karpis was in town, Goff reported the information to Michael J. Johannes, then superintendent of police, who summoned federal agents.

With several police, the G-men went to the neighborhood and showed photographs of Karpis to a fruit dealer and a grocer. Both identified Karpis as a man who had traded with them for several weeks.

"That trap was bungled because they asked too many questions," Goff said today. "Either one of those men might have tipped Karpis that officers were on his trail or he may have been watching the stores himself."

"When officers went to the apartment where he was supposed to have been staying, he had fled."

Gossip of Auto Salesman Led Trail to Alvin Karpis

Talk of Mystery Trips
Set Rumors Afloat in
New Orleans

New Orleans, La.—(U.P.)—Mrs. John Meyer, who rented Alvin Karpis an apartment April 10, and Clarence (Duke) Pucheu, the salesman who sold him an automobile, are related by marriage, it was learned today in seeking the means whereby federal agents located Karpis' hide-out here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Meyer's daughter is Pucheu's wife. Both she and her son-in-law denied that they had told department of justice agents where they could find the nation's most wanted man.

Demand Reward

A week ago, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice's bureau of investigation, renewed the department's reward of \$5,000 for Karpis' capture and promised strict anonymity to tipsters. Hoover and his subordinates had not one word to say as to the source of their information.

Mrs. Meyer said today that she could hardly believe her tenant was the notorious criminal. Pucheu said he was not in the least surprised; that, in fact, he had suspected his true identity right along, had intended telling the department of justice about his suspicions, but had procrastinated.

Starts Rumors

Pucheu's gossip about O'Hara's furtiveness and his long trips in his new car soon started rumors that Karpis was in town, and these rumors soon reached the attention of the G-men.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said of Karpis. "So kind. So polite. I can't believe it."

Karpis, who said he was a Mr. O'Hara told her he wanted to buy an automobile. Mrs. Meyer said her son-in-law was an automobile salesman and he went to Pucheu.

Took Long Trips

Pucheu, known as "the Duke," and loquacious, thought his customer strange from the minute he saw him, he said. O'Hara (Karpis) disliked standing in front of windows while talking, paid for his car in \$100 bills and took long, mysterious trips that the speedometer of his car indicated had been made at breakneck speed.

"My wife and I talked it over,"

Police—

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his subordinate, appointed by himself, the city will continue to witness the recurrent upheavals which politics causes in the police department.

One mayor may seek to make his appointment of a chief on grounds of ability alone, and leave him to run the department; but the next mayor is likely to be actuated by pure political motives.

No Assurance

Under the present system citizens have no assurance that the police system will be permitted to function as it should.

In some midwest cities which have succeeded in taking politics out of their police systems the police or civil service commission holds competitive examinations to fill the chief's post.

In other instances, the commission has the option of appointing him without examination in all cases the commission has direct control once the appointment is made. The chief is responsible for the conduct of the department. The appointment is for life. He can only be removed for cause.

Civil Service Bureau

If this were true in Minneapolis, the police department beyond question would rapidly develop into a more effective crime-preventing machine than it is at present.

But even this change would accomplish little or nothing without taking the correlated step of making the civil service commission as effective an organization as possible.

Increase of the membership from the present three to five would be a move in the right direction. One of the reasons for situations which in times past have brought criticism on the commission is the comparative ease with which two members can control every action of the group so that it has really been "closed corporation" of two members, with a supernumerary and useless third. Most students agree that a somewhat larger board is less easily controlled, less liable to develop "blobs" which destroy such a group's effectiveness as a representative body.

The city's civil service setup should be given careful scrutiny with the view of improving it.

the capture, a woman living on the ground floor looked out her window and saw a federal agent standing behind a tree, a sub-machine gun in the crook of his arm.

"Who are you?" she asked, leaning out the window.

"Stick your head back in the house, lady," he said, "or you're likely to get hurt."

New Orleans police knew nothing of the trap. Excited neighbors telephoned them when it was sprung. They were indignant that the federal men had invaded their bailiwick without even a "by-your-leave."

Announced by Hoover

An hour after Karpis was taken to the department of justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announcement." The reporters found J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent McGee.

Hoover said:

"Gentlemen, I would like to announce for the government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called public enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the department of justice investigation in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3343 Canal street, this city."

Called Mail Robber

"Of course," he added, "he's never been our public enemy No. 1."

He then handed each reporter a mimeographed sheet containing Karpis' complete criminal history.

He said the federal agents had known "for two months" that Karpis had been "in and out of New Orleans." Hunter, he said, while not as well known as Karpis, was a desperate criminal and had participated, with Karpis, in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

While Hoover said Karpis had not been his department's "public enemy No. 1," he had, nevertheless, been sought with every energy the department could bring to bear for two years.

Rewards Posted

The department had offered \$5,000 reward for information leading to his capture, the highest of its two outstanding reward offers. The postoffice department had offered \$2,000. Harry Campbell, Karpis' companion in many crimes and in the Atlantic City coup when they shot themselves out of a trap, had a reward of \$2,500 on his head.

Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoners on the quick, dramatic dash northward. He was jubilant at the newest coup of his department in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters. Karpis had joined notorious company. The G-men had gotten Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had gotten him.

Through mysterious channels, the

Seeding

Crews of rail and highway workers today were clearing roads and tracks of huge rock slides which buried them as much as 10 feet deep in places, and hundreds of farm and city residents were clearing mud and debris from their homes after a terrific rain and windstorm which struck southeastern Minnesota Friday.

With Winona as the center, where five inches of rain fell in two hours, the storm spread havoc through a wide area and caused nearly as much damage as the tornado which struck Todd and Martin counties farther west late Thursday.

Spring seeding operations were ruined by the heavy rains which spread sheets of yellow mud over the lowlands. Much of the land will have to be reseeded, it was reported.

10-Block Area Flooded

A 10-block residential area in Winona was flooded, and families were taken out in boats. The Country Club golf course was damaged.

A North Western train, stopped at Stockton by a washout, was further delayed when a slide piled rocks against the coaches.

Highway No. 61 between Winona and La Crosse was covered 10 feet deep for a quarter of a mile by a rock slide. It was opened to travel late last night.

Retaining Wall Breaks

A stone retaining wall on highway No. 14 broke and water rushed into the St. Mary's college grounds. Rushford, Minn., reported the worst flood in its history as the Rush creek and Root river, swelled by four inches of rain, overflowed. A highway bridge was carried away, breaking a water main supplying north Rushford residents.

Another heavy rain in Morrison county, 100 miles northeast of Minneapolis, washed out miles of secondary roads and carried away one bridge.

Begin Relief Work in Tornado Zone

Fairmont, Minn.—With property damage placed at \$500,000 and with four dead and more than 25 injured, the Red Cross and other relief agencies today had begun relief efforts in the tornado-stricken areas in Todd and Martin counties.

Four of the injured were still in serious condition today. They were John P. Brockman, Lou Owens, Mrs. William Detert and Mrs. Ed Gettenberg, all residing near Fairmont. The four suffered serious

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had been damaged or badly damaged on 2001. WPA workers were sent into the area to help remove debris and clear drainage ditches damaged by the twists.

EDITORS' COURSE AT 'U' CONCLUDED

Mechanical and editorial problems of weekly newspaper plants were discussed by Minnesota weekly newspaper leaders today at the closing session of the editors' short course at University farm.

Dr. F. W. Peck, extension director at University farm, told the editors that a crying need in rural communities was the organization and development of social and educational groups for young men and women just past the age for club membership.

Lella Bon, advertising manager of John W. Thomas company, declared that the successful store must point its advertising to the vanity of women who buy 85 per cent of the merchandise today.

SALES HEAVY FOR 'U' SPRING FROLIC

Ticket sales for the May Mixed traditional University of Minnesota spring frolic, are the best in many years, Thomas E. Moore, business manager of evening student activities, said today.

The event, the largest annual party of any university in the United States, is to be held in the Minnesota union tonight.

VOTE REGISTRATION OF 230,000 IS SEEN

William Callinan, in charge of the voters' registration bureau, Friday estimated that when the bureau closes May 29 for registration for the June 15 primaries, the total number of voters listed will be close to 230,000, now being 216,540.

The office will be kept open until 9 p.m. every Saturday night until registrations close.

BROTHER OF KARPIS AID ALSO IS SEIZED

Warren, Ohio.—(U.P.)—Al Hunter, brother of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis' associate was arrested in a restaurant today by federal agents.

He was taken out of the city by officers. A woman with Al Hunter was held on an open charge.

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The robbery of a man which \$48,000 was taken that included, federal agent another hunted gangster, with Karpis in New Orleans. Innumerable others, believe Karpis was falsely his notoriety on the pub

Karpis—

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here—two years ago. Then after looting the Sioux Falls, S. bank. The mob of desperadoes were in their hey-day.

Final Chapter

Returning today, Karpis, most hunted fugitive since days of John Dillinger, was central figure in the final chapter of the melodramatic saga of mad band of machinegun killer.

Karpis was loaded into one five automobiles provided by agents. He was placed in the back seat between two heavily armed operatives. With two cars proceeding and two following, thecade dashed to the federal department of justice offices.

Eats Heartily

Karpis was given a bountiful breakfast after being taken to federal building. He ate heartily.

Commenting on the capture New Orleans, Hoover said:

"Karpis was arrested at a New Orleans apartment where he was living with Fred Hunter and woman posing as Mrs. Hunter."

"Hunter also was taken into custody and is being held at New Orleans. We have not decided whether he will be charged in connection with a postal robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last year, or a harboring of Karpis. Karpis was living at his apartment."

Hoover said Karpis had been the south and southwest for several months. "He was spending

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most of his time hunting and fishing," Hoover said. "He was fishing a great deal in Florida and along the gulf."

Plastic Operation
Karpis had undergone a crude plastic surgery operation, Hoover disclosed. There was a deep scar under his left ear and lobes of his ears had been cut. His fingerprints had been mutilated.
"The operation," Hoover said, "was performed by Dr. Joseph Moran, former member of the gang now believed dead. But it was a crude job and did not in the least alter Karpis' features."

Hoover to Leave
Hoover believed that capture of Karpis virtually brought to a close the department's pursuit of the perpetrators of the two kidnappings, but he said there are "numerous points yet to be solved in connection with both."

Hoover said he would leave here at 1 p.m. on the special plane on which he arrived. He will go to New York tonight.

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Costs of late highway department purchases have been reduced 10 per cent since 1933, when the department discontinued its independent system and began handling purchases through his office, Carl R. Erickson, state purchasing commissioner, estimated Friday at a meeting of the legislative interim tax committee.

He said his office, in the interests of economy, should make purchases for all state departments but the board of control, University of Minnesota and rural credits bureau still have their own systems.

The interim committee today again called Matt Desmond, deputy state auditor, for questioning in an effort to get straightened out in the probable delinquent tax collection total for 1936.

CAMPBELL ARREST IS REPORTED NEAR

Cleveland, Ohio. — (U.P.) — The search for Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, is "hot" and his arrest is imminent, Postoffice Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today.

John Brock, the "mystery man" brought here two days ago and also charged with participating in the robbery, was captured in Tulsa, Okla., Campbell's home town, Hettrick said. Brock has sworn in affidavits that Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville holdup leaders.

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EXPERT CALLED IN SEWAGE DISPUTE

Samuel Greeley, Chicago, consulting engineer, today was called in to settle an engineering dispute over the Figs Eye island disposal plant of the Twin Cities sewage disposal project. The controversy arose between William N. Carey, WA project engineer, and C. C. Wilbur, chief engineer for the project, over the type of settling tanks to be installed.

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SUSPECT IN KIDNAPING
FOUND IN OHIO CITY

Prisoner Flown To St. Paul
To Face Charges In
Bremer Abduction

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Harry Campbell, 36, limping crony of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "public enemy No. 1," and two others fell into a



G-men's trap at Toledo, at dawn today and was captured like his gangland leader a week ago in New Orleans, without the firing of a shot.

The capture was personally made by J. Edgar Hoover and a squad of Bureau of Investigation agents.

Announcement of the capture of the last member of the Karpis-Barker gang was made by Hoover here, who flew to Cleveland after the trio had been apprehended.

Hoover said Campbell already was on his way to St. Paul by plane to face kidnaping charges in the Edward Bremer abduction case.

Taken with Campbell, Hoover said, was a 19-year-old wife, who claimed to be Campbell's wife.

In a simultaneous raid on another apartment, federal agents apprehended Sam Cokar, described by Hoover as a minor figure in the decimated Karpis gang.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS,
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 7, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

Hoover disclosed that he flew to Toledo from Washington last night and directed Campbell's capture.

The G-men's chief also led in the capture of Karpis. He declined to say how many agents participated.

Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension.

Federal men denied that John Brock, of Tulsa, Okla., in jail here charged with participating in a \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, for which Karpis and Campbell were wanted, provided the "tip."

Federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, Hoover said.

Some were posted inside the lobby.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl emerged from the building, presumably to leave Toledo.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," Hoover said. He intimated the fugitive attempted to reach a .45 caliber revolver found on his person.

The gangster had six clips of shells in his possession.

"This is the last of the ring
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HARRY CAMPBELL, KARPIS GANGSTER, SEIZED BY G-MEN

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leaders of the Karpis gang," Hoover asserted. He added that the government would continue its hunt for persons who aided the fugitives.

Hoover said the girl claimed she married Campbell under his alias of Bob Miller at Bowling Green, Ohio, in May, 1935.

Cokar, he said, is wanted by Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator. He was sentenced to serve 30 years for bank robbery.

The girl and Cokar are in custody here, federal men said.

The bureau chief said agents found \$2,900 in currency in Campbell's room.

Hoover said a doctor named "Moran," formerly of Cleveland, "who is probably dead now," had performed face lifting and fingerprint obliterating operations on leaders of the Karpis mob.

"I have reason to believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie after the Karpis crowd took him for a ride," Hoover declared.

The federal chief disclosed that Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 when "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians."

"We are looking into all angles involved in that tipoff," Hoover observed. "We're going to get all those who aided and abetted or harbored that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians. I understand there were crooks in the Cleveland Police Department then."

The arrests were in different parts of Toledo. The second floor apartment where Campbell was seized with his woman companion is in a business section on a main thoroughfare about 1½ miles from the downtown section. Business places are on the ground floor.

Cokar was staying in a house in one of the best residence sections of the West End.

Unable to provide \$500,000 bail, Karpis was lodged in the county jail at St. Paul, awaiting arraignment on kidnaping charges.

After five days' questioning by government authorities in the federal building, Karpis, chained and accompanied by a machine gun guard, was taken to the jail late yesterday.

Previously, a deputy court clerk said: "There are five indictments here against you and each requires \$100,000 bail. Can you furnish it?"

Karpis, arrested Friday night at New Orleans, replied: "Well, hardly."

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Minneapolis Tribune

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ARRAIGN KARPIS MONDAY

KARPIS, GLOOMY, ARRIVES IN ST. PAUL



Handcuffed, and attired just as he was when he was captured in New Orleans, Friday evening, Alvin Karpis, the nation's erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, was brought to St. Paul Saturday by department of justice G-men. Flanked by federal agents, Karpis looked like a very dejected desperado.

—Tribune Staff Photographer.

PUBLIC ENEMY TO FACE HAMM KIDNAP CHARGE

J. Edgar Hoover Discloses Prosecution Plans—Hunt for More Accomplices.

Suspect Grilled by G-Men—Futile Face Lifting Operation Is Revealed.

Alvin Karpis, captured after months of unceasing search, probably will be arraigned in St. Paul Monday on charges of kidnapping William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who was held for \$100,000 ransom in June, 1933.

This plan was disclosed late Saturday by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation who personally directed the capture of Karpis in New Orleans, and the transportation of the notorious bandit to St. Paul.

With Karpis safely in custody in St. Paul, the chief of the G-men left Saturday afternoon by plane.

Accomplices Sought.

"We knew he had been fishing along the gulf coast for some time," Hoover said when his plane stopped briefly in Chicago. "The case now develops into a search for those who harbored him, including doctors, automobile mechanics, and the pilots of several privately owned planes he used in his travels."

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Although the arrest of Karpis in New Orleans late Friday was the first of any great notoriety in which Hoover personally participated, the chief of the bureau of investigation said he had been present at "many others."

The "public enemy No. 1" title generally given Karpis while he was at large will not be passed on to any other criminal among those still at large and hunted by the department, Hoover said.

"It's old man politics who always occupied this spot," said Hoover.

Faces Bremer Charge, Too.

Hoover added, however, that his department would like to take in custody William Mahan, regarded as the only principal now at liberty of those who kidnaped young George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma; Harry Campbell, Karpis' partner in numerous criminal ventures; and Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Berry V. Stol of Louisville, Ky.

Although it is planned to arraign him on the Hamm kidnaping charge, he also faces charges of

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kidnaping Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was abducted and held for \$200,000 ransom in January, 1934. Karpis has been indicted in both cases.

In his efforts to avoid arrest, Karpis had his face lifted but was easily recognized. The face lifting operation was performed after the Bremer kidnaping by Dr. Joseph B. Oran Chicago physician, Hoover said.

"He told me he paid \$350 for the job," Hoover told the Associated Press. "But it wasn't worth 35 cents. We knew him immediately."

Given Long Grilling.

While the chief of the bureau was on his way to New York, his operatives subjected Karpis to a grueling questioning in the St. Paul federal building. It was reported Karpis would be kept in the federal building several days before being transferred to the Ramsey county jail.

Numerous other governmental agencies want Karpis for a wide variety of crimes, but George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney at St. Paul, said Saturday that the federal government will maintain custody of Karpis until the kidnaping charges against him are disposed of.

Among other crimes, Karpis is wanted in Missouri for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, and by postal authorities for a mail train robbery near Garrettsville, Ohio, last November.

Karpis Dejected.

The once boastful Karpis, who had said he never would be taken alive, and who had threatened the life of the chief of the bureau of investigation, was a frightened, dejected looking man Saturday. Overnight his reputation as a desperado crumbled as the relentless G-men headed by their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, accomplished his downfall.

At about 6 p. m. Friday in New Orleans Karpis walked into a federal trap bristling with machine guns. He was captured without a struggle, without a shot. At 8:47 a. m. Saturday in St. Paul he was bundled from a transport plane after a 1,530-mile flight, whisked to a cell along a route guarded heavily by federal agents, police and Ramsey county deputy sheriffs.

The deflated public enemy was taken first to the St. Paul headquarters of the federal bureau of investigation, later to the Ramsey county jail. There he will await trial on indictments charging him with taking part in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, and Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Hoover Leads Raiders.

At 6:47 p. m. Friday the Associated Press flashed the news that Karpis was in custody in New Orleans. The outlaw last summer had threatened to kill J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation. Hoover retaliated by supervising personally the campaign that led to Karpis' surrender in New Orleans. It was the first time Hoover ever had led his operatives in effecting a capture.

Typical department of justice secrecy masked details of the investigation that led to Karpis' arrest. And Hoover in New Orleans announced the capture in a terse statement.

An hour after the arrest, Hoover summoned newsmen to the New Orleans federal building with the cryptic words: "I've got something interesting to tell you," he said.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1." The federal operatives' chief then gave the names of Hunter and the woman known as "Ruth," then continued: "Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. They were in an apartment and were leaving it to enter an automobile when agents surrounded them."

Surrendered Without Shot.

"The agents called upon them to surrender," Hoover said, "and they were taken without firing a shot. Agents found a pistol in Karpis' possession."

The Karpis capture followed months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans. Hoover said Agents had known Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans during the past two months. He said they located him just prior to Friday night's arrest; he would not divulge.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the New Orleans apartment building, said Karpis and "Ruth" rented quarters there about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance. Karpis gave his name as "Mr. Ed O'Hara." Mrs. Meyer said he was "such a nice, quiet little man." Neighbors describe Karpis as a mild pleasant fellow with a slight impediment in his speech. He was an ardent fisherman, they said.

Woman Won't Talk.

Heavily manacled Karpis was hustled immediately after his seizure to the federal building in New Orleans for questioning. "Ruth" and Hunter, the captured mail robbery suspect, also were questioned. "Ruth," agents said, "is a tough baby; she won't talk." Agent said definitely that "Ruth" was not the person who provided the tip-off that led to Karpis' capture.

Little time was wasted getting Karpis started for St. Paul. At 8:30 p. m. a half dozen agents, including Hoover, placed him aboard a transport plane and took off from the New Orleans airport.

Bad weather forced the plane to pursue a zigzag course into St. Paul. Hunter and Ruth were left in custody in New Orleans.

At midnight the plane landed

in St. Louis for refueling, took off again, was forced to turn west to Kansas City, to escape unfavorable flying conditions. At Kansas City the agents and their prisoner were grounded from 2 a. m. to 5:30 a. m. by bad weather. Karpis, clad in light summer clothing and wearing a straw hat, was not permitted to leave the plane.

At dawn Saturday carloads of federal agents and police waited at the St. Paul airport, ready to stand guard as soon as the plane landed. The big liner whirled in from the southwest, circled the airport once, banked low into a stiff wind and glided to a smooth landing.

Agents Keep Crowd Back.

Federal agents immediately surrounded the 109th aero squadron hangar, warning spectators, newspaper reporters and photographers to keep back. The transport plane taxied directly to the entrance of the air squadron hangar, was pushed inside.

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Karpis Confesses

2 Kidnapings

Karpis Admits 2 Kidnapings

*Hopes to Save Life by
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DEATH WAITS

By a Universal Service-Herald and
Examiner Staff Correspondent.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3.—Alvin Karpis confessed today that he participated in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

He offered to plead guilty on one of the charges, if the government will drop the other.

But he will not name any of his accomplices.

SEEK NAMES OF PALS.

Department of Justice agents under Chief Clinton Stein of the St. Paul division continued grilling the erstwhile national "Public Enemy No. 1" in hope of wringing from him the names of

those who aided him in his amazing crime career.

Mr. Stein flatly refused to discuss what had been learned from Karpis, the unvarying policy of the G-men under the regime of J. Edgar Hoover, who personally led the capture of Karpis in New Orleans on Friday.

Despite Mr. Stein's polite silence, however, it was learned on the highest authority that the long-sought desperado had cracked under realization that the government has an iron-clad case against him.

FEARS DEATH PENALTY.

However, it was freely speculated that Karpis' willingness to confess might also have been motivated by the thought that life imprisonment for an abduction would save him from prosecution on state charges which would involve the death penalty.

Hennepin County officials said they would seek to indict Karpis for the slaying of two policemen and a motorist during the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis in 1932. West Plains, Mo., has already put in a claim for the prisoner to try him for the slaying of

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KARPIS CONFESSES IN HOPE OF LIFE

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Sheriff Roy C. Kelly in 1931.

Karpis' previous bravado, which had led him often to boast that he would "never be taken alive" had vanished from the time he looked into federal men's menacing machine guns in New Orleans, and there was nothing of the bold, bad man about him as he faced the unending barrage of questions here.

Scared Little Man

He is a meek, thoroughly tamed little man as he sits hour after hour in the virtual fortress in the federal building where he has been kept since he was flown here in a chartered plane yesterday.

Sallow, slender and slight, Karpis is 5 feet 9¾ inches tall, and appears to weigh even less than the 135 pounds which the government "wanted" circular ascribed to him.

The plastic surgery to which he had resorted in his hope of changing his appearance had been pitifully blotched.

Not only had the attempts to draw up the flesh of his cheeks and give him previously lacking ear lobes failed to produce the desired results, but the vivid scars (result of poor workmanship) re-

main as screaming proof of his efforts.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan said he would not know whether Karpis would be arraigned today until he had conferred with Mr. Stein.

Hope to Catch Aids

This questioning is looked upon as far more important than the routine arraignment, because of the government's earnest desire to round up all those who harbored Karpis and his mob and enabled them to travel safely to all parts of the country for so many months.

Concerning reports that sensational revelations were impending in St. Paul, with supposedly respectable citizens under surveillance, Mr. Stein would say merely:

"All I can tell you is that the case is still under investigation."

He said he "obviously" could not discuss reports that several previously unmentioned persons had been implicated in the testimony before the federal grand jury by Edmund Bartholomey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, who has admitted participation in the hiding out of both Bremer and Hamm, the former a millionaire banker and the latter a wealthy brewer.

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Winchell Bares Secret—

KARPIS' TAUNT TRAPPED HIM!

Challenge to Hoover
Made G-Man Chief
Lead Raid

DEATH BOAST
ONLY BRAVADO

BY WALTER WINCHELL.

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NEW YORK, May 3.—The inside on why J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, personally supervised the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans was because "Public Rat No. 1" (as Hoover calls him) had threatened to shoot and kill Hoover on sight.

Then, too, Senator McKellar, Tennessee Democrat, at a recent hearing in Washington concerning appropriations for the federal bureau of investigation, heckled Hoover with:

"Tell me, Mr. Hoover—did you ever make an arrest?"

This reporter learned that when Karpis was cornered leaving his apartment in New Orleans, the bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've finally met."
"Yes," said Hoover, "and if memory serves you were going to kill me."

Intends to Fight

"I would have," replied Karpis, "if I had had the chance."

"Are you glad it is all over?" Hoover asked Karpis in the plane bound for St. Paul.

Karpis replied that he intended to fight the charges, because "the longer I fight it, the longer it will be before I go to Alcatraz."

In the car that took Karpis to the federal bureau's offices in New Orleans, he turned to the girl captured with him and said:

"You see! If you listened to me, you wouldn't be in this."

Karpis explained to the G-men that he had urged Ruth Robinson, nicknamed "Connie," a Kansas girl, to go home two days before the capture.

"And Hunter's a dope, too," said Karpis. "I told him to take in the baseball game. If he'd done that, you wouldn't have nailed him either."

Criminal for Food

"Why did you go in for crime?" one of the officers asked Karpis.

"I've seen too many people hungry and without jobs," he answered, "and I made up my mind a long time ago that I wouldn't be like them."

The apartment in which Karpis Hunter and the Robinson girl lived was appointed in extravagant taste, said a "G-man," adding:

"It was lucky for passersby that we got Karpis without firing a shot, for the crowd was thick. We might have hurt some one by shooting."

When they asked him about the sixteen bank burglaries, the four mail robberies, three kidnappings and four murders, of which he stands accused, Karpis was stubborn in answering.

"You're going to kill me any way," he said, trembling, "so why talk? Why don't you kill me now and get it over with?"

"No one is going to bother you," he was told, "unless you get fresh. We don't kill people unless they start killing first. You've seen too many 'G-man' movies."

Suspect Slaying

The government men believe that a plastic surgeon who did a poor job on Karpis' face was murdered and thrown into Lake Erie. Not because his surgery didn't click, it was said, but because he started talking when he was drunk, which was often.

When they were taking Karpis from the federal bureau's New Orleans offices to the airport, the car stopped for the traffic signals at a corner where a newsboy offered a newspaper to Karpis (whom he didn't recognize) and said:

"Paper! Read all about public enemy No. 1 being captured!"

Karpis turned to Hoover, smiled, and said:

"Would you read it to me, I want to go to sleep."

Politicians Shaking

The arrest of Karpis, it was pointed out, doesn't "end this case." There will be several arrests in various cities of venal politicians (some police executives) who harbored and abetted Karpis and his henchmen.

A G-man commented:

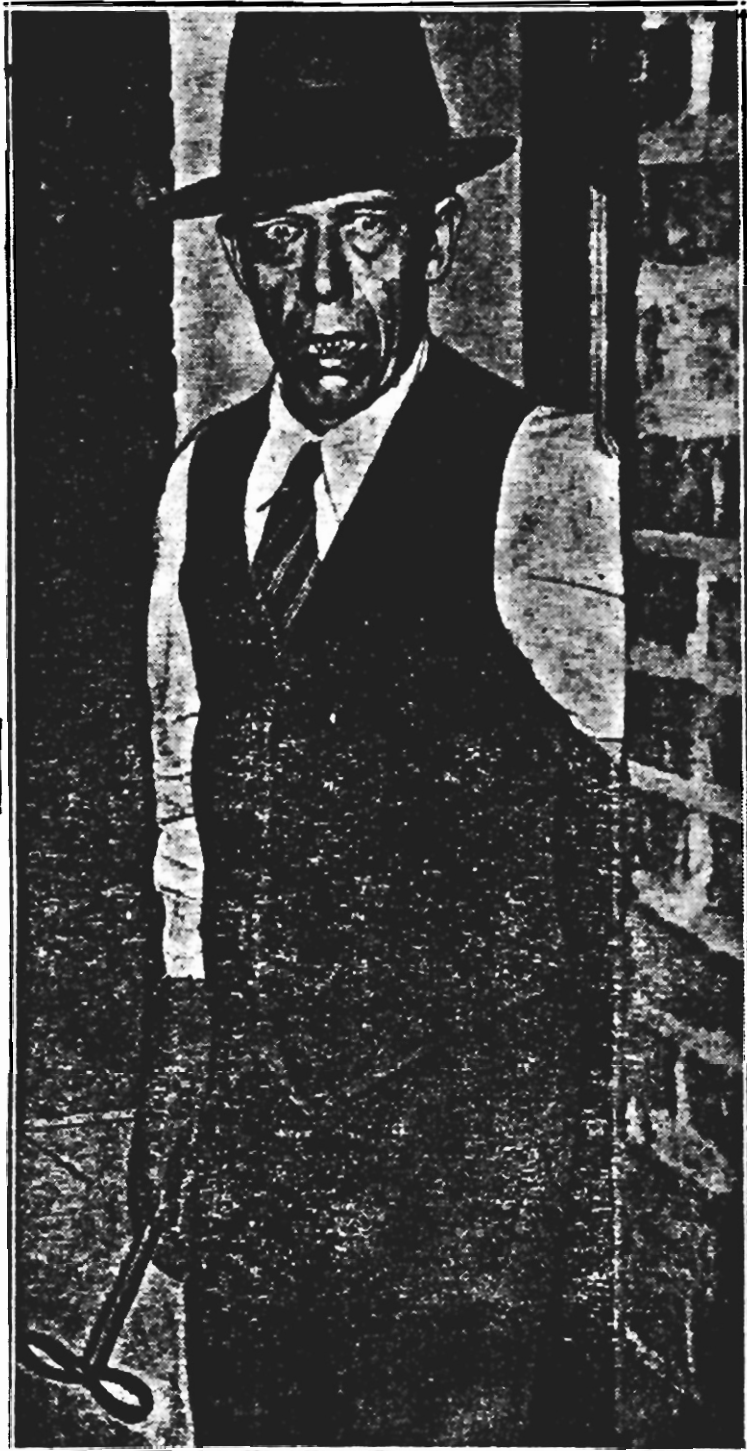
"A lot of them are sick already from worrying. Karpis is going to have the pleasure of their company again—very soon."

The Robinson girl was not living with Karpis—she was the friend of Hunter.

Karpis told his captors he had given up steady girl friends.

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JOHN KARPAVICZ ON HIS HONEST JOB.

Karpis father is terrified by calls about his son.

International News photo by Herald and Examiner.

PARENTS HIDE; FEEL ASHAMED

Shades are drawn; doors are closed; and no one answers the door-bell in the basement flat at 2842 N. Francisco av.

This place has become a focal point for the eyes of curious neighbors. Residents of the district slow their pace as they walk by and stare at walls and windows.

In there live John Karpavicz and his wife, Anna. Both are hard-working, law-abiding citizens.

Their lives have been uneventful but for one thing. They are the parents of Alvin Karpavicz, known as Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 Public Enemy, under arrest in St. Paul, and soon to be put on trial.

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THREE SEIZED; HAMM KIDNAP CASE SOLVED

G-Men Arrest Postmaster as
Member of Karpis Gang;
Bensenville Hideout Located

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, yesterday announced that his G-men have completely solved the William A. Hamm Jr. kidnaping mystery.

The crime was committed, Hoover said, by the gang headed by Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1.

Three men, including a United States postmaster, are under arrest. Four others are serving prison sentences for other crimes. One other, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, died in prison.

IDENTIFIES HOME-PRISON.

The arrested postmaster is Edward C. Bartholmey, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the kidnaped Hamm, wealthy brewer of St. Paul, was detained, the government says, until his \$100,000 ransom had been paid.

Hamm has identified the Bartholmey house at 222 York at Bensenville, it was announced, in spite of elaborate changes made in its interior since he was held there. The room he occupied, on the second floor, it was announced, has been completely repainted and redecorated in a way which would be likely to efface any markings which would aid the memory. The identification was positive, nonetheless.

GAMBLER HELD.

The two others arrested are Jack Pfeiffer, gambler and proprietor of a St. Paul night club called The Hollyhocks where Hamm first met him; and Charles J. Fitzgerald, 60, a known bank robber. Pfeiffer was caught in St. Paul on Friday; Fitzgerald was taken several days ago in Los Angeles and Bartholmey was seized Friday at his home in Bensenville. All three arrests were so timed that, with varying distances to be covered, all of the prisoners reached St. Paul at approximately the same time.

Hoover definitely linked the kidnaping of Edward J. Bremer, another St. Paul man, to the same Karpis-Barker gang. He said:

"The same gang did both."

Karpis, last survivor of the gang that rallied around old Kate "Ma" Barker, is still at large. With him is Harry Campbell, a minor member of the gang. All the others of the gang are either dead or in prison.

BARTHOLMEY AIDED.

G-men say that Bartholmey's connection with the crime began immediately after the kidnaping, but before the payment of the ransom. By furnishing the hideaway for the gang and by sharing in

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the ransom money, the government says, Bartholmey must be considered as equally guilty with the others.

One of the most astonishing features was the fact that Bartholmey, more than two years after the crime, was able to muster enough political strength to obtain his appointment as postmaster. He got it on September 11, 1935, on the recommendation of Senator Dietrich, with Senator Lewis concurring. The Postoffice Department took Bartholmey off the payroll yesterday. His salary was \$2,100 a year.

TOWN A CRIME CENTER.

How the quiet town of Bensenville became, through no fault of its own, a center of operations for the bloody mob of Karpis is a story by itself, a story which is traced back to the earlier life of Elmer Farmer, now serving a term at Leavenworth for the Bremer kidnaping.

Long before that crime, in fact long before Farmer had any connection with the Karpis gang, he had been a criminal on his own account, and had served a term at Joliet.

His sentence served, he opened first a speakeasy — prohibition times — and later a legal saloon on the outskirts of Bensenville. And the story is that when the Karpis gang needed a "spot" they "walked in" on Farmer, reminded him of his record, and "advised him to co-operate." Some say he was not reluctant anyway, but however that may be he let the gang use his house as a hideaway in the Bremer crime. And thus he was "in."

LABOR AGITATOR.

The connection of Bartholmey is said to have been brought about

in a somewhat different way. He was a customer at Farmer's saloon. In addition he was known as a labor agitator and a political trouble-maker generally.

Bartholmey had lost his railroad job because of his disturbing influence, it was said, and it was natural for him to fraternize with the malcontents who gathered right at Farmer's. The gang there made much of him, partly because they thought he had political power. He was Democratic committeeman, and while this did not mean so much in normal times, the town being Republican, it did mean something when the New Deal came in — and postmasters were being changed.

UTTERED DARK THREATS.

Bartholmey got various small jobs, thanks to political services, and was reported to have uttered dark threats when his son was arrested, a year ago, for burglary. The boy got probation.

Bartholmey is a brother-in-law of George Hermes, present occupant of the old Farmer house. Hermes had a narrow escape when he was shot at there less than three weeks ago. One guess was that the shots had been fired by Karpis mobsters who suspected him of talking — or being ready to talk.

The announcement by the Department of Justice states definitely that Alvin Karpis personally took part in the kidnaping and

the collection of ransom. Others accused, in addition to the three just seized, are:

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the Bremer kidnaping.

William Bryan Bolton, held at St. Paul awaiting sentence in the Bremer kidnaping.

Elmer Farmer, serving twenty years in Leavenworth for the Bremer kidnaping.

Fred Barker, brother of Arthur, killed in Florida in 1935 in a gun battle with "G" men.

Fred C. Goetz, also known as "Shotgun Zeigler," who was shot to death — mysteriously — in Cicero some time ago.

Whether any part of the Hamm ransom has been recovered was not revealed by the government. Federal agents were also reticent on the details of Mr. Hamm's visit to the Bartholmey home in Bensenville to identify it.

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Hoover Says Karpis Begged to Be Killed

By NORMA ABRAMS.

With teeth chattering like castanets and trembling from head to foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, begged J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice, to kill him after his capture in New Orleans last Thursday.

"He was yellow all the way through," Hoover said yesterday at the Hotel New Yorker. "He was sure he would never be taken alive. After his arrest, he begged me to order him killed immediately. He thought he would be eventually. I never saw a man more afraid. His knees were actually knocking together when we closed in on him in his automobile."



But in spite of the craven character of the Nation's No. 1 bad man Hoover admitted his capture without bloodshed was a miracle.

"If shooting had begun, there would have been innocent people killed," he said.

Crowd Witnessed Capture.

"There must have been 2,000 people and 200 automobiles jammed in around the scene. The raid was timed for 5 P. M. and the apartment was on a busy street. When traffic was stopped, the crowds poured in. If Karpis had sensed what was up and started firing from his ground-floor apartment, some of those people would have been caught in the fire. It couldn't have been helped. As it was, he walked out unsuspectingly and stepped into his automobile. We surrounded him there before he had time to get a gun in his hands."

No orders have ever been given to Department of Justice agents to bring in a dead prisoner, Hoover said emphatically.

"Dillinger would not have been shot if he had not reached for his gun," he said. "Many more dangerous criminals than he have been taken alive by the Department."

Bitter Against Corruption.

Bitterly assailing "corruption, inefficiency and publicity madness" in law enforcement agencies, Hoover said "Old Man Politics" is Public Enemy No. 1.

"We always co-operate with the police except when we find corruption, inefficiency or publicity madness," he said. "The capture of Karpis was long delayed be-

cause of corrupt and inefficient police in several States.

"But it is politics that is my pet peeve. Politicians fasten on law enforcement agencies like barnacles and as a result criminals run at large."

G-Men Try to Wring Squeal From Karpis.

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Zetzer said he was approached by Karpis about a ~~plane~~ trip, and then bought a \$1,700 plane. With his three passengers he flew to Hot Springs and Tulsa. The flier was paid \$500 and all expenses were financed by Karpis and his two companions.

Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty which can be imposed on Karpis if he is convicted on charges of participating in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

The Lindbergh act was amended in May, 1934, to provide the death penalty for kidnapers if the victim was harmed. However, both the Bremer and Hamm abductions occurred before the law was amended.

Should Karpis be convicted of the kidnappings and then be taken to Missouri, convicted for the slaying of Sheriff Kelly and condemned to death, he ~~could~~ be hanged through action of the President of the United States.

An attache of the United States district attorney's office ~~announced~~ Saturday the case of Gerald Chapman, who was hanged in Connecticut in 1926 for a slaying during a robbery.

Chapman was serving a term in the Federal prison in Atlanta when he was convicted of the fatal shooting. He was sentenced to be hanged. The President pardoned Chapman for his offense against the government, thus providing legal opportunity to hang the outlaw. Chapman declined to accept the pardon, but the Supreme court ruled he was pardoned, and he was hanged.

Such disposition of Karpis is possible, but highly improbable. It is likely he will spend the remainder of his life in grim Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay, where the remnants of several kidnaping gangs are imprisoned.

KARPIS HELPERS SOUGHT IN NEW DRIVE BY G-MEN

Startling Arrests Hinted; Mob-ster Grilled Day and Night by Sleuths in Shifts.

HAMM RANSOM PASSERS ONE OBJECT OF SEARCH

Alvin Karpis, branded a "yellow rat" by J. Edgar Hoover who led his G-men in the capture of the gun-man-kidnap, was undergoing intense questioning early today that Federal agents expected would lead to startling developments involving others in the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Karpis, captured in New Orleans Friday and brought to St. Paul by air Saturday morning, still was held in the Department of Justice offices early today, indicating the Federal men had not completed their questioning.

The prolonged grilling of the desperado by Federal men who were working in shifts, coupled with a statement from Hoover that "the case is not closed", led observers to look for several arrests, some in connection with disposal of the William Hamm \$100,000 kidnap ransom.

Hoover indicated that his department would start immediately the work of cleaning up the petty members of the Karpis gang and those who aided gang members.

DOCTORS SOUGHT.

"The case now develops into a search for those who harbored Karpis," Hoover declared, "including doctors, automobile mechanics and the owners of several privately owned planes he used in his travels."

Karpis probably will be taken from the Federal Courts building to the Ramsey county jail, although government agents decline to designate publicly where he will be held.

Bureau representatives will confer Monday morning with George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney here, concerning Karpis' arraignment on charges of complicity in the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm, St. Paul brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, left St. Paul for New York Saturday afternoon in the plane in which Karpis was flown to St. Paul.

Stopping briefly at Chicago while en route to New York, Hoover said: "Karpis' arrest was brought about entirely by the Department of Justice agents. There were no tips from outsiders, and no reward will be paid."

Rewards totaling \$7,000 had been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the gang leader.

AIDED OTHER ARRESTS.

The head of the Federal agents denied that Karpis' arrest was the first in which he had participated, saying he had been present at "many others". The capture, however, was the first of any great notoriety, he added.

Known only as "Ruth", who was captured with Karpis along with Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, Hoover said she was an Arkansas girl.

"She has been yelling under several names," Hoover said at Chicago. "We do not know with certainty which is the right one."

Department of Justice agents remaining in New Orleans divided their time between questioning the woman and Hunter and searching the apartment occupied by Karpis with his "wife".

David W. Magee, Inspector in charge of the Bureau of Investigation there, said the search yielded "plenty". He declined to elaborate, according to the Associated Press.

The apartment was under guard of the Federal men and even the owner and manager was denied entrance.

One of the investigators took two traveling bags, a flashlight, fishing tackle and a .22 caliber rifle with a telescope sight from the Karpis apartment and carried it to the office.

Harold Stassen, Dakota county attorney, said Saturday night he will seek joint indictments from a grand jury this month against Karpis and six others for the \$30,000 South St. Paul robbery in 1933. A policeman was killed in the robbery.

Stassen said he will ask the grand jury for indictments against Karpis.

Charles Fitzgerald, ex-convict held for the Hamm kidnaping; Arthur (Doc) Barker, serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction, and two other suspects, whose identity has not been announced. The joint indictments also would name Fred Barker, Barker's brother, who, with their mother, "Ma" Barker, was slain by Federal men last year.

While there was some speculation Saturday among officials throughout the country as to which of the numerous charges Karpis actually will face, it was believed that he first will be tried for the Bremer and Hamm abductions, in which the ransoms totaled \$300,000.

Postoffice officials in Washington told the Associated Press that they will seek to try Karpis for a Garrettsville train robbery last November. The loot in this robbery totaled \$48,000 in cash and negotiable securities. Frank Hunter, a year-old pal of Karpis, who also was captured in New Orleans, is charged with complicity in that robbery.

"We've felt for a long time," said a Federal official in Washington, "that we would have to let the kidnaping and murder charges come first. But, if he is only given a long sentence or life imprisonment, we will try to hang the robbery charge on him, too."

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld disclosed he has wired Hoover, asking that Karpis be taken there to face trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly in December, 1931.

"I can assure Hoover we'll try Karpis and hang him," said the sheriff. "We have a good case. That would take care of him better than Alcatraz prison. I doubt, however, if we could get Karpis away from the government."

The Missouri sheriff said he has the bullets which killed Sheriff Kelly. The officer was slain, said Threlkeld, by Karpis and Fred Barker. Fred Barker was slain several months ago in Florida by Federal agents.

A Port Clinton, Ohio, marine garage operator told the Associated Press that he unwittingly aided Karpis and two associates shortly after the Garrettsville robbery by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla.

The flier, John Zetzer, 35 years old, said he did not know one of the passengers was Karpis until Federal agents showed him pictures of the outlaw several weeks ago.

"I made up my mind to keep my mouth shut after I talked with the Federal men," said Zetzer. "I feel better now, knowing Karpis has been caught."

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So What?

by Paul Light

Vigilante

A certain newspaper reporter of St. Paul (professional courtesy forbids us using his name) has for several years been one of the leaders in the vigilante

movement at Bald Eagle, lake suburb to the north.

Imagine his present embarrassment upon learning that a Japanese young man, employee of a "family" which occupied an almost nextdoor house, with whom he encouraged his children to go fishing, was the "butler" to Alvin Karpis.

The "family" was the Barker-Karpis mob, preparing the ground for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

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KARPIS FLOWN TO ST. PAUL JAIL

Shivers in Shirtsleeves; Faces Court Tomorrow

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—In a straw hat and chains, Alvin Karpis came back today to the home town of the two millionaires he kidnaped and held until he collected ransom totaling \$300,000.

All St. Paul was up early to see him, but the plane in which he was rushed here from New Orleans did not arrive until long after breakfast time.

The crowd that waited at the airport saw it taxi to the Minnesota National Guards' hangar. CHAINED TO SEAT.

J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's No. 1 G-man, clambered out. A moment later the No. 1 outlaw was released from the chains that held him in his seat.

The crowd that lined the streets for a glimpse of the dread outlaw who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer and William A. Hamm Jr. saw only a slender little man in a light summer suit who shivered in the freezing St. Paul temperature.

Monday Karpis will face arraignment in Federal Court here for the kidnaping of Hamm. Indictments against all who took

part in this kidnaping were recently voted by the federal grand jury after Edmund Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, had testified as a government witness.

Bartholmey, the government charges, kept the Bensenville cottage in which both Hamm and Bremer were held prisoner.

SURE OF CONVICTION.

The postmaster's arrest "broke" the Hamm case.

Although the government is confident of convicting Karpis on the kidnaping charges, it is no secret that the government prosecutors would like to send him to the gallows or electric chair. For that reason it is considered likely that he will be turned over eventually to Missouri authorities for prosecution for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., in 1931.

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U. S. AGENTS TRY TO MAKE KARPIS NAME HIS PALS

Government Hopes to Seize Protectors.

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Arraignment Uncertain.

How soon the captured public enemy would be turned over to the United States marshal for arraignment and imprisonment still was undetermined, although Hoover had said arraignment on the William Hamm kidnaping might come tomorrow.

Ed J. Goff, Hennepin county attorney, said he would ask the indictment of Karpis in connection with the slaying of two policemen and a motorist in the holdup of Minneapolis' Third Northwestern National bank in 1932.

Karpis was questioned in the department of justice office, where other members of his notorious gang previously had faced their captors, some to talk and others to be shunted along to Alcatraz prison for life.

SHARE IN KARPIS' DOWNFALL



Dorothy Slayman (left), Tulsa girl who married Alvin Karpis, captured public enemy No. 1, in 1931 and divorced him last November, and Miss Dolores Delaney, mother of Karpis' young son. Karpis once told his divorced wife that he would never be taken alive, but he was killed in New Orleans without a shot being fired.

Of more than two score persons originally indicted in connection with the kidnapings of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, members of two of the wealthiest families in the northwest, only one man remained free—Harry Campbell, lame outlaw last seen with Karpis in Atlantic City.

Quizzed About Other Crimes.

In addition to the kidnapings, which he is alleged to have engineered, the federal agents quizzed Karpis on more than a dozen spectacular bank robberies, several mail robberies, and a number of killings.

Missouri officials attempted to have the mobster taken to West Plains, Mo., to stand trial for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on Dec. 19, 1931.

In New York Hoover said after Karpis is tried on the kidnaping charge, for which a life sentence is probable, he might be turned over to Missouri authorities, who say they have a certain hanging case against him.

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Seized in New Orleans; Pal on Way to Cleveland

ST. PAUL (AP)—Chained to his seat in a plane, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, captured last night in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 9:50 a. m. (eastern standard time) today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to an unannounced destination.

Captured by department of justice men in a raid on a New Orleans apartment last night, Karpis was almost immediately placed aboard a plane for St. Paul. The notorious gangster was flown north by way of Indianapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City.

Five carloads of federal agents were waiting at the airport and took Karpis in hand immediately upon his arrival.

The gunman, the lone survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, surrendered to the federal authorities without a shot being fired, in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, department of justice chief.

The plane which brought Karpis here from the Louisiana city carried eight federal agents besides the long sought leader of the gang who kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, for \$100,000 ransom June 15, 1933, and then abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 six months later.

Seize Girl With Men

With Karpis when he was captured in New Orleans was Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the Garrettsville postoffice robbery, and a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth."

Hunter, it was announced, will be taken to Cleveland, to answer charges in the Garrettsville holdup. Another Karpis gang member, John Brock of Tulsa, Okla., now is being held in Cleveland in connection with the robbery.

Typical department of justice secrecy hid the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests.

A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

Silent on Source

At Cleveland, Sylvester J. Hettick, postoffice inspector, said, "I'm not supposed to talk," when asked if Brock had given the information.

Hoover and other federal men declined to discuss this angle of the case or comment on rumors that persons who had been with the desperado were responsible for the important tip.

Karpis had been living in the New Orleans apartment with the girl Ruth, who posed as his wife. Hunter visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

"We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

Quiz Hunter and Girl

Hunter and the mystery girl were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other federal agents.

"She's a tough baby," observed McGee, "and she won't talk."

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tip off" as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and "Ruth" engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

Kidnap Victims Are Cheered

Victims of the St. Paul kidnappings were cheered by news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis' associates in the gang dominated by the late Kate (Ma) Barker are dead and the others are all imprisoned.

"Congratulations again to the department of justice," said Hamm, "for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

Bremer termed it "a further tribute" to the department.

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville postoffice robbery.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to newsmen in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said:

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They were in an apartment and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them."

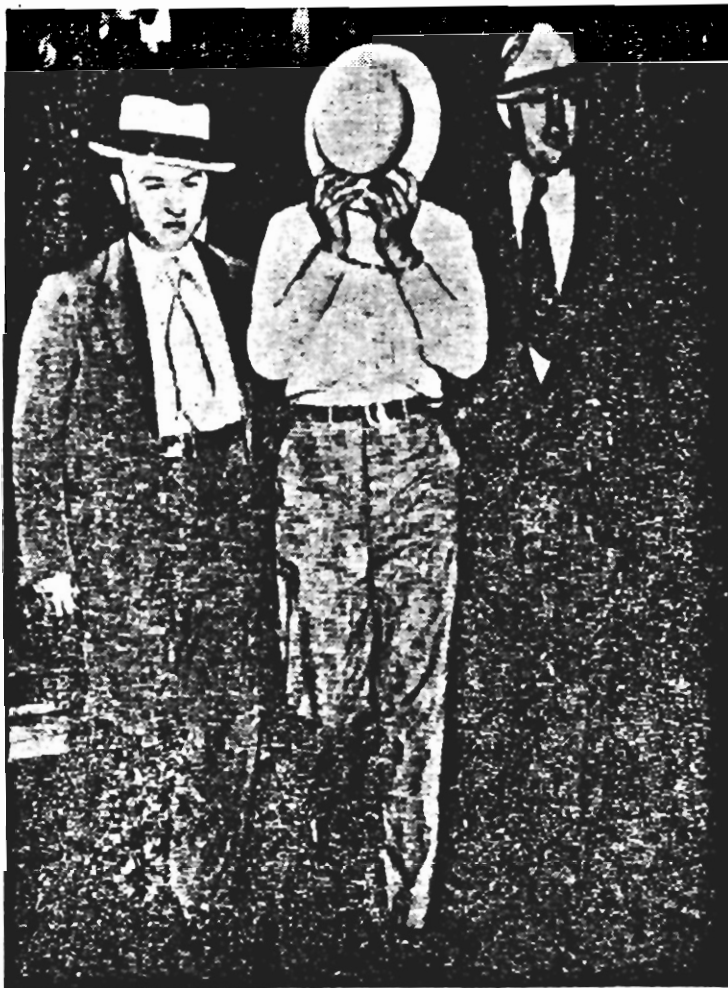
Not a Shot Fired

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Karpis was shackled hand and foot and the shackles themselves were chained together, before he was placed aboard the special plane for the secrecy-shrouded night flight.

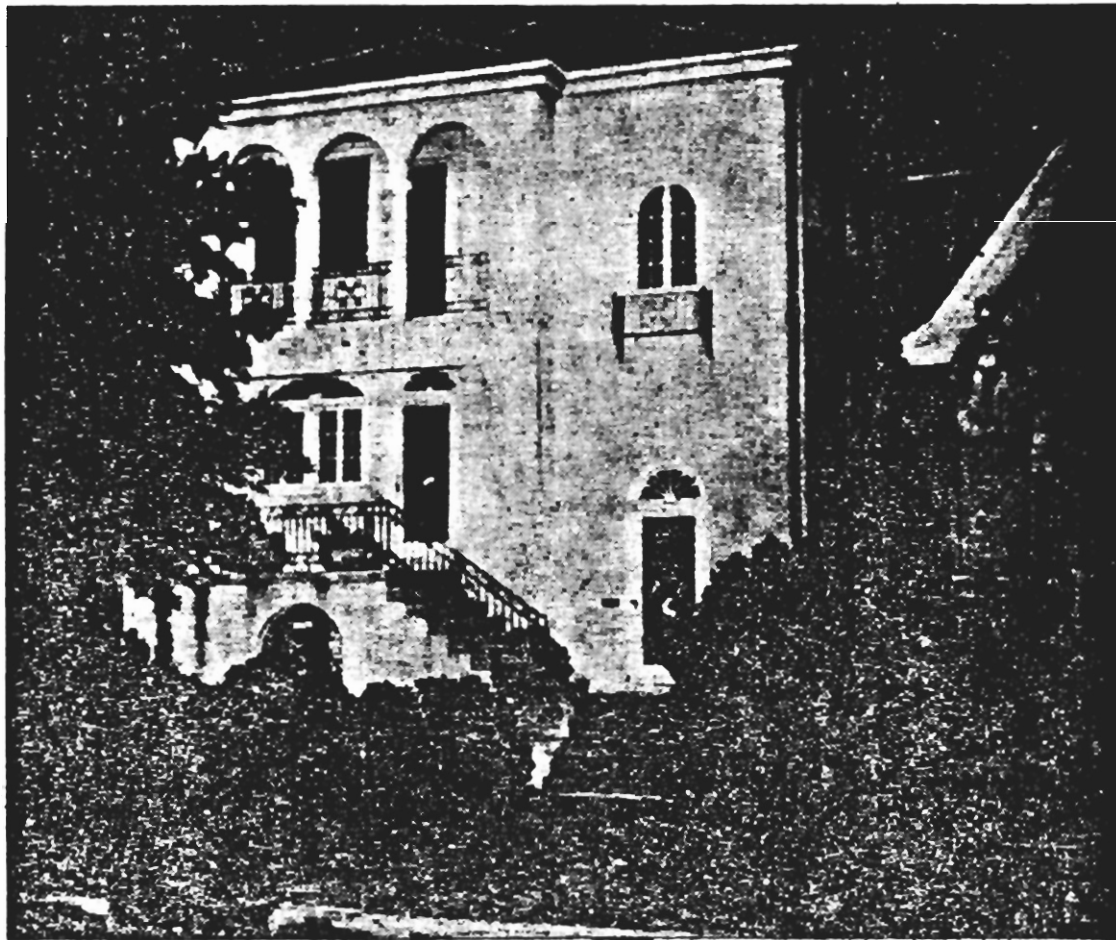
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The End of the Trail For Public Enemy No. 1



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BOAST IDLE; HE'S TAKEN ALIVE



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IMPOSING APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE KARPIS WAS SEIZED