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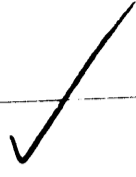
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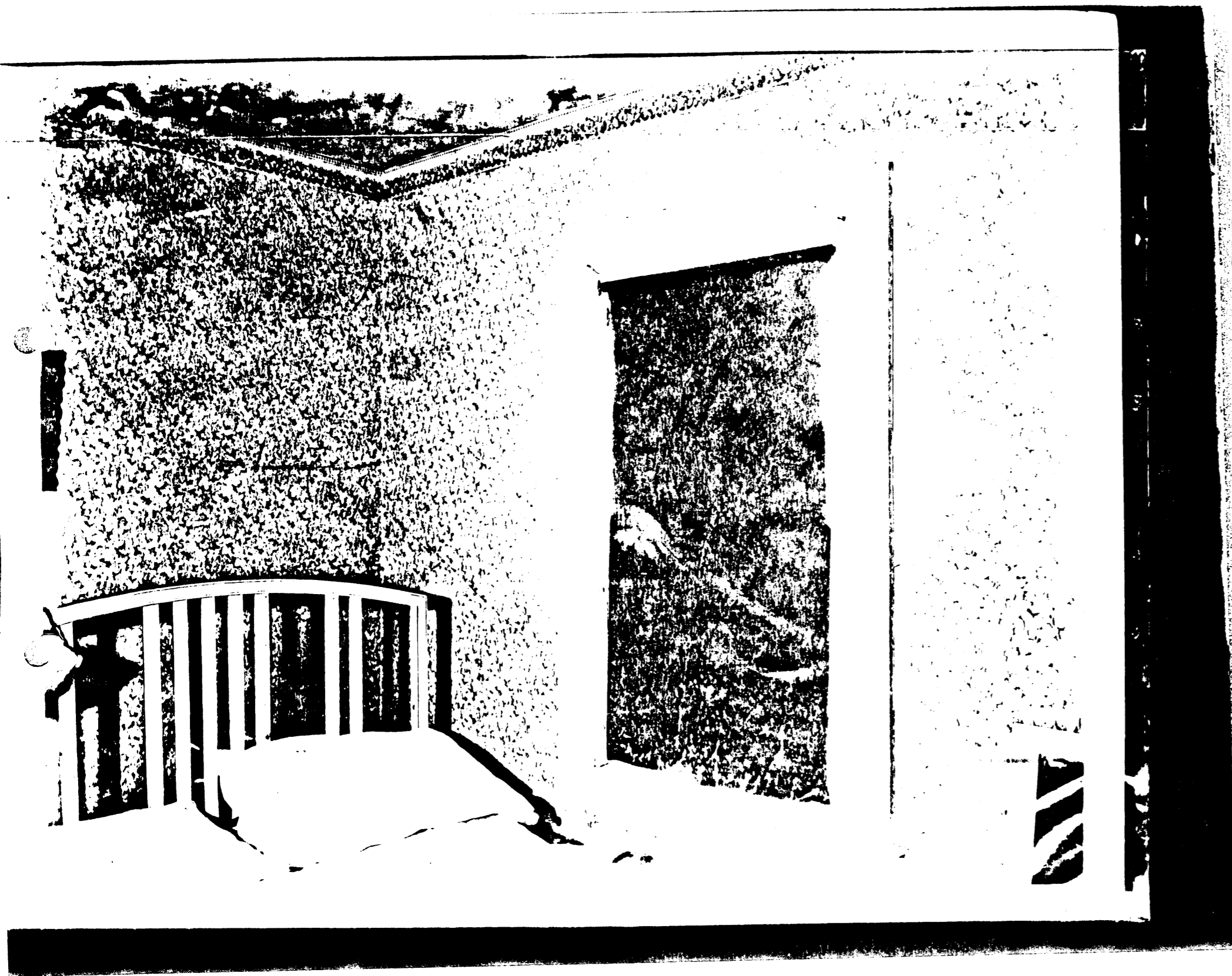
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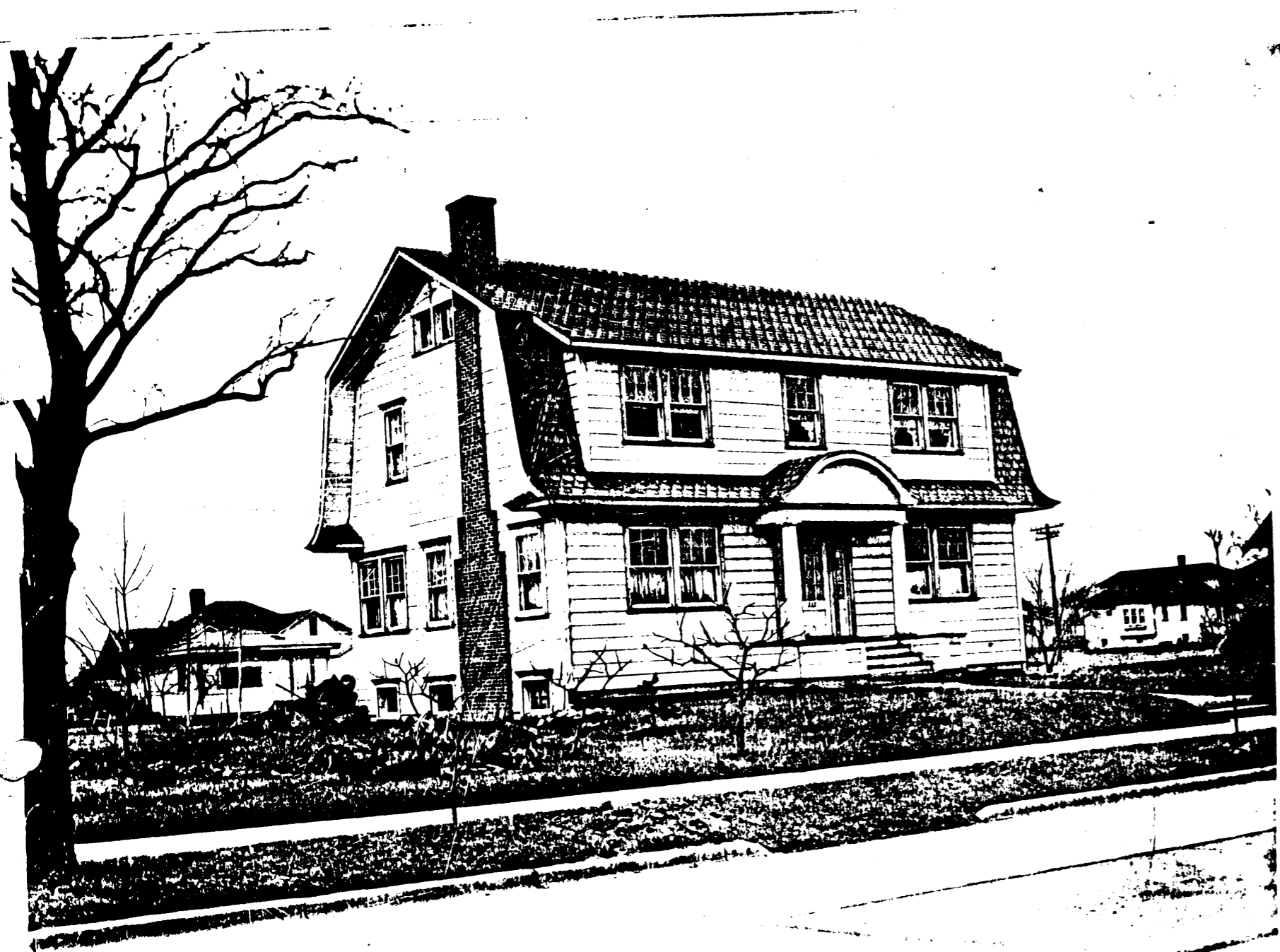
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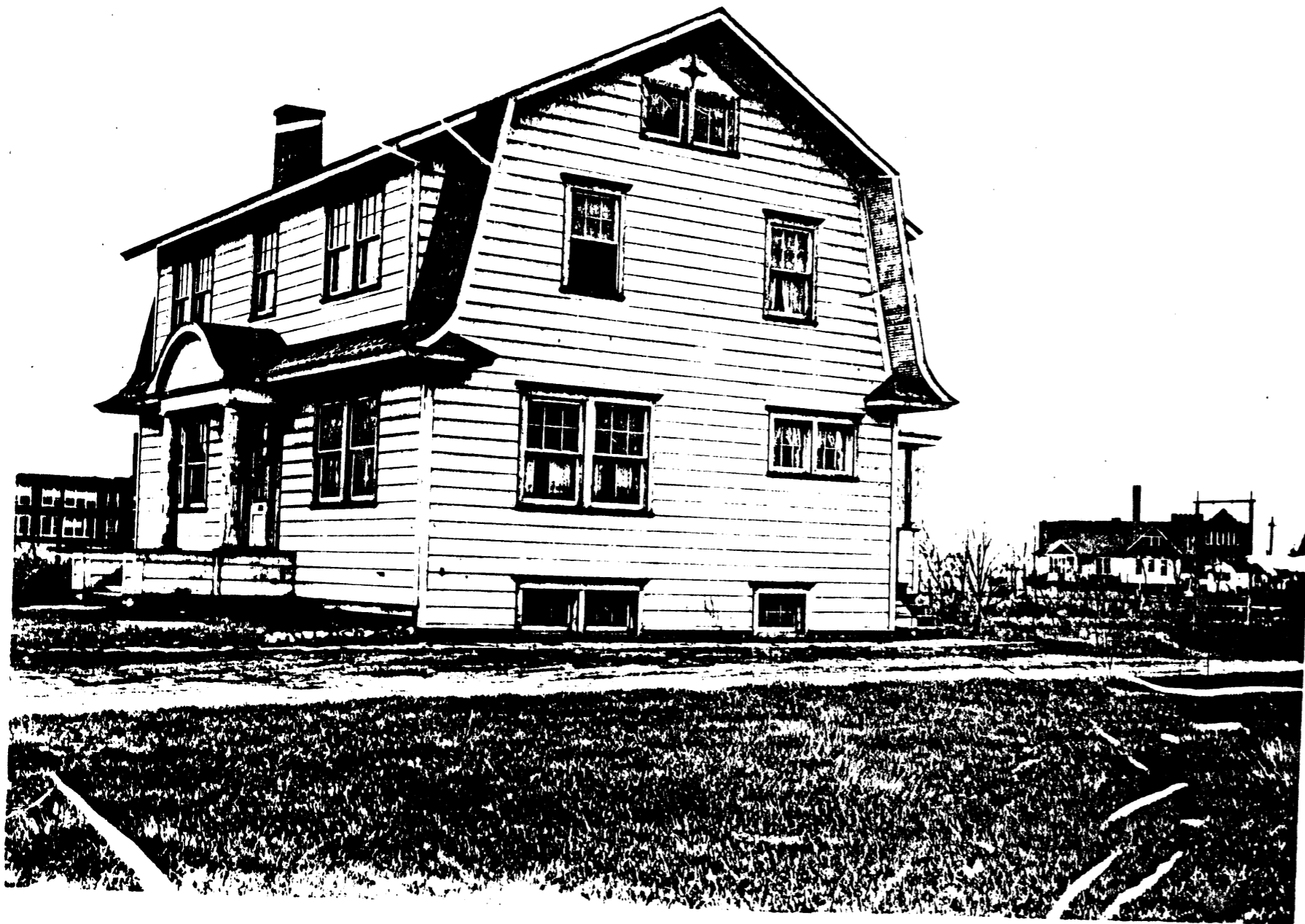












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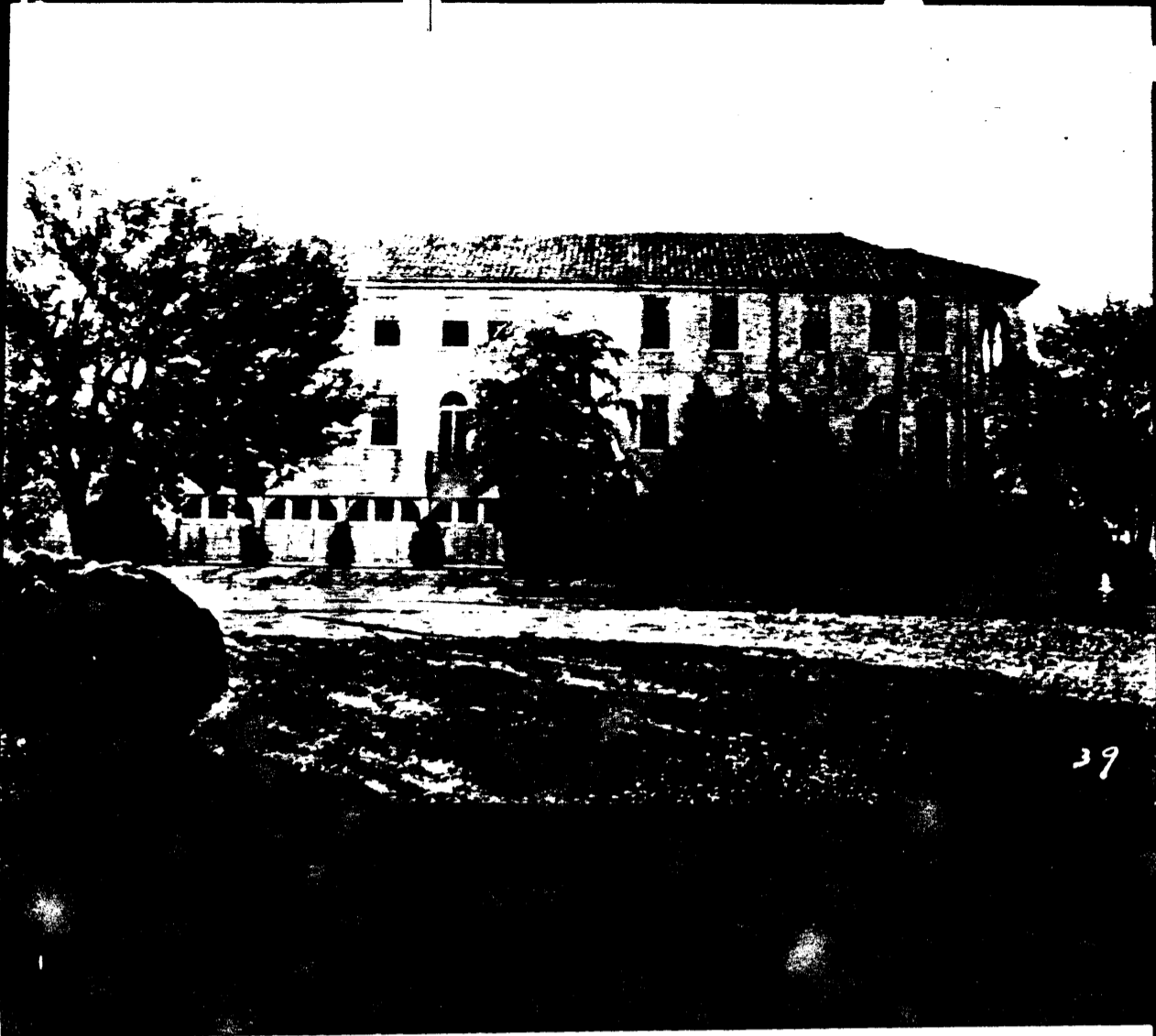




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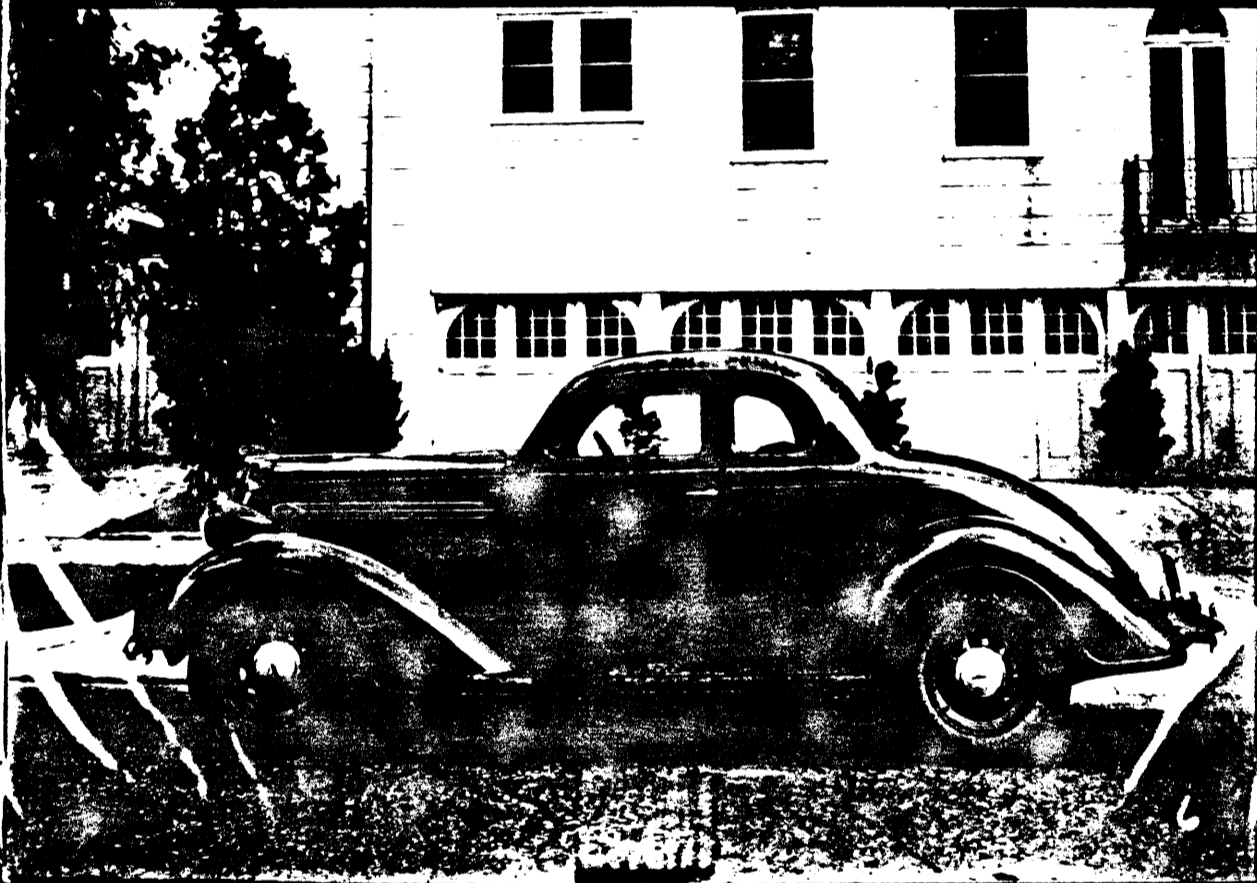




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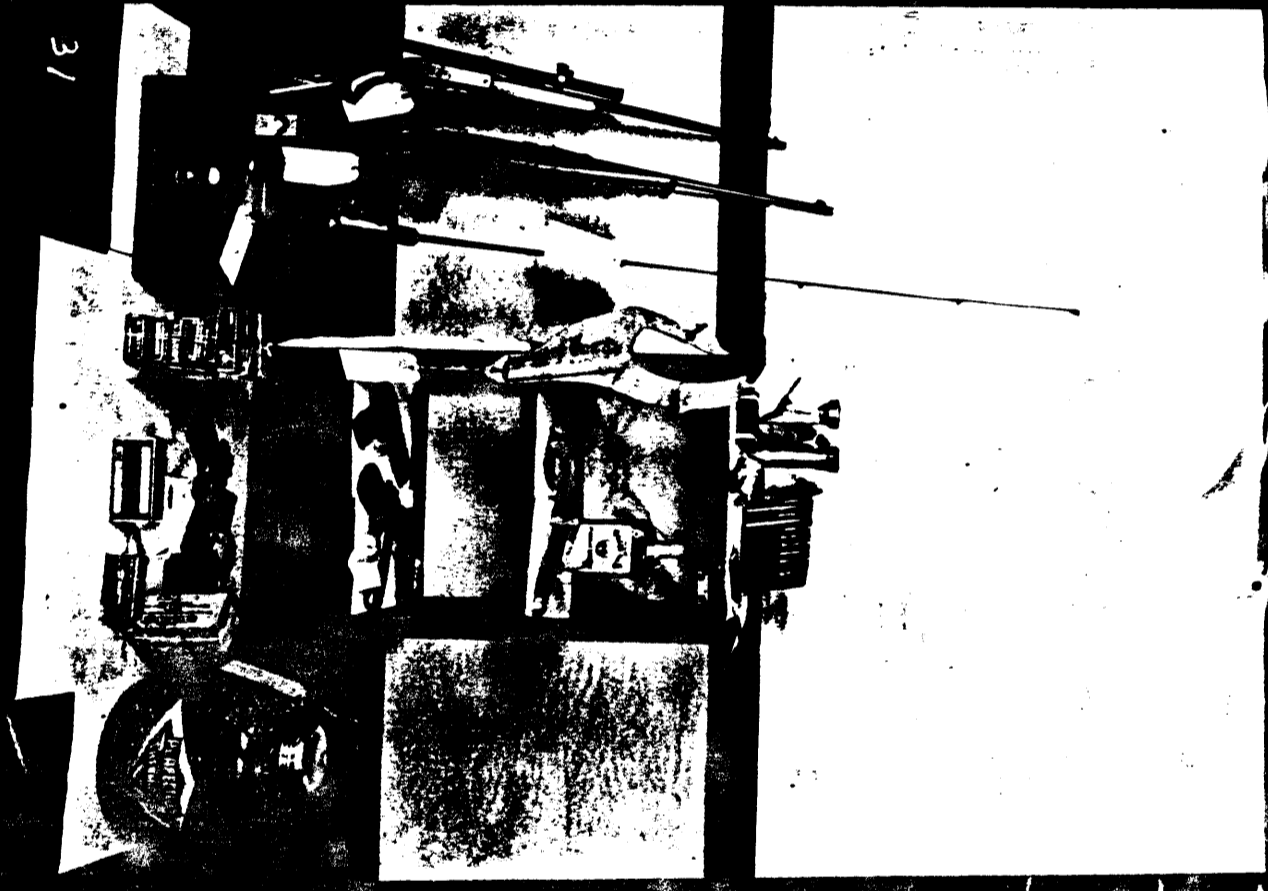


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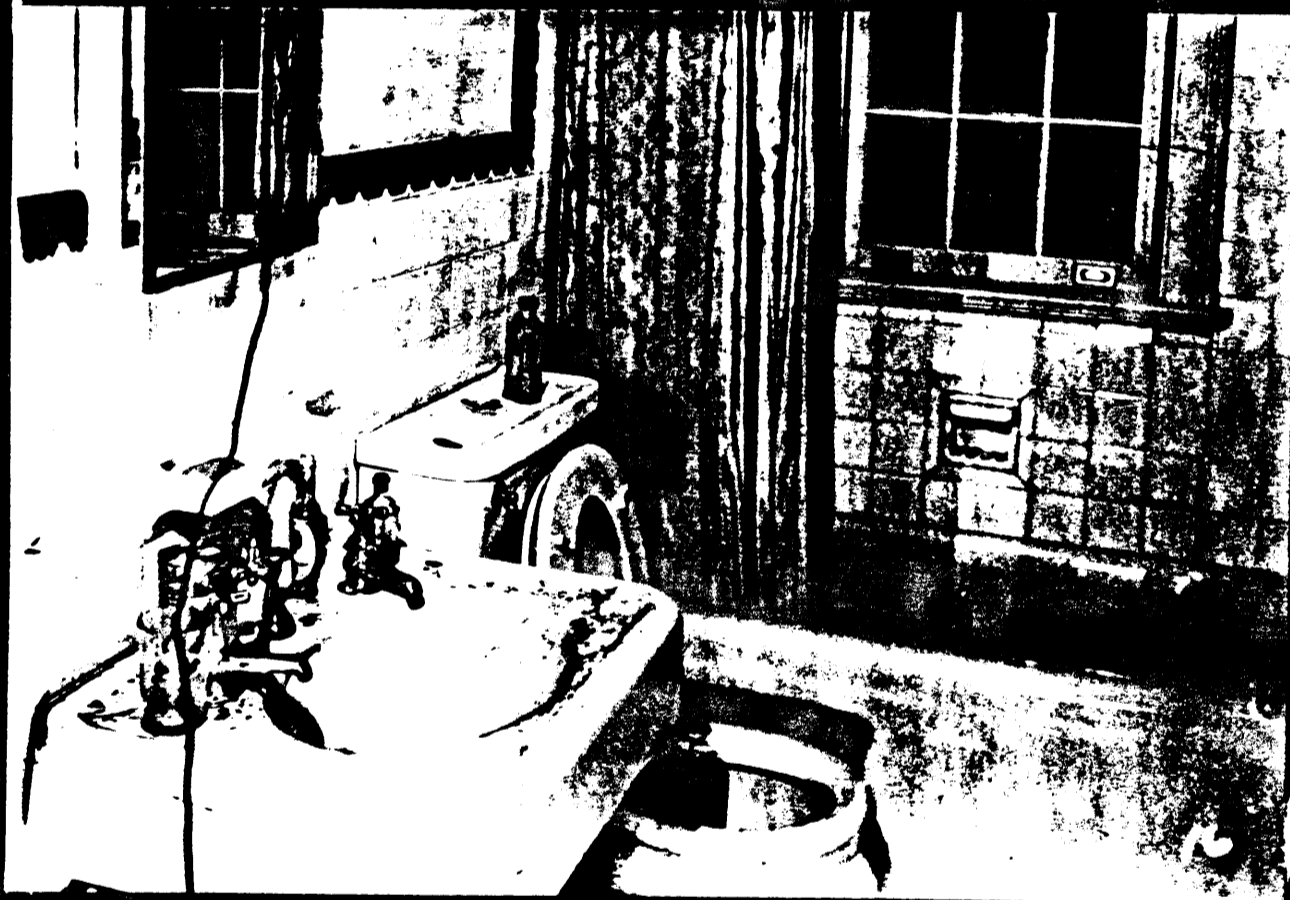
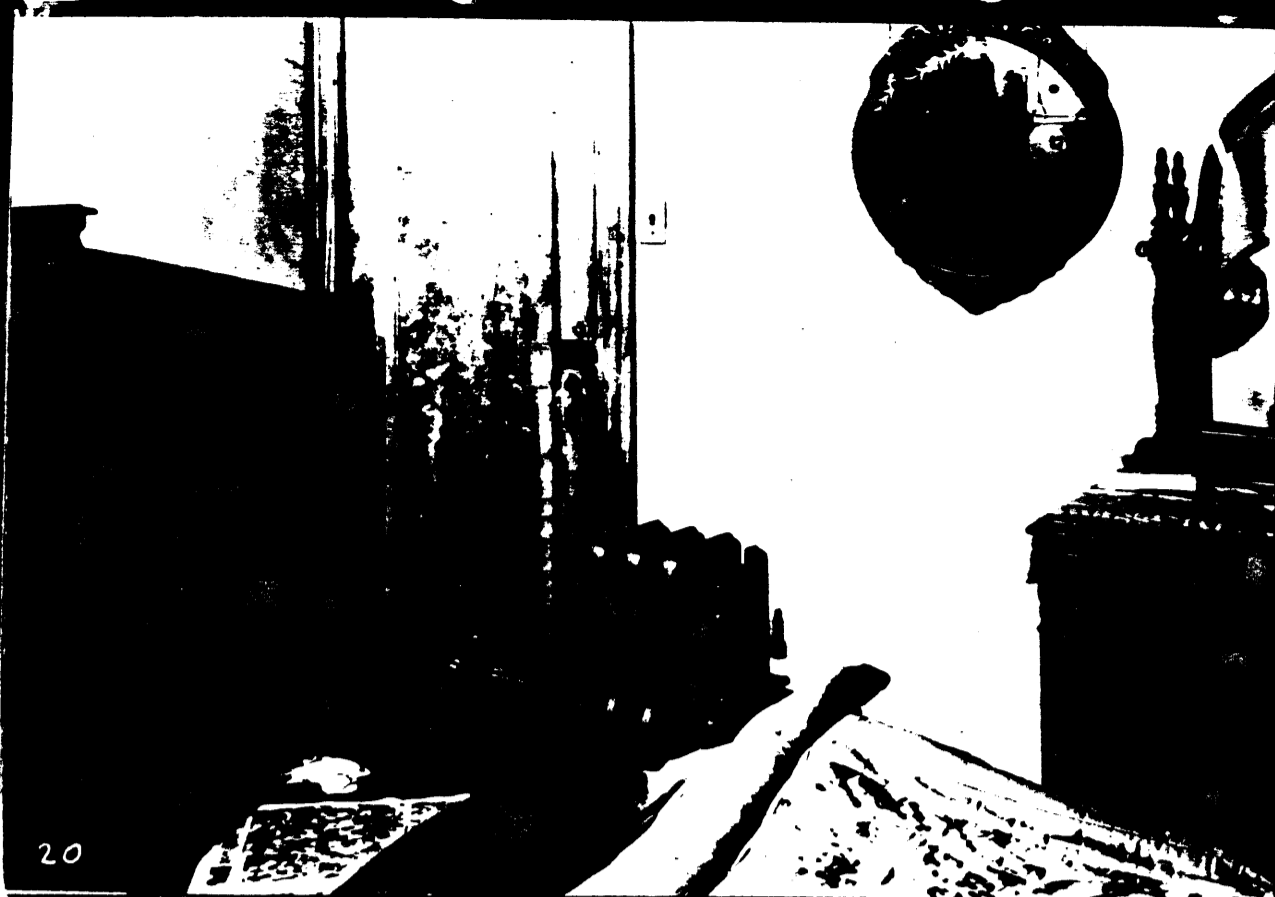
























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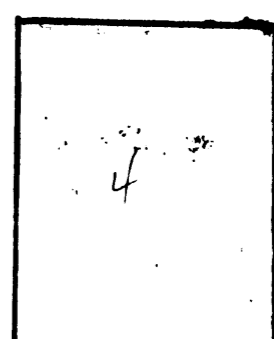
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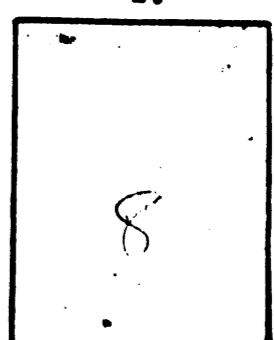
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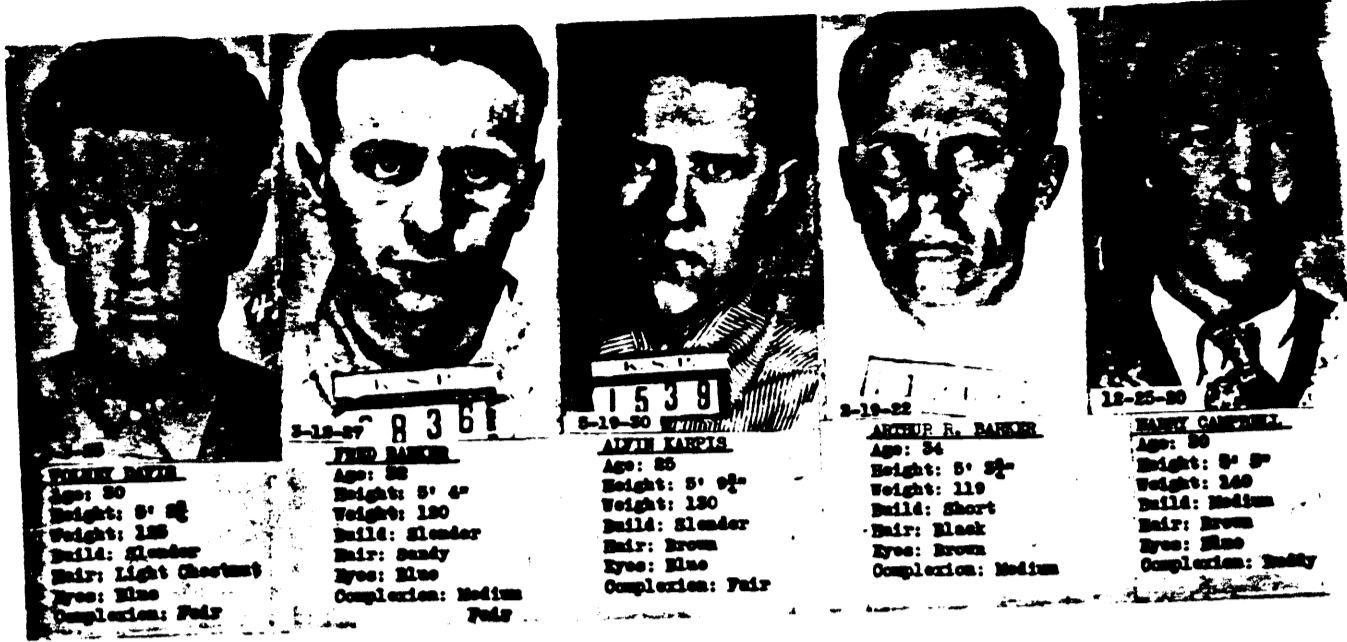


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**WILKINSON**  
 Age: 30  
 Height: 5' 8"  
 Weight: 125  
 Build: Slender  
 Hair: Light Chestnut  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Complexion: Fair

**FRED BAKER**  
 Age: 33  
 Height: 5' 4"  
 Weight: 150  
 Build: Slender  
 Hair: Sandy  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Complexion: Medium Fair

**ALVIN KARPIS**  
 Age: 33  
 Height: 5' 9"  
 Weight: 130  
 Build: Slender  
 Hair: Brown  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Complexion: Fair

**ARTHUR R. BARKER**  
 Age: 34  
 Height: 5' 5"  
 Weight: 119  
 Build: Short  
 Hair: Black  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Complexion: Medium

**HARRY CAMPBELL**  
 Age: 33  
 Height: 5' 8"  
 Weight: 140  
 Build: Medium  
 Hair: Brown  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Complexion: Ruddy



**JOSEPH P. MORAN**  
 Age: 38 (1934)  
 Height: 5' 10"  
 Weight: 155  
 Build: Medium  
 Hair: Chestnut Sandy  
 Eyes: Yellow Dark Slate  
 Complexion: Light

**WILLIAM WEAVER**  
 Age: 33 (1932)  
 Height: 5' 9 1/8"  
 Weight: 162  
 Build: Medium  
 Hair: Black  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Complexion: Medium

**C. J. Fitzgerald**  
 Age: 42 (1919)  
 Height: 5' 11"  
 Weight: 177  
 Build: Slender  
 Hair: Dark Brown  
 Eyes: Light Brown  
 Complexion: Medium Dark

**Myrtle Eaton**  
 Age: 29 (1930)  
 Height: 5' 4 7/8"  
 Weight: 126  
 Build: Medium  
 Hair: Black  
 Eyes: Grey  
 Complexion: Medium

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# Tipoff by Politicians Here Helped Karpis Flee, Hoover Charges

## What Became of Dr. Moran?



[International News Photo]

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Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and other members of the notorious Karpis gang, would have ended their crime careers in 1934, had not a tip-off from the inside upset the trap laid for their capture in Cleveland.

This was the charge made today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, after the arrest of Harry Campbell in Toledo this morning.

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"They're all yellow rats," said Hoover.

**Married Under Alias**  
Campbell was married under the name of Bob Miller. His wife had no knowledge of his criminal career, Hoover believes, and probably will be released eventually. Coker will be held for authorities in Oklahoma as a parole violator, with a 30-year sentence still hanging over his head for a bank robbery.

John Brock, another member of the Karpis gang, is in county jail here awaiting trial on the mail train robbery charge. Fred Hunter, who was arrested with Karpis in New Orleans, may be brought back here to answer the same charge.

Campbell's arrest was the twenty-fifth in the government's war on the Karpis gang.

Dr. Moran was believed to have aided Karpis and Campbell in the Bremer kidnaping.

**Karpis Can't Find Half Million Bail**

ST. PAUL (AP)—Unable to provide \$500,000 bail, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 bad man, was lodged in the county jail today, awaiting arraignment on kidnaping charges.



HARRY CAMPBELL

Minnesota Weather

Showers probable tonight and Friday; cooler in north tonight; cooler Friday, much cooler in north.

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### Italians Take Over Railroad In Ethiopia

Badoglio Seizes Line as France Announces She Is Not Ready to Relinquish It; Rome Reported Planning to Annex Whole Country Saturday, Ahead of League of Nations Session Monday.

**SOUTHERN ARMY OCCUPIES JIJIGA;  
EXPECTS TO REACH HARAR IN DAY OR TWO**

**SERIOUS FRANCO-ITALIAN ROW REPORTED.**

Djibouti, French Somaliland, May 7.—(P)—Unconfirmed reports today said a serious dispute had broken out between Italy and the French company controlling the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad over the transportation of troops and war material.

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Rome, May 7.—(P)—Marshal Pietro Badoglio today took over entire charge of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad as far as the border of French Somaliland, the Stefani (Italian) news agency reported.

Italian troops took charge of all traffic on the railroad, by command of their military leader.

Official sources in Paris stated today that France was not ready to give up her rights to the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad, claiming that any change of the line could be brought about only by a free convention between the French company which owns the line and the Italian government.

Traffic was reported to have been restored to normal.

Total annexation of Ethiopia, the best informed sources said today.

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### G-MEN GIVE CA



The last of the "big-shot" gangsters, Harry Campbell, is shown here as he arrived today in St. Paul on a Transcontinental & Western Air plane following his capture earlier in the day at Toledo. He

### GAS RETAILERS ASK STRIKE PROTECTION

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Representatives of the Gasoline Retailers Association of St. Paul ap-

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THREE CENTS IN ST. PAUL.

## CAMPBELL CAPTURED IN TOLEDO; BROUGHT TO ST. PAUL IN PLANE

### CAMPBELL A 'LIFT'



Harry Campbell may be seen emerging from the floor of the plane, handcuffed, over the heads of the crowd which gathered at Holman Municipal airport to see the man named as one of the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr.

### Over Ocean Rise to U. S.

at 75 Miles an Hour After

### HOUSE BEGINS FIGHT OVER RELIEF FUNDS

#### Hopkins' Plea for Government- Industry Co-operation Disclosed.

Washington, May 7. (AP)—Congress was advised today by Relief

## Hoover Nabs Gangster in Raid on Flat

Karpis Kidnaping Pal Has 19-Year-Old "Wife" With Him When Seized by Feds in Early Morning Sally; Sam Coker, Minor Figure in Outlaw Band, Also Arrested in Fashionable Area of Ohio City.

### DESPERADO HAS GUN BUT YIELDS CALMLY; WILL BE ARRAIGNED AS BREMER ABDUCTOR

Limping Harry Campbell, lone wolf of the Barker-Karpis gang, was brought to St. Paul by airplane under the muzzles of federal guns at noon today after being trapped in Toledo by government agents at 5 A. M.

The capture of Campbell completes the roundup of leaders of the mob that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, for \$300,000 ransom. Campbell is charged with abducting Bremer.

Arrested with Campbell was a 19-year-old girl who professed to be his wife and in a simultaneous raid on a home in a fashionable Toledo district, agents nabbed Sam Coker, a minor figure in the gang.

The girl and Coker are being held in Cleveland, the latter as an Oklahoma parole violator.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, led the agents in the Toledo raid. It was the second foray in six days.

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(AP)—The Hindenburg reported through that her position at 12 noon Central approximately 1,070 miles out from the at time the Hindenburg was at an

**UIS P. LOCHNER.**

1936, by the Associated Press.)  
Hindenburg, en route to America, airship Hindenburg, averaging 75 miles the North Atlantic today on its first

sed Land's End, the cape of southwest 05 A. M. Eastern Standard time), and Scilly islands off the English coast.

**BELGIUM REVEALS  
SPY PLOT IN FORT**

**Alleged Leader Arrested; Several Reported Involved.**

Vivieres, Belgium, May 7.—(AP)—Discovery of a spy plot in an underground fort in the district of Liege was reported by police today. It was stated that the leader of the alleged plot had been arrested, that several workmen were involved, and that other arrests were imminent.

Police withheld further details. Since the World war, Belgium has engaged in the construction of border fortifications as a preventative against a recurrence of the German invasion of 1914. In continuation of the famous trench steel and concrete line along German border, Belgium has constructed an intricate system of underground forts and pill boxes. Among the more massive of these fortifications are those at Liege.

**TWO SUMMER HOMES  
BURN AT DETROIT LAKES**

Detroit Lakes, Minn., May 7.—(AP)—A fire along the north shore of Lake Melissa in the heart of a resort colony, destroyed two homes Wednesday night. Heavily damaged a third, all the property of Fargo residents. Hendrickson and J. P. Hardy owned the burned buildings. The property belongs to J. H. Evers. Evers said the loss would exceed \$15,000. Detroit Lakes firemen, farmers and townspeople finally subdued the fire at 2 A. M. today.

**\$1,875 FOR OLD AGE  
PENSIONS SENT TO STATE**

Washington Bureau of the Dispatch, May 7.—The Federal government's check for \$721,875 for old age assistance payments from April 1 to June 30, the final quarter of the current year, was mailed to Minnesota today by the United States Treasury. Announcement of the forwarding of the check for federal aid was made by the Social Security board. It is estimated that 22,000 needy persons will be aided in Minnesota during the quarter.

that it would do better to think out some plan of government cooperation with industry to increase employment than to consider now any permanent program of relief.

This advice was disclosed as the House began considering a \$1,500,000,000 allowance for Hopkins Works Progress administration for the 1937 fiscal year. This amount he told the appropriations committee during hearings made public today, will not be enough unless private employment picks up. He defended the WPA against charges of "politics" and told how he planned to use the \$1,500,000,000. As to suggestions for a permanent program, he said "it was not desirable now to draft such a plan because if you were to do it today, you would have to set up a device to take care of a very, very large number of people."

"Now I certainly do not look forward to the number of unemployed that we have now," he said. "We

**GIRL SUCCUMBS TO BURNS  
SUFFERED 6 YEARS AGO**

Binghamton, N. Y., May 7.—(AP)—Ellen Milo, 12-year-old child of tragedy, died of burns received six years ago, and will be buried today in her first party dress. The little girl suffered burns in 1930 from which she never recovered. Nearly half of her brief life was spent in hospitals. Her mother died when she was 10 months old. Last January her father hanged himself in a jail cell.

**FLIP OF DIME ELECTS  
PARTY COMMITTEEMAN**

Peoria, Ill., May 7.—(AP)—"I'll take tails." Tails it was and Clestal Barnes became Democratic committeeman from the Sixth precinct. The flip of a dime from the finger of Justice of the Peace Robert Wilhelm, member of the county canvassing board, broke the 25-vote tie between Barnes and Otto Damarin. Damarin laughed and congratulated the winner.

**WINTER GRAIN GRAZING  
YIELDS RANCHERS PROFIT**

San Angelo, Texas, May 7.—(AP)—Grazing on winter grain fields of west Texas compounds profit for ranchmen. Louis Williams and Bill Mason Jr., of Edea bought 2,500 lambs at \$4 a head last fall, paid 10 cents a month each for 90 days pasturage and sold them, wool included, at \$8 a head.

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**TRIP CREDITED TO KARPIS.**

Federal authorities asserted that information gained during the five-day questioning of Karpis led to the capture of Campbell. It is believed Karpis made im-

**\$500,000 BAIL PROPOSED**

A half-million dollars bail will be asked by George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, when Harry Campbell, is arraigned here in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The figure to be demanded, Sullivan said, in Campbell's case is the largest amount ever sought in any court in the country. Previously, Sullivan announced he would seek \$400,000 bail when Alvin Karpis is arraigned on charges of kidnaping Bremer and William Hamm Jr.

In St. Paul Saturday, J. Edgar Hoover asserted that Campbell was the "brains" behind Karpis.

Important disclosures Wednesday afternoon when agents closed all doors to the bureau of investigation's office in the St. Paul federal building, including that of the reception room, and even cleared the corridors at 3 P. M. so that boiterers could not overhear anything.

This state of extreme secrecy lasted a half hour. Shortly afterward the quizzing of Karpis ended and he was transferred to the Ramsey county jail.

The plane carrying Campbell dropped out of the skies to the St. Paul airport a few minutes before noon and six minutes later the manacled prisoner was rushed into the Federal building without his game leg hardly having touched the ground.

**QUITS PLANE IN HANGAR.**

His reception was arranged by seven government agents armed with sub-machine guns and magazine rifles. The formalities were brief. The big Douglas plane circled the field once, landed in mid-field and taxied into the open hangar of the 109th Air squadron, where his pal, Karpis, arrived Saturday morning.

Unlike Karpis, whose summery clothes were disheveled, Campbell was clad in dapper fashion, wearing a light gray suit and light gray hat. He even had an agent take

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**Way of Transgressor**

Here are milestones in the career of Harry Campbell, last of the Barker-Karpis gangsters, who was captured today in Toledo:  
Born January 1, 1900, at McClintocville, Pa.  
Moved with his parents, four sisters and two brothers to Tulsa, Okla.  
Married, date unknown, to Mickey Rheinsmith, who now lives at Pampa, Texas.  
Arrested December 25, 1920, at Tulsa for vagrancy and fined \$19 and costs.  
Arrested January 30, 1921, in

Oklahoma for bank robbery; discharged June 11, 1921.  
Arrested April 29, 1932, in Tulsa for burglary and jumped bail.  
Wanted at Joplin, Mo., for robbery.  
Wanted at Hutchinson, Kan., for prison break.  
Wanted at Hutchinson, Kan., for highway robbery.  
Wanted at Stillwater, Okla., for robbery with firearms.  
Wanted at Claremore, Okla., for murder.  
Wanted in St. Paul for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Captured today in Toledo.

**Caught  
In**

Washington, M

(AP)—Federal A

announced they had captured William M. Hamm, sought for nearly a year as the \$200,000 ransom kidnaper of George Weyerhaeuser, 10 years old, of the Weyerhaeuser lumber family, at Spokane. He was caught in San Francisco.

**BREMER AND HAMM  
CONGRATULATE FEDS**

Both St. Paul Major Kidnaping Victims Pay Tribute to Achievements.

Tribute to the Federal government for its cleanup of the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob was paid today

by the victims of St. Paul two major abductions following the capture of Harry Campbell, last of the mobsters. Both men were relieved to hear of the arrest.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and victim of a \$200,000 abduction at the hands of the gang, said:

"I congratulate Mr. Bremer, the agents of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Their winning activities in rounding up these men have proved that the country today is less safe for kidnapers than ever before.

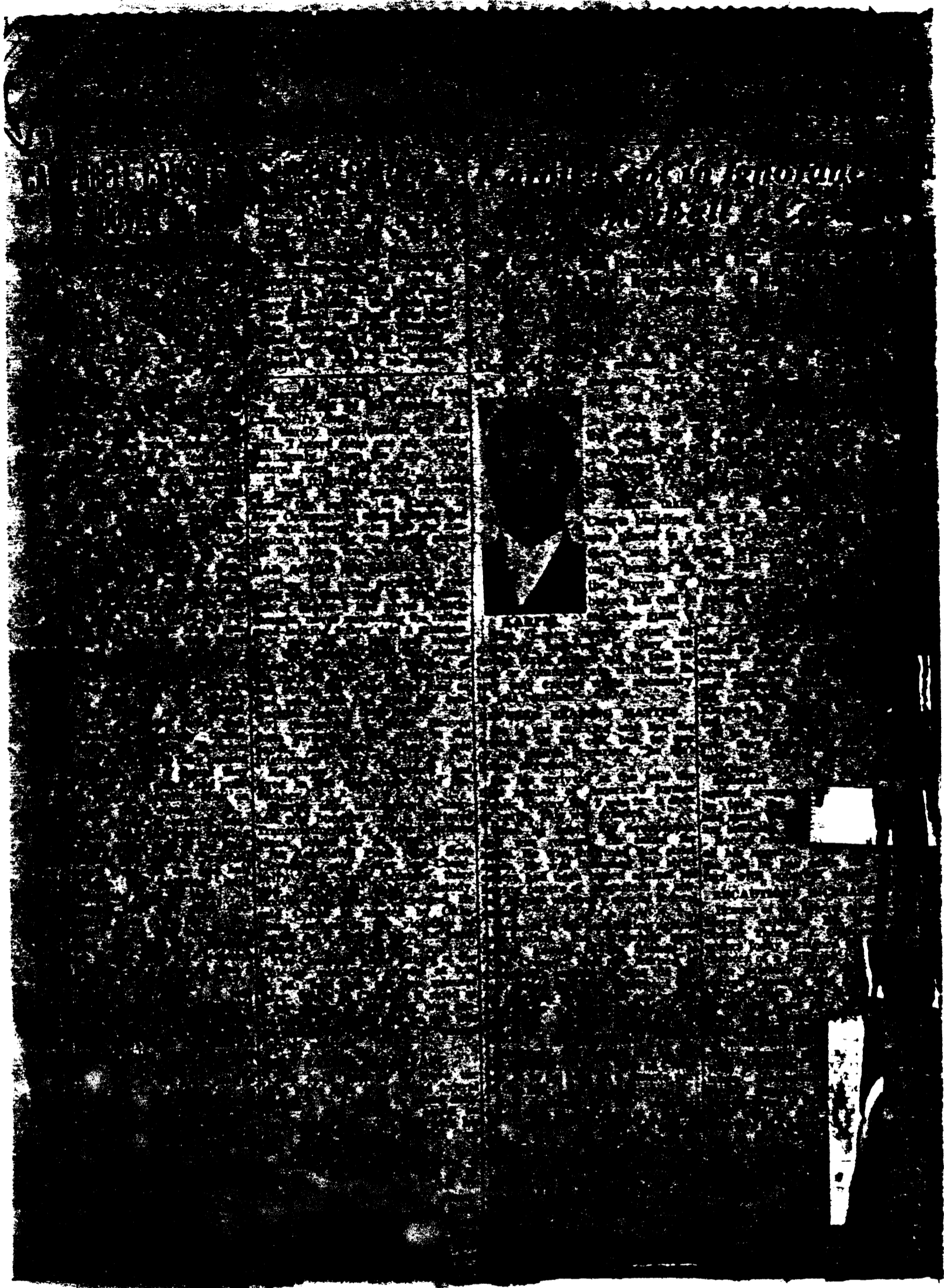
"The thoroughness of their work is well shown by the fact that they still are keeping an eye on me. They have said that they are going to continue doing so for some time. It is a great relief to know the principals in this crime have been caught."

William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer and financier, who was kidnaped by the same mob and held for \$100,000 ransom, said:

"I want to congratulate the Mr. Hamm, agents of the Bureau of Investigation for their capture of Campbell and for their accomplishment in wiping out the entire Barker-Karpis gang. They have done splendid work and deserve the highest compliments for it."



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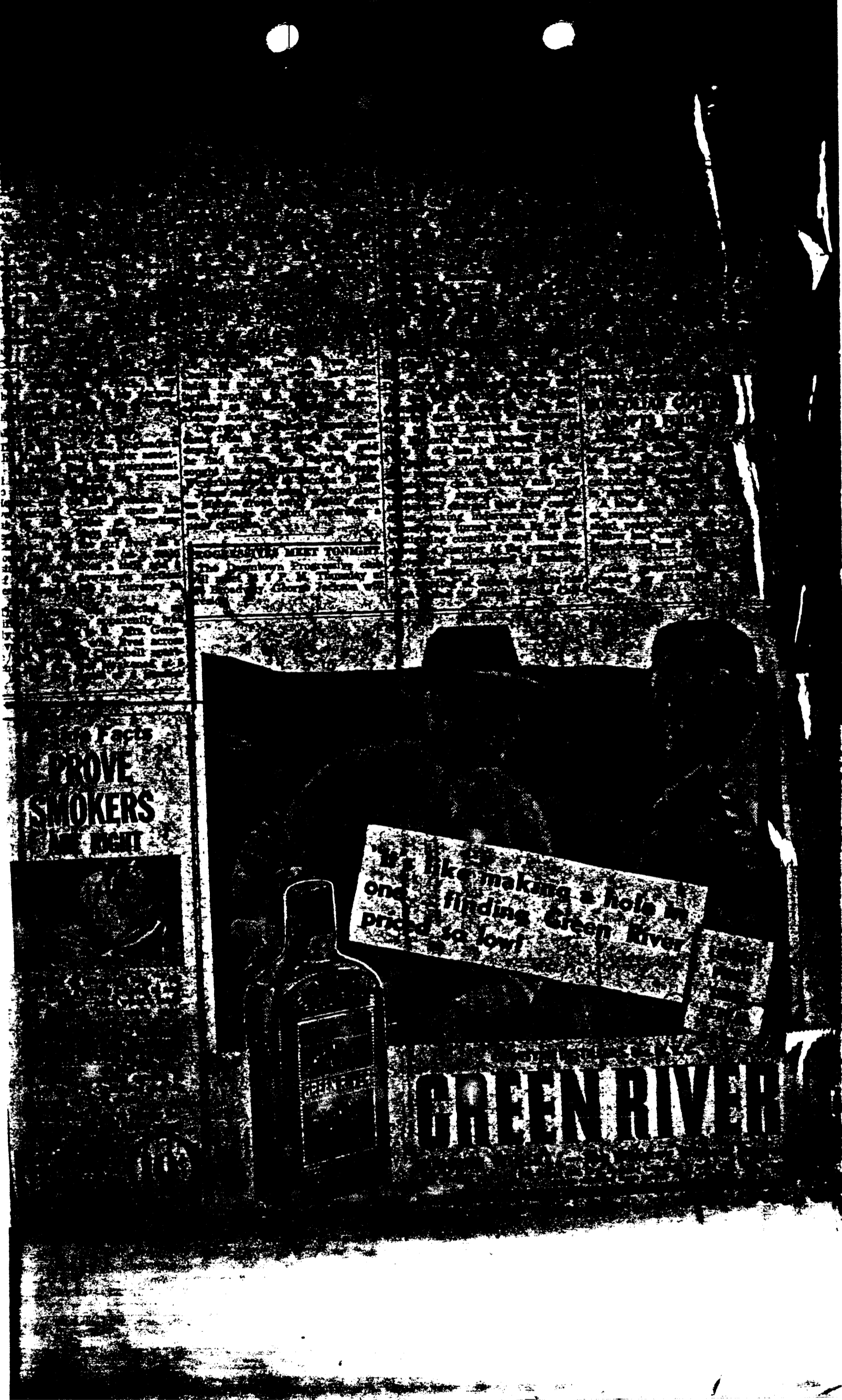
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Temp'ture		61	62	61	60	62	62	66	69	70

(Further Weather Details on Page 2.)

# HOOVER CAPTURE

## Karpis' Chief Aid Brought To St. Paul

### 1,500 Oil Stations Are Hit By Strike

### Fuel Hoses Reported Cut And Pickets Said To Have Threatened Tank Emptying.

Approximately 1,500 filling station workers refused to report for work in the Twin Cities this morning in a strike protest against leases now in effect between gasoline companies and station owners.

Several scattered stations in St. Paul opened as usual this morning, but expected to close as squads of pickets, named at a workers' mass meeting Wednesday night swung into action.

St. Paul police squad cars were rushed to investigate several complaints this morning. One came from the Phillips Petroleum Co. station at 111 Concord ave., who told police a band of strikers had ordered him to close the station under threat of emptying his gas tank. Other calls were from 7th and Pine sts.; Rice st. and College 6th and Robert sts., and 168 university ave. Fuel hoses were cut at this station. Two were detailed to a gas station at and Robert sts. of

### Taken Without Resistance In Ohio; Wanted For Bremer Kidnaping.

Helping history repeat itself, a huge TWA transport airliner taxied onto St. Paul's municipal airport at 11:52 a. m. today, bearing new cargo for the mills of justice — Harry (Limpy) Campbell, one of the expert "torpedos" of the now shattered Barker-Karpis mob, who was taken by G-men in Toledo at dawn today.

Surprised in his sleep, Campbell, like his notorious chief-tain, Alvin Karpis, surrendered without a shot being fired when a corps of G-men, headed by grim-jawed J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the justice agents, broke through the door. Taken with Campbell was his 20-year-old bride.

A few blocks away, Sam Coker, said to be a minor figure in the Barker-Karpis ring, also was taken into custody. Coker and Campbell's slight, pretty brunet bride were left in Cleveland when the machine-gunner and reputed "real head" of the Barker-Karpis mobsters, was bundled into the airliner and whisked off to St. Paul to join again his one-time chief-tain, Karpis.

### END OF TRAIL

### "Limpy" Campbell Is Brought Home



It's the end of the trail for HARRY CAMPBELL, machine-gunner of the Barker-Karpis mob, who, arrested in Toledo at dawn today, is to face charges in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Can taken into the federal courts building this afternoon. Two federal agents taken into custody. Campbell's slight, pretty brunet bride were left in Cleveland when the machine-gunner and reputed "real head" of the Barker-Karpis mobsters, was bundled into the airliner and whisked off to St. Paul to join again his one-time chief-tain, Karpis.

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and reputed "master-mind" brought to St. Paul by plane. He, manacled, is shown being taken away at his left, another at his right, both known as "Limpy" because of their stumps. Agents carried him upstairs.

## Flying Hotel Speeding Over Ocean For U. S.; Reels Off 1,000 Miles

### Is Above Clouds, Traveling At Good Speed On Long Hop.

1,000 MILES OUT.  
NEW YORK, May 7.—(INS)—The dirigible Hindenburg was about 1,000 miles off the English coast at 11 a. m. (E. D. T.), according to a message received by Mackay radio.

BY WEBB MILLER.  
(Copyright, 1936, by United Press.)  
ABOARD DIRIGIBLE HINDENBURG EN ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES, May 7.—Germany's giant new dirigible Hindenburg was well over the Atlantic today on the first regular passenger flight ever made from Europe to the United States.

We are above a vast layer of dense snow white clouds, in a sun blindingly bright. Below us there is visible only one shadow on top of the cloud bank.  
We are averaging 90 miles an hour.

Leisurely Trip.  
For breakfast this morning, our first meal, we had fruit, coffee, rolls, sausage, and assorted jams.  
The ship passed Land's End, the southwestern tip of England, at 6:10 a. m. (E. D. T.) which mean time today (12:10 a. m. local time), out over the open sea.  
At 6:30 a. m. we passed Bishop's Rock, the southwestern tip of the island of St. Michael's, which were at latitude 49° 15' N., longitude 12° 30' W. at Land's End.

### Work Relief Bill Starts Hot Battle

#### G. O. P. Opposes Giving \$1,425,000,000 To Hopkins; Set-up Held Inefficient.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(UP)—A storm of partisan debate over the new deal's relief policies broke out in the house today as the last major bill of the session, carrying \$1,425,000,000 for work-relief was brought up for action.  
Republican attack centered on alleged inefficiency of the WPA setup and received some support from Democratic insurgents who have forced a party caucus tonight in an effort to earmark over the President's protests \$700,000,000 for the public works administration.  
House leaders, after a slight flurry pushed through the house an agreement to limit debate on the bill to seven hours. Under the plan the final roll call vote on passage, however, will be delayed until Monday.

\$308,000,000 For CCC.

The bill in addition to the work-relief appropriation carries \$308,000,000 for the civilian conservation corps and \$458,631,860 for the social security setup. In all the bill—one of the largest peacetime supply bills

### Red Flag Flies In Front Of High Court

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(UP)—A regulation communist red flag flew atop the 50-foot flagpole in front of the supreme court building for an hour today before firemen destroyed it with a blowtorch.  
Capt. T. H. Crook of the supreme court guard said the flag was discovered at 4:20 a. m. and that a fire department hook and ladder squad was called after efforts of police to dislodge it.  
How it got there was a mystery.

### Italy Takes Key City As Jijiga Falls

ROME, May 7.—(UP)—Capture of Jijiga, key city on the southern front in Ethiopia, was announced officially by the Italian government today.  
The occupation of Jijiga occurred Tuesday. It coincided with the hour when Mussolini was making his announcement to the nation of the capture of Addis Ababa.  
The Fascist grand council and the cabinet will meet in Venice palace Saturday and the decisions of both will be announced at once.  
It was believed the meetings would proclaim Victor Emmanuel king of Italy and emperor of the Italian dominions in Africa—giving him the "king and emperor" ranking which goes with the British crown.

To Seek Big Loan.

Italy determined to proceed at



No arrest had been  
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**Carried By G-Men.**

As frightened and timid-appearing as his chief, Campbell, mangled and under a strong guard, was taken to the federal courts building. G-men started to take him up the stairs when, because of a leg injury which gave him the name of "Limpy," he began to complain that "you're walking too damn fast," G-

**Crowd Gathered For  
Campbell Sees Mishap**

Shortly before the plane bringing Harry Campbell arrived in St. Paul, several hundred persons at the airport to watch for the criminal witnessed an airplane accident.

Clyde Burwell, Minneapolis, department of commerce aviation inspector, landed in front of the municipal hangar. His plane rolled normally a short distance, then suddenly swung to the left, tilted till a wing hit the ground and stood on its nose.

The machine did not overturn, and Mr. Burwell climbed out, uninjured. As his machine was righted, the big transport with Campbell appeared over the field, and the crowd rushed for the national guard hangar to watch his arrival.

men picked him up and carried him to department of justice headquarters where he will undergo questioning all day.

He wore a light blue suit and felt hat. In charge of the federal agents who brought him here was E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, chief of the justice department's kidnaping squad.

Thus did G-men within six days write the all-but-last chapter to the notorious blood-written history of one of the strongest and most desperate mobs in American criminal annals.

**Only Two Unsolved.**

Thus, too, in six days did G-Man Hoover and his aids accomplish one of the toughest assignments on their books.

With Campbell wanted in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping and Karpis in the Bremer and \$100,000 William Hamm, Jr., abduction under arrest, G-men had only two major kidnapings still unsolved on their books and had two jobs still confronting them: the capture of William Mahan in the George Weyerhaeuser abduction and Thomas H. Robinson in the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville, Ky., socialite.

**Reckless Career Closed.**

Capture of Campbell, named in indictments for the actual kidnaping of Banker Bremer and conspiracy in the abduction brought to a close the reckless career of one of the expert "torpedoes" and "hard guys" of the old Barker-Karpis mob—and placed in the custody of federal men two gangsters on whose head a price of \$7,500 was placed but a short time ago.

Campbell, known to his intimates as "Limpy," "folded up like his pal" (Continued On Page 2, Col. 1.)

**AT LAST**

Public Enemy No. 1 "At Last"



ALVIN KARPIS in the Ramsey county jail. (Other P)

**Amy Mollison Makes  
New Flight Record**

CAPETOWN, South Africa, May 7.—(UP)—Mrs. Amy Johnson Mollison, British flier, arrived at 4:30 p. m. today, creating a record for the flight from England to South Africa. Her time was three days,

six hours and 25 minutes. The previous record set last February was three days, 17 hours and 38 minutes.

**Will Question Youth  
On Alleged Gambling**

James F. Sullivan, assistant city prosecutor, and Inspector B. A. Carr

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Home



Daily News Photo.

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to meet with Edward C. Zel... 132 E. Dearborn st., today... the youth relative to... baseball "ticket" gambling... Witt's Lunch, 18 E. 6th st. The... of losing 50 cents on a... at the lunchroom while in... ical court Wednesday, when... eived a 10-day workhouse sen... for leaving the scene of an...

In history appropriates \$2,364,229,712. The appropriations committee report and hearings made public today revealed:

1. That WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins will have direct control over the relief fund, and expects that coupled with remaining funds this year, it will give jobs to 2,843,500 next year, but that more money may be asked by the President if industry fails in employment pickup.

2. That the civilian conservation corps is planned as a permanent federal function by the President, in the belief that 300,000 youths annually will be out of jobs and need such training.

Appointments Earmarked.

3. That the Tennessee Valley authority had been turned down in a proposal for the right to use funds to obtain a dam site under negotiations with the Aluminum Company of America.

The house debate was opened by (Continued On Page 2, Col. 6.)

### Rain, Cooler Will Follow Torrid Spell

Local showers and cooler weather were to come to St. Paul today, following the hottest day of the year Wednesday when the mercury touched 87 at 2:30 p. m.

While St. Paul sweltered, the rest of the northwest and middlewest was in the middle of storms that ranged from a blizzard in Montana that tied up traffic and brought two feet of snow, to high wind and rain storms in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Two persons were injured.

Highways and bridges were damaged generally throughout Stearns county. Two bridges were washed out. Wind and rain roared through North Dakota. At Sawyer, Gustav Kruger, a farmer, suffered a broken arm when a portion of his windmill collapsed and fell on him. Two high tension power lines were blown down at Benedict, N. D. At Townsend an airplane was torn from its moorings and destroyed.

William Schramm, farmer living near Ellsworth, Wis., was struck by lightning, lay stunned in a field for several hours.

In Montana, near Livingston, more than 100 cars were stalled by a snowstorm that continued through the night. Hail and severe rain hit other areas of the state.

While the northwest had its freak weather, a dust storm struck the vicinities of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.

### 3 Killed When Rail Locomotive Explodes

BATAVIA, N. Y., May 7.—(UP)—Three men were killed today when a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western locomotive exploded.

Those killed were the engineer, fireman and head trainman.

Company records listed the engineer as Stephen Hasfurter of Buffalo, the fireman as Oscar Arthur of Elmira, and the head trainman as E. F. Arwine of Elmira.

once with the exploitation of Ethiopia, will begin negotiations soon for an international loan, it was reported in reliable Fascist banking quarters today.

Administrative organization of the central government of the new colony will be complete within a few days, it was understood.

Gen. Rodolfo Graziani, commander of the eastern armies in Ethiopia, is expected to be named military governor of the whole country within a few days.

Achille Starage, secretary general of the Fascist party, who led the march on Lake Tana, is expected to become civil governor.

### Badoglio To Go Home.

Marshal Pietro Badoglio, the commander in chief of east African armies, hero of the war, is expected to give up his special post of governor general of east Africa and return to Rome to resume his duties as chief of the general staff of the armed forces.

Reports that negotiation of a loan already was under way were denied. These reports were that Alberto Pirelli, one of Europe's leading industrialists, was conducting preliminary negotiations in London, seeking loans in London and New York.

### Mother Of Quints Expecting Another Visit From Stork

HOLLYWOOD, May 7.—(INS)—Mrs. Elzire Dionne, mother of the famous quintuplets, is expecting a visit from the stork around June 15, it was reliably reported here today. The "quins" will be two years old May 28.

Olivia Dionne, father of the famous children, recently turned down vaudeville booking offers because of the impending addition to his family, according to sources here which said Mr. and Mrs. Dionne had been scheduled to arrive in Hollywood shortly to appear in a picture "Where Are My Children?"

Dry's Pick Candidate. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., May 7.—(UP)—Dr. D. Leigh Colvin of New York city was selected today as the national prohibition party's 1938 presidential candidate.

READ THE Lawn and Garden News PAGE 8 IN TONIGHT'S EDITION

and head general direction of...

At no... 375 miles south-west of... The indications were that the dirigible would take a... course, instead of the normal... great circles route.

This week-end, if all goes well, the ship will be in New York.

### Rush For Bar.

It is to be a leisurely trip on the queen of the skies, and if the weather is good Capt. Ernst Lehmann, in command, intends after flying over New York to fly on over Washington, Baltimore, Newark, N. J., and various Delaware and New Jersey towns to the Navy Air station at Lakehurst, N. J., the Hindenburg's American home.

The Hindenburg, 803 feet long, weighing 285 tons, supported by 6,710,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas in its envelope, powered by four 1,100 horse power motors, carrying a complement of 108 persons, including 52 passengers of whom 15 are Americans, and a pay cargo of mail and freight, left its base at Friedrichshafen, Lake Constance in Germany, at 9:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, Zeppelin chief. (Continued On Page 2, Col. 5)

### Speeders Face License Loss, Jail Sentence

The law's big guns were fired today by Judge Clayton Parks in municipal court in a new war on speeding automobile drivers.

Drivers traveling 50 miles an hour or more on the city's arterial highways will face suspension of their license and a jail term.

Hereafter, according to Judge Parks' ruling, no driver will be permitted to forfeit bail and thus escape facing charges.

### To Order License Lifted.

The order came during the sentencing of four charged with traffic violations.

Richard J. Palmer, 2115 Franklin ave. se., Minneapolis, pleaded guilty to driving 62 miles an hour on University ave. in the Midway district Wednesday. He was sentenced to \$25 fine or 10 days. He paid the fine and Judge Parks said he would recommend suspension of Mr. Palmer's driver's license.

Dexter Kruger, New Brighton, Minn., admitted driving at 45 miles an hour on Rice st. He was sentenced to \$10 or 10 days, paid the fine and was ordered not to drive a car for 60 days.

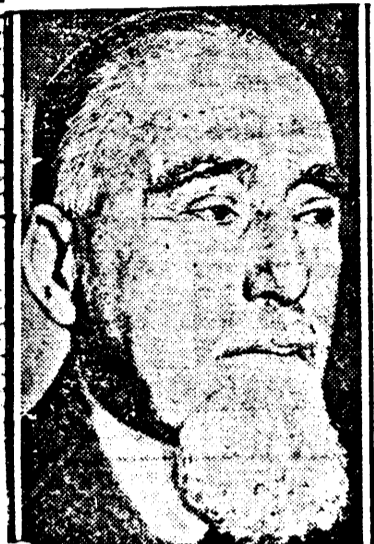
### Admit Passing Signs.

William G. Vent, 1974 Goodrich ave., pleaded guilty to driving through an arterial stop sign. He was fined \$3.

N. A. Battle, 622 N. 6th ave., Minneapolis, pleaded guilty to passing stop signs at Marshall ave. and River drive. He made the excuse of a weak heart. Judge Parks sentenced him to \$10 or 10 days and recommended a physical examination to determine whether Mr. Battle was fit to hold a driver's license.

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## PERSONALITIES IN TOK



A "merchant of death," LAURENCE V. BENET, inventor of the 600-shots-a-minute machine gun and director of the French company which makes them, denied munitions contribute more to war than the production of necessary foodstuffs.



From now on for 3 to 10 years the REV. PERRY EUGENE GRIFFIN and his sister-in-law, MADGE COPELAND, will be on the inside looking out. The minister from Adonis, Mo., and his illicit sweetheart were found guilty by a Harrisonville (Mo.) court of grand larceny. During their stormy career, which involved his desertion of her sister and three small children, she once freed him from jail.



Would you be a big banker like J. PIERPONT MORGAN? If so, "do your work; be honest; keep your word; help when you can; be fair." This was his recipe for success at the presentation of a medal for distinguished services rendered humanity.

## Karpis Aid Is Captured By Hoover

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Karpis—like a yellow rat," said Mr. Hoover, commenting on the capture.

His arrest, besides bringing to an end his desperate criminal career, polished off the Barker-Karpis gang completely, with only one man still definitely unaccounted for. He is Dr. Joseph Moran, face-lifter, fingertip-mutilator, surgeon extraordinary for the mob. But rumor—and the belief of Mr. Hoover himself—is that the body of Moran lies water-soaked and decaying at the bottom of Lake Erie, tossed there because he had "a fondness for drink and loose talk."

### No Reward.

The \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture will not be paid, Mr. Hoover said, because "full credit for the capture goes to department of justice men." He charged postal inspectors with lack of co-operation but refused to elaborate his charge, and added:

"I want it fully understood that G-men receive full credit for rounding up the entire Barker-Karpis mob. The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it, and there was a noticeable lack of co-operation on their part."

Did Karpis, captured Friday in New Orleans and brought here last Saturday on TWA airliner, crack?

Was it Karpis, the G-man the lead in Campbell's arrest?

was an indication that Karpis had "sung."

A G-man, among those waiting at the airport for the liner today was asked, "Will Karpis get the \$2,500 reward?"

"Well, he's entitled to it, isn't he," the G-man said.

Other sources, however, refused to substantiate the belief that five days of questioning would have "cracked" Karpis to the extent that he would tip off the pal credited by Mr. Hoover himself with being "the real master-mind of the Barker-Karpis crowd."

### Not Named In Hamm Case.

Campbell has been sought for more than two years and the search has been particularly intensive since he and Karpis shot their way out of a police trap in Atlantic City in January, 1935.

Announcement of Campbell's capture came from Mr. Hoover himself who led the raid, loaded Campbell onto a plane bound for St. Paul.

It was shortly after the shooting of Kate (Ma) Barker and Fred, her son, that Karpis and Campbell fled from the Florida home where the two were mowed down by federal agents.

With their two women, who were left behind when the two gunmen, surprised by a federal-police raid, fled after an exchange of shots. They were trailed half-way across the continent; then the trail chilled until a week ago when federal men learned the whereabouts of Karpis, descended on him as he was leaving a New Orleans apartment.

### Moll Alone Injured.

Although more than 200 shots were fired in the Atlantic City break of Karpis and Campbell, Dolores Delaney, Karpis' moll, was the only one injured. She suffered a leg wound.

Karpis and Campbell had fled from the Florida hideout of Ma and Fred

organized a raiding party late the night of Jan. 20, 1935.

### Find Them Ready.

The police expected to find Campbell and Karpis asleep. Instead, when they broke into the room, they found Karpis seated in a rocker, a machine gun in his lap. Campbell sat in bed, a machine-gun at his side. The two opened fire as police stepped in. Once in the corridor, thinking to arouse the women in an adjoining room, Karpis fired a blast through the door. One slub hit Miss Delaney.

Unable to wait for the two women, Karpis and Campbell sprayed the corridor with machine-gun fire, drove the detectives down the three flights of stairs, escaped through a rear door. Karpis stole a car out of the garage while Campbell held the officers back. In that car they escaped, Karpis clad only in trousers; Campbell only in his underclothing and a raincoat. Neither had shoes, wearing only house slippers.

A few days after their escape Miss Delaney gave birth to Karpis' son. Subsequently the two women went to the reformatory at Milan, Mich., for harboring fugitives.

### Found Asleep.

Mr. Hoover said that he and his agents found Campbell asleep in a second floor apartment in Toledo; that the gunman offered only slight resistance.

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

The G-men said that in Campbell's possession was \$2,700 in cash, a revolver, six clips of cartridges.

Mr. Hoover said his information was that 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 18 months, Mr. Hoover said.

murder, burglaries, safe-cracking and other crimes," Hoover said.

Campbell and Karpis, together with Fred Hunter and two others, their clan are named in warrants issued by the federal district court here as perpetrators of the \$46,000 mail train robbery in Garrettsville, O., last November. A federal grand jury was called here today to consider indictments against the men in connection with this robbery.

### Wanted In Oklahoma.

Campbell also is wanted in Rogers County, Okla., for one of that state's foremost unsolved crimes—the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa law in 1932.

Smith, who on several occasions represented members of the Barker-Karpis gang in criminal courts, was found beaten and shot to death in Tulsa's exclusive Indian Hill country club, across the county line in Rogers county.

Campbell, his companion, Fred Barker, since killed in a G-man ambush in Florida, and other members of the gang disappeared from the usual Tulsa haunts.

### Now Doing Time.

Jimmie Lawson and Eddie Snyder, two of the gang, since have been captured and are in prison.

It was Lawson who pinned Smith killing on Campbell.

Lawson confessed to Karpis authorities in March that he accompanied Campbell and Snyder on the death mission. He said Snyder beat Smith with a pistol butt. Campbell shot him, because Campbell owed the lawyer some money for defending him in a lawsuit.

**Oil Station Workers Wall**

# DAY'S NEWS SPOTLIGHT



The "five-year plan" for domestic bliss of DOROTHY SEBASTIAN and WILLIAM L. BOYD of the films lasted less than five months. The actress today had on file in Hollywood a suit for divorce. The Boyds adopted their plan after a trial separation of several weeks. It called for a "give and take." Bill, says Dorothy, gave her only unhappiness by taking days off from home without any explanation.



Claudette threatens to become a national name for girls, according to the press agents who serve CLAUDETTE COLBERT, film star. They say her fan mail for a single day revealed 249 youngsters named after her.



While the looters were going full blast in Addis Ababa before the invading Italians restored order, REPORTER BEN AMES of the United Press constantly risked his life sending dispatches. He was slashed by natives at one time.

officials, to stations which have signed agreements with the union. Those stations will be provided with banners designating their status. There are 25 such stations in St. Paul. It is estimated 3,000 employees will be on strike by noon today. William McComiskey, Minneapolis, president of Local 19802, Petroleum Workers' union, has listed 521 gas stations in St. Paul and 758 in Minneapolis.

**Some Stay Open.**  
Many of the stations remained closed this morning while others are expected to remain open in defiance of the union decree.

Union officials have ordered the strikers to attempt to halt all trucks hauling gasoline and oil. Pumps in attendant garages will be picketed, the union headquarters said. The strike was called, union officials said, because of the practice of oil companies in leasing stations to private operators. This, the union contends, results in reduced employment. The union demands the practice be abolished.

## Zep Covers 1,000 Miles Of Hop Over Sea

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was in nominal charge; actually Lehmann was the active commandant. Because of the delicate international situation, the result of Adolf Hitler's reoccupation of the demilitarized Rhineland, the ship skirted France and England, without touching either.

by building a sister ship to the Hindenburg. The Hindenburg is to make 20 crossings of the north Atlantic this summer, a round trip taking about a week.

## Work Relief Bill Starts Congress Row

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Rep. Clifford Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, a friend of the President who said that the President is desirous that the relief burden be turned over to local communities "as soon as possible."

- The type of projects partially "earmarked":
- Highways, roads and streets, \$413,250,000.
  - Public buildings, \$156,750,000.
  - Parks and other recreational facilities, \$156,750,000.
  - Public utilities, including sewer systems, water supply, airports, etc., \$171,000,000.
  - Flood control and other conservation, \$128,250,000.
  - White-collar projects, \$85,500,000.
  - Women's projects, \$85,500,000.
  - For Social Security.
  - Miscellaneous work projects, \$71,250,000.
  - Rural rehabilitation and farmer relief, \$85,500,000.
- Defending segregation of appropriations for work-relief, instead of for the PWA under Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes, the committee said:
- "In providing for continuance of

projects they consider "economically sound."

- Other appropriations in the bill:
- \$40,625,750 for the postoffice department, including \$23,000,000 necessitated by the 40-hour week, \$1,300,000 for domestic air-mail contracts, and \$16,206,250 for increased compensation, etc., to employees caused by increased business.
  - \$9,380,000 for war department needs, including additional subsistence costs and \$7,000,000 for an air corps depot near Sacramento, Calif. A total of \$3,000,000 for the depot is in the form of a contract authorization.
  - \$2,252,345 for the navy department, providing for naval public works projects including \$184,000 for the fleet air base, Pearl harbor; \$80,000 for a dispensary building and accessories at Mare Island, Calif.
  - \$2,030,000 for the bureau of the mint of which \$1,475,000 is for expenses in moving \$6,000,000,000 in gold to the new Ft. Knox, Ky., depository.

## Iowa Farmer Is Slain; Bride Of Week Held

ELKADER, Ia., May 7.—(UP)—Pearl Shine, 27, bride of Dan Shine, 60, Elkader farmer, was held in jail today for questioning in connection with the shotgun death of her husband. The farmer's body was found Wednesday night in his farm home, his head blasted to a pulp. The Shine's were married a week ago today.

**TRIALS OF FREEDOM.**  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — George Adams, 103-year-old Negro, longs for "the good old days of slavery." A court order for the arrest of the former Virginia slave was issued when he refused to move from or pay rent for the home of Mr. and Mrs.

## New Culbertson Bridge System To Be Shown At Daily News Classes

Be at The Daily News by 8 p. m. today if you want to learn the latest bidding system Ely Culbertson, ace of bridge experts, has evolved. Described as the greatest advance in bridge in many years, the new system is designed to give players an opportunity of exchanging much more information, and arriving at much sounder bids. The new system will be explained by Mrs. T. F. Naughton, 1029 Ashland ave., one of the leading Culbertson system teachers of the northwest, in a series of four lessons on successive Thursday nights in The Daily News auditorium. A charge of 35 cents per individual lesson, or \$1 for the series of four lessons, is being made. In addition there will be a tournament play at the end of the series, on the fifth Thursday night, for which a charge of 25 cents will be made. Prizes will be awarded the players at that session.

## Freddie Bartholomew Loses His War Pension

OTTAWA, Ont., May 7.—(UP)—Freddie Bartholomew, 12-year-old film star, has been dropped from the Canadian war pension list because he is earning a large salary in Hollywood, officials of the pensions department announced today. The young actor had been receiving a pension of \$180 annually as a dependant of his father who lost his leg while serving with the Canadian expeditionary forces during the war.

Those were asked today. In being there

**Cash Paid for Old Gold**  
**Bannon**  
St. Paul's Home Owned Store

Barker three days before a raiding party of G-men mowed them down, leaving the notorious Ma dying with a smoking machine-gun clasped in her hands.  
Karpis and Campbell headed north to Atlantic City, preceded by the Delaney girl and Wynona Burdette, Campbell's moll, who went by train. Their car, stolen, was left in a garage at Atlantic City, where it was spotted by Patrolman Elias Seab. He traced them to the Danmore hotel, near the boardwalk and

Mr. Hoover flew to Toledo Wednesday night from Washington. Gathering his men about him at dawn today, they descended on the Campbell apartment and took the pair with such a small display that residents in the building were unaware, for the most part, that the raid was in progress.

Mr. Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Mr. Bremer when he was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934.

Coker, on parole from the Oklahoma prison at McAlester where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. He is being held in Cleveland, will be returned to the prison later.

Campbell, Mr. Hoover said, was married in May, 1935, at Bowling Green, O. The chief G-man did not disclose the name of Campbell's wife but said he was under the impression she did not know the true identity of her mate.

The building in which Campbell was taken was a two-story apartment. Four apartments were on the second floor. The lower floor houses a delicatessen. Campbell lived in one of the front second-floor apartments.

**Under Many Aliases.**

The 36-year-old gunman operated under a score of aliases, among them T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Wingfield, George Swanson, George F. Summers and others.

Campbell was born at McClintoville, Pa., and his first appearance in the crime records came Dec. 25, 1920, when he was arrested at Tulsa, Okla., for investigation, fined \$18 and costs.

Jan. 20, 1921, he was sent to the Oklahoma state penitentiary for safe keeping, in connection with a bank robbery, from Lincoln county, Oklahoma. He was discharged from the prison June 11 that year, on a court order.

The next entry in the department of justice record of the captured man is April 29, 1932, when he was arrested by the sheriff at Tulsa on a charge of burglary. He was released on bond, and that case still is pending.

**Tipped Off.**

Following arrest of Campbell, Mr. Hoover disclosed that most of the gang hid out in Cleveland in the summer of 1934 after the Bremer kidnaping, a story substantiated in trials here of Harry Sawyer, finger-man; Cassius McDonald, money-changer, William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver and others.

Hoover declared that G-men could have taken Barker-Karpis mobsters then save for the fact that they "were tipped off by crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections."

Hoover declared that Karpis and Campbell plotted the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934. Bremer was released the following Feb. 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"Campbell and Karpis engineered this kidnaping," Mr. Hoover said, "and we have evidence to show that they are the two men described by Mr. Bremer as those who stood beside him and struck him several times while he was being held in the gang's hideout."

The 36-year-old mobster, Mr. Hoover said, had a "long career of

**Out On Strike**

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today and no violence was reported.

Hampden and University St. Paul, two truckloads of strikers were reported preparing to move on gas stations in that vicinity. They left before police arrived.

The order to strike followed when union officials said was the refusal of employing companies to accept Gov. Olson's offer of state industrial commission arbitration.

Nearly 1,300 stations in the Twin Cities area, including White Earth, Robbinsdale and other nearby communities will be affected by the walkout, according to union officials.

Protection is promised, by union

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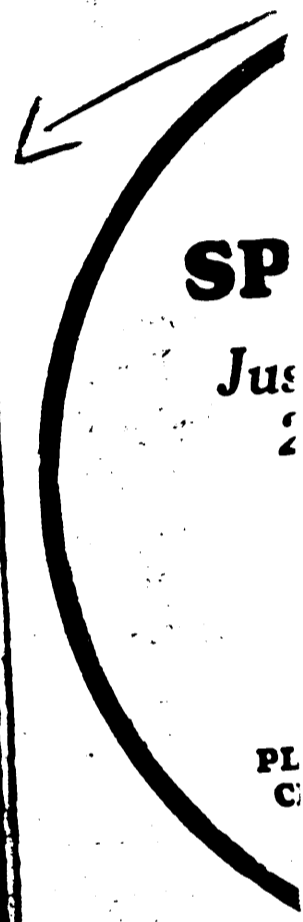
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turned safe. More than a score of detectives and plain clothesmen slept at the public safety building all night, ready for an immediate call to duty. Chief Dahill stayed there until 3 a. m., when he went home for a brief sleep.

Other overnight developments in the case included the arrival here by plane of Frank J. Blake, ace department of justice operative, from Texas, to aid in the hunt for the kidnapers. Blake led the roundup of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department's bureau of investigation, announced that he would use every force of his division to aid in the capture of the kidnapers.

### Ready To Pay.

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## DAHILL FINDS BLOOD.

The Daily News discovered that Chief Dahill, who has had 67 men on instant call but who has not yet officially entered the case, discovered the tell-tale blood stains upon examining the machine of the president of the Commercial State bank.

Meanwhile, the \$200,000 ransom money was ready and awaited the crucial contact with the kidnapers for final instructions as to payment.

The victim's father, Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and personal friend of President Roosevelt and others high in the national administration, begged publicly for police non-intervention.

"Leave us alone to carry through our plans," he pleaded. "We want to get Eddie back safely. That's all we ask."

In the belief they are dealing with a band of desperate criminals, police officials today equipped every man actively working on the case with bullet-proof vests.

A rush order for 25 of the vests was put in late Thursday by Chief Dahill.

The vests were secured as police "stood by" after the Bremer family had published a want ad in a Minneapolis paper announcing they were ready to pay the \$200,000 ransom demanded by the kidnapers of the St. Paul banker, and as the family waited anxiously for further word from the kidnapers as to how to make contact and deliver the money.

Police and federal officials respected the wishes of the Bremer family, and kept out of the case, in response to a request that they do this until the abducted man is released.

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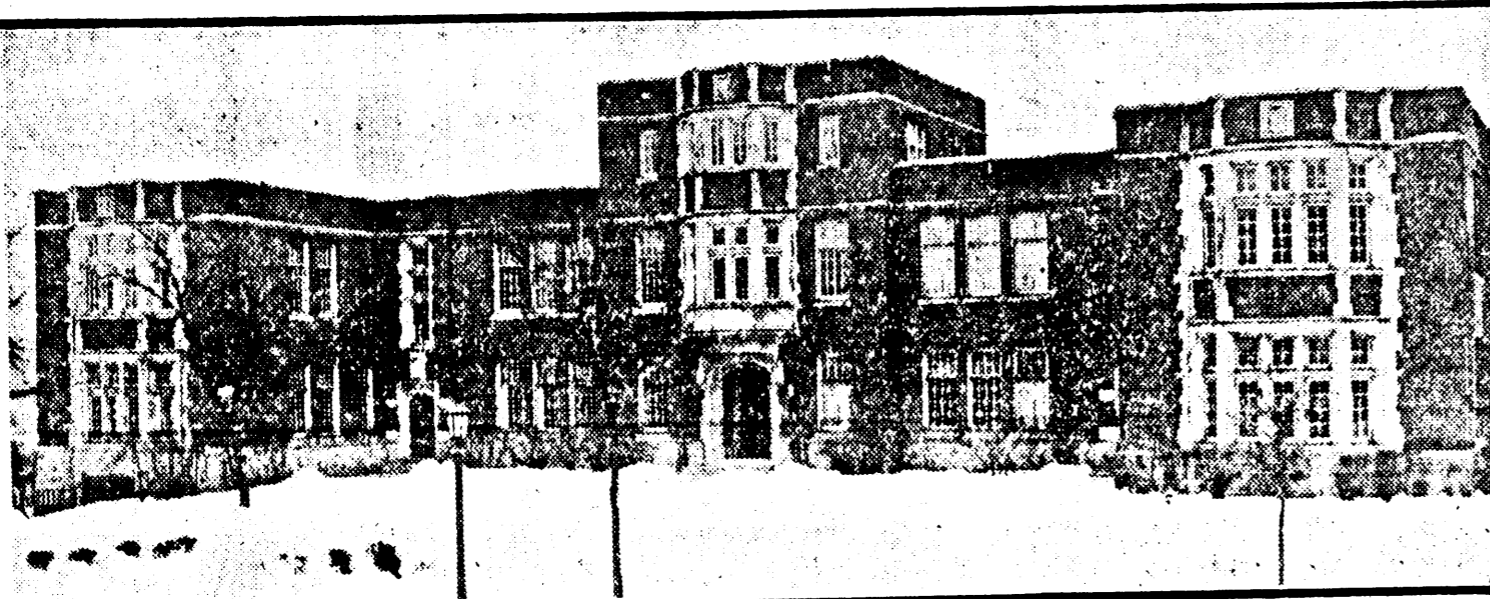
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Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, wife of the kidnapped banker, today was anxiously waiting for word from the kidnapers to pay the \$200,000 ransom for his return to his family.



WHERE KIDNAPED BANKER WAS LAST SEEN



Last place where Edward G. Bremer, held by kidnapers today for \$200,000 ransom, was seen was the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave., shown above. Mr. Bremer had taken his daughter Betty, 9, there from his home at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard. After leaving the school, where he was seen, he started for his office at the Commercial State bank, 114 W. 6th st., of which he is president. It was believed he was snatched on Summit ave. in view of scores of unsuspecting motorists, although authorities, as yet, have discovered no witnesses.

Ban All Law Practice Of Party Chiefs

Dem Leaders Must Not Have Clients At Capitol As F. R. Edict.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A clean sweep against the practice of combining the law and high party office in the capital was forecast today after a conference between President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley.

Further resignations from the Democratic national committee are likely. The revelation Wednesday that Mr. Roosevelt objects to the custom of national committeemen practicing law here was followed by announcement of two resignations. Robert Jackson resigned as secretary and committeeman from New Hampshire, and Frank C. Walker resigned as treasurer.

It was learned that the question raised by President Roosevelt's attitude will be discussed with Arthur F. A. J., national committeeman for Nebraska, when he returns next week from Omaha.

Orman H. Ewing, Utah national committeeman, and Dudley Doolittle, committeeman for Kansas, were said to be in the same class with the others if they are practicing law here.

Survey Of Old Buildings To Give 1,100 Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Armed with surveying implements, cameras and the comfortable knowledge that their next meal is assured, a small army of architects, numbering 1,100, soon will advance on thousands of old buildings, not in search of a foe, but to take pictures, and make blue prints.

Russ Predict World Crisis

Diplomats See Trouble In Attitude Of Japan.

BY FREDERICK KUH, United Press Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Authoritative dispatches from world capitals, bearing on the far eastern situation and the tension between Russia and Japan, led diplomats today to forecast a world crisis by the time of the 1935 naval conference.

With neither Russia nor Japan apparently ready for a showdown, months of political maneuvering are in prospect before the conference is

mindful Premier Benito Mussolini, seemed likely, along with Britain, to watch rather than participate in any efforts at group agreements.

A high Russian source informed the United Press that Russia, believing that Japan was determined on far eastern domination and perhaps on an attempt to absorb the Russian Pacific provinces, nevertheless was convinced Japan would make no move until she had strengthened her position in Manchukuo and augmented her army and navy.

May Cancel Conference.

The same source predicted that the crisis would be reached at the 1935 naval conference, but said significantly that Russia would participate in the conference if it were held. However, the informant suggested the likelihood that the conference would be cancelled because of Japan's known intention to demand a larger navy.

In the foreign affairs committee of the French chamber of deputies yesterday Chairman Edouard Herriot, a recent visitor to Russia, pointed

State Seizes Liquor Disguised As Candy

Seizure of 475 cases of "candy" today blocked plans of a Chicago manufacturer to distribute disguised liquor in Minnesota.

The candy called "kiklets," appeared on retail counters the past few days. It attracted attention of state dairy and food inspectors.

R. A. Trovatten, dairy and food commission, ordered seizure of 475 cases stored in a Minneapolis warehouse.

Each piece of candy, which retails at 5 cents, contains a small amount of whisky. Inspectors said 10 of the candies constituted about one ordinary drink.

Rush Rum Plans

Move To Hurry Passing Of F. R. Gold Plan Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Administration leaders decided today to push the dollar revaluation bill through the house this week in the belief that the foreign exchange situation necessitates early use of the proposed \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Soon after the house convened at noon, the gold bill was favorably reported by the house coinage committee.

In some quarters the desire to put the huge stabilization fund into operation quickly was viewed as portending a battle of billions between Britain and the United States for control of foreign exchange.

Points Research

Prof. Stakmees Homestead

The need of rest cure was never greater, Dr. E. C. Stakmees plant pathology at told a farmers and assembly at the farm. More than 1,000 attending the session Monday and will Friday.

"The agricultural stantly changing," said. "New economy being made, new plants are being introduced by natural and other problems of present or in the of the search for fact ward unremittingly.

Five Minnesota awarded gold medal improvement work by Crop Improvement ing its annual dinner farm Wednesday 1. The "premier se Theodore Mellum Botherwick of Br liam Friedrichs of Olstad of Hanska, son of Franklin.

The contest is sponsored by the Northwest C association and t Minnesota departm Thirty-three such presented during t on recommendation iversity after nomi bers, county agent.

Get Rum

To Be Given to Veterans On Monday

State liquor tax delivered to manufacturers and drug David R. Arundel, missioner, announced. The stamps will be the firms by state who will then sell



**Minnesota Weather**  
 Generally fair, warmer  
 south today; Saturday  
 possibly snow.  
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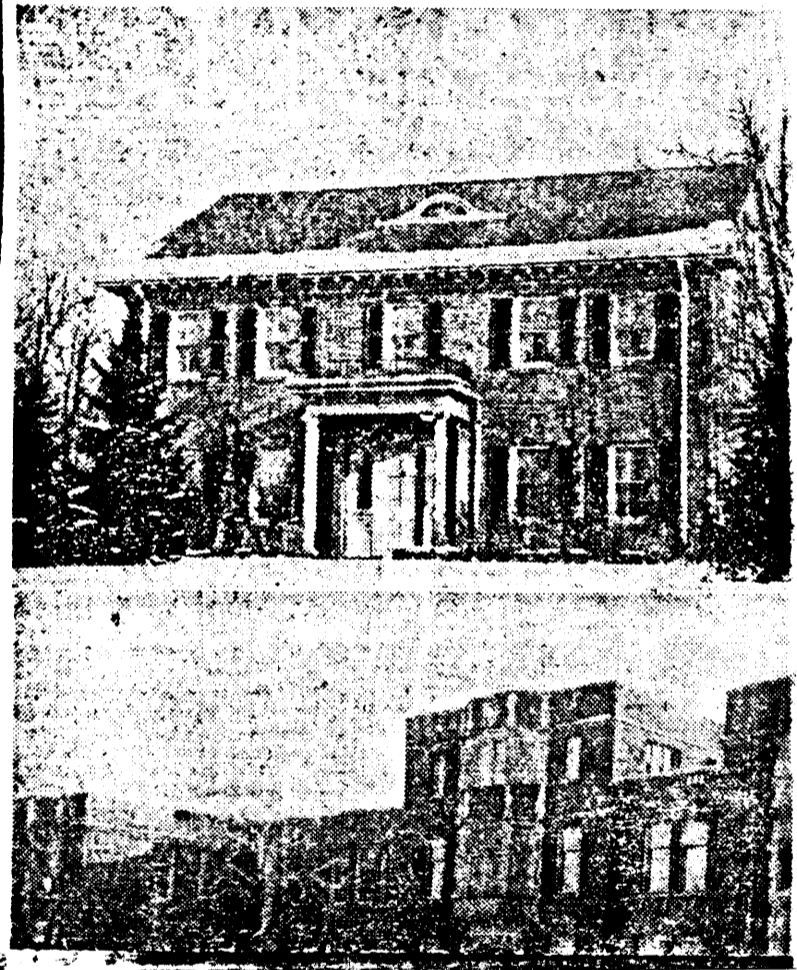
## BREMER FAMILY REAP RANSOM FOR RETURN



### WANT AD 'CONTACT' IN K

The classified ad through which the family of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, attempted to contact his abductors is reproduced at the right. Below is the home of Mr. Bremer at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard, (top) which he left less than half an hour before he was kidnaped, and the Summit school at Dunlap street and Goodrich avenue, to which he had accompanied his 8-year-old daughter, Betty. At the lower right is the wife of the kidnaped man.

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A venerable Washington institution may be revived, J. R. Wiggins reports on the Editorial Page today.



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## Want Ad Signed Alice Tells Abductors That Demands Will Be Met



### Police Halt All Activity On Request

Adolph Bremer — personal friend of President Roosevelt and Governor Olson—who was proffered the aid of the police forces of the nation, state and city, asked all police Thursday night to keep "hands off" the kidnaping of his son, Edward G. Bremer, until he could "get him back".

As Mr. Bremer made his request, Federal operatives who have led the way to the solution of some of the nation's gravest kidnapings mobilized in St. Paul. The St. Paul police and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ordered every man to a position of readiness.

But Mr. Bremer, president of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and a power in Northwest political and financial circles, asked them all to "wait, don't make a move that will endanger Eddie's safety".

They agreed to wait.

Adolph Bremer was the first man, so President Roosevelt said at the Chicago national convention which nominated him, to ever tell him he would some day be president of the United States.

Federal, State and City Police Forces Agree Not to Move to Apprehend Gang Rather Than Imperil Victim; Magee Denies Receiving Word From Mob Since Original Note Was Left at His Office.

### LEGION OFFERS TO ESTABLISH BUREAU FOR WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR HIDEOUT

The family and friends of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, kidnaped Wednesday, waited early today for his abductors to direct their next move toward effecting his release.

Their all-night vigil followed publication of a classified ad in the personals column of the Minneapolis Tribune Thursday morning reading:

"We are ready. Alice."

This was the signal the family was instructed to give when preparations were complete to open negotiations toward payment of the \$200,000 ransom demanded for Mr. Bremer's release.

So far as could be determined, the kidnapers had made no attempt to contact any member or friend of the family up to 2 A. M. today. Authorities, complying with the family's request, were making no move in the case pending the safe return of Mr. Bremer.

Instructions for insertion of the classified ad were reported to have been included in the letter from the kidnapers found by Walter W. McGee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the family, at the rear door of his office at 118 West Central avenue Wednesday, after he had been informed of the abduction by a telephone call.

# Hurls Book at Mob Alice Faints in Court

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## TWO RESERVE CHIEFS OPPOSE GOLD SEIZURE

### Morgenthau Submits Amendment to Simplify Huge Federal Refunding Task.

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Plain-spoken opposition to giving the Treasury title to all the Federal Reserve system's gold was presented to the Senate Banking committee tonight by Reserve board members, while Secretary Morgenthau submitted an amendment to the chief executive's monetary legislation to simplify the huge refunding task that lies just ahead.

Governor Black of the board told the committee it was all right for the Treasury to appropriate the profit in gold derived from revaluing the gold dollar but that the remaining 50 to 60 per cent of the Reserve bank's gold stocks should be left in those institutions.

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Frank J. Blake, star operative of the Department of Justice, arrived here Thursday night by airplane after a flight from Dallas, Texas, but declined all comment and after his departure from Holman Municipal Airport, could not be reached again during the night.

### OTHER OPERATIVES BELIEVED EN ROUTE.

Blake directed the government's roundup of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire. Besides him, it is believed several of the department's undercover men are on their way to St. Paul.

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Late Thursday an air of quietness pervaded the Bremer home at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard, a large brick residence set among trees well back from River boulevard a short distance north of Summit avenue. No police guards could be seen and there appeared to be a complete lack of any activity.

A Pioneer Press reporter, calling at the house, was met at the door by Werner Hanni, head of the Justice department here. Asked permission to interview Mrs. Bremer, Hanni refused.

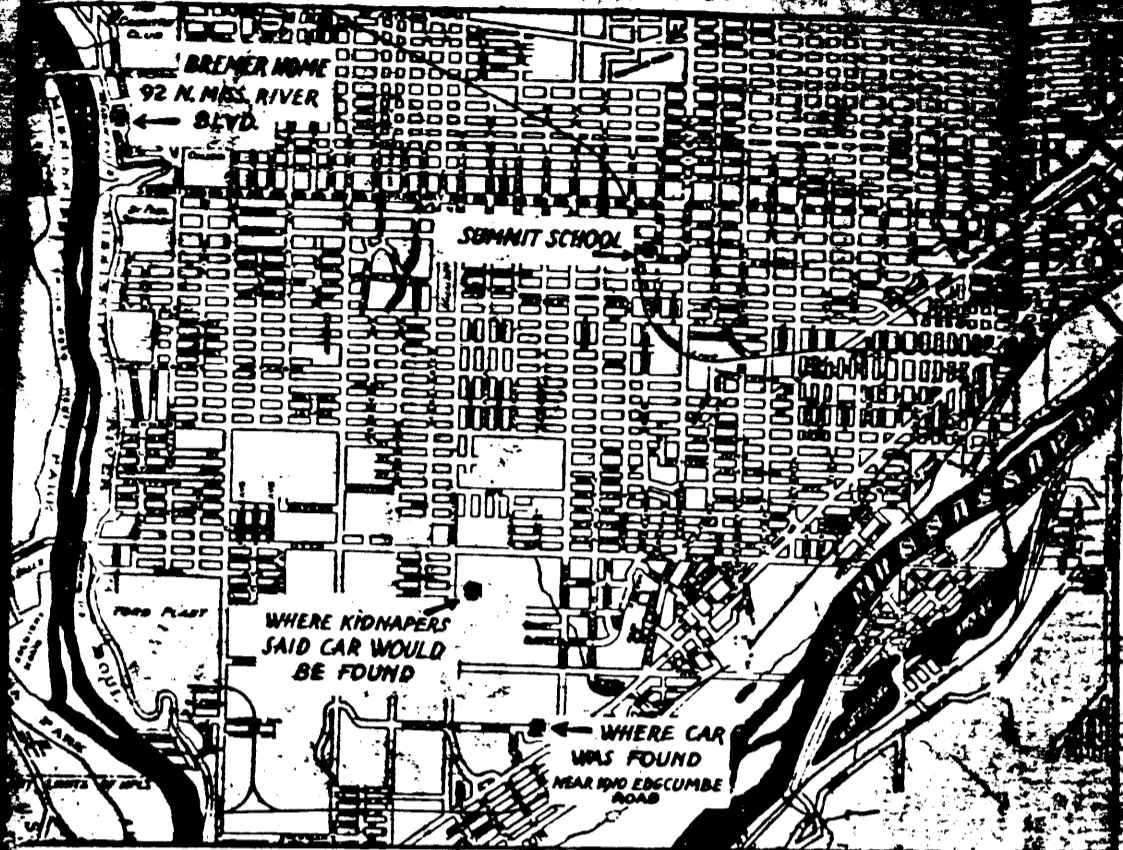
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He then was asked if Betty Bremer

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## PROBABLE ROUTE OF BREMER



The route which Edward Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, is believed to have traversed Wednesday morning when he was taken to his abductors is indicated on the above map by a heavy dotted line. Mr. Bremer accompanied his 7-year-old daughter as far as the Summit school, Dunlap street and Good avenue, and was kidnaped somewhere between the school and Commercial State bank at Sixth and Washington streets, of which he is president.

### FIGHT ON KIDNAP MENACE URGED HERE

'Horrible Situation,' Says T. D. O'Brien, Director of Law and Order League.

The abduction of Edward Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker—the fifth major abduction here in two and a half years—constitutes a "horrible situation," T. D. O'Brien, St. Paul attorney, asserted Thursday night.

Mr. O'Brien is a director of the newly formed Minnesota Law and Order League. In commenting on the Bremer kidnaping Mr. O'Brien made it understood he was not speaking for the organization.

Said Mr. O'Brien: "This crime is a striking illustration of the necessity for arousing the public to the deplorable condition that exists in this country. I personally think that citizens should support public authorities to the fullest extent in putting down the crime wave. If we do not have enough police, let us get more. If a state constabulary is necessary, let one be established. Let sufficient money be spent by private or public sources to fully equip peace officers of the state so that these desperate gangsters can be fought on equal terms. The Bremer kidnaping is a horrible situation."

Mayor Mahoney issued a statement in which he said:

"The kidnaping of Mr. Bremer comes to me as a terrible shock. I am sure that every citizen of St. Paul experiences a deep sense of sorrow for Mr. Bremer's family and sympathy for his early return."

"Kidnaping has become an increasing menace which the national government has recognized by the passage of special legislation. This is an outrage for a challenge to every law-enforcing agency and every law-abiding citizen."

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Mr. Sacks, Democrat of Alabama, developed that Sacks had been a member of the Missouri delegation at the convention in 1932. He testified that Sacks and the two other men, who were the late Postmaster-General's assistants, were the only ones who had seen the letterhead.

### BREMER FAMILY READY TO RANSOM BANKER

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er had noticed an automobile following her or her father as they drove to Summit school Wednesday. "Betty doesn't know anything about it," Hanni said. "Her father took her to school and left her there and that is all she knows."

Officials at the school had no clues. They said Betty arrived Wednesday some time before 8:40 A. M., when school begins, but that they had not noticed her arrival particularly or observed Mr. Bremer drive away.

Mr. Bremer is a member of Post 8 of the American Legion as is William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer who paid \$100,000 for his release from kidnapers last summer.

Robert G. Flynn, Fourth District Legion commander, and a score of assistants, kept long distance telephone wires out of St. Paul busy until an early hour today as they called state, district and post commanders to join in the search for Mr. Bremer and the kidnap gang. This hunt will include, according to tentative plans:

A search of the environs of every city, village and hamlet of the state by organized groups of Legionnaires to uncover possible gangster hideouts, find out whether residents have observed suspicious strangers recently or discover any other clues that might aid in the hunt.

Offer of the full manpower of Legion posts to village, city and county peace officers for use in running down clues, forming posts for any other purpose looking toward the apprehension of the kidnapers.

quarters of the Legion in the State Historical building here.

Enlistment of 80,000 Legionnaires in the neighboring states of Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota in the search through an appeal to their department commanders by Michael Murray of St. Cloud, Minnesota commander.

Edward W. Carruth of Herington, Kan., national vice commander of the Legion, who was in St. Paul Thursday night to address a post commanders dinner, gave the Legion search his hearty indorsement and assured St. Paul leaders that the national organization would lend any assistance it can.

"Gangland's outrageous affront to the forces of law and government in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, following only a few months on the seizure of Mr. Hamm, constitutes a challenge to the American Legion and all that it stands for," Mr. Flynn asserted.

"If this sort of thing is to continue, the time will come when no American home is safe from the capacity of these bandits. The American Legion cannot stand by while such a catastrophe occurs."

"For that reason, and because Mr. Bremer, and Mr. Hamm as well, are members of a St. Paul Legion post, we of St. Paul are calling to every Legionnaire in Minnesota for his assistance in finding Mr. Bremer and ridding St. Paul of the menace."

Mr. Murray, the state commander, will, of course, have to make the official announcement for the state department, but it is certain that the search will be a wide one.

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# ETS DEATH THREAT

*Where Ransom Note Was Found*



## Report Contact Has Been Made With Kidnappers



First view of the Edward G. Bremer abduction came through Walter W. Magee, head of the contracting firm that bears his name. He was at it on Wednesday, two hours after the abduction, received a telephone call, informing him of the same. Mr. Magee was told that a ransom note was to be found at the back door of his office. The photograph shows where the ransom note was found. It is believed that the note was prepared and that Mr. Magee was the first to see it.

Walter W. Magee, contact man, police, federal officers and members of the Bremer family were anxiously awaiting word from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Commercial State bank president, late today.

They did not know, it was reported, in what form the contact from the kidnapers would be made as the captors of the banker sought to secure the \$200,000 ransom they have demanded for his safe return.

**RANSOM REPORTED READY.**

Police and relatives refused to state this afternoon whether they have answered the kidnapers' demand for the \$200,000 ransom, but authoritative reports had it that the \$200,000 in old bills, of small denominations and not consecutive in number, as demanded in the first note, is ready and waiting further word from the abductors.

Unofficial reports at police headquarters were that this information had been given to the snatchers, and further word as to the time and place of delivery of the ransom was being awaited.

Secrecy was being maintained as to the moves to contact the kidnapers, as it had been maintained since the abduction Wednesday morning.

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**Must Press Fight On Gangsters, Asserts Law League Organizer**

Judge Thomas D. O'Brien, who recently urged the Missouri Law and Order League, urged increased police force and support of law enforcement agencies by the public when informed today of the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

"This crime is but another instance," he said, "reestablishing the absolute necessity for a general movement to support public authority in putting crimes down.

"We must create a sentiment which will result in a sufficient

to equip police force and equipment to cope with the activity, cunning and resourcefulness of the gangsters."

Judge O'Brien emphasized that he was speaking in behalf of the law and order league because organized crime has not advanced sufficiently to take part in such crimes at this time. Judge O'Brien is chairman of the organization and spoke of the league on the radio in St. Paul Jan. 10. Dr. Donald J. Corning, head of Carleton College, Northfield, is president. He is said to be in St. Louis.

"Crime" and Judge O'Brien on the day of the meeting, "must be fought with the auto, the airplane, the radio and above all, with money. We must either do this or have body-fights to walk down the streets of St. Paul."

**3 Convicts Slain In Break**

By United Press.  
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State officials said the break was led by Walter Robinson, 31, who was imprisoned here after escaping in the sanguinary Angola prison riot several months ago. Robinson was wounded badly.

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TULSA, Okla., Jan. 18.—Harry F. Sinclair, president of Sinclair Oil and Refining Co., was named in a complaint returned here today charging embezzlement in connection with the failure of the Exchange Trust Co., Tulsa.

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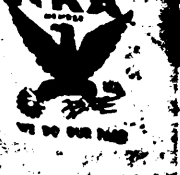
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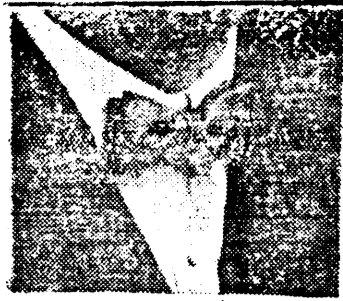
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### SECOND MAJOR CASE IN 7 MONTHS.

It was the second big abduction in seven months of a member of a St. Paul brewing family. William Hamm Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing Co., paid \$100,000 for his release last June.

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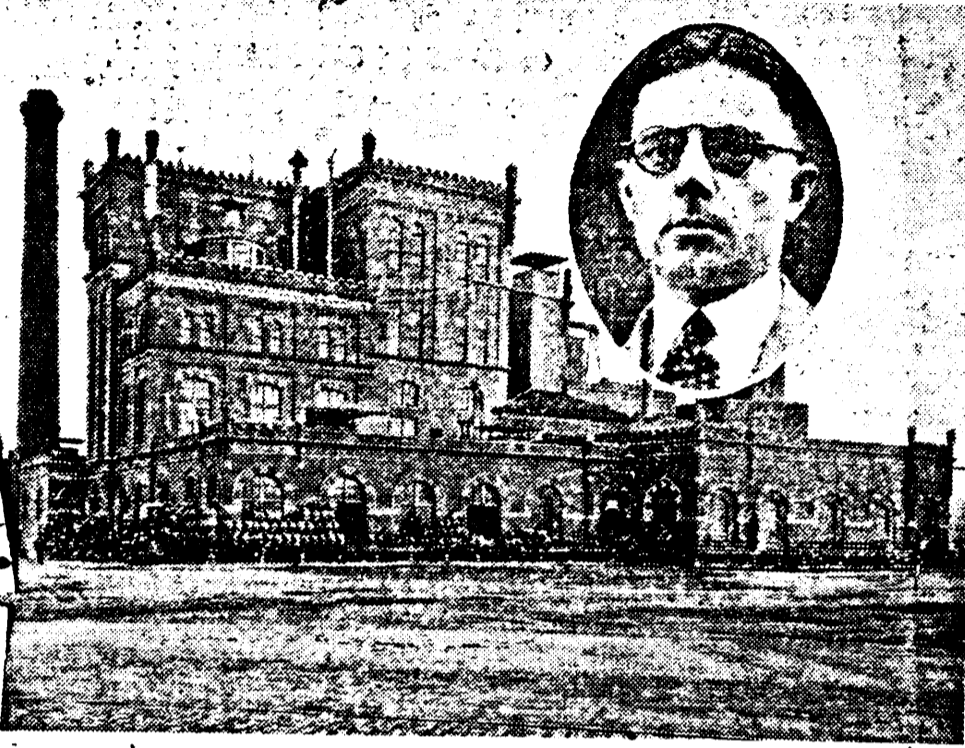
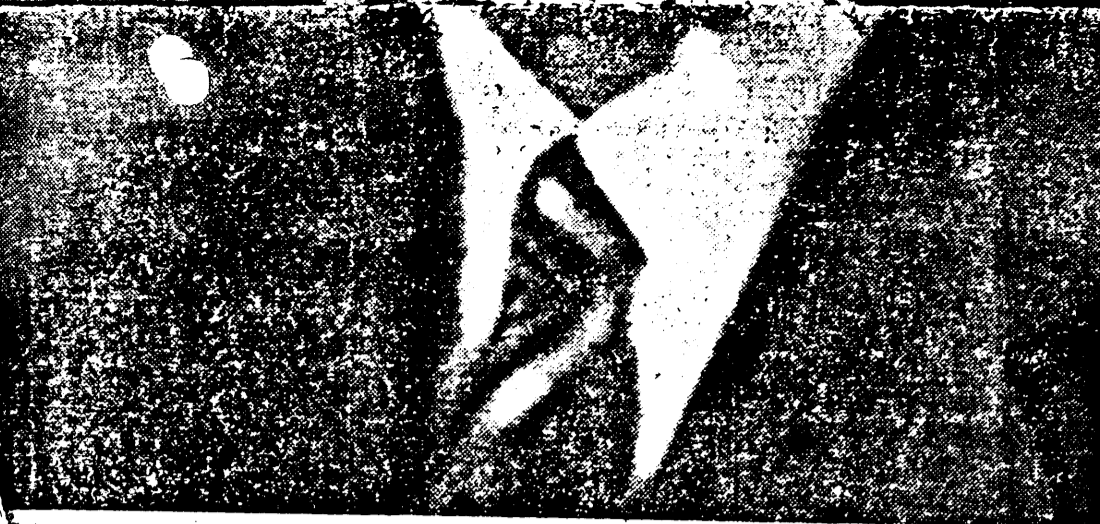
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## 4 OTHER KIDNAPINGS IN 30 MONTHS HERE

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St. Paul has been the scene of four other major kidnappings in the past two and one-half years. From their four victims the abductors obtained \$128,400 of the \$310,000 demanded as ransom. All of the victims suffered physical hardships, but are alive today. Of the approximately 20 suspects in the four abductions, eight have been convicted. Here are details of the kidnappings in chronological order:

**SEPTEMBER 24, 1931**—Leon Gleckman, reputed political manipulator, kidnaped by four men. Held approximately a week in a Northern Wisconsin cabin. Ransom first demanded, \$75,000; amount paid, \$6,400, of which \$5,500 was recovered. Five men serving terms in Stillwater for the abduction.

**OCTOBER 5, 1931**—Morris Rutman, dress shop owner, abducted from his home, 1079 Dayton avenue, by two men. Held for several days and tortured before released. Ransom asked, \$100,000. Later reduced to \$10,000. Reported to have been paid. Two men convicted and serving prison sentences. A third still sought for complicity in the case.

**JUNE 30, 1932**—Haskell Bohn, youthful son of a refrigerator manufacturer, kidnaped from garage at his home, 1405 Summit avenue and held until July 6 in a Minneapolis home. Abductors first demanded \$35,000, but released Bohn for \$12,000. One man convicted and serving sentence, and the wife of another suspect, whom police since have sought, acquitted of complicity.

**JUNE 15, 1933**—William Hamm Jr., millionaire brewer, kidnaped by two men as he left his office. Believed to have been taken to Wisconsin and held for \$100,000, which was paid shortly before his release, June 19. Four men, three of whom now are on trial for the Jake Factor abduction in Chicago, were acquitted of Hamm kidnaping charges. The fourth hanged himself in Ramsey county jail.

### HIT-AND-RUN MOTORIST RUNS DOWN PEDESTRIAN

William Aftelder, 40 years old, 439 Van Buren street, was cut and bruised at 2:20 A. M. today when he was run down by a hit-and-run driver at Eighth and Robert streets. He was taken to Ancker hospital. According to witnesses, the motorist kept on driving rapidly west on Eighth street.



of the missing man. At the upper is Tierney, inspector of detectives, is Detective Thomas A. Brown. In the lower center is the Schmidt of Seventh street. Inset in the is Edward Penschuck, who was when he was notified of the kid-

## King Ship ter Fills Hold

away the peak halyard and brought down the foresail. The yacht began to ship water and two pumps were started. They drifted through a rough sea and bitter cold with the wind lashing the yacht and the leak ever widening. At 11 A. M. they sighted the Gulf land. The yacht had no radio. The ensign was run up, top side down. The Gulf land indicated understanding the signal. The men threw buckets of water over the side of the (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

of Otto Bremer, 1344 Summit avenue, a Democratic power, chairman of the American Nat. bank and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners Loan corpora-

Kidnapers are reported to have seized him between 8:15 A. M. and 10 A. M. Wednesday, possibly on Summit avenue or in downtown St. Paul.

As was his custom, he drove his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, to Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, where she is a pupil in the third grade, and apparently continued on his way to the bank at Sixth and Washington streets to begin his day's work.

His route probably lay east on Summit avenue to Sixth street and thence to the bank. Somewhere along this line the gangsters are believed to have forced his automobile to a halt and taken him. He failed to show up at the bank.

According to reports the next heard of Mr. Bremer, a telephone jingled in the office of Walter W. Magee, 118 West Central avenue, general contractor, an associate of the Bremers and builder of the new state office building. Mr. Magee also said he knew nothing of the affair.

### PHONE CALL TELLS WHERE TO FIND CAR.

A low voice is said to have told Mr. Magee he could find the Bremer car at the Highland park water tower, Snelling and Otto avenues, and a note on the back door step of his home, 1295 Lincoln avenue.

The contractor, trying to prolong the conversation is reported to have hastily instructed Ed Penschuck, former city deputy commissioner of public utilities, who was in the office, to get on another line to trace the call, but the kidnaper clicked his receiver and the effort failed.

Magee speeded home and found the note where he had been told it would be. It was addressed to "Charles Magee," was written on a typewriter and signed in ink. The signature was shaky, indicating the author perhaps was nervous.

Bremer's automobile was not found at the Highland Park water tower, where the telephoner is reported to have said it had been left, but was near the home of Martin Thornton, 1910 Edgcombe road, president of Thornton brothers' contracting concern, more than a mile away.

Michael F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, hastened back to St. Paul Wednesday night from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had stopped en route to a southern resort with his wife, who is ill. This lent credence to the reports of the kidnaping. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, conferred this morning with Mr. Kinkead.

The Bremer kidnaping follows acquittals in two St. Paul kidnaping trials. Mrs. Verne Sankey won a "not guilty" verdict in the abduction of Haskell Bohn, 1405 Summit avenue, son of a refrigerator manufacturer.

The second acquittal was that of the Touhy gang November 28. Roger Touhy, Gus Schafer, Eddie McFadden and Willie Sharkey were cleared by a Federal District court jury of the kidnaping of William Hamm. Three days after acquittal, however, Sharkey hanged himself in Ramsey county jail and the other three are on trial in Chicago for the snatching of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, speculator.

### WON HIGH UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

Mr. Bremer is a native of St. Paul. Born in the family homestead, 855 West Seventh street, he was educated in primary schools here and attended George Washington university in Washington, D. C., winning a master's and a bachelor of laws degree.

Returning here in 1919, he went to work as messenger boy in his father's bank, the Commercial State, when it was at Seventh Corners. He worked himself up through all the positions, teller, bookkeeper, cashier, and finally took his father's place as president of the institution.

Mr. Bremer was married about ten years ago to Miss Emily Esswein of Minneapolis. The couple have one child, Betty. He has one brother, Adolph Jr., 855 West Seventh street; and three sisters, Louise, 855 West Seventh, whose engagement to George Benz of St. Paul recently was announced; Mrs. Franklyn Holloway Matson (Katherine Bremer), 881 Fairmount avenue, and Mrs. Victor Philip Reim (Marie Bremer) of New Ulm, Minn. His mother is dead.

# AAA WORKS, SOLONS TOLD BY WALLACE

Secretary Concedes, However, That Not All Phases Have Succeeded.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace stepped before a Senate committee today with the assertion that the first eight months operation of the greatest farm experiment ever conducted in this country had provided a "conclusive demonstration" that it would work.

Before accounting for his stewardship over the agricultural adjustment act, Wallace first looked ahead to the possible development later of "longer-term plans which will provide for more flexibility on individual farms."

The farm chief, appearing by invitation before the Senate agriculture committee, was generally optimistic. Farmers signing contracts to reduce production, he said, had carried through "almost 100 per cent."

**Some Plans Fail.**

At the same time, he conceded his administration had failed to carry out all of its plans, particularly with milk marketing agreements.

"Although conceivable we might fail to readjust agriculture in the future because we were unable to devise plans which would meet the needs of the situation," he said, "the experience of this year has demonstrated that so long as plans can be devised which appeal to farmers as practical and sound and in their own interest we will not fail because farmers will not co-operate with us because the job of working out that co-operation is impossible."

Wallace then declared "the experience of 1933" stood as proof "that those phases of the agricultural adjustment act which its opponents declared were administratively impossible of achievement can be carried out."

"The operations with wheat, cotton and tobacco have demonstrated conclusively that farmers will co-operate in controlling their own production," Wallace said.

**Decentralizes Job.**

"By decentralizing the responsibility for making the manifold decisions involved in carrying out each of these plans, and using the full facilities of the federal-state extension services, it has been found both feasible and practical to carry through operations involving hundreds of thousands and millions of individual farmers."

He asserted some of the achievements thus far included reducing the world carryover of American cotton to about 10,500,000 bales as compared with 13,000,000 bales in the summer of 1932; nearly doubling the income of Southern cotton farmers in 1933; obtaining agreements from 80 per cent of the nation's wheat farmers to reduce their production by 15 per cent; payments to wheat farmers of \$25,000,000; the institution of production control measures for rice and tobacco; and the purchase of 6,420,000 pigs and sows as initial steps in a corn-hog program.

Most rapid strides, he said, were made during the eight months in compelling cotton production, resulting in co-operating farmers receiving almost the full parity income on that part of their crop consumed domestic

program unseamy and, instead, efforts centered in the program for 1934, with negotiations being carried on with foreign countries to further an international readjustment of wheat supplies.

Because the acreage reduction was only about eight-tenths of that expected, he said, it was indicated that some non-co-operating farmers increased their acreage while some contract signers planted more. The latter must remove their excess plantings before they can receive further benefit payments, Wallace declared.

Wheat farmers are also receiving almost full parity income, he added, with about 500,000 farmers in 1,700 counties of 37 states receiving first benefit payments of 20 cents per bushel. In addition to payments to date of 28 million dollars, he said, 42 million dollars of the initial payments have yet to be made.

Wallace said that after excess cotton has been consumed and a normal market returns an outlet for the production of possibly 40 million acres will develop.

**Wheat Demand Decreases.**

Reduction in the demands for wheat with changing consumption habits has been so great, however, he added, that "barring wars, we may never again need as much land in wheat production as we had during the past decade."

Regarding the processing taxes levied on wheat and cotton, the secretary said "it is as yet too early to tell exactly what the effect of the tax on consumption will be."

However, he added, "the evidence seems quite clear in both cases, that practically the full amount of the tax has been passed on to the consumers and that the application of the tax has had little or no effect on prices paid to producers."

Wallace urged livestock producers to "be patient for a time while we are trying to work their problems out."

Effects of the emergency pig slaughter program last fall will be felt on the markets between now and May 1, Wallace maintained.

## 3 WOMEN RESCUED

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craft as sign language for "we are shipping water."

Madora Gebben completed the message, "three women on board," by standing atop the towing cabin and raising her arms high above her head three times.

The Gulfland put out a boat too small to buck the great waves, and had to return. A 36-passenger life boat was lowered.

So rough was the sea the life boat could make no contact with the Alamyth. It tossed several feet away. The sailors in it braced themselves, held out their arms and to them were hurled the three women, one at a time.

The men of the sinking craft were able to leap across the space. It was bitter cold, they said. Mrs. Conklin was clad only in pajamas. Miss Gebben had only a sport suit. Mrs. Franklin Kobbe was clad in a dress, but had no coat.

With great difficulty the life boat was rowed back to the Gulfland, four oars breaking as waves whipped the sides.

The transfer later from the Gulfland to the cutter Thetis was almost as difficult.

## Officials Will Back Rum Laws

# VICTIMS IN FORMER KIDNAP



Four St. Paul men who have paid \$128,400 for their release by kidnapers in the past two and a half years appear above. The victims and ransoms paid are, left to right, Haskell Bohn, son of a St. Paul manufacturer, \$12,000; Leon Gleckman, reputed political manipulator, \$10,000; William Harwood, \$10,000; and a fourth man, \$100,000.

## ARMS ULTIMATUM OF FRANCE REVEALED

Internationalization of Decreased Air Forces One of Nine Points.

Paris, Jan. 16.—(AP)—France has informed Germany that "automatic, periodic and equal supervision" of all armaments must be the foundation of any disarmament agreement, it was learned today.

The stand was taken in a memorandum transmitted to Berlin January 1. The German answer is expected daily.

The memorandum, it was learned on highest authority, makes the following points:

1. Any new non-aggression pact must offer additional guarantees of security without weakening the old ones.
2. Supervision of armaments must be accepted by all nations signing the pact.
3. Any consideration of German army strength must take into account police and other organized forces, such as the Nazi storm troops.
4. France is willing to reduce her army on a parallel with transformation of the German army into a similar defensive short-term conscript army.
5. France is willing to halt her armaments at the present level of armaments and forbid the manufacture of cannon of a higher caliber than that accepted by other nations.
6. The plan is to be divided into two phases, the first of which would be experimental.
7. France is willing to abolish bombing planes and to destroy 50 per cent of her present equipment if this is accepted by other states.
8. The internationalization of all air forces is desired.
9. Negotiations must be made at Geneva within the League of Nations.

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## JOHNSON TO REPLY

TO POLITICS OF NRA



**TIMS IN FORMER KIDNAPINGS**



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**M'CORMICK AUCTION BRINGS IN \$47,512.50**

**Daughter Gets Many Pieces From 34-Room Chicago Mansion.**

Chicago, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Moving vans and trucks backed in at the grey turreted mansion on Lake Shore drive today and began carting away the rich furnishings that had belonged to the late Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick.

The contents of the 34-room mansion, much of it appraised as museum pieces, was sold at auction and realized a total of \$47,512.50.

With the furnishings of Villa Turicum, Mrs. McCormick's Lake Forest estate, yet to be sold to the highest bidder, the personal property of the social arbitrator, whose wealth was once rated at 50 million dollars, is going under the hammer to satisfy claims against the estate.

**Daughter Avid Bidder.**

Mrs. McCormick's daughter, Muriel, now Mrs. Elsha Dyer Hubbard, was an avid bidder of her mother's possessions both in New York and Chicago.

Today she was successful in securing for a bid of \$935 the furnishings of her mother's room in the town house with the exception of a daybed which went to a close friend of the late social leader.

Mrs. McCormick's room on the second floor was furnished in Louis XIV period with most of the pieces imported from Paris. They included a carved and gilded bedstead with rose taffeta canopy, which went to Mrs. Hubbard for \$100. A French Nineteenth century Louis Philippe Aubusson carpet cost Mrs. Hubbard \$300.

As Mrs. Hubbard was bidding in the Louis XVI finely carved marble mantelpiece, which she obtained for \$55, some one raised a window shade and across Lake Shore drive could be seen the fourth story window of the room in the Drake hotel where the daughter of John D. Rockefeller Sr. died of cancer and complications in August, 1932.

**Buys Expensive Car.**

Mrs. Hubbard also obtained for \$1,800 her mother's town car, a handsome vehicle of foreign make. It originally cost \$24,000 and was trimmed in solid gold.

A buyer who frequently contested with Mrs. Hubbard was the representative of John F. Cuneo, head of a Chicago publishing firm.

He succeeded in securing for Cuneo several important pieces, including paneling from three rooms—the richly carved French 18th century dining room paneling for \$1,075 and the parcel-gilded mahogany paneling with fireplace in the empire room for \$310.

Richard Levy, one of the auctioneers, expressed satisfaction at the receipts, saying it was difficult to dispose of the type of furnishings such as Mrs. McCormick had collected because not many Americans have homes in which to suitably display them.

The sale of the library realized \$3,676.50. Mrs. Hubbard sought to bid in the books closely associated with her mother or containing her book plate.

**MAN HELD IN CHOPPER MURDER GIVEN FREEDOM**

Without waiting for the formal...

**Hecklers Took Them Are Losing Power in Bc**

**Not Afraid to Face Home Constituency Again, Says Ramsay MacDonald.**

Seaham Harbor, England, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald Wednesday visited his constituency for the first time since election which put the national government into the saddle. He was butt of some boozing and considerable heckling.

The remarks, however, did not faze one gray hair of his head.

Speaking in defense of the government's policy, the premier gave critics the goods he received from them, finally telling them they were not afraid to return and vote again.

Boos mingled with cheers as MacDonald rose, but he called them "a most excellent gurgur", adding that "The last I was here was before the election and on that occasion the boos were more successful than tonight."

Later, as he elaborated on the government's accomplishments, an man who had been interrupted chimed in with: "Yes, 194 a year when the premier mentioned his salary cut."

Turning to the woman, the minister said: "I know, you manage my job very well you. It would give me at any rate a chance to live a quiet life."

"Will you be high in the sky you die?" asked another he to which MacDonald shot "Many thousands who save their lives that others might were inspired by that at which have sneered."

**940 HELD IN VIENNA FOR NAZI BOMBING**

**Three Explosions at Rail Station as Italian Official Arrives for Parley.**

Vienna, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Three exploded in front of the railway station today as Nazis demonstrated connection with the arrival of Suvich, Italian under-secretary of state, to confer with Austrian officials.

Police smashed back against Nazis and made 940 arrests noon.

The Nazis were demonstrated throughout the nation, but the heaviest disturbance was in front of picturesque Karls Kirsche where concentrated after being through the side streets of "Ambassadors Quarters," where of the foreign legations are situated.

Opening of the great highway between Bartica and the Kaituma waterfall, in the heart of the P gold fields, is expected to greatly increase business in that part of Guiana.

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**\$600,000 WELFARE AID BONDS VOTED**

City's Bonded Indebtedness to Be Within \$186,294 of Legal Limit.

Placing the city within \$186,294 of its legal bonded indebtedness limit, the City Council voted today to issue \$600,000 in welfare aid bonds.

The resolution providing issuance of the bonds was introduced by Mayor Mahoney. Introducing the resolution, the mayor said: "The Ramsey county assessor soon will make a reassessment of St. Paul property, and if the valuation drops we will not be able to borrow further money for our needs."

Figures from the city comptroller's office showed that on December 31 the city's bonded indebtedness was within \$1,186,294 of the limit. With the authorized issuance of \$400,000 in paving aid bonds, voted several weeks ago, the new \$600,000 issue will reduce the margin \$1,000,000, the comptroller's figures show.

**Liquor by Drink Bill Approved For Washington**

**Senate Passes House Measure Despite Warnings of Saloon's Return.**

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A new liquor law for the national capital, permitting sale by the drink in hotels, restaurants and clubs, was approved by the Senate Wednesday despite warnings that it would mean a return of the saloon.

# Today

(This column contains the personal views of a great commentator. His ideas do not necessarily coincide with the editorial ideas of The Daily News.)

**It Is Constitutional.  
Two Big Diamonds.  
Terrific Earthquake.  
NRA And Birth Control.**

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is glad to learn from Mr. Cummings, United States attorney general, that his monetary plan for a less expensive dollar and more expensive gold is constitutional. It is constitutional, also, for the government to take any gold that citizens may have and pay them at the old \$20 an ounce price. It is perhaps advisable for congress to pass a law indorsing the money plan and the attorney general's decision. The constitution says something about confiscation "without due process of law." Legislation by congress will fix that.

When anything good is found, a gold strike, or anything of that kind, it is wise to hunt around for more.

Twenty-six years ago, at Elands Fontein, 20 miles from Pretoria in South Africa, there was discovered the huge Cullinan diamond, biggest ever known. The Transvaal government gave it to Edward VII 26 years ago. Several stones were cut from that Cullinan diamond. The biggest, the "Star of Africa," is now in the British royal sceptre.

The next largest is in the British crown. They add to King George's royal majesty.

Recently somebody convinced that where you find one big diamond you might find another, has found in a loose stone, not far from the spot where the Cullinan was found, two very large diamonds, one weighing 508, the other 726 carats, the bigger stone perfect and flawless. The finder has refused \$375,000 "contemptuously" for these two pieces of almost pure carbon.

The northern part of India, close to the foot of the Himalaya mountains and gigantic Mt. Everest, reports the worst earthquake that the world has seen for years. Most disastrous, perhaps, in destruction of lives since the Lisbon earthquake that caused many to lose their faith in Providence because of crowds killed in the churches, where they had taken refuge.

Two thousand are reported killed in India, the streets of one city filled with ruins and dead bodies.

A thing new in earthquakes, water is reported spouting from the earth through great fissures, adding flood to the earthquake's terror.

The Himalaya mountains are far



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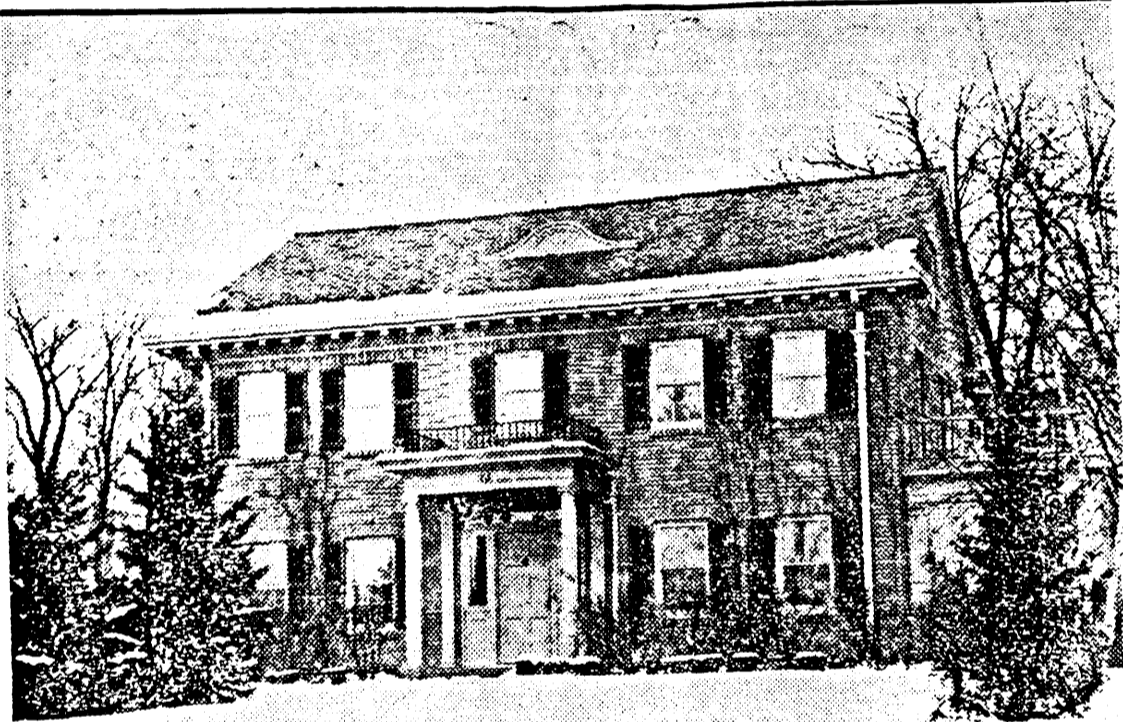
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

# EDWARD BREMER

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**\$200,000 RANSOM**  
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## VICTIM OF ST. PAUL'S LATEST KIDNAPING



Home of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, held by kidnapers today for \$200,000 ransom, is shown above. The home is at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard. Mr. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National bank, was snatched somewhere between his home and bank at 9 a. m. Wednesday, it was disclosed today. There were apparently no witnesses to the kidnaping, so carefully was it planned.

## Mrs. Bremer Waits At Phone

# ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

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ST. PAUL, MINN., THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1934

WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; somewhat colder Friday.

PRICE TWO CENTS

## BREMER KIDNAPED

## RANSOM ASKED

KIDNAPING, HOME AND FRIEND



### BANKER BELIEVED HELD BY MOB THAT SNATCHED HAMM; WALTER MAGEE GETS NOTE

Abducted In Broad Daylight; Car Later Found Abandoned; Police Admit Hearing "Rumor" Of Deed; Witnesses Lacking, Clues Scanty.

Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old banker and scion of a wealthy family, was in the hands of kidnapers today who are demanding \$200,000 for his release.

Chief Thomas E. Dahill today admitted that he had heard "rumors" of the reported kidnaping and was making every effort to run them down. He said he has as yet received no official notification of it from the Bremer family.

Striking for the second time within seven months at St. Paul's brewing millions, abductors, in one of the most sensational and perfectly-timed snatchings in St. Paul's history, seized the president of the Commercial State bank at approximately 9 a. m. Wednesday.

So perfectly was the kidnaping planned that police and federal agents have been unable to locate any witnesses and had but few clues to guide them.

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impressive. It reminds us of the marvelous safety in which we travel, usually, on this earth, whirling 1,000 miles an hour on its axis, traveling through the ether at absolute zero, with the blood in our bodies, on which life depends, maintaining the same even temperature at the equator or at the north pole.

We have cause for thankfulness. Mrs. Margaret Sanger, her specialty birth control, which in this country can be taught legally only to the rich, with expensive doctors, is running a birth control convention in Washington. A banner with an ingenious device shows the NRA eagle, its lightning bolt aimed at numerous storks, supposed to bring too many babies.

Mrs. Sanger says the time is not far off "when this government will be called upon face the question of birth control and sterilization as well."

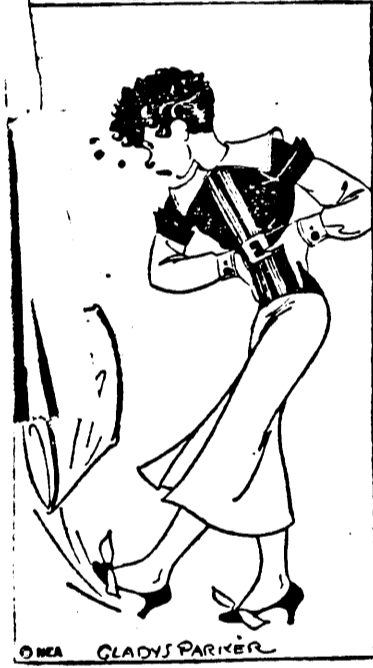
The United States up to 1929, did quite well without extensive official sterilization or government-encouraged birth control. Poor women, of course, are entitled to full knowledge concerning control of the number of children they choose to have. But fewer babies in the United States, barring children of the very poor, whose parents can not give them proper care, would be a calamity. We need 50,000,000 more population to eat what farmers produce and buy second-hand automobiles.

William Goering, prime minister of Prussia, said to be now more or less in disgrace with Hitler, issues an order abolishing all Prussian Masonic lodges, including "the grand national mother lodge of the three terrestrial globes," whatever they may be, and the grand lodge of German Free Masons of the German Christian order.

Herr Goering thinks one patriotic society based on Prussian patriotism is enough for Prussia, and that it

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**FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:**  
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.



A girl's anger is often measured by the foot.

**For News Of Kidnaped Husband**

**Reporters Denied Interview, Forcibly Ejected From Home.**

In her fashionable, luxuriously furnished home, 92 N. Mississippi river blvd., Mrs. Edward G. Bremer sat and waited today for some word from her kidnaped husband.

She was alone in her large house with only a maid. Her daughter had been sent away. The housework had been done; magazines laid geometrically neat, every chair was in its spotless corner. Mrs. Bremer waited beside the telephone in a balcony sitting room.

**Anger, Fear Mingle.**

The longer she waited, the more anger became mixed with worry—anger against a state that permitted such crimes.

Reporters rang the bell. The maid answered, took the names.

From her balcony telephone, Mrs. Bremer said she had nothing to say. "Can we have just a minute, just a couple of questions," the reporters pleaded, through a crack in the door of the little anteroom into which the maid had admitted them.

"No, I don't want to see you. There's nothing here anyway." "You mean it isn't true that your husband has been kidnaped?" a reporter called through the door.

A pause followed, then a weak but unconvincing, "yes."

**Reporters Ousted.**

Another ring at the door interrupted the conversation. A Minneapolis reporter arrived, also pleaded to see Mrs. Bremer.

Very quickly she came down the stairs and into the anteroom, thrust the maid inside declaring, "You get in out of this cold."

Her face was pale but composed, very, and determined. "Now you get out, all of you, I'll not see you," she shouted and grabbing each by the collar with a none too gentle hold, pushed each reporter out in turn, closed and locked the door and evidently went back to her telephone.

**Bits of News From Today's Want Ads**

- CANARIES—Females, all colors, white and blue; males for breeding. 2053 Randolph. EM 6302.
- AUTOCRAFT—High pressure gun type, perfect cond., Mpls. controlled, completely installed with 1 yr service, \$185. MI 9997
- BARGAINS in new and used uprights (smaller styles), all magnificent standard makes, our greatest sacrifice in over 40 years, prices \$125 to \$165. CABLE'S, 15 E. 6th st.
- AMPICO Grand—Mason & Hamlin, equally new inside and out, 1/2 price. CABLE'S, 15 East 6th st.
- ESTEY Grand, semi-period design, equal new, famous make. BARGAIN. CABLE'S, 15 East 6th st.
- DRESSES, salesman samples, \$21.50 val., \$5 and \$8; also formals and coats. MI 8844
- WASHING mach., new, pop. make, lav., \$39.50. Lambert & Simpson, 106 E. 6th.
- SALESMEN samples, men's suits and overcoats. Standard brands, 1/4 off. 38 E. 6th

For offerings in everything from pianos to canaries for sale are listed each day in Daily News Want Ads. Turn there now.

**Northwest Bancorporation Obtains Writ To Block State Sift Of Stock Sales**

A federal court order today was served on the state commerce commission temporarily blocking its investigation of alleged fraudulent stock sales by the Northwest Bancorporation.

The restraining writ, obtained by the corporation from Judge J. W. Molyneux, Minneapolis, is returnable Jan. 2. The writ also restrains the commission from instituting any lawsuit against the corporation.

At the same time the corporation asked the commission to rescind the order issued in November which started the investigation of its stock sales.

S. Paul Skahen, state securities commissioner, said he will consult with the attorney general immediately as to his future course of action.

The hearing before the state commission has been under way for some time, but recently was continued until Friday.

**At A Glance**

**NEW YORK'S REFORM GOVERNMENT** today launched an unprecedented experiment in medical care extended to the poor. Its department of hospitals will extend prenatal care to all expectant mothers. Such care has been provided in the past only in emergency cases.

**MEDICAL RECORDS MAY** have been broken today by the birth of a 18 1-2 pound daughter to Mrs. Thomas Czarnokel, 36, Chester, Pa. The weight is average for a child of 6 months.

**POSTMASTER STEWART L. Garner**, his wife and their two children were burned to death at Laddonia, Mo., today when fire following an explosion destroyed their 10-room frame house.

**IF SAM TARAN ISN'T IN A** Chicago jail today, he's \$2,500 poorer. Municipal Judge Clayton Parks today forfeited Mr. Taran's \$2,500 appearance bond when that gentleman failed to appear in court on two fugitive from justice charges. Judge Parks explained if it is shown Mr. Taran is in a Chicago jail, therefore unable to appear in St. Paul, he'll reinstate the bond.

**"CAN EUROPE AVOID WAR?"** A lot of people would like to know and Sisley Huddleston, writer and lecturer, will attempt to answer the question in an address before the Thursday club at the Women's City club at 3 p. m. Jan. 22.

**"THIRTY DAYS OR \$100** fine—and all the other liquor violators will get the same sentence," said Municipal Judge Clayton Parks today when Eugene Manie, 255 E. 7th st., pleaded guilty to violation of the municipal liquor ordinance. Manie paid the fine.

**AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE** Longfellow Gardens zoo proprietor today obtained an 11th hour court order to prevent sheriff's sale of the Mill City institution, the state humane society was asked to provide for care, feeding of the animals

**APPROVING PLANS FOR A** \$2,014,250 school painting and repair program, the Minneapolis board of education estimated today it will give employment to nearly 4,000 persons by July 1. More than 1,900 men are now employed on Mill City school projects.

**"I'M WELL PLEASED,"** SAID Harry E. Boyle, state tax commissioner, today concerning the number of state income tax returns received by the income tax office, 55 E. 5th st., St. Paul. With 100,000 return blanks sent out to potential income taxpayers, he said, hundreds of returns are being received daily.

**ALLEGED TO HAVE SWINDLED** Herman Sigwing, Glasgow (Mont.) farmer, out of \$85 he planned to use to obtain medical treatment at Rochester, Minn., a man is held in Minneapolis city jail on vagrancy charges.

**DECISION OF PWA OFFICIALS** in Washington on the proposal of the Minneapolis-St. Paul sanitary district to carry its own compensation on workers on the sewage disposal project is expected today. The board of trustees of the sanitary district will meet at 8 p. m. to consider the PWA decision.

**A CONTINUED HEAVY FLOW** of gold into the treasury in response to the government's anti-hoarding campaign was reported today by Sec Morgenthau. He has given holders a few more days to comply with the anti-hoarding orders. He said \$100,000 in coin was received Wednesday.

**THREE YEARS OF DEPRESSION** thinned the ranks of the million-dollar-a-year income class to a mere 20, internal revenue bureau statistics showed today. For 1932 only 20 individuals reported net incomes in excess of \$1,000,000, while in 1929 513 received in excess of that amount.

**REAR ADMIRAL RICHARDS E. Byrd's** antarctic expedition arrived at its permanent base at Little America today, Macak radio announced.

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With apparently no witnesses to his abduction, Edward G. Bremer, 36, son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and nephew of Otto Bremer, is being held by kidnapers for \$200,000 ransom. In a stroke as sensational as that of the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping, Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, was abducted about 9 a. m. Wednesday, it was disclosed today.

## Nearly 100,000 In State CWA

### Payrolls In Single Week \$1,596,078.

Approximately 100,000 Minnesota men and women are now employed in both CWA and CWS projects in the state with an increase expected this week, Frank M. Rarig, Jr., executive secretary state CWA committee, reported today.

His report, made to Corrington Gill, CWA, Washington, D. C., shows that during the week ending Jan. 11, there were 86,126 men and women employed in both civil works administration and civil works service projects in Minnesota. There are now 4,718 CWA projects under way.

He estimated that employment rolls in both branches would show an increase during the current week with approximately 95,176 men and women at work.

Aggregate payrolls for both divisions during the week covered in the report were \$1,596,078.30. Workers were employed a total of 2,533,124 hours.

His report follows:

Civil Works Projects.	
Men	79,988.00
Hours	2,370,856.00
Amount paid	\$1,300,898.29
Estimated No. this week	84,719.00
Civil Works Service Projects.	
Men	6,138.00
Hours	162,268.00
Amount paid	\$95,182.01
Estimated No. this week	10,457.00

CWA projects include those directly connected with construction work or those leading directly or indirectly to possible construction work in the future.

CWS projects include those directly relating to relief offices, such as nursing services, interviewing and investigating; work in sewing and canning centers and "all projects such as vocational education, adult education, nursery schools and the like."

**Partly Cloudy, Colder Forecast.**  
Partly cloudy skies are predicted for tonight and Friday, with Friday colder. The minimum temperature tonight is expected to be between 10 and 15 degrees above zero. The minimum early today was 12 degrees, while Wednesday's maximum was 21 degrees.

### TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10
Temperature	15	12	14	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45

Lowest last night 14, a year ago today, 10. Highest Wednesday 14, a year ago today, 10. Wind velocity 10, a year ago today, 10. Wind velocity 10, a year ago today, 10.

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With Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, held by kidnapers for \$200,000 ransom, W. W. Magee, head of the general contracting firm, apparently has been chosen by the abductors as the contact man. First word of Mr. Bremer's abduction was received by Mr. Magee, shown above, when, about 11 a. m. Wednesday, he received a mysterious telephone call, saying that his intimate friend, Mr. Bremer, was being held and that he would find a ransom note at the back door of his office. Rushing there, Mr. Magee found a crudely typewritten but legible note, demanding \$200,000 ransom.

## Dr. Wynekoop's Confession To Go Before Jury

By United Press.  
**CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, CHICAGO, Jan. 18.**—The major battle of the Rheta Wynekoop murder case was fought today over Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynekoop's so-called "confession" of the mysterious crime.

Judge Joseph B. David indicated he would admit the "confession" in evidence. "That isn't a confession," he said. "It is an exculpation. The jury would have to find Dr. Wynekoop not guilty or guilty of involuntary manslaughter on the basis of the statement."

Within two hours after Mr. Bremer was snatched, his kidnapers, in a second daring coup, had put into motion machinery to effect his release on payment of \$200,000, twice the amount asked by the men who grabbed William Hamm, Jr., president of the Hamm Brewing Co., last June 16.

It was believed that Mr. Bremer was kidnaped on Summit ave., in full view of unsuspecting motorists. Once news of his abduction was released, it was thought that witnesses would be found.

Within a short time after notification that Mr. Bremer was being held, his automobile was found abandoned two miles north of the city.

He is the son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and a nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National bank, both powerful men in northwest financial and political circles.

His father is a friend of President Roosevelt and of officials high in the administration.

### TRACK DOWN MEAGER CLUES.

Throwing forces together, federal agents and police began immediately to track down meager clues, and, leaving lanes open to effect Mr. Bremer's release, withheld news of his snatching until today.

County Attorney Michael F. Kinkead, en route to Florida with his wife and son, Michael Jr., returned to St. Paul this morning and immediately went into conference with police and federal authorities. Assistants in his office called towns and cities along Mr. Kinkead's route, located him at Cedar Rapids, Ia., at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Leaving his car there, Mr. Kinkead, his wife and son, returned by train. He was taking Mrs. Kinkead to Florida to recuperate from illness. The three had left St. Paul Wednesday morning.

Mr. Kinkead was to confer today with George Sullivan, United States district attorney. Sitting in on the parley will be Assistants James F. Lynch and William F. Desmond and John A. Pearson, first assistant county attorney.

Authorities believed that the abduction had been carried out by a gang "emboldened by its success in the Hamm snatching."

### CASES ARE SIMILAR.

So many parallels were discovered between the two cases that authorities were inclined to believe that the same mob effected both snatchings.

Scanning similarities in the two cases, police pointed out that both men are in their late 30's; both were kidnaped between their homes and offices; both were missed only when kidnapers' first ransom notes were received; both "contacts" were made through close friends; ransom notes in each case were couched in similar terms.

First word of the Bremer abduction came through Walter W. Magee, head of the general contracting firm bearing his name.

Mr. Magee was seated in his office at 118 W. Central ave. about 11 a. m. Wednesday when the telephone rang.

Answering it, he heard a gruff voice say: "This Mr. Magee? Well, your pal Eddie Bremer has been kidnaped. Now don't get excited. Just go to the back door of your office and you'll find further instructions. His automobile is out at the Highland park reservoir."

The telephone clicked, and Mr. Magee was left dialing a dead line.

### FINDS TYPEWRITTEN NOTE.

He turned, raced to the back door, found a crudely typewritten but legible note telling him to just raise "200 grand" and "wait."

The note specified that the money be in bills of small denominations and that the serial numbers

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## Ban All Law Practice Of Party Chiefs

Dem Leaders Must Not Have Clients At Capitol, Is F. R. Edict.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A clean sweep against the practice of combining the law and high party office in the capital was forecast today after a conference between President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley.

Further resignations from the Democratic national committee are likely.

The revelation Wednesday that Mr. Roosevelt objects to the custom of national committeemen practicing law here was followed by announcement of two resignations. Robert Jackson resigned as secretary and committeeman from New Hampshire, and Frank C. Walker resigned as treasurer.

It was learned that the question raised by President Roosevelt's attitude will be discussed with Arthur F. Mullen, national committeeman for Nebraska, when he returns next week from Omaha.

Orman H. Ewing, Utah national committeeman, and Dudley Doolittle, committeeman for Kansas, were said to be in the same class with the others if they are practicing law here.

## Today

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does not need any secret societies, Masonic, religious or others.

Some in America agree with him, but primitive human nature demands the right to organize itself mysteriously, such organizations flatter the conceit of semi-barbaric people, and it is dangerous to check such primitive impulses.

Silently, quietly as the Arabs folded their tents and stole away, 163 big ships from Europe and Canada abandoned "rum row," 12 miles off the coast of New York, sadly gave up their profitable bootlegging enterprises. Repeal of prohibition accomplished that.

The rum row ships are said to have taken their cargoes of 2,000,000 gallons, chiefly rye and bourbon whisky, to West Indian ports, where they can ship it into the United States "legitimately." A great part of the whisky is expected to come here from British Honduras, through New Orleans.

Government officials express satisfaction that "the supply of available liquor in this country will be increased."

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## WHERE KIDNAPED BANKER WAS LAST SEEN



Last place where Edward G. Bremer, held by kidnapers today for \$200,000 ransom, was seen was the Commercial State bank, 114 W. 6th st. Mr. Bremer had taken his daughter Betty, 9, there from his home at 92 N. Mississippi river boulevard, where he was seen, he started for his office at the Commercial State bank, 114 W. 6th st. He was believed he was snatched on Summit ave. in view of scores of unsuspecting motorists, although at no witnesses.

## BANKER BELIEVED HELD BY MOB THAT SNATCHED HAMM

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should not be consecutive. The money was to be "old."

The note threatened death for Mr. Bremer unless all contact details were adhered to and unless the money was immediately forthcoming.

After consulting with the Bremer family, Mr. Magee, despite the warning, communicated with authorities.

Police immediately searched the Highland Park district and found the car on Edgcombe road.

Also, Mr. Bremer left the home at 92 N. Mississippi river boulevard for the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave. It was his custom when motoring to his office to drop his only child at the Summit school. She is Betty, 9. He did this Wednesday morning.

### CHOICE OF SEVERAL ROUTES.

Authorities were inclined to believe that because the Bremer car was found near the Dale st. reservoir that it was placed there to lead them onto a blind trail. They were certain that the abductors had taken another direction.

If the kidnaping occurred near Summit school, it was pointed out, kidnapers had choice of several routes over a confusion of streets—backward, to the west, is the Mississippi river and Minneapolis, and to the north and south at the ends of streets are well paved roads.

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## Gleckman Kidnaping In 1931 Started Series Of

### State Seizes Liquor Disguised As Candy

Seizure of 475 cases of "candy" today blocked plans of a Chicago manufacturer to distribute disguised liquor in Minnesota.

The candy called "kiklets," appeared on retail counters the past few days. It attracted attention of state dairy and food inspectors.

E. A. Trovatten, dairy and food commission, ordered seizure of 475 cases stored in a Minneapolis warehouse.

Each piece of candy, which retails at 5 cents, contains a small amount of whisky. Inspectors said 10 of the candies constituted about one ordinary drink.

### Rush Rum Plans

Councilmen Plan For Legal Sale About Noon On Saturday.

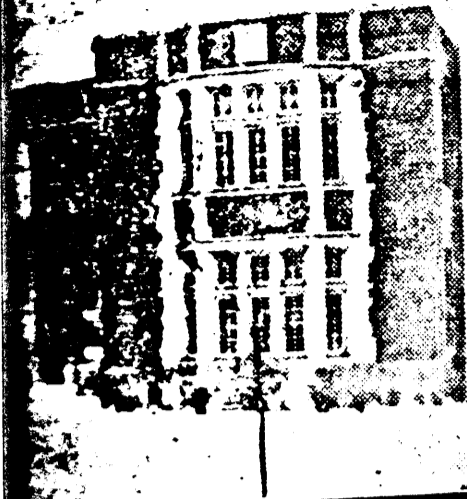
St. Paul's first legal liquor sale may be made about noon Saturday. This was assured today as the city council unanimously passed the liquor control ordinance, providing for the licensing of on-and-off-sale dispensaries.

The ordinance becomes effective with publication of the measure in the St. Paul Review, which editors today said would be issued about noon Saturday.

In the meantime city officials were rushing plans to grant a full on-sale license Saturday.

Scheduled for this afternoon was a meeting of the council's licensing committee, Commissioners J. H. M. Donald, I. C. Pearce and Fred Truax, to consider on-sale applications.

# LAST SEEN



It was the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich Mississippi River boulevard. After leaving W. 8th st., of which he is president. It though authorities, as yet, have discovered

## Move To Hurry Passing Of F. R. Gold Plan Bill

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Administration leaders decided today to push the dollar revaluation bill through the house this week in the belief that the foreign exchange situation necessitates early use of the proposed \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Soon after the house convened at noon, the gold bill was favorably reported by the house coinage committee.

In some quarters the desire to put the huge stabilization fund into operation quickly was viewed as portending a battle of billions between Britain and the United States for control of foreign exchange.

## Gold Still Good

Banks Continue To Accept Coins Under New U. S. Order.

Member banks of the Federal Reserve system continued today to exchange other federal currency, dollar for dollar, for gold coins or gold certificates under an amended order issued by the treasury department at Washington.

The original order had fixed Wednesday as the last day for such exchange, but today's supplementary order is continuing in effect and without specific date of expiration.

The new order directs all fiscal agents of the treasury not only to continue to accept gold coins and certificates at face value until further notice, but also to pay \$20.67 an ounce for gold bullion, according

# Points Farm Research Need

## Prof. Stakman Addresses Homemakers' Meet.

The need of research in agriculture was never greater than at present, Dr. E. C. Stakman, professor of plant pathology at university farm, told a farmers and homemakers assembly at the farm school today.

More than 1,000 persons are attending the sessions, which opened Monday and will continue through Friday.

"The agricultural situation is constantly changing," Dr. Stakman said. "New economic demands are being made, new enemies of crop plants are being introduced and produced by natural means. Similarly, other problems of agriculture, either present or in the offing, require that the search for facts be pushed forward unrelentingly."

Five Minnesota farmers were awarded gold medals for seed improvement work by the Minnesota Crop Improvement association during its annual dinner at university farm Wednesday night.

The "premier seed growers" are: Theodore Mellum of Ulen; J. C. Botherwick of Breckenridge; William Friedrichs of Foxhome; Carl Olstad of Hanks, and H. B. Pederson of Franklin.

The contest is sponsored jointly by the Northwest Crop Improvement association and the University of Minnesota department of agriculture. Thirty-three such medals have been presented during the last five years on recommendation from the university after nomination by neighbors, county agents or others.

## Get Rum Stamps

To Be Given to Wholesalers, Dealers On Monday.

State liquor tax stamps will be delivered to manufacturers, wholesalers and drug stores Monday, David R. Arundel, state liquor commissioner, announced today.

The stamps will be delivered to the firms by state liquor inspectors who will then sell and immediately cancel sufficient stamps to cover all sales made since 12:01 a. m. Jan. 9. The inspectors at the same time will sell additional stamps for future sales.

Mr. Arundel also said that no "off-sale" licenses have been issued by his office to date.

Two new liquor inspectors named by the commissioner today are Roy Cusick, 323 Vance st., St. Paul, and J. M. Reinartz, Little Fork. This brings the total of inspectors to six. Four more will be appointed.

## Builders Exchange Dinner Tuesday

The 28th annual dinner of the St. Paul Builders Exchange will be held in the Hotel Lowry at 6 p. m. Tuesday, according to L. H. Sault, president. More than 400 persons are expected to attend.

# Funerals

## JOHN H. RYAN.

Funeral services for John H. Ryan, 822 Hague ave., former city assessor who fell dead Tuesday, will be held at 9 a. m. Friday at St. Luke's Catholic church, Summit and Lexington aves. Surviving are two sons, William F. Ryan, St. Paul, and John H. Ryan, Jr., Los Angeles.

## MRS. SARAH HORWITZ.

Mrs. Sarah Horwitz, 78, 1387 Fairmount ave., a resident of St. Paul for 54 years, died today at St. Luke's hospital. Surviving are two sons, Henry Horwitz, state representative, and Dr. H. B. Horwitz, St. Paul, and four daughters, Mrs. Hannah Rose and Mrs. Mattie Dockman, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Nellie Silverman, and Mrs. Ruth Berman, St. Paul.

## DR. BENJAMIN F. SIMON.

Pallbearers for Dr. Benjamin F. Simon, city health officer for nearly 16 years, will be Dr. R. B. J. Schoch, Dr. A. E. Nichols, Gus Barfuss, Florian P. Ritschel, John Andree and Howard Kingston, when his funeral services are held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Masonic temple, 6th st. and Smith ave. The Damascus commandery, Knights Templar, will furnish the escort while the services will be conducted by Braden Lodge No. 168, A. F. and A. M. Dr. Simon died suddenly Monday night after shoveling snow in front of his home, 511 Capitol blvd.

# Civic Company Rehearsing For Opera 'Martha'

Enthusiasm shown on the last production of the St. Paul Civic Opera company, "Samson and Delilah," has prompted the announcement of another opera for this season, according to Mrs. W. Homer Sweney, president.

Flotow's "Martha" will be presented in the municipal auditorium Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, March 21, 22 and 24. The cast has been increased from 75 to 95 and the ballets have been increased to 45.

Though the announcement of the opera comes today, the production has been in rehearsal for two weeks, Mrs. Sweney said. "Martha" is one of the most popular operas and in practically every season it is presented to the public, she said.

The cast is working under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice L. Thurston, general director; Thure Fredrickson, conductor of the opera and the orchestra; Marie Rothfuss, director of ballet; Victor Hubal, scenery; Ralph Swolley, lighting; Hyman Weinstein, music; Lillian Nelson, chorus; Mrs. Martin Glesen, costumes, and W. H. Hadlich, business manager.

The opera in production affords employment to more than 75 persons, including the stage hands, musicians, engineers, etc.

# Pardon Board Frees 2 More

## Terms Of Kalscheuer, Two Others Reduced.

The state pardon board today ordered release of two prisoners and reduced the sentences of three others.

Wednesday the board granted clemency to 42 persons. The board was at Stillwater prison today, visiting with the warden and interviewing prisoners. Further action is expected Friday.

Released forthwith were Peter Ehlers, sentenced May 7, 1931, from Ramsey county, to St. Cloud reformatory to serve up to five years on a third degree burglary charge, and Venus Paul, sentenced to the reformatory from Ramsey county Nov. 19, 1931, to serve up to five years for deserting a minor child.

Principal among those whose sentences were reduced was Charles F. Kalscheuer, St. Paul, sentenced Feb. 2, 1932 to Stillwater prison for from one to 10 years for grand larceny in the first degree. Kalscheuer, a bank employe, misappropriated \$44,000 but claims to have made full restitution. His sentence was reduced to two and a half years.

It was asserted today the board has granted a parole to Frank Sadler, 55, sentenced to Stillwater prison for life from St. Louis county March 6, 1910 for first degree murder. He is expected to be released in a few weeks.

## Constans Boosters Meet.

More than 150 members of the Constans-for-Council Boosters club attended a meeting at the home of William Eckhardt, 1399 W. 7th st. Wednesday night to hear their candidate, Otto Constans, talks.

# VICTIMS

... of coughs and colds—here's news! Primary VITAMIN A has been added to Smith Brothers Cough Drops. Eminent doctors state that this "Anti-Infective" vitamin is a potent aid in speeding up recovery from coughs and colds... and in raising resistance to re-infection. Two kinds: Black or Menthol, 5¢. No change in the famous taste.

## SMITH BROTHERS COUGH DROPS

contain the 'Anti-Infective' Primary VITAMIN A

Sept. Hitler's order that would bind France and Germany not to attack each other for 10 years.

War pictures, recently printed in Sunday newspapers, with comments by Floyd Gibbons, ought to make France and Germany decide NEVER to attack each other. In that last big murder festival, nobody won.

Everybody lost money, and life, progress and the result of years of civilized effort, were wiped out.

When we read that Americans, flying over Japanese territory, are arrested and imprisoned, accused of spying on Japanese fortifications, that seems to us amusing. Now five Japanese, all employees of the Japanese government, are arrested in New Jersey, each carrying a camera. They took photographs of the high-speed viaduct that connects New York through the Holland tunnel with the Newark airport. That does not seem amusing.

The Japanese say they were simply making photographs to show their friends, nothing that should be taken seriously. Since the great war the spy mania has been everywhere.

## Apparel Firms Of Twin Cities Set Style Show

Plans for the semi-annual style show of the Twin Cities Apparel Industries has been completed, it was announced today by C. J. Richter, St. Paul, chairman of the arrangements committee.

The style show will be held at Vanity Fair, University and Lexington aves., the evening of Feb. 12, and will be the first feature in the program for the 24th semi-annual Twin City Market week, Feb. 12 to 17.

Assisting Mr. Richter on the arrangement committee are A. C. Gaudian, Ben Shank, E. S. Rose, W. A. Montgomery, Harold Gordon and H. S. McIntyre.

The show will feature spring fashions for women offered by Twin City wholesalers and manufacturers.

"We feel confident that this year's style show will be the finest we have ever staged and that it will be helpful to merchants and their buyers in ascertaining what is new in the fashion world," Mr. Richter said.

### Vets To Dance At Hazel Park.

Hazel Park Post No. 1816, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will give a dance and lunch for all veterans and wives at 8 p. m. today at the Hazel Park Commercial club, E. 7th st. and White Bear ave.

## Simply Wonderful

Owl's Head, Maine, Oct. 16. "I can't say enough in favor of your Buckley's Cough Mixture. It broke up my cold and cough in less than 24 hours." Mrs. Ray Green.

You never know what hour of the night you'll need this powerful yet harmless mixture that acts like a flash. Right away that tightness eases up, the bronchial passages clear; you're on your toes again happy and breathing easier.

Get a 45c bottle of BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE (triple strength) today. Snyder Drug Co. and all good druggists sell it—money back if not delighted.—Advertisement.

## Six St. Paul Mobsters

St. Paul was first thrown at the mercy of kidnapers in 1931 when Leon Gleckman was snatched as he was leaving his home, 2168 Sargent ave., to play a round of golf over the Keller course.

This opened a series of six St. Paul kidnappings.

After eight days of captivity Gleckman was released on a reported ransom of \$6,400 of the \$100,000 demanded.

A. A. Robbins, "finger man," Sam Cimlin, Albert Tallarico, Joe Jurley and Anthony Scandale are now serving state prison sentences for the crime.

### Frank LaPre Murdered.

Frank LaPre, proprietor of the Evans hotel, 48½ W. 10th st., was found murdered a day after the return of Gleckman to his home. He was alleged to have been the ring leader. The murder was attributed to other members of the gang who felt they had been "crossed" on the loot.

St. Paul's second snatching victim was Morris Rutman, kidnaped from his home at 1079 Dayton ave., on the night of Oct. 5. Rutman was called to the door by a stranger who rang the bell and at the point of a revolver was forced into a waiting automobile. Sam Berg and Jack Ferrick were charged with the snatching.

Verne Sankey, the much wanted fugitive from justice, stepped into St. Paul's limelight with the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn, 20-year-old son of Gebhard C. Bohn.

Young Bohn was abducted by gunmen who invaded St. Paul's "gold coast," Summit ave., on the morning of June 30, 1932. He was held for \$35,000 ransom but negotiations were completed a few days later for his release at a reported paid ransom of \$12,500.

Ray Robinson, Canadian, is now serving a term in prison. After the St. Paul job Sankey moved on to Denver, where he was the leader in the snatching of Charles Boettcher. Mrs. Fern Sankey was later brought to St. Paul and tried in connection with the case but was acquitted.

### Abduct Gleckman's Daughter.

It was on July 3, 1932 that the abduction of Florence Gleckman, 18, daughter of Gleckman, was disclosed in The Daily News. Although Gleckman denied the kidnaping, The Daily News had reliable information that Miss Gleckman was abducted from the University of Minnesota campus, where she was a student, her eyes, mouth and hands taped. She was held at an unidentified place and released the following day for an unnamed amount of ransom.

Then came St. Paul's major snatching, which brought the United States government into the case. It was the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer as he was on his way home to lunch from the brewery plant bearing his name. The kidnaping took place at noon, June 15, 1933. Four days later Mr. Hamm was released for a ransom of \$100,000.

The Lindbergh law had been passed at Washington, covering interstate transportation of a kidnap victim.

A minor traffic accident in Ellsworth, Wis., July 15, led to arrest

the Roger Touhy mob. A rookie policeman, unarmed, stood Touhy, Willie Sharkey, Gustave (Gloomy Gus) Schaeffer and Eddie (Father Tom) McFadden.

Aug. 19 the four were brought to St. Paul under heavy guard to answer to the charges of having kidnaped Mr. Hamm.

Fresh from his victorious campaigns in Oklahoma City and Kansas City against kidnapers, Joseph B. Keenan, prosecuting attorney in the federal government's fight against kidnaping, came to St. Paul to prosecute the four mobsters.

### "Not Guilty."

A jury of nine farmers, two women and an accountant was selected to try the gangsters and after listening to 21 days of testimony returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Two days later Willie Sharkey, one of the defendants, who during the trial had on two different occasions caused a stir of excitement by getting up and appearing to be making a dash for liberty, committed suicide in his cell in Ramsey county jail by hanging himself.

The remaining three Touhy mobsters along with Albert (Polynose) Kator were removed under heavy guard to Chicago where they are now being tried on a charge of having snatched (Jake the Barber) Factor. It is a state offense, the victim not having been transported across the state line, and therefore the government is now only lending its moral support to the state of Illinois. If convicted the men face a death sentence.

Election of Florence Moore, Milaca, as secretary of the County Auditors' association for 1934 marks the first time since its inception that the organization has elected a woman to office.

Other officers named at the close of the annual convention in Minneapolis late Wednesday are: G. G. Busche of Faribault county, president; Harry L. Fowler, Bennington county, vice president; and G. G. Billstrom, Kanabec county, re-elected treasurer. Mr. Busche succeeds A. W. Lueche of Rice county.

Speakers Wednesday included N. W. Elsberg, state highway commissioner; Harry H. Peterson, attorney general, and Erling Swenson, state game and fish commissioner.

## TRANSPORTATION CLUB GIVES BANQUET TODAY

C. E. Ryberg will be installed as president of St. Paul Transportation club at its 12th annual dinner in the palm room of Hotel St. Paul at 6:30 p. m. today.

William Mansfield is retiring president.

Phil S. Hanna, editor, Chicago Journal of Commerce, will give the main address before the 500 expected members and leading business men from the northwest, according to Howard H. Ellsworth, general chairman.

### Train Victim Unidentified.

Still unidentified today at the county morgue was the body of a man killed by a train on the Great Northern tracks near the N. Lexington ave. bridge Tuesday.

## "Snatch" Bremer As Police Form Anti-Kidnap Squad



CHARLES J. TIERNEY.

Little more than a month after St. Paul's police department had organized one of the first anti-kidnaping squads in the nation, Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, son of Adolph Bremer, head of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and nephew of Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National bank, was being held for \$200,000 ransom.



THOMAS A. BROWN.

Mr. Bremer was abducted at about 9 a. m. Wednesday, it was disclosed today.

It was on Jan. 10 that Inspector Tierney, shown above, announced organization of the squad. Affiliate with Inspector Tierney is Detective Thomas A. Brown, also shown above.



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**ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW  
WILL OPEN ON FRIDAY**  
With nearly 700 birds entered, the annual state poultry association show will open Friday in West hotel, Minneapolis.  
Entries are being received from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. The show, also the annual exhibition of Ramsey County Poultry association, includes the northwest turkey show. Judging will start Friday. Judges are F. N. Cross of Savage, president of the state association; A. C. Smith, professor of poultry husbandry, university farm; Glen Richards of Minneapolis; John McPherson of Bayport; W. S. Stanfield of Excelsior, and Ed Lucht and Ed Wohlauf.

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Mayor Mahoney pointed out that while the estimated needs of the welfare board for the first six months of the year are \$1,800,000, city and county budget appropriations for the work were far under this sum.  
The bonds will mature during the next 10 years, and carry interest at not more than 6 per cent. A resolution calling for bids will be passed later.

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**CHOIR CONTEST TICKET  
PRICES WILL DOUBLE**

Those persons who wait until Friday night to purchase their tickets to the church choir contest at the Auditorium will be forced to pay double that of the advance sale price, it was announced today.

Tickets may be obtained through the nine choirs entered in the finals or at Field-Schlick, Inc. The choirs entered are: First Swedish and Pilgrim Baptist churches; Church of the Reformation and Trinity Lutheran churches; St. James and St. Pauls Methodist churches; Arlington Hills and Dayton Avenue Presbyterian churches and St. Matthews Episcopal church.

**Car Hits Man, Driver Flees.**  
Struck by a hit-and-run driver, who turned out his lights and sped away after the mishap, William Af-falder, 40, 439 Van Buren st., was cut and bruised at 8th and Robert sts., at 2:20 a. m. today. He was taken to Ancker hospital.

**Famed Cantor To Sing.**  
Pierre Pinchi, internationally known Russian cantor, will appear in concert at 8 p. m. Sunday at the Temple of Aaron, Ashland ave. and Grotto st., under the auspices of the Jewish Educational center.

**Nitro-Laden Car Hunted.**  
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 18. —West Virginia highways were searched today for an automobile in which two men fled after stealing eight quarts of nitroglycerin from a storage plant at Cairo.

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## KARPIS CAPTURE IS GOOD NEWS TO MANY TOPEKANS

### Minds Uneasy Since Experience of Bank Official and Family.

From the Journal-Post Topeka Bureau.  
TOPEKA, May 2—Word of the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans brought ease of mind to several Topekans Saturday.

Since the February night in 1934 when Don Hassebroek, of the National Bank of Topeka, and his family were terrorized in their home by kidnapers supposed to have been headed by Karpis, Topekans have been uneasy because of a fear that the "Public Enemy No. 1," who was the former marble champion of Topeka in his boyhood days, would either come back here for one of his major crimes or might shoot it out with the G-men.

Karpis, who began his career of crime here by getting into trouble through stealing a bicycle and later by stealing tires, was reported to have made frequent visits back to this city during the last two years in order to hide out.

For several months the home of Karpis' sister, Mrs. Albert E. Grooms, in North Topeka, was under constant watch by officers as was the home of a woman who formerly was a friend of his. But after his capture his sister's husband said he had not been seen by the family for several years.

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## Prospective Groom Seeks Handcuffs to Save His Bride From 'Kidnapers'

### Young Man Tries to Borrow Pair From Police After He Gets Tip on Plot by His Friends.

Arthur Eldred, 21 years old, and a young woman he plans to wed Saturday night may be kidnaped by certain conspiring friends, but the bride and groom will not be separated, if Eldred succeeds in carrying out his plan of handcuffing himself and his bride together.

Eldred, who said he lives at 3824 Park avenue and is employed by the Schulze Baking company, appeared at the Flora Avenue police station Saturday morning and approached Sgt. Fred J. Tittus.

"I would like to borrow a pair of handcuffs," the young man politely informed Tittus.

Tittus' eyes and mouth opened widely.

"Why do you want to borrow handcuffs?" the sergeant inquired.

"It's this way," Eldred explained. "I am to be married tonight. This morning I had a tip that some friends of mine plan to kidnap me and my bride immediately after the ceremony and keep us separated until tomorrow. I want to handcuff my bride to me as soon as the minister finishes tying the knot."

"I'm sorry, young men," he said, "but we are out of extra handcuffs." The prospective bridegroom said he would look elsewhere for handcuffs.

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## Chief Aide to Bourk



—Moore Photo.

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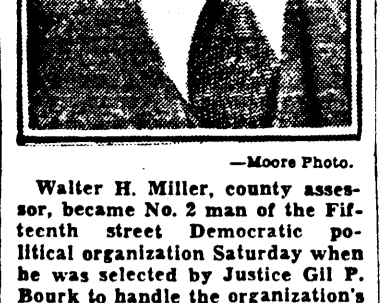
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**Rescues Motorist**



Philip D. Rush (above), 5639 High drive, probably saved the life of Earl Johns, 28 years old, when he pulled the latter from a burning car early Saturday morning. Miss Helen Wilson, 30 years old, 3540 Baltimore avenue, Johns' companion, was burned fatally when the car ran off Bannister road at the Missouri Pacific tracks. Mr. Rush and Miss Jeanne Guignon, who reached the scene shortly after the accident, brought Johns and Miss Wilson to Kansas City.

**SCHOOL HEAD TO SPEAK**  
**Baptist Seminary Baccalaureate Is Sunday.**

Dr. A. R. Martin, president of Ottawa university, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Kansas City Baptist Theological seminary at the annual program at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the seminary, Thirteenth street and Barnett avenue, Kansas City, Kas.

The seminary choirs will present the musical program, with the choirs of all the churches of the city invited to assist in singing the old time hymns of the church.

The school faculty will give a reception after the program. Ministers and members of the churches of the city and vicinity are invited to the program and reception.

**CHARLES MOORE DIES**  
**Pneumonia Fatal to K. C. K. Katz Manager.**

Funeral arrangements were being completed Saturday at the Fulton mortuary, Eighteenth street and Washington boulevard, Kansas City, Kas., for Charles Clifton (Hank) Moore, 36 years old, manager of the Katz drug store in Kansas City, Kas., who died Friday of pneumonia at Menorah hospital.

Prior to becoming manager of the Minnesota avenue store, Mr. Moore was in the company store in St. Joseph. He had been associated with the drug company the last 11 years, having worked most of the time in Greater Kansas City.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Moore, of the home, 1207 North Eighteenth street, Kansas City, Kas.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Moore, Braymer, Mo., and three sisters, Mrs. Helen Yoe, Clinton, Mo.; Mrs. Wanda Robertson, Albany, Mo., and Mrs. Gladys Cline, Braymer, Mo.

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### FOREIGNERS IN ADDIS ABABA FEAR FOR LIVES

Safety Is Sought Behind Barbed Wire of British Legation.

### LOOTING IS STARTED

Natives Irate Over Italian Victory, as Selassie Flees.

By United Press.  
LONDON, May 2.—Plundering, burning and shooting, the disorganized remnants of the Ethiopian army Saturday menaced white residents in Addis Ababa, who are besieged in the defenses of the British legation.

Emperor Haile Selassie fled to Djibouti with his family.

All civil authority in the town had ceased functioning. Virtually every white resident, including some 54 Americans, were behind the trenches and barbed wire entanglements of the legation, guarded by 250 stalwart Sikh troopers.

Although the defenses were strong and food supply adequate for three months, it appeared to be a race between the mob passions of

### AMERICANS IN ADDIS ABABA AT OWN RISK, SAYS U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(UP)—Americans in Addis Ababa have remained there for months "at their own risk" and no American military force will be sent to relieve them, state department officials said Saturday.

Officials were confident, however, that no harm would come to the 30 Americans reported to have sought refuge from maddened Ethiopian natives in the British legation compound.

The state department established wireless communication with the American legation at Addis Ababa Saturday. The contact, like occasional ones in the past, was unsatisfactory in that the navy radio station here was unable to pick up the entire message. The contents were not immediately made public.

Ethiopian warriors, enraged by their defeat, and the ever-advancing columns of Italian troops almost within a day's march of the capital.

### Radio Carries Word.

"The situation as far as foreigners is concerned is satisfactory—so far," came the word from Addis Ababa's sole link with the outside world, the terse wireless official dispatches from Sir Sidney Barton, British minister at the Ethiopian capital.

The chaotic conditions in Addis Ababa were described in a new report from Sir Sidney to the British government Saturday night.

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### Karpis Capture Changes Public Enemy Rating



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### PERSHING GREETED AS PLAIN JOHN BY BOYHOOD FRIENDS

General Visits Laclede Where He Will Lay Cornerstone.

By United Press.  
LACLEDE, MO., May 2.—Old timers of Laclede county Saturday crowded around a stalwart, gray-haired man of 75, clapped him familiarly on the back and said, "Hello, John."  
"John" was Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force during the World

### KARPIS NICE BOY AND GOOD TENANT, WOMAN DECLARES

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"The situation as far as foreigners is concerned is satisfactory—so far," came the word from Addis Ababa's sole link with the outside world, the terse wireless official dispatches from Sir Sidney Barton, British minister at the Ethiopian capital.

The chaotic conditions in Addis Ababa were described in a new report from Sir Sidney to the British foreign office Saturday night.

Some reports said the emperor was fleeing into exile, to Palestine. Other sources said he might leave the train at some internal point and seek to rally his men.

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## CRASH VICTIMS SAME

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Granert's father, R. M. Granert, 50, died shortly after reaching a Columbia hospital. His mother was injured critically and showed no improvement during the night.

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The collision, according to highway patrol reports, was the result of the car driven by Harinsh moving over onto the wrong side of the road. Granert, coming from the opposite direction, was unable to avoid a collision.

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They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night, while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal street apartment house, and they told their friends the man they believed was Karpis was living on Canal street.

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"I think I will."

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons, strangers to the Pucheu and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

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The plane was forced down here by fog after it had left St. Louis.

Hoover and the other government agents ate in the airport lunchroom, but Karpis was forced to remain in the plane. Two Kansas City agents were at the airport to meet the plane.

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## Family of Karpis Won't Be Interviewed

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

Before window blinds were pulled down, gray-haired 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 January 20, 1935. The boy was left with his grandparents when his mother was imprisoned for harboring Karpis.

Karpis' sister, Emily Newbold, bowed her way through reporter into the Karpavicz home, but refused to comment on the arrest. She lived in the rear of the Karpavicz home.

## YOUTHS TAKE TRAFFIC RISK

SAN FRANCISCO.—(UP)—Members of the Statewide Junior Traffic Patrol will have to enforce the laws at their own risk hereafter. The attorney general has ruled that the state cannot be held responsible for injuries received by the school boy traffic police in the performance of their duties.

Karpis and Pal Nabbed by K. C. Police in 1930



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Kansas City police on March 24, 1930, arrested Larry O'Keefe (left) and Alvin Karpis (right) in a motor car in which they found the pistols and the burglar tools shown here. The Oklahoma license plate was taken from the car in which they were riding at the time. Karpis was returned to the Hutchinson, Kas., reformatory from which he had escaped. The lower photograph is a close-up Bertillon picture of Karpis as he appeared 10 years ago when he was "dressed in" at the reformatory to serve a 10-year sentence for burglary.

SALESMAN GIVEN 'KNOCKOUT DROPS' INSTEAD OF ORDER

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Mrs. Wright told Miller. "If you'll take us back to the hotel, I'll sign the papers for the purchase."

She Suggests Drink. They returned to the hotel and Miller went to the room occupied by the women. He pulled papers from his pocket. "Now, if you'll just sign here—" he began, when Mrs. Wright interrupted.

"Whew!" she said. "I'm tired and thirsty. If you'll wait just a moment, I'll get some beer."

She produced three bottles of beer and glasses. She took one, her "niece" took one and they gave the other to Miller. The salesman poured out a glass of the beverage. He drank some of it. That was at 8 p. m. Friday.

At 3:15 a. m. Saturday he awakened. He still was in the room, but the women were gone. So was Miller's watch, money and pen and pencil. A ring on one of his fingers had been turned so the set was toward the palm. The women apparently had tried to take it from his finger but failed.

Points to Luggage. Miller found his way to the hotel desk. He asked when Mrs. Wright and her niece checked out. The clerk consulted his register. "Why, they haven't checked out," he said. "They're still in their room."

"That's what you think," Miller told him. The clerk went with him to the room. "See," the clerk said, pointing to a suitcase, "there's their baggage."

Miller told of his experience. The clerk opened the suitcase. There was nothing in it except the three magazines.

The keys to the Chrysler were in Miller's pocket. The Chrysler still was in front of the hotel where he had parked it.

Miller called police.

TWO CONVICTED OF REVENUE VIOLATIONS

Carl R. Meyers, of Joplin, until

KARPIS NICE BOY AND GOOD TENANT, WOMAN DECLARES

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strict anonymity to tipsters. Hoover and his subordinates had not one word to say as to the source of their information.

Mrs. Meyers said Saturday 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.

"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents "light house-keeping" flats in the 3000 block of Canal street, a middle class and respectable district. April 10 a young man accompanied by a young woman who he said was his wife rented one of her apartments.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said. "So kind. So polite. I can't believe it."

The young man, 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.

Known as "The Duke"

Pucheu, known as "The Duke" for his elegant dress and manners, 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," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning, Karpis again exhibited his courtesy.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door of his apartment, said she wanted to sell the dining room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. In going to the dining room, they had adequate opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, the arrangement of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

The women looked at the dining room set, said they were afraid it wouldn't do, but would think it over, and left.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington. Friday afternoon he and his agents captured Karpis.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward from the department of justice, the post office department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.

PERSHING GREETED AS PLAIN JOHN BY BOYHOOD FRIENDS

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Miss May Pershing, from Lincoln, Neb.

He distributed bear hugs and affectionately greeted his old friends. "You're certainly looking well, John," said 83-year-old Ed B. Allen, another of the general's boyhood chums.

"Yes, I feel better than I have for some time, Ed," Pershing replied.

Someone commented on the general's informal bearing.

"Sure," said Allen, "that's the way he is at home; he's one of the boys here."

A lodge meeting and parade was to precede the cornerstone ceremony Saturday afternoon.

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# TWO 'BIG SHOT' KIDNAPERS SEIZED IN FEDERAL RAIDS

## G-MEN TRAP WILLIE MAHAN IN FAR WEST

Weyerhauser Abductor  
Found With Ransom Cash  
Still in Possession

CAMPBELL CAPTURED

# CHIEF G-MAN SPRINGS TRAP ON CAMPBELL

Last Member of Karpis Gang  
Captured In Surprise  
Raid At Toledo.

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member of the Karpis gang, was captured by G-men here today.

He was the only criminal at large in the United States, on whose head the Federal Department of Justice had placed a price.

The department said he was worth \$2500, dead or alive.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation and chief of the nation's "Government men," personally arrested Campbell in Toledo at 5 o'clock this morning, in a trap, as secretly laid and as smoothly closed as that one in which Campbell's ex-boss in crime, Alvin Karpis, was caught last week in New Orleans.

### Whisked Away By Plane

Mr. Hoover whisked Campbell to Cleveland by plane, and from there packed him off, in care of Federal agents, to St. Paul, where he will be arraigned and tried for the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis also, is in St. Paul, awaiting trial in the Hamm kidnaping case.

[William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewers, were kidnaped separately several years ago at St. Paul; taken out of the state by the Karpis gang, released on payment of \$200,000 ransom each.]

Campbell had been living in Toledo for five months, Mr. Hoover said, almost constantly since the \$45,000 mail train robbery last November at Garrettsville, near Warren, O., in which he was a suspect, and has been in and out of Toledo for the past 18 months.

Mr. Hoover flew here from Washington last night.

He said his men had been watching Campbell for some days, but refused to discuss the possibility that G-men located Campbell after Karpis gave them a tip-off as to his whereabouts.

[A dispatch from St. Paul today, quoted a Federal agent as saying Karpis is "entitled to" the Campbell record money.]

The building in which he was living with a 22-year-old bride of a year who didn't know his true identity, was a two-story structure—four apartments above a delicatessen store. Campbell had a front apartment, Mr. Hoover said, and was using the name of Bob Miller, the name under which he was married.

### Woman Sees Raid

The best description of Campbell's capture came from Mrs. Gerald Posaught, who lived in the apartment next to his.

"I saw the arrest," she said. "Until then I didn't know the man who had lived next door was a fugitive from justice."

"This morning, about 5 o'clock, I was awakened by sounds."

"I looked out the window and saw four cars pull to the curb. Men were getting out of them, some carrying sawed-off shotguns, and some carrying suitcases."

"Four men remained on the street looking up at the windows of the apartment across the hall from ours. The rest of them, more than a dozen, I thought, came up the stairs hurriedly. Some went down the hall to the back door of the building, while the rest of them stayed in the hall in front of apartment No. 11."

"They pounded on the door."

"A woman's voice answered."

"It was Opal Miller's voice."

"What do you want?" she asked.

"We are Federal officers, and"

as "Mr. Miller, chained he was handcuffed to two the officers."  
Mr. Hoover said \$2900 in cash, a revolver and six cartridge clips were found in Campbell's apartment. He said Campbell surrendered, without trouble.  
"He's yellow like the rest of them," he said. "As soon as he says we meant business he wilted."  
In a simultaneous raid, Federal agents captured Sam Coker, on parole from the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held at Cleveland in the Department of Justice office.

for parole violation. Mr. Hoover disclosed after the that Dr. Joseph Moran of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of Karpis and Campbell and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is believed to be "at the bottom of Lake Erie."  
"We are not checking him off our list yet," Mr. Hoover remarked, "but we believe gangsters killed him in fear he would squeal."  
He said his men will intensify immediately their search for doctors, politicians and others who aided the Karpis-Barker mob. He disclosed that most of the

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Karpis gang hid in Cleveland in the summer of 1934. They were tipped off by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections" that a Federal raid was planned, and they fled.

### Karpis Gives Tip That Leads to Capture

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ST. PAUL, May 7—Alvin Karpis, gringing imprisoned gang leader, gave the tip that brought about capture of his chief lieutenant, Harry Campbell, in Toledo, O., a G-man said today.

The Federal man was waiting at St. Paul airport for arrival of the plane bearing Campbell and his captors.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?"

"Well," the G-man replied, "he's entitled to it."

Campbell was brought here by plane, transferred to an auto and rushed to the Department of Justice offices.

Karpis is being held at Ramsey County jail on \$500,000 bond.

### Hoover's Personal Work Surprises Capital

By The United Press  
WASHINGTON, May 7—Considerable interest was aroused here today by the sudden personal activity of J. Edgar Hoover in rounding up criminals.

Testifying before the Senate Appropriations Committee recently, Mr. Hoover admitted he never had actually arrested anyone.

Since that testimony was given, he has participated in the only two major arrests carried out by the bureau—the arrests of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

The possibility appeared that Mr. Hoover may be taking a more active part because of criticism leveled at him by Senator Kenneth McKellar, (D. Tenn.). It was Mr. McKellar

who asked Mr. Hoover about his actual experience.

Rewards for Karpis and Campbell were offered by the Department of Justice early last month, \$5000 for Karpis and \$2500 for Campbell.

Assistant Bureau of Investigation Director Thomas D. Quinn said positively, however, the Bureau did not intend to pay rewards for either Karpis or Campbell, because their arrests were the result of tedious tracking down of clues by Federal agents rather than "tips" from private individuals.

Of the one-time "big shots" in gangland, the Government's special agents now have captured all but Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., sought for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville, and William Mahan, wanted for the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Wash.

### Californians Pursue Man Believed Mahan

By The United Press  
RIVERSIDE, Cal., May 7—A search for William Mahan, kidnaper haeuser and leading public enemy, since the capture of Alvin Karpis, started here today following a report he had been seen near Indio, Cal.

## G-MEN TRAP WILLIE MAHAN IN FAR WEST

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Karpis Pal Taken in Ohio;  
Only One 'Public Enemy'  
Left At Large

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THURSDAY MAY 7, 1936.

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, May 7—Federal G-men today arrested William Mahan, Weyerhauser kidnaper, at San Francisco, Climaxing a whirl-wind round-up that put three of the nation's four leading public enemies into custody in less than a week.

Two of the three criminals were captured today within a space of a few hours.

Harry Campbell was seized personally by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the G-Men, at Toledo, O., this morning.

William Mahan, kidnaper of little George Weyerhauser, was seized at San Francisco, Cal., late this afternoon.

Alvin Karpis, kidnaper of William Hamm of St. Paul, was seized in New Orleans last Friday night.

The arrests left only Thomas G. Robinson, wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville in 1934, on the Justice Department's list of major public enemies still uncaught.

It virtually wiped clean the Justice Department record of solutions of kidnaping cases.

Mr. Hoover said the capture was effected by bureau agents, and that Mahan was caught in a San Francisco house on Minna St. between 6th and 7th Aves., at 12:30 p. m.

He said Mahan was alone when captured and that he had readily

### 'Call 'Em Rats,' Hoover Urges

By The United Press

CLEVELAND, May 7—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would like to have the nation's most notorious criminals referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

"Criminals are very vain," he told newsmen in announcing the capture of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang. "They like to be called 'Public Enemy No. 1.' I wish newspapers would start calling them 'public rats.'"

admitted his identity. He was taken at once to Tacoma, Wash., the home of the Weyerhauser child.

Considerable currency was found on him at the time of the arrest. It was identified as part of the \$200,000 ransom paid for young Weyerhauser's return.

Weyerhauser, 9-year old, was kidnaped on May 24, 1935, while returning home from school in Tacoma. Ransom of \$200,000 was paid later.

TOLEDO, May 7—Harry Campbell, one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and last remaining  
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# More Witnesses to Be Called in Spa Inquiry; Records Are Demanded

## House Committee Secretary Threatens Contempt Charges Unless Data Produced.

## Jurist Is Heard

## Circuit Judge Earl Witt to Reappear Before Committee Tomorrow With Information.

Additional subpoenas were issued yesterday afternoon by the House committee authorized to make a thorough investigation of laxity in law enforcement in the Eighteenth judicial district (Garland and Montgomery counties) and the questioning of witnesses under oath is scheduled to start at the state capitol tomorrow.

It was reported from unauthoritative sources last night that two State Rangers had been seen on the Mount Ida road out of Hot Springs. Since additional subpoenas were reported to have been issued here yesterday it is probable that the investigators have decided to call witnesses from Montgomery county in connection with the inquiry, as well as from Garland county and Hot Springs.

Failure of the witnesses who were under instructions to furnish certain records to the Rev. Lee Nichols, Logan county representative and committee secretary, yesterday brought from the secretary a stern admonition that the records must be produced not later than 9 a. m. tomorrow or action will be taken by the committee to secure citations for contempt.

Last night it was announced that the committee feels that reasonable progress has been made since the investigation was authorized and assurance was given that it will be carried to a conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Circuit Judge Earl Witt, of the Eighteenth judicial district, whose impeachment may be sought if the House members find that allegations in the Thompson resolution should be sustained, appeared before Representative Nichols yesterday in response to a subpoena.

After a conference with the committee secretary he said that he had been asked to bring before the whole committee Monday certain information and records. He told newsmen that it appears that a "lot of misinformation has been given to the authors of the Thompson resolution."

Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin, who is charged with being the leader of the group which the committee is authorized to investigate, said that he hopes the committee will see fit to go back in its investigation to the time when Scott Wood was circuit judge in the Eighteenth district and when horse races were being operated illegally in Hot Springs.

### Witnesses Grow Serious.

It was apparent that some of the operators of clubs in and around Hot Springs were inclined to take the investigation more seriously after they had appeared before the committee secretary yesterday and received notice that their action yesterday would not be termed compliance with subpoenas which have been served by State Rangers, agents of the state revenue department.

W. S. Jacobs, owner of the Club Belvedere and the Southern Grill in Hot Springs, listened to the admonition that the records must be delivered and sought an extension of the 9 a. m. Monday deadline because of his inability to secure information from his bankers relative to deposits, which were listed as part of the information the committee seeks.

Jacobs explained that the banks would be closed before the witnesses could return to Hot Springs yesterday, and that the information is due

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to be turned over to the committee in Little Rock Monday at the hour the banks open for business.

Having failed to secure more time for himself and others similarly situated, Jacobs a few minutes later renewed the suggestion and asked if it would not be permissible for him to bring in the records by noon Monday. Representative Nichols held to the 9 a. m. deadline.

Only one witness was sworn when he appeared before the committee chairman yesterday. He was Houston Emory of Hot Springs who on December 31 completed his third two-year term as prosecuting attorney for the judicial district.

The former officer's testimony was to be transcribed for presentation before the whole committee Monday. It was taken, Representative Nichols said, with the idea that it might not be necessary for this witness to return to Little Rock Monday. Later it was indicated that the former prosecutor will be questioned further.

Two other officials to appear as witnesses yesterday were Marion Anderson, Garland county sheriff, and Herbert Akers, chief of detectives in Hot Springs.

Some of the witnesses reporting yesterday had expected to have legal counsel present when they made their appearance in response to the official summons but a Little Rock attorney yesterday afternoon said that he had been informed that the witnesses would not be permitted to bring their attorneys with them. One Hot Springs attorney was here yesterday and had expected to appear as counsel for some of the witnesses.

#### Donham Assists.

Fred A. Donham, prosecuting attorney for the Sixth judicial district, (Pulaski and Perry counties) was called upon yesterday to assist the committee with some of the legal problems. He held a conference with Representative Nichols and a short time later John Thompson, assistant Little Rock city attorney, joined the committee secretary and aided him during the remainder of the morning in the questioning of the witnesses.

The witnesses were questioned in the House chamber at the capitol but were not sworn and a transcript of the testimony of only one witness was taken. Other witnesses and newsmen were requested to remain in the rear of the room out of hearing of the questions propounded by the investigators, and the answers given by the witnesses.

Bob LaFollette, assistant superintendent of the State Rangers, called the witnesses before the committee secretary. He was assisted by R. M. Faust and Frank Witte, agents of the revenue department, who have been assigned to aid the committee in its investigation. Mrs. Helen Erwin of the revenue department staff was assigned to the committee to prepare a transcript of the proceedings and she was joined later by Miss Faye Loretz as assistant.

Those heard in addition to the officers and former officials included W. S. Jacobs, Matt Picchi, proprietor of the White Front cigar store; Jimmy Phillips of the Southern Grill, Roscoe Johnson of the Southern Club, Norwood Phillips of the Chicago Club, Ben Harrison of the Citizens Club, Tink Young of the Ohio Club, Gordon Henderson of the Blue Ribbon Club, Bill Miller, of Miller's cigar store, Otis McGraw of Club Belvedere and Ed Spears of the Tango Club. Only Young and Spears appeared with records which the subpoenas directed they deliver to the committee secretary.

When Representative Nichols delivered his ultimatum to the witnesses who had not appeared with the records, he suggested to Judge Witt that he remain "so that you can hear what I am going to tell these men who have been subpoenaed and have refused or failed to comply with the forthwith subpoenas."

To the other witnesses they then said:

"I am going to tell you men right now that if all of your records of operation are not here by Monday, contempt charges will result. We want tax receipts, federal income tax reports and receipts, if any; copies of financial reports made to Dun and Bradstreet, or any other like agency, if any; state income tax receipts and returns; list of all personal and real property; all unpaid checks in your possession, and by that I mean 'hot checks,' and any records of bank accounts in the city of Hot Springs or any place else; and any and all other documents or papers or records which will show anything concerning your own personal worth, operations of business or operations of any of the places where you are employed.

"Now then, gentlemen, especially I want to emphasize these things: I want the payroll of all these places where you, some of you are owners or part owners, managers, bookkeepers, or have anything to do with the operation of them. I don't care if it is just a cafe, these records must be here in the chamber of the House by 9 o'clock Monday morning, January 18, 1937, and if not here at that time we are going to file contempt proceedings against you, and I have an idea all of you know what that means. Is there anybody that doesn't know?

"Speaking as the secretary of the committee and as the present representative who issued the subpoenas, we are not trying to prove anything that is not true. We are hunting the truth. We are going to get it if we can. I think the City of Hot Springs is entitled to know the truth. If these allegations are false, then I presume that most of you men would like to have it made public and plain that a thorough investigation has been made and that they are false. If they are true, we are going through the cut. These records are for the past year, from January 1, 1936, to the present time.

"I want to tell you one thing about these records. These records will be turned over by the committee to Capt. Bob LaFollette, assistant superintendent, State Police Department. They will be kept absolutely in confidence. There will be no nosy prying around into your records.

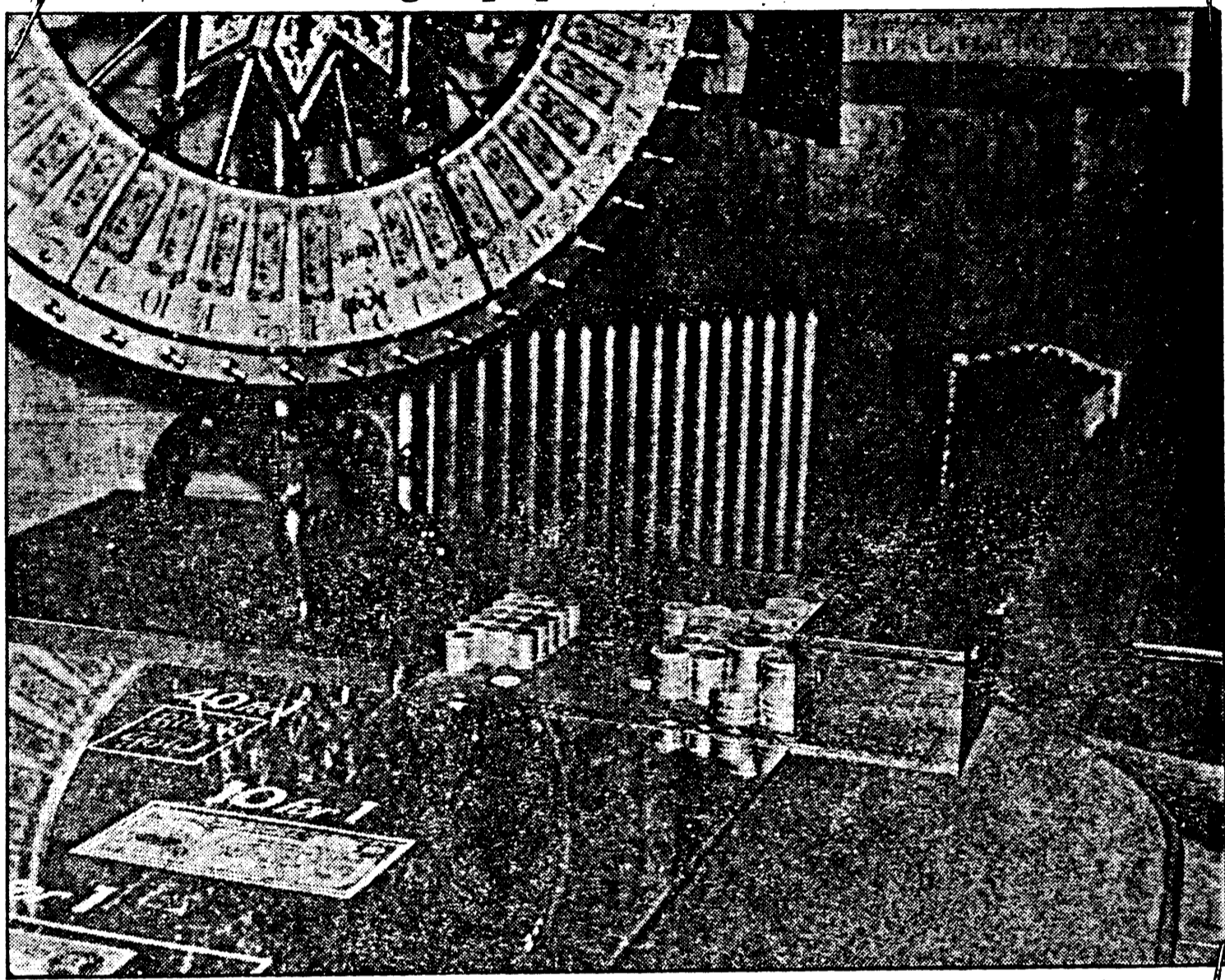
I am holding this morning that

you haven't answered this subpoena. You have evaded it and the time is being extended until 9 o'clock Monday morning."

It was indicated last night that a conference of at least a part of the members of the investigating committee members may be held this afternoon to review the developments since it was decided late Friday to secure photographic evidence from within the clubs in Garland county where it is alleged gamblers operate in open violation of the law. That the committee secured evidence was apparent yesterday when the photographs were delivered to a committee representative.

Rep. W. M. Thompson of Batesville, whose name headed the list of the members introducing the resolution, was named chairman of the committee and the other members are: the Rev. Mr. Nichols of Booneville, Rep. Ike Murry of Fordyce, Rep. Pat Robinson of Lewisville and Rep. J. F. Jones of Mount Ida.

## Gambling Equipment at Club Belvedere



This photograph was taken Friday night by the party of State Rangers and state revenue agents who paid a surprise visit to the Hot Springs area to summon witnesses to appear for testimony before the House investigating committee inquiring into reports of open gambling and lax law enforcement in the 18th Judicial district. The picture was

taken in Club Belvedere, showing gambling equipment discovered in a portion of the club building. The photograph is the property of an investigating committee. Subpoenas were served at the Club Belvedere on W. S. Jacobs, owner, and Odie McGraw, manager. Both appeared before the committee here yesterday.

## Resort Mayor Is Questioned



—Democrat Photo.  
Mayer Leo McLaughlin of Hot Springs appeared before Rep. Lee Nichols, secretary of a House committee named to conduct an investigation of the Eighteenth Judicial district, at the capitol yesterday.  
At top, above, the Democrat photographer snapped a picture of Mayer McLaughlin (left) as he was questioned by Rep. Nichols.  
Below, left to right, are: Bob Faust, revenue department agent; Rep. Nichols; Bob LaFollette, assistant superintendent of State Rangers, and Ed Spears, operator of the Tange Club at Hot Springs, one of the businesses who produced records at the hearing.

# KARPIS CAPTURED HERE BY FEDERAL

## AGENTS,

## LED BY HOOVER,

### Public Enemy No. 1 Trapped By Score Of Operatives Gives Up Without Resistance; Taken In Chartered Plane To Memphis On Way To St. Paul

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—The plane bearing Alvin Karpis and government agents, presumably en route to St. Paul, landed here shortly after midnight to await weather reports.

Alvin Karpis, 27, labeled since 1934 as Public Enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured at 5:30 p. m. yesterday by nearly a score of agents of the Federal Department of Justice as he stepped out of his apartment at 3343 Canal street to enter his dark coupe which was parked at the curb.

The capture was carried out swiftly by the Federal agents who were led by their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, Washington. They apparently had been waiting for several days to spring their trap.

Taken with him was Fred Hunter under charge of robbing a mail coach of \$35,000 at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7, 1935, and a young woman whose name was not divulged by the agents. She apparently was under 20 and pretty.

#### Quick Capture

The capture was made so quickly that residents in the neighborhood did not discover what was happening.

Six or seven black automobiles pulled to the curb on Canal street and around the corner on South Jefferson Davis Parkway about 5:30. The agents stepped out brandishing submachine guns, shotguns and pistols.

#### Take Positions

They stepped into positions which covered a basement apartment in the building as if they had been drilled. There was a low warning cry.

The door of the apartment opened and a young man, wearing a straw hat, dark trousers and a white shirt started swiftly toward his automobile, parked directly in front, surrounded now by the agents' cars. Before he had a chance to run, turn or even to notice his captors two husky men in dark suits grabbed him by the arms. Karpis struggled in vain. He is not a strong man. In three seconds he was in an agent's car.

#### Second Man Taken

As the two agents sprang on Karpis others sprinted down the basement hall and into the apartment from which the young man had come. There were noises from the inside for a few seconds, eye-witnesses said, and then two agents came out, holding tightly to a struggling third man, instead of the submachine guns which they had carried when they entered.

Two other agents followed, pulling along a protesting young woman with brown hair, who was wearing a white blouse and a black and white plaid skirt.

#### Dragged To Cars

Each prisoner was dragged to a different car and in a minute or two the agents and prisoners were gone.

#### Under Surveillance

The apartment had been under surveillance all day. Philip J. Liuzza, occupant of an apartment on the third floor of the building, reported that shortly after midnight Thursday a man whom he now presumes was a Federal agent, rang his bell and attempted to gain entrance in the house.

When Liuzza told him that no one by the name he gave resided there the man persisted in seeking entry but as Liuzza refused to open the door finally went off.

Early rising neighbors noticed men in dark suits sauntering down along the neutral ground in Jefferson Davis Parkway all day on both the uptown and downtown sides of Canal street intersection. There were black automobiles parked at various spots in the neighborhood with men at the wheels or sitting quietly in the back seats all day.

The men did not bother anyone and they did not display any weapons, residents of the neighborhood said, although it was noticed that one of them was holding binoculars.

Shortly before 5:30 p. m. Mrs. J. P. McGuire, 3335 Canal street, the house next door to the apartment, looked out her side window and saw a group of determined looking men.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tracy

Mr. Rosen

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"Take Children Inside"  
"What's going on here?" she  
asked.  
The men laughed.  
"You better take the children in-

side and keep your nose in, too,"  
one said.

Shortly after she brought her  
twins in the house, Mrs. McGuire  
said, all the men left.

About the same time another man  
rang the bell of the apartment on  
the second floor of the building,  
directly above the one from which  
the young man later came. The oc-  
cupant of the apartment above,  
who refused to give his name, said  
that the man flashed a badge on  
him and walked into the building.  
He carried a submachine gun and  
told the occupant to get out of the  
way as there was probably going to  
be some shooting.

"Then he went and stood, ma-  
chine gun in his arms, by the back  
door and seemed to be watching,"  
the occupant of the apartment  
said.

Federal agents would not reveal  
how the trap was so perfectly timed  
that they were surrounding the  
front door of the apartment house  
the very instant that Karpis stepped  
onto the street. The thing was re-  
markable. The cars just drew up,  
the men sat in them for a moment  
and at a signal all stepped out, each  
advanced a given number of steps  
and there was a ring of armed men  
around the doorway.

Meanwhile, inside, other agents  
were taking up positions guarding  
the rear door and the yards next  
door to prevent an escape.

#### Door Watched

Apparently the signal that start-  
ed the men moving from their cars  
had been given by someone who was  
watching the door of Karpis' apart-  
ment. This door can be seen from  
several points where agents could  
have concealed themselves.

There were, however, rumors that  
a woman had betrayed Karpis and  
told the agents just when he would  
leave. One radio service broadcast  
a report like this and added that  
the woman was being guarded by  
agents in a hotel. No supporting  
evidence of this statement could be  
found.

A report that had more backing  
was that the agents had discovered  
several months ago the license num-  
ber of Karpis' car. They picked up  
the clue before he came to New  
Orleans and all agents in the South  
were on the lookout for this Arkan-  
sas tag. It was discovered on a car  
parked in front of the Canal street  
apartment several weeks ago. Since  
the discovery Karpis bought a new  
car with a Louisiana license, but  
the agents had no difficulty in dis-  
covering this.

Apparently to make sure that the  
man they stalked was their quarry  
the agents waited and watched for  
weeks. On Thursday two women had  
the landlady of the house show  
them through the Karpis apart-  
ment, ostensibly to look at dining  
room furniture, but the landlady  
reported that they went through  
the entire apartment and noted  
everything carefully. Karpis and his  
young woman were there during the  
visit.

Approximately 45 minutes after  
the seizure reporters were sum-  
moned to the office of the Depart-  
ment of Justice in the Federal build-  
ing to confront J. Edgar Hoover,  
head of the Federal government's  
Bureau of Investigation of the De-  
partment of Justice, whom they  
recognized from photographs.

"Gentlemen," he said, smiling  
slightly, "I would like to announce  
for the government that Alvin Kar-  
pis, your so-called Public Enemy No.  
1, has been arrested by agents of  
the Department of Justice Investi-  
gation department in an apartment  
on the first floor of a house at 3343  
Canal street, this city."

Mr. Hoover then handed each re-  
porter a copy of the complete his-  
tory of Karpis and his gang.

#### No Shooting

A flood of questions came forth.

"Was there any shooting?"

"No," said Mr. Hoover. "He was  
caught just as he was getting into  
his car without the firing of a shot."

#### Woman Held

Hoover refused to give the name  
of the young woman, declaring that  
she had only a minor connection  
in the case and that he would say  
nothing concerning her except that  
she was being closely questioned.

Hoover added that the man cap-  
tured with Karpis was Hunter,  
wanted by Post Office Inspectors  
since November 7, 1935, for the rob-  
bery of a mail train at Garrettsville,  
Ohio, in which \$35,000 was obtained  
by bandits.

Mr. Hoover had been in New Or-  
leans secretly since 11:45 p. m.  
Thursday night, having arrived  
with two other Federal agents from  
New York in a chartered plane of  
Transcontinental Western Airways  
from Newark, New Jersey.

He secretly had taken a suite of  
rooms in the St. Charles hotel. The  
two pilots of the 14-passenger Dou-  
glas air liner were William Zimmer-  
man and Fred Smith, usually as-  
signed to the New York-Kansas City  
run. They told reporters simply  
that the three men were "business  
men" who did not wish any "pub-  
licity."

#### Leave U. S. Building

Shortly before 8 p. m. a group  
of Federal agents with a manacled  
Karpis in their midst came walking  
swiftly out of the Department of  
Justice office in the Post Office  
building. Directed by Mr. Hoover  
they completely surrounded the  
dapper little gangster, carrying sub-  
machine guns and shotguns. Two

agents walked directly behind the  
desperado, holding ~~him~~ to his  
belt.

Karpis was taken down the stairs  
and placed in one of the long black  
Federal cars, which immediately  
roared out into Camp street and  
away with two other machines fol-  
lowing swiftly as a convoy.

The Federal men and their cap-  
tive were at the Shushan airport  
around 8:30 p. m. and instead of  
stopping at the administration build-  
ing, where reporters and others had  
gathered to watch their arrival, they  
drove onto the airfield and into the  
hangar where the air liner already  
was warming up.

Karpis was hustled into the  
plane.

The engines roared and it taxied  
out onto the field, with Karpis, the  
two pilots, Mr. Hoover and five  
Federal agents. Shortly afterward  
it was in the air and left New Or-  
leans heading directly north over  
Lake Pontchartrain.

#### Silent on Route

Attempts to learn the destination  
of the plane from the Weather bu-  
reau office where the pilots had ob-  
tained their weather reports for the  
route they were flying were un-  
available as Mr. Hoover had taken  
the precaution to have them ask  
for the weather for the route to  
New York, the route to Memphis,  
the route to Chicago, and the route  
to Washington, D. C.

#### Head For Memphis

By a chance remark of Mr. Hoov-  
er, however, it was learned that  
they were headed for Memphis and  
intended to fly from there, if the  
weather permitted, to St. Paul, Min-  
nesota, where Karpis is charged  
with the kidnaping of a bank presi-  
dent and brewery owner.

The apartment in which they  
lived was well furnished. It had two  
bedrooms, living room, kitchen and  
dining room. None of the other re-  
sidents in the building had even a  
suspicion that the dapper little  
neighbor was the feared "trigger  
man" of the Karpis-Barker mob.

#### Settle Down For Night

At midnight, Special Agent Magee  
and his assistants had settled down  
to a night's vigil, awaiting orders  
from Director Hoover. Beds, covers  
and food had been ordered sent to  
the Post Office building and it be-  
came apparent that Hunter and the  
girl, "Ruth," would be held in the  
office throughout the night.

What will be done with Hunter  
was not revealed by Mr. Magee. The  
shackles remained on him even af-  
ter he had been allowed to go to  
bed on a cot.

The girl, a bit more jovial than  
Hunter, smoked cigarettes and chat-  
ted with agents and stenographers  
in the office.

The agents, many of whom have  
been without sleep for days awaiting  
the time to "crack down" on Karpis,  
patiently bedded down with the pris-  
oners.

Agents brought in clothing and  
suitcases, apparently from the Canal  
street apartment, indicating that a  
careful search of the prisoners' ef-  
fects was to be made last night. Ot-  
her agents were left on guard at  
apartment house. No one was to

### Holdup Feared By Neighbors

When Federal agents arrested Alvin Karpis yesterday as he stepped out of his apartment at 3343 Canal street, neighbors were alarmed by the display of guns.

"There's a holdup going on here!" they telephoned police headquarters.

Detective Steve Dominguez was sent to the scene. When he got there he asked Federal agents, "Is there anything I can do?"

"Yes," said a Federal agent, "you can help us by keeping the crowds back."

Captain of Detectives William Bell also volunteered his help, but it was refused with thanks.

ment on his boy's capture by Federal agents at New Orleans.

A few minutes after Karpis' capture was announced, the house was besieged by reporters. Knocking on doors and rapping on windows brought from the 63-year-old Karpavicz only:

"Go away. I do not want to talk to you."

A short, stumpy little man, he angrily went about pulling down blinds and fastening bolts.

Before the blinds were pulled, reporters saw gray-haired Mrs. Karpavicz, sitting in the kitchen, Karpis' son, Raymond, one year old in February, at her knee. The boy was born to Karpis by Dolores Delaney, one of the two women captured by police when the gunman and Harry Campbell shot their way out of a trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 20, 1935.

Miss Delaney was sentenced to the Federal women's prison at Milan, Michigan, for harboring Karpis and her son was taken to the home of Karpis' parents here.

### Sister Weeps Over Capture

(By The United Press)

TOPEKA, Kans., May 1.—Mrs. Andrew Grooms, older sister of Alvin Karpis, wept tonight when informed that Federal agents had captured her brother.

"He wasn't as bad as they painted him," she sobbed.

Karpis was remembered here as a boy marble champion. He later received his first sentence here, being sent to the Hutchinson reformatory for a 10-year term on a burglary conviction.

He escaped one month later but was rearrested by Kansas City police and returned to the reformatory where he was unexpectedly released.

The outlaw's brother-in-law said that he was sorry to hear that Karpis had been taken, but was glad to know that these had not been any shooting.

Mrs. Grooms also expressed relief that her brother wasn't shot.

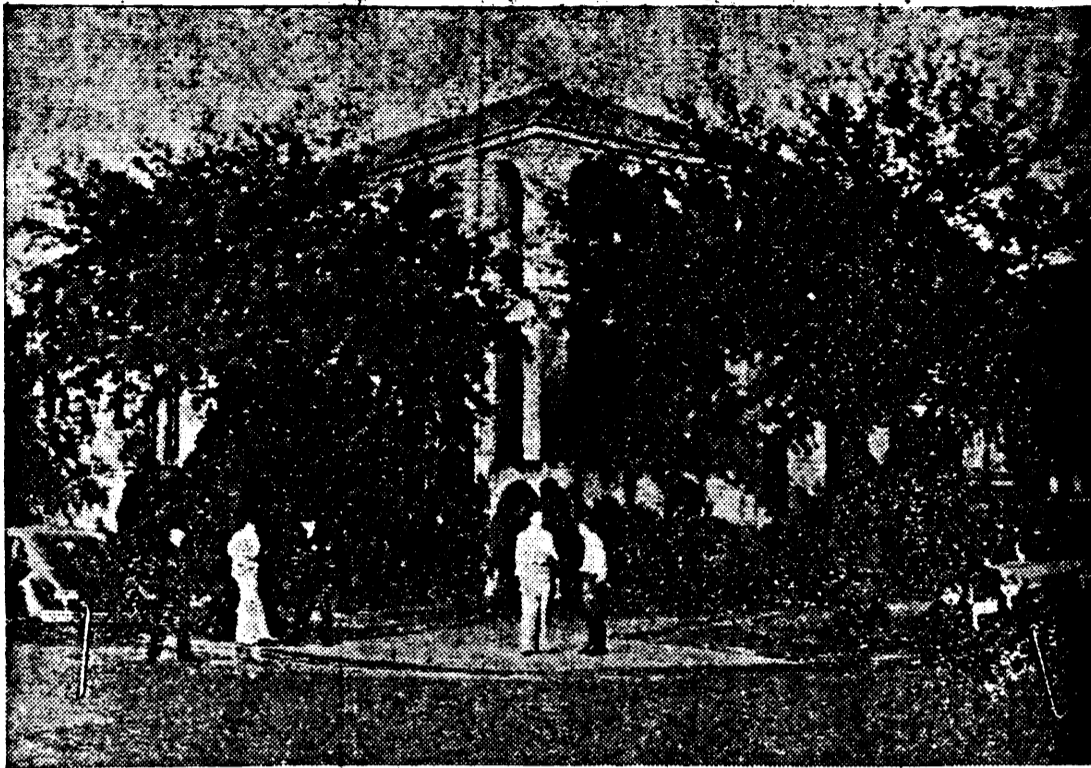
### Karpis' Father Fastens Doors

(By The United Press)

CHICAGO, May 1.—John Karpavicz, hard-working apartment janitor who disowned his son Alvin after the latter became Public Enemy No. 1, tonight locked all doors to his house and refused com-



*Where 'Public Enemy No. 1' Was Captured*



In front of this apartment house at 3343 Canal street, where he had been living on the

first floor, Alvin Karpis was captured yesterday with Fred Hunter, ending a long nationwide manhunt by Federal men.



ALVIN KARPIS, Public Enemy No. 1, is shown between two agents of the Department of Justice as he was taken from the Federal building. More pictures and reports are on Pages Four.

## 'Never Had A Chance,' Hoover Snaps At Reporters About Capture Of Karpis

"He never had a chance—"

With that terse sentence J. Edgar Hoover, the dark, squat chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation summed up last night the capture of the notorious and much wanted Alvin Karpis in a Canal street apartment.

Striding down the corridors of the darkened Federal building in front of the No. 1 outlaw of the nation who, straw-hatted and in shirt sleeves followed meekly, manacled by both arms to two G-men, Mr. Hoover snapped out that sentence in reply to a reporter's question.

His appearance and that of Karpis from the offices of the Investigation bureau on the third floor of the Post-Office building came with the same dramatic suddenness as had the news of Karpis' capture.

A squad of reporters and cameramen had been standing many minutes outside in the hall and most of them were about of the opinion that Mr. Hoover had already spirited away the most famous of the trio caught. But they waited on.

Suddenly the doors were thrust open and out strode Mr. Hoover, nattily dressed in a dark brown suit. There could be no mistaking him. He looked exactly like the many pictures that have been in most of the nation's newspapers.

The reporters and cameramen snapped into action.

"Is that Karpis?" All questions as if by common consent were directed at Mr. Hoover.

"Yes, that's him," Mr. Hoover replied and never paused a step.

After him chased the reporters, one of them stumbling against the two men guarding Karpis in his hurry to reach Mr. Hoover's side.

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"Not a bit," said Mr. Hoover, striding on down the steps. "He never had a chance."

"How long has he been in New Orleans?"

"Several months," Mr. Hoover continued his descent of the steps.

"Did he have a gun?"

"Not with him. He had one in the car outside."

Mr. Hoover had reached the sidewalk and began giving directions about the cars.

One of the cars, a long, dark red car, had been pulled up and into this stepped the guards and Karpis.

Mr. Hoover looked for another car. There was none ready. He seemed for the moment annoyed, but it was only for a moment, for up slid another automobile.

Out shot the dark red car into the traffic on Camp street with the other machine, hastily filled now

with G-men and their waveling bags and what are sometimes called "typewriters" but what are more generally known as "submachine guns."

A reporter attempted to follow in a car only to see the red car, the other following, shoot down Camp street and into Canal with a wholesale disregard of the red traffic lights.

Later the trail of the G-men was picked up at the Shushan airport but the guard about the specially chartered plane was so heavy a reporter could not get near it.

Their destination? Mr. Hoover refused to reveal that for "good and sufficient reason."

# MANY BATTLES, ESCAPES MARK BRIEF CAREER

## Gangsters Fell One By One To Guns Or Courts

Kidnapings and pistol battles stamped the name of Alvin Karpis on the annals of the nation's crime. Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker ruled as chieftains of the gang. From time to time the guns of the law brought to a bloody end various members of the gang, among them the redoubtable "Ma" Barker, as tough as any of her sons. She died grimly trading machine gun bullets with besieging officers. From time to time agents were reported hot on the trail of Karpis, but the hunt proved unavailing until yesterday. The story of Karpis' gang follows in the words of the Department of Justice:

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 a. m. at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit school in St. Paul. He was thereupon transported by his abductors to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held in the home of Harold Alderton until February 7, 1934, when he was released at Rochester, Minnesota, after payment of a \$200,000 ransom. During the course of the ransom negotiations, there were a total of 13 ransom letters transmitted. Six of these were written personally by Mr. Bremer, while seven were written by the kidnapers themselves. None of these letters was transmitted through the United States mail. Each was delivered to a friend of the Bremer family for transmittal to the interested parties.

In effecting the payment of the ransom, the abductors used four flashlights which were found at the scene where the payoff occurred. Investigation by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, disclosed that these flashlights were purchased at the F. and W. Grand Silver store in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 27, 1934. Alvin Karpis has been positively identified as being the purchaser of these flashlights.

Case Files  
Mr. Bremer was able to recall that on his journey toward from the Bensenville hide-out his abductors had carried what appeared to be square, five-gallon cans of gasoline, which was used to replenish the gasoline supply of the automobile transporting him. Mr. Bremer also recalled that on the return journey to Rochester, Minnesota, at a point approximately midway between Bensenville and Rochester his abductors had replenished the supply of gasoline in the car carrying him and left the gasoline cans along the roadside. On February 7, 1934, the same date on which Mr. Bremer was released, these four gasoline cans were found on a lonely country road near Portage, Wisconsin. They were immediately forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., where a scientific examination was conducted, which disclosed the location of a fingerprint which proved to be the right index fingerprint of Arthur R. ("Doc") Barker.

The payoff man, Walter Magee, a St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family, affected the payment of \$200,000 at a point near Zumbrota, Minnesota, which point had been designed by the kidnapers. The abductors had likewise demanded that the ransom money be paid in five and 10 dollar bills drawn upon the Minnesota Federal Reserve bank. Subsequent investigation at the point where the payoff occurred, disclosed the location of the flashlights mentioned above, which had been used as a signal, indicating the point where Walter Magee was to drop the ransom money.

Those who were responsible for the abduction of Mr. Bremer have been commonly referred to as the Karpis-Barker gang. This gang was composed of numerous persons, the more notorious of whom are the following: Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William Bryan Bolton, James J. Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, Elmer Farmer, Harold V. Alderton, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, Oliver A. Berg, Bruno Austin, Joseph H. Adams, Henry (Duke) Randall, Nathaniel Heller, Cassius McDonald, Paula Harmon, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Russell Gibson (deceased), John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr. (deceased), William J. Harrison (deceased), Fred Barker (deceased), Kate Barker (deceased), Fred Goetz (deceased). The apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker has been sought by the sheriff's office at West Plains, Missouri, at which point they are charged with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, which occurred on December 22, 1931.

On March 20, 1934, Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, who was already strongly suspected of having participated in Mr. Bremer's abduction, was killed in gangland fashion by unknown assailants on the streets.

of Cicero, Illinois. On March 22, 1934, the Attorney-General of the United States announced that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. (Doc) Barker had been definitely identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as being two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

#### Serial Numbers

Prior to the payment of the ransom, a list of all serial numbers of the money used was obtained. Printed copies of this list were made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and distributed to all banks and financial institutions throughout the United States. As a result of this distribution, the officials of a bank at Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, notified the Chicago office of this bureau that an individual had that day presented \$900, consisting of currency which had been identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. The individual exchanging the ransom money was on April 23, 1934, identified as William E. Vidler and was apprehended by agents of the Chicago bureau office. He was found to be in possession of \$3185 at the time of his arrest, of which \$2625 proved to be Bremer ransom money. The apprehension of Vidler led to the arrest of John "Boss" McLaughlin and Phillip J. Delaney in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934, these men having likewise participated in negotiating the Bremer ransom money. At this time investigation disclosed that persons known only at that time as "Slim" Gray, one "Izzy" and Dr. Joseph P. Moran had been instrumental in exchanging large amounts of Bremer ransom money.

On May 4, 1934, there was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, an indictment charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, John J. McLaughlin, Sr., William E. Vidler, Phillip J. Delaney, one "Slim," one "Izzy," John Roe and Richard Roe with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the person formerly known to this bureau as "Izzy" was, in fact, identical with Oliver A. Berg. Berg's apprehension was effected by special agents of the Chicago bureau office on August 22, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois. Berg at that time was considered as a fugitive from the Illinois state penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, from which point he had been released on a writ of habeas corpus for the purpose of an appeal. His appeal having been denied, he failed to return to the penitentiary. After his apprehension by bureau agents, however, he was returned to the Illinois state penitentiary to serve the remainder of 10 years to life imposed upon him on the charge of robbery with a gun.

On September 4, 1934, James J. Wilson, commonly known as Jimmie Wilson, was apprehended by agents of the Denver bureau office at Denver, Colorado. Wilson had been positively identified as assisting in the exchange of ransom money and also in assisting Dr. Moran in changing the fingerprints of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis at the Irving hotel in Chicago, Illinois, during March of 1934.

#### Barker Arrested

On January 4, 1935, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker was arrested by Chicago bureau agents at 432 Surf street, Chicago, Illinois, and almost simultaneous with the arrest of "Doc" Barker efforts were made to

apprehend Russell Gibson at an apartment located at 3912 Pine Grove avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At this point Gibson resisted arrest, using a Browning automatic rifle in an effort to effect his escape, at which time Gibson was mortally wounded. Among the personal effects found in "Doc" Parker's apartment was a machine gun, the serial numbers of which had been completely chiseled off. This gun was examined by the technical laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., and was positively identified as a machine gun which had been used by officers at South St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 30, 1933, in attempting to frustrate a pay roll robbery. This gun was stolen by the bandits when it dropped from the hands of a wounded police officer. Numerous items of firearms equipment were found in Russell Gibson's apartment, including several Browning automatic pistols and bulletproof vests.

Bryan Bolton was taken into custody at the Gibson apartment at the time Gibson attempted to effect his escape.

On January 16, 1935, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation succeeded in locating Kate Barker and Fred Barker, who were occupying a cottage on Lake Weir near Oklawaha, Florida. Unsuccessful efforts were made to induce these individuals to surrender peacefully, but the only response was a shower of machine gun bullets, whereupon a battle ensued, resulting in the death of Kate Barker and Fred Barker. An examination of their personal effects disclosed that they were possessed of a veritable arsenal of firearms equipment, consisting of bullet-proof vests, machine guns, rifles, revolvers and automatic pistols.

At this time investigation disclosed that large quantities of Bremer ransom money had been exchanged in Havana, Cuba. It

was learned that between September 1 and September 15, 1934, Cassius McDonald, with the assistance of William J. Harrison, exchanged approximately \$40,000 of the Bremer ransom money both in Havana. It was further shown that Harry Sawyer, who had fled from St. Paul, Minnesota, on or about April 1, 1934, had been in connection with Harrison and Donald at the El Comodore hotel in Miami, Florida, during the period.

#### Indicted

On January 22, 1935, a Federal Grand Jury sitting at St. Paul, Minnesota, returned a conspiracy indictment, charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Oliver A. Berg, Joseph Patrick Moran, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., William Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, Byron Bolton, James J. Wilson, Edna Murray, Jess Doyle and Myrtle Eaton conspired to transport Mr. Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and to hold him for \$200,000 ransom. A second indictment was returned on the same date, charging the following persons with the substantive offense of kidnaping Mr. Bremer: Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison and Byron Bolton.

Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney were apprehended at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1935, and were returned to Jacksonville, Florida, where on February 7, 1935, they were indicted, together with Nathaniel Heller, Henry "Duke" Randall, Cassius McDonald and Joseph H. Adams, charged in several indictments with harboring Alvin Karpis, conspiring to harbor Alvin Karpis, misprision of a felony, conspiracy to commit misprision of a felony. On March 25, 1935, at Miami, Florida, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney pleaded guilty to the indictments outstanding against them and each was sentenced to serve five years in the United States detention farm at Milan, Michigan. The trial of Randall and Adams has been set for May 25, 1936.

On February 7, 1935, Harry C. Stanley, a brother of Edna Murray, and his wife, Mary Stanley, were arrested by bureau agents at Pitts-

burgh, Kansas. They were harbored the persons pleases to serve six months in prison and a fine of \$1000. The first Bremer received a sentence of 15 years in prison. The first Bremer received a sentence of 15 years in prison. The first Bremer received a sentence of 15 years in prison.

burgh, Kansas. They were charged with having harbored the fugitive Volney Davis. On March 12, 1935, both of these persons pleaded guilty, whereupon Harry C. Stanley was sentenced to serve six months and pay a fine of \$1000, while Mary Stanley received a five-year suspended sentence.

The first Bremer trial commenced at St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 15, 1935, and continued until May 18, 1935. Bryan Bolton pleaded guilty to the conspiracy indictment on April 15, 1935. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to the following persons: Arthur R. Barker, Oliver Berg, James J. Wilson, John Joseph McLaughlin, Harold Allderton and Elmer Farmer. Barker and Berg received life sentences, Wilson received five years, McLaughlin five years, Allderton twenty years and Farmer twenty years. The jury also returned a verdict of acquittal as to William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

On May 3, 1935, Harry Sawyer was apprehended by bureau agents

*'Nice!'*



WILLIAM HAMM, JR., of the St. Paul brewing family, who was kidnaped by the Karpis gang in 1933, was pleased when he got the news of Karpis' capture. "It's nice to know it," he said.

at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and was thereafter removed to St. Paul, Minnesota.

On September 1, 1935, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, who had been operating a small chicken farm about two miles south of Alandale, Florida, were also apprehended by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Weaver and Eaton were found to be living at this place under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne.

On January 6, 1935, the body of an unidentified man was recovered from a burned barn in Ontarioville, Illinois, by the sheriff's office at Wheaton, Illinois. This fire had occurred on the evening of January 5, 1935. On September 6, 1935, the Federal Bureau of Investigation succeeded in positively identifying the body of this unknown individual as William J. Harrison.

On September 27, 1935, the Federal Grand jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, indicted William Weaver, Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, together with the following persons: Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, William J. Harrison, Bryan Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton, charging them with having conspired between September 15, 1935, and January 15, 1935, to violate the kidnaping law in connection with the abduction of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

The second Bremer trial, at which time Sawyer, McDonald and Weaver were tried, commenced on January 6, 1936, and continued until January 24, 1936, at which time the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to all three persons tried. Sawyer and Weaver received life sentences, while McDonald was sentenced to serve fifteen years in a penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney-General.

**Myrtle Eaton Charged**

On February 26, 1936, at Tampa, Florida, a Federal Grand jury returned two indictments against Myrtle Eaton, charging her with harboring and conspiracy to harbor the fugitive William Weaver. This matter has not yet been definitely set for trial.

The following is a recapitulation of the prosecutive action already taken as to the persons involved in this matter:

Years received	75 yrs., 6 mos.
Suspended	5 yrs.
Life sentences	5
Killed	3
Murdered	2
Fines	\$1000
Acquittals	2
Nolle prosequi	4
Convictions	9

(One of whom has not yet been sentenced, viz. Bryan Bolton.)

*'Bangup Job'*



EDWARD G. BREMER, St. Paul banker who was kidnaped by the Karpis gang in 1934, said last night that the capture of Alvin Karpis by Federal agents in New Orleans was a "bangup job," and he was glad to know of Karpis' capture.

## He Killed And Helped To Kill

ALVIN KARPIS has been accused directly of the murder of the following persons:

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Missouri, in December, 1931.

Arthur W. Dunlap, Sr., West Plains, Missouri, father-in-law of Fred Barker, at Webster, Wisconsin, early in 1932.

John Lazia, Kansas City, Missouri, Italian politician, in July, 1934.

Karpis was implicated, it was also charged, in the following murders:

A Federal agent and three other peace officers and Frank Nash, in massacre at Kansas City Union station.

W. Carter Baum, Federal agent, during the escape of John Dillinger and members of his gang at Little Bohemia lodge in Wisconsin.







As A Boy



ALVIN KARPIS looked like a quiet, meek chap once upon a time. Here he is in the days of his boyhood before he gained the doubtful eminence of Public Enemy No. 1 and the attention of G-men chasing him with machine guns.

# MAHAN TAKES PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 POSITION

## Weyerhauser Boy Kid- naper Still Sought; 2 Others Share Spot

(By The United Press)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Capture of Alvin Karpis leaves William Mahan, wanted for the kidnaping of young George Weyerhauser, the chief contender for the dubious title of Public Enemy No. 1.

Mahan is accused as the ring-leader in the \$200,000 abduction of the Weyerhauser boy at Tacoma, Washington, on May 24, 1935.

His name was the first to come to the lips of T. D. Quinn assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when asked tonight who was considered the man most wanted by the G-men now that Karpis is in custody.

### Two Others Share Spot

Two other men share top places on the hunted list. They are Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville nearly two years ago, and Harry Campbell, a satellite of Karpis, in the notorious Karpis-Baker gang that terrorized the Mid-West for several years.

Campbell is the only man with a Department of Justice price on his head now. The government has posted a reward of \$2500 for any information leading to his arrest. A similar reward of \$5000 was out for Karpis, plus \$2000 offered by postal inspectors.

It was considered highly probable that announcement of the \$7000 in rewards a few days ago may have been indirectly responsible for the speedy end of the hunt for Karpis.

### Hideout Tip Guarded

Source of the "tip" that led G-men to his hideout in New Orleans was a closely-guarded secret for the time being, but it was not unlikely that it came from some person anxious to collect the \$7000.

Karpis and Campbell are the only persons besides the notorious John Dillinger for whom the Justice department have offered rewards. Dillinger was shot down in front of a Chicago theatre shortly after the price was put on his head.

Campbell's chief claim to notoriety rests on the fray in Atlantic City more than a year ago when he and Karpis shot their way out when cornered in a hotel room by local police there, and on his alleged participation with Karpis and other members of his gang in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul two years ago.

Now 36 years old, his police record began 16 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sought in Kidnaping  
Mahan, alias William Dainard has been widely sought in connection with the Weyerhauser kidnap-

ing. He has a record of a term in the Montana State penitentiary for automobile theft and a robbery sentence in Idaho, from which he was pardoned in 1933.

The Justice department wanted-card for Robinson notes that he is an expert at impersonating a woman. He had only a minor police record in his native Nashville, Tennessee, until the kidnaping of Mrs. Stoll for whose return he allegedly received \$50,000 ransom. His "lone wolf" tactics and absence of any known affiliation with an underworld gang have made him hard to trace.

## Magee's Tie Figures In 3 Captures

A necktie with brown and red figures on a tan background, worn by Dave W. Magee, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, has figured in the arrest of three desperadoes in New Orleans during the past two years.

Mr. Magee wore the necktie yesterday when Alvin Karpis, one of the successive Public Enemies No. 1 remaining in the country, was arrested in a Canal street apartment house. Mr. Magee admitted, after a reporter with a long memory pointed out the tie, that he had happened to wear it on the other occasions.

And the other occasions were when Mr. Magee captured Richard T. Galatas, said to be the "brains" of the Kansas city massacre, here on October 10, 1934. He again wore the tie when G-men captured Harry Sawyer, a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, at Pass Christian, Mississippi, May 4, 1935.

It was almost a year to a day that Special Agent Magee donned his tie again and went out with the other agents, under supervision of J. Edgar Hoover, director, to "take" Alvin Karpis.

## 'G' Man Head After Capture



Immediately after the capture of Alvin Karpis, his pretty brunette woman companion and Fred Hunter yesterday, J. EDGAR HOOVER, right, director of the United States

—Photo by Staff Photographer.

Federal Bureau of Investigation, hurried to the New Orleans headquarters in the Post Office building. Two aids are with him.

# KARPIS AID SOON IN TOILS, OFFICIAL SAYS

## Harry Campbell Reported Near Capture In Ohio

(By The United Press)

CLEVELAND, May 1.—The capture of Harry Campbell, one-time aid to Alvin Karpis, is near, Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick said tonight.

Hettrick indicated that the search for the man who reportedly aided Karpis in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery is growing "hot" and that his arrest may be expected shortly.

Hettrick revealed that John Brock, the "mystery man" brought here two days ago charged with participating in the robbery, was captured in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Campbell's home town.

Brock made sworn affidavits that Karpis and Campbell were the leaders of the Garrettsville holdup, which was engineered in "Wild West" fashion last November 7 and which netted the gang of six machine gun bandits cash and securities totaling \$46,000.

Hettrick said he could not verify reports that Brock gave the tip that resulted in Karpis' capture.

"The G-men got him," he said. "Give them credit."

With the arrest of Fred Hunter in Karpis' hideout tonight, Campbell and a man known only as Sam are the only alleged members of the Garrettsville gang still uncaptured.

Hettrick said Hunter likely would be brought to Cleveland to face charges.

The sixth man charged with the mail robbery is Grover Keady, who was arrested in Tulsa several months ago and now is in jail here.

Brock's case is somewhat of a mystery. He was arraigned in Youngstown, Ohio, several days ago and then brought to Cleveland. He is held incommunicado in jail.

Hettrick said the Post Office department has been working hand in hand with the Department of Justice in the roundup of the gang.

Hettrick himself spent the afternoon in Akron, Ohio, with three of his men and a squad of deputy sheriffs. They reportedly had been tipped that Karpis would show there today to meet a friend.

Machine guns were set up in a barber shop across the street from the place where Karpis, according to a "gangster tip," was to meet his confederate.

An hour or two after the elaborate trap had been set, Karpis was captured in New Orleans.

# CRIME CAREER OF KARPIS GOES BACK 10 YEARS

## Son Of Poor Janitor Got Early Start; Disowned By Father

It was a career of more than 10 years of crime that was checked on Canal street yesterday to turn the eyes of the nation on New Orleans for the arrest of Alvin Karpis, called by police everywhere "America's Public Enemy No. 1."

It was the career of the son of a poor janitor who began with petty larcenies, got the usual prison training, went to work on bigger and bigger robberies to graduate as a "big shot" in robberies, kidnaping and murder.

How many murders Karpis has performed is not certain. He may not be certain himself. He is credited with using a gun in the famous Kansas City massacre, in which five men were mowed down by machine gun bullets. Federal men wanted him most because he is charged with participating in the deaths of four government Federal officers. Three other specific murders are charged.

### Disowned by Father

His real name is Alvin Karpavicz. He is 25. His father is a Chicago janitor who disowned his son as a "bad actor." He has a mother and three married sisters also living.

He ascended to the dubious throne when Lester Gillis, alias George (Baby Face) Nelson abdicated November 28, 1934, ushered out under a hail of government bullets near Barrington, Illinois. In the cross-fire, Agents Samuel P. Cowley and Herman Hollis met death.

An occasional member of the defunct Dillinger gang, the bad man was named by the government as one of those implicated in the slaying of W. Carter Baum, Federal agent, in the Little Bohemia incident in Wisconsin.

### Deaths Charged

In addition to the above, Karpis has the following deaths charged against him:

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Missouri, in December, 1931; A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of Fred Barker, at Webster, Wisconsin, early in 1934, and John Lutz, Kansas City, Missouri, Italian political power who refused Barker and Karpis "permission" to open a gambling resort.

But it was not on these feats that Karpis achieved lasting infamy. His major accomplishments were participation in the ~~St. Paul~~ kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm, wealthy brewer. Scientists in the Department of Justice identified him with the Bremer kidnaping through fingerprints, and to the Hamm case through a strong array of circumstantial evidence.

It became generally accepted that the two kidnapings were done by a gang led by Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred.

It was under the leadership of the brothers Barker that Karpis, a small time hoodlum, was initiated into the major league crime.

He joined their forces in 1931 when Fred escaped from the Kansas State prison at Lansing. The three then assembled their troupe of gunmen, charged with many of the most sensational crimes in Midwestern history. In a majority of these, Karpis was known to be the trigger man.

### Moves to St. Paul

Early in 1932 the gang moved its headquarters from the Oklahoma badlands to St. Paul. As a convenience to the Barkers, they killed Dunlap at the request of Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker. The latter, who mothered the two outlaws and was believed by some to be the brains behind the gang, was removed from competition, along with her son Fred, in a Federal raid at their Miami, Florida, rendezvous January 16, 1935.

On June 16, 1933, Hamm was kidnaped and later paid \$100,000 for his release.

The job was laid to the Barker-Karpis outfit after the government failed to convict the "terrible" Tommy Touhy mob of Chicago.

Six months later, on January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped and public indignation over such crimes reached its height. Painstaking investigation by G-men proved that fingerprints on a gasoline can discarded by the kidnapers belonged to Karpis and Doc Barker.

The pair next were named as two of three men who escaped a Cleveland police trap September 6, shortly after police arrested three known women associates.

A month later Barker was captured in Chicago, taken to St. Paul, convicted and sentenced to life for his part in the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis remained at large.

### Search Intensified

After Gillis' death he became the object of an intensified search and was reported variously in California, Illinois and the Eastern seaboard.

On January 20, 1935, Karpis and Harry Campbell, also wanted in the Bremer case, shot their way out of a besieged apartment in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Karpis apparently went into hiding after the Atlantic City escapade and it was not until November 7, 1935, that he showed his hand again.

On that date, according to the Department of Justice, he led a gang of machine gunners that robbed a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, in Wild West fashion of \$48,000 in cash and securities.

During the lapse between the two incidents, the gunman periodically

was reported "seen" in every part of the nation.

The hunt received added impetus April 22 of this year when Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings announced the Department of Justice was offering a reward of \$5000 for information leading to Karpis' capture. A few days later the reward was increased to \$7000.

LATE NEWS  
RACING

MIAMI DAILY NEWS

Weather—Rain, colder tonight. Details on page 13. Ocean temperature 11 a. m. 75.

THE ONLY NEWS

MIAMI, FLA., TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 1935

KARPIS BELIEVED HIDING I



75. MIAMI, FLA., TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 1935

# BELIEVED HIDING IN MICHIGAN

## 7 BANDITS' AUTO, MOTOR RUNNING, FOUND ON ROAD

### Search Pushed in Resort Region, After Kidnaped Doctor Is Freed

DETROIT, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The bullet-strewn trail of Alvin Karpis, public enemy no. 1 and his quick-shooting companion, Harry Campbell, today led into Michigan with discovery of the automobile in which they are believed to have fled through Ohio last night.

Search immediately was concentrated here and in a Lake Erie resort region near Monroe, Mich., where the car was found this morning.

Not far from where the automobile, taken from Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, son of a Philadelphia state senator, was discovered on highway U. S. 25, leading to Detroit, many lake cottages in the vicinity, officers said, might offer a hiding place for the desperadoes.

It was near Quakertown, Pa., that Dr. Hunsicker became the unwilling host to the fugitives who shot their way out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel Sunday.

The physician's instruments still were in the car when it was found by sheriff's officers this morning, bearing evidence of hard driving  
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## JUSTICE AGENTS SEEKING KARPIS BANKROLL HERE

### Safety Deposit Boxes Are Searched as Bandit's Stay Scrutinized

Safety deposit boxes in which the Alvin Karpis mob is believed to have secreted cash during its six-week stay in Miami were the object today of search by more than a dozen department of justice agents.

Several persons have identified Karpis and his wife, known as Dolores Delaney, from descriptions of America's top-ranking criminal given since their departure.

The Delaney woman, they say, appeared "an ideal type for a young mother." She was expecting a child last week. A complete baby's wardrobe which she purchased here was found abandoned in the house in the northeast section which Karpis rented for the season.

Police today admitted they broadcast a radio alarm Saturday for Karpis at request of department of justice agents, declaring they believed the alarm confidential.

Karpis and his woman companion fled Miami Wednesday in a newly purchased automobile, and the radio pickup request gave the Florida license number of the car.

It was the license number which led Atlantic City police to the hide-out of Karpis. Karpis and a male companion shot their way through the New Jersey police cordon and escaped into the Pennsylvania hills.

Federal agents today were reported to have in custody a man who is alleged to have befriended Karpis during his six weeks' stay in Miami. He was reported held in a downtown hotel room while the department of justice men investigated Karpis' activities with other Miami gangsters.

The arrest of Karpis and his woman was reported Miami news after a photo call had been made of the death of Fred Barker and his mother Kate. Mr. Barker was a gun battle with federal officers at Oklawaha.

Karpis rented a home in the northeast section six weeks ago, paying \$75 for the season. At the time he remarked:

"This looks like a nice quiet place to live." The woman from whom he rented the house is reported to have told police Karpis had large bundles of \$10 and \$20 bills.

The man now held is believed to have purchased for Karpis the car in which America's public enemy No. 1 fled Miami.

A Miami doctor who treated the Delaney woman, last saw her on Jan. 14. At that time he told her her child should be born between Jan. 15 and 20.

The broadcast sent from here warned police to be on the lookout for the man and woman and warned they were "heavily armed," desperate, and will shoot to kill.

The broadcast was relayed throughout the East and Middle

# MORE ABOUT KARPIS

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and with the motor still running. Dell Clark, a mail carrier, said he saw a man get out of the car and walk toward Monroe.

Two U. S. department of justice agents went to Monroe shortly after the abandoned automobile was identified and with Sheriff Joseph Bairley were making a tour of the resort area.

Dr. Hunsicker said he was on his way from his Philadelphia home to the state hospital at Allentown. It was about midnight when another car drove alongside his machine, with horn honking, he told Ohio authorities.

"I stopped," he said. "I realize now I did a foolish thing."

"A man got out with a machine gun and ordered me to open the door. He rode with me and I followed the other car for about three miles. On a side road they abandoned their car."

"After that they did all the driving in my car."

"They asked me if I was a physician, and I told them I was. The men did not ask for medical treatment."

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Under close guard, federal authorities here kept the two women friends of the gangsters. They are described by police as Louise Graham, alias Dorothy Delaney, who was wounded in the leg in the Atlantic City hotel gun battle, and Winona Burdett, radio singer. Federal authorities decline to reveal where they are being held here.

### Alsop Refutes Charge Karpis Tips Inadequate

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 22.—(UP) Mayor Alsop today refuted the charge of Detective Captain Yates, of Atlantic City, N. J., that Alvin Karpis, the gangster, would be in the morgue now if adequate tips had come from Florida police.

The mayor referred to broadcasts made from information issued by the department of justice. This broadcast gave a description of Karpis and said he was "accompanied by a woman who is to become a mother within a few days."

The broadcast said he had left Miami last Wednesday, and a warning was issued to "take no chances as he is a dangerous character."

It was not stated or mentioned that one of the men wanted was Karpis, the mayor said, but a statement did say that "this is some of the gang that is wanted by the department of justice in connection with the Miami killing a few days ago."

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. J. ...
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Miss Gandy

From the Miami Tribune of  
January 16, 1936 (Miami, Florida)

# Karpis Gets Out of Trap G Men Set

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15. (UP)—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion, escaped a trap set by federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage here today. The trap had been maintained by federal agents and highway patrolmen since December 30, when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage to store their automobile.

Identification of Karpis at that time was made by Harry and Oliver Seburn who operate the garage and several attendants who were there when the two men drove the machine in.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at the breakfast hour. Federal agents and highway patrolmen took up the trail and were reported less than five minutes behind the desperado.

"The car stopped in front of the garage about 8:30 o'clock," Harry Seburn said. "One of the men got out.

"He asked for the keys to the car saying he wanted to take it out. I said the man who had the keys was eating breakfast. He became suspicious and turned and ran to the car and they drove away."

Officers said Karpis and his companion might head towards the corner of the state and escape into Kansas, Oklahoma or Arkansas. They were driving a 1931 Ford coupe.

## Escapes Trap



Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, fled from Federal officers at Aurora, Mo., yesterday, escaping by minutes.

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# Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Captured Alive By G-Men; Male Pal, Moll Also Held

## Most Sought After Criminal Is Caught As He Leaves Apartment House To Enter Auto in New Orleans

### CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER PERSONALLY LEADS SQUAD

### Officers With Sawed-Off Shotgun Surround Trio, Grab Quarry And Rush Them From Scene

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 of the U. S., was captured tonight in a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot by a squad of between 15 and 20 officers led personally by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Karpis, known to the underworld as "Old Creepy" was the last of the inner circle of the Karpis-Barker gang to be rounded up. Seven of this band of bank robbers and kidnapers are dead; the rest in jail.

#### Linked With Kidnaps

The one-time marble champion of Topeka, Kas., is charged with participating in two famous kidnappings. One was the \$100,000 abduction of William A. Hamm, jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933. The other was the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of St. Paul's Commercial State Bank, January 17, 1934.

Since those crimes he has escaped police traps many times.

Karpis was taken into custody

today along with Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$34,000 Gettysville, Ohio, mail robbery and a woman whose name was not revealed.

#### Chief Tells News

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the block of Canal street, about a mile from the center of the business district.

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

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

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Joseph .....
- Mr. Keith .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

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

He didn't say who his department's "Public Enemy No. 1" was. Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and even to Cuba.

**Agents Work Smoothly**

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

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 also was connected with that robbery."

Shortly before eight p. m. (C. S. T.) Hoover and almost a score of federal agents left the federal postoffice building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

**Destination Unknown**

Hoover declined to say where the men were being taken.

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

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

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**Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Captured Alive**

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"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."

Karpis had a federal price of \$7,000 on his head—\$5,000 offered by the bureau of investigation and \$2,000 by postal authorities.

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the postoffice building between two burly special agents.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—(P)—Alvin Karpis was placed aboard an airplane under heavy guard about 8:30 p. m. (C.S.T.) tonight three hours after his capture by government agents.

The plane left for an unannounced destination.

Karpis was heavily manacled. He was accompanied by about six agents.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(US)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the

bureau of investigation and kingpin of the G-men, personally took Alvin Karpis into custody at New Orleans late today, it was revealed at the department of justice tonight. Working on information for some time that Karpis was in the New Orleans area, Hoover concentrated a large force of federal agents there several days ago.

Hoover was in New York the early part of the week working on other cases. Receiving word from his New Orleans staff yesterday that Karpis' hideout had been definitely located and that the time was opportune to make a raid, Hoover hopped a plane and dashed to the Louisiana city.

Upon his arrival there the stage was set for the capture.

This afternoon Hoover led his staff of G-men to the Canal street hideout neighborhood where they waited for Karpis to appear. It was at 5:30 that Karpis and Fred Hunter, wanted on mail robbery charges, were spied about to enter an automobile.

**Demands Surrender**

Hoover identified Karpis and without a shot being fired called on him to surrender, as the federal agents surrounded the car and others of the squad placed Hunter in custody.

Karpis had been hunted for nearly three years by justice agents for his part in the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, on June 13, 1933. He also had been sought for the kidnaping

of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

It was on March 22, 1934 that the justice department definitely identified his as one of the Bremer kidnapers and put out a broadcast of his arrest.

Karpis, according to justice department records, has a 10-year crime career behind him. His first prison sentence was to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for 10 years for burglary. He escaped on March 9, 1929. On March 25, 1930, after a little more than a year at liberty, he was returned to the reformatory after having been arrested two days before by Kansas City, Mo., police on safe-blowing and auto theft charges.

On May 19, 1930, Karpis was transferred to the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing to serve the balance of his 10-year burglary sentence. He was released on March 31, 1931 and 11 days later was picked up by Tulsa, Okla., police on another burglary charge for which he was wanted by the police of Okmulgee, Okla. He was given a four-year sentence for that crime on September 11, 1931, and immediately placed on parole by court.

It was after this parole that Karpis started on his really big time crime career. Associating himself with Frank Nash, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Vernon Miller, "Doc," Fred and Kate Barker and others, he took part in numerous bank robberies in the middle west. This was the beginning of the Karpis-Barker outlaw band that terrorized Kansas, Missouri and adjacent states for three or four years.

The first murder charge placed against Karpis was for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at Vinita, Mo., in December, 1931.

After the G-men got on his trail Karpis and other of the Karpis-Barker gang blazed a trail over the eastern half of the U. S. One or another of the band were killed or taken into custody until only one or two lieutenants were left at large.

Last year, after Fred and Kate Barker had been shot to death in a Florida hideout, Karpis was tracked to Atlantic City, where he hid his way out of a trap the federal agents had laid for him. The men had been hot on his trail since, but it was only when the New Orleans tip was picked up that they were able to capture him.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat,  
St. Louis, Mo.,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID

St. L. # 7-45

**ALVIN KARPIS,**

**ENEMY NO. 1,**

**CAPTURED**

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| Mr. Nathan  | ..... |
| Mr. Tolson  | ..... |
| Mr. Clegg   | ..... |
| Mr. Glavin  | ..... |
| Mr. Ladd    | ..... |
| Mr. Nichols | ..... |
| Mr. Rosen   | ..... |
| Mr. Tracy   | ..... |
| Miss Gandy  | ..... |
| Mr. Joseph  | ..... |



# DESPERADO TAKEN AWAY IN AIRPLANE AFTER QUIZ

Bandit Pal and Woman  
Also Caught in New  
Orleans.

CRAFT STOPS HERE  
ON TRIP NORTH

J. Edgar Hoover Per-  
sonally Leads Agents  
in Raid.

The specially chartered plane carrying Alvin Karpis and his captors, headed by J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, landed at Lambert-St. Louis Field at 11:47 o'clock last night and departed for Chicago at 12:35 o'clock this (Saturday) morning. Karpis was not taken out of the plane, although Hoover and three of his aids left the ship for a brief time.

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured tonight outside a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot by a squad of between 15 and 20 officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

After questioning here Karpis was placed aboard an airplane under heavy guard. The plane left for an unannounced destination.

Karpis was heavily manacled. He was accompanied by about six agents.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnappings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul, was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and a woman

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal street, about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"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."

Questioned for Hour.

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as public enemy No. 1, but not to us," he said simply.

He didn't say who his department's "public enemy No. 1" was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and even to Cuba.

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

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 Post Office 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."

Karpis had a federal price of \$7000 on his head—\$5000 offered by

the Bureau of Investigation and \$2000 by postal authorities.

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post office building between two burly special agents.

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."

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 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 times, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Janitor Describes Arrest.

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.

"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, 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.

"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."

anything to do with the West Plains holdup.

## Murders, Kidnapings and Holdups Mark Karpis' Long Past

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 1.—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—he won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

### Blood Flowed Freely.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

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

When 16 years old 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 10-year term.

In the Kansas Reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup, in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime. Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at 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. A year later he was freed.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Ok., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents.

### Agents Posted in Buffing.

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 in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

### Wanted for Missouri Murder.

Karpis was likewise wanted in connection with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Missouri.

Sheriff Kelley was killed December 19, 1931, when he opened the door of an automobile being repaired in the Davidson garage in West Plains.

C. W. Davidson, owner of the garage, thought he recognized the two occupants of the car as men wanted for the \$2000 robbery of the C. C. McCallon Clothing Company store a few days before. He called Sheriff Kelley and McCallon.

Kelley arrived first, opened the automobile door, and was met by two revolver shots through the heart. The man who fired also shot at McCallon, just then entering the garage, but missed. The companion of the bandit who killed Kelley fled on foot, while the killer leaped into the automobile and drove away.

The pair later were identified as Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. Barker, it was established, had rented a hilltop farmhouse near Thayer, Mo., which he surrounded with woven wire and barbed wire, equipping the gate with a burglar alarm. Occupants of the house spent their time at home in target practice.

The widow of the slain Sheriff served out his term, devoting much of her time to tracing down clues as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Barker. She since has been active in attempts to bring to justice her husband's slayer.

Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither of the men had

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kan., Penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5000 jewel robbery at Henretta, Ok.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Ok. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Ok.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the County Jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was in December 19, 1931.

### Get Rid of Ma's Husband.

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the police came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his step-father, 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.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So, not

long afterward, Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

#### Girl Friend in Prison.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul Baseball Club, who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his colleague, "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

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.

Pay roll 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 and Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D.; \$50,000.

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

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

#### Ranks Rapidly Reduced.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

#### Missouri Sheriff Wants Karpis.

By Associated Press.

WEST PLAINS, MO., May 1.—Sheriff Ed Threlkeld, informed tonight that Alvin Karpis had been captured, announced he would "put in my claim for him in the next 10 minutes" for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, Threlkeld's predecessor.

He hurriedly terminated the telephone conversation in order to telephone New Orleans.

"Are you're sure it's Karpis?" was the sheriff's first words.

Assured there was no doubt, he

said:

"I wonder what chance there is for us to get him?"

Asked when he would start formal proceedings for custody, Threlkeld said it would be "just as soon as I can get a telephone call through."

"I was afraid they'd catch him somewhere in the North," Threlkeld said. "If they had we wouldn't have had much chance, but now that they've got him in the South maybe we can get hold of him."

"We've got much the best case outstanding against Karpis unless the federals insist on trying him for the Bremer case first."

### Three Men Now in Line for Enemy No. 1

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, January 17, 1934.

# G-Men Capture Campbell,

## Last of Karpis Gang

*Rever*

### ARREST EFFECTED WITHOUT GUNFIRE; TAKEN TO ST. PAUL FOR BREMER QUIZ

Hoover Says Trap Escape  
in 1934 Was Made Pos-  
sible by Two Politicians  
Under Investigation.

By the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—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 Cokar, 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, Minn., by airplane to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, he said.

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

Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1935. She gave her age as 19 years.

### Captured



HARRY CAMPBELL.

### Campbell

#### Politicians Investigated.

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had face-lifting and fingerprint operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Used Miller Alias  
Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the Federal men. He said he would fly from Cleveland to New York late today.

Hoover said Cokar probably will be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator, where an unfinished 30-year sentence for bank robbery still stands against him.

#### Taken Week After Karpis.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who bore the label of "public enemy No. 1." Karpis was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district.

Karpis became known nationally after Federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son Fred in a gun battle in Florida.

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen automobile, shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel in a battle with police and escaped to the Middle West after abducting a Pennsylvania doctor to obtain his automobile.

Campbell was charged, together with Karpis and Fred Hunter, taken with the former in New Orleans, with a \$46,000 machine gun mail train robbery last November 7 at Garrettsville, Ohio.

The Federal men surrounded the two-story apartment building where Campbell was hiding out. Hoover refused to say how many men were in the raiding party.

Campbell and his wife were seized as they emerged from the building just at daybreak. Campbell scuffed slightly, but was covered and overpowered, Hoover said.

Cokar, 40, was taken a half hour later at another hideout not far away.

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# SAWYER, WEAVER SENTENCED TO LIFE TERMS

## *M'Donald Also Found Guilty in Bremer Case*

Detroit Money Changer to Be Sentenced Later; Jury Returns Verdicts in Three Hours; "I Believe You Have Performed a Real Service to the Community and the Nation," Judge Tells Panel.

### DELAY IN JUDGMENT REFUSED; APPEALS PLANNED FOR ST. PAULITE AND ENGINEER

Three men, two of whom immediately were sentenced to serve life terms, were convicted by a Federal court jury here Friday of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Within a few minutes after the jury reached its verdict at 4:29 P. M., Harry Sawyer, 44 years old, former St. Paul bootlegger, and William Weaver, 40, Little Rock, Ark., gangster, were ordered to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Sentencing of the third convicted defendant, Cassius McDonald, 50, Detroit engineer and gambler, was deferred to February 1.

Sawyer was found guilty of aiding the kidnapers and receiving part of the ransom. Weaver was convicted as one of the actual kidnapers and the jury upheld the government's charge that McDonald passed nearly half the ransom money in Havana, Cuba.

It was announced that McDonald's conviction will be appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and that similar action possibly may be taken in behalf of Sawyer.

Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye passed sentence and said Sawyer and Weaver would be sent to prisons designated by the United States attorney general.

The jury deliberated two hours and 44 minutes. It was given the case at 12:47 P. M. and began deliberation at 1:45. At 4:29 the verdict was reached.

After the verdict was read by A. W. Doerer of Winona, the foreman, Judge Nordbye said:

"I hold the same view as you have expressed in your verdict and I believe you have performed a real service to the community and the nation."

Then calling Sawyer to the bar he continued:

"Is there anything you care to say before I pronounce sentence?"

"No sir," replied Sawyer without expression.

The judge's voice again broke the quiet of the courtroom.

"You shall be confined to a Federal prison, to be designated by the attorney general of the United States, for the remainder of your natural life."

Sawyer, still expressionless, said nothing.

Next Weaver was called. He likewise appeared stoical. Again the judge asked, if the prisoner had anything to say. Courtroom attaches and a few persons permitted in the room leaned forward.

"No, sir—I don't believe so," replied the gangster.

Sawyer and Weaver returned to their seats, the latter handcuffed to a deputy marshal.

#### Week's Stay Granted.

Then the judge granted the pair stays of execution of their sentences for one week. Defense attorneys argued against immediate sentence—to no avail.

Outside the courtroom stood scores of hangers-on, attorneys, Department of Justice men and other guards. The judge had ruled that only those who could be seated in the small room could enter. The corridors were guarded so that no one could enter or leave after the jury filed in.

Mrs. McDonald was in the courtroom when the verdict was read. It was the first time she had been there since the case opened. She had a seat in the rear of the room and as the verdict was read, she buried her face in her hands. Then she lifted her head. Tears streamed down her cheeks.

All three prisoners were returned to the Ramsey county jail under heavy guard.

It was learned that Sawyer was convicted on the first ballot and Weaver on the next ballot. In the case of McDonald, the jurors first voted ten for conviction, two jurors not balloting, in the belief that it might be possible to recommend leniency for the Detroit man.

However, these two jurors joined the rest for conviction when satisfied no such recommendation was possible, it was reported.

#### Comment on Verdict Declined.

Announcement that McDonald's case will be appealed was made by Everett Jennings of Chicago, his attorney. He declined to make any further comment on the verdict.

"It is probable that Sawyer's case will be appealed," L. L. Drill, one of his counsel, said. Drill conducted Sawyer's defense with Robert V. Rensch of St. Paul and Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha.

No appeal was expected in the case of Weaver. After the verdict, A. Jerome Hoffmann, appointed by the court to defend the Arkansas mobster, said:

"I have no comment to make on the verdict, except that, as an officer appointed by the court to represent William Weaver on his plea of poverty and inability to obtain an attorney, I presented the evidence in his behalf. A man is entitled to a trial by a jury and entitled to have the jury pass on his guilt or innocence, based on the evidence submitted and I presented what evidence I had. The jury consid-

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## SAWYER AND WEAVER GET LIFE SENTENCES

McDonald Also Convicted in Bremer Case; His Sentence Postponed.

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ered the evidence and passed judgment."

Commenting on the trial George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, said:

"Counsel for the government naturally is very gratified with the outcome of the case. We feel that the verdict was wholly correct in the light of the evidence presented. The jury did a good job."

Conducting the prosecution with Sullivan was George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney.

The trial just ended not only wrote finis to another chapter in the war against kidnaping, but brought nearly to a close the "clean-up" of one of the country's biggest abduction cases.

Only Three at Large Now.

Of 25 suspects only three are sought—Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. J. P. Moran, who has been reported dead. Known to be dead are Fred and "Ma" Barker, "Shotgun George" Ziegler, Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, Willie Harrison and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

Six are in prison—Doc Barker, Oliver Berg, Volney Davis, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer and James Wilson.

Three are under sentences imposed for other crimes—Edna (Rabbits) Murray, Jess Doyle and Bruno (Whitey) Austin. One, Byron Bolton, is awaiting sentence.

One is awaiting trial either for the kidnap conspiracy or harboring one of the kidnapers—Myrtle Eaton.

Two have been tried and acquitted—William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

Two of the gangsters' sweethearts, paying penalties, though not implicated in the abduction, are Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, who are serving time for harboring their lovers, Karpis and Campbell.

The first "break" in the case came a month after Bremer's release. On March 7, 1934, Ziegler stepped out of a cafe in Chicago, Ill., and fell dead, riddled with slugs from sawed-off shotguns in the hands of four gangsters. He was reported

slain by his own mob because he "talked too much". His pockets and his apartment, however, yielded clues which greatly aided investigation of the case.

Three Seized in Chicago.

The following month G-men made three arrests in Chicago—Boss McLaughlin, who had been employed by the Barker-Karpis mob to change about \$55,000 of the ransom money, Vidler and Delaney.

Oliver Berg, ransom money guard, in whose Chicago home some of the mobsters had recuperated from their fingertip mutilation operations, was picked up August 18, 1934. Then followed the arrest on September 4 of Wilson, nephew and assistant to Dr. Moran, accused of performing the operations and taking part in the Chicago ransom passing transactions.

On January 8, 1935, G-men in Chicago trapped Bolton, kidnap hideout guard, and Gibson, ransom money guard, in an apartment. Bolton was captured and Gibson, narcotic addict, slain. A few minutes later, Barker surrendered without a struggle.

Eight days later Fred and "Ma" Barker were slain in their house at Oklawaha, Fla., and Farmer was arrested at Bensonville, Ill. The following day, Alderton was arrested in Kokomo, Ind.

Austin, gang gunman, was arrested January 20 in Chicago as he was leaving a church after being married. Doyle and the Murray woman were arrested February 7, Doyle at Girard, Kan., and the woman at Pittsburg, Kan.

Sawyer Caught in South.

Later Sawyer was picked up at Pass Christian, Miss., where he and his wife, Gladys, were operating a dance hall. Former kingpin of the St. Paul underworld, wanted for assisting the kidnapers in their plot and ransom negotiations, he surrendered without resistance when found seated in his automobile beside the sea wall.

On June 1, in Chicago, the G-men caught Davis who had once escaped from them. Then came the arrest of Weaver, who joined the kidnap mob while on parole from the Oklahoma state prison, where he was serving a life term for murder, and Myrtle Eaton, former wife of a Stillwater convict, in whose St. Paul apartment the gangsters allegedly had met to plan the abduction. They were taken by surprise last September 1, living quietly on a chicken farm near Allendale, Fla.

The last arrest was that of McDonald, engineer and gambling operator. He was picked up on the kidnap conspiracy charges, last September 26, at his pretentious home in Grosvenor, a fashionable Detroit suburb.

11 Defendants at First Trial.

When the first Bremer trial opened before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce last April 15, there were eleven defendants—Doc Barker, Berg, Wilson, Bolton, Alderton, Farmer, Doyle, Mrs. Murray, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney.

Before the proceedings got under way, however, Bolton pleaded guilty, turned state's evidence, and was a star prosecution witness, both at that trial and the one just concluded.

At the close of the trial, Farmer changed his plea to guilty, Barker, Berg, Alderton and Wilson were convicted and Vidler and Delaney were acquitted. The verdict was returned May 17.

During the proceedings, the charges against Mrs. Murray and Doyle were dismissed. She was returned to the Missouri state reformatory for women, from which she had escaped while serving a 27-year robbery sentence, and he was sent to face charges of robbing a bank in Fairbury, Neb., for which he later was sentenced to ten years.

Austin was brought to St. Paul during the trial, but was never taken into the courtroom. At the end of the trial, the kidnap charges against him were quashed and he was returned to Chicago. Later, he was convicted there of murder and now is under a life sentence.

Judge Joyce at once imposed life sentences on Doc Barker and Berg. Before the other sentences were handed down, Davis was brought

here, pleaded guilty and was also given a life sentence by Judge Joyce on June 3.

Four days later Judge Joyce sentenced Farmer and Alderton to twenty years each, while McLaughlin and Wilson each drew five years. McLaughlin died in Leavenworth penitentiary last December 30.

The last step in the "clean-up", up to the present trial, came with an announcement by the Department of Justice that a bullet-riddled body, found in a burned barn, was that of Harrison. Like Ziegler, he was believed to have been slain by his confederates, because he knew too much and talked too much.

69 Quizzed at Trial.

In the trial just ended the government called 69 witnesses, among whom were:

EDWARD G. BREMER, president of the Commercial State bank—Told how he was seized at Lexington and Goodrich avenues the morning of January 17, 1934, as he was driving downtown after leaving his 8-year-old daughter at school; how he was held captive in

a house at Bensenville, and how he was released by his abductors the evening of February 7, 1934, at Rochester, Minn.

**WALTER MAGEE**, Bremer's close personal friend, who acted as "go-between" in the case—Told how, in compliance with directions in various ransom notes, he drove on the night of February 6, 1934, to a point near Zumbrota, Minn., where he dropped \$200,000 by the roadside in response to a signal from another automobile. He said the ransom was in packages of \$5 and \$10 bills.

**MRS. MURRAY**, sweetheart of Davis—Told how members of the Barker-Karpis mob and their sweethearts gathered here in preparation for the crime in the summer and fall of 1933. Named those in the group as herself, Davis, Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker, their mother, Kate Barker, Weaver, Karpis, Campbell, Ziegler, Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Dolores Delaney. Recounted how she, Davis, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon visited Sawyer at his farm north of St. Paul. Told of meetings between Sawyer and various members of the mob at an apartment where she lived with Davis on Lexington avenue and an apartment occupied by Fred Barker and Paula Harmon on Grand avenue. Told of her travels following the abduction to Chicago, where she was provided an apartment by Harrison; to Aurora, Ill. where a black Gladstone bag allegedly containing ransom money was kept in a house occupied by her and Davis; to Toledo, Ohio, where members of the gang underwent fingertip mutilation and face alteration operations, and finally to a beach near Sandusky, Ohio, where she and Davis lived in a cottage with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Said the black gladstone money bag was brought to the cottage by Fred Barker and Sawyer. Testified to other visits made there by Sawyer and quoted him as saying he "was going to leave after he got his dough".

**BOLTON**, former Barker-Karpis mobster and guard at the Bensenville kidnap hideout—Testified those at the hideout during Bremer's captivity included Weaver, Karpis, Campbell and Doc Barker, all members of the mob, and Alderton, owner of the house. Said that while the banker was being held prisoner he met Sawyer in the Chicago apartment of Ziegler (where the ransom money first was taken following its payment). Quoted Ziegler as saying to Sawyer: "You'll have to get us another place to work from; there is

himself, Sawyer and Fred Barker the following June in the Bensenville tavern of Farmer, saloonkeeper, who arranged with Alderton for the hideout. Said Sawyer told him he left St. Paul because the Federal agents were looking for him. Said Sawyer asked Barker who would handle the ransom money. Said Barker told Sawyer that "a man in Detroit" would handle it for 25 per cent; that this man would "go to Cuba and take care of it".

**TWELVE MONEY BROKERS**, bankers and hotel employes from Havana—Told of visits made by McDonald to the Cuban capital in September, 1934, and outlined transactions through which he changed

\$92,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills to bills of \$1,000 denomination.

**MIAMI HOTEL** executives and employes, including Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Comodoro hotel—Told how members of the Barker-Karpis mob gathered in Miami starting in September, 1934, when McDonald was traveling between that city and Havana. Identified guests and visitors at the El Comodoro as including Fred and "Ma" Barker, Karpis, Campbell, Harrison, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. Testified that Sawyer and Harrison occupied adjoining rooms at the hotel from September 1 to 12 of that year. Told of visits to the El Comodoro made during this period by McDonald. Testified that he was seen conversing with members of the mob and that he asked assistance in getting in touch with Karpis and Fred Barker after they had rented houses in Miami and Oklawaha, Fla., respectively.

**HALF A DOZEN** Department of Justice agents—Told of entering the house at Oklawaha after Fred and "Ma" Barker had been slain there in a machine gun battle January 16, 1935. Told of ten \$1,000 bills in "Ma" Barker's purse and four more \$1,000 bills in a money belt around Fred Barker's body. All but one of these bills were Atlanta Federal Reserve bank notes, the kind obtained by McDonald in Cuba.



**Karpis,**  
**'Public Enemy No.**  
**Captured by G-M**  
**Without**  
**Resistance**  
**in New Orleans**

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gandy



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THE BRIDGEPORT TELEGRAM, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1936

# J. EDGAR HOOVER LEADS SQUAD IN ARREST OF BANDIT

Surrounded by Heavily Arm-  
ed Federal Agents, Gunman  
Gives up Without Fight.

## TWO OTHERS TAKEN

Woman and Fred Hunter,  
Mail Robbery Suspect, Cap-  
tured at Same Time.

## HUSTLED INTO PLANE

Manacled in Flight; Arrest  
Ends Coast to Coast Hunt  
for Kidnap.

ST. LOUIS, May 2—(Saturday)  
—(AP) A specially chartered  
Douglas airliner bearing Alvin  
Karpis and several Department  
of Justice agents landed at Lam-  
bert-St. Louis municipal airport  
at 11:46 last night.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—(AP)  
Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 bad man  
of the United States, was captured  
tonight without a move at resistance  
by a squad of officers led in per-  
son 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 the firing of a shot, Kar-  
pis was taken into custody along  
with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in  
the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail  
robbery and a woman known only  
as "Ruth" as they emerged from a  
pretentious apartment building in  
the 3,300 block of Canal street about  
half a mile from the center of the  
business district.

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

### Taken Without Gunplay

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

Karpis is under indictment for the  
\$100,000 kidnaping of William A.  
Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer  
on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000  
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St.  
Paul banker, on Jan. 17, 1934.

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 down in Chicago.

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

Within the past two weeks, the  
Justice department placed a \$5,000  
price upon Karpis' head, and added  
a \$2,580 price for information lead-  
ing to the capture of his pal, Harry  
Campbell.

Four days ago, the postal inspec-  
tion service followed the Justice de-  
partment's lead and added a \$2,000  
reward for Karpis, bringing his  
price to \$7,000 and \$2,000 more for  
Campbell. But Campbell escaped the  
raid today.

Knew He Was in New Orleans  
Hoover said the Bureau of Investi-  
gation had known that Karpis had  
been in and out of New Orleans for  
the past several months. He, him-  
self, 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 build-  
ing here about an hour after the  
raid, saying "I've got something in-  
teresting to tell you."

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 sur-  
rounded them," Hoover said.

"The agents called upon them to  
surrender and they were taken with-  
out 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, like-  
wise bound, had to be carried by  
agents.

Karpis had been living at the  
apartment with the woman, who was  
about 21 years old, pretty, red-hair-  
ed 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.

### Known As "Mr. O'Hara"

John Campbell, janitor of the  
building, said he knew Karpis as  
"Mr. O'Hara." He said the woman  
posed as "O'Hara's" wife and that  
they were the only two of the ar-  
rested persons living in the apart-  
ment house.

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

The capture was effected so  
smoothly and quietly that witnesses  
scarcely knew what was happening.  
When the three left the house, wit-  
nesses said, the federal agents sim-  
ply closed in about them and com-  
manded them to surrender. They  
made no move and were quickly hur-  
ried away by the officers.

Campbell was burning trash be-  
side the building when the arrest  
was made.

"I happened to look up and I saw  
Mr. O'Hara (Karpis) standing be-  
tween two bushes near the curb be-  
tween 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.

Says Karpis Was Armed  
Hoover said that Karpis was arm-  
ed but he was non committal about  
details of the raid.

"How long has the net been laid  
for Karpis?" he 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."

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt

and trousers, but no coat, was led  
out of the bureau's office in the  
Postoffice building.

Hunter, Hoover said, is not so  
well known as Karpis but added that  
"he is wanted for a post office rob-  
bery on Nov. 2, 1935, at Garrettsville,  
Ohio, in which \$34,000 was taken.  
Karpis was also connected with that  
robbery."

***Karpis Failed to Keep Boast***

**Told Former Wife He Never Would Be Taken Alive;  
Victims of Outlaw Express Relief.**

#### Witnesses Tell of Capture

Edward Hoffman, who lives in house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he 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.

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 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 times, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

Addison Cole, 17 year old high school student, who lives in the apartment 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.

"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 rustling 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 in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

## KARPIS CAPTURE MARKS HOOVER'S FIRST ARREST

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP) J. Edgar Hoover made his first arrest tonight with the capture of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy Number One," in New Orleans.

At the Justice department tonight it was said Hoover "apprehended" Karpis.

Agents of Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation were not given the power to make arrests until a year ago.

## Karpis' Police Record

- 1929—March 9, paroled from Hutchinson reformatory.
- 1932—May 3, killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly at West Plains, Mo.
- 1932—Dec. 16, gang held up bank, escaped with \$112,000, killed two policemen. Killed another man in St. Paul while changing cars.
- 1933—Bank robbery at Fairbury, Neb., and murdered step-father-in-law, William Angerson.
- 1934—Jan. 16, engineered abduction of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul.
- 1934—July 10, believed connected with slaying of John Lazia, Democratic political leader in Kansas City.
- 1934—November, escaped from Jacksonville, Fla., and headed for Atlantic City.
- 1935—Jan. 20, Karpis and Campbell shot way out of police trap at Atlantic City.
- 1935—Jan. 21, abducted Dr. Horace H. Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa., leaving him out at Wadsworth, O.
- 1935—Jan. 23, allegedly robbed the Trivoli, Ill., bank of \$3,000.
- 1935—Aug. 20, reputedly sent note from Dayton, O., month before to J. Edgar Hoover, threatening his life.

**TULSA, Okla., May 1.—(AP)**—surrendering to federal agents out 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 Nov. 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

After her divorce Karpis' former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college. She has been living quietly here since and could not be located immediately tonight.

"He was young and good looking and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club," Miss Slayman once said in describing her romance with the man who became known public enemy No. 1.

"He told me he was a jewelry salesman and we ran off to Sapulpa, just west of here and were married. I left him after only a few months of married life. I never saw him after that."

#### Glad No One Hurt

**TOPEKA, Kas., May 1.—(AP)**—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said tonight the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He met newspapermen at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

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

"We're awfully glad no one was hurt," said Grooms. "It'll probably make it easier on him than if someone had been hurt."

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

#### Alleged Pal Not Told

**CLEVELAND, May 1.—(AP)**—John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., was ignorant tonight of the capture of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, two of his alleged companions in the robbery of the mail car of an Erie train last Nov. 7 at Garrettsville, O.

Brock was held incommunicado in county jail after pleading innocent to the charges yesterday at Youngstown, O.

"We won't say anything to him," said a jail attache. That's up to the feds."

Postal inspectors named Brock and four others in warrants Monday as participants in the \$46,000 robbery. The others were Karpis, Hunter, Harry Campbell and John Doe, alias Sam, whose last name is unknown.

Brock was arrested recently near Youngstown. He was believed to have given information which caused issuance of the warrants against the Karpis gang.

**WEST PLAINS, Mo., May 1.—(AP)**—Sheriff Ed Threlkeld, informed tonight that Alvin Karpis had been captured in New Orleans, announced he would "put in my claim for him in the next ten minutes" for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, Threlkeld's predecessor.

He hurriedly terminated the telephone conversation in order to telephone New Orleans.

"Are you sure it's Karpis?" were the sheriff's first words.

Assured there was no doubt, he said.

"I wonder what chance there is for us to get him?"

Asked when he would start formal proceedings for custody, Threlkeld said it would be "just as soon as I can get a telephone call through."

"I was afraid they'd catch him somewhere in the north," Threlkeld said. "If they had we wouldn't have

had much chance, but now that they've got him in the south maybe we can get hold of him.

"We've got much the best case outstanding against Karpis unless the federals insist on trying him for the Bremer case first."

#### Kidnap Victims Relieved

**ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1.—(AP)**—Victims of the brazen outlawry of the Karpis-Barker gang, two St. Paul kidnap subjects tonight obviously were relieved when told of the capture of Alvin Karpis, gang ringleader, in New Orleans.

"It's further tribute to the zeal of the Department of Justice," said Edward G. Bremer, bank president, who paid \$200,000 for his freedom after 21 days of tortuous confinement.

William Hamm, Jr., brewery head, whose abduction cost him \$100,000 and four days imprisonment, said: "Congratulations again to the Department of Justice for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

#### 3 in Line for "Title"

**WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)**—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "Public Enemy Number One." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Washington, May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, at St. Paul, Jan. 27, 1934.

**Father Noncommittal**  
**CHICAGO, May 1.—(AP)**—John Karpavicz, law abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded, and that terminated the conversation. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from the reform school into a career of major crime.

**Captured Public Enemy**



**ALVIN KARPIS**

***Capture Climaxes Man-Hunt  
Rivalling Dillinger Search***

## Karpis Gained Public Enemy Title after Slaying of Dillinger, Nelson.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1.—(AP) The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

### Called "Old Creepy"

"Old Creepy"—he won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the State Industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kans., for a ten-year term.

### Fled Reformatory

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at 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, Kans., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

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 J. J. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with Federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

### Plotted Jewel Robbery

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kans., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 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 holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

### Close Pals in Crime

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "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.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

### Long List of Crimes

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and the lives of at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 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 Sept. 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

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

Holdup of National Bank and Trust company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

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

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

### Bullets Reduce Ranks

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain.

The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

Only ten days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, Jan. 17, 1934.

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were: Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer.

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth Federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hideout for the Bremer kidnaping.

Jack Peifer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail.

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60 year old former convict.

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.



# KARPIS LATEST VICTIM UNDER HOOVER 'JINX'

Desperadoes Who Have  
Taunted Head G-Man All  
Fell into Toils.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 who was captured in New Orleans tonight, failed to break the "jinx" that has followed gangsters succumbing to the temptation of threatening J. Edgar Hoover, America's head G-man.

Karpis, last of the inner circle of the notorious Barker-Karpis mob, made the mistake last year of mailing a warning letter to Washington from Dayton, O. It was an omen of doom.

Other Public Enemies No. 1 had tried it while running rampant throughout the country, holding up banks and shooting to kill to save their lives. And each threat caused their death or capture.

John Dillinger once sent sarcastic postcards to Hoover. He was shot to death by government agents

in Chicago as he emerged from a theater at the time he was hunted as Public Enemy No. 1.

George R. (Machine Gun) Kelly, angered by the turn of events in the Charles Urschel kidnaping case, threatened to kill everyone connected with the case. He was captured by government men, put on trial and given a life term.

Then there was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the Midwest's most deadly bandit. He once sent emissaries to Hoover's agents, offering to surrender if they would promise leniency. They were lenient, probably, in that they shot and killed him in an Ohio cornfield instead of sending him to life in prison or to the electric chair.

#### Hunted for Kidnaping

Karpis, co-leader with the slain Fred Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang, who has been hunted for a year and a half in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of Edward Bremer of St. Paul, rose to the position of Public Enemy No. 1 by the process of elimination.

It was not until Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and "Pretty Boy" Floyd were marked off the list that Karpis moved up a notch in gangsterdom.

Born in 1909, Karpis began his more notorious career when he was paroled from the Hutchinson, Kas., reformatory in 1929 after serving a four-year term for burglary.

On May 3, three years later, Karpis and Fred Barker, brother of Arthur Barker, co-leader with Karpis of the Barker-Karpis gang, killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., as the latter was questioning them as suspicious persons.

Bank holdups and killings followed in the wake of the Karpis mob. His first star appearance before the nation was when he allegedly engineered the abduction of Bremer, the wealthy St. Paul banker.

Then with deadly tenacity, G-men moved in and sent member after member of the gang marching to prison or to death. At the crest of its crime rampage, the mob had numbered from 22 to 28 men and women.

#### Last Seen in New Jersey

The No. 1 gangster was last seen by police at Atlantic City, N. J., when Karpis and his henchman, Harry Campbell, blasted their way through a police cordon which had surrounded them in a seashore hotel. A few days later, Karpis abducted Dr. Horace Hunsicker, at Allentown, Pa., and released him at Wadsworth, O. The physician said he believed his abductors were Karpis and Campbell.

Karpis' right name is Karpabicz. Under five assumed names, Karpis has been jailed six times in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for burglary, larceny and prison breaks. He is on parole from the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

The gangster, who is slim, five feet nine and three-quarters inches tall, with brown hair and blue eyes, frequently has been reported seen in Ohio.

# U. S. Captures Karpis In New Orleans Raid Without Firing a Shot

**Hoover Leads 20 Agents  
in Arresting Nation's  
No. 1 Outlaw.**

**Killer Put Aboard  
Plane for St. Paul**

**Seized With Unidentified  
Woman and Suspect  
in Mail Robbery.**

*By the United Press.*

New Orleans, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, the most dreaded and hunted outlaw in the country, was captured without bloodshed today by a squad of Federal agents as he left an apartment house near the business center of the city.

With him were taken Fred Hunter, wanted for a \$35,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, and an unidentified woman.

Out to avenge the murder of four fellow agents, of which Karpis was suspected, the Federal men struck with such dramatic suddenness that people in the neighborhood thought it was only a minor police case disturbance.

Moving so secretly that city police knew nothing of their movements, but so sure of their prey that they had chartered a special airplane to take Karpis to St. Paul even before they sprung their trap, the Federal men ended the reign of the Nation's No. 1 public enemy as he walked toward his parked automobile.

**Current Public Enemy No. 1 Seized**



A Department of Justice portrait of Alvin Karpis, much sought criminal, who was captured in New Orleans last night by a squad of Federal agents.

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- Mr. Tolson .....
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- Mr. Joseph .....
- Mr. Keith .....
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- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

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#### Under Strong Guard.

The three prisoners were whisked to the postoffice building and kept under strong guard for two hours in the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

Then Karpis, flanked by eight sturdy Federal agents, all bristling with guns, was taken out to an automobile and started for the airport.

In the escort was J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Hoover came here from Washington to direct the capture.

An automobile salesman named Clarence Pucheu was credited in Federal circles tonight with circulating a rumor that gave the agents their first tip.

Pucheu sold Karpis a car two weeks ago and was amazed when paid cash in \$100 bills. He is employed by a Plymouth agency here; the story goes, and Karpis went to the salesroom two weeks ago and asked about a new car.

He introduced himself as Edward O'Hara, the name he used since he moved into the apartment house on April 10.

"He would not stand on the salesroom floor, but insisted on our going back into the shop at the rear of the building," the salesman was quoted as saying. "He asked me if the governor on the motor could be removed. A few days later I sold him the car. He paid for it in \$100 bills."

Eighteen hours before the raid, Hoover chartered a TWA Douglas airliner to fly Karpis to St. Paul, where he is charged with the kidnaping, on June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, jr. Although he was wanted for many murders and countless robberies, the Government sought Karpis specifically on the kidnaping charge.

#### Waiting Since Thursday.

The chartered airplane had been waiting at Shushan Airport since 11 a. m. Thursday, ready for the capture and delivery of its cargo. It was flown here from New York by pilots named Zimmerman and Smith, and its presence was a closely guarded secret. Even the pilots remained inconspicuously in hotel rooms.

Working fast and with a precision that indicated the plans were carefully laid, the agents rushed Karpis to Shushan Airport and roared off in a plane toward St. Paul at 9:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time).

Neighborhood accounts of the capture were vague. The best version was that the Federal men, armed with sawed-off shotguns, arrived in front of the apartment house just as Karpis, Hunter and the woman left the porch and started for their automobile at the curbing.

The officers leaped forward, seized both men by the arms, and dragged them to their automobiles. About 20 agents were in the raiding party.

Reports that a trail of blood later was found leading from the apartment house to the street, and that a man was seen running, stopped, apparently wounded in the side, remained unverified.

Beyond a formal, terse announcement that the Hamm kidnaping suspect and Hunter were taken, Hoover declined to comment.

#### Woman's Name Withheld.

Name of the woman prisoner was withheld. She was about 22 and attractive.

Karpis was said to have been in New Orleans "some time." Hunter had been hiding here several months, attracted South for spring training of big league baseball. He was described as a "baseball bug."

As the plane bearing Karpis to St. Paul took off from Shushan Airport, bystanders caught only a glimpse of the prisoner.

He was dragged from a Government automobile to the plane. He was chained hand and foot.

Hunter and the woman were kept behind locked doors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office long after Karpis was taken away.

Newspapermen and photographers swarmed in the corridor. Once, Hunter was taken outside to a washroom. His feet and hands were shackled.

He stumbled amid a clatter of chains, and a burly Federal agent picked him up in his arms and carried him.

The transfer of Karpis from the Federal office to the airport kept the same swift pace of earlier events.

Hoover, squat, nattily dressed in a brown suit, a nervous and brusque general in the Nation's war on crime, stepped from the office and strode down the corridor.

"He never had a chance," Hoover mumbled.

"Did he offer any resistance?" someone called.

"Not a bit. He didn't have a chance."

"How long had he been in New Orleans?"

"Several months."

"Did he have a gun?"

"Not with him. He had one in the car outside."

The office door opened again and men poured out in a tightly drawn knot, like a football team in a flying wedge.

Karpis was in their midst. He was in shirt sleeves and wore a straw hat. He was smooth-faced and in the available glimpse he closely resembled his pictures in Rogue's Gallery. Obviously he had affected no disguise to avoid the dragnet that had been closing about him since he succeeded "Baby Face" Nelson on the murderer's throne in 1934.

#### Placed in Long Red Car.

On the postoffice building steps, Hoover stood giving directions about the cars. He pointed out a long red one. It was filled quickly by Karpis and his guards.

Each Federal agent carried a traveling bag and several had ominous-looking cases, obviously sheathing sub-machine guns.

Hoover looked around for a second car. None was there. He looked annoyed, but only for a moment. Another large car whipped up to the curbing. Hoover leaped in and the two automobiles started down the street, the red one setting a furious pace and disregarding traffic lights.

At the airport, guards held spectators at a distance 100 yards from the plane. Karpis was half dragged to the ship, popped into the cab and the plane was away and roared into the north in an instant.

#### Karpis Now Linked To Train Holdup

Cleveland, May 1 (U.P.)—Alvin Karpis was named by the Federal Government three days ago as leader of the machine-gun gang that held up a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November 7.

Among those named with him were Fred Hunter, captured with Karpis tonight in New Orleans, a John Brock, who is held and charged with participating in a robbery.

The Garrettsville train was robbed in "Wild West" fashion, bandits forcing the Erie train crew to hand over mail bags containing a pay roll for the Republic Steel Corporation. Their loot totals \$48,000 in cash and securities.

Warrants issued by Assistant United States District Attorney Frank Wiedemann on April 10 named as other members of the bandit gang Harry Campbell, believed to have been Karpis' chief aid, and a John Doe, alias Sam.

A sixth man, Grover Keady, has been held in Cleveland, charged with the robbery, since late February. He was captured in Tulsa, Okla.

The Government action follows the capture of Brock in Youngstown. He reportedly made sworn affidavits that Karpis and Campbell led the gang. He was brought to Cleveland under heavy guard days ago and has been held incommunicado.

St. Paul, May 1 (U.P.)—The wealthy St. Paul men whom Alvin Karpis is accused of kidnaping were pleased tonight when notified that notorious gangster had been captured.

William Hamm, jr., scion of a brewing family, who was kidnaped by the Barker-Karpis gang June 1933, and released four days later for \$100,000 ransom, mildly stated:

"I am glad to know he has been captured. Thank you for calling Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, kidnaped by the gang January 17, 1934, and held captive 21 days before \$200,000 ransom was paid, said:

"When those Federal men go to work they do a bang-up job. I had to hear they've captured Karpis, but I knew they would."

# LAST KARPIS AIDS SEIZED

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LAST OF GANG CAUGHT!



**HARRY CAMPBELL,**  
*Karpis gangster trapped by G-men in Toledo.*

## G-MEN TAKE CAMPBELL IN TOLEDO

2 Raids Also Net Wife  
and Pal, Bremer  
Case Cleared Up

**CLEVELAND, May 7.—**  
(By International News Service.)—The G-men wiped out the last remnant of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang with the arrest of Harry Campbell, reputed "brains of the gang," Campbell's wife, and Sam Coker, a minor member of the ring in two Toledo raids.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, 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 henchman, were seized last Friday night in New Orleans.

### WIFE TO GO FREE

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, probably will be released later after questioning.

The arrests, Hoover said, clean up the major angles of the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul. The two raids were accomplished in utmost secrecy.

Hoover flew from Washington to Toledo last night.

At 5 a. m. today, the G-men struck.

Campbell and his 20-year-old wife were seized in a Monroe st. apartment house.

Coker, a 40-year-old Oklahoma paroled robber, was taken in a private residence nearby.

### RUSHED FROM TOLEDO.

Swiftly the two men were taken 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 was taken on

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**THE FINGERS OF ALVIN KARPIS, "ENEMY NO. 1," CAUGHT IN NEW ORLEANS.**  
*Attempt was made to mutilate tips to foil print identification.*

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## Hoover Brands Aids of Karpis 'All Yellow'

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by plane to St. Paul, arriving there shortly before noon.

Not until Hoover, unshaven and tired, made his announcement in McFarland's fourteenth 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 details of the raids was he reticent.

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

Of the actual capture, Mr. Hoover said:

"Campbell offered a little resistance, but it was so insignificant that it is not worth mentioning. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

Hoover made the surprising disclosure that Karpis and his entire gang hid in Cleveland during the Fall and Summer of 1934.

### CHARGES POLITICS LINK

There is evidence to show, he declared, that the gang was "tied up with some petty politicians in Cleveland."

Dr. Joseph Moran, who performed fingerprint and face lifting operations on members of the gang, was with the mob in Cleveland, Hoover learned, but now, the chief of the G-men repeated, "Moran is at the bottom of Lake Erie."

The \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture will not be paid, Hoover said, because:

"Full credit for the capture goes to the G-men."

He charged postal inspectors with lack of co-operation, saying:

"I want it understood that the G-men receive full credit for rounding up the entire Karpis-Barker gang."

"The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it and there-

tion on the part of the postal inspectors."

He refused to enlarge on this statement.

Campbell, Hoover said, has been living in Toledo constantly for the last five months, but he had been operating in and out of Toledo for eighteen months or more.

### FIND GUN ON CAMPBELL

Karpis had been hiding in the Southwest along the Gulf coast ever since the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, and had been spending most of his time fishing.

Campbell had \$2,900 in cash on his person, a .45-caliber revolver and six clips of bullets, Hoover said.

Campbell was married to the girl in Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935, under the name of Bob Miller, Hoover said.

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# G-Men Capture Harry Campbell

Last of Karpis Gang Taken  
by Hoover in Toledo  
Apartment.

FLOWN TO ST. PAUL

[Copyright, 1936, by The United Press.]  
St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—Harry Campbell, last principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, was hustled out of a chartered airliner today after a swift flight from Cleveland, O.

The big ship did not carry J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, who personally made the arrest at Toledo early this morning. He had returned to Washington.

Shortly before the arrival one of the G-men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, trembling leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "hes entitled to it."

## Two Indicted as Kidnapers.

Karpis has been subjected to intensive questioning ever since he was brought—cringing and whimpering—in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., and Campbell is under indictment for participation in the snatching of Edward G. Bremer.

As in the arrival of Karpis, the plane taxied into the hangar of the 109th army air squadron, from which all spectators were barred. There Campbell was transferred to a nautomobile and rushed to the department of justice offices. Seven G-men awaited the Campbell plane and accompanied the speeding car to the city.

Brief excitement occurred just as the air liner arrived. A private plane crashed in attempted take-off, but none was injured.

## Faces Long Questioning.

In the department of justice office Campbell faced the prospect of long hours—perhaps days—of questioning in the Bremer kidnaping, for which he has been indicted, and in the Hamm kidnaping, with which he has not been linked definitely.

There was no danger the 35-year-old sublieutenant would meet his gang leader, Karpis, who has failed to provide the \$500,000 bond asked on kidnaping counts, and who has been lodged in the Ramsey county jail. He was taken there last night after five days and nights of questioning.

It was during that time that Karpis is believed to have broken down and given federal agents a list of possible hideouts where Campbell might be located. Karpis

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## U. S. Seizes Harry Campbell, Last of Karpis Gangsters

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also is reported to have confessed numerous other crimes, though possibly not the two major kidnapings for which he has been indicted in St. Paul.

### Seized in Company of Wife.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second-floor apartment in Toledo. 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.

### Find Cash and Guns.

Investigators found \$2,900 in cash, 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.

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night.

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 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 kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

### Married Last Year.

Campbell was married, Hoover said, in May, 1935, at Bowling Green, O. He did not disclose the maiden name of Campbell's wife but said he did not think she knew who Campbell really was.

The building in which Campbell was taken was a two-story store building. Four apartments were on the second floor above a delicatessen. Campbell lived in one of the front apartments. Hoover said Campbell has been using the name of Bob Miller. He also was married under that name, the marriage certificate found in the apartment showed.

Coker's age was listed as 40 and his home at Nowata, Okla. He was captured in an old residence where he was residing with an aged couple. Federal agents were forced to use extreme caution in capturing Coker because both old people are suffering from heart trouble.

### NAB KARPIS AID



CLEVELAND, O.—Harry Campbell (above), last member of the Karpis-Barker gang, who was seized by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice, in Toledo at 5 a. m. today.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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# CAMPBELL

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Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....

## KARPIS PAL FOUND IN MONROE STREET APARTMENT HOUSE

CLEVELAND, May 7 (INS)—Capture of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, "cleaning up the major angles of the Bremer kidnaping case and the last remnants of the Karpis-Barker gang," was announced here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal department of investigation.

Both men were seized early today by a heavy force of G-men personally led by Hoover in two separate raids in Toledo, Hoover disclosed.

Just as in the seizure of Alvin Karpis, the leader of the notorious gang, in New Orleans last Friday night, Campbell and Coker were seized without the firing of a shot, the G-man chief revealed.

"Campbell offered a little resistance," Hoover said, "but it was so insignificant that it is not worth mentioning. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

With Campbell, reputed "brains" of the Karpis gang, was seized his 20-year-old wife, who Hoover believes is a Toledo girl.

Campbell was married to the girl in Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935, under the name of Bob Miller, Hoover said.

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BREKID.

# G-MEN CAPTURE LAST OF KARPIS GANG

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Miss Gandy .....

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## Harry Campbell Caught in Raid on Toledo Apartment.

### SENT BY AIR TO ST. PAUL

## Woman and Minor Gangland Character Also Arrested.

CLEVELAND, May 7—(P)—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, O.

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

Campbell showed what Hoover termed a "little resistance" when the agents apprehended him. Federal men surprised Campbell and the woman in a Toledo apartment. On Campbell's person the agents found a large calibre revolver and six clips of shells, Hoover said.

Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green, O., in 1935. She gave her age as 19 years.

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians, and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had face-lifting and finger-print operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed, after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the Federal men.

Hoover said Coker probably would be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator. An unfinished thirty-year sentence for bank robbery stands against him.

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# ALVIN KARPIS PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1. CAPTURED

## HOOVER LEADS NEW ORLEANS RAIDING SQUAD

Desperado and Two Com-  
panions Seized Without  
Firing Shot; Federal  
Agents Surround Hideout

New Orleans—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured last night at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, led the squad of between 15 and 20 officers who made the capture.

Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November, and a woman whose name was not revealed. Karpis, after questioning by

agents, was heavily manacled and placed aboard an airplane which left for an unannounced destination. Six agents accompanied the desperado.

### Wanted in Kidnapings

He is under indictment in the kidnapings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul.

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"They 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."

Hoover in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and even to Cuba.

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

### Surrender Without Fight

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.

"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."

### \$7,000 Price on Head

Karpis had a federal price of \$7,000 on his head—\$5,000 offered by the Bureau of Investigation and \$2,000 by postal authorities.

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Karpis was wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat.

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.

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

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

"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

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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 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.

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house all night.

The capture of Alvin Karpis ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as

one of the nation's big time burglars, bank robbers, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

The desperado was born in Canada on Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

#### Arrested First at 16

When 16 years old, 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 10-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City Mar. 23, 1930. They were rid-

ing in a car packed with sawblowing 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. A year later he was freed.

#### Joins Notorious Barkers

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. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kan., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced Sept. 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

#### Sentenced and Paroled

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 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 holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

#### A Couple of Pals

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert Street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "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-ridden body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

#### A Meeting Arranged

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores, Karpis was credited with engineering with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

#### Trail of Robbery and Death

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

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

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

Federal reserve bank mail robbery Sept. 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.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction, \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Olive Berg and Jess Doyle.

**A Title at Stake**

With the capture of Karpis, three men are in line for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

**At End of Trail**



*Alvin Karpis who ran afoul of G-Men at New Orleans and surrendered.*



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## FEDERAL MEN SPUR HUNT FOR LONE FUGITIVE

### Arrest Believed Near as Police Agencies Focus Attention on Him

New York—A lone limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans last night.

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

#### Arrest Imminent

But he was 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.

The search for Campbell is "hot," and his arrest is imminent, Post-office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today.

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.

#### Barker and Mother Killed

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.

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

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others. Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur, "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kas., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

#### Karpis Associate Killed

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:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

#### Frequent Jail Escapes

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

Arsie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle. Wilbur Underhill, the "tri-state terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kas., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

#### Pretty Boy Floyd Slain

Harvey Baily, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime decedator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kas., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City Union Station Plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other Plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperados of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger led posse in Louisiana, their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

## AIDED IN KARPIS DASH, SAYS FLIER

Didn't Know Who His Passenger on Trip Was,  
He Explains

Cleveland — (AP) — John Zetzer, 36, said at Port Clinton, O., where he operates a marine garage, that he unwittingly aided Alvin Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after a sensational \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7.

"A man wearing glasses came to my garage sometime in November and asked if I would fly him south," said Zetzer yesterday. "I learned later when questioned by federal men and shown pictures of Alvin Karpis that it was Public Enemy No. 1.

"I told him I didn't have a plane but was in the market for one. He suggested his trip might help me finance a ship. I didn't take him seriously because lots of people approach me for plane or boat trips on the lake like that.

"He came back about three days later and said he would pay \$500 for the trip," Zetzer continued. "I figured then that he meant business and took him up on the proposition."

The garageman said he purchased a used plane for \$1,700 at Toledo on the strength of the bargain.

"When it came time to take off one morning Karpis showed up with two companions," Zetzer related. "They were well dressed and quiet mannered. There were only two suitcases between them. They called Karpis by the name of Tom. I didn't hear any last names."

Zetzer's fuel supply became low "somewhere near where the Ohio and Mississippi river meet" and he made a forced landing in a farmer's field, refueled and continued "to a little town near Memphis," where they remained overnight at a hotel. The second day's flight took the fugitives to Hot Springs, Ark.

"I thought it was just a pleasure trip for them," Zetzer said. "Karpis didn't give any destination when he started. Out of Memphis he said to head for Hot Springs."

Zetzer said Karpis and one of the others left the plane at Hot Springs but the other instructed him to go to Tulsa, taking off that afternoon. Fbg forced him to come down near Alma, Ark., and there the pair spent the second night, Zetzer continued. The next day, he said, he let out his third passenger at the Tulsa airport.

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## ADDED KARPIS TRAIL ARRESTS ARE PREDICTED

Hoover says G-men seeking persons who aided or harbored desperado in flight

Chicago, Ill., May 2 (AP)—A series of new arrests along the crime trail of Alvin Karpis, captured "Public Enemy No. 1," was prophesied tonight by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the U. S. justice department's bureau of investigation.

A "diligent search" was under way for "anyone who harbored or aided" the gangster in his long flight from justice, Hoover asserted during a brief stop here on an airplane flight from St. Paul—where Karpis was a prisoner—to New York.

"Doctors, auto mechanics, private airplane pilots, gasoline station attendants and other" were under surveillance, he said, and "arrests will be made."

Although refusing to say directly how many aides Karpis had, Hoover hinted at the possibility of a large number by citing that whereas "there were only five in the actual (Hamm and Bremer) kidnap band, 26 persons are now under arrest in the case."

Hoover said Karpis definitely was known to have used private airplanes in fleeing the law.

It was also known, the chief of the federal men added, that Karpis' face was lifted by Dr. Joseph F. Moran, Chicago, after the Bremer kidnaping. Lobes were added to his ears, and other changes—including attempts to obliterate his fingerprints—made, but the outlaw remained recognizable.

So far as his department knew, Hoover said, Moran was dropped into Lake Michigan by underworld fellows who thought he talked too much.

Hoover said Karpis' capture in New Orleans was solely the result of investigation on the part of his men. There was no "tip off" like that of the "Woman in Red" in John Dillinger's case, he said.

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## WOMAN POSING AS MRS. KARPIS IS UNIDENTIFIED

Name of attractive red-haired  
companion of famed brigand  
is guarded secret

New Orleans, La., May 2 (AP)—The identity of the attractive, red-haired woman who posed as the wife of Alvin Karpis, the nation's most hunted criminal, before his capture here, was a guarded secret today of federal agents—if they knew themselves.

The young woman, in her early twenties, was taken into custody when Karpis and Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, were captured yesterday outside their apartment in a pretentious residential section.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, personally led the agents who arrested the trio.

While the woman, identified only as "Ruth" and Hunter were held here Karpis was flown to St. Paul, where he is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer and William Hamm, Jr.

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 federal bureau of investigation here, said the search yielded "plenty." He declined to elaborate.

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.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and manager of the apartment, expressed surprise over the raid. She described the diminutive Karpis as "not much more than a boy, so small and delicate looking" and so kind to his wife under the alias of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara that she "just could not believe" it was Karpis to whom she had rented the apartment.

Mrs. Meyer described "Ruth" as acting "just the sweetest little woman I have met in a long time," and said that the only strange thing about the couple she noticed was they never left the apartment much.

Ruth at times smiled and chatted with the federal men in the guarded quarters and smoked cigarets. Hunter was heard now and then to rattle his manacles.

Magee said the woman would not talk and that her fingerprints had been sent to Washington for identification purposes.

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## CAPTIVE KARPIS TAKEN TO FACE KIDNAP CHARGE

Long-Sought Outlaw Returned  
to St. Paul by Plane After  
His Capture in New Orleans  
With Another Man, Woman.

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP).—Sullen, travel weary and shivering, Alvin Karpis, the outlaw, was brought back to St. Paul today to face trial on kidnaping charges.

Department of Justice agents who trapped the nation's most notorious gunman in New Orleans late Friday returned him here in an overnight plane ride.

Escorted personally by J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice head, and a squad of picked agents, Karpis was landed here at 8:47 o'clock this morning (9:47 Buffalo time), slightly more than 12 hours after the heavily armed party flew northward out of New Orleans.

The desperado, wearing thin Summer apparel in a temperature just above freezing, was hustled from the big liner to a heavily armed automobile, surrounded by machine guns, and taken direct to the agents' headquarters in the Federal building.

### No Reward to Be Paid.

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

Within an hour after his arrival, Mr. Hoover met reporters in the Federal building. He ignored them at the airport where the plane was backed into a National Guard hangar, with the transfer from the liner to an automobile being made behind closed doors.

Mr. Hoover, who said he planned to go by airplane to New York this afternoon, announced no reward would be paid by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an indication "tips" were received from persons seeking the \$7000 price offered for Karpis' arrest recently.

### Seized With Couple.

Commenting on the capture of Karpis, Mr. Hoover said:

"Karpis was arrested at 3343 Canal street, New Orleans, where

(Captive Karpis, continued on Page 12, Column 8.)

### CRIME CAREER NIPPED



ALVIN KARPIS

## CAPTIVE KARPIS SPIRITED AWAY

Bandit Flown to St. Paul to  
Face Kidnaping Charge.

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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, O., last year, or as a harbinger of Karpis. Karpis was living at his apartment."

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 added.

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.

### Operation Was Crude Job.

"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."

When arrested, Mr. Hoover said, Karpis had a rifle in his automobile and three .45 caliber revolvers in his apartment. Neither Karpis 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 Mr. 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 Many Jobs.

Mr. Hoover emphasized that "this was the man who said he never would be taken alive."

Mr. Hoover said Karpis is charged with three kidnapings, 15 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.

Karpis, public enemy No. 1 on the G-men's list for over a year, with a \$7000 reward on his head, 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 G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal street in New Orleans.

### Suspected in Mail Robbery.

Early Friday, the department chartered a transport plane at Newark, N. J., airport. Mr. Hoover, who was in New York, flew to Washington, where several lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriv-



ing only a short time before the capture.

Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips from New Orleans. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to Garrettsville, O., and with Hunter and Harry Campbell, a fugitive and friend of Karpis, held up a mail train, escaping with \$46,000.

Federal agents kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossipy automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Karpis was shackled hand and foot and the shackles themselves were chained together, before he was placed aboard the plane for the flight to the North.

Robberies and kidnappings of the Karpis group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

# Karpis Returned to St. Paul In Chains to Face Accusers

Nation's widely sought criminal so scared he couldn't talk, Hoover says

## TWELVE-HOUR AIR TRIP

Head of G-men leaves for Washington; trial plans are not completed

St. Paul, Minn., May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings was returned today to the scene of those crimes after being seized last night in a bloodless department of justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who led the capture and immediately afterward escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

### No Shots Fired

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three-year search for Karpis.

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a twelve-hour sleepless airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner, often dubbed the latest public enemy No. 1, was rushed under heavy guard to the Federal Building upon arrival. He was held there for questioning.

Hoover left early this afternoon for Washington.

When he would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm, Jr., brewing com-

pany head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, District Attorney George F. Sullivan was unable to say as yet. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer, January 17, 1934.

### May Ask Death Penalty

At any rate, authorities in Washington said the 26-year-old former convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either the Hamm or Bremer kidnappings.

A death penalty might be asked under the Lindbergh law if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held, legal authorities in the capital added.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told newsmen Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four small hold-ups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities said they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November 7th, if he did not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville holdup and a woman also were captured with Karpis.

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld of Howell County said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in December, 1931, but did not expect his request would be complied with.

Hoover related that agents had been trailing Karpis for two or three days before his capture last night. When definite information was obtained they surrounded the apartment in which he lived with Hunter and the woman, planning to raid it. But before they could enter, the three emerged.

### Rifle In Car

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat

but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

The capture, he continued, "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," charged by the government with perpetrating both the Hamm and Bremer abductions.

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said, he also had had his finger tips treated in an effort to disguise his fingertips.

A sidelight on the capture was that statement in Port Clinton, O., of John Zetser, 35, who said he believed he had unwittingly aided Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after the Garrettsville holdup.

Karpis' seizure followed by only a few days his indictment for the Hamm kidnaping, and capture of three others as plotters in the crime.

The only member of the gang still at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis. Asked if Campbell now would succeed to designation as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

"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."

Indicted here several days ago for the Hamm kidnaping along with Karpis and his former partner, Arthur (Doc) Barker, now serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction were:

Bryan (Byron) Bolton, in jail here awaiting sentence on his guilty plea in the Bremer case; Elmer Farmer, serving a jail term for the Bremer abduction; John Peifer, St. Paul night club operator; Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, and Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster.

The latter three were arrested in the latest roundup of Hamm suspects, which the department of justice termed solution of the case.

F. E. JOSEPH

# ALVIN KARPIS, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1. CAPTURED

## HOOVER LEADS NEW ORLEANS RAIDING SQUAD

Desperado and Two Com-  
panions Seized Without  
Firing Shot; Federal  
Agents Surround Hideout

New Orleans—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured last night at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, led the squad of between 15 and 20 officers who made the capture.

Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November, and a woman whose name was not revealed.

Karpis, after questioning by agents, was heavily manacled and placed aboard an airplane which left for an unannounced destination. Six agents accompanied the desperado.

### Wanted in Kidnapings

He is under indictment in the kidnapings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul.

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"They 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."

Hoover in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and even to Cuba.

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

### Surrender Without Fight

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.

"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

### \$7,000 Price

Karpis had a federal bounty of \$7,000 on his head—the Bureau of Investigation has offered \$7,000 by postal authority.

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver."

Karpis was wearing a light-colored shirt and trousers.

Edward Hoffman, 40, janitor of the apartment building behind the house, said Karpis had an apartment at the house.

He had rented parking space in the yard to the desperado.

John Campbell, 35, janitor of the apartment building, said Karpis was a mild, pleasant man, with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

The janitor said he saw Karpis and his companions in the trash near the side of the house at the time of the capture.

"I happened to look out the window and saw Mr. O'Hara standing near the bushes near the corner 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 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.

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house all night.

The capture of Alvin Karpis ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Mr. O'Hara  
Mr. Campbell  
Mr. Hoffman  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Cady

## Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Captured in South

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as

one of the nation's big time burglars, bank robbers, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

The desperado was born in Canada on Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

### Arrested First at 16

When 16 years old, 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 10-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime. Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City Mar. 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. A year later he was freed.

### Joins Notorious Barkers

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. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kan., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced Sept. 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

### Sentenced and Paroled

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 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 holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

### A Couple of Pals

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert Street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "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-ridden body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

### A Meeting Arranged

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not

long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores, Karpis was credited with engineering with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

### Trail of Robbery and Death

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

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

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

Federal reserve bank mail robbery Sept. 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.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction, \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prior are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

### A Title at Stake

With the capture of Karpis, three men are in line for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

# KARPIS, TRAPPED, YIELDS PEACEABLY

## HOOVER LEADS IN ARREST OF NOTED BRIGAND

Chief G-man heads fifteen officers who net Public Enemy No. 1 in New Orleans coup

### TWO OTHERS WITH HIM

Fred Hunter, wanted for mail robbery, unnamed woman yield quickly when commanded

New Orleans, La., May 1 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without a move at resistance by a squad of officers led in person 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.

### Two Others Captured

Without the firing of a shot, Karpis was taken into custody with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville (O.) mail robbery and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from a pretentious apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal Street about half a mile from the center 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."

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

He was likewise wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Keiley 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 down in Chicago.

### Last of Original Gang

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

Within the last two weeks, the justice department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis' head, and added a \$2,500 price for information leading to the capture of his pal, Harry Campbell.

Four days ago, the postal inspection service followed the justice department and added a \$2,000

reward for Karpis price to \$7,000, and Campbell. But the raid today. Hoover said the investigation had had been in and for the last several himself, had come ago to direct the Hoover, smiling announcement of the bureau office Building here at the raid, saying thing interesting

Caught Leave Hoover did not men took part in there were reports between fifteen

"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.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-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.

John Campbell, janitor of the building, said he knew Karpis as "Mr. O'Hara." He said the woman posed as "O'Hara's" wife and that they were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gandy

## Trapped in New Orleans Coup



ALVIN KARPIS

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

### No Resistance Offered

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that witnesses scarcely knew what was happening. When the three left the house, witnesses said, the federal agents simply closed in about them and commanded them to surrender. They made no move and were quickly hurried away by the officers.

Campbell was burning trash beside the building when the arrest was made.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara (Karpis) 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."

# G-MEN CAPTURE KARPIS

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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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THREE-YEAR CHASE ENDS



**ALVIN KARPIS.**

*Public enemy captured in New Orleans.*

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# No. 1 Public Enemy Seized in New Orleans Hideout; Plane Speeds Him to St. Paul

## Hoover Leads Agents to Outlaw; Not a Shot Fired; Wo- man Taken

ST. PAUL, May 2.—Anticipating the arrival here by plane of Alvin Karpis and his guard of half a dozen Department of Justice agents, some five automobile loads of "G-Men," all heavily armed, gathered at the municipal airport early today. Arrangements were made to keep open an iron gate at one end of the field, near a runway down which a plane could taxi.

The plane carrying Karpis flew first from New Orleans to Lambert Field, St. Louis, and after refueling took off at 1:35 a. m. (E.S.T.). It was believed headed toward Chicago, but

apparently weather conditions forced it to fly directly here.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 Public Enemy, sought for three years for murder and kidnaping, was captured here tonight by Department of Justice agents without a shot being fired.

At 8:3 p. m. (9:30 p. m. Chicago time) he was placed aboard an airplane, manacled and under guard of six agents. The destination was not announced, although rumor said it was St. Paul.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department's G-men, personally led the squad of fifteen agents who trapped Karpis. With the chief public enemy the agents caught Fred Hunter, 37, wanted for mail robbery in Garrettsville, O., and an unnamed woman.

Karpis, the notorious "bad man" and killer, displayed the usual gangland streak of surrendering meekly when confronted.

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'He Never Had a Chance?'

# KARPIS GIVES UP—MEEKLY

## Chief of G-Men Tells Details of Capture

### GUN FOUND ON CAPTIVE

Not by a helpless victim, but by men who could and would shoot. Simultaneously with the announcement here by Mr. Hoover that the capture had been made, official spokesmen for the Department of Justice made the same announcement in Washington, D. C. The trapping of Karpis leaves but one of the notorious outlaws of the Karpis-Barker and Dillinger gangs still at large.

#### Details Withheld

He is Harry Campbell, who was with Karpis when the two shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel more than a year ago.

The scene of the capture tonight was in front of a building at 3343 Canal st., a rooming house, about half a mile from the center of the business district of the city.

Details of how the long trail that wound from coast to coast and even to Cuba, finally led to this rooming house were not made known. Agents said, however, that Karpis and Hunter had been under surveillance for "a day or two."

A large force of federal agents was concentrated in this city several days ago. Mr. Hoover himself was in New York the early part of the week on other cases. Receiving word yesterday from here that Karpis' hideout had been located, he boarded a plane and came to New Orleans. There was a wait for the opportune moment to strike.

Word was finally flashed that Hunter, Karpis and the woman were all on the first floor flat of the building. Led by Mr. Hoover, the agents spread the net. As they waited, the three walked from the front door, and were about to enter an automobile parked at the curb.

The government agents, guns drawn, closed in.

There was a crisp command to surrender. Karpis and Hunter wheeled. For a moment it seemed that they were about to make some resistance, but the sight of



revolvers and the muzzles of sawed-off shotguns stopped them.

#### Whisked Away

Meekly, they elevated their hands. Then all three were whisked away to an unannounced place for questioning. It was all done so quickly and so smoothly that even persons in the immediate vicinity were unaware of what had taken place.

Mr. Hoover's announcement was brief and simple, but there was a smile on his face as he said:

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

Later he added about the other man prisoner:

"Hunter is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 2, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

Karpis was seen once after the capture, when he was led out of the bureau of investigation office in the postoffice building by two department agents. He was wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat.

As to the actual capture, Mr. Hoover declined to do much amplifying of his first brief announcement, although he was pilled with questions.

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

"For the past two years."

"Yes, but how long here in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of here for the past two months," said the G-Man chief, "and have been on his trail."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

And that was as far as the questioners got.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and

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manager of the building where Karpis had been living, said he registered there three weeks ago as "Ed O'Hara," and paid a month's rent in advance.

The woman, she said, posed as his wife.

"He was a nice, quiet little man," said Mrs. Meyer. "He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow being as bad as they say he is. He never acted a bit scared or nervous and never displayed any large amounts of money."

The janitor, John Campbell, told about the same story, describing Karpis as "a mild, pleasant man, with a slight impediment in his speech."

Edward Hoffman, resident of the house behind the building where Karpis lived, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado, unaware of who he was.

"He paid me \$3 to keep the car there a few days," Hoffman said, "I saw him about three times, but I didn't pay much attention to him. He seemed all right."

The main crimes for which Karpis is wanted are:

The \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the St. Paul Commercial State Bank, on January 17, 1934; the \$100,000 kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul Brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the murder of Sheriff

C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

A price of \$7,000 was on his head, the Postoffice Department having added a \$2,000 reward a short time ago.

Who the woman is, who was captured with Karpis and Hunter, or what her connection with them has been, the Department of Justice men did not reveal. She was also held incommunicado. It also was speculated that Campbell had been with Karpis and the other two, but had somehow contrived to escape the net.

### Three Eligible as 'Enemy No. 1'

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(P)—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, at St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1934.

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

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**DOLORES DELANY**  
*Jailed for her friendship with Karpis.*  
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## WOMEN DESERTED IN KARPIS FLIGHT

MIAMI, Fla., May 1.—(A.P.)—Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader, captured in New Orleans, 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 were accompanied by Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis gang, and Winona Burdette, who registered as Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Summers. The four later rented a private house here.

### FOUR LEAVE MIAMI

They fled from this house after learning that Fred and Kate Barker, their associates, were shot and killed in a gun battle with federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla., and that the agents were coming to Miami.

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 women were left behind in a hotel room, Delores Delaney suffering a bullet wound in her left leg, inflicted, it was reported, when Karpis fired through the wall in an attempt to

awaken the women. The men failed in an attempt to return for the women.

### FACE QUIZZING IN TRIAL

The two women subsequently returned to Miami, where, in United States District Court, 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 two men listed as Joe Adams, Miami hotel and greyhound race track manager, and Hendry Randall, greyhound track employe, under indictment on charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.

Cassius McDonald, Detroit promoter, and Nathan Heller, Miami and Havana hotel man, also were indicted in connection with the Karpis harboring charges. McDonald has been convicted and sentenced on similar charges in St. Paul and the charges against Heller have been dismissed.

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# KARPIS BABY IN CHICAGO AT HIS PARENTS' HOME

## Grandmother Quiets Child; Father of Seized Gunman Silent at News of Arrest

There was a dramatic tableau in the kitchen of the little basement flat at 2842 N. Francisco av. last night.

A bent and aged woman sat in an old-fashioned rocking chair. There were tears in her eyes. On her lap, his cries silenced by the quiet of the room, lay a baby boy—a year and two months old. In another chair sat a man, old and worn. He looked down into his clasped hands, hands gnarled with years of toil.

Restless, walking about the room, was a younger woman.

### FAMILY OF KARPIS.

They were the family of Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, who, at long last, had been captured in New Orleans by G-men.

The mother, Mrs. Anna Karpavicz; the father, John, janitor of the building, and a sister, Mrs. Emily Newbold.

The baby boy, who never has seen his father, was born to Dolores Delaney, Karpis' common-law wife, after he had left her in an Atlantic City hotel when federal agents almost captured him more than a year ago. The Delaney girl is serving five years in federal prison at Milan, Mich.

Told of her brother's capture, Mrs. Newbold only said:

"My God, do they know?" She referred to her parents, honest God-fearing folk, whose tragedy in life has been the criminal career of their only son. Gently she broke the news to them.

### "WELL TALK LATER."

Later Mrs. Newbold came to the door and said:

"We can't say anything now, but we will have plenty to say later. We can't talk until the federal men get here."

From the federal agents the family awaits official news. On each rumor of Karpis' capture, Mrs. Karpavicz has spent much endeavoring to learn if her boy was slain.

In the stillness of the little kitchen the four lingered.

The baby, Raymond, slept. And the grandmother rocked and rocked—dreaming, perhaps, of the gunman son she once held in her arms.

# G-MEN'S SWIFT ACTION TOLD BY RAID WITNESS

Efficiency Amazes Those Who  
View Capture; Karpis Dis-  
plays Surprise at Seizure

BY E. M. COMEAUX.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—I saw

the G-men arrest Alvin Karpis  
and Fred Hunter today.

But those federal men moved so  
swiftly that they hardly started  
before it was finished. In fact,  
those of us who watched them  
could not really believe Karpis had  
been arrested, it was done so fast  
and with such little trouble.

It was around 5:30 or so that  
the government men first rolled  
up in their cars. Altogether there  
were maybe twenty agents. I  
couldn't tell exactly. They parked  
their cars about half a block from  
the apartment.

Just a few minutes later Karpis,  
a woman and Hunter came out  
from the building. We could hear  
the government men call out to  
them to surrender. Karpis, I be-  
lieve it was, turned sharply and  
instantly raised his hands. He  
really looked startled and sur-  
prised.

The G-men who surrounded the  
apartment were well-armed, but  
after that first call for them to  
surrender, the two gangsters gave  
up without trouble.

All three were then bundled into  
a car and rushed away.

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### Barker Blamed for Misleading Karpis

TULSA, Okla., May 1.—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.

"It was in Chicago," the former Mrs. Karpis recalled, "that I heard Alvin boast to Freddie Barker that he would never be taken alive. After that he promised me he would 'go straight,' but I guess he never did. I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin."

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# FIVE KILLINGS LAID TO KARPIS GANG

## Chicago-Born Chief Left Home at 14

Leader, with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, of a ruthless gang of kidnapers, bandits and killers, who took the lives of five persons—such was the career of Alvin Karpis.

Crowned Public Enemy No. 1 by the bullets which shot down other gunmen with whom he had associated—John Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson—Karpis, unlike those more daring killers, cowered in hiding when he won that doubtful renown—had even, it was reported, had his face lifted in an effort to avoid detection.

## Shoots Way Out

Only once, since Dillinger's death, had he leaped into the headlines. Trapped in an Atlantic City hotel a year ago last January, he and a companion, Harry Campbell, deserted their girl friends, and shot their way to freedom.

Born in Chicago, Karpis was the son of doting parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco av. Hard working and honest, it was difficult for them to believe that their son, whom they seldom saw after he ran away from home at the age of 14, had become a dangerous killer.

And twice, when it seemed that the federal hunt for Karpis must inevitably close in, the mother appealed to him to surrender.

Early in his career as a burglar and cheap thug in Missouri and Kansas, Karpis adopted his abbreviated name. There was little of glamour in his life. It was sordid.

As the leader of a gang of terrorists roving the western states, Karpis was arrested in March, 1929, and was sentenced to the state industrial home at Hutchinson, Kan. He escaped, was captured a year later and served

out his term in the Kansas state prison, being freed in 1931.

## Freed on Parole

Upon his release from prison, he fell in love with a pretty masseuse in Tulsa, Okla., and married her. Turning his back to the underworld, he settled down with her for a few months. But the romance did not last long. Deserting her, he returned to the ways of the gun and was arrested for burglary.

Loosed again on the public by a kindly parole board, he then joined up with the Barker gang and started his bloody crusade against law and order that was climaxed by the kidnaping early in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker and brewer, whose family paid \$200,000 ransom for his release.

That crime marked Karpis and his associates for death. Federal men hunted him with orders to shoot to kill. The penalty for his offense rested at death under the Lindbergh law because Bremer

was taken across a state line. Cordons of police were thrown about roads in the path it was thought the gangster would take. His trail led through Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and other mid-western states—but the police could not close in.

The girls he and Campbell left behind, were seized, and sentenced to five years in prison for harboring their dangerous "boy friends." Others who sheltered Karpis have been arrested and jailed.

During the trial of several of the gang's aids in St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping, Karpis was named as one of the kidnapers.

In 1935, Karpis' wife, Dorothy, tired of waiting for him to abandon his criminal career and divorced him, charging desertion.

Federal agents watched her closely, in the hope of trapping the fugitive. But Karpis, they said, had not even communicated with her after their brief period of domestic life.

During the hunt for Hamm kidnapers, a tip came to the house

## Girls Sentenced for Harboring 'Boy Friends'

where Karpis, Arthur Barker, Freddie Barker and their mother, "Ma" Barker, were living in St. Paul that the police were on their way over. The boys decided that some one had "squealed."

They decided the guilty one was Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband. So Freddie Barker invited his father-in-law for an automobile ride. Karpis went along as a favor to "Ma." Later Dunlap's bullet-riddled body was found near Webster, Wis.

It was "Ma" Barker, too, who introduced Karpis to Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, who later was to be jailed for her friendship with the hoodlum.

"Ma" Barker died, too, about a year after the Bremer kidnaping. She died with Freddie in Florida, riddled by bullets of government agents as she fought side by side with her outlaw son. Arthur Barker was seized in Chicago after a gun fight.

In January of 1935, Karpis and Harry Campbell went to Atlantic City from Florida with two girl friends. One of them was the pretty Dolores. The other was Winona Burdette, 21.

## Girls Abandoned

Atlantic City police, who had been notified to be on the lookout for the automobile in which they were riding, found it in a garage, and discovered that the occupants were at a nearby hotel.

The police went openly to the hotel to question them. The two gangsters abandoned the girls, shot their way from the trap and escaped.

In December of last year, Homer Fanning, 26, seized when he sought to flee on foot after a gun battle with Kansas City police, said his companion in that fight, who made his escape in an auto, was Karpis.

That story caused the search for the outlaw to be intensified, and the hunt was still further spurred when the proprietor of a tourist camp said a picture of

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GETS HIS MAN



*This is J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of identification. He personally led the capture of Alvin Karpis.*

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## G-Men Aim At Pals of Karpis

International News Service.

ST. PAUL, May 16.—The long arm of the federal government reached out today to smash the protectors and hangers-on of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang of killers and kidnapers.

Indicating swift grand jury action against associates of the mob in Toledo, Cleveland, and New Orleans, copies of bench warrants on which Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were arrested were mailed to the cities involved.

The G-Men plan to strike a deadly blow at those who have harbored Karpis and Campbell since their indictment here for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and upwards of a half-dozen indictments in the three cities.

The federal penalty ranges from six months for harboring to two years for conspiracy to harbor.

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## FEDERAL AGENTS QUESTION KARPIS

Three Kidnapings, Slaying and 15 Bank Robberies Revealed

ST. PAUL, May 5 (AP)—Relays of federal agents, weary after nearly four days of persistent effort, pressed Alvin Karpis today for details of a crime career their chief said included three kidnapings, the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in several other slayings.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans, other federal agents completed questioning a man and a woman captured with Karpis there last Friday. In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, who led the raid, said one of them, Fred Hunter, would be held to face charges in a Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery and harboring Karpis, while the woman, Ruth Robinson, was released.

Whatever agents here learned from Karpis they kept to themselves. Neither would they say when they expected to finish their questioning and move the outlaw from the federal building to the county jail to await arraignment on kidnaping charges. Karpis is under indictment here for the abductions of William Hamm, jr., and Edward G. Bremer. Ransom in the two cases totaled \$300,000.

District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced previously the government had an "airtight case" against Karpis and was prepared to arraign him as soon as federal agents complete their questioning.

Sheriff Thomas J. Gibbons, in charge of the county jail where Karpis will be kept, conferred briefly today with federal agents and the United States marshal.

## Karpis' Father



John Karpavicz.

John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, captured Public Enemy No. 1, is pictured in Chicago chasing cameramen and reporters with a tire pump, refusing to submit to photographers or questioning. The elder Karpis is a janitor in a Chicago apartment house. His son, seized by G-men in New Orleans, awaits trial in St. Paul for the abduction of William Hamm, jr. (Central Press).

P. E. JOHNSON

## Campbell's Mother Is Broken Hearted

Tulsa, Okla., May 7 (AP).—The white-haired mother of Harry Campbell wept tonight and said her son, outlaw companion of Alvin Karpis, had broken her heart.

Campbell's parents, law-abiding Mr. and Mrs. George C. Campbell, secluded themselves and refused to discuss directly the arrest of their erring son at Toledo, Ohio.

For years the misbehaving Campbell was "small fry" to officers of this section. Then his name was linked with those of Karpis and the late Freddie Barker. Last February 28 police announced he killed J. Earl Smith, Tulsa lawyer, August 19, 1932. Jimmie Lawson, life-terminer at the Kansas Penitentiary, was brought here last February to tell of the Smith slaying. The attorney had called Campbell in an effort to collect \$3,200 fee for defending him in a robbery case, Lawson said.

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### Gang's Surgeon Believed Slain

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7 (I.N.S.)—Dr. Joseph Moran, who is believed to have altered the facial appearance and fingerprints of a number of members of the Karpis gang, is at the bottom of Lake Erie. This opinion was given here today by J. Edgar Hoover.

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# Public Enemies 'Yellow Rats' to J. Edgar Hoover

Old Man Politics Is No. 1,  
Says Chief of U.S. Agents,  
Telling of Karpis' Fear

Own Men Found Gangster

No Outside Information Re-  
ceived in Trapping Him

By Emmet Crozier

Now that Alvin Karpis is securely locked in a St. Paul cell, J. Edgar Hoover would like to end all this sentimental nonsense about Public Enemy No. 1 and other mythical rankings in the criminal blue book.

"They're all yellow rats," says Mr. Hoover. "They don't deserve any titles, distinction or rank. If you want to know whom I regard as Public Enemy No. 1, I'll tell you. Old Man Politics."

Mr. Hoover is chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. He arrived in New York late Saturday night from St. Paul, where he had delivered Karpis into the hands of Minnesota authorities after capturing the desperado in New Orleans last Thursday.

That job done, Mr. Hoover took a little time out in his living room on the twenty-seventh floor of the Hotel New Yorker yesterday afternoon to talk informally with a dozen newspaper reporters about Karpis, crime and the government's efforts to squelch it.

Like Caruso—Without Paunch

He sat in an armchair in a corner of the room, relaxed, one hand in his trousers pocket, catching the questions that came from all sides of the room and answering with sharp incisiveness. A compact man in early middle age, dark hair brushed straight back from his forehead, he looks a little like the late Enrico Caruso before the famous tenor acquired his paunch. His double-breasted gray suit, with the corner of a wine-colored handkerchief protruding from the breast pocket, suggested an alert young business executive more than a detective.

The government, Mr. Hoover said, had not been asked to go into the Wendel kidnaping case. For one thing, no ransom payment had been demanded. For another, the investigation was being satisfactorily handled by the Kings County authorities.

"Is the government satisfied that Bruno Hauptmann alone was responsible for the Lindbergh kidnaping?" Mr. Hoover was asked.

"Although there might be a possibility that Hauptmann had accomplices, the government is convinced that he was a prime factor in the Lindbergh case."

"Do you think, Mr. Hoover, that Hauptmann crawled through the nursery window and kidnaped the Lindbergh baby?"

"The Department of Justice believes that he did."

## No More Ransom Money Found

"Has there been any of the Lindbergh ransom money turned up since the execution of Hauptmann?"

"Not a dollar of ransom money has been reported since Hauptmann's arrest. The financial statement at a conference in New York last Tuesday accounted for between \$49,000 and \$50,000 of the ransom in Hauptmann's transactions. Although only about \$16,000 was in original ransom bills, it is entirely possible that the remainder slipped through the banks and got back to the United States Treasury without being detected. Not a single bill turned up outside of New York, which tends to confirm the belief that Hauptmann was operating alone. If he was part of a gang the money would probably have been circulated elsewhere, because gangs scatter."

With the details of the Karpis capture fresh in his mind, Mr. Hoover gave a vivid picture of the desperado and his inglorious surrender in New Orleans last Thursday.

"He was scared out of his wits," Mr. Hoover said. "His teeth were clenched in pure fright and his hands were trembling. He was shaking all over. He thought we were going to kill him. There was a rifle in the back seat, but he made no move to get it."

"We took him to the office of the Department of Justice and began to question him. I saw him watching a window. The office was on the second floor, but he might have tried to jump out, anyway. I said:

"Don't try to pull any fast ones."

Told to Behave Himself

"He said: 'Well, you're probably going to kick the ears off me anyway. I told him no one would lay a hand on him if he behaved himself.'

"Even if I don't answer questions?"

"Even if you don't answer questions. That seemed to relieve his mind. He was afraid we were going to give him a beating. He said he wouldn't answer any questions involving his associates, but he'd tell us anything we wanted to know about himself—and tell the truth."

Mr. Hoover shifted in his chair, smiling reflectively at the memory of the cringing Karpis, the bad man who folded up like a frightened schoolboy when the law got its hands on him. Then he said:

"I'm very happy we took Karpis alive, to dispel the myth that the government men are ruthless killers. Dillinger was not assassinated. We had to shoot him when he reached for his gun."

Although the government on April 22 announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to Karpis's arrest, the reward will never be paid, Mr. Hoover said, because no one outside the department furnished any tips or information.

The Department of Justice would co-operate with local police agencies, Mr. Hoover said, except where three conditions were plainly apparent. These were police inefficiency, police corruption and unwarranted publicity.

Mr. Hoover said the appropriation of \$6,025,000 just passed by Congress for the Bureau of Investigation for the coming fiscal year would enable him to add 225 men to his staff and extend the educational facilities of the department.

## Karpis Again Questioned

ST. PAUL, May 3 (AP)—A secret examination of Alvin Karpis was continued today by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law. A heavy guard barred the Federal Court Building doors, behind which Karpis was hustled after being flown here from New Orleans to answer kidnaping charges.

The department's determination to make a decisive mop-up of the Karpis-Barker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, investigation bureau chief. Before leaving for New York he predicted arrest of some Karpis harborers and friends.

How soon the captured public enemy would be turned over to the United States marshal for arraignment and imprisonment was still undetermined, although Hoover had said arraignment on the William Hamm kidnaping must come tomorrow.

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### U.S. Score Against Kidnaping Proves It Does Not Pay

WASHINGTON, May 12 (US).  
—Behind the high gray walls of Uncle Sam's Federal prisons tonight was convincing argument that kidnaping doesn't pay. The G-men's score sheet on kidnapings since June, 1932, when this crime became a Federal offense, reads as follows:

- 63 Kidnaping cases reported.
- 143 Persons convicted.
- 29 Serving life sentences.
- 2,028 Years imposed on other members of kidnap bands.
- 4 Kidnapers dead before their trials.
- 2 Others lynched.
- 5 Killed resisting arrest.
- 6 Murdered by other gangsters.
- 20 Awaiting trial.

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# G-Men Capture Campbell,

## Last of Karpis Gang

### ARREST EFFECTED WITHOUT GUNFIRE; TAKEN TO ST. PAUL FOR BREMER QUIZ

Hoover Says Trap Escape in 1934 Was Made Possible by Two Politicians Under Investigation.

By the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—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 Cokar, 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, Minn., by airplane to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, he said.

Campbell showed what Hoover termed a "little resistance" when the agents apprehended him, Hoover said. Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green.

#### Politicians Investigated.

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had face-lifting and fingerprint operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

#### Used Miller Alias.

Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the Federal men. He said he would fly from Cleveland to New York late today.

Hoover said Cokar probably will be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator, where an unfinished 30-year sentence for bank robbery still stands against him.

#### Taken Week After Karpis.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who bore the label of "public enemy No. 1." Karpis was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district.

Karpis became known nationally after Federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son Fred in a gun battle in Florida.

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen automobile, shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel in a battle with police and escaped to the Middle West.

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*J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.  
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## Captured



HARRY CAMPBELL.

## Campbell

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West after abducting a Pennsylvania doctor to obtain his automobile.

Campbell was charged, together with Karpis and Fred Hunter, taken with the former in New Orleans, with a \$46,000 machine gun mail train robbery last November 7 at Garrettsville, Ohio.

The Federal men surrounded the two-story apartment building where Campbell was hiding out. Hoover refused to say how many men were in the raiding party.

Campbell and his wife were seized as they emerged from the building just at daybreak. Campbell scuffled slightly, but was covered and overpowered, Hoover said.

Cokar, 40, was taken a half hour later at another hideout not far away.

# KARPIS MOB WIPED OUT BY G-MEN

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

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## 2 SECRET RAIDS.

The two raids were accomplished 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 residence 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.

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His known aliases were David Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. 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.

## 86 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.

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#### 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.

R. JOSEPH

## Hoover Cuts His Supper Short To Start West for Campbell

BY REX COLLIER.

Indicating the suddenness with which Federal agents sprang their raid on Harry Campbell in Toledo, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, watched an F. B. I. base ball game on the Ellipse yesterday afternoon and ate supper in a downtown restaurant before he flew by plane late last night to lead the raid.

Hoover's supper was cut short by word from his men in Toledo that Campbell had been spotted in an apartment house there. After making hasty arrangements from his office he took off with several assistants by chartered plane.

Alvin Karpis and Campbell were known to have friends in Toledo and certain houses there had been under surveillance for some time. It was from Toledo that Karpis mailed one of his threats against Hoover's life last year.

Hoover's decision to take personal leadership of the Karpis and Campbell raids are believed to have arisen

not only from Karpis' threats, which Hoover considered a personal challenge, but from the gibes from a few critics over the failure of his men to capture Karpis and his companion.

Contrary to widely published reports, these are not the only raids in which Hoover has participated in person. He has led in the arrest of a number of criminals at various times in the past, but the captives were not top-notch public enemies who rated first-page publicity.

Hoover was in New York City when word came that Karpis had been seen entering an apartment house in New Orleans. He chartered a plane there and flew to the Louisiana city, stopping off in Washington long enough to take on a supply of guns and ammunition from the Washington field office of the F. B. I.

The G-men found Karpis without outside information, and, therefore, the \$5,000 reward offered for a tip on his whereabouts will not be paid. It is understood a \$2,500 reward for information about Campbell also will remain unpaid, for similar reasons.

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## CAMPBELL AND COKER TAKEN IN TOLEDO

Hoover Leads Raid at  
Dawn; Girl Bride  
Held

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#### Cleveland Hideout

Hoover made the surprising disclosure that Karpis and his entire gang hid out in Cleveland during the fall and summer of 1934. There is evidence to show, he declared, that the gang was "tied up with some petty politicians in Cleveland."

Dr. Joseph Moran, who performed fingerprint and face lifting operations on members of the gang, was with the mob in Cleveland, Hoover learned, but now, the chief of the G-Men declared, "Dr. Moran is at the bottom of Lake Erie."

The \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture will not be paid, Hoover said, because "full credit for the capture goes to the G-men." He charged postal inspectors with lack of cooperation. Hoover declared:

"I want it understood that the G-men receive full credit for rounding up the entire Karpis-Barker gang.

"The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it, and there was noticeable lack of cooperation on the part of the postal inspectors."

He refused to enlarge on this statement.

#### Bremer Kidnaper

Hoover declared that Karpis and Campbell, known as "Limpy" because of a slight limp, together plotted the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Com-

mercial State Bank of St. Paul, on January 17, 1934. Bremer was released the following February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

The Bremer charge is not the only one against Campbell, for the 36-year-old mobster had a "long career of murder, burglaries, safe-cracking and other crimes," Hoover said.

Campbell and Karpis, together with Fred Hunter and two others of their clan are named in warrants issued by the Federal district court here as perpetrators of the \$46,000 mail train robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, last November. A Federal grand jury was called here today to consider indictments against the five men in connection with this robbery.

Campbell and his wife were seized in the first raid, which was staged at an apartment house at 3132 Monroe St., Toledo, Hoover said. A few minutes later they raided a residence at 435 Arcadia St., where Coker was living with an elderly couple.

The elderly man and woman are suffering from heart ailments, Hoover said, and the utmost care was exercised in placing Coker under arrest. He made no sign of resistance, Hoover said, and the arrest was made speedily.

#### Hid Five Months

Campbell, Hoover said, has been living in Toledo constantly for the last five months, but he had been operating in and out of Toledo for 18 months or more.

Karpis had been hiding in the Southwest along the Gulf Coast ever since the Garrettsville (Ohio) mail robbery, and had been spending most of his time fishing.

Campbell had \$2,900 in cash on his person, a .45 caliber revolver, and six clips of bullets, Hoover said.

The \$2,500 cash reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Campbell will not be paid, the chief of the G-Men said. He gave entire credit for the arrest to the G-Men.

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# G-Men Seek Hamm Case Leak Clues

## Line Of Quiz Indicates Suspicion Officers Here In Touch With Kidnapers.

Federal agents, continuing their intensive grilling of Alvin Karpis today were mum on reports of outside radio stations and newspapers that one and possibly two St. Paul police officials were implicated in the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

One of these reports, emanating from Cincinnati, O., home of E. J. Connelly, head of the department of justice's kidnaping squad, said that before the investigation was closed at least one high police official in St. Paul would be implicated in the snatch.

Shift followed shift of federal agents today in plying the dapper little gunman with questions as G-men sought to discover how plans for trapping the kidnapers of the wealthy brewer in June, 1933, "leaked" out to Barker-Karpis mobsters.

### Curious As To "Leaks."

Particularly did the federal inquisitors seek to determine why the snatchers in three successive ransom notes to William Dunn, sales manager of the Theo. Hamm Brewing Co., contact man during ransom negotiations, changed their instructions twice, each time upsetting plans of police and federal men to trap the abductors.

The ransom notes, demanding \$100,000 and detailing the method for the payoff, were revealed only to a selected group of G-men and

### Tanaka Bond Raised To \$10,000 By Judge

Bond of Sam Tanaka, Japanese employe of John P. (Jack) Peiffer, held as a material witness in the \$100,000 William Hamm, Jr. kidnaping, was increased to \$10,000 today by Judge M. M. Joyce after a move was started to obtain his release on \$1,000 bail. The increase was granted on motion of the district attorney's office.

police officers, not more than a half dozen in all, it was disclosed. Yet on two occasions secret information apparently leaked out.

In the first note Mr. Dunn was told to "take a light brewery truck" for delivery of the ransom.

When the note was disclosed before the selected group, Mr. Dunn explained, "But, my God, I never drove a truck in my life. All I ever drove was a Chevrolet and a Ford."

But the next note, received about 12 hours later, told Mr. Dunn that he should drive "a Ford or Chevrolet." It repeated the other instructions.

### Learned Of "Plant."

G-men and police then planned to "plant" a detective with a sub-machine gun in the rear of the car in an effort to "blast" out the ransom collectors when they picked up the packages containing the \$100,000, kicked out of the Dunn car according to instructions.

But within a few hours after these plans had been completed, a third note was received. This one instructed Mr. Dunn to "remove the rear doors of the car. We don't want any tricks."

Long have the federal men suspected that these changes in plans were the result of "tipoffs" as to plans of police and G-men. Virtually every man attendant at the reading of the notes and the subsequent plans has been under suspicion. That's one reason why G-men have put the diminutive mobster through one of the most severe questionings in recent history. He has been battered with questions almost unceasingly since he was first

brought here after his capture in New Orleans Friday night.

Eventually G-men hope that Karpis will crack. They intend to keep questioning him until he does, it was indicated today.

Up to noon today Karpis had undergone 80 hours of severe quizzing at the hands of G-men, with only about five hours of sleep.

### Karpis May Bare Fate Of Doctor Who Changed His Features

While G-men continued their questioning of Alvin Karpis today, it was indicated that through him one of gangland's deepest mysteries—the disappearance of Dr. Joseph P. Moran—may be solved.

The two small scars beneath Karpis' ears, put there in a futile attempt at altering his appearance, may hold the key to the mystery of

one of gangland's most shadowy figures, G-men were convinced.

Dr. Moran physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters, who performed face-lifting and fingertip-mutilating operations on a half-dozen Barker-Karpis mobsters, disappeared more than a year ago. Some say he was thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo, scene of Barker-Karpis hideouts, because he had a "weakness for drink and loose talk."

### Was Honor Student.

Born of a respectable family in Spring Valley, Ill., Moran had been an affable, even a brilliant boy. He had fought in France. He brought home with him a burning ambition. He had seen doctors work under fire. He wanted to be a doctor, himself. So he entered the Tufts medical school in Boston where, records show, he was an honor student.

He married a Boston society girl and returned to La Salle, Ill., to practice. There he made his first misstep, and was sentenced to Joliet. In prison he became a friend of Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief, and Bremer kidnaping, who, is said to have lured the young surgeon permanently to the underworld. He was paroled April 7, 1930. His wife had left him in the meanwhile. That was the "doc's" background when he met Dr. Hal C. Billig, Maywood dentist, where Moran took up his office.

Dr. Billig said he now is convinced that Moran was installed in the Maywood office by the gang that shot and killed Tim Lynch, head of the General Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Local No. 782, in an unsuccessful effort to gain control of the union.

### Unsavory Patients.

The "doc's" patients declares Dr. Billig, were of unsavory appearance. While drinking, Moran, who posed as a dentist, would hint that he had other talents.

Dr. Billig said he once had bragged:

"Why, I could take off your nose and put it behind your ear."

Before the shooting of Lynch, Dr. Billig said Moran had warned him.

"If I were you, I'd stay in your office. You may hear some shooting. I don't want you to get hurt."

Presumably, there was more loose talk and boasting. Then one day "Doc" Moran disappeared, and was seen no more. Gang whispers had it that "he got his."

Some think the whole story is locked in Karpis' shriveled mind, and that some day he'll talk, and the mystery of "Doc" Moran will be a mystery no longer.

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## G-Men Seize Aide of Karpis

Gangster, Wife and Another Captured in Toledo—No Shots Fired

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, Ohio, 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. 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

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Hoover is a minor figure in the decimated Karpis gang.

Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension.

Federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, Hoover said.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl emerged from their apartment, presumably prepared 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 ringleaders of the Karpis gang," Hoover asserted. He added that the Government would continue its hunt for persons who aided the fugitives.

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.

Karpis became known nationally after Federal agents killed Kate (Ma) Barker and her son, Fred, in a gun battle in Florida.

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# KARPIS' CAREER— ROAD TO DOOM

Noted Author Tells  
How Kidnaping  
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## BARKER A PRINCIPAL QUITS FIGHT

(The inside secrets of the Karpis "mob," smashed by federal agents with the arrest of Alvin Karpis, are told for the first time in a series of articles by Courtney Ryley Cooper, of which this is the first.)

Article I.  
BY COURTNEY RYLEY  
COOPER,

Famous Writer and Reporter.

Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis were young, but they were cold, fearless and calculating. Frank Nash always had liked Freddie, ever since that first meeting down at Herb Farmer's. Harvey Bailey liked him, too, and appraised Alvin Karpis as a deadly man with a gun. They were all together in Hot Springs, Ark., in the Spring of 1932.

(Herb Farmer is now in Leavenworth penitentiary for his part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre of 1933 that cost the lives of Nash and the four government agents who had him in custody.)

Finally the inevitable urge to move hit everybody. They scattered, returning to Chicago, where, on May 3, there was a birthday party for Frances Nash; two murderers personally brought her presents to the Nash apartment. After that the incessant movement began again. But most of them got together again in Kansas City, making numerous forays against banks in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. Returning, they played golf. Always they played golf.

### Never Let Up

Patient special agents had not relaxed their vigilant search for an instant. Still checking, still asking questions, they went the rounds. A St. Paul bootlegger attempted to sell some bonds at a Minneapolis bank. The numbers were checked, and the collateral found to have been stolen from two messengers of the First American National Bank of Duluth.

The Bureau of Investigation was notified. The bootlegger broke down and confessed the names of the hot-bond shovers from whom he had received the securities. They also talked, telling what they knew, which was not much.

Finally they found a lead. Kansas City special agents, picking up the information which St. Paul had forwarded, visited a manufacturer of handmade golf clubs. It seems that Charlie Harmon, a member of the gang, had telephoned this place, long distance, from St. Paul the summer before.

### Gaze Centers

The manufacturer couldn't remember the call; he got so many. They showed the pictures. At last,

however, his gaze centered. He was quite sure about Keating and Holden, two other gang members they had been there recently. Holden had bought a golf hat only the day before.

(Thomas ("Red") Holden and Francis L. Keating are serving twenty-five-year sentences in Leavenworth penitentiary (from which they escaped temporarily in 1930) for the sensational \$135,000 mail robbery in Evergreen Park, Cook County, in 1926.)

Every golf course now became a place of surveillance. At one, the Old Mission, special agents got good news.

The next day out on the course, Jimmy Keating, Thomas Holden and Harvey Bailey moved along the fairway; iron shots had been excellent, laying all three balls on the green. Far in the rear, Bernard Phillips dubbed along. Suddenly he looked up, his attention centered on a widespread circle of men, converging upon the fairway. He ran.

Keating, Holden and Bailey knew nothing of this until that circle of men had closed in. Automatics appeared in the hands of police and special agents. The three men raised their hands. A long hunt was over.

### In for Trouble

Frank Nash read of it in the Chicago newspapers. Keating and Holden already were headed back for Leavenworth. Old Harvey Bailey was in for trouble down there at Fort Scott. Frank Nash took many drinks that night. Usually this procedure was because he liked whisky. Tonight it was because he never had liked golf.

There was another reaction to the arrest of Keating and Holden. A map had just been laid on a table in an apartment on Ward

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parkway in Kansas City. This was the home of Karpis, late of Kansas State Penitentiary, Fred Barker, also a graduate of the same institution, and Fred's loving mother, Kate, who had taken to traveling with them.

Police and law-enforcement officers charge that this trio came together shortly after Alvin's parole in the Autumn of 1931 and that Alvin and Fred and Mother Kate were in Kansas City to await among other things, the release of Arthur (Doc) Barker from Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

### Take No Chances

In doing so they took no chances, as apparently they were in enemy territory. Some eight months before, following a robbery, the sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, had approached a car containing two young men and an elderly woman. He had sought to question them, but the blaze of gunfire interrupted, and the officer fell dead.

Witnesses identified the pictures of Alvin and Fred and Mother Kate, but they never had been caught. Nor were they captured now. The telephone rang. An excited voice gave the news of the Old Mission capture. Out of the apartment hurried mother and Fred and Alvin, once more on the run, and within half an hour they were out of town.

With these details cleared away, it is necessary to detail the history of a new character who now must take the place in the story of Frank Nash. His name was Johnny Lazia, a person of much prominence and an equal amount of mystery. Whether he truly belongs may never be decided; after all, this is not a court of record.

Johnny Lazia exerted tremendous influence before he died; no

one denies that. But, having just briefly come upon the stage, he must wait in the wings while the narrative of crime takes up the more familiar characters of Frank Nash and those who formed his circles. There was a period of hiding, of course, following the Keating and Holden pickup.

During this time, Verne and Vi took a cottage at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Frank Nash and Frances visited with them most of the Summer, except for such times as Frank and Verne were forced to be away "on business."

While the Nash-Miller crowd rested at Lake Geneva, Alvin Karpis and Freddie and Mother Barker were enjoying an equally quiet time at White Bear Lake, Minn.

### Tire of Geneva

Likewise, the Millers and Nashes tired of Geneva at times, and spent week-ends in the Minnesota metropolis. Here the Barker-Karpis crowd and the Miller-Nash gang mingled, flitting about night clubs until 3 o'clock in the morning, new clothes for the women and endless talk of hospitals, operations—and more clothes.

Week-ends over, they all returned to Geneva or White Bear, where, at the latter spot, Helen and Mrs. Barker were all alone for a time. The "boys" had gone to Concordia, Kan.

With the coming of Autumn, there was another foregathering in St. Paul. Frances Nash was recuperating from an operation, and as an aid to convalescents, everybody dropped into the old gathering places in the Minnesota city, there to meet a new member of the Barker-Karpis mob. He was Arthur ("Doc") Barker, just

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out of McAlester state penitentiary, having received a generous parole from a life sentence for murder. Everybody celebrated. Finally Frank Nash took a long step upward.

Frank had broken an arm in an automobile accident early in the season and it had not healed properly. Back in New York, where Verne had connections, there were big doctors, and Verne felt that Frank should meet the mob in the Big Town, just on general principles.

At last the bewigged, nose-lifted Frank Nash was truly in the "big time."

Life for Miller and the Nashes became a round of the gayer phases of New York. There were plenty of parties—the Nashes and Verne were living at one of the bigger Broadway district hotels; theaters and cafes and night clubs were close by, with plenty of New York money to be spent. Gangsters are hospitable souls.

### **First Anniversary**

One party was on Central Park West, in one of the newer modern buildings. The rooms were large, beautifully decorated and contained many rich pieces of furniture, resultant from trips to Europe. The guest list consisted of sixteen. There were the host, a certain clothier and his wife, Sammy and Pigcon, Verne Miller and a dinner partner, Frank and Frances, plus eight assorted men, all of whom could talk kindred subjects, such as the distance to New York from Sing Sing and whether certain magistrates could be reached with enough dough to dismiss the charges against an old pal, held for homicide.

However, these were only interludes. Mostly the talk was of golf and automobiles and clothes. After a time, the old Oklahoma bandit took Frances to the tremendous studio window which, with its round glass, provided a sweeping vista of Central Park. For a time they merely stood looking out over its quiet beauty, the serrated line of apartment houses opposite them on Fifth av., the constant stream of automobiles as they wound, like tiny figures in a child's game, along the curving

driveways. Finally, Frank Nash put an arm about Frances. There was romance in all this. Today was the first anniversary of their liaison.

(Another installment of this gripping gangland expose will be printed in The Herald and Examiner tomorrow.)  
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*This photograph of Karpis was taken before a surgeon rebuilt his face.*

*This is another view of Karpis before he got his 'new face.'*

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A front view of Alvin Karpis wearing glasses, from a photograph made by the Department of Justice since the desperado was caught.

International News photo



A Department of Justice profile of Karpis showing what plastic surgery did to his face. Note beneath his ear when see the photograph below and note how his features were changed.

International News photo

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# CATCH KARPIS; JAIL FRIEND'S KIN AT WARREN

## G-Men Raid Restaurant Near Here After 'Big Timers' In Garrettsville Holdup Are Captured

Alvin Karpis, long sought as Public Enemy No. 1, this morning was taken in chains from an airplane at St. Paul, Minn.

He was captured last night in New Orleans with a woman, known only as "Ruth," and Fred Hunter, also accused of the Wild West mail train robbery at Garrettsville last fall.

Gossip by a New Orleans automobile salesman about a mysterious customer who paid for a car with \$100 bills led to the capture.

The trail which ended with the capture of Karpis by Department of Justice men under the leadership of J. Edgar Hoover, their

chief, began in Youngstown. It began one crisp morning, last Nov. 7, when Karpis, Hunter, the limping Harry Campbell, Arthur Brock, and one "John Doe" climbed into an automobile here.

### Hideout Near Here

They had come here from a hideout on the Warren-Youngstown rd., heavily armed, prepared for a desperate crime.

That crime was committed the same afternoon when the criminals took \$46,000 in steel mill payroll cash from a train at Garrettsville.

Brock was captured last week in Tulsa, Okla., and hidden in the county jail under the name of Harold Johnston. Hunter and Karpis were caught last night. Campbell still is free.

The search for him is "hot" and his arrest is imminent. Postoffice Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today at Cleveland.



Alvin Karpis

### Lived in Youngstown

Karpis and his gang lived in Youngstown for two or three months before the Garrettsville holdup. Postal Inspector H. W. Tavenor said today.

The stammering, pasty-faced gunman probably will be tried at St. Paul for kidnaping William Hamm Jr., wealthy brewer.

Ten minutes after the airliner slid into the army hangar, Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters. He will be locked up in the "escape-proof" cell at county

jail once occupied by others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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.

### Plane Held Ready

Less than five hours after his capture yesterday afternoon, the desperate Karpis, suspected participant in four murders, two kidnapings, and innumerable robberies, was chained hand and foot and rushed to the airplane that had been chartered 24 hours before he was taken.

Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner 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, with a \$7000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had gotten "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her 15 famous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had gotten him.

### First Tip Secured Here

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the 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-st in New Orleans.

It was plain that their search had been concentrated in that area since the arrest of Brock and his subsequent questioning in the county jail here. Brock named the participants in the Garrettsville robbery during that questioning. He was taken to Cleveland Thursday, 12 days after his capture. He is held under \$50,000 bond after pleading not guilty to the mail train holdup before United States Commissioner John B. Morgan here.

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Early Friday, the Department of Justice chartered a twin-motored transport plane from the 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.

#### 20 Agents Aid Hoover

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 sub-machine guns, were assembled in the federal building there.

Hoover gave each man an assignment. All got into cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent

took up his prearranged 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. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

#### Girl, Hunter Found

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 Hunter. Both still are held in New Orleans.

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, 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.

#### Trailed Through Auto

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.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

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# Marble Champion Who Became Public Enemy

## LONG CAREER OF CRIME COMES TO AN END AS G-MEN SEIZE ALVIN KARPIS

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—Alvin Karpis was a boy who worked his way up in the shooting game from marbles to pistols, a "champion" both ends.

At marbles he was the toast of Topeka schoolboys, the best in town. At pistols 15 years later, the crime school's precocious youngster acquired the title that's usually fatal, "public enemy No. 1."



[Associated Press Photo]  
ALVIN KARPIS

The G-men's nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction.

### Blamed in Five Deaths

The robberies and kidnappings of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

Bigger "jobs" included: The \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Jan. 17, 1934. Arthur "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, and other leaders of the mob are serving Alcatraz sentences for this crime. Hoover says Karpis has been "positively identified" as the man who purchased flashlights used in ransom negotiations.

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

The \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November. Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, the latter captured with Karpis, are also wanted for this crime.

The slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931.

### Three Slain in Holdup

The \$20,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, in which three were slain.

A \$30,000 payroll robbery at South St. Paul Aug. 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

The Sept. 22, 1933, Federal Reserve bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust Co. of Sioux Falls, S. D.

### Began Crime at 16

Karpis' crime career began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and re-joined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they cut a wide swath through the oil-wealthy state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

### Arrested in Jewel Robbery

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours. Previously they had escaped a police trap in Cleveland.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

### One Left of Gang

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

Successors of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles "Pretty

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Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."  
Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce last Nov. 22 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

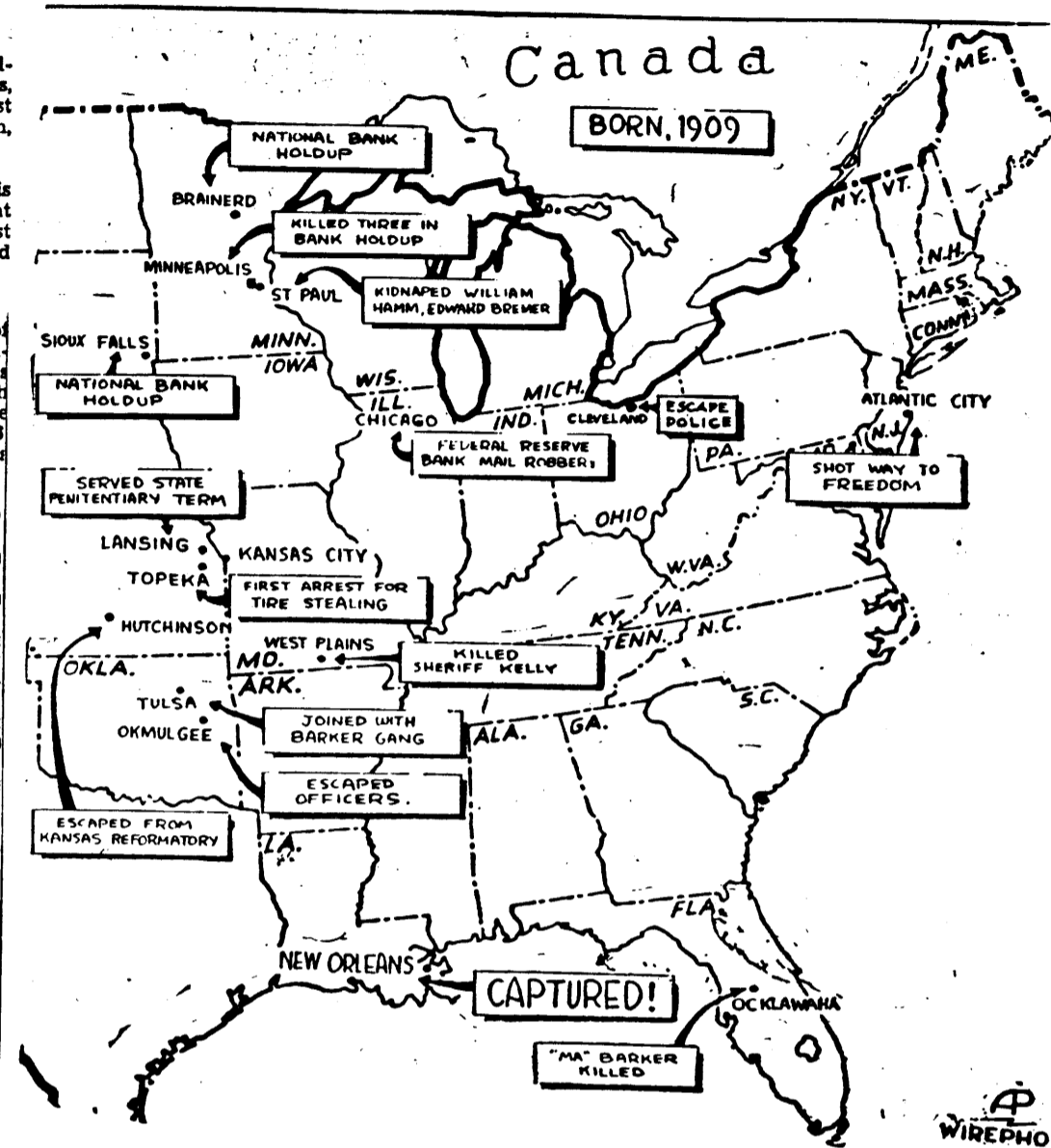
**Parents in Seclusion**

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence for petty thievery at the age of 16.

The parents secluded themselves in their home with Karpis' one year-old son, born to his common law wife, Dolores Delaney, now serving a sentence in the federal detention farm at Milan, Mich., for harboring the desperado.

The boy, named Raymond after his father (Alvin was a nickname) was born to Miss Delaney after she was shot two years ago in a gun battle at Atlantic City, where Karpis and his lieutenant, Campbell abandoned her and another woman in a hotel and shot their way out of a police trap.

The boy has never seen his father.



THE HIGH SPOTS IN ALVIN KARPIS' CAREER OF CRIME

# Marble Shooting Gave Karpis Start Toward "Pistol Eye"

## Captured Outlaw Was "Commies" Champion When He Was Boy

[By The Associated Press]

Topeka, Kas., May 2 (A.P.)—Alvin Karpis was a boy who worked his way up in the shooting game from marbles to pistols, a "champion" at both ends.

At marbles he was the toast of Topeka schoolboys, the best in town. At pistols 15 years later, the crime school's precocious youngster acquired the title that's usually fatal, "Public Enemy No. 1."

They caught Karpis alive—not even a rush of resistance. Although he had a gun—and so today the people who knew downy-faced Raymond Karpawicz back in his tire-stealing days may say "I told you so."

About a year ago, when the Department of Justice was applying new heat daily to the Karpis trail, E. M. Ford, veteran identification officer at the state reformatory in Hutchinson, observed "They'll get him, of course, and when they do I believe they'll take him alive."

Ford had studied the 16-year-old burglar's make-up when he was sent to the reformatory in 1926 for stealing tires.

"I don't believe Karpis is the blood-thirsty desperado that he has been painted and I don't believe he will shoot it out with officers—he never impressed me as the killer type."

But Karpis struck up a reformatory acquaintance with Larry O'Keefe, now serving life for a sensational Minneapolis holdup in which two police-

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men were slain, and now recognized by officer Ford as "the guy back of Karpis."

Together they sawed their way out. "Aside from his escape," Ford recalled "Karpis' prison record was normal. He came from a good family, as far as we could find. When he was here he didn't have any qualifications for a No. 1 gunman. With such a companion as O'Keefe it isn't difficult to see how Karpis got his start."

Several months after his first escape Karpis was arrested in Kansas City with a safe-blowing outfit, returned to the reformatory and later transferred to the Lansing prison after guards found him armed with knives.

The ex-marble champion met Freddie Barker at Lansing. Paroled, he soon went to Tulsa and lined up with "Ma" Barker and her other boys.

There followed bank robberies, holdups and kidnappings—climaxed by the Bremer and Hamm cases at St. Paul.

### "Ma" Liked Karpis

"Ma" Barker, "brains" of many a major crime, thought a good deal of Karpis. And "old Creepy" liked her, too.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha St. in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wooden gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnappings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and slayings of at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

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# SURRENDERS PEACEFULLY IN NEW ORLEANS

**Kidnaper, 2 Companions  
Surrounded Near  
Hideout.**

ST. PAUL, May 2 (P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured last night by 20 G-men who surrounded him near his hideout in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 8:50 A. M. today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to department of justice headquarters 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, thence 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. on the final leg of the trip here.

## Chained to Seat During Trip

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.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice, personally supervised handling of the notorious outlaw.

The big liner was landed near the 109th aero squadron headquarters, national guard and backed into a hangar, heavily guarded by federal agents.

The last part of the long overnight hop from New Orleans was completed in anything but perfect flying weather. While visibility was good here, there was a strong gusty north wind blowing.

From time to time several others of the Karpis gang have been sent along to federal prisons.

Karpis will be confined in the Ramsey county jail pending trial on kidnaping charges.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night.

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

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

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# 10 FEDERAL AGENTS FLY TO ST. PAUL WITH KARPIS

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Long Sought Public Enemy Captured Unarmed As He Leaves New Orleans House.

## HOOVER IN PERSONAL CHARGE OF HIS MEN

Notorious Gunman Wanted For Many Crimes May Be Tried For Kidnaping Of William Hamm Jr.

By United Press.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul today in an airliner chartered by the department of justice.

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

Long delayed, the big airplane slipped into the airport at 8:45 a. m. and roared directly into a hangar. The doors slammed shut and newsmen as well as spectators were barred.

**Hurried Into Automobile.**

A dozen federal agents 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.

Barely 16 hours after his capture along with Fred Hunter, suspected with Karpis in a \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, and an unidentified girl in New Orleans, Karpis was returned to the city where he is alleged to have engineered two of the nation's most sensational kidnapings, those of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

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# Captured in New Orleans Without Shot

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—[Special.]—Heavily shackled and surrounded by a cordon of machine gunners, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 desperado, was brought back to St. Paul by plane today to face trial on kidnaping charges.

With his arrival here, following his capture by federal agents in New Orleans yesterday, it was disclosed that the notorious gunman had emulated John Dillinger in having his face altered by plastic surgery in an attempt to perfect his disguise.

"But even with the plastic surgery he was easily recognizable from his picture," said J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, who took personal charge in the capture and return of Karpis.

### Looks Same Despite Scars.

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

The sullen, young bandit was landed here at 9:47 a. m. (Chicago time), slightly more than twelve hours after he left the Louisiana city in a "prison plane" guarded by eight federal agents.

Shivering in a temperature just above freezing, somewhat out of keeping with his summer suit and straw hat, Karpis was hustled from the air liner immediately after it was taxied into a National Guard hangar. He was placed in one of a group of five automobiles and, surrounded by machine guns in the speedy trip, was taken to the federal building.

### Quizzed About Kidnaping.

There the long sought criminal, who had boasted he never would be taken alive, was questioned by authorities regarding the kidnapings of William Hamm, brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, which yielded a total ransom of \$300,000, and numerous other crimes with which he had been linked.

Representatives of the postoffice inspection service said at Washington that efforts will be made to try Karpis for the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery last November unless he is given a death sentence in an earlier trial.

Hoover told details of the capture and the trip to St. Paul. He said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk" when the agents swarmed around his car in front of the pretentious apartment house in

Chicago Daily Tribune,  
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### Shakes All Over When Taken.

Karpis said he'd never be taken alive," Hoover said, "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."

Federal agents said Karpis and the two captured with him, Fred Hunter and a woman known as "Ruth" who posed as Karpis' wife, had been under surveillance by federal agents for two or three days before their capture.

"When we had definite information Karpis was in New Orleans," Hoover said, "we surrounded the apartment house in which he lived."

### Rifle Kept in Auto.

"We nabbed the three when they came out and 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."

During the flight here Karpis laughingly declared he had "an iron clad alibi" for at least one crime of which he was accused, Hoover said. A newspaper story which the gangster read told that a sheriff had identified him

### Sought for

He also was sought of a sheriff in Missouri, three of four in complicity in the slaying of other persons, Hoover said. Karpis was held in federal building, but he would be moved to county jail and held there until George F. States district attorney no plans for arraignment and was unable to be tried first for Hamm kidnaping.

Even when he is in county jail, Karpis by department of justice agents today made provide a guard as in other instances criminals have been taken to guard against a possible delivery. The front door of the jail was barred when Touhy and Karpis-Barker gangsters were held here. The only entrance then available was in the rear of the building, accessible through a narrow alley.

### Two Held in South.

Karpis' two companions still were being held in New Orleans pending arrival of postal inspectors to take Hunter back to Ohio where he will be tried on a mail robbery charge.

The long flight from New Orleans was made with no untoward incidents except for wide detours and several stops necessitated by bad flying weather. Karpis was shackled hand and foot and chained to his seat during the journey.

Hoover had chartered the "prison plane" in the east and took it along with him when he went to New Orleans to apprehend the outlaw. It was a 14 passenger ship.

The plane hopped off from New Orleans at 9:30 o'clock (Chicago time) last night. The ship sped northward to Indianapolis and then detoured west to St. Louis and Kansas City. It waited at the latter city three and a half hours for better flying conditions.

Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a special flight, the air lines cooperated with

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as one of five participants in a robbery in Detroit yesterday.

"After he read the story," Hoover said, "Karpis laughed and said: 'Well, it looks like I have a good alibi on that job.'"

The federal chief said Karpis is wanted for three kidnapings—the Hamm and Bremer crimes and the abduction of a doctor whose car was commandeered after the gunman shot his way out of a trap in Atlantic City. Karpis already is under indictment for the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings.

Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty that can be imposed on Karpis, District Attorney Sullivan said today, if he is convicted on charges of having participated in either the Hamm or Bremer kidnapings.

Both abductions were executed before passage of the law providing hanging of kidnapers who harmed their victims.

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the desire of federal authorities for secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7" in the dispatches and radio contacts in the air.

Any one using short wave sets to listen in never would have suspected that flight "No. 7" was in reality a sky prison with the country's major criminal as its principal passenger.

During the wait at Kansas City the agents took turns in going to the airport restaurant for food. The last ones to eat brought a sandwich and coffee for Karpis, who was kept manacled inside the plane even when it was in the hangar.

Five car loads of federal agents, with sub-machine guns and shotguns, were waiting at the Municipal airport here when the plane arrived. Without a pause following its landing the big liner was placed inside the National Guard hangar and the doors closed while federal agents swarmed all over the place.

#### Guard Route to Cell.

Karpis' step was unsteady from his long ride and his shackles, but he was hustled from the plane into a big sedan before his feet hardly touched the ground. The route of a mile and a half from the airport to the federal building was patrolled by police squad cars and deputy sheriffs.

The car used to transport the prisoner from the airport had been waiting in the hangar. A moment after its passenger and his guard were loaded in, the car shot out of the hanger and, surrounded by a convoy of other cars, raced to the Federal building.

There the outlaw was hustled from the machine at a brisk trot with the large crowd of spectators that had assembled scarcely getting a glimpse of him.

Hoover, who said he was "glad that the department of justice was able to ring down the curtain on the last of the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," said he would leave for New York later today to resume other phases of his work.

#### Find "Plenty" in Apartment.

New Orleans, La., May 2.—[Special.]—Federal agents who participated in the bloodless coup in which Alvin Karpis and two companions were captured here said today that

a search of the apartment where the outlaw lived for about a month had yielded "plenty."

David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, said a wealth of information had been found but he refused to go into details concerning the evidence. He likewise refused, as had his chief, J. Edgar Hoover, to disclose the source of the "tip" which precipitated the trap.

Throughout the night Karpis' companions, Fred Hunter and the young woman called "Ruth" who had lived with Karpis as his wife for about a month here, were questioned in the offices of the bureau of investigation in the federal building. Agents said both prisoners refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

Ruth and Hunter rested and had their meals in the offices of Magee and had not appeared outside the building since they were seized last night.

#### Ruth Hides from Cameras.

At one time when Ruth was brought into a corridor she had a white sack over her head to shield her face from newsmen.

The sensational capture here caused John J. Grosch, chief of detectives, to declare that New Orleans is "a hot spot for the rough stuff boys to hole up."

"We've knocked off more of them

than I can remember in the last few years," Grosch said. "New Orleans sounds good to them for a hideout and the slide into town. But the next slide is usually right into the hands of the authorities."

#### Flies Trio to South.

Cleveland, O., May 2.—[Special.]—John Zetzer, operator of a marine garage at Port Clinton, O., disclosed here today that he unwittingly aided Alvin Karpis and two companions by flying them across country a few weeks after the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7.

Zetzer's description of his passengers indicated that one was John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., in custody here on mail robbery charges. Federal authorities have intimated they obtained from Brock information that



Alvin Karpis, long sought outlaw, as he mounted the steps of the federal building in St. Paul yesterday, heavily manacled to department of justice agents. He was wearing the summer attire in which he was captured Friday by government agents in New Orleans raid. He was not given additional clothing despite the cold and cloudy St. Paul weather.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

led to the capture of Karpis and Fred Hunter.

Zetzer said that several days before the trip a man wearing glasses offered him \$500 for a trip, he didn't say where. On the morning of the flight, Zetzer said, a man he later learned was Karpis and two companions boarded the plane.

"I thought it was just a pleasure trip for them," Zetzer said. "Karpis didn't give any destination when we started, but out of Memphis he said to head for Hot Springs, Ark."

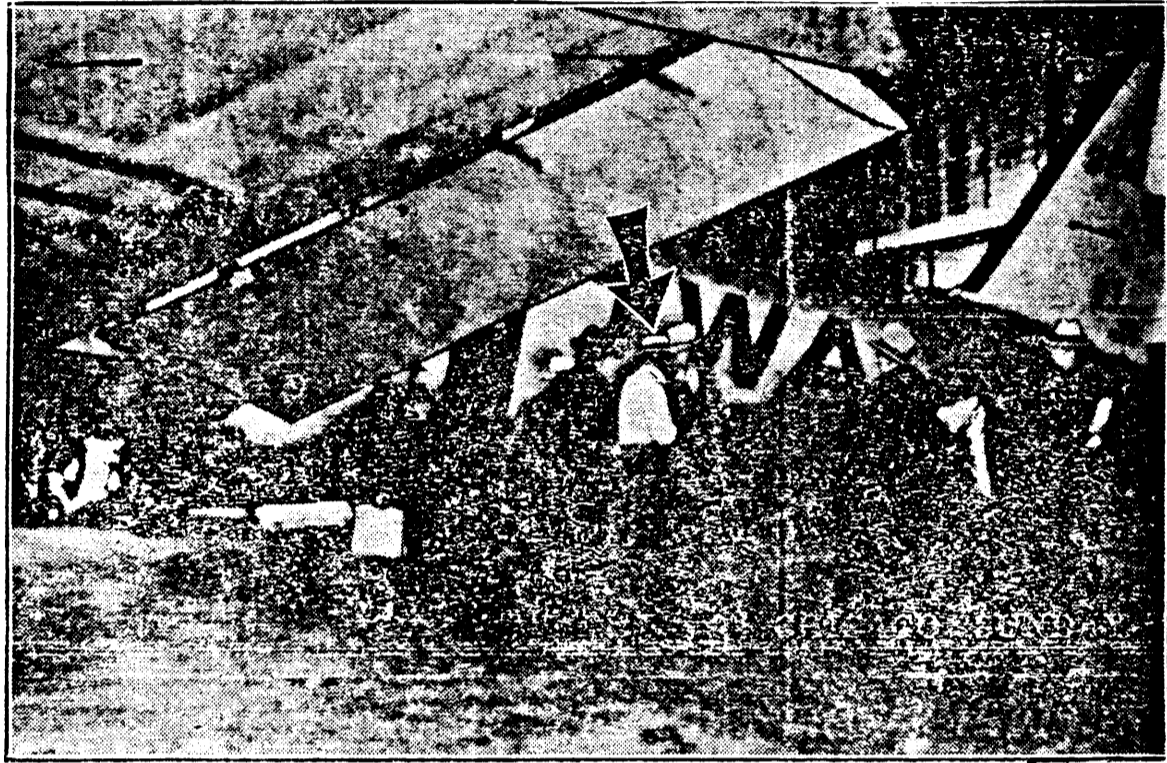
#### Two Left at Hot Springs.

Zetzer said Karpis and one of the others left the plane at Hot Springs and he let out the other passenger at Tulsa, Okla., the home of Brock. Federal men appeared at Port Clin-

ton the latter part of March and took Zetzer away with them for a week. When he returned he refused to tell where he had been but he disclosed today that the "federal men showed me my passengers were Karpis and two gangsters."

Zetzer received a two year penitentiary sentence for smuggling liquor during prohibition. Evidence was produced at that time that he used planes and speedboats in the illicit traffic.

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Securely handcuffed and surrounded by a guard of machine gunners, Alvin Karpis (indicated by arrow) arrived in St. Paul yesterday in the company of federal agents following his arrest in New Orleans. At St. Paul the government agents took the precaution of backing the air liner in which they arrived into a hangar before transferring Karpis to an automobile for a ride to the jail. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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Arrestment of Karpis, it was reported, will depend considerably on the outcome of the questioning he has undergone since Saturday morning.

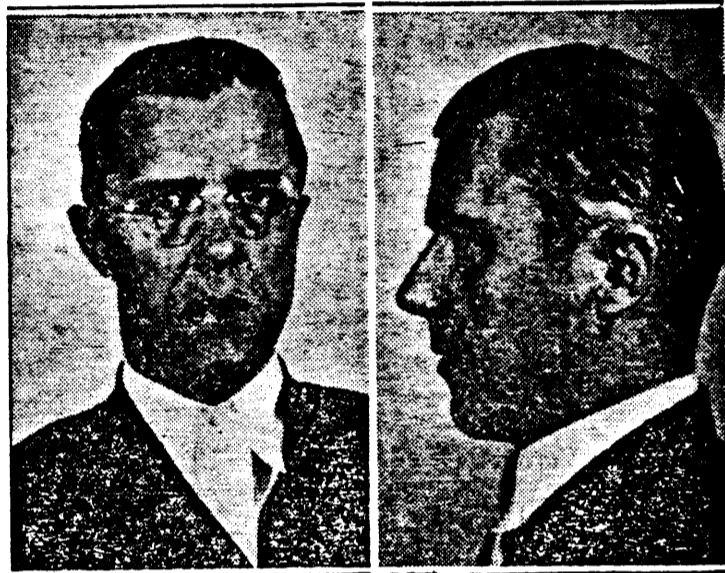
While G-men questioned Karpis, Frank McAlpine, South St. Paul chief of police, and Andrew Crumphy, investigator for the Hennepin county attorney's office, conferred with department of justice officials today.

Mr. Bremer also conferred with authorities.

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*Doesn't "Look Pleasant, Please"*



Looking very much like an abashed and bewildered school boy, ALVIN KARPIS, cowed public enemy No. 1, had new Bertillon photographs taken of himself Sunday which will be presented—but not with his compliments—to peace officers throughout the nation for their files. Above is a reproduction of the photograph.

## HIS WOMEN

*Karpis' Former Wife; Other Love*

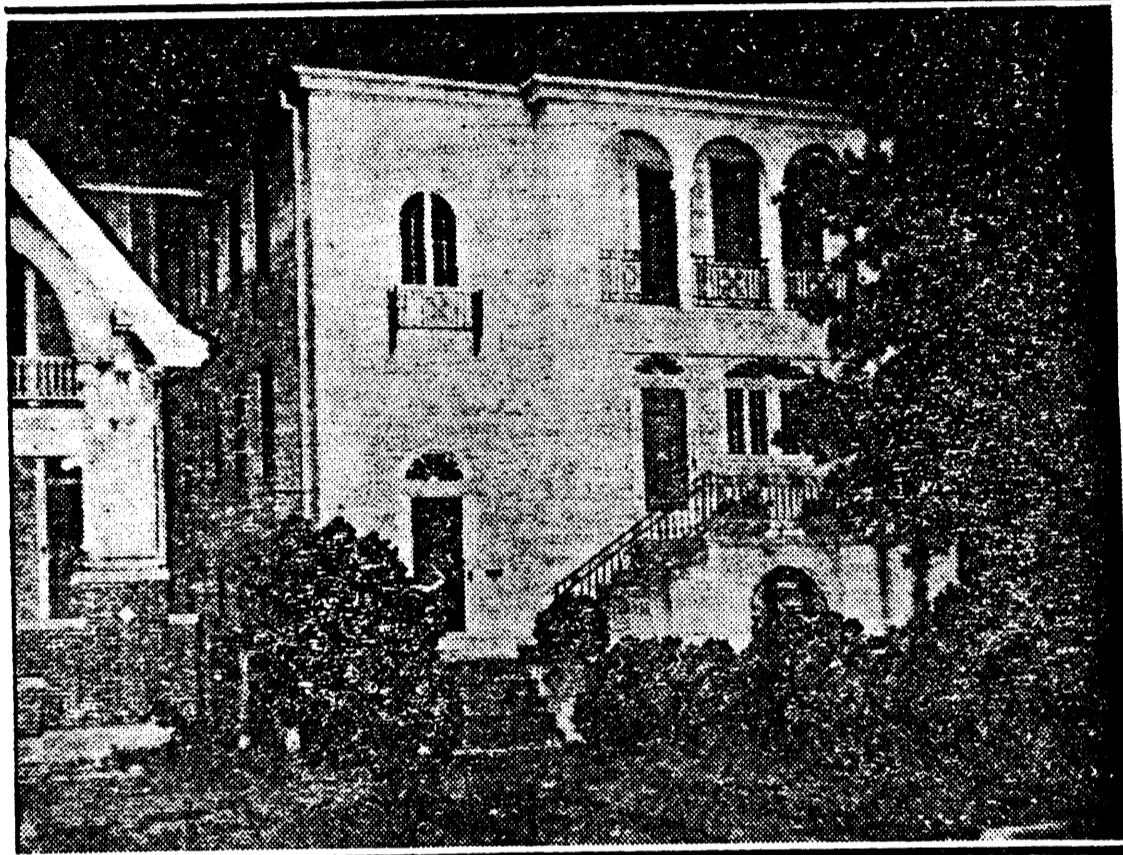


Sharing the spotlight in the downfall of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, were DOROTHY SLAYMAN, left, the Tulsa girl who married him in 1931 and divorced him last November, and DOLORES DELANEY, who gave birth to Karpis' son shortly after the public enemy and his chief aid, Harry Campbell, escaped from a police trap at Atlantic City more than a year ago.

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# KARPIS' HIDEOUT

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*Where Alvin Lived In New Orleans*



—Acme Photo.

Here is the building in downtown New Orleans, La., the lower apartment of which was occupied by Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Fred Hunter, mail robbery suspect, and a woman. The trio was captured without firing a shot by G. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigating, and 15 heavily armed aids.

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# KARPIS TO FACE FOUR CHARGES HERE THIS WEEK

May Be Tried for Murder in Missouri Later, Hoover Declares.

ASKED TO BE SHOT AFTER CAPTURE, G-CHIEF SAYS

Alvin Karpis will face four charges in Federal District court here when he is arraigned some time this week. George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, said Sunday night.

At the same time J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared in New York that Karpis might also be tried for murder in Missouri even though he were found guilty of the kidnaping charges here.

The St. Paul charges, two of which will allege that the desperado engineered the kidnapings of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, and the other two of which charge conspiracy in the two cases, will be pressed against Karpis when he is arraigned on indictments recently returned against him by a Federal grand jury, Sullivan said.

The arraignment will take place some time this week, after Sullivan has conferred with the Federal Bureau of Investigation officials, Sullivan said.

Meanwhile Hoover, No. 1 G-man, who directed the raid in which Karpis and two companions were captured after the gunman threatened to kill him, revealed that Karpis asked to be shot shortly following his capture in New Orleans Friday night, and again while he was being flown to St. Paul.

Hoover's statement was contained in additional details revealed by him concerning the arrest of the gang leader.

In St. Paul, Karpis completed 40 hours of intensive grilling at the hands of more than 30 members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Federal courts building continued to be his prison, and he was under heavy guard at all times, although the agents of the Federal bureau refused to discuss his questioning or the case in general.

The government men surrounded their prisoner with the greatest secrecy, and would not reveal whether or not he had confessed, or how he was standing up under

all one agent would say when asked if the gunman was eating and sleeping well during his stay in the building which is not regularly equipped with living quarters for either the guards or prisoner.

Hoover, in his New York statement Sunday night, characterized Karpis as having a likeable personality, although he called him a "crude, vicious and cunning killer." "He is a big, bad bold boy from whom every vestige of courage fled when he saw his captors," the G-man chief said, and described the pleas of the prisoners to be shot after they were captured.

"On the way downtown (in New Orleans) they invited us to kill them, because they thought they would be killed anyway, but of course they hadn't drawn their guns."

Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery last fall, and a girl companion were captured with Karpis.

**NO 'SHOOT TO KILL'**

Hoover explained he never gave an order in any case to shoot to kill, according to Associated Press dispatches, and that his agents did not shoot unless a fugitive started the fracas.

Hoover said Karpis had no inkling Federal agents were close on his trail, and that he had planned to go fishing the day after his arrest. The desperado reproached his girl companion for not avoiding the trouble by obeying orders he had given her to go back home.

The girl was described by the G-man chief as being Ruth Robinson of Hot Springs, and other Arkansas cities, and said she sometimes used the name of "Connie." He said she probably would not be held unless it was shown she had aided or harbored Fred Hunter with whom she lived, or Karpis.

Reports in New Orleans indicated that Ruth had "talked" to the Federal men Sunday, according to Associated Press dispatches from that city.

The slim, modishly dressed woman was questioned by Federal agents there for two days and two nights, according to the stories. Following the grilling, the droning voice of an agent, punctuated by short remarks from the woman, could be heard by reporters in the hall.

This was taken to mean that the woman had dictated a statement to the Federal officers, and that it was being read back to her for corrections.

Trying Karpis in Missouri for the murder of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly in December, 1931, would open the way to give the death penalty even though he were convicted of the kidnaping charges in Federal court.

Capital punishment is the penalty for murder in Missouri, and in case he was convicted here, he could be pardoned on the Federal charges by the President, and turned over to the state for punishment.

## FORMER WIFE BITTER

A woman who married Karpis in 1931 when she was 17, and divorced him after he left her four years ago, observed bitterly in her Tulsa, Okla., home Sunday that "He made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it."

The girl, Dorothy Slayman, said she met the desperado shortly after he was released from a reformatory sentence, and that he left her saying he had a good job. Sheriff Kelly was killed shortly after and she has not seen Karpis since.

In describing the record of the prisoner, Hoover said he was wanted for between twelve and fifteen bank robberies, three mail robberies and three murders in addition to three kidnapings.

Hennepin county authorities Sunday night said they would take steps to indict Karpis on murder and bank robbery charges in connection with the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in 1932.

He has been identified as a member of the gang that engineered the robbery which resulted in the slaying of two Minneapolis policemen and a St. Paul man.

## HOOVER CITES HOOKING OF FISHERMAN KARPIS.

Chicago, May 3.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy who liked to fish, was a prisoner in St. Paul tonight because he joined the wrong fishing party.

The story, as told by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of Federal agents who caught Karpis in New Orleans:

Angling was a lifelong hobby of Dillinger's successor as "Public Enemy No. 1."

For months he had fished along the Gulf coast, from Florida to Louisiana, living on his share of the ransom money from the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings and loot from other crimes.

When funds ran low, he stopped fishing for a few days and robbed a bank at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Then he went back to his hook and line, confident he had covered his trail completely against pursuit.

The fish bit well, and he set up headquarters with his friend, Fred Hunter, and Hunter's girl friend, "Ruth," in an apartment in a busy part of New Orleans.

Friday he prepared his bait and tackle for another angling party, scheduled for Saturday.

But a different set of fishermen interfered—the Justice department's ichthyologists of crime.

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**CRIME**

**"Old Creepy"**

On a late autumn day in 1934 the naked, bullet-riddled body of George ("Baby-Face") Nelson was dumped in a ditch near Chicago after a gun battle in which two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also killed (TIME, Dec. 10, 1934). Shortly thereafter a surly, uncommunicative underworldling known to his few intimates as "Old Creepy" discovered that, by courtesy of the Press, he had in-



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ALVIN KARPIS

*An Arkansas Senator would follow him to Hell.*

herited Nelson's title of Public Enemy No. 1. By last week the Bureau of Investigation, which has vainly trailed Public Enemy Alvin Karpis for two years, acknowledged that his nickname was no misnomer by slapping a \$5,000 price on his head. Only the lives of Nelson and the late John Dillinger had been worth such public rewards to the Federal Government.

In the melodramatic year 1933, spindly Alvin Karpis joined forces in St. Paul with Kate ("Ma") Barker and her sons Fred and Arthur. In little more than a year the Karpis-Barker gang became the nation's most formidable criminal outfit, made nearly \$500,000 by robbing banks, kidnapping such folk as St. Paul's Brewer William Hamm and Banker Edward George Bremer. Then police and G-Men began weeding the gang out. "Ma" and Fred Barker and another mobster died under Federal guns. Six other Barker-Karpis hoodlums and accomplices were put behind bars, seven more were under indictment in St. Paul last week for the Hamm snatching. Only Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, companion of Karpis in the Bremer kidnapping, remained at large.

Alvin Karpis is a product of Chicago's West Side. His mother did time in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma prisons. After fingerprints found on a gasoline tin con-

nected him with the Bremer case, Federal agents got on his trail, narrowly missed him in the Ozarks, in Cleveland. For a time he hid in a \$300-per-month villa in Cuba. In the winter of 1934 he and crippled Harry Campbell shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City hotel, leaving Karpis' pregnant woman and another girl behind. Seven months later he threatened the life of the Bureau of Investigation's Director John Edgar Hoover in a letter mailed from Dayton, Ohio. Last August he spent three days at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. watching the horse races, fled from a nearby farmhouse six hours before Federal agents got there. Then he vanished.

Same day the Karpis-Campbell rewards were announced, Director Hoover received proof that not all Senators regard him and his work as does Tennessee's Kenneth Douglas McKellar, who as chairman of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee recently lopped \$225,000 off the Bureau's 1937 appropriation increase recommended by a House committee, accused Director Hoover of "running wild" (TIME, April 27). Up in the Senate last week rose speaker after speaker to praise the Bureau of Investigation's work, insist that the \$225,000 be put back in the appropriation bill. "I would not revive, by any act or vote of mine," cried Democratic Leader Joseph Taylor Robinson, Arkansas, "one hope in the bosom of a gangster by withholding the means that are necessary to pursue him around this earth, to the very gates of Hell. . . ."

The Senate restored the \$225,000.

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Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	✓

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# KARPIS

## CAPTURED IN

## G-MEN'S TRAP

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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy ✓

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Today's Pictures Today

**Just Another Fish** for the net of the G-men. Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bank robber, murderer, one of the last of the criminal raiders of the midwest, dodged and ducked for a good long time, but couldn't ever get out of the corner. Department of justice men stepped up to him in New Orleans Friday, and he is now wearing a lot of steel jewelry which will continue to adorn him until the law makes final disposition of his case.

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# PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 AND TWO FRIENDS SEIZED IN NEW ORLEANS

## Gangster, Robbery Suspect and Girl Surrounded in Auto; Agents Making Capture Are Led Personally by J. Edgar Hoover.

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or been with the desperado were responsible for the tip.

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."

### CAPTURED WHILE ENTERING AUTOMOBILE

Bremer termed it "a further tribute" to the department.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to reporters 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 had left an apartment and entered 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 IN ORLEANS FOR TWO MONTHS

Karpis had been living in the apartment with the woman. Hunter visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

"We've known he has been in and out of New Orleans for the last two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction.

The robberies and kidnappings of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about one-half million dollars cash loss.

Bigger "jobs" included:  
The \$20,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, in which three were slain.

A \$30,000 payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Aug. 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

### CRIME CAREER BEGAN WHEN HE WAS SIXTEEN

The Sept. 22, 1933, federal reserve bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust company of Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Bremer kidnaping, in which \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis' crime career began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way thru the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they operated thru the oil-rich state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

### PAROLED FOLLOWING JEWEL ROBBERY

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains,

Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, Fla., which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes. He is serving a life term in Alcatraz.

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

### SEVEN OF GANG KILLED AND ALL BUT ONE CAUGHT

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly-joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, is seeking Campbell in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce last Nov. 23 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

The girl, arrested with Karpis, 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. E. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and "Rum" engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

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# THUG GIVES UP WITHOUT FIRING SHOT

## Two Companions of Public Enemy No. 1 Also Surrender

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

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New Orleans, May 2.—Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," whose record of kidnapings, murder and robbery made him the most hunted criminal in America, was captured here Friday night without a shot being fired.

The capture was made by G-men led in person by J. Edgar Hoover, their chief.

Karpis immediately was put aboard a plane, heavily manacled, and taken to St. Paul.

The gunman, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered meekly in the first arrest ever made in person by Hoover.

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

### KARPIS POSED AS FISHING FAN

Karpis lifted his hands and yielded a pistol.

Arrested with him in his motor car near a pretentious Canal street apartment were a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth," who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 27, a suspect in the \$24,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1935.

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

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 put aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane took off for St. Paul.

Typical department of justice secrecy hid the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests.

### BROTHER-IN-LAW THINKS FRIEND BETRAYED KARPIS

A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, Ohio, Sylvester J. Hettrick, postoffice inspector, said, "I'm not supposed to talk," when asked if John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., under arrest for the Garrettsville mail robbery, had given the information.

Hoover and other federal men declined to discuss this angle of the case or comment on rumors at New Orleans that persons who had been

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# GANGSTER CALLED DIRTY YELLOW RAT

J. Edgar Hoover Says Karpis Shook All Over When Caught; Desperado Shivers When He Arrives by Plane at St. Paul.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 criminal who boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive" but who was "scared to death" when federal agents seized him in New Orleans, was held Saturday in the federal building here while authorities questioned him regarding three kidnapings and other crimes.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal department of investigation, who led the capture, related details of how Karpis was trapped in New Orleans Friday and how he "turned yellow" at the last moment.

"Karpis said he'd never be taken alive," said Hoover, "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."

The investigation department chief disclosed Karpis had resorted to plastic surgery on his face, but that despite alterations, which included cuts from the lobes of each ear, he was easily recognizable from his photographs.

## GANGSTER SHIVERS ON ARRIVAL IN ST. PAUL

Hoover said Karpis was wanted for three kidnapings, the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer abductions, and that of a doctor whose car was commandeered after the gangster shot his way out of a trap.

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## OUTLAW TURNS YELLOW, SAYS G-MEN'S CHIEF

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in Atlantic City, N. J. He is under indictment for both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, which yielded ransom of \$300,000.

Karpis also was accused of slaying a sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows," Hoover said.

Karpis was held temporarily in the federal building and federal officials declined to say when he would be moved to the county jail.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said he had no plans yet for arraigning the prisoner.

Karpis arrived in St. Paul sullen, travel weary and shivering.

Department of justice agents who trapped the nation's most notorious gunman, returned him here in an overnight plane ride.

Escorted personally by Hoover and a squad of picked agents, Karpis was landed here at 8:47 a. m.

The desperado, wearing thin summer apparel in a temperature just above freezing, was hustled from the big plane to a heavily-armed automobile, surrounded by machine guns, and taken direct to the federal building.

## HOOVER SAYS NO REWARD WILL BE PAID.

At Washington, the postoffice inspection service said efforts will be made to try Karpis for a Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery last November, unless he is given a death sentence in an earlier trial.

If Karpis is given a long sentence or life imprisonment, the Garrettsville charge will be pressed.

Hoover ignored reporters at the airport where the plane was backed into a National Guard hangar, with the transfer from the liner to an automobile being made behind closed doors.

Making a short stop at St. Louis for refueling around midnight, the party was tied up at Kansas City from 2 a. m. until 5:30 a. m. because of unfavorable flying weather.

During the entire trip and stops the prisoner was manacled inside the plane.

Upon arrival here his feet scarcely touched the earth as the agents hurried him from the plane to the waiting car, thence to the federal building.

Hoover, who said he planned to go by airplane to New York Saturday afternoon, said no reward would be paid by the federal bureau of investigation, an indication no "tips" were received from persons seeking the \$7,500 price offered for Karpis' arrest recently.

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# GIRL FRIEND OF KARPIS QUIZZED THRU NIGHT

Search of Apartment Where Outlaw Lived With  
'Ruth' Yields Plenty, Say U. S. Agents; Holdup  
Suspect Chained During Questioning.

New Orleans, May 2.—(A. P.)—Federal bureau of investigation agents who captured Alvin Karpis and two companions here Friday night said Saturday that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for three weeks with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local

federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found in the apartment. He likewise refused details of the surprise springing of the trap in which nearly a score of agents pounced upon Karpis, Hunter and the girl.

Magee said he did not know the identity of Ruth but that her fingerprints were being checked in Washington in an effort to learn whether she was wanted by the government.

Thruout the night the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the federal building.

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# OUTLAW'S GIRL, FRIEND QUIZZED THRUOUT NIGHT

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Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in Friday night.

All night the lights burned and officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

A group of federal agents held the apartment of Karpis under guard while they searched. No one was admitted to the building.

Thruout the night in the corridors of the federal building undertones of the questioning of the two prisoners could be heard, but the conversation was almost inaudible.

## CORRIDORS SWARM WITH ARMED AGENTS.

Now and then one of the prisoners would be escorted to an anteroom and the corridor would be cleared temporarily.

Federal agents surrounded Hunter when he was brought out and "Ruth" appeared in the corridor once with a white sack over her head to shield her face. The corridors swarmed with armed government men.

The agents indicated that the prisoners might be removed to some other location during the day.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of the room as if he was moving about or under a nervous strain. He was shackled and chained, hands and feet.

Hoover, before leaving on the Karpis plane, said briefly that he had been working on the Karpis case for two years.

## HOOVER POSES AS BUSINESSMAN.

He arrived here Thursday night by plane with a group of agents to augment the local staff and took up his headquarters at a hotel posing as a businessman and denying himself to any inquirers.

His presence here was kept strictly secret and his personal announcement of the capture of Karpis as "public enemy No. 1" Friday night was the first intimation any one outside of his own staff had of his presence in New Orleans.

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## Karpis' Father, a Janitor, Bars Home to Callers

Chicago, May 2.—(I. N. S.)—John Karpavicz, a respectable, hard-working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers Saturday.

"All I want is to be let alone," he shouted in broken English thru the closed door to reporters, come to interview him concerning the capture of his son, Alvin Karpis.

"Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt," the old man barked at one insistent reporter.

Thru the closed door he could be

heard warning his wife, Anna, to stay away from the door.

In the same building lives Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister of the nation's public enemy No. 1. She, too, refused to see reporters.

From neighbors in the building it was learned Karpis has not been near the home of his parents in years.

### KARPIS IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES

Topeka, Kan., May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis is known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"Slim"—because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

### Hoover Makes First Arrest



J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
Head of the G-men, who personally arrested Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. It was the first time Hoover ever arrested a criminal.

## U. S. CHARTERS 'FLYING PRISON' FOR GANGSTER

### Bureau Chief Takes Cage Along on Flight to Get Karpis.

Kansas City, May 2.—(A. P.)—J. Edgar Hoover took a "cage" for Alvin Karpis with him when he went to New Orleans to apprehend the outlaw. The "cage" was the fourteen-passenger plane used to fly Karpis to St. Paul Saturday after the arrest of the notorious criminal.

Details of the dramatic dash of the agents of the federal bureau of investigation became known at the airport here hours after they occurred—so strict was the secrecy with which they were surrounded.

Only then was a cryptically labeled "flight No. 7" revealed as the sky prison of Karpis.

The huge airship was specially chartered in the east and made a stop at Washington to pick up Hoover for the climax at New Orleans.

With Karpis in custody the flight for St. Paul started from New Orleans at 8:30 o'clock Friday night.

Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a "special" flight the airlines co-operated with the desire of Hoover to have secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7" in the dispatches and radio contacts in the air. Anyone using short wave sets to listen in would never have suspected that flight "No. 7" was in reality a prison plane with a dangerous prisoner as its No. 1 passenger.

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...ing to keep his health, which would not have remained good if he had made any resistance. Alvin Karpis, covering his face with his hat, is seen here being taken to the G-men's headquarters in New Orleans following his unspectacular capture there, at the end of a long hunt by federal agents. Karpis often boasted he would not be taken alive. He changed his mind when G-men popped up from everywhere, and the odds were all against him. One false move would have meant his finish.

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## Candidates for Vacant Spot

in the criminal hall of fame. With Karpis removed from circulation, nominations are in order for a new—and quite temporary—public enemy No. 1. William Mahan (left), one of the kidnapers of the Weyerhaeuser boy; Harry Campbell (center), a member of the Karpis gang, and Thomas G. Robinson Jr., the kidnaper of Alice Stoll of Louisville, are all considered eligible for this unlucky designation, which usually means an early capture.

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# CAMPBELL LAST OF DESPERADOES STILL AT LARGE IN THE SOUTHWEST

## Karpis' Henchman Is Wanted for Murder, Bank Robberies and Burglaries; Pals All Dead or in Prison.

New York, May 2.—(A. P.)—A lone, limping fugitive remained at large Saturday out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans Friday night.

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

But he was 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.

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

Karpis was the latest to be taken.

### HERE'S RECORD OF DESPERADOES.

The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Ocklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur, "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kan., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

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:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

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

### THREE SLAIN IN DUEL WITH POLICE.

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle.

Wilbur Underhill, the "tristate terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kan., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

### BAILEY ORDERED DEATH OF ATTORNEY.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kan., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Ohio as he fled afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger-led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

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## KINSMEN OF KARPIS PAL ARE SEIZED IN SEARCH FOR LOOT

\$46,000 Sought in Ohio as  
Brother and Father of  
Hunter Are Held.

Cleveland, May 2.—(A. P.) — The father and a brother of Fred Hunter, arrested with Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, and a waitress in the brother's beer parlor were held incommunicado in the Warren, Ohio, city jail Saturday.

Federal authorities said they sought to learn the disposition of loot of \$46,000 taken in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery last Nov. 7.

Postal Inspectors Sylvester Hettrick of Cleveland and H. W. Taverner of Youngstown asserted that Hunter lived until a few years ago at Warren, where police knew him as a professional gambler.

The three held at Warren were George Hunter, the father, who lives on a farm near Warren, Albert Hunter, the suspect's brother, operator of a tavern and a steel mill worker, and Mary Yoho, a waitress in Hunter's establishment.

Police indicated none of these was under direct suspicion, but that they were in custody to enable federal men to search their homes and the beer parlor.

## CAPTURE IS MADE AFTER U. S. POSTS KARPIS REWARD

Washington, May 2.—Altho J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, said Saturday that the capture of Alvin Karpis was the result entirely of activity by his agents, and that no tipster is entitled to a share of the \$7,500 reward. It was noted here Saturday that the capture followed within a week the announcement of the reward.

Last week the government offered \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of Karpis and only Tuesday this was raised to \$7,500. G-men do not participate in any rewards.

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# Alvin Karpis Taken After Long Pursuit

**Kidnaper And Robber  
Snared In Orleans  
With Pal And Girl**

**NO SHOTS FIRED  
IN SWIFT COUP**

**Prisoner Whisked Off  
To Face Long List Of  
Major Charges**

NEW ORLEANS, May 1. (AP)—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—known, feared and hated by his own mob as "Old Creepy"—was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from an apartment building about half a mile from the center of the business district.

#### Not Given Chance

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."

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

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

#### Extensive 3-year Hunt

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.

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

Within the past two weeks, the justice department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis's head, and added a \$2,500 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 \$2,000 reward for Karpis, bringing his price to \$7,000 and \$2,000 more for Campbell. But Campbell escaped the raid today.

#### Heavily Shackled

Hoover said the bureau of investigation had known that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the past several months. He, himself, had come here several days ago to direct the man-hunt.

Hoover 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."

He 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.

#### Had Pretty Concert

"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.

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Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-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.

#### Capture Quietly Effected

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

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with saw-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 post office robbery on November 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis also was connected with that robbery."

Shortly before 8 p. m. Hoover and almost a score of federal agents left the federal postoffice building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

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**RANKS DEPLETED**



**NO. 1—ALVIN KARPIS**  
Top desperado "wanted" list.



**NO. 2—WILLIAM MAHAN**  
Staged, skillful washing act.



**NO. 3—T. H. ROBINSON, JR.**  
Amateur dabbler in big crime.

Capture of Alvin Karpis, at top, ends a long hunt by "G-men" for the nation's No. 1 public enemy. William Mahan, second from top, presumably takes his place as No. 1 for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping and Thomas Robinson, Nashville, at the bottom, Stoll ransom kidnaping, is expected to move up to No. 2 on the list.

**Long And Gory Trail Of Crime Left By Karpis**

**Murder, Kidnap, Bank Robbery Charged To Outlaw And His Pals**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1. (AP)—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

**Hated And Feared By Mob**

"Old Creepy"—he won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living Hell" for 21 days.

**Early Crime Career**

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kans., for a ten-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he and Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton, sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were

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slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

**Joins With Barkers**

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City, March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with a 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, Kans., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

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. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kans., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla.

**Paroled For Robbery**

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly afterward 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 holdup. But this outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

**"Pet" of "Ma" Barker**

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "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.

#### Meets "Heart Interest"

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "Pet" Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabash street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and resulting in deaths of at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

#### Outstanding Crimes

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 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 Sept. 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.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping;

\$100,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction;

\$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Ziegler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

#### Gang Entirely Smashed

Only ten days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were: Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner

for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer;

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hide-out for the Bremer kidnaping;

Jack Peifer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail;

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 40-year-old former convict;

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose name was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

# NAB THREE, SOLVE HAMM KIDNAP CASE

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# FEDERAL MEN SEEK KARPIS, FOUR OTHERS

Illinois Postmaster Held as  
Man Who Concealed Brew-  
ery Head Until Ransomed

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation director, today announced solution of the kidnaping case of William A. Hamm Jr., in St. Paul in June 1933, and said three arrests had been made.

In addition to the new arrests, Mr. Hoover said four other individuals, now in prison, were involved in the case, as well as Alvin Karpis, now sought as Public Enemy No. 1.

Mr. Hamm, wealthy president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, was kidnaped on June 15, 1933 and was released on June 19 after payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Those arrested yesterday by federal agents were Charles J. Fitzgerald apprehended in Los Angeles; Jack Pfeiffer, arrested in St. Paul, and Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill., arrested at Bensonville. Fitzgerald and Bartholmey both are en route to St. Paul where they will be brought before a federal grand jury.

#### Bremer Gang Involved

Mr. Hoover said three persons now in prison, all serving sentences in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, were definitely linked with the Hamm abduction.

They were "Doc" Barker, now in Alcatraz; Byron Bolton, in jail in St. Paul, and Elmer Farmer, in Leavenworth. Fred Barker, killed in Florida last year also was connected with the Hamm kidnaping, Mr. Hoover said.

The new arrests were made yesterday on secret warrants issued to federal agents on April 11.

Mr. Hoover said Mr. Hamm was held in Bartholmey's residence at Bensonville during the four days of his confinement. Hamm recently identified the place, Mr. Hoover said.

#### Was Listed "Unsolved"

The kidnaping was one of the few major cases which had been listed on FBI books as "unsolved." The kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville in 1934 also is listed as "unsolved," but it definitely has been established that the kidnaping was carried out by Thomas H. Robinson Jr., who has successfully evaded law enforcement officers for nearly two years.

Mr. Hamm was abducted shortly after noon on June 15, 1933, just as he left his office for luncheon.

He was taken to the Bensonville hideout, held there until June 19, and then released at a point near Wyoming, Minn., after an intermediary had made the ransom payments.

Mr. Hoover called reporters unexpectedly to his office early this morning to announce solution of the case and detailed activities of federal agents in solving the case.

He told how William W. Dunn, an official of the Hamm Brewing Co., received a telephone call less than two hours after the kidnaping during which an anonymous person told how "we have Mr. Hamm" and advised him that Mr. Hamm was being held for \$100,000 ransom.

Mr. Dunn was instructed to make up the ransom money in denominations of \$50 and 20 bills, and additional instructions were given for delivery of the money.

On June 16, Mr. Dunn received a telephone call at 1:30 a. m., warning him against telling police of the telephonic communications.

Mr. Dunn shortly thereafter received detailed instructions for delivery of the money, together with a warning that if instructions were not followed out the ransom would be increased to \$150,000.

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# HAMM KIDNAP

# GANG SEIZED

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Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

## G-Men Seize Karpis Trio as Brewer Victim Identifies Hideout

WASHINGTON (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover announced today arrest of three men in connection with the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul, Minn., brewer.

"I think we've solved the Hamm kidnaping at last," he told reporters.

The director of the federal bureau of investigation said the Hamm kidnaping involved "the same gang" as the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, in which the Barker-Karpis gang was involved.

Those arrested were named as Charles J. Fitzgerald, Jack Pfeiffer and Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill.

All suspects are now in St. Paul or en route there, Hoover said.

Also involved in the Hamm case, he announced, are Byron Bolton, now in jail at St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping; Elmer Farmer, also convicted in the Bremer case; Arthur "Doc" Barker, serving sentence in Alcatraz island (Cal.) penitentiary; Fred Barker, killed by federal agents in a battle at Oklawaha, Fla., last year, and Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," still at large.

Hoover said, "There may be more arrests soon." He added that all those arrested today had been charged under secret warrants on April 11.

The investigation chief said that Mr. Hamm this morning identified the home of Bartholmey as the house in which he was held while the kidnapers awaited payment of \$100,000 ransom which secured his release.

Hamm was kidnaped about 12:45 p. m. Thursday, June 15, 1933, immediately after he had departed from his office in the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co. for luncheon.

He was taken to a hideout, where he was held until June 19, 1933.

He was released at a point near Wyoming, Minn., after payment of the ransom. Hamm was president of the brewing company.

# G-Men Nab Campbell, Last of Karpis Gang

## Wife, 19, and Hench- man Also Seized— Hoover Leads Raid

CLEVELAND, May 7 (AP).—Harry Campbell, thirty-six, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "public enemy No. 1," and two others fell into a G-men's trap at Toledo, Ohio, 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 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 nineteen-year-old girl, who claimed to be Campbell's wife. In a simultaneous raid on another apartment, Federal agents seized Sam Cokar, described by Hoover as a minor figure in the decimated Karpis gang.

Hoover disclosed that he flew to



Associated Press Photo  
**HARRY CAMPBELL**

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

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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."

### Agents Lay Trap

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 left from the building.

"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 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 Eob 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 thirty years for bank robbery.

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# Plane Leaves Kansas City; Armed G-Men At Airport

## Public Enemy No. 1 Nabbed By J. Ed- ger Hoover And Aids At New Or- leans In Hamm Kidnaping— Head G - Man Bringing Gangster To St. Paul In Irons.

### CAPTIVE

#### Long Karpis Hunt Ends



Alvin Karpis is on another trip to St. Paul, but this time he has no kidnaping in mind. J. Edgar Hoover, chief G-sleuth, and a squad of agents are guarding him on a plane that is expected momentarily.

WASHINGTON, May 2. (UP)—Department of justice agents are taking Alvin Karpis to St. Paul and will arrive "sometime before noon," it was announced today.

Justice department officials said that disposition of Karpis "is up to J. Edgar Hoover," director of the department, who is in charge of the airplane party accompanying the desperado.

Anxiously scanning the skies, more than 30 men—and several women—roamed nervously about the ground and buildings of the municipal airport for hours this morning, waiting the arrival of the nation's ex-Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Six cars filled with federal agent headed by C. W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office, were parked near the municipal hangar.

Armed with sub machine guns, automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols, the G-men were ready to provide an escort for Karpis from the flying field to the federal court building where he will be arraigned for the Hamm kidnaping. They were taking no chances on any "outlet interference" providing the long-sought gangster and killer with possible means of escape.

The balance of the waiters consisted of newspaper reporters and photographers.

#### Plane Leaves Kansas City.

Many had been there since shortly after 2 a. m., at which hour the earliest dispatches indicated the giant plane carrying Karpis and J. Edgar Hoover, No. 1 G-Man, and other guards, would arrive.

As later reports were received the waiters became nervous and "jumpy."

Finally, at 7 a. m., apparently authentic reports were received that the plane—"lost" for hours through the determination of the federal government to shroud its moves in protective secrecy, had left Kansas City at 5:30 a. m. bound for St. Paul, but that bad weather might slow the trip and even force a landing between ports.

Then some of the federal agents and some of the newspapermen went to breakfast.

Hoover, who commanding the 20 federal agents who captured Karpis, had a number of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition. He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the government's case against him

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there is considered "air-tight." Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner 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, public enemy No. 1 on the G-men's list for over a year, with a \$7,000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had "got" Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had him.

#### Traced To Apartment.

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the 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 st. in New Orleans.

Early Friday, the department of justice 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 to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriving only a short time before the capture.

#### 20 Agents Assembled.

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 there.

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.

#### Surrounded And Pinned.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk to his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted.

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.

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

Rumors circulated that a Karpis 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.

#### Flashes Large Roll.

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

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

Pucheu thought that strange. A few days later, his customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer and saw that Karpis had driven almost 2,000 miles.

#### "Fastest Worker" In U. S.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu thought that even more strange. He talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night

while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal st. apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living on Canal st.

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

#### Rumors Spread Through City.

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the report reached the G-men. Friday afternoon, Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of a Karpis neighbors in his apartment house hideout knew nothing about it until hours later. A half hour before the capture, a woman living on the ground floor looked out her window and saw a federal agent standing behind a tree, a submachine 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."

#### Neighbors Indignant.

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."

An hour after a Karpis was taken to the department of justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers re-

ceived a telephone call. A voice for "an announcement." The wanted them to send reporters over. Reporters found Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent McGee.

Smiling slightly, Hoover said:

#### Gives Out News:

"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 department in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3343 Canal st., this city."

"Of course," he added, "he never been our public enemy No. 1."

He then handed each reporter a mimeographed sheet containing Karpis' complete ~~criminal~~ history.

He was subjected to close questioning, but most of his answers were evasive. 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, O., 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.

#### \$7,000 In Rewards.

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.

Two other men are wanted badly by the department of justice—the last survivors of what once was a sizeable list of big time criminals. These are Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Alice Speed Stoll and William Mahan, kidnaper of young George Weyerhaeuser. But there is no reward out for either.

#### Started As Petty Thief.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief, and was initiated into the big time criminal world in 1931, after his escape from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, by the Barkers, Arthur and Fred. He soon became joint leader of the mob and with it is alleged to have participated in the kidnappings of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewers.

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

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

## CAPTOR

Hoover "Gels" His Man



J. Edgar Hoover, G-chief, has finally nabbed the elusive public enemy No. 1 and is bringing him to St. Paul aboard a plane. Karpis was arrested at New Orleans late Friday.

## Hunt For Campbell "Hot," G-Men Say;

### 2 Of Gang Uncaught

CLEVELAND, May 2.—(UP)—The search for Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., 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 an affidavit that Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville holdup leaders.

Only two alleged members of the gang which engineered the holdup last Nov. 7 in wild west fashion remain uncaught. They are Campbell and a man known only as Sam. Fred Hunter, the fifth suspect, was arrested in Karpis' hideout in New Orleans.

## Landlady Believed To Have Betrayed Karpis

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(UP)—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, the United Press learned today in seeking the means whereby Federal agents located Karpis' hideout here Friday 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.

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.

Was "Nice Boy."

"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents light housekeeping flats in the 3000 block of Canal st., a middle class and respectable district. On April 10 a young man accompanied by a young woman who he said was his wife rented one of her apartments.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said. "So kind, so polite. I can't believe it."

The young man, who said he was 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.

Pucheu, known as "The Duke" for his elegant dress and manners, and joviousness, 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," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning Karpis again exhibited his courtesy.

Two Mysterious Women.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door of his apartment, said she wanted to sell the dining room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. In going to the dining room they had adequate opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, the arrangement of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington. Friday afternoon he and his agents captured Karpis.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward from the department of justice, the postoffice department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.

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# KARPIS CAPTURED BY G-MEN IN RAID AT NEW ORLEANS

Law Victor Again

## HOOVER LEADS ROUND-UP OF PUBLIC ENEMY



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.

*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 kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping 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 kidnapers 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. I went to the room and saw the apartment.



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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 kidnaping.

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 notorious Karpis-Barker gang with the arrest of Harry Campbell, reputed "brains of the gang," and Sam Coker, a minor member 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 probably 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 accomplished 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 residence 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 details of the raids was he reticent.

### KIDNAP CHARGE.

Campbell, whom he described as "one of the most notorious desperadoes to come out of the southwest in 10 years," and the co-plotter with Karpis of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, will be charged with kidnaping in that case, Hoover said.

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

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## CAMPBELL BEATEN TO DRAW BY 6-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 last night 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 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.

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Campbell was shot 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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# G MEN TO WAR ON POLITICIANS AIDING CRIME

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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 kidnaping 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 kidnaping 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 kidnaping 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 kidnaping.

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 kidnaping 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 kidnaping. 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 remaining principal member of the Karpis-Barker gang of terrorizing kidnapers 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 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

Mr. Hoover and his investigators slipped in and out of Toledo quietly. They encountered little resistance 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 Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis-Barker gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is believed to be "at the bottom 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 brunette. She was held for questioning 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 Karpis, who was taken in New Orleans Friday night.

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

Mr. Hoover revealed that Campbell 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 tipped 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 Bremer 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 "pending."

Attorney-General Cummings recently announced a reward of \$2,500 for information leading to Campbell'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 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 'safe' man," said the police chief.

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

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# Hoover Captures Bremer Kidnaper 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 pollute 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 7 (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.

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# 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."

# KARPIS CONFESSES HIS GUILT IN HAMM, BREMER KIDNAPINGS

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

CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA IS OFFERED

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

That the mysterious "Ruth" in custody of federal bureau of investigation agents here as an associate of Alvin Karpis is a young woman from Frederick, Okla., was verified Sunday.

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."

**Hasn't Seen Dispatch**

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

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Informed of the receipt of a New York press dispatch in which J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau, who supervised the capture here, is quoted as saying the woman is Ruth Robinson, also called "Connie," and that she is from Hot Springs and other Arkansas cities, Mr. Magee said he had not read the dispatch. "I haven't seen any such dispatch, nor have I had any information from headquarters to that effect," he said. "I am awaiting orders, that's all."

**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 kidnapings.

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, of this "threat," and that Karpis replied he would have killed Hoover "if I had the chance."

**Orders Awaited**

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 have 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 gauntlet 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 Ren-son 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 kidnapings 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 200 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—

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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. 8, 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 that 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 northwestern 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.

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**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.

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# 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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*Robert Miller*

## 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 3343 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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glanced at the speed that Karpis had driv miles.

"My," he said, "bu worker."

"I'm the fastest United States," said

Wife Is Susp

Pucheu thought th strange. He talked tomor' to his wife.

that maybe he was a gangster.

They talked about the better known gangsters and one of the other suggested 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 believed 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. Meanwhile, 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 until hours later.

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 ball- 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 19th 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 peace 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 slipped back into St. Paul to collect. He contacted one of these fellows and made an appointment to get the money. This chap 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

**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 will submit sensational charges of 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 in-smart comment: "If the federal 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 did it."

It is because of these political agents under Chief Clinton Stetson of the St. Paul division are

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tipuing 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 Leo Gorsky, 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 ambush 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 enter 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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**A SERMON FOR YOUTH!**

*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**

**Kidnaper's Auto and Room  
Reveal Cash; G-Men at  
Postal Sleuths in Clasp**

TACOMA, Wash., May 1 (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 Thursday trapped William Mahan, reputed brains of the kidnap plot, last night had accounted 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 \$100,000 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 inspectors in 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 of the Federal Government, personally directing the arrests of Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, all wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery at Gettsville, 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 that 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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# HOOVER'S STORY OF CAPTURE!

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**'KARPIS  
YELLOW,  
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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 kidnapings. 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 were arrested by federal agents Campbell and Winona Burdette, who registered as Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Summers.

They fled from this house after learning that Fred and Kate Barker, their associates, were shot and killed in a gun battle with federal agents 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 was called in response to a knock. 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 had not seen little Alvin since he left home at the age of 14.

# 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*

# 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 kidnapings, 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

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

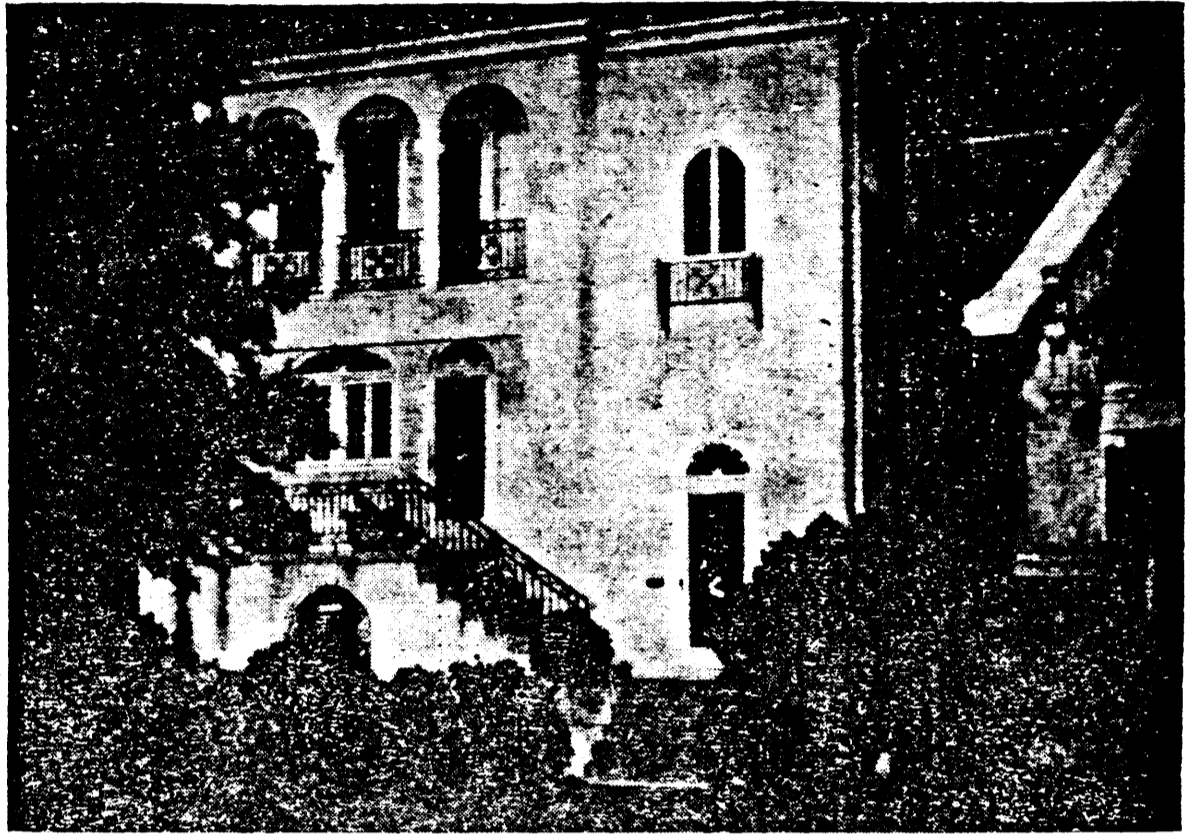


NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bandit and public enemy No. 1, whose flight from law-enforcement agents ended with his capture by department of justice operatives in front of an apartment house here. .



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.]

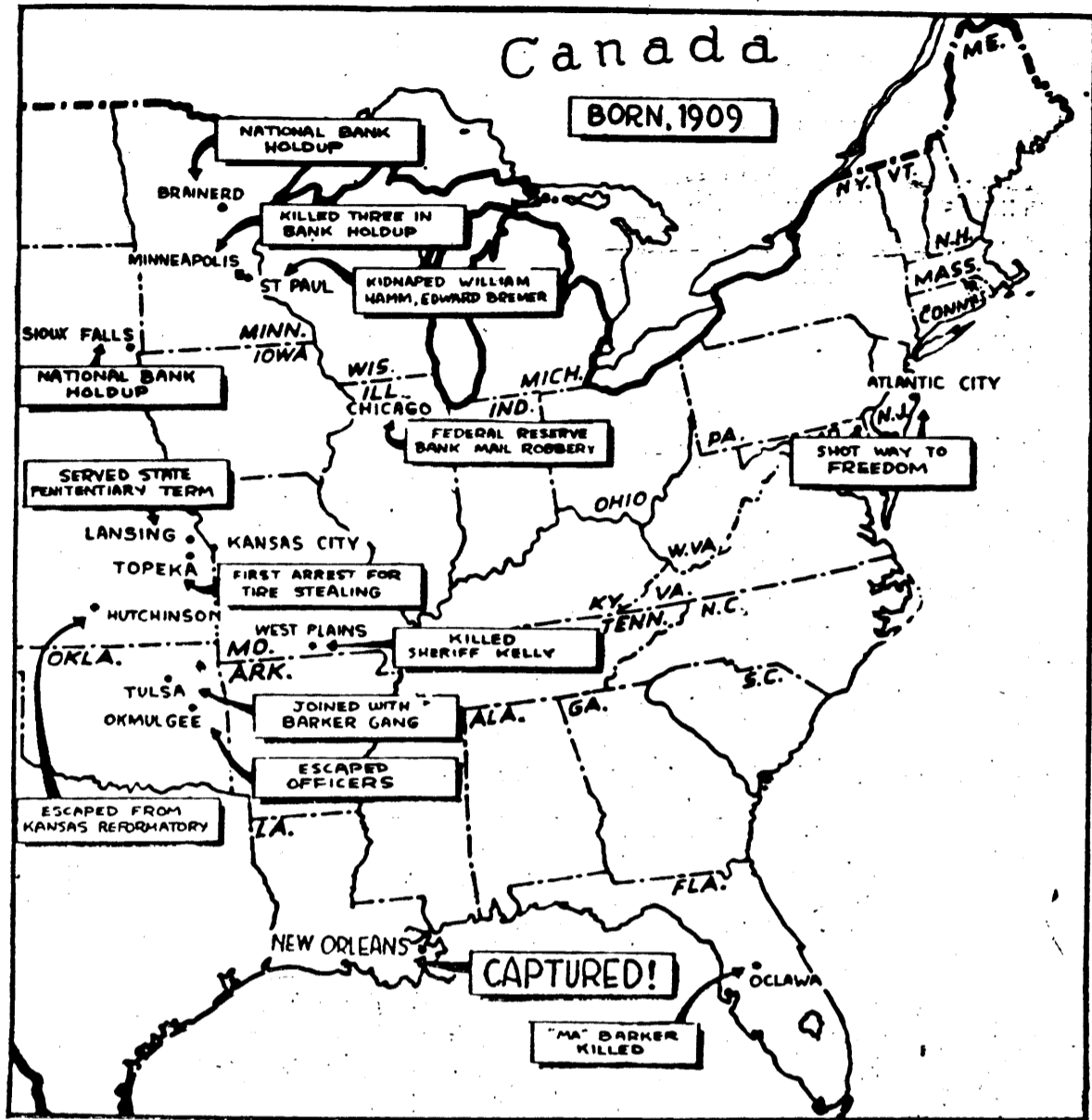
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.—This is the apartment hideout at 3343 Canal street where Karpis, his woman companion, identified only as "Ruth," and Fred Hunter, who was wanted for a mail-train robbery, were seized.

[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.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]



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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, char-  
acterized as America's most desper-  
ate public enemy, confessed today  
the \$300,000 ransom kidnapings of  
Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul  
banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul  
brewer.

This was learned from an unim-  
peachable 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 Hoo-  
ver, 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 kidnapings if the  
government would agree to "for-  
get" the other.

#### Afraid of Death.

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

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

Despite the confession of the pub-  
lic 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 unre-  
lenting 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 state-  
ments of Edmund Bartholmey, Ben-  
senville, Ill., postmaster, and Byron  
Bolton, Chicago gangster.

#### Were Held There.

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

According to United States Attor-  
ney 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 abduc-  
tion 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 con-  
stantly on his guard day and night  
against a possible raid by law offi-  
cers."

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 fe-  
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 reputa-  
tion 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 kidnapings, 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 partici-  
pated.

#### 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, per-  
sonally staged his capture in New  
Orleans and brought him here by  
plane yesterday morning to stand  
trial for one or both of the kidnapings.

Further startling developments,  
with new arrests—possibly of sup-  
posedly respectable citizens—were  
freely predicted by local authorities,  
who pointed out that Karpis and his  
mob made St. Paul their headquar-  
ters for some of their most sensa-  
tional 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 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 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 fellow they said he was I was through. I would have to go fly his own flag. I didn't go for that sort of stuff.

When I was released I came to Oklahoma and visited my parents. Then I went back to Chicago and stayed with his folks. I got to 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.

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

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Hoover went in and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the ultimate destination. A mid-night stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

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**Seven in Gang Dead**  
Hoover and other federal men declined to discuss this angle of the case or comment on rumors at New Orleans that persons who had seen or been with the desperado were responsible for the important tip.

Victims of the St. Paul kidnapings were cheered by news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis's 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." Brewer 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.

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"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes.

#### Escaped in Atlantic City

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of

Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely are "punk" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

#### Wife Divorced Him

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, won a divorce last November 22 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

To the law abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence for petty thievery at the age of 18.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

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."

#### Nice, Quiet Little Man

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 "tipoff" as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. E. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and "Ruth" engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

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## Five Carloads Of Federal Agents Await Bandit In North.

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The airliner, carrying Karpis and eight federal agents, left Kansas City at 5:30 a. m. (Central standard time). Transcontinental-Western airline officers said it was bound for St. Paul with a possible stop at Omaha. It was expected the trip to St. Paul might be made in 2½ hours.

Karpis, said by one airport attendant to be chained to his seat, was not taken from the plane during the stop of 3¼ hours in Kansas City.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice's bureau of investigation, head the federal men.

Meanwhile, five carloads of federal agents, armed with machine guns and shot guns, awaited in their cars at the municipal airport here. They comprise virtually the entire force of the St. Paul office of the department of justice.

The men arrived at the airport long before dawn and drove their machines up to a gate at one end of the field. The gate had been ordered left open. It was near a runway down which a plane could taxi. The lights of the cars were trained on the runway.

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Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy, above is shown hiding his face with his hat as he left the New Orleans apartment house Friday night after his arrest. On the left is Clarence Hurt, federal agent, a former Oklahoma City detective. Dwight Brantley, in charge of the bureau of investigation office in Oklahoma City, is at the right. In the lower apartment of this house in New Orleans, Karpis was arrested. (Associated Press wirephotos.)





### Clarence Hurt and Brantley Take Part in Catch In New Orleans.

**O**KLAHOMA CITY G-men played a major role in the capture of Alvin Karpis, considered the nation's No. 1 public enemy.

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So quietly and so quickly do the federal agents move that Oklahoma City did not know Brantley was out of town until The Associated Press wirephotos of the capture reached here overnight. J. Edgar Hoover in New Orleans did not identify for the photographers the agents flanking Karpis, and the pictures moved out—just two more agents

of the department of justice, destined to remain anonymous in accordance with the strict rules of the department.

But the picture told the story. Times reporters and editors immediately identified Hurt and Brantley.

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**B**RANTLEY has been in charge of the office here since February, 1934.

Hurt became a federal agent in May, 1934, after serving 17 years on the Oklahoma City police department as a detective and chief for a short time. He now is stationed at Dallas.

Karpis was an Oklahoma gunman and small-time bandit until he graduated to major crime. It is probable that much of the groundwork and the clues which finally led agents to the New Orleans apartment house were developed by agents in Oklahoma and Texas, perhaps by Hurt, who worked on many of Oklahoma's outstanding criminal cases.

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# Karpis, the Killer,

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## Ends Career of Crime

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### Without a Fight

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# Agents' Guns Make Outlaw Docile Quarry

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## Train Robbery Put Agents On Karpis's Trail

Outlaw Kept Barely Out Of  
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TULSA, May 2.—(AP)—Here in Tulsa where Alvin Karpis had a police record long before he became public enemy No. 1, police and federal inspectors said Saturday his capture was hastened by his participation in the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November 7.

"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.

"We were informed that in addition to Karpis, Brock, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, another Oklahoma former convict named Kozarth participated in the robbery.

### Karpis Flies to Arkansas

"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.

### Hot Springs Raid Fails

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.

This was the place that federal officers raided March 31 following a tip from underworld sources here that the three had "holed up" at Hot Springs.

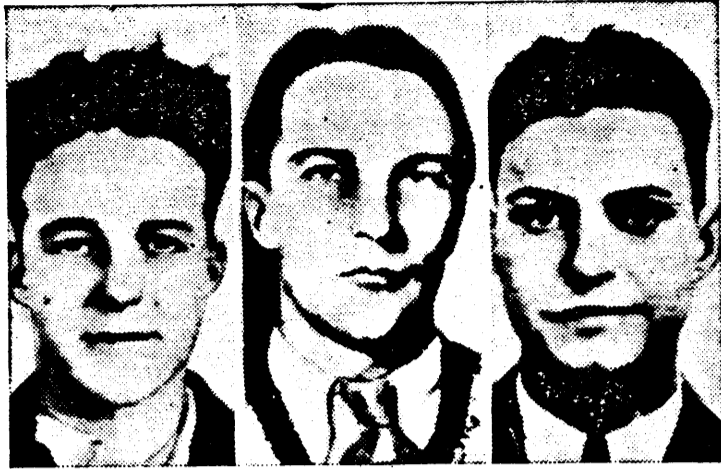
"The three fugitives beat the federal agents by less than 12 hours," Gardner recalled. "Information on the proposed raid leaked out and Karpis, Hunter and the girl were tipped off.

"Federal agents later received information they had stopped in New Orleans and the successful raid was arranged.

## Father and Brother Of Hunter Arrested

CLEVELAND, May 2.—(AP)—The father and a brother of Fred Hunter, arrested with Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, and a waitress in the brother's beer parlor were held incommunicado in the Warren, Ohio, city jail Saturday.

## Tri-State Outlaw Gangs Dwindle to Lone Figure



With the capture of Alvin Karpis, these three were in line for successor to the title of Public Enemy No. 1. (Left to right): William Mahan, wanted for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping; Harry Campbell, Karpis aid sought in the Bremer kidnaping, and Thomas G. Robinson, hunted in the Alice Stoll abduction.—(Associated Press wirephoto).

### Solitary Road Faces Harry Campbell, Only Survivor Of Crime Mobs in Brief, Bloody Reign.

By WILLIAM VOIGT JR.

NEW YORK, May 2.—(AP)—A lone, limping fugitive remained at large Saturday out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old southwest.

He is Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans Friday night.

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.

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Ocklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur, "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kan., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

#### Gibson Is Slain

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:

Glenn LeRoy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

#### Many Die in Oklahoma

Willie (Slippery) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes. Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle.

Wilbur Underhill, the "tri-state ter-

ror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kan., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

#### Fate Overtakes Many Others

Harvey Bailey, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapees, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kan., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City Union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder.

### Five Carloads Of Federal Agents Await Bandit In North.

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured Friday night at New Orleans, Saturday was on the last leg of an airplane flight to St. Paul, scene of two major kidnapings for which he has been indicted.

Put aboard a chartered plane a few hours after his capture, the notorious gangster, guarded by federal agents, was flown northward to Indianapolis, then west to St. Louis and Kansas City.

The airliner, carrying Karpis and eight federal agents, left Kansas City at 5:30 a. m. (Central standard time). Transcontinental-Western airline officers said it was bound for St. Paul with a possible stop at Omaha. It was expected the trip to St. Paul might be made in 2½ hours.

Karpis, said by one airport attendant to be chained to his seat, was not taken from the plane during the stop of 3½ hours in Kansas City.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice's bureau of investigation, head the federal men.

Meanwhile, five carloads of federal agents, armed with machine guns and shot guns, awaited in their cars at the municipal airport here. They comprise virtually the entire force of the St. Paul office of the department of justice.

The men arrived at the airport long before dawn and drove their machines up to a gate at one end of the field. The gate had been ordered left open. It was near a runway down which a plane could taxi. The lights of the cars were trained on the runway.

### Clarence Hurt and Brantley Take Part in Catch In New Orleans.

OKLAHOMA CITY G-men played a major role in the capture of Alvin Karpis, considered the nation's No. 1 public enemy.

Dwight Brantley, in charge of the bureau of investigation here, and Clarence Hurt, now of Dallas and formerly assistant chief of the Oklahoma City police department, participated in the raid at New Orleans Friday which flushed Karpis from cover.

So quietly and so quickly do the federal agents move that Oklahoma City did not know Brantley was out of town until The Associated Press wirephotos of the capture reached here overnight. J. Edgar Hoover in New Orleans did not identify for the photographers the agents flanking Karpis, and the pictures moved out—just two more agents of the department of justice, destined to remain anonymous in accordance with the strict rules of the department.

But the picture told the story. Times reporters and editors immediately identified Hurt and Brantley.

\* \* \*  
BRANTLEY has been in charge of the office here since February, 1934.

Hurt became a federal agent in May, 1934, after serving 17 years on the Oklahoma City police department as a detective and chief for a short time. He now is stationed at Dallas.

Karpis was an Oklahoma gunman and small-time bandit until he graduated to major crime. It is probable that much of the groundwork and the clues which finally led agents to the New Orleans apartment house were developed by agents in Oklahoma and Texas, perhaps by Hurt, who worked on many of Oklahoma's outstanding criminal cases.

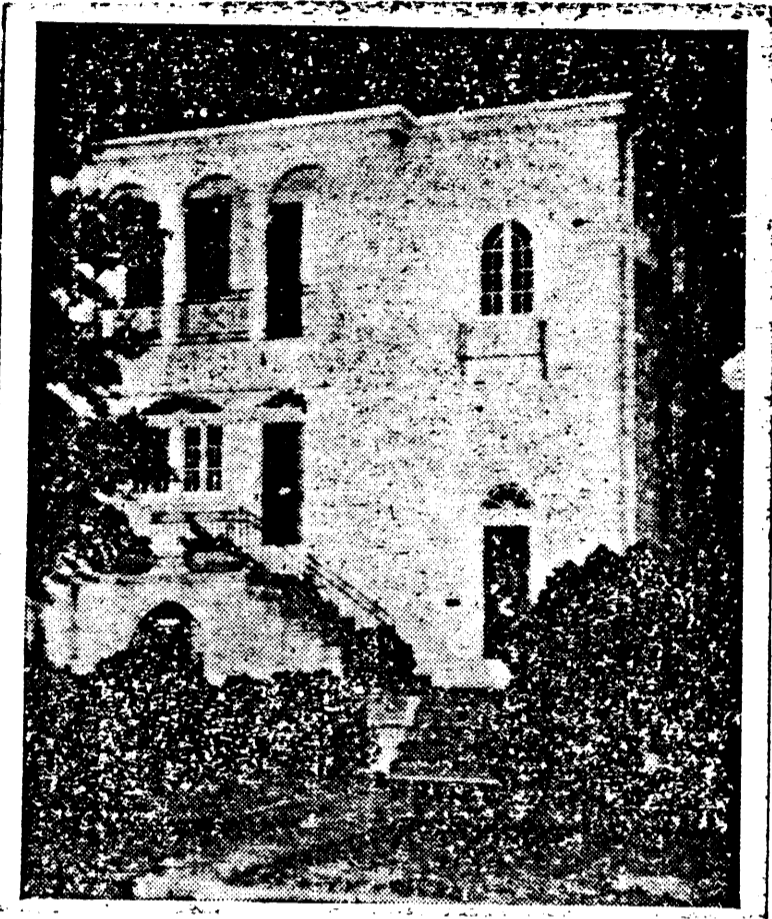
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Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy, above is shown hiding his face with his hat as he left the New Orleans apartment house Friday night after his arrest. On the left is Clarence Hurt, federal agent, a former Oklahoma City detective. Dwight Brantley, in charge of the bureau of investigation of office in Oklahoma City, is at the right. In the lower apartment of this house in New Orleans, Karpis was arrested. (Associated Press wirephotos.)

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# KARPIS IS HELD

## Crazed Mobs Menace Americans in Addis Ababa as Selassie

### ARMED BRITISH LEGATION OPEN TO FOREIGNERS

Italian Occupation of Capital Expected Tomorrow

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 entanglements 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  
to 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 underequipped state of the  
police 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

### Pictures, Other Details Page 2

- 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, five machine guns, and its little company of 250 Sikh infantrymen.

**War**

*Continued on Page Three*

**Minneapolis  
Reported to Be  
in Danger Zone**

United Press  
include a Minne-

apolis 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**

Churchill 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 De-**

Rock Island, Ill.—(U.P.)—Mrs. 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 organized by police experts as important divisions of a modern police department. The city's police force will never reach permanent efficiency until this is stamped out of it. After a study of middlewestern cities of the same population class 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 having 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 part; 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 below normal in north portion and near or 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 Bergeson, 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 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. Voie, 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 \$50 an hour.

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 mincing 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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### 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

Moonan 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

### Zionchecks 'Speed' on Toward Miami

Beaumont, Tex. (AP)—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 gossipy 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 did not know anything about it un-

### 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.)—U.S. 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 \$20,000 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 on the "public enemy" list by T. Quinn, assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, awarded third place to Harry Campbell, midwestern Karpis associate 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:  
M  
Sheriff C. R. Kelly, V  
A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law who is alleged to have been John Loria, 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.

# Trapped 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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is suspected by federal agents crimes:  
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ion massacre in which gun-

## 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 a "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 reported 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 Mixer 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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**KAPLAN BROS.**

Edward G. Bremer, 1934, and released on payment of \$100,000.  
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The robbery of a man which \$46,000 was taken that included, federal agent another hunted gangster, with Karpis in New Orleans. Innumerable others, who 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. D. 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 his agents. He was placed in the back seat between two heavily armed operatives. With two cars preceding and two following, the cascade 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 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 a harboring of Karpis. Karpis was living at his apartment."

Hoover said Karpis had been the south and southwest for several months. "He was spend

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**KIDNAPINGS**  
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**ROBBERIES**  
 Train at Garrettsville, Ohio, in a gang of machine gun bandits say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, who was captured. This occurred Nov. 7, 1935. In most cases, federal agents identified because of the effect of opinion.

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 kidnapings, 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 state 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 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.

**LAND BANK LOANS TO 4,327 FARMERS**

Attracted by the low interest rate of 4 per cent on new Federal Land bank loans, 4,327 Minnesota farmers borrowed \$21,183,200 from the St. Paul Federal Land bank and Land bank commissioner in the nine months ended April 1. The average loan was \$4,030, with an estimated interest saving to the borrower of about \$69 a year, compared with the average rate which refinanced farmers had been paying on their debts.

**EXPERT CALLED IN SEWAGE DISPUTE**

Samuel Greeley, Chicago, consulting engineer, today was called in to settle an engineering dispute over the Pigs Eye island disposal plant of the Twin Cities sewage disposal project. The controversy arose between William N. Carey, TWA project engineer, and C. C. Wilbur, chief engineer for the project, over the type of settling tanks to be installed.

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Of Gangster, And Second  
Man Also Taken

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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 \$2,800 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."

R. E. JOSELYN

Minneapolis Tribune

5-3-36

# ARRAIGN KARPIS MONDAY

KARPIS, GLOOMY, ARRIVES IN ST. PAUL



Handcuffed, and attired just as 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 kidnaping 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 gruelling 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 two 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 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  
U. S. Bargain

#### 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 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  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 kidnapings and four murders, of which he stands accused, Karpis was stubborn in answering.

"You're going to kill me anyway," 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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## 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.

**JOHN KARPAVICZ ON HIS HONEST JOB.**

*Karpis father is terrified by calls about his son.*

International News photo by Herald and Examiner.

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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 st., 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 nightly 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."



J. Edgar Hoover

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.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3 (AP)—A secret quiz of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was continued today by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year fight from the law.

The department's determination to make a decisive mop-up of the Karpis-Barker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, Investigation Bureau chief. Before leaving for New York, he predicted arrest of some Karpis harborers and friends.

In addition to the kidnappings which he is alleged to have engineered, the Federal agents quizzed Karpis on more than a dozen spectacular bank robberies, several daring mail robberies, and a number of killings.

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Zetzer said he was approached by Karpis about the 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 Michigan, 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 called 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; Mobster 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 gunman-kidnaper, 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.

Concerning the young woman 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 crying 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 Kar-

pis; 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 \$46,000 in cash and negotiable securities. Frank Hunter, 27-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, employe 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.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—(AP)—A secret quiz of Alvin Karpis was continued today by federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's lips a list of those who aided his two year flight from the law.

A heavy guard barred the federal court building doors behind which Karpis was hustled after being flown here from New Orleans to answer kidnaping charges.

The department's determination to make a decisive mop up of the Karpis-Barker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, investigation bureau chief. Before leaving for New York he predicted arrest of some Karpis harborers and friends.

### 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 shot 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.

*The End of the Trail  
For Public Enemy No. 1*



[Associated Press Wirephoto]  
BOAST IDLE; HE'S TAKEN ALIVE





IMPOSING APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE KARPIS WAS SEIZED

[International News Photo]

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Shivering in his light clothes, so adaptable to a gentleman rolling in warm New Orleans, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and bank robber, is shown as G-Men rushed him to jail in St. Paul. The man who boasted he would never be taken alive was taken without a struggle.

## U. S. HOLDS KARPIS FOR KIDNAP TRIAL

Indictment Rushed as St. Paul  
Prosecutor Acts in Fatal  
Bank Robbery

ST. PAUL, May 4 (AP).—The Government today planned an early arraignment of Alvin Karpis on kidnaping charges as county authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek his indictment there for bank robbery and murder.

U. S. District Attorney Sullivan said Karpis would be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. The time has not been set, he said, but it will be soon. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

### Seek Money Fences

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued today as Federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnaping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

While Karpis was held in the Federal Building, Minneapolis authorities prepared to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery. The charges were based on Karpis's participation in the hold-up of the Third Northwestern National Bank in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain.

### Sheriff's Murder

Karpis may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931.



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# G Men Lund Karpis in St. Paul



## GANGLAND CHIEF GOES MEEKLY WITH G MEN

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP Wirephoto)—Alvin Karpis, captured yesterday in New Orleans, is shown here on his arrival in St. Paul today. Federal agents armed with "Tommy" guns surround the desperado as he is taken into the Department of Justice office. Karpis often told friends, "They'll never get me alive," but he surrendered meekly without firing a shot when agents caught him last night. He was flown, heavily chained, to St. Paul today.

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## Outlaw Shaking Badly as He Is Rushed From Plane

### ARMED CONVOY LED BY J. EDGAR HOOVER

### Desperado Trapped at New Orleans Faces Many Charges

#### Hoover Reveals Karpis Had His Face Lifted

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was "scared to death" when Federal agents seized him in New Orleans, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Department of Investigation, who led the capture, revealed when Karpis was brought to this city today.

Mr. Hoover disclosed Karpis had resorted to plastic surgery on his face, but that despite alterations which included cuts from the lobes of each ear, he was easily recognizable from his photographs.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—(UP)—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul today in an airliner chartered by G men.

The stammering, pasty-faced 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 big airplane slid into the airport at 8:45 A. M., and roared directly into the hangar of the 109th U. S. Air Squadron.

The doors slammed shut and newsmen as well as spectators were barred.

#### Hoover Aboard Plane

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.

Barely sixteen hours after the capture in New Orleans, Karpis was returned to the city where allegedly he engineered two of the Nation's most sensational kidnappings, those of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

Ten minutes after the airliner slid into the army hangar, Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters.

He will be locked in the "escape-

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proof" cell at County Jail once occupied by Doc Barker, Tommy Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Davis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

#### Campbell Still at Large

Karpis is the last of the Barker-Karpis mob, although his recent associate, Harry Campbell, still is at large.

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.

The giant TWA plane City of Indianapolis which brought Karpis here was wheeled into a closed hangar before the prisoner was removed. 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.

Both Karpis' hands were tightly manacled. He looked out for a minute at the spacious hangar, then stepped down the ladder. He was handcuffed to an agent. Karpis appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

His return to St. Paul was in contrast to the last time he was here—two years ago. Then the Barker-Karpis gang was fleeing after looting the Sioux Falls (S. D.) Bank. The mob of desperadoes were in their hey-day.

Returning today, Karpis, the most-hunted fugitive since the days of John Dillinger, was the central figure in the chapter of the melodramatic saga of the mad band of machine-gun killers.

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 preceding and two following, the cavalcade dashed to the Federal Department of Justice Offices.

Hoover directed Karpis' removal from the plane.

E. J. Connolly, head of the department's "kidnap squad," also was on the plane. He came from Cincinnati.

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 Bremer abduction and the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping.

Through mysterious channels, the G men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal Street in New Orleans.

Early Friday, the Department of Justice 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.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G men stationed in cities near New Orleans, and when Hoover arrived twenty agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and sub-machine guns, were assembled in the Department of Justice offices in the Federal Building there.

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. Then all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions.

#### No Chance of Resistance

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. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

Other agents at once went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a pretty 22-year-old girl, whose identity the agents are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank and train 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.

The 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.

Rumors also circulated that Karpis' woman tipped off the Federal agents for the \$7000 reward, but these, like scores of others, were without the least confirmation.

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# ALVIN KARPIS CAUGHT HERE



# KARPIS IS TRAPPED BY FEDERAL MEN HERE

## G-Men Seize Public Enemy No. 1 and Mail Robber Suspect in Raid on Canal Street Apartment

Alvin Karpis, sought throughout the nation for months by federal agents and known as America's Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested in a swift move late Friday by operatives of the United States bureau of investigations here in the 3300 block of Canal street.

J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., head of the federal bureau of investigation, in New Orleans for the past three days to supervise the search and apprehension of Karpis, himself made the announcement of the arrest.

Karpis was nabbed as he was about to enter an automobile with a companion, Fred Hunter, 37, with whom he is said to have perpetrated a \$34,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, in 1935.

Karpis is under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping on June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, Jr.

Mr. Hoover said that Karpis had been residing for some time in a first-floor apartment at 3343 Canal street, and it was just after he emerged from this apartment, at 5:30 p. m. Friday, that he was taken into custody.

Mr. Hoover also announced that a woman was arrested along with Karpis and Hunter and is being held for questioning. He declined to make public her name.

The arrest of Karpis was made with dramatic ease. Just how many were the agents involved, and what were their names, could not be ascertained. Mr. Hoover and his New Orleans chief representative, David Magee, refused to discuss the case beyond making a brief announcement that the Hamm kidnaping fugitive had been arrested.

There was no shooting as Karpis and Hunter were grabbed by the federal agents, who, according to reports of pedestrians, appeared on the sidewalk in front of the Canal street apartment with sawed-off shotguns just as the two men were about to get into an automobile.

# Suspected Karpis But Delayed Notifying G Men

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Miss Gandy	✓

## Landlady Sees Public Enemy As Nice, Kind

### Women Inspect Apartment Day Before Hoover Charters Plane

By United Press

New Orleans, May 2.—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, the United Press learned Saturday in seeking the means whereby federal agents located Karpis' hide-out Friday 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.

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 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 pro-

Formerly Government Man  
"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents "light-hot, sleeping" flats in the 3000 block of Canal street, a middle class and respectable district. On April 10 a young man accompanied by a young woman who he said was his wife rented one of her apartments.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said. "So kind. So polite. I can't believe it."

The young man, 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.

Pucheu, known as "the duke" for his elegant dress and manners, 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.

"My wife and I talked it over," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

### Tenant Well-Mannered

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well-mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key, and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning Karpis again exhibited his courtesy.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door, said she wanted to sell the dining-room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. They had opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, the arrangement of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

The women looked at the dining-room set, said they were afraid it wouldn't do, but would think it over, and left.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward, the postoffice department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.—Copyright 1936.

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# Death and Prison Cells Put Me



**ALVIN KARPIS**  
Jailed for trial in St. Paul

**JOHN DILLINGER**  
Slain by G men July 22, 1934

**FRED BARKER**  
Slain by G men January 16, 1935

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# Members of Karpis-Barker Gang Out of Circulation



**ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER**  
In Alcatraz prison for life

**HOMER VAN METER**  
Slain by police August 24, 1934

**"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD**  
Slain by G men October 22, 1934

**"BABY FACE" NELSON**  
Killed by police October 22, 1934

# LONG CHASE FINISHED AS G-MEN GET KARPIS IN ORLEANS STREET

Surrenders Without Fight as  
Officers Surround Him  
and Pair

HOOVER LEADS CAPTURERS

Fred Hunter and Woman With  
Desperado

WAS LEAVING APARTMENT

Three Years' Flight Ends for  
Gangster Sought for Kidnap-  
ings and Holdups From Coast  
to Coast

By The Associated Press  
NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin  
Karpis, one of the last of the no-  
torious public enemies, was cap-  
tured quietly by federal agents here  
today.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
head of the fight which sent John  
Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and  
other desperadoes to their deaths,  
personally led the squad of 15 or 20  
men which captured Karpis in front  
of an apartment building.

Karpis, under indictment in the  
kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr.,  
wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and  
Edward George Bremer, also of St.  
Paul, was taken into custody with  
Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the  
\$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail rob-  
bery, and a woman whose name was  
not revealed.

### Leaving Apartment

Hoover himself made the an-  
nouncement of the capture of the  
three persons as they emerged from  
an apartment building in the 3300  
block of Canal Street, about a half  
mile from the center of the busi-  
ness district.

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

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

The prisoners were taken to an  
unannounced place for questioning  
for about an hour before the an-  
nouncement of their capture was  
made.

### Something Interesting

"I've got something interesting to  
tell you," Hoover said, smiling  
slightly.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis,  
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No. 1,' but not to us," he said.  
He didn't say who his

## Karpis Captured



Alvin Karpis

told of the capture which climaxed  
three years' search from coast to  
coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so  
smoothly and quietly that only per-  
sons nearby were aware of the "G  
men's" latest success.

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

Shortly before 8 p.m. Hoover and  
almost a score of "G-men" left the  
federal postoffice building with  
Karpis and Hunter and sped away  
in two automobiles.

Their move was cloaked in se-  
crecy and Hoover declined to say  
where the men were being taken.

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

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

### In and Out

"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?"

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt  
and trousers, but no coat, was led  
out of the bureau's office in the  
postoffice building between two  
curly "G Men."

### Destination Kept Quiet

Hoover made no announcement  
where Karpis would be taken but  
there were rumors that he would  
either be carried to the Parish Pris-  
on or to the airport.

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," Hoff-  
man 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."

"I said I guessed it would be all  
right and told him I thought \$3  
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  
times, and I didn't size him up at  
all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the  
apartment building, said he knew  
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.

"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 ma-  
chine gun and the other had a re-  
volver. I walked over toward where  
he was and someone said, 'get back  
there!'"

### Get Karpis First

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first  
person arrested, the janitor said,  
and 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.

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**Law-Abiding Parents  
Of Karpis Unmoved**

CHICAGO, May 1. (AP) — John Karpavicz, law abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded, and that terminated the conversation. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis "Old Creepy" to his underworld associates — was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major crime.

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# GANGSTER WILL SEE BABY SON FOR FIRST TIME

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, in his prison cell at St. Paul will see his 15-month-old son, Raymond, for the first time next week.

The child has been cared for by Karpis' parents, John and Anna Karpavicz, since his birth a year ago February to Dolores Delaney, 20-year-old gun moll whom Karpis deserted in an Atlantic City hotel. The child of their illicit romance was born in a federal prison where the Delaney girl is serving a five-year term for harboring her lover.

Karpis late yesterday was permitted to telephone his parents at 2842 N. Francisco av.

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## Hide Identity of Red Haired Girl

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(AP) —The identity of the attractive red-haired woman who posed as the wife of Alvin Karpis, before his capture here, was a guarded secret today of federal agents— if they knew themselves.

The young woman, in her early twenties, was taken into custody when Karpis and Fred Hunter, were captured yesterday outside their apartment in a pretentious residential section.

Department of Justice agents remaining in New Orleans divided their time between questioning the woman, identified only as "Ruth," and Hunter, and searching the apartment occupied by Karpis with his "wife."

David W. Magee, inspector in charge of the federal bureau of investigation here, said the search yielded "plenty."

One of the investigators took two traveling bags, a flashlight, fishing tackle and a .22 calibre rifle with a telescopic sight from the Karpis apartment and carried it to the office.

Ruth at times smiled and chatted with the federal men in the guarded quarters and smoked cigarets. Hunter was heard now and then to rattle his manacles. He was both shackled and chained, hands and feet.

Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in early last night.

Magee said the woman would not talk and that her fingerprints had been sent to Washington for identification purposes.

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## Karpis' Capture Pleases Doctor

### Victim of Kidnaping Is Much Relieved

PHILADELPHIA, May 1—(A.P.)—The doctor Alvin Karpis kidnaped in making his escape after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was relieved tonight to hear that the No. 1 badman of the Country 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 Harry Campbell the night after they blasted their way out of the hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two girl friends and stopped in the hotel.

When police knocked on the hotel room door and demanded that it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped into an automobile outside the hotel, and sped westward.

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker 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.

In their flight, Karpis and Campbell left behind the two girls, Dolores Delaney, Karpis' companion, and Winona Burdette, Campbell's friend.

They were brought to Philadelphia, and a month later the Delaney girl gave birth to a boy in a Philadelphia hospital.

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# G-Men Seeking Karpis Helpers

## Secret Grilling May Delay Hearing

ST. PAUL, May 3 — (A. P.) — A secret quiz of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," was continued today by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law.

A heavy guard barred the Federal Court Building doors behind which Karpis was hustled after being flown here from New Orleans to answer kidnaping charges.

The Department's determination to make a decisive mop-up of the Karpis-Baker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, Investigation Bureau chief. Before leaving for New York, he predicted arrest of some Karpis harborers and friends.

How soon the captured public enemy would be turned over to the Federal marshal for arraignment and imprisonment was still undetermined, although Hoover had said that arraignment on the William Hamm kidnaping might come Monday.

### Only One Remains Free

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 remains free—Harry Campbell, lame outlaw last seen with Karpis in Atlantic City.

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. They pointed out that Karpis could be executed on this first-degree murder charge, but probably would escape with a life term for either the Bremer or Hamm kidnapers.

Hennepin County authorities said today that they plan to indict Karpis for a bank robbery in which two policemen and a motorist were killed in Minneapolis in 1932.

### Decision Up to Cummings

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan said the Government intends to try Karpis for either of the kidnapings. Prosecution on additional charges would be within the discretion of Attorney General Homer Cummings or Hoover.

Indicted with Karpis for the Hamm kidnaping are six others, including four already held in jail here—Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) acting postmaster; John P. (Jack) Peifer, proprietor of a St. Paul night club; Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, reputed bank robber and safe cracker, and Byron (Machine Gun) Bolton.

Bolton and Bartholmey waived immunity and appeared before the Federal grand jury which indicted the seven. Both are expected to be star witnesses for the Government at the trial.

### Gangsters' Love of 'Dolls' Leads to Capture of Karpis

WASHINGTON, May 3—(A. P.) —The gangster's love of "dolls" led Alvin Karpis into his three closest scrapes with the law.

The red-headed woman who was arrested with Karpis in New Orleans Friday night was only the latest in a string of women he had picked up and dropped during his rime career.

A few weeks earlier, Karpis narrowly escaped from a farmhouse near Hot Springs, Ark., only hours before Federal agents and Post-office inspectors raided it. Agents said a woman was behind his frequent trips to Hot Springs.

But his favorite was probably Dolores Delaney, the pretty girl he met in Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul. Dolores was a "good doll," known in the gang for being tight-lipped. Old Kate (Ma) Barker picked her personally.

Through the hottest part of Karpis' early flight from the law, Dolores Delaney was with him. Early in 1935, with Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, they were found by police in Atlantic City. J. Karpis and Campbell fled and left the girls.

The men left by automobile and the women by train. They met in Atlantic City, N. J., and were discovered. Karpis and Campbell fled and left the girls.

Dolores and Wynona are both serving five-year sentences in the Federal Reformatory at Milan, Mich., for harboring criminals.

Karpis was married for a short time, but his wife, who won a divorce in Tulsa, Okla., last Nov. 2, said she left him after only a few months of married life, and had not seen him in four years.

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## KARPIS DROOPS UNDER QUIZZING

Public Enemy Faces Hearing on Charge of Kidnaping William Hamm Jr.

*By United Press*

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4.—Relentless questioning by Department of Justice officials left Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, pale and shaken today and facing arraignment on a charge of kidnaping William Hamm Jr.

J. Edgar Hoover, Justice Department chief, said in New York that Karpis will be tried first for his part in the \$100,000 Hamm abduction. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment. Later, he 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.

Karpis has been indicted in the Hamm and Kelly cases and in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Agents questioning Karpis concentrated on still unsolved angles of the Hamm case. They have announced possibility of further arrests in the case—probably of persons suspected of aiding the escape of the abductors. In addition, they are seeking further evidence in the case which they now consider "air tight."

Karpis will be turned over to District Attorney George F. Sullivan this week for arraignment. Federal officials considered his arrest in New Orleans last week coincided "nicely" with plans to try other Hamm suspects in November.

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## KARPIS TO FACE KIDNAP CHARGES

Indictments for Murder and  
Robbery Also Sought in  
Other Cities.

ST. PAUL, May 4 (A.P.)—The government today planned an early arraignment of Alvin Karpis on kidnapping charges as county authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek his indictment there for bank robbery and murder.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said Karpis will be arraigned on four kidnapping and conspiracy counts in the abductions of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The maximum penalty for kidnapping is life imprisonment.

Questioning of Karpis continued today as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnapping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$200,000 Hamm ransom.

While Karpis was held in the Federal building, Ed J. Goff, Hennepin (Minneapolis) county attorney, announced he was taking steps to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery in that city.

Goff asserted the charges were based on Karpis's participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain by the robbers.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnapping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley, of West Plains, Mo., in 1931. Missouri authorities said they wanted Karpis to face the death penalty in a murder trial there.

Six others were recently indicted with Karpis in the Hamm case.

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# 'DAMNED SCARED' KARPIS BROUGHT BACK TO ST. PAUL

## Officials Not Certain Which Charge To Be Pressed

ST. PAUL — (AP)— Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings was returned Saturday to the scene of those crimes after being seized Friday night in a bloodless Department of Justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, who led the capture and accompanied the prisoner here, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk." Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended the search for Karpis.

### Sleepless Trip

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a nine and a half hour sleepless airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather. Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride,

Karpis was rushed under heavy guard to the federal building immediately upon arrival and held there for questioning.

Hoover left early Saturday afternoon by plane for New York. When his chartered ship paused briefly at Chicago, he announced:

"Karpis' arrest was brought about entirely by Department of Justice agents. There were no tips from outsiders and no reward will be paid."

Rewards totalling \$8,000 had been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the gang leader.

When he would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm, Jr., brewing company head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, District Attorney George F. Sullivan was unable to say. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer, January 17, 1934.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told newsmen Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities indicated they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November 7, if he did not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville holdup and a woman also were captured with Karpis.

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# Karpis Aids Hunted Here

## Mop-up Drive Due Soon for Twin Cities

Early Arrests Expected—  
Desperado Undergoes  
All-Day Grilling

Pictures and More News  
of Karpis on Page

A roundup of Minneapolis and St. Paul men on charges of aiding, abetting and harboring members of the Karpis-Barker gang in the heyday of their power is momentarily expected as a result of the capture of Alvin Karpis, leader of the mob.

This was the trend of reports circulating in the old St. Paul federal building Saturday night following the all-day session at which Karpis was grilled by department of justice agents who brought him here from New Orleans.

Continuing far into the night, the G-men questioned Karpis in shifts.

### Seek Karpis Aids

Minneapolis and St. Paul men, some of them said to be "legitimate" are being drawn into the web of evidence now being spun around the surviving members of the old desperado mob. Twin City men, it is said, aided the gang in its marauding forays into this district—from these the federal government will exact the full penalty of the law.

Several "hot tips" have been developed within the last few days, it was learned from a reliable source. Others are being involved in the operations of Karpis and his mobsters, federal sources said, and the G-men intend to round them up, bring them to trial and send them off to prison if they can obtain convictions.

### Questioned All Day

Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer, as well as for murder and robbery in other sections, was questioned all day in the Federal building, St. Paul. Some of the time J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the G-men, was present. Mr. Hoover led the agents who made the arrest in New Orleans and supervised the trip north bringing Karpis to St. Paul.

"We intend to make arrests and press prosecution wherever we can

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## Karpis Aids Are Hunted in Twin Cities

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uncover evidence against anyone who aided or abetted the Karpis-Barker gang," Mr. Hoover declared last Saturday before boarding a plane to return east.

### Hoover Well Satisfied

Apparently well-satisfied with the past 24 hours' work, the national G man chieftain indicated his men still have much work to do before they write finis to the case.

Even after Mr. Hoover left town, Karpis remained in the department of justice office being questioned by agents. What he was saying, if anything, remained a mystery. Federal men declined to discuss the case, saying that all announcements must come from Mr. Hoover.

But other sources of information were positive that Twin City men face arrest. They pointed out that Karpis and his gang made the Twin City area their grounds on several occasions and for considerable periods of time. This indicated, they said, that Karpis and the Barkers had "connections" here.

The G men, it is known, have waged relentless war against all persons who have had connections with the nation's major gangsters. Proceeding on the theory that followers, friends and accessories are the persons who make gang operations possible, the department of justice has made "mop-up" campaigns in its campaigns.

### Karpis Lived Near Here

Karpis and the Barkers, "Doc," "Ma" and Fred, lived in and around the Twin Cities on several forays here. At one time they lived near South St. Paul, and on another occasion they are reported to have had a summer cottage at Bald Eagle lake. The Twin City men are said to have become involved with the gang at these times.

Under heavy guard, Karpis was brought to the Twin Cities early Saturday, whisked away to the federal building, and kept there throughout the day. It was believed he would be taken to the Ramsey county jail when agents were through with him.

Karpis, along with Jack Peifer, St. Paul gambler; Charles "the Greater" Fitzgerald, former convict, and Edmond Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, was indicted in St. Paul by a federal grand jury about 10 days ago. They were named with a number of other persons who are either in prison or dead.

### Karpis Under Indictment

The country's most hunted criminal may face a federal judge tomorrow for arraignment on four counts, two of conspiracy and two of kidnaping in the Hamm and the Bremer cases. He is under indictment for both.

George F. Sullivan, district attorney for Minnesota, announced he is ready to start court proceedings as soon as the G-men are through questioning the gangster.

Meanwhile, the nation's crime fighting forces were redoubling their efforts all over the country to bring Harry Campbell, Karpis' chief lieutenant, to bay.

Campbell's whereabouts probably was one of the biggest points in the questioning at the federal building Saturday.

### CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA ALSO MAY TAKE ACTION

By United Press

San Francisco, May 2.—A federal grand jury will be asked to return indictments against a group of persons in California and Nevada suspected of harboring Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, captured in New Orleans, reliable sources revealed Saturday.

Several persons in Auburn, Calif., have identified Karpis as a man seen in that vicinity several times in 1934.

Authoritative sources also revealed that Karpis, under the name of "Burns," lived in Reno in 1932.

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**Karpis Captured in New Orleans  
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# U.S. Public Enemy No. 1 Seized Without Gunplay

## Desperado Rushed Away in Plane; Second Fugitive and Bandit's 'Wife' Are Left Behind

NEW ORLEANS, May 1—America's Public Enemy No. 1 was captured here tonight by the Nation's G-Man No. 1.

With two companions, a man and a woman, the long-sought Alvin Karpis surrendered without the firing of a shot to a squad of between 15 and 20 officers headed by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnapings of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul (Minn.) brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul, and linked to many other crimes, was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37 years old, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail car robbery, and a woman whose full name was not revealed.

Hoover himself made the announcement that the three were captured as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal St., about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"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."

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

**Believed Headed for St. Paul**

It was considered likely, however, that Karpis was being taken to St. Paul to face the kidnaping charges.

Karpis was wanted also in connection with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley, of West Plains, Mo., and the sheriff there put in a claim for him only a few minutes after his capture.

Hoover's personal part in the arrest of Karpis evened a score between the chief of the Federal

Hoover confirmed reports last summer that he had received a death threat from Karpis, sent from an Ohio town. Hoover said that the threat message had been checked and that he was convinced it had come from the notorious bank robber and kidnaper.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly, in announcing the capture.

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

He didn't say who his department's first enemy was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed a three-year search from coast to coast, extending even to Cuba.

### Few Know of Capture

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

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 seized and hurried away.

"Hunter," Hoover said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the mail car robbery on Nov. 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, O."

### The Career that Made Karpis Public Enemy No. 1... Page 5

in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis also was 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."

### Both Heavily Shackled

Shackles, he said, were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles then bound together. He and the others were taken to the Post Office Building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Within the past two weeks, the Justice Department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis' head, and added a \$2,500 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 \$2,000 reward for Karpis, bringing his price to \$7,000 and \$2,000 more for Campbell. Campbell escaped the raid today.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty and red-haired, and known only as "Ruth." Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

They described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight im-

### Three Are in Line to Get Karpis' Title

WASHINGTON, May 1—(A. P.)—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of Public Enemy No. 1. They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, thirty-six-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, at St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1934.

pediment in his speech who was interested in fishing.

John Campbell, janitor of the building, said that he knew Karpis as "Mr. O'Hara." He said the woman posed as Mrs. O'Hara, and that they were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

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

Campbell was burning trash beside the building when the arrest was made.

"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!'"

Karpis was the first person arrested, the janitor said.

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

### Karpis Shows Resistance

"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 in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

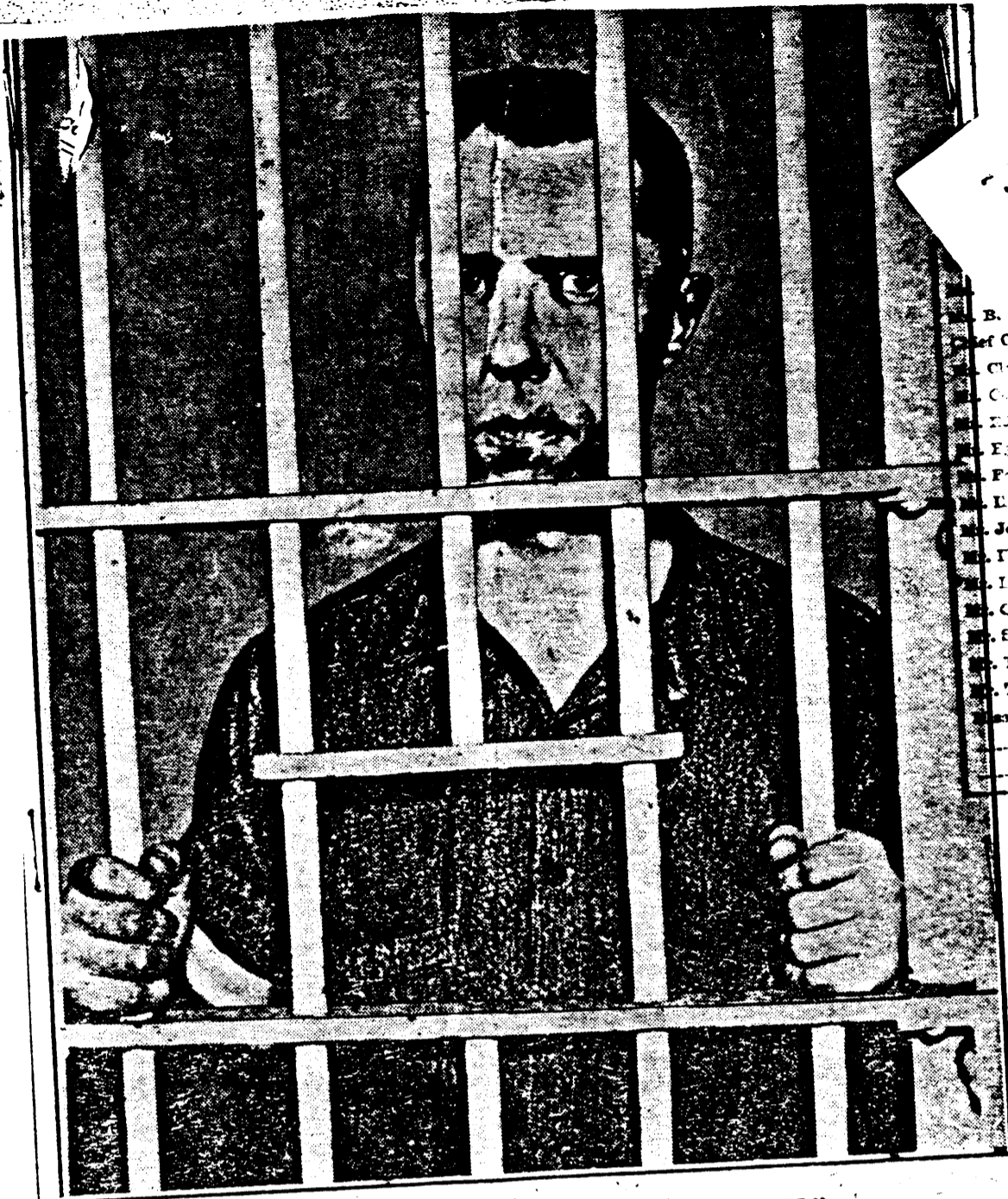
### Mail Car Raid Accomplice Kept Ignorant of Capture

CLEVELAND, May 1—(A. P.)—John Brock, 34, years old, of Tulsa, Okla., was ignorant tonight of the capture of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, two of his alleged companions in the robbery of the mail car of an Erie train last Nov. 7 at Garrettsville, O.

Brock was held incommunicado in County Jail after pleading innocent to the charges yesterday at Youngstown, O.

Postal inspectors named Brock and four others in warrants Monday as participants in the \$46,000 robbery. The others were Karpis, Hunter, Harry Campbell and John Doe, alias Sam, whose last name is unknown.

Brock was arrested recently near Youngstown. He was believed to have given information which caused issuance of the warrants against the Karpis gang.



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ALVIN KARPIS IN VIRTUAL "SOLITARY."  
—International News photo.

## Former Public Enemy Isolated in Jail

ST. PAUL, May 7.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, single occupant of a cell tier in the Ramsey County jail, whittled away his time today with a deck of cards—unaware his pal and fellow gangster, Harry Campbell, had been captured.

While not officially in solitary confinement, the effect was the same for the leader of the mob accused of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm.

**G-MEN GUARD CELL.**  
The only persons he sees are

the machine-gun armed federal agents, who guard his cell in squads of three twenty-four hours a day.

When taken to the jail from the federal building late Wednesday, newspapers and magazines were denied him.

Sheriff Thomas J. Gibbons said Karpis showed a real appetite for the three meals served him. His breakfast today consisted of oatmeal, bread and coffee.

At noon he dined on Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, prunes, bread and tea.

**HE SLEEPS 'WELL.'**

Karpis thus far has taken his confinement philosophically, Gibbons said, and enjoyed a good night's sleep last night.

Department of Justice operatives refused comment on the possibility of Campbell's capture might have resulted from information obtained from Karpis.

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# Lenient Judge Started Karpis On His Career

Desperado Won Family Only After Being Paroled in 1931.

Like many another modern desperado, Alvin Karpis made a "name" for himself after being paroled. His most spectacular crimes—the murder of a sheriff, two major kidnappings and a long list of bank robberies—were committed in a period when, had not a kindly judge interfered, Karpis would have been in a penitentiary.

Perhaps the judge was thinking about Karpis' youth; perhaps he could not believe that the tall, pathetically thin young man with the blue eyes and the pale face was as bad as the Oklahoma police made him out to be. At any rate, the judge did not think Karpis ought to serve four years to which a jury in his own court had sentenced him, and so he placed him on parole.

That was in the fall of 1931. A month later Karpis had committed a murder and was well started on the riotous career that was to make him Public Enemy No. 1 in a country where there was plenty of competition.

Karpis, whose real name was Raymond Karpavicz, was born August 10, 1909, in Montreal, Canada, of Lithuanian parents. The family moved to the United States when he was a small boy.

### First Arrested at 16.

He was first arrested in Topeka, Kans., when he was 16. The charge was stealing automobile tires. For that offense, he was committed to the State industrial reformatory at Hutchinson for 10 years. There he met Lawrence Devol, and the two became fast friends. Three years after Karpis entered the institution, he and Devol—also known as Larry Barton—sawed through their cell bars and escaped.

They were arrested a year or so later in Kansas City. In their automobile was a safe-blowing kit. Karpis was sent back to the reformatory, but when knives were found on him he was shifted to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

He was released May 31, 1931. While in the penitentiary, Karpis met Freddie Barker, one of the several criminal sons of "Ma" Karpis, herself a specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder. No Karpis headed for Tulsa, Okla., where "Ma" had her headquarters.

### Arrested in Tulsa.

Ultimately he was to become so powerful that the organization became known as the Barker-Karpis gang. Had it not been for the aforementioned judge, however, Karpis and the Barkers would have parted company for good two weeks after Karpis' arrival in Tulsa.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla., where he was wanted on a burglary charge. At that time he was using the name of George Haller.

He was sentenced to four years in the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Okla. But he never went there. After serving three months in the county jail, the judge who had presided at his trial paroled him.

He rejoined "Ma" Barker and her sons—Freddie, Arthur, also known as "Doc," and Herman and Lloyd. Other notorious criminals with whom he associated included Frank Nash and Verne Miller, the renegade sheriff who killed a Federal agent in the Kansas City "massacre" that followed an attempt to rescue Nash.

Karpis' underworld cronies called him "Old Creepy" because he got on their nerves. He was never very popular with the men, although "Ma" Barker, who knew a good bank robber when she saw one, liked and admired him.

On December 19, 1931, not long after he had been paroled, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. He had walked into a garage to question them about a robbery the night before. Actually they had not taken part in the robbery, but rather than face a judge again Karpis gave Kelly "the blast."

Now Karpis and the Barkers moved into the Northwest to execute an amazing series of bank robberies. "Ma" Barker picked the banks and arranged for the getaway. Police have estimated that the gang got away with a half-million dollars and killed at least five persons.

### Biggest Haul \$50,000.

Their biggest haul was \$50,000, carried away from the National Bank & Trust Co. in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. This, together with sums of \$20,000 and \$30,000 which they netted from periodical holdups, amounted to important money. But the Karpis-Barker gang was ambitious.

Early in the summer of 1933 the gang decided to espouse the kidnaping racket, and marked as the first victim William A. Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. Hamm was seized as he left his office for luncheon on June 15, 1933, and was taken to a farmhouse at Bensenville, Ill. On the night of June 17, his family paid the \$100,000 ransom and Hamm was released in Wyoming, Minn.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Freddie Barker, together with six other criminals, helped Karpis on this which had been planned by "Ma" Barker.

Not long afterwards, Karpis,

Barker and her boys were in the kitchen of their St. Paul home when they heard the police were on their way. "Ma" suspected that somebody had "squealed" about their part in the Hamm kidnaping. Her suspicion fell on her second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. It was decided that he must die. His stepson, Freddie, and Karpis invited Dunlap to take an automobile ride. A few days later, Dunlap's body, riddled with bullets, was found near a small town in Wisconsin.

The Hamm kidnaping, which had brought the gang \$100,000 so easily, encouraged Karpis and "Ma" Barker to seize another wealthy citizen of St. Paul. This time they were determined to double the ransom sum.

Their victim was Edward George Bremer, scion of another well-known family of St. Paul brewers and president of the Commercial State Bank. He was kidnaped on the morning of January 17, 1934, immediately after he had driven his daughter to school.

Bremer, too, was taken to Bensenville, Ill. He was held there until February 7, when the \$200,000 ransom was paid by his family.

The kidnapers had used flashlights in signaling to members of the Bremer family at the place where the pay-off occurred. They made the mistake of leaving these flashlights at the scene. Federal agents found them and traced them to a store in St. Paul, the owner of which identified Alvin Karpis as the purchaser.

That kidnaping was to prove the undoing of the Karpis-Barker gang. Karpis, the one-time petty thief, was now mentioned along with John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and the Nation's other first-rank mobsters. In the language of the underworld, he was "hot" and he had to keep moving.

"Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, went into hiding on a chicken farm in Florida. Karpis, with his girl friend, Dolores Delaney, and Harry Campbell and his girl visited the Barkers there, and then took over a place of their own farther south.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was tipped off to the whereabouts of the Barkers, and there followed one of the most spectacular gun battles in the Nation's history of crime.

A small army of Federal men was thrown around the Barker home. The agent in charge, risking his life, walked boldly up to the door.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
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and asked "Ma" and her son to surrender.

"To hell with you all," said "Ma." Then, calling upstairs to Fred, she cried, "Let the damn Feds have it. Shoot!"

Young Barker blazed away with a machine gun. A moment later his mother joined him and trained another machine gun on the agents. They, meantime, were loosing a veritable hail of lead at the house.

Tear gas also was turned on the house, but Ma and her son continued to fire. At length a burst of rifle fire tore through the house and caught Ma. She dropped beside her machine gun. Fred caved in a few minutes later. He had 14 bullets in his body.

Karpis and Campbell heard about the raid, and, with their women, started North. They traveled in a stolen car; otherwise, they might have been spared a lot of trouble.

#### Auto Is Found.

Florida police broadcast the number of the car. Atlantic City police found it in a garage, and on orders of the Florida authorities set out to arrest the men who were driving it. They did not know, of course, when they went to the small hotel for the two men that they were Karpis and Campbell.

Consequently, they were ill-prepared for the battle that followed. Karpis drove them back with a machine gun, and he and Campbell made their way out of the hotel, stole another machine and made their escape. They left their women behind them, and one of them, Karpis' companion, shortly thereafter went to a maternity ward.

What finally brought about his capture apparently was the \$5,000 reward recently offered by Attorney General Homer Cummings. This was posted April 22. A few days later the Postoffice Department offered another \$2,000.

Whether this money was posted as part of a bargain with the informer may never be known. At

any rate, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was confident for several days that Karpis was "in the bag."

J. Edgar Hoover was in New York three nights ago. He left there for New Orleans, traveling presumably by plane, and yesterday led the raid in which Karpis was seized.

Incidentally, it was Hoover's first arrest. He directed the war against the underworld that brought down such criminal celebrities as John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson, but never until yesterday had he actually arrested a man. Asked by a Senate appropriations committee recently whether he had ever made an arrest, Hoover explained that it was not until a year ago that he and his men were authorized to make arrests.

Hoover took more than a professional interest in Karpis. Last summer he received a message from Karpis threatening his life.

Harry Campbell, Karpis' radio singer companion, does not now become public enemy No. 1, Department of Justice officials explained last night.

There are two men whom Hoover's men would much rather arrest. They are William Mahan, sought as the remaining principal in the Weyerhauser kidnaping, and Thomas R. Robinson, jr., who kidnaped Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., and held her for \$50,000.

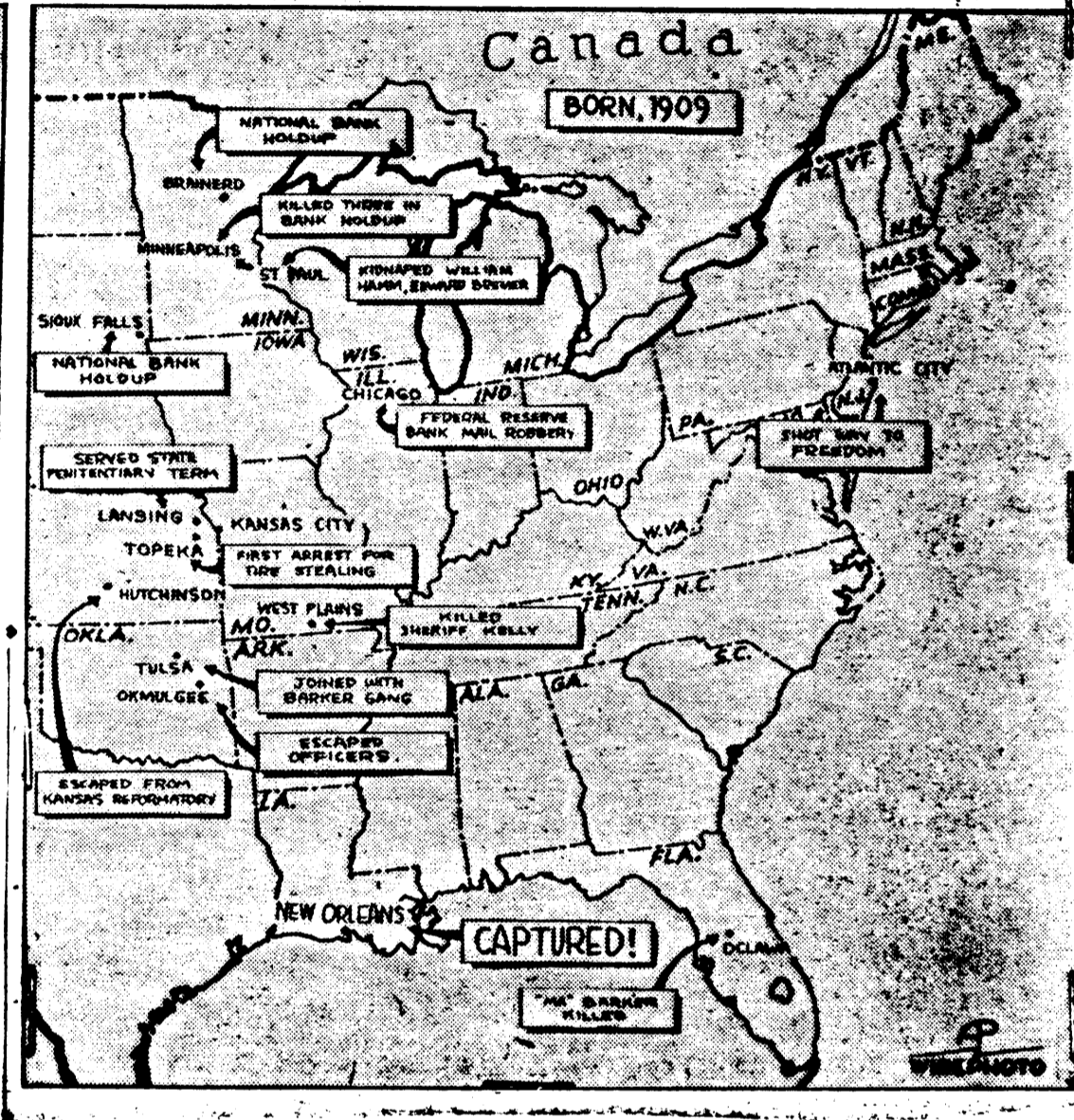
Arthur (Doc) Barker would be high in the listing if he were at large, but he is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for his part in the Bremer kidnaping.



Map outlines the high spots in the lawless "career" of Alvin Karpis. The sordid trail ran principally through the Middle West. Photo shows Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, girls with Karpis and Harry Campbell when they shot their way through cordon of officers at Atlantic City. Picture middle as their companions were escorted to police headquarters. Upper left, Alvin Karpis at age of 16 years, when his criminal career first came to the attention of authorities with his commitment to Kansas Reformatory on a burglary charge.

R. E. JOSE

*Highlights in Arch-Gangster's Attempts to Evade the Law*



## Seize Piquett; Prison Is Next

Chicago, Ill. (AP)—Louis Piquett, attorney for John Dillinger, was taken into custody Monday pending removal to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., to serve a two-year term for harboring Homer Van Meter, Dillinger lieutenant since slain. Chief Deputy Marshal Joseph E. Tobin seized Piquett as he left the courtroom of Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, who denied Piquett's final plea for a stay of execution. In addition to his two-year sentence, Piquett was fined \$10,000.

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# KARPIS, IN CHAINS, IS FLOWN BACK TO SCENE OF CRIMES

G-Men, Led By Chief,  
Take Public Enemy  
In New Orleans

NO SHOTS FIRED

Drama Of Capture Is  
Rival Of Leading  
Best Sellers

By United Press.

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

The stammering, pasty-faced 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 big airplane slid into the airport at 8:45 a.m., and roared directly into the hangar of the 109th United States Air Squadron.

The doors slammed shut and news as well as spectators were barred.

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.

Hoover Jubilant

The plane landed in St. Louis early today to refuel. The glowering Karpis, last of the major public enemies on the G-men's wanted list, did not leave the machine. After 47 minutes, the plane took off again in its race to place the long sought desperado before the bar of justice in the shortest possible time.

Hoover, who commanded the 20 Federal agents who captured Karpis, had a number of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition. He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm kidnaping. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the Government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

Hoover was jubilant at the newest coup of his department in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters. Karpis, with a \$7000 reward on his head, 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.

Speed Southward

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the 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-st in New Orleans.

Early yesterday, the Department of Justice 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.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived

(See Karpis Page Two)

THE BIRMINGHAM POST,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

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More About  
**KARPIS**

(Continued From Page One)

20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and sub-machine guns, were assembled in the Department of Justice offices in the Federal Building there.

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 prearranged post, under cover but instantly available.

**Confederates Held**

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. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

Other agents went into 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.

**'Tip' Is Guarded**

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.

Rumors circulated that Karpis' woman tipped off the Federal agents for the \$7000 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.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

Pucheu thought that strange. A few days later, his customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer and saw that Karpis had driven almost 2000 miles.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu thought that even more strange. He talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night, while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal-st apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living on Canal-st.

**Waited Too Long**

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the report reached the G-men. Yesterday afternoon, Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of Karpis' neighbors in his apartment house hideout knew nothing about it until hours later. A half hour before 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.

**Reporters Called**

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

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 Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent McGee.

Smiling slightly, Hoover said: "Gentlemen, I would like to an-

nounce for the Government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called public enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice investigation department in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3343 Canal-st, this city."

**Spotted Two Months**

"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 was subjected to close questioning, but most of his answers were evasive. 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, O., 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.

The department had offered \$5000 reward for information leading to his capture, the highest of its two outstanding reward offers. The Postoffice Department had offered \$2000. Harry Campbell, Karpis' companion in many crimes and in the Atlantic City coup when they shot themselves out of a trap, has a reward of \$2500 on his head.

**Gang Rounded Up**

Two other men are wanted badly by the Department of Justice—the last survivors of what once was a sizeable list of big time criminals. These are Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Alice Speed Stoll and William Mahan, kidnaper of young George Weyerhauser. But there is no reward out for either.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief, and was initiated into the big time criminal world in 1931, after his rescue from the Kansas State Penitentiary by the Barkers, Arthur and Fred. He soon became joint leader of the mob and with it is alleged to have participated in the kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, and Hamm.

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

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

THE MOBILE PRESS REGISTER,  
Mobile, Alabama,  
May 3, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

## LEADING PUBLIC ENEMY ONCE WAS MARBLES CHAMP

### Marbles Champ To Crime King

Karpis, 'Old Creepy' As Youth,  
Now Dodges Law With  
Price On His Head

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, May 2.—"Old Creepy," the boy who picked up his marbles in Topeka, Kas., to begin a career of safe-cracking and kidnaping is the most-sought man in America today.

Young Alvin Karpis was good enough at marbles to become city champion and bad enough in crime to become "public enemy number one"—with a \$7,000 price on his head.

Once safe in gangland haunts, as he slipped about the country dodging police and federal agents, Karpis became the prey for underworld and the world at large alike when Attorney General Cummings offered a reward for information leading to his arrest.

#### Gang And Tutors Gone

His gang is gone. Old Kate "Ma" Barker and two of her boys died defying the law, and two others of her brood are languishing in federal jails. Doriore Delaney, his tight-lipped moll, is in jail, too.

The outlaws who tutored him in crime—Frank Nash, Verne Miller and their pals of the west—have passed out of the picture one by one.

The gangland hangers-on, who would shelter a man when he was "on top," know Karpis is "hot"—and worth \$7,000. Most gangsters eyed men and women in filling stacks less for killing a man.

Throughout the country, sharpshooters, stores, hotels and other public places have studied the dour young face on a government placard. The heading reads, "Wanted," the price is \$7,000.

Police officers, who know Karpis by name, remember that two East Chicago, Ind., officers collected \$5,000 for the information which led federal agents to him.



A \$7,000 reward spurs the nation-wide hunt for 27-year-old Alvin Karpis, who once won the marble championship of Topeka. His safe-cracking, kidnaping career culminated in the Bremer abduction. Now he's "public enemy No. 1."

*Handwritten signature or scribble at the bottom left of the page.*

#### One of Three Most Wanted

Officially, this hunted youth, only 27 now, is just one of the 12,000 "public enemies" listed in the files of the federal bureaus of investigation. His ranking as "number one" is unofficial, but federal men admit he's one of three men they'd like most to trap. The others are:

Thomas R. Robinson, Jr., a sallow law clerk with a knack for dressing up like a woman, who is charged with kidnaping Mrs. Berry V. Stoll of Louisville, Ky., for a \$50,000 ransom.

William Mahan, alias Dainard, an ex-convict blacksmith and auto mechanic, who is described as "the remaining principal" in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

#### Capon First Got Title

Why "public enemy number one?" The title was pinned on Alphonse Capone, Chicago beer baron, by a group of serious-minded citizens who called themselves the "Secret Six." After Al went to Alcatraz for forgetting to pay his income tax, the title passed to other gangland leaders.

Before Dillinger, there was a group of middle western badmen who claimed the public eye.

Verne Miller, the Dakota sheriff who turned his World War machine-gun talents to criminal pursuits, and killed a federal agent in the Kansas City massacre, was one. Others were Harvey Bailey, "Machine Gun" Kelly, Dick Galatas, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and the Barrow boys.

After Dillinger died as he left a neighborhood theater in East Chicago with "the woman in red," the title passed for a few months to his buddy, "Baby Face" Nelson. He died in a gun battle near Barrington, Ill. Two federal agents also were killed.

#### Price On Pal's Head Too

After the Karpis-Barker mob was indicted for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., two years ago, the gang as a whole became "public enemy No. 1" for the department of justice.

One by one the gangster went to jail—or death. Alvin Karpis was left, jumping around the country with his limping pal, Harry Campbell. Karpis finally became the center of the government's hunt, especially after he sent a threatening note last summer to J. Edgar Hoover.

Campbell, too, has a price on his head, and his pal is almost as dangerous as the Karpis. Cummings has put a price on his head.

THE MOBILE REGISTER,  
Mobile, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

# ALVIN KARPIS CAUGHT IN NEW ORLEANS BY

## G-MEN

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# U.S. 'Enemy No. 1' Gives No Fight To Hoover And Aides

Suspect in \$34,000 Ohio Post Office Robbery, And Unidentified Woman Taken in Sudden Swoop on Apartment House; Capture Secret Until After Hour Questioning

(By The Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was captured in a dramatically quiet raid late today and taken from the city a few hours later by an airplane bound for an unannounced destination.

(The plane bearing Karpis was in St. Louis early today, awaiting reports on weather conditions before speeding on to St. Paul, where Karpis will face speedy trial in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case.)

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, personally supervised the capture of Karpis, Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in a \$34,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail robbery, and a woman known only as "Ruth," at a pretentious apartment house in a quiet residential section.



ALVIN KARPIS

"They were taken without the firing of a shot," Hoover announced tersely. "Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

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

He was likewise wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on December 19, 1931.

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal Street, about a half mile from the center of the business district.

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

"The agents opened upon them and they were taken



J. EDGAR HOOVER

## Questioned An Hour

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

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

He didn't say who his department's "Public Enemy No. 1" was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons nearby were aware of the "G-men's" latest success.

## No Resistance Offered

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.

## Cal's Son 'O'Hara'

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with

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# ALVIN KARPIS IS CAUGHT BY G-MEN IN NEW ORLEANS

Public Enemy No. 1, Post Office Robber, Woman Nabbed In Quick Swoop

(Continued From Page One)

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.

"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 that "O'Hara" and the woman, who posed as his wife, were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

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

Shortly before 8 p.m. Hoover and almost a score of "G-men" left the federal post office building with Karpis and sped away in two automobiles to the airport. Karpis, heavily manacled and accompanied by six agents, left in the plane for an unannounced destination.

## Net Carefully Laid

"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."

"Karpis Armed?"

"Yes, he was armed."

"Was he armed?"

"Yes, he was wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post office building between two burly 'G-men.'"

Hoover made no announcement that Karpis would be taken, but

## Capture Described

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.

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

## Student Describes Arrest

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

"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 in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

Karpis, whose real name is Alvin Karpavicz, is the son of an humble, industrious Chicago janitor who disowned his notorious son. The son came from poverty through a preparatory course of petty thievery and minor offenses to the notoriety of public enemy No. 1, hunted by G-men more avidly than the garden variety of public enemy because he was alleged to have participated in the death of four government sleuths.

He ascended to the dubious throne when Lester Gillis, alias George "Baby Face" Nelson abdicated Nov. 28, 1934, ushered out under a hail of government bullets near Barrington, Ill. In the cross-fire Agents Samuel P. Cowley and Herman Hollis met death.

## Charged In Massacre

Among his other murders, Karpis is charged with a part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre in which a federal agent, three other peace officers and Frank Nash, whose freedom was the object of the battle, were mowed down by machine guns.

An occasional member of the demagogue Dillingham gang, the bad man was named by the government as one of those implicated in the slaying of W. J. Weaver, federal agent in the Bremer kidnaping.

In addition to the above, Karpis has the following deaths charged against him: Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931; A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of Fred Barker, at Webster, Wis., early in 1934, and John Laska, Kansas City, Mo., Italian political power who refused Barker and Karpis "permission" to open a gambling resort.

## Figured In Kidnapings

But it was not on these feats that Karpis achieved lasting infamy. His major "accomplishments" were participation in the St. Paul kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm, wealthy brewer. Scientists in the department of justice identified him with the Bremer kidnaping through fingerprints, and to the Hamm case through a strong array of circumstantial evidence.

It became generally accepted that the two kidnapings were done by a gang led by Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred.

It was under the leadership of the brothers Barker that Karpis, a small time hoodlum, was initiated into major crime.

He joined their forces in 1931 when Fred escaped from the Kansas State Prison at Lansing. The three then assembled their troupe of gunmen, charged with many of the most sensational crimes in Midwestern history. In a majority of these, Karpis was known to be the trigger man.

## Moved Into The City

Early in 1932 the gang moved its headquarters from the Oklahoma badlands to St. Paul. As a convenience to the Barkers, they killed Dunlap at the request of Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker. The latter, who mothered the two outlaws and was believed by some to be the brains behind the gang, was removed from competition, along with son Fred, in a federal raid at their rendezvous near Miami, Fla., Jan. 16, 1935.

On June 16, 1933, Hamm was kidnaped and later paid \$100,000 for his release.

The job was laid to the Barker-Karpis outfit after the government failed to convict the "Terrible" Tommy Touhy mob of Chicago.

Six months later, on Jan. 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped and public indignation over such crimes reached its height. Painstaking investigation by G-men proved that fingerprints on a gasoline can discarded by the kidnapers belonged to Karpis and Doc Barker.

## Escaped In Cleveland

The pair next were named as two of three men who escaped a Cleveland police trap Sept. 6, shortly after police arrested three known women associates.

A month later Barker was captured in Chicago, taken to St. Paul, convicted and sentenced to life for his part in the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis remained at large.

After Gillis' death, he became the object of an intensified hunt and was reported variously in Califor-

# KARPIS CAPTURE ELATES DOCTOR

## Physician Kidnaped By Hoodlum On Dash To Safety 'Relieved'

PHILADELPHIA, May 1—(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" Friday night to hear the No. 1 bad man of the country 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.

"Of course, I wasn't personally worried about him any more," the young physician said. "I didn't expect him to trouble me again. But it is a relief to know they've got him."

### Stopped By Pair

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by the Public Enemy No. 1, and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the Atlantic City hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two "girl friends" and stopped in the hotel. Atlantic City police were notified to be on the lookout for an automobile, but were not informed the car was being driven by Karpis and Campbell, so they believed it a stolen car.

They spotted the car in a garage, found out the men who had parked it were in a hotel, and two officers went there to pick them up about noon on a Sunday.

When the policemen knocked on the hotel room door and demanded it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped in an automobile outside the hotel, and sped westward.

### Car Abandoned

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia, and forced him to take them to Medina, Ohio.

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

"Karpis and his companion seemed to realize I was going to call police as soon as they let me go," Hunsicker said Friday night. "From their conversation, I knew that was why they didn't free me sooner. So I didn't have any misgivings about telling what happened."

THE BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

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## VICTIMS OF KARPIS LAUD U. S. AGENTS

### Bremer And Hamm Relieved At Capture Of Kidnaper.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1—(AP)—Victims of the brazen outlawry of the Karpis-Barker gang, two St. Paul kidnap subjects Friday night obviously were relieved when told of the capture of Alvin Karpis, gang ringleader, in New Orleans.

"It's further tribute to the zeal of the Department of Justice," said Edward G. Bremer, bank president, who paid \$200,000 for his freedom after 21 days of tortuous confinement.

William Hamm, Jr., brewery head, whose abduction cost him \$100,000 and four days' imprisonment, said: "Congratulations again to the Department of Justice for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

## FATHER SILENT ON KARPIS' CAPTURE

### 'Why Tell Me About It?' Law- Abiding Parent Asks

CHICAGO, May 1—(AP)—John Karpavicz, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal Friday night at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school to a career of major crime.



# HOOVER MAKES INITIAL ARREST

Outlaw Is 'Apprehended' By Chief, Federal Men Announce

WASHINGTON, May 1—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover made his first arrest Friday night with the capture of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," in New Orleans.

At the Justice Department it was said Hoover "apprehended" Karpis. Agents of Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation were not given the power to make arrests until a year ago.

Hoover made this explanation under questioning of Senator McKellar (D. Tenn.) when the investigation head appeared before the Senate appropriations committee to ask that his expense fund for 1937 be increased to \$5,000,000.

**Quizzed On Arrest**  
"Did you ever make an arrest?" McKellar asked.

"No, sir," Hoover replied, "I have made investigations."

McKellar: "How many arrests have you made and who were they?"

Hoover: "I handled the investigations of Emma Goldman, and I prosecuted that case before the immigration authorities up to the secretary of labor. I also handled the Alexander Berkman case, and the case of Ludwig Martens, the former Bolshevik ambassador to the United States."

McKellar: "Did you make the arrests?"

Hoover: "The arrests were made by the immigration officers under our supervision."

McKellar—"I am talking about actual arrests."

Hoover: "We did not have power of arrest."

McKellar: "You never arrested them, actually?"

**Had No Power**  
Hoover: "We had no power to arrest until a year ago, when you passed a law giving us that power. Arrests, prior to that time, had to be made by the United States marshal or other officer."

Hoover told the committee he entered the Justice Department's Division of Investigation in 1917, and became director of the later Bureau of Investigation in 1924. For eight years, he served as a special assistant to the attorney general, handling prosecution.

Hoover said he attended the public schools of Washington, and took two law degrees at George Washington University.

# SISTER OF KARPIS WEEPS OVER NEWS

Brother-In-Law Of Bandit 'Glad No One Hurt'

TOPEKA, Kan., May 1—(AP)—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said Friday night the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He met newspaper men at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

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

"We're awfully glad no one was hurt," said Grooms. "It'll probably make it easier on him than if someone had been hurt."

Grooms expressed the opinion Karpis was "turned in by a friend."

THE BIRMINGHAM  
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# "I'll Never Be Taken Alive" Boasted Karpis, But He Is

TULSA, Okla., May 1—(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 Nov. 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

**Wife Describes Romance**  
After her divorce Karpis' former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college. She has been living quietly here since and could not be located immediately Friday night.

"He was young and good looking, and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club," Miss Slayman once said in describing her romance with the man who became known as Public Enemy No. 1.

"He told me he was a jewelry

salesman and we ran off to Sapula, just west of here and were married. That was in December, 1931. We went to Chicago. I left him after only a few months of married life. I never saw him after that."

**Believed In Shooting**  
Karpis and Freddie Barker, later slain, were believed to have been the two men who shot it out with officers at an apartment house here about a month after Miss Slayman and Karpis were married. The men escaped, leaving about \$4,000 worth of jewelry behind them. The jewelry had been stolen from a store in Henryetta, Okla.

"It was in Chicago," the former Mrs. Karpis recalled, "that I heard Alvin boast to Freddie Barker that he never would be taken alive. After that he promised he would 'go straight' but I guess he never did. I always thought that Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin."

## Six Who Saw Karpis Daily Could Have Obtained Reward

*By The United Press*

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Seven thousand dollars in reward money could have been collected by any one of seven New Orleans persons who frequently saw Alvin Karpis during his stay in New Orleans.

Mrs. John Meyer, owner of the

apartment where Karpis and his pretty woman companion lived since April 10, visited the apartment daily, but considered Karpis only as Edward O'Hara, a "likable kid."

Addison Cole, Warren Easton High School senior, occupant of an apartment in the same building, saw Karpis almost daily.

Pearl Marshall, negro, worked for the couple two weeks, but was only interested in her \$3 weekly salary.

Clarence Pucheu, automobile salesman, came the closest. He sold Karpis an automobile two weeks ago and told his wife the man was Karpis, but failed to follow his hunch.

Edward Hoffman, owner of a garage where Karpis kept his automobile for several days, was not even suspicious.

John Campbell, negro janitor at the apartment house, saw the fugitive every day but found nothing to arouse his suspicions.

Another who knew Karpis, as O'Hara, by sight was Mrs. J. P. McGuire, who lived next door. She is the mother of twins. Last Sunday, she said, Karpis stopped in front of her house and patted the twins on the head.

THE MOBILE  
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## Mahan Is Seen As Karpis Successor As 'No. 1 Enemy'

*By The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON, May 1.—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "Public Enemy No. 1." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, January 17, 1934.

# G-Men Capture Public Enemy In Dixie Hideout

## Rush Hoodlum To St. Paul By Plane.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—(INS)—A regiment of peace officers, bristling with machine guns and rifles, greeted Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, at the municipal airport this morning and rushed him to the federal court house.

Included in the heavily-armed escort was a detachment of armed men from the Minnesota national guard.

Karpis, who was seized in New Orleans last night, and flown here in a 14-passenger Douglas specially-chartered plane, was personally escorted by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, and half a dozen of his agents.

When the big airliner taxied to the ground at 8:45 a. m., after a stopover in Kansas City earlier in the morning due to bad weather, the army of agents and troops converged upon it.

There was a hurried conference at its door between Clinton W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office of the department of justice, and a man in the plane, apparently Hoover.

Then the doors of the 109th Minnesota national guard hangar were flung open, the hangar and entrance cleared of a big throng of onlookers, and the ship slowly proceeded under its own power into the hangar and the doors were

Inside were six autos belonging to the federal men. Karpis, manacled and surrounded by agents, was hustled into one of them. The others were quickly crowded with G-men and the cavalcade left the airport and drove through the downtown streets to the federal court house where, through a milling crowd, the gang chief was taken to face arraignment.

Karpis, clad in a white shirt and wearing no coat, was tanned and healthy looking. He seemed careless and indifferent when entering the court house.

The gang chief's debonair mein belied the nickname of "old creepy" given him by his pals, because he got even on their hardened nerves.

Authorities today were undecided whether they would prosecute him for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer or William Hamm, from which it was alleged Karpis and his mob received a total of \$300,000 ransom money.

The capture of Karpis ended one of the most intensive and tenacious man hunts in department of justice history. For more than two years the G-men hung on his trail until last night they closed in, and the gunman surrendered without a shot being fired.

Working with utmost secrecy, Hoover had been here for several days laying the trap that resulted in the capture of the much hunted man. A hand-picked group of federal agents had quietly assembled here to thoroughly carry out their mission to track down the elusive Karpis.

While Karpis and his two companions walked toward a parked automobile in the residential section late yesterday, Hoover and his men who had surrounded the plane where the gangster was taken, were in a half



J. EDGAR HOOVER



ALVIN KARPIS

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, lead agents in person in New Orleans raid that resulted in Karpis capture.

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May 2, 1936

Karpis wheeled around and threw up his hands. His companions followed suit. Automobiles rushed them to the federal building where the trio underwent a relentless grilling.

**Laconic Statement**

Then newspaper men were called in and Hoover made the laconic statement:

"We have today taken Alvin Karpis into custody without the firing of a single shot."

After questioning Karpis further, government agents brought him from the rooms where he and his companions were held on the third floor and walked him down three flights of stairs to a waiting automobile. Hoover personally put the mob leader in the automobile. He gave him a slight shove. Karpis made no comment.

Surrounded by G-men, with the flashlights of photographers playing upon him, Karpis walked down the steps in jaunty manner. He showed no trace of fear. Only when he tried to put his hat in front of his face, did the gangster's face register emotion. He frowned.

After being shoved into the automobile by Hoover, the car sped away for the airport at terrific speed. When all space between the car and a waiting plane at the airport had been cleared, Karpis was put in the plane, chained to his seat, and sped on his journey to a trial for kidnaping.

**Detained For Night**

Hunter and the woman captured along with Karpis were detained for the night at the office of the bureau of investigation in the federal building. Bedding and quilts were brought in and improvised cots made. Federal agents wired Washington to check the fingerprints of the woman. It was learned. If the officers knew the woman's name they did not reveal it.

The woman is in the early twenties, attractive, with light features and honey-colored hair.

Hunter is wanted at Garrettsville, Ohio, in connection with a robbery there.

Federal agents said that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months. Hoover was evasive as to details. He was summoned from Washington when it was learned that the noted gangster had taken an apartment here on Canal street, the principal thoroughfare of New Orleans. The apartment was in the residential section.

The arrest of Karpis was accomplished with such quick precision and with such complete absence of fireworks that it created no great commotion in the neighborhood. E. M. Comeaux, who witnessed the arrest, said the public enemy never had a chance.

Describing the arrest, Mr. Comeaux said:

"The Federal men moved so swiftly that they hardly started before it was finished. In fact, those of us who watched it could hardly believe Karpis had been

arrested, it was done so fast and with such little trouble.

"It was around 5:30 or so that the government men first rolled up in their cars. Altogether there must have been 20 agents or more. They parked their cars about half a block from the apartment.

"Just a few minutes later Karpis, a woman and Hunter came out of the building. We heard the government man call to them to surrender. The man whom I later learned was Karpis wheeled sharply and instantly raised his hands. He looked quite surprised. The G-men were heavily armed. Throughout the arrest and questioning of Karpis later, the "brain" of the "Karpis gang" kept his head. It was learned. He accepted his arrest with a calm attitude.

**Weights 130 Pounds**

Karpis looks younger than his 26 years. He is almost frail of build, 5 feet 9 and 1/4 inches tall. He weighs around 130 pounds.

Yet this slender, boyish looking man was one of the leaders of a mob that terrorized the northwest and engineered the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, jr., of St. Paul and George Edward Bremer, also of St. Paul. Both men are

On April 22, 1936, a federal grand jury of St. Paul returned indictments charging Karpis and others with the kidnaping of Hamm. The Karpis-Barker gang are also held responsible for the abduction of Bremer.

Hamm was abducted June 15, 1933. He was released after the payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Bremer was released after the payment of \$200,000 ransom. The wealthy banker was kidnaped February 7, 1934.

**Karpis' Father Balks At Interview**

CHICAGO, May 2.—(INS)—John Karpavicz, a respectable, hard-working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers Saturday.

To reporters come to interview him concerning the capture of his infamous son, Alvin Karpis, he shouted:

"All I want is to be let alone. Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt."

Through the closed door he could be heard warning his wife, Anna, to stay away from the door.

In the same building lives Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister of the nation's public enemy No. 1. She, too, refused to see reporters.

From neighbors in the building it was learned Karpis has not been near the home of his parents in years.

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**Armed G-Men  
Take Gangster  
From Airport  
To U. S. Bldg.**

Public Enemy No. 1 Nabbed By J. Ed-  
ger Hoover And Aids At New Or-  
leans In Hamm Kidnaping.

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The chartered airplane bearing Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, accompanied by Head G-Man J. Edgar Hoover and a corps of heavily armed G-men, arrived at the St. Paul Municipal airport at 8:45 a. m. today. The party was met by a large squad of local G-men, also heavily armed, and without any lost motion, immediately speeded the gangster by automobile to the federal building.

Inside the hangar were the 12 or more federal agents who had waited most of the night. All spectators and newsmen were barred.

Karpis was switched swiftly to one of five waiting automobiles. The caravan left immediately for the federal building.

J. Edgar Hoover, National G-man chief who rode the chartered plane all the way from New Orleans with the nation's No. 1 desperado, was not immediately available.

In the hangar, too, was E. J. Connelley, head of the special G-man squad, regularly headquartered at Cincinnati.

Anxiously scanning the skies, more than 30 men—and several women—roamed nervously about the grounds and buildings of the municipal airport for hours this morning, waiting the arrival of the nation's former Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Six cars filled with federal agents, headed by C. W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office, were parked near the municipal hangar.

Armed with sub machine guns, automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols, the G-men were ready to provide an escort for Karpis from the flying field to the federal courts building where he will be arraigned for the Hamm kidnaping. They were taking no chances on any "outside interference" providing the long-sought gangster and killer with a possible means of escape.

The balance of the waiters consisted of newspaper reporters and photographers.

Plane Leaves Kansas City.

had been there since shortly after 7 a. m., at which hour the patches indicated the

giant plane carrying Karpis and J. Edgar Hoover, No. 1 G-Man, and other guards, would arrive.

As later reports were received the waiters became nervous and "jumpy."

Finally, at 7 a. m., apparently authentic reports were received that the plane—"lost" for hours through the determination of the federal government to shroud its moves in protective secrecy, had left Kansas City at 5:30 a. m. bound for St. Paul, but that bad weather might slow the trip and even force a landing between ports.

Then some of the federal agents and some of the newspapermen went to breakfast.

Has Many "Raps."

Hoover, who commanding the 20 federal agents who captured Karpis, had a number of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition. He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner 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, public enemy No. 1 on the G-men's list for over a year, with a \$7,000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had "got" Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had him.

Traced To Apartment.

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the 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 st. in New Orleans.

Early Friday, the department of justice 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.

20 Agents Assembled.

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 depart-

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ment of justice offices in the federal building there.

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.

#### Surrounded And Pinned.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk to his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted.

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.

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.

Rumors circulated that Karpis' 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.

#### Flashes Large Roll.

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

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

Pucheu thought that strange. A few days later, his customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer and saw that Karpis had driven almost 2,000 miles.

#### "Fastest Worker" In U. S.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu thought that even more strange. He talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night, while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal st. apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living on Canal st.

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

#### Rumors Spread Through City.

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the report reached the

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house at 3343 Canal st., this city."  
"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 was subjected to close ques-  
tioning, but most of his answers  
were evasive. 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, O., 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 de-  
partment could bring to bear for  
two years.

G-men. Friday afternoon, Karpis  
was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-  
men work that many of Karpis'  
neighbors in his apartment house  
hideout knew nothing about it until  
hours later. A half hour before the  
capture, a woman living on the  
ground floor looked out her win-  
dow and saw a federal agent stand-  
ing behind a tree, a submachine gun  
in the crook of his arm.

"Who are you?" she asked, lean-  
ing out the window.

"Stick your head back in the  
house, lady," he said, "or you're like-  
ly to get hurt."

#### Neighbors Indignant.

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

An hour after Karpis was taken to  
the department of justice's New Or-  
leans headquarters, newspapers re-  
ceived a telephone call. A voice  
wanted them to send reporters over  
for "an announcement." The re-  
porters found Hoover, whom no one  
had known was in town, sitting at  
the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent  
McGee.

Smiling slightly, Hoover said:

#### Gives Out News:

"Gentlemen, I would like to an-  
nounce for the government that Al-  
vin Karpis, your so-called public  
enemy No. 1, has been arrested by  
agents of the department of justice  
in an investigation department in an  
apartment on the first floor of a

#### \$7,000 In Rewards.

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.

Two other men are wanted badly  
by the department of justice—the  
last survivors of what once was a  
sizeable list of big time criminals.  
These are Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.,  
kidnap of Alice Speed Stoll and  
William Mahan, kidnap of young  
George Weyerhaeuser. But there is  
no reward out for either.

#### Started As Petty Thief.

Karpis began his career as a petty  
thief, and was initiated into the big  
time criminal world in 1931, after his  
escape from the Kansas state pen-  
itentiary at Lansing, by the Barkers,  
Arthur and Fred. He soon became  
joint leader of the mob and with it  
is alleged to have participated in the  
kidnapings of William Hamm and  
Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul  
brewers.

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

Fred Barker was captured mean-  
while, was convicted with a number  
of associates of the Bremer kidnap-  
ing, and is now serving a life term.

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# CAPTOR

Hoover "Gets" His Man



J. Edgar Hoover, G-chief, has finally nabbed the elusive public enemy No. 1 and is bringing him to St. Paul aboard a plane. Karpis was arrested at New Orleans late Friday.

# CAPTIVE

Long Karpis Hunt Ends



Alvin Karpis is on another trip to St. Paul, but this time he has no kidnaping in mind. J. Edgar Hoover, chief G-sleuth, and a squad of agents are guarding him on a plane that is expected momentarily.

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# G-Men Fly Karpis to Cell in St. Paul



NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Captured by government men, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and killer, shields his face with his straw hat. Inset shows a closeup of Karpis.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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- Miss Gandy .....

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1, wanted for two kidnapings and other crimes, was brought to St. Paul by plane today from New Orleans, where he was captured last night without resistance.

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.

The officers were headed by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, who successfully led the pursuit that resulted in Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

#### Supervises Handling.

Hoover personally supervised handling of the notorious outlaw after the plane landed.

To provide maximum privacy, the federal men closed the hangar doors after the big air liner had been rolled inside. This barred the way to a crowd of spectators, newspaper reporters and photographers and radio men.

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, thence 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. on the final leg of the trip here.

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

#### Rush Him to Cell.

It was presumed Karpis would be placed in 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.

The big liner was landed near the 109th aero squadron headquarters and hastily backed inside, heavily armed federal agents, carrying all kinds of weapons, taking complete charge of the place.

The route from the airport to the Ramsey county jail—a mile and a half—was patrolled by police squads and deputy sheriffs. Karpis, however, was taken

to the department of justice headquarters in the federal building instead of to the jail, where he will be confined pending trial on kidnaping charges.

#### Companions Left Behind.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter, wanted in connection with the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., post office robbery with Karpis, who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night. A pretty girl companion was held with Hunter.

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

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

#### Poor Flying Weather.

The last part of the long overnight hop from New Orleans was completed in poor flying weather. While visibility was good here, there was a strong gusty north wind blowing.

The hop from New Orleans was punctuated by at least two stops at St. Louis at 11:46 p. m., with departure at 12:35 a. m., and at

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### Father of Karpis Aide Held; Farm Searched

WARREN, Ohio, May 2.—(INS) Two men, taken into custody early today in a raid by federal agents and police on a Warren beer place and held incommunicado in Warren city jail, were revealed this afternoon to be George and Al Hunter, father and brother of Fred Hunter, gangster, who was captured with Alvin Karpis. Shortly after the arrests, agents went to the elder man's farm near here and began digging operations, which they refused to discuss.

It was reported they were acting on reports that part of the Garrettsville mail train robbery loot is buried at the farm.

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# Karpis Pleads For Life

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Begging for the chance to serve a life term of imprisonment instead of being sent to the gallows for murder, Alvin Karpis, erstwhile boastful bad-man, arraigned here Monday in the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of Billy Hamm, St. Paul brewer, is ready to plead guilty, Federal officers believe.

Whining a confession at the conclusion of his 48-hour grilling, Karpis was no longer the bravo of his two-gun reputation. The swagger was all out of Karpis when he dragged his spatted patent leathers wearily as "G-men" marched him in chains to a cell in the Ramsey County jail.

"He spilled it all," one of the Federal officers grinned as the one-time marbles champion of Kansas entered a cage guaranteed to be escape proof. "Looks like a big cleanup," the government sleuth added.

While Clinton Stein, head of the St. Paul Bureau of Investigation, refused to talk of Karpis' alleged confession, it became known from other sources that the captive head of the Karpis-Barker mob, all gunmen and killers, told enough to justify official confidence in believing they will soon have under arrest everybody connected with the other big St. Paul ransom kidnaping, in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, paid \$200,000 for freedom.

Also, unofficially, it was learned how to locate the big "leak" in Federal secrets which hampered investigators during the Bremer kidnap inquiry and that sensational developments are likely to ensue.

One official said:

"Karpis wasn't brave when he looked into the muzzles of half a dozen shotguns. The battery could have blown him to shreds."

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# AL KARPIS LED NASH MASSACRE

THE most shocking episode of the life of Alvin Karpis, captured gang leader, is here related by Courtney Ryley Cooper, in his story of the Union Station Massacre in Kansas City. The man now in the hands of the G-Men was one of the leaders in the plot that revolted the country and did more than anything else to strengthen the war against crime.

By COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER  
Chapter III.

At the Union Station in Kansas City, the morning that is a red day in the city's history, the train bearing Frank Nash had come in on time.

An officer had gotten out and looked about him. The train shed had been clear, except for William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives; Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent,

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and R. E. Vetterli, special agent in charge, all to meet the prisoner.

Up the stairs they went with old Frank and along the 360-foot corridor which led to the street.

They started to load Frank Nash into the car, believing themselves in no danger. Hundreds of persons were near by. Cabs came and went. The life of the Union Station flowed on all about them. Loaded shotguns were placed in the car. Guns rested in holsters. Frank Nash started to get into the seat. They moved him to the front; he sat under the wheel, awaiting final disposition. It was at this point that machine gunners stepped forth.

### DEATH CAR NEAR

The car containing the attackers had been parked quite near the car of a special agent and the car containing the two detectives. The bandits had hidden there, awaiting the time for a get-away. Now they moved swiftly into position, surrounding the police car. "Get 'em up!" shouted Floyd.

"Up—up—up!" Of seven men threatened with death, not one obeyed the command. Every officer reached for his gun. Hermanson shot twice. It maddened Floyd.

"Give it to 'em!" he shouted and the faithful engineers of crime's underground railroad hastened to obey. Bandit machine guns went into action. Caffrey, Nash, Grooms, Hermanson and Reed were killed instantly. Vetterli and Lackey were wounded. The only man who escaped death unharmed was Special Agent Smith, who, queerly enough, had taken Nash's place in the rear seat.

### TRIO FLED

The bandits did not know that a machine gunner stuck his head through the shattered car window. Before him was a tangled mass of lifeless sprawls; Smith's huddled body was covered by the bleeding forms of fellow officers. The killer



swung his gun in excited command.  
"Frank's dead!" he shouted.  
"They're all dead! Scram!"

So, sick with blood, three men had scrambled, leaving behind them dead and wounded men, the assassination of whom was to change laws, and bring about even greater activities against lawlessness by the Bureau of Investigation.

Frances Nash, who in all her association with gangdom never could quite forget that she once had been a school teacher, rose from the breakfast table to the knowledge that the radio had suddenly ceased its usual advertising exhortations. There was an evidence of strain in the announcer's voice:

"Four officers were instantly killed and two wounded at Union Station Plaza early today, when gangdom attempted to liberate from their custody an escaped Federal prisoner named Frank

Nash. In the burst of machine-gun fire with which the attacking outlaws swept down the gallant police officials, Frank Nash himself also fell, instantly slain by the terrific fire."

Mrs. Nash looked toward those about her—the neighboring wife of an ex-convict; Herb Farmer, cupping his ear to the loud speaker; Esther, ghastly gray beside him.

"Frank Nash?" she asked.

"Who's he?"

"The man you married, dearie," said her neighbor.

Tomorrow, Courtney Ryley Cooper gives the significant reactions, by criminals and law enforcement agencies alike, to the slaughter in the Union Station at Kansas City. Read the coming fourth chapter in the career of Alvin Karpis.

# KARPIS AWAITS TRIAL IN TWO KIDNAP CASES

## Gangster Rushed by U. S. Agents to St. Paul in Airplane

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—(US)—Rushed here in a 14-passenger chartered plane after his sensational capture in New Orleans, Alvin Karpis, the nation's most desperate public enemy, was in a cell tonight to await trial in the Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm kidnapings.

J. Edgar Hoover, who set a startling precedent by flying to New Orleans to stage in person the trapping and capture of the No. 1 public enemy, took part again today in the renewed grilling of Karpis, whose gang collected \$300,000 for the ransom of Hamm, wealthy brewer, and Bremer, St. Paul banker, and profited at least another \$200,000 from their mail and bank robberies.

Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was aboard the plane when it roared out of New Orleans late last night with five of his men guarding the heavily manacled prisoner. He came on with them and two other federal agents when the plane, which had been buffeted by storms and rain, left Kansas City early this morning.

### KARPIS COATLESS

And he was first to step out when the big ship slid smoothly into the hangar of the 109th Aero Squadron, Minnesota National Guard, at the airport here at 8:45 a. m.

Karpis soon appeared, coatless, a straw hat on his head and shivering in temperature 30 degrees below that which he led in New Orleans.

On each side and back of him walked grim G-men, their pistols and sawed-off shotguns ready for instant use. Karpis' hands were still manacled, but the chains had been removed from his ankles.

For the reception of the public enemy, federal forces here had taken over the field. The mechanical end was in charge of Major Ray S. Miller, of the National Guard, but Chief Federal Agent Clinton W. Stein, of St. Paul, and 15 of his men were in absolute authority, to prevent the remotest possibility of a "slip-up" at any point.

### NEWSMEN SHOODED

Newsmen and photographers were shoodeed out of the hangar. Submachine guns nudged the reluctant ones. Stein announced:

"Sorry, boys, there'll be no pictures for several days. We want to talk to him first."

Karpis, his head down to conceal his features, was loaded into a car. G-men piled in with him, and, with federal cars ahead and behind, the cortege sped at 35 miles an hour to the Federal Courts Building.

The army of federal agents and their prisoner were greeted there by the same crowd of reporters and cameramen as before, they having made the trip at even faster speed.

All St. Paul appeared to have been aware the notorious desperado was to be brought here. Crowds thronged the airport and lined the streets for a glimpse of the killer, kidnaper and robber.

### G-Men Tight-Lipped On 'Mystery Woman'

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2.—(US)—Department of Justice agents today maintained a tight-lipped silence regarding the attractive young girl with honey-colored hair who is the "mystery woman" in the capture of Alvin Karpis here and his companion, Fred Hunter.

To inquiries as to whether the woman had "put the finger on Karpis," federal sleuths merely shrugged their shoulders.

Hunter and the woman were kept prisoners in the U. S. Bureau of Investigation offices on the third floor of the Federal Building.

It was known, however, the Department of Justice is checking her record and is in communication with Washington headquarters.

Hunter is heavily chained. Like Karpis, he is of slight build.

The "mystery woman" is about 24, attractive, and of suave manner.

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## KARPIS' FACE 'LIFTED'

### 'But Job Wasn't Worth 35 Cents,' G-Man Chief Hoover Comments

CHICAGO, May 2.—(US)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G-men," late today disclosed that Alvin Karpis paid \$350 to the late Dr. Joseph P. Moran for a face-lifting job that "wasn't worth 35 cents."

In his brief stopover here en route from St. Paul to New York, Hoover revived the unsubstantiated story that Dr. Moran, administrator of hoodlums, was drowned in Lake Erie by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., because he knew too much.

Hoover arrived on a special

plane after turning over Karpis, public enemy No. 1, to the United States Attorney in St. Paul for prosecution.

"Doc" Moran, who once served a prison term for a death from an illegal operation, was the surgeon who performed a "face-lifting" operation upon Karpis here in Chicago, Hoover revealed. He commented:

"Karpis said he paid \$350 for the job, but it wasn't worth 35 cents. 'Doc' built new lips for Karpis' ears and did some other cutting, but the finished product still was Karpis. He could be recognized anywhere."

# KARPIS LANDS IN ST. PAUL

G-Men Cover Manacled Prisoner With Rifles and Machine Guns

By STEVE RICHARDS  
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J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's bureau of investigation, who commanded the 20 federal agents who captured Karpis without firing a shot, had a number

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of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition. He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm kidnaping. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the Government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January,

## FEDERAL AGENTS GOT MAN FOR WHOM THEY

IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1218  
March 22, 1934.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

### WANTED

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND MADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DORN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.



### DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years (1906); Height, 5 feet, 9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

### RELATIVES:

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2942 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2942 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Venute, sister, 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Annie) Grooms, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1936.



Alvin Karpis

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary; sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

### CRIMINAL RECORD

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Madley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and safe blow; released to State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary; delivered Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal St. in New Orleans.

Early Friday, the Department of Justice 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.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived 20 agents, armed with sawed-off shot guns, revolvers, and sub-machine guns, were assembled in the Federal building there.



Alvin Karpis and Justice Depart.

### Surround Building

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. They all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling and crossed the sidewalk toward automobile at the curb. In a flash G-men surrounded him and had arms pinned to his side. He could have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

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# 'KARPIS QUIT LIKE YELLOW RAT' -- HOOVER

## G-Men's Chief Describes Carefully Mapped Trap Laid in New Orleans

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(US) "Stammering, stuttering, shaking as though he had palsy, the man upon whom was bestowed the title of Public Enemy No. 1 folded up like the yellow rat he is."

So today J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, described the capture of Alvin Karpis, which he engineered in New Orleans last night.

Stating that the gang chief's capture had not cost the federal government one cent of the \$5,000 reward offered, Hoover added:

"There was no betrayal of Karpis by his pals or others. The man who said he'd never be captured quit like the yellow rat he is and the rest of gangland is at heart."

Asked whom the government now regards as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

"Why, we don't rank the yellow rats. It is you fellows who do that for us, but if you want to know who I rank as Public Enemy No. 1 today, it is Old Man Politica."

## OTHERS SOUGHT

Investigation of the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnapings, Hoover said, has not ended with the capture of Karpis, "nor will it end with the eventual capture of Harry Campbell, and indications are that several more individuals will be involved in both snatchings."

Karpis may have been co-leader of the now extinct Barker-Karpis gang of desperadoes, but to the G-man chieftain, Harry Campbell, still a fugitive, is the "man with the brains."

Continuing, Hoover said:

"Karpis reminds me of Dillinger and George 'Machine-Gun' Kelley. They talked a lot but each had to follow the master mind of their respective chief aides."

"Dillinger had his John Hamilton, Kelly his Harvey Bailey and Karpis his Campbell. We're still after Campbell, and eventually we'll get him."

"We were in New Orleans for several days before the capture of Karpis. We executed the plan we had had for several days, when the capture was made."

## TRAPPED ON STREET

"We knew Karpis had been a frequent visitor at the home of Fred Hunter and the woman we now know as 'Ruth.' Our cars and men (he would not say how many of either) surrounded the place, and Karpis had no chance."

"The three had just left their apartment at 3343 Canal Street and had entered their car when our automobile stationed in front of the driveway pulled up."

"Before Karpis could reach for his gun we had him covered, and, without a murmur of protest, he, Hunter and the woman stepped from the car with their hands above their heads."

"Karpis could not talk. He stuttered and stammered. Finally he managed to blurt out:

"You are Mr. Hoover. I recognize you from a sail fish picture I saw of you in a Florida paper."

## HOLDUP ALIBI

Hoover said that on the plane ride to St. Paul, Karpis congratulated him on the catch of that sail fish. Then the gangster took up a newspaper and read of his own capture and bank robbery in Detroit. He laughed:

"I know you fellows will be my alibi witnesses on that job."

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## LONE KARPIS' GANGSTER FREE

Limping Fugitive, Harry Campbell Escaped Trap at  
New Orleans

*By Associated Press*

NEW YORK, May 2. — A lone, limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old Southwest.

### Karpis Held Out

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal agents at New Orleans last night.

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

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

### Pretty Boy Slain

Karpis was the latest to be taken. Harvey Bailey, bank robber, was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

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It was expected that Karpis, sought by the government for nearly three years, would be arraigned in connection with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul, one of the two kidnapings and five murders for which he was wanted.

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.

Local department operatives, carrying sub-machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, formed a cordon around the plane door as Karpis was led out. Both Karpis' hands were tightly manacled. He looked out for a minute at the spacious hangar, then stepped down the ladder. He was handcuffed to an agent. He appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

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.

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**G-Men Capture Pal  
Of Alvin Karpis**

**J. Edgar Hoover Personally  
Arrests Harry Campbell  
And Wife**

Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang, and a woman said to be his wife, were captured at Toledo, Ohio, by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he revealed today.

Sam Coker, a small-time gangster, was arrested with Campbell. Not a shot was fired in the capture.

Campbell was taken by plane to St. Paul where he is being held with Karpis for connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, of St. Paul, and a \$46,000 machine gun mail train holdup at Carrettsville, Ohio.

Campbell was a companion of Karpis when they shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City on January 20, 1935. The pair kidnaped Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker of Philadelphia while they were fleeing westward, and forced him to accompany them. He was released a day later at Me-Ohio.

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## COMPANION OF KARPIS ARRAIGNED

NEW ORLEANS, May 6. (AP)—Fred Hunter, associate of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, who was captured in a raid on his New Orleans apartment last Friday by Federal agents, was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Carter on a charge of harboring Karpis and was held under bond of \$200,000.

Hunter was placed in custody of Philip Alvarez, United States Marshal. He waived extradition and it is understood he is to be taken to Ohio in charge of a postal inspector from Cincinnati to answer to a charge of mail robbery at Garrettsville.

Hunter was arrested with a young woman, Ruth Robinson, at the Karpis apartment by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau, and a score of agents.

Ruth, a mysterious character in the case, was spirited away from the Federal officers here yesterday and released without charge.

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# G-Men Nab Campbell, Last of Karpis Gang

## Wife, 19, and Hench- man Also Seized— Hoover Leads Raid

CLEVELAND, May 7 (AP).—Harry Campbell, thirty-six, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "public enemy No. 1," and two others fell into a G-men's trap at Toledo, Ohio, 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 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 nineteen-year-old girl, who claimed to be Campbell's wife.

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

Hoover disclosed that he flew to



Associated Press Photo  
**HARRY CAMPBELL**

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

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### KARPIS' GAL HERS MOTHER DECLARES

DAVIDSON, Okla., May 7.—(AP)—Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine, said today the girl taken into custody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis roundup at New Orleans is her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robinson, 19.

Mrs. Hamm, wife of a plumber in this Tillman county village near the Red river, said the picture of the pretty, blond "woman in white" who was present at the apartment where Karpis and Fred Hunter were arrested, is her next to youngest child.

"I only hope that she will come back home," the mother appealed. "I am her mother and I want to help her start over again. She hasn't committed any crime. She has only fallen into the wrong company."  
Federal agents have released the girl.

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**CAMPBELL REFUSES TO TALK.**

**Federal Agents Pass 85-Hour Mark  
in Questioning Gangster.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*

ST. PAUL, May 10.—True to the underworld code, Harry Campbell, limping Barker-Karpis gangster, still refused to "talk" as he passed his eighty-fifth hour tonight in leg irons and manacles in the federal bureau of investigation office.

Federal agents, working in relays under supervision of Clinton W. Stein, continued to question him concerning persons who aided him and his chieftain, Alvin Karpis, while they were sought for nearly three years for two major kidnapings.

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# Campbell, last of Karpis gang, captured!

## G-men capture Karpis aide

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**ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.**  
 (UP)—Harry Campbell, last principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, was hustled out of a chartered airliner today after a swift flight from Cleveland, Ohio.

The big ship landed at 11:55 a. m., CST. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, who personally made the arrest at Toledo early this morning, was not aboard. He returned to Washington from Cleveland.

Shortly before the arrival one of the G-men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, trembling leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "he's entitled to it."

Karpis has been subjected to intensive questioning ever since he was brought—cringing and whimpering—in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and Campbell is under indictment for participation in the snatching of Edward G. Bremer.

In the department of justice office Campbell faced the prospect of long hours—perhaps days—of questioning in the Bremer kidnaping for which he has been indicted and in the Hamm kidnaping, with which he has not been linked definitely.

There was no danger the near-old sub-lieutenant would make a gang leader, Karpis.

Karpis, failing to provide \$50,000 bond asked on kidnaping

## G-men take desperado easily

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counts, was lodged in the Ramsey county jail.

It was during that time Karpis is believed to have broken down and given federal agents a list of possible hideouts where Campbell might be located.

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 \$2900 in cash, a revolver, and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

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 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held here 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 kidnaping or Garrettsville mail robbery.

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### Gangster Before Court

# KARPIS BAIL FIXED AT \$500,000

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6.—two conspiracy charges in the (Universal Service.) — Brought before the clerk of the United States District Court today prior to removal to the Ramsey County jail, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, was told bail would be \$100,000 each on the five charges against him.

The gangster was startled for an instant, inquiring:

"What was that?"

The clerk replied:

"I said bail would be \$500,000—can you furnish it?"

Karpis sneered and said with a half-smile:

"Not today."

Karpis was taken to jail after 103 hours of almost continuous grilling by G-Men. The bail is a record for St. Paul. There were one actual kidnaping and

Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping and a kidnaping and a conspiracy charge in the William Hamm Jr. \$100,000 kidnaping.

While Karpis was being questioned today not only on the kidnapings, but about a \$30,000 St. Paul holdup in which a policeman was killed, the slaying of a Missouri Sheriff and various other crimes, the alleged accomplice with whom he was arrested in New Orleans, Fred Hunter, was being arraigned before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter Jr. in the Southern city.

Hunter, cringing and beaten, was hardly able to speak audibly as he waived hearing on a charge of harboring Karpis. His bond was set at \$200,000. He also wanted for a \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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# 1500 Police Didn't See 'Old Creepy'

Fifteen hundred abashed New York police learned Sunday that Alvin Karpis, killer, kidnap, and Public Enemy No. 1, had walked right through them his bride on his arm, with never a blink of recognition from a single officer.

Four hundred of the police were inside the Yankee Stadium that night, the wild, bright-lighted night of the Joe Louis-Maxie Baer fight. The others were in the streets and sidewalks around the stadium.

Despite the fact that at that very moment, Karpis was being hunted through 48 States, the little killer known as "Old Creepy" was able to fly to New York, serenely marry Gracie Goldstein at a New York hotel, then take her to his ringside seats at the fistic battle.

#### POLICE MUTE.

Officials of the department would not comment Sunday as these amazing sidelights on the life of "Old Creepy" were given out by his wife, the former Mrs. Gracie Goldstein, now back at her hotel in Hot Springs, after disappearing four days before Karpis was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men in New Orleans.

Notwithstanding the reluctance to comment, New York detectives were known to be investigating Mrs. Goldstein's story that she had been married in a New York hotel on the trip she and Karpis made from New Orleans to see the fight.

"We didn't have any trouble chartering a plane and flying to New York," Mrs. Karpis said.

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## Knew Karpis' Wife



RUTH HAMM.  
She was arrested with Karpis and she knew his wife.

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"And when we got to New York we were married. It was at a hotel there, but I forget the name of it."

Detectives sought to find out if there had been a license issued to "Edward Woods" and Mrs. Goldstein on the day of the fight. It was under that name, Mrs. Goldstein said, that she had known Karpis for months, preceding the New York trip.

The investigators also sought to discover if prominent Broadway characters and members of the New York sporting world had attended the defiant ceremony, as has been reported from Hot Springs.

"We went almost everywhere that he wanted to go," Mrs. Karpis said. "He was good to me. He must have given me more than \$9,000, but most of it was spent for automobiles."

Mrs. Karpis' return to her Hot Springs establishment, where she met Karpis, followed a period of absence when she was being secretly flown about the country, in charge of G-men pursuing the Karpis and Harry Campbell man-hunt.

"I never told them where he was," Mrs. Karpis hastened to add in interviews yesterday.

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**THEIR CRIME CAREER ENDED IN DEATH—**  
Clyde Barrow, southwest gang chief, and his girl-lieutenant,  
Bonnie Parker, the cigar smoker, both of whom were shot to  
pieces by officers of the law to thin ranks of notorious criminal.  
(Story on page 1.)

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## Mid-West Police Hit by Hoover

NEW YORK, May 4.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said today that co-operation with his men in some Middle West communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the director of the justice department's bureau of investigation.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Middle West. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are not publicity crazy."

Hoover was asked: "Is the government satisfied that Bruno Hauptmann alone was responsible for the Lindbergh kidnaping?"

"Although there might be a possibility that Hauptmann had accomplices, the government is convinced that he was a prime factor in the Lindbergh case," he said.

## Threat Led Hoover to Arrest Karpis

By WALTER WINCHELL  
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NEW YORK, May 4.—The "side" on why J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G-men", personally supervised the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans was because "Put Rat No. 1" (as Hoover calls him) had threatened to shoot and kill Hoover on sight.

Then, too, Senator McKellar Tennessee, 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?"

From reliable information a reporter learned that when Karpis was cornered exiting from an apartment in New Orleans, bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've finally met."  
"Yes," said Hoover, "and memory serves, you were going to kill me."

"I would have," replied Karpis, "if I had the chance."

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## RIGHT INTO JAIL



ST. PAUL GREET'S ALVIN KARPIS.  
Noted gangster taken into federal building by G-men.

## J. Edgar Hoover Pans Co-operation of Midwest Cops

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP).—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said today that co-operation of state officers with his men in some Middle West communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the director of the justice department's bureau of investigation.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Middle West. Nationally—general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics, crookedness, or the office and publicity crazy."

# KARPIS IN MANACLES GOES NORTH IN PLANE

Federal Agents Led by Hoover Seize Outlaw in New Orleans With Two Companions Without Firing a Shot.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane today, to answer for kidnapings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

The prisoner, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans last night to Federal agents in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

Karpis raised his hands and a pistol was taken from his pocket.

Arrested with him as they were about to enter his motor car near a pretentious Canal street apartment were a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth," who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 37 years old, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

#### Captives Are Shackled.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men and took them and the woman to the Post Office Building for questioning.

Other agents 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 covering ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 P. M. (Central standard time) and put aboard a chartered plane by six guards.

Hoover followed him and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the destination. A midnight stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

CAPTURED



Alvin Karpis.

Source of Tip a Secret.

Typical Department of Justice secrecy withheld the source of tip that resulted in the arrest of brother-in-law of Karpis, Alvin J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., pressed the opinion he was "told in by a friend."

At Cleveland, Ohio, Sylvester Hettrick, post office inspector, "I'm not supposed to talk," asked if John Brock, 24, of Tulsa, Okla., under arrest for the Garrettsville mail robbery, had given the information.

Hoover and other Federal declined to discuss this phase of the case or comment on rumors in New Orleans, that persons who seen or been with Karpis, responsible for the important

Victims of the St. Paul kidnapings were cheered by news of arrest. Seven of Karpis's 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." Brewer termed it "A further tribute" to the department.

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges

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immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville Post Office robbery.

#### Hoover Describes Arrest.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to reporters 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."

"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 night flight.

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, 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 last two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

#### Started From Fingerprints.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can, and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap gang. Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction. The robberies and kidnappings of this group in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four them policemen, and \$500,000 cash loss. Bigger ventures included:

The robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, in which three were slain and \$20,000 taken.

A \$30,000 pay roll robbery at South St. Paul August 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

The September 22, 1933, Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National Bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust Company of

Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Bremer kidnaping, in which \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis's crime career began when he was only sixteen years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

#### Escaped From Reformatory.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., State prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and re-joined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they cut a wide swath through the wealthy oil State, broadening their crime activities and adding to their gang.

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected Ma Barker's second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

#### Escape in Florida.

The association of the outlaws continued until it was interrupted by Federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, Fla., which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair sentence for murder in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida raid, Karpis and Campbell fled North, escaped in a running battle at Atlantic City and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were minor members of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, agents agreed.

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# Karpis's Pal Is Still at Large

## Harry Campbell, Last of Criminals of the Depression Years, Eludes Capture.

By Associated Press.

A lone, limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old Southwest. He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal agents at New Orleans last night.

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

But he was 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.

### Not Like Old Outlaws.

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.

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

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, Ma, were killed by Federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

His brother, Arthur (Doc), is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kan., either by his own hand or under the guns of peace officers.

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

### Other Notorious Outlaws.

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

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester Prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, Federal agent slain by the late Baby Face Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where

Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

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

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under peace officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen.

### Tri-State Terror Slain.

Wilbur Underhill (the Tri-State terror) was slain by Federal and Oklahoma peace officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the spectacular Lansing, Kan., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas State police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber, who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kan., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

### Pretty Boy Shot Dead.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by Federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City Union Station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas-Ranger-led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort

## Karpis Had Two Names And Three Nicknames

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2 (A. P.).—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames and why:

"Slim"—Because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—Because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—Because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

partment, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the clean-up complete.

### Boast Not Carried Out.

Successor of such criminals as John Hamilton, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Baby Face Nelson in Department of Justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made: "I'll never be taken alive."

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce November 22, last year, on charges of neglect and cruelty.

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, of Chicago, the arrest was merely the climax of a criminal career.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

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# NO. 1 ENEMY IS TAKEN WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

## Long Search Ends in New Orleans.

### BULLETIN.

New Orleans, La., May 1.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was placed aboard an airplane under heavy guard about 9:30 p. m. (Chicago time). The plane left for an unannounced destination. Karpis was heavily manacled. He was accompanied by six agents.

New Orleans, La., May 1.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, killer, and robber who generally has been regarded as America's public enemy No. 1 since John Dillinger and George [Baby Face] Nelson were slain in Illinois, was captured here late this afternoon by federal agents.

Leading the detachment of twenty men who surrounded Karpis was J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice. It was Hoover's second arrest in his long career as an executive over detectives; he recently told a senate committee he had participated in only one at that time.

According to Hoover, who has been in New Orleans for the last three days laying plans to seize the notorious criminal, Karpis made no resistance.

### Mall Robber Caught, Too.

"Karpis, with Fred Hunter, whom we have been seeking for a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O., left an apartment at 3343 Canal street in company with a woman at about 5:30 p. m.," said Hoover. "As they were getting into an automobile our men, who had been concealed nearby, broke from cover and surrounded them. Six of the agents had sawed-off shotguns and resistance would have been useless."

Hoover said that Karpis had a pistol in one of his pockets, but raised his hands at command. Hunter was cowed equally. Both men and the woman, whose identity was not disclosed, were brought to the federal building—the scene of the capture is half a mile from the city's business district—for questioning.

A short time later Karpis, a blue-eyed blonde of medium height and slim build, was led out of the bureau offices with an agent on either side. Where he was taken was kept secret. One rumor was that he was to be shipped away in an airplane, possibly to St. Paul, Minn., where is under federal indictments charging the kidnappings of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

### Two Year Hunt Ends.

"We have been on the trail of Karpis for two years," said Hoover. "For the past two months he has been dodging in and out of New Orleans and we have been awaiting an opportunity to catch him here. Another thing, Karpis is ~~not~~ public enemy No. 1 to us."

He declined to tell who has that

ranking with the department of justice.

The janitor of the apartment building in which Karpis was residing said he had used the name O'Hara there. He described the noted criminal as a man of pleasant manners with a slight impediment in his speech.

Only eight days ago the attorney general of the United States issued circulars offering a reward of \$5,000 for information that would result in the capture of Karpis. The postoffice department had offered an additional \$2,000, supposedly because he was implicated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery. Five bandits were involved in that crime and they obtained \$46,000 in cash and securities.

### Hunter's Career Short.

Hunter, who is 37 years old, has only a short criminal record. Just how he and Karpis became companions was not made known. Hunter, however, almost certainly was one of the five machine gunners involved in the Garrettsville job, the federal agents said.

The real name of Karpis, who is 26 years old, is Karpavicz. His father John, and his mother Anna, who are law abiding and much distressed at the career taken up by their son, reside at 2842 North Francisco avenue, Chicago, where John is the janitor of an apartment building.

Karpis was born at Topeka, Kas., where as a schoolboy he became noted as the best marble player in his school. Before he was 17 he had been arrested as an automobile tire thief. He was sentenced to a reformatory in Kansas, but escaped.

### Paroled Within Year.

Re-arrested on a similar charge four years later, in 1930, he was sent to the state prison. He was paroled within a year. Shortly afterward he was arrested in Oklahoma as a burglar and sentenced to the prison at McAlester. Oklahoma also was kind to him and he was paroled again.

In December, 1931, he had a brush with authorities at West Plains, Mo., during which Sheriff C. R. Kelly was killed. Fred Barker, who was his co-leader of a desperate gang, was implicated in this crime. Thereafter the Karpis-Barker gang was regarded as one of the most lawless and bold in the country.

Early in 1932 the gang was alleged to have killed Barker's father-in-law, A. W. Dunlap, at Webster, Wis. The following years it has been charged, the same outfit kidnaped Hamm and Bremer, obtaining huge ransoms from each.

### Mother and Son Slain.

On Jan. 17, 1935, Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, an Amazon as remarkable in criminality as the son, were slain in a battle with federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

On Jan. 20, 1935, Karpis and a companion, Harry Campbell, were surrounded by a large number of policemen in a hotel at Atlantic City, N. J. They battled their way out of the trap, stole an automobile, and with twenty men in pursuit fled from Atlantic City. In a Pennsylvania town they kidnaped a physician, tossed him from his car, and drove to Monroe, Mich. There the car was abandoned.

Since that time the search for the desperado has been nation-wide.

Only last summer the department of justice announced that a letter, identified as from Karpis, had been received. In this note Karpis declared his intention of killing J. Edgar Hoover.

# KARPIS' PARENTS PLAN TO TAKE HIS BABY TO SEE HIM

## Bandit's Son, Born in Jail, to Visit St. Paul.

John Karpavicz and his wife, Anna, parents of Alvin Karpis, remained secluded yesterday in their basement apartment at 2842 North Francisco avenue. The white haired mother of the nation's public enemy No. 1 refused to leave the apartment, while her husband, who is janitor for the apartment building, asserted that he "had nothing to say."

Members of the family gathered around to comfort the mother and protect her from interviewers. "I am happy that my son was captured without being wounded or killed," she told friends. "It is also a relief to know that no one else was injured in the arrest."

### Plan to Visit Prisoner.

Mrs. Karpis expressed a desire to see her son, and, when notified that he was in custody in St. Paul, said she and her husband would visit the prisoner within a few days. When asked whether she had any message to send her son she said: "Tell him we will bring his son Raymond along for him to see. He is getting to be a big boy and one to be proud of."

Karpis' son, Raymond, was born to Miss Dolores Delaney, his sweetheart, Feb. 5, 1935, while she was a prisoner in Miami. Miss Delaney was abandoned in an Atlantic City hotel several weeks previous when the desperado escaped in a revolver battle after federal agents had set a trap for him. Miss Delaney is now serving a sentence of five years imprisonment at the Milan, Mich., prison for harboring the bandit.

### Never Has Seen Baby.

Following her sentence of imprisonment at Miami, a year ago, the baby was turned over to Karpis' parents. He has never seen the child. "Tell my son that Dolores was here to visit the boy on his first birthday — she thinks that he is quite a bouncer," Mrs. Karpavicz added. This visit, it was learned, came when Miss Delaney was being transferred to the Milan penitentiary.

Walter Johnson, chief postoffice inspector here, said yesterday that the federal authorities had no definite information of any crime that the notorious bandit had committed here. Johnson said, however, that Karpis had been suspected of participating in the robbery of a federal reserve messenger Sept. 22, 1933, at Jackson boulevard and Clark street. Two policemen were wounded, one fatally, by the bandits while they were making their escape.

### Sought for Postoffice Robbery.

The postoffice inspector said Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell had been sought for the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935. It was the belief of local agents that Karpis' hideout had been located during the search for Hunter and others who participated in the Ohio robbery.

Significance was attached to the announcement by Attorney General Cummings in Washington a week ago that \$5,000 would be paid for "information leading to the arrest of Karpis." It is believed that the bandit's associates may have been dickering with the federal officials and refused to turn over Karpis until a promise of reward was made definite.

**THREE PUBLIC ENEMIES AT LARGE**



With Alvin Karpis in custody, these three men are in line for title of "public enemy No. 1." (Left to right: William Mahan, wanted for kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash.; Harry Campbell, sought for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and other crimes, and Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville, Ky. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]



Fred Hunter, wanted for ~~holding~~ of mail train at Garrettsville, O., who was captured with Alvin Karpis in raid on New Orleans apartment Friday. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, in automobile at New Orleans Friday after he had led his agents in a raid on pretentious apartment where Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was captured with two companions. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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**KARPIS' "WIFE" IS RELEASED.**

**Fred Hunter Will Face Robbery and Harboring Charges.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*

WASHINGTON, May 5.—J. Edgar Hoover said today that Ruth Robinson, the woman seized by federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, has been released.

He said no charges will be placed against her.

Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also to face charges in connection with a mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., in which Karpis is also charged with participating.

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# G-Men Grill Karpis Crime Reign As 'Army' Guards Him

By International News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—A regiment of peace officers, bristling with machine guns and rifles, greeted Alvin "Old Creepy" Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, at the municipal airport today and rushed him to the federal courthouse.

Included in the heavily-armed escort was a detachment of armed men from the Minnesota national guard.

The stammering gunman, who was seized in New Orleans last night, and flown here in a 14-passenger specially-chartered plane, was heavily shackled hand and

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, and a half dozen of his agents.

When the big airliner came to the ground at 8:45 a. m., after a stop-over in Kansas City earlier in the morning due to bad weather, the army of agents and troops converged upon it.

Then the doors of the 109th national guard hangar were flung open, the hangar and its entrance cleared of a big throng of onlookers, and the ship slowly proceeded under its own power into the hangar and the doors were closed and locked.

Inside were six automobiles be-

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Alvin Karpis' reign as America's Public Enemy No. 1 was ended today as he languished in custody of G-men in St. Paul. Hunted all over the nation, he was captured in New Orleans without a fight and flown, heavily shackled, to a secret prison in St. Paul. Photo shows Karpis, known to his gang aides as "Old Creepy."



Karpis is shown here as a young boy before he started the robberies and kidnapings that made him the most hunted man in the nation

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## G-Men Hide Outlaw Karpis in St. Paul

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longing to the federal men. Karpis, manacled and surrounded by agents, was hustled into one of them.

### CAVALCADE STARTS

The others were quickly crowded with G-men and the cavalcade left the airport and drove through the downtown streets to the federal courthouse where, through a milling crowd, the gang chief was taken inside.

Karpis, clad in a white shirt and wearing no coat, was tanned and healthy looking. He seemed careless and indifferent when entering the courthouse.

The gang chief's debonair mien belied the nickname of "Old Creepy" given him by his pals, because he even got on their hardened nerves.

### FAST WORK

Barely 16 hours elapsed after his capture in New Orleans when Karpis was returned to the city where, allegedly, he engineered two of the nation's most sensational kidnappings, those of William J. Hamm and Edward G. Bremer. A woman and man arrested with Karpis in New Orleans, were left in that city by the G-Men.

He will be locked in the "escape-proof" cell at county jail once occupied by Doc Barker, Tommy Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Davis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Karpis is the last of the Barker-Karpis mob, although his recent associate, Harry Campbell, still is at large.

His return to St. Paul was in contrast to the last time he was here—two years ago. Then the Barker-Karpis gang was in its hey-day.

### 'LAST CHAPTER'

Today Karpis, the most hunted fugitive since the days of John Dillinger, was the central figure in the last chapter of the melodramatic saga of the mad band of machine-gun killers.

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



## G-MEN SAY LOTS OF EVIDENCE FOUND IN KARPIS' APARTMENT

By Associated Press  
NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal bureau of investigation agents who captured Alvin Karpis and two companions here last night said today that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for about a month with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found in the apartment. He likewise refused details of the surprise springing of the trap in which nearly a score of agents, led by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau in Washington, pounced upon Karpis, disarmed and captured him without a fight and then seized Hunter and the girl.

### IDENTITY IN DOUBT

Magee said he did not know the identity of Ruth but that her fingerprints were being checked in Washington in an effort to learn whether she was wanted by the government.

Throughout the night the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the Federal building while Karpis was taken by plane to St. Paul in charge of a group of federal agents.

Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in early last night after the raid on the Canal street apartment house.

### REFUSE TO TALK

All night the lights burped and officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

Now and then one of the prisoners would be escorted to an ante-room and the corridor would be cleared temporarily.

Federal agents surrounded Hunter when he was brought out and "Ruth" appeared in the corridor once with a white sack over her head to shield her face. The corridors swarmed with armed government men.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of the room as if he was moving about or under a nervous strain. He was shackled and chained, hands and feet.

### SILENT ON TIP

In the meantime the federal investigators refused to answer any questions about how they were tipped off that Karpis was in New Orleans, or how they managed to locate him and his apartment.

Hoover, before leaving on the Karpis plane, said briefly that he had been working on the Karpis case for two years.

Asked how long he had been working on the New Orleans end of it, he replied: "We knew he has

Hoover was the object of a death threat note supposed to have come from Karpis last summer. Hoover said when he had assured himself that the "public enemy No. 1" was the author of the threat.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were levelled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the 26-year-old Karpis, most wanted for the \$200,000 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 and yielded a pistol.

### RUSHED TO AIRPORT

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 10 of his 26 years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. (central standard time) and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

### TELLS CAPTURE

The simple statement, "I've got 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."

"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."

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.

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunter visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

### HAD HIM LOCATED

"We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nation-wide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap rick.

The robberies and kidnaping of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

The crime career of Karpis, sometimes dubbed "Old Creepy" because he got on his pals' nerves, began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Tokepa, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

#### FLEES REFORMATORY

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year, and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate Ma Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they operated through the oil-wealthy state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

#### SHERIFF SLAIN

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the final interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Oklahoma, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes.

#### ESCAPES TO NORTH

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

#### CLIMAX OF CRIME CAREER

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was the climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence

## Karpis Known To Pals As 'Old Creepy'

By Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2.—Alvin Karpis is known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"Slim"—because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

for petty thievery at the age of 18.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

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. E. 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.

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# KARPIS HELD UNDER

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# NO. 1 CRIMINAL IS RETURNED TO KIDNAP SCENE

## Hoover Says Gangster Was 'Too Scared to Talk' After Arrest.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings, was returned Saturday to the scene of those crimes after being seized Friday night in a bloodless department of justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely-sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who led the capture and escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

**NO SHOTS FIRED  
DURING CAPTURE.**

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three-year search.

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a twelve-hour airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner dubbed Public Enemy No. 1 was rushed under heavy guard to the federal building upon arrival. He was held there for questioning.

Hoover left Saturday afternoon for Washington.

When Karpis would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm Jr., brewing company head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, Sullivan was unable to say as yet. Sullivan, District Attorney George F. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer Jan. 17, 1934.

**FACES LIFE TERM  
AT ALCATRAZ PRISON.**

At any rate, authorities in Washington said the 26-year-old ex-convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either kidnaping.

A death penalty might be asked under the Lindbergh law if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held, legal authorities in the capital added.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told reporters that Karpis was wanted for three kidnapings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four small holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities said they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last Nov. 7, if he did not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville holdup, and a woman also were captured with Karpis.

**MISSOURI WANTS  
KARPIS FOR MURDER.**

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in December, 1931, but did not expect his request would be granted.

Hoover related that agents had been trailing Karpis for two or three days before his capture Friday night. When definite information was obtained they surrounded the apartment in which he lived with Hunter and the woman, planning to raid it. But before they could enter, the three emerged.

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

The capture, he continued, "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," charged by the government with perpetrating both the Hamm and Bremer abductions.

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said. He also had had his finger tips treated.

**ALL YELLOW RATS,  
SAYS HOOVER.**

A sidelight on the capture was the statement in Port Clinton, O., of John Zetser, 35, who said he believed he had unwittingly aided Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after the Garrettsville holdup.

Karpis' seizure followed by only a few days his indictment for the Hamm kidnaping, and capture of three others as plotters in the crime.

The only member of the gang still at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis. Asked if Campbell now would succeed to designation as public enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

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

## DESPERADO FACES LIFE PRISON TERM

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty that can be imposed on Alvin Karpis, notorious outlaw, District Attorney Sullivan said Saturday, if he is convicted on charges of participating in either the William Hamm or Edward G. Bremer kidnapings.

An amendment to the Lindbergh kidnap act passed by congress making imposition of the death penalty possible if the victim is harmed would not apply to Karpis, since both abductions were executed prior to that time.

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# TODAY

(Registered U. S. Pat. Off.)

(By Arthur Brisbane)

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**L**OS ANGELES, Calif., May 2.— It makes a difference, even to the No. 1 public enemy, "I'll-never-be-taken-alive" bandit, which way the gun is pointed. Mr. Karpis is taken, much alive, with no struggle, beyond holding a straw hat over his face to baffle photographers.

Much efficacy in cash rewards: Dillinger defied all the "G-men"; a reward was offered, and a red-haired lady delivered him to the "G-men" bullets, and got \$5,000.

Whether the \$7,500 reward offered for Karpis tempted some friend of that courageous one, remains to be seen.

The criminal is in business for money, and when he can sell a friend for \$5,000, that seems preferable to risking his own life. The reward system should be extended; \$5,000 reward for evidence resulting in arrest and conviction of any murderer.

Certainly \$100,000 of public money had been spent in a futile search for Dillinger before the \$5,000 reward made the lady with the red hair realize her duty.

Karpis, flying with "G-men" from New Orleans to St. Paul, was chained to the seat of his airplane, a nervous way of flying. It might frighten, usefully, some "never-be-taken-alive" men.

Is it necessary for the attorney general's "G-man" department to announce officially by name each succeeding "public enemy No. 1"?

This gratifies the criminal's vanity, magnifying the importance of one more "yellow dog," and frightens needlessly those who come in contact with him.

The dime-novel value of the title cannot be important to the "G-men."

# THAT'S THAT

**A**LVIN KARPIS, commonly known as Public Enemy No. 1, is characterized by Director Hoover of the G-men as "a dirty, yellow rat." Hoover says: "Karpis boasted he'd never be taken alive, but we took him without firing a shot. He was scared to death when we closed in on him." The sight of twenty men, armed with shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols, and the knowledge that each of them is itching for an excuse to shoot is enough to make even a public enemy quake with fear. Gangsters may appear brave when they have their victims at a disadvantage, but their courage vanishes when the law gets the drop on them.

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Today's Pictures Today

**Ringed in by Guns,** Alvin Karpis (indicated by arrow) arrives in St. Paul to face trial for the Bremer kidnaping. The robber-murderer-kidnaper who was caught in New Orleans was still wearing his jaunty straw hat and no coat (in contrast to the overcoats of the G-men) when he was taken to department of justice headquarters for more questioning. Note the weapons of the federal agents. A veritable army of them surrounded the manacled Karpis.

Associated Press Wirephoto



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## Flyer Reveals Arrest For Aiding Karpis' Escape

Toledo, Ohio, May 2. — (Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)—The mystery of the disappearance last March of John Zetzer, 31, an airplane pilot, of Port Clinton, ended Saturday 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 two members of his gang to Arkansas after the \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

Zetzer said that a man, later identified as Karpis, chartered the plane two weeks before the holdup. He said that he was to have met Karpis on Nov. 6, 1935, the day before the robbery, but Karpis did not show up. On Nov. 8 Karpis appeared with two men, Zetzer said, and had him fly them to Tulsa, Okla., and Hot Springs, Ark., one of the men leav-

ing the plane at Tulsa. Zetzer said he had been paid \$500 for the trip. Zetzer said he did not know his passengers were Karpis and the gang until he identified their pictures when shown them by G-men.

Zetzer served time for liquor law violations several years ago. He also is wanted by Timmins, Ontario, authorities for not appearing for trial on the charge of high-grading gold ore two years ago.

Karpis made Toledo his hideout on two occasions, the first time immediately after the Bremer kidnaping and the second time after he and Harry Campbell shot their way to freedom Jan. 1, 1935, from an Atlantic City hotel.

## Sister Is Relieved Over Capture of Desperado

Topeka, May 2. — Mrs. Albert Grooms, sister of Alvin Karpis, Saturday was quoted by her husband as being relieved that the long hunt was over and that her notorious brother had been captured without bloodshed.

Mrs. Grooms declined to make direct comment.

Since February, 1934, when Don Hessebrook of the National Bank of Topeka and his family were terrorized in their home by kidnapers allegedly headed by Karpis, Topekans have been afraid Karpis would return for a major crime. He was reported to have made frequent visits

to this city during the last two years.

The home of Mrs. Grooms has been under constant watch by officers, as has the home of a woman who formerly was a friend of his. Grooms Saturday declared members of the family have not seen Karpis in several years.

Teachers at a Topeka school from which Karpis was graduated in 1923 remember him as just an "ordinary boy." He excelled in only one activity—marbles. He was the marble champion of Topeka and oldtimers insist that it was aiming "knucks-down" that gave him his later proficiency as a marksman.

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## G-MEN STILL GRILL KARPIS

ST. PAUL, May 5—(AP)—Relays of federal agents, weary after nearly four days of persistent effort, pressed Alvin Karpis today for details of a crime career their chief said included three kidnappings, the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in other slayings.

In New Orleans other federal agents completed questioning a man and a woman captured with Karpis last Friday. In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice bureau investigation, who led the one of them, Fred Hunter, be held to face charges in Marietta, O., mail robbery involving Karpis, Ruth Robinson, and Theodore A. Smith.

Whatever from Karpis themselves. Nor they expected from the federal county jail to await charges. Karpis is under indictment for the abduction of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer. Ransom in the cases totaled \$300,000.

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**MOTHER PLEADS  
FOR KARPIS' GIRL**

**Oklahoma Woman Wants Her  
Daughter Ruth to Begin  
Life Anew**

DAVIDSON, Okla., May 7 (AP)—  
Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine,  
said today the girl taken into cus-  
tody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis  
round-up at New Orleans is her  
daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robison,  
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Mrs. Hamm, wife of a plumber in  
this Tillman county village near the  
Red river, said the picture of the  
pretty blond "woman in white" who  
was present at the apartment where  
Karpis and Fred Hunter were ar-  
rested, is her next to youngest child.

"I only hope that she will come  
back home," the mother appealed.  
"I am her mother and I want to  
help her start over again. She hasn't  
committed any crime. She has only  
fallen into the wrong company."

Federal agents have released the  
girl.

Ruth Hamm left her parents' home  
after a high school marriage failed.

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## KARPIS BEGS TO BE KILLED

### Hoover Tells of Bandit's Scare

*Teeth Chattered and Knees  
Knocked When Captured,  
Says Federal Chief.*

NEW YORK, May 3. (Exclusive) With teeth chattering and trembling from head to foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, begged J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to kill him after his capture in New Orleans last week.

"He was sure he would never be taken alive," Hoover said today at his hotel. "Immediately 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."

Hoover admitted that Karpis's capture without bloodshed was a miracle.

"If shooting had begun, there would have been innocent people killed," he said. "There must have been 2000 people and 200 automobiles jammed in around the scene."

"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."

## MURDER INDICTMENT OF KARPIS TO BE ASKED

ST. PAUL, May 3. (AP)—Hennepin county authorities said tonight they will seek the indictment of Alvin Karpis on charges of murder and bank robbery in Minneapolis.

The gangster, questioned by United States agents concerning two kidnapings and other crimes, still was held in the Federal Building where he was confined after being flown here from New Orleans.

Ed J. Goff, County Attorney, said he will ask the indictment of Karpis in connection with the slaying of two policemen and a motorist in the hold-up of Minneapolis' Third Northwestern National Bank in 1932.

A secret questioning of Karpis was continued by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law.

## EX-WIFE BITTER TOWARD OUTLAW

TULSA (Okla.) May 3. (AP)—The woman who fell in love with Alvin Karpis when she was 17 years of age, married him in 1931 and then divorced him, observed bitterly today that the latest Public Enemy No. 1 "made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it."

Found working in a Tulsa restaurant, Dorothy Slayman said that when she met the recently captured outlaw in Tulsa "I either became infatuated or felt that he needed some one to take care of him. Later I found his way was not my way and so we quit."

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## KARPIS IS ANXIOUS TO ADMIT KIDNAPING

### Wants to Plead Guilty in Hamm Case to Escape Murder Trial

St. Paul, May 4 (INS)—A cowed and cringing Alvin Karpis is expected to plead guilty tomorrow, it was learned from 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 Ramsey county jail today after a severe 48-hour grilling by federal agents.

The thoroughly tamed badman 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, Kans., 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, it was learned, 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 said, because of information as to their every movement relayed to the kidnapers.

Concerning these reports Agent Stein would only say:

"All I can say to you is that the case is still under investigation."

It was considered significant, however, that federal agents emerging from the well-guarded room in the federal building where the grilling took place, were jubilant expressions.

#### "Glad It Was Over"

One official said Karpis, who dropped his bravado with alacrity when he looked down the muzzles of federal men's shotguns in New Orleans Saturday, told his captors he was "glad it was over," that he was "tired" of being constantly hunted.

Karpis said that for two years he had had a gun constantly at hand.

"He ate with a gun on a chair beside him and slept with one under his pillow," the official said.

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"Karpis revealed that the slightest noise at night would awaken him with a start, that he would sit for hours in the dark, a machine gun in his lap, awaiting the expected raid of the G-Men."

Should Karpis plead not guilty when arraigned it is expected he will stand trial Nov. 2, along with other members of the Karpis-Barker mob for the kidnaping of Hamm. It was indicated either bonds in a prohibitive amount would be ordered or he would be denied bail.

#### Ready to Plead Guilty

It was reported, however, that the sallow mobster was anxious to plead guilty to the kidnaping charge, under which the maximum penalty would be life imprisonment, to avoid standing trial in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on Dec. 19, 1931. Missouri authorities, seeking custody of the gangster, pointed out he could be executed in that state if found guilty of first-degree murder, and they declared they had an iron-bound "hanging case."

District Attorney George F. Sullivan declared, however, the government intended to try Karpis for one of the two kidnapings. He said the question of prosecution of Karpis on additional charges would rest with Attorney General Homer Cummings.

Karpis, now meek and thoroughly tamed, appeared almost anemic. His face is a mass of livid, vivid cars, the result of the plastic surgery to which he resorted in the hope of evading identification. The job was horribly botched.

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Karpis said that for two years he had had a gun constantly at hand.

"He ate with a gun on a chair beside him and slept with one under his pillow," the official said.

"Karpis revealed that the slightest noise at night would awaken him with a start, that he would sit for hours in the dark, a machine gun in his lap, awaiting the expected raid of the G-Men."

Should Karpis plead not guilty when arraigned it is expected he will stand trial Nov. 2, along with other members of the Karpis-Barker mob for the kidnaping of Hamm. It was indicated either bonds in a prohibitive amount would be ordered or he would be denied bail.

#### Ready to Plead Guilty

It was reported, however, that the sallow mobster was anxious to plead guilty to the kidnaping charge, under which the maximum penalty would be life imprisonment, to avoid standing trial in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on Dec. 19, 1931. Missouri authorities, seeking custody of the gangster, pointed out he could be executed in that state if found guilty of first-degree murder, and they declared they had an iron-bound "hanging case."

District Attorney George F. Sullivan declared, however, the government intended to try Karpis for one of the two kidnapings. He said the question of prosecution of Karpis on additional charges would rest with Attorney General Homer Cummings.

Karpis, now meek and thoroughly tamed, appeared almost anemic. His face is a mass of livid, vivid scars, the result of the plastic surgery to which he resorted in the hope of evading identification. The job was horribly botched.

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### Karpis Pals Serving Time To Be Quizzed

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Federal agents were reported turning late today to some of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang already in prison for additional information to supplement that given them in the last few days by Alvin Karpis.

The G men, it was said, planned to question Jimmy Wilson, Northwestern University medical student, as they seek to untangle the ramifications of Karpis' movements with a view to leveling harboring charges against those who shielded the desperado.

Wilson, young protege of Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician who performed face-lifting operations on some members of the gang, spent considerable time with the mob at Toledo after the kidnaping.

Because it was felt Wilson had a good chance to "go straight" after release from prison, he was sent to a reformatory at Lewisburg, Pa., instead of to the Leavenworth penitentiary where he would be in contact with others of the gang.

Government men, it is known, feel that in him there may be an excellent source of information.

### Karpis Begins To Open Up, Say Reports

#### G. Men Forcing Gangster to Talk, Is Belief— Continue Grilling

Indications that Alvin Karpis is "talking" to the G men strengthened today.

Arraignment of the Public Enemy No. 1, United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced, probably will be delayed beyond this week. Originally it had been expected Karpis would be arraigned by today or tomorrow in the kidnapings of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer.

#### Will Be Kept Under Fire

And further strengthening the signs that agents would keep Karpis under the drumfire of their questioning to elicit more information about his crimes and his associates was the announcement of federal agents that "for the present" there would be no showup of the desperado for witnesses to the Third Northwestern National bank holdup murders.

Nor, they said, would there be any likelihood that anyone would be allowed to view their prize prisoner for "quite a time."

#### Hankins Freedom Sought

Bail of \$400,000—highest ever believed to have been asked in the United States—will be demanded by the government for Karpis, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, announced late yesterday. Meanwhile, counsel for Leonard Hankins, Stillwater lifer, announced

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he would demand a special session of the state pardon board to consider freeing the gangling convict whom state authorities now are convinced had no connection with the \$112,000 bank robbery held to have been perpetrated by the Karpis-Barker gang.

The attorney, Eugene Herat, said he would incorporate the demand in a letter today to W. H. Lamson, secretary of the board.

Melvin Passolt, superintendent of the state bureau of criminal apprehension, said yesterday he now believes Hankins is innocent in the bank case.

However, County Attorney Ed J. Goff pointed out that even if Hankins should be released, he is an escaped prisoner from Kentucky.

#### Woman Is Released

He was convicted in a Paducah, Ky., holdup and broke jail while his case was under appeal. If release of Hankins is ordered, Goff said, he will consult Kentucky authorities before Hankins is out of custody and determine if they want him.

In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, announced that Ruth Robinson, seized with Karpis and Fred Hunter Friday night in New Orleans, had been released.

There will be no charge against her, Hoover said, although Hunter will face charges of harboring Karpis in addition to aiding him in a mail train robbery in Ohio.

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# Karpis Breaks, Confesses Kidnaping of Bremer and Hamm

## AGENTS FORCE REVELATIONS FROM OUTLAW

Public Enemy No. 1 Cracks  
After Merciless Grilling;  
Deals to Escape Death

Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3

—Cracking abjectly under thirty-six hours of merciless grilling at the hands of Federal agents, Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's most desperate public enemy, confessed today to the \$300,000 ransom kidnapings 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 kidnapings, if the Government would agree to "forget" the other.

His willingness to cooperate 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.

### FACES LIFE

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 their 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.

According to U. S. 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.

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The Minneapolis Tribune said federal agents' clever questioning of Alvin Karpis, shown in jail, resulted in the arrest Thursday of Harry Campbell. The agents talked to Karpis about his escape with Campbell from Atlantic City last year, southern fishing and other subjects, the paper said Karpis asked:  
"By the way, who put the finger on me?"  
"Your pal," an agent replied.  
Soon the agents learned Campbell could be found in Toledo, O.

# SHERIFF IN OHIO CAMPBELL'S DRINKING PAL

TOLEDO, May 8.—(By International News Service.)—Lucas County Sheriff James O'Reilly today hotly refused a demand that he resign his office after his admission that he knew gangster Harry Campbell under another name and frequently drank beer with him in recent months.

In reply to an editorial demand by the Toledo Blade that he resign, Sheriff O'Reilly said:

"The next move is up to the federal government—not me. I will not resign."

G-men pursued an intensive investigation into activities of Campbell and Alvin Karpis during the time they hid out in Toledo, and a number of Toledoans were reported facing questioning.

Campbell's forlorn young wife, released by federal agents after questioning in Cleveland, returned to the apartment where she and Campbell were seized yesterday. She said:

"I didn't know Bob was mixed up in gang affairs. I only knew him as Miller."

## HOOVER SCORNS STORY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover said today:

"It seems to me that any one could have recognized Harry Campbell from his pictures, which were plastered on nearly every wall in the country."

Hoover was replying to comment of the Toledo sheriff and police chief in connection with his arrest of the pal of Alvin Karpis in Toledo yesterday. He added:

"The sheriff has already admitted associating with this man (Campbell) for weeks."

The sheriff, James O'Reilly, had said he never suspected that the friend he knew as "Bob Miller" was really the fugitive Campbell.

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# FRIEND SCOFFS AT DEATH IN LAKE ERIE

Illegal Operation Sent  
Physician Down  
Crime Trail.

By LEROY F. M'HUGH,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.  
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CHICAGO, May 5—Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured desperado, were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The scars—if they could talk—or if Karpis would talk—probably would cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters.

"Doc" Moran, reputed to have put those scars on Karpis in an attempted "face-changing" operation, is said to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

The story of Doc Moran's death in Lake Erie was unfolded by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal

## MADE A MISTAKE.

Moran was a popular small town boy from Spring Valley, Ill., who made a mistake. He was sent to Joliet penitentiary in 1923 for performing an illegal operation.

When he was freed, the young surgeon, gang gossip had it, retouched the faces and healed the wounds of the late John Hamilton, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and many others high on the public enemy list. Suddenly he vanished.

But there are those who knew Doc Moran well and who believe he is alive today.

One is Dr. Hal C. Billig, prominent dentist of Maywood, where Moran had an office once. Dr. Billig said:

## DID DENTAL WORK.

"While 'Doc' Moran was in my office building I did much work on his teeth.

"I examined teeth from the body taken from the lake.

"And the teeth were those of a much older man than 'Doc' Moran."

In 1922, when "Doc" Moran came to the office at Maywood and first crossed Dr. Billig's path, he already had strayed far from the ways of the promises of youth.

He married a Boston society girl and returned to La Salle, Ill., to practice. There he made his first misstep, and was sentenced to Joliet.

In prison he became a friend of Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief, who is said to have lured the young surgeon permanently to the underworld. He was paroled April 7, 1934. His wife had left him in the meanwhile. That was the "Doc's" background when he met Dr. Billig.

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### Hoover Says Mid-West Police Fail to Render Aid To G-Men.

NEW YORK, May 4.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said Monday that co-operation with his men in some middle west communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the G-men director.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the middle west. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere if there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are publicity crazy."

#### Believe Bruno Was Alone

Hoover was asked: "Is the government satisfied that Bruno Hauptmann alone was responsible for the Lindbergh kidnaping?"

"Although there might be a possibility that Hauptmann had accomplices, the government is convinced that he was a prime factor in the Lindbergh case," he said.

He was asked whether any of the Lindbergh ransom money had been turned up since Hauptmann's execution.

"Not a dollar of ransom money has been reported since Hauptmann's arrest," he answered. "The financial statement at a conference in New York Tuesday accounted for between \$49,000 and \$50,000 of the ransom in Hauptmann's transactions."

#### Karpis Feared Death

Hoover spoke of Karpis's surrender in New Orleans Thursday.

"He was scared out of his wits. His teeth were clenched in pure fright and his hands were trembling. He was shaking all over. He thought we were going to kill him."

"We took him to the office of the department of justice and began to question him. I saw him watching a window. The office was on the second floor, but he might have tried to jump out, anyway."

"I said: 'Don't try to pull any fast ones.'"

"He said, 'Well, you're probably going to kick the ears off me anyway.'"

"I told him no one would lay a hand on him if he behaved himself."

"Even if I don't answer questions?"

"Even if you don't answer questions."

"That seemed to relieve his mind."

### Karpis Will Get Early Trial For St. Paul Snatch

#### Minneapolis County Moves For Murder Indictment.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—The government Monday planned an early arraignment of Alvin Karpis on kidnaping charges as county authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek his indictment there for bank robbery and murder.

U. S. District Attorney George F. Sullivan said Karpis would be arraigned soon on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abductions of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued Monday as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnaping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

While Karpis was held in the federal building, Ed J. Goff, Hennepin county, Minneapolis attorney, announced he was taking steps to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery in that city.

Goff said the charges are based on Karpis's participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnaping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931.

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# Harry Campbell, Karpis' Pal, Becomes Public Enemy No. 1

## Once Desperate Gang Whittled Down to One Man, and His End Is Seen

(By The Associated Press)

New York, May 2.—A lone, limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old Southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans last night.

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.

But he was 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.

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

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kas., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

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:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

### "Slippery" Elms

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

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle.

Wilbur Underhill, the "tri-state terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kas., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber who escaped with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Ark., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents near Wellsville, O., as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other Plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

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### Hoover Believes Gang's Doctor In Lake Erie

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7 (I.N.S.).—Dr. Joseph Moran, who is believed to have altered the facial appearance and fingerprints of a number of members of the Karpis gang, is at the bottom of Lake Erie.

This opinion was given here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Department of Investigation.

"His fingerprint operations were just as unsuccessful as Karpis' face lifting."

He said Dr. Moran came from Chicago and was with the Karpis gang at various times when its members were hiding out in Cleveland and other cities.

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# THAT'S THAT

FEDERAL authorities will ask that the bail of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, be set at \$400,000. A desperado of his stripe should not be eligible to bail. Government agents have spent three years trying to capture him on kidnaping charges. Officials say he is wanted for numerous killings and assert he is "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation." When the law enforcement arm of the government gets hold of a criminal like Karpis it should hang onto him.

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### Campbell Marriage License Traced

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 7 (I.N.S.).  
The license for Gangster Harry Campbell's marriage was issued here, a check showed today. Campbell gave his name as Clarence H. Miller, 33, and the girl gave her name as Gertrude M. Billeter, 21. The two were married by Justice Frank E. Smith of Bowling Green, May 29, 1935, it was understood.

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# TRAIL OF KARPIS TRACED

## Agents Reveal Outlaw, 'Baby Face' Met in S. F.

With Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, safe in the custody of Federal agents, an investigation of the gangster's movements prior to his capture, was started yesterday by G-men here and in Nevada.

During the time that officers throughout the country were searching for the public enemy, Karpis on at least one occasion was in San Francisco.

He met the late George "Baby Face" Nelson, upon whose death from Federal machine guns, Karpis graduated to the public enemy No. 1 classification, in a San Francisco night club, government agents revealed.

### NEGRI PAROLED.

Upon this occasion, Nelson tried to get Karpis to employ Joseph "Fatso" Negri as his chauffeur. Negri was the Nelson gang chauffeur at the time the "Baby Face" gang was in California and Nevada. During the Nelson harboring indictments, he turned State's evidence, and was paroled.

Details of the meeting between Karpis and Nelson in San Francisco were secured from Negri, government agents revealed. Karpis refused to hire Negri, saying that the latter "looked too much like a hoodlum."

### LIVED IN RENO.

Federal agents know that

Karpis lived in Reno under the name of "Burns" several years ago, and believe he may have returned to Reno to hide out after the Bremer kidnaping.

Several citizens of Auburn, Calif., and surrounding towns have identified Karpis as a man seen in that district in 1934. It was learned. Once G-men rushed to a gold mine near Auburn on a tip that Karpis was planning to raid a gold shipment. It was believed he may have hidden in the abandoned mines and "ghost towns" of California's mother lode country.

### HOSPITAL PATIENT.

Thomas "Tobe" Williams, manager of a hospital at Vallejo, who is now on parole on his conviction of harboring the late "Baby Face," revealed that Federal agents claim Karpis was a patient in his hospital in 1933. He denied any knowledge of the presence of the outlaw in Vallejo.

A little more than a year ago, eighteen persons, including Negri and Williams, were indicted here by a Federal Grand Jury for harboring Nelson, who was killed in November, 1934.

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### Campbell to Stand Trial With Karpis in St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—Mopping up the last of the desperate Barker-Karpis gang of robbers and kidnapers, Federal agents seized Harry Campbell in an early morning raid today in Toledo, O.

They rushed him here by chartered plane to stand trial with Alvin Karpis for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The agents and their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, also captured Sam Coker, minor member of the gang and an Oklahoma parole violator.

More than a year ago Campbell and Karpis shot their way out of an Atlantic City (N. J.) police trap, kidnaping Dr. Horatio H. Hunsicker, of Allentown, Pa., in their flight.

Karpis, the cringing, deflated pub-

lic enemy No. 1, violating the code of the underworld, apparently turned his erstwhile friends and partners in many crimes over to the G-men.

#### Raid Follows Quickly.

It was only a few hours after Federal agents here finished 103 hours of almost continuous grilling of Karpis that Hoover and other G-men walked to the door of an apartment in Toledo, knocked and commanded:

"Open up the door or there'll be trouble!"

The door was opened by Camp-

bell's wife, and the Government men pried in, their sawed-off shot-guns and pistols in readiness. Hoover said later:

"He put up a little resistance, but it was nothing to speak of. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

Hoover flew from Washington to Toledo last night to make the Campbell-Coker arrests, but he did not come on to St. Paul as he did in the case of Karpis. He returned to Washington.

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## Last of Gang



HARRY CAMPBELL

## CAMPBELL NABBED; BETRAYED BY KARPIS

Last of Gang Seized in Toledo by G-Men After Leader Gives Him Away

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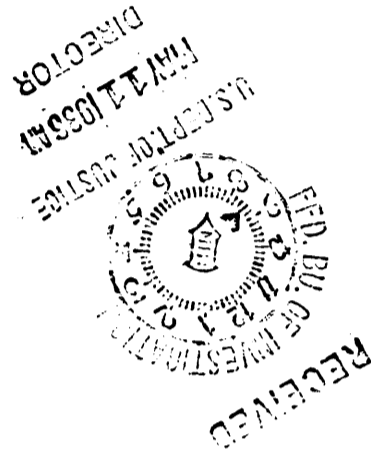
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*What Happened 5/8/35*  
**Campbell Marriage  
License Traced**

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 7 (I.N.S.).  
The license for Gangster Harry  
Campbell's marriage was issued  
here, a check showed today. Camp-  
bell gave his name as Clarence H.  
Miller, 33, and the girl gave her  
name as Gertrude M. Billeter, 21.  
The two were married by Justice  
Frank E. Smith of Bowling Green,  
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# HIGH KARPIS BAIL SOUGHT

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Stressing that Karpis is wanted for numerous killings and branding him as "one of the most desperate characters in the history of this nation," Sullivan said he will ask that \$100,000 be set for each of the four charges on which the gangster was indicted.

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## Long Sought for Kidnapings

Public Enemy No. 1 Seized in New Orleans With Two Others

NEW ORLEANS, May 1. (AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced the capture of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, here tonight.

David Magee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here, said Karpis was captured in a downtown apartment with Fred Hunter, 37 years of age, wanted in a huge mail robbery, and a woman whose name was not disclosed.

### NOT A SHOT FIRED

He said the three surrendered to Federal agents about 5:30 p.m., when called upon to give themselves up.

The arrest, Magee said, was at 3343 Canal street. The men 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.

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

### SOUGHT AS KIDNAPER

Only last week the Department of Justice announced a \$5000 reward would be paid for information leading to the capture of Karpis, wanted as the kidnaper of William Hamm, St. Paul capitalist.

Seven other members of the gang are behind bars in St. Paul awaiting trial for the kidnaping.

Of the original members of the Barker-Karpis gang, perpetrators of a score of bank robberies and other crimes, "Ma" Barker, her son Fred, and another mobster have been slain by Federal guns.



### ENEMY NO. 1 NABBED

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## HOOVER REBUKES TOLEDO SHERIFF

Says "Any One Could Have Recognized Campbell," and Hits "Friendship" Story.

By the Associated Press.

J. Edgar Hoover said today, "It seems to me that any one could have recognized Harry Campbell from his pictures which were plastered on nearly every wall in the country."

Hoover was replying to comment of the Toledo, Ohio, sheriff and police chief, in connection with his arrest of the pal of Alvin Karpis in Toledo yesterday.

"The sheriff (at Toledo) has already admitted associating with this man (Campbell) for weeks," Hoover said, when told today that Sheriff James O'Reilly said he never suspected that the friend he knew as "Bob Miller" was really the fugitive Campbell.

Chief Ray Allen of the Toledo police had inquired why his men were not called into the raiding party which captured Campbell. He reminded Hoover of a recent statement in which certain local officers were criticized.

"My statement was broader than the chief of police seems to make it," Hoover said. "I said I wouldn't cooperate with any department that was corrupt, inefficient or publicity mad. As to his department, the chief of police is in better position to judge than I am."

"I'm not going to enter into any controversy with these people."

Washington Star  
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# G-MEN'S TRAP CAPTURES LAST OF KARPIS MOB

## Harry Campbell and Wife Taken at Apartment In Toledo

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

Federal men surprised Campbell and the woman in a Toledo apartment.

On Campbell's person the agents found a .45 caliber revolver and six clips of shells, Hoover said.

Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1935. She gave her age as 19 years.

### Politicians Sought

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had face-lifting and fingerprint operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the federal men. He said he would fly from Cleveland to New York late today.

### Cokar Parole Violator

Hoover said Cokar probably will be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator where an unfinished 30-year sentence for bank robbery still stands against him.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district.

Karpis became known nationally after federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, in a gun battle in Florida.

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# KARPIS SCARS KEY TO DOCTOR MYSTERY

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CHICAGO, May 5. — Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured public enemy number 1 were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The two scars—if they could talk—or if Karpis would talk—probably would cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters.

"Doc" Moran, reputed to have put those scars on Karpis in an attempted "face-changing" operation, is said to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

## WOMAN, MAN SEIZED WITH KARPIS HIDDEN AWAY BY G-MEN

By Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—Ruth Robinson, the pretty "woman in white" who was taken into custody here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, the alleged St. Paul kidnaper, was spirited away from the Federal building early today by bureau of investigation officers.

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# HOOVER 'ANSWERED' THREATS BY KARPIS

## Took Part in Capture Because Gunman Had Planned to Kill Him

By WALTER WINCHELL

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New York, May 4.—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 of Tennessee, 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?"

From reliable information this reporter learned that when Karpis was cornered exiting from his apartment in New Orleans, the bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've met."  
"Yes," said Hoover, "and if my memory serves you were going to kill me."

"I would have," replied Karpis, "if I had the chance."

May Get "Break"

The jailing of Karpis in St. Paul where he will stand trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., for \$100,000 ransom may give Karpis "the break." If found guilty Karpis will get a life term at Alcatraz, instead of death in Missouri, where he is charged with murdering a sheriff.

"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," an Arkansas girl, to "go home" two days before the capture.

Explains Reason for Crime

"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."

"Why did you go in for crime?"

"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. "It was lucky for passersby that we got Karpis without firing a shot, for the crowd was as thick as the crowds you see at 42d and Fifth avenue during the rush hour. We might have hurt someone by shooting."

When they asked him about the 16 bank burglaries, the four small robberies, three kidnaps and four murders, of which he stands accused, Karpis was stubborn in answering.

"Why Don't You Kill Me?"  
"You're going to kill me, anyway," 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. Besides, you've seen too many G-men movies!"

The government men believe that a plastic surgeon who did a poor job on Karpis' facial renovation 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 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!"

Other Arrests Due

Karpis turned to Hoover, smiled, and said:

"Would you be so kind as to read it to me? I want to go to sleep."

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 lot of them are sick to their middles," remarked a G-man, "from worrying already. Karpis is going to have the pleasure of their company again—very soon."

The Robinson girl was not living with Karpis—she was the companion of Hunter.

Karpis told his captors he had given up "steady girl friends." They were so much excess baggage when "you are in a hurry," he said.

Politics Real "Public Enemy"  
"Who was the 'Woman in Red' in this case?" a reporter asked Hoover here.

"There was none," Hoover replied. "Since you have captured Karpis, who is Public Enemy No. 1 now?" he was asked. Hoover laughed.

"Old Man Politics," he replied quickly. "He is now, he was and he always will be Public Enemy No. 1, locally, in the states and nationally. It's only the papers that number the public enemies."

Someone mentioned Hoover's men going in secretly and superseding local police authorities when working on a case.

"We always try to co-operate with local authorities," Hoover explained. "If one or more of three factors are not present. These are: Inefficiency, dishonesty and publicity-made police or officials."

Hoover said he came here to finish several cases on which he was working when he got the call advising him Karpis had been located. He declined to name the cases, but said his department was doing nothing in the Wendel case in Brooklyn "as it is being handled satisfactorily."

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**STEP RIGHT IN, MR. KARPIS!**



Men and evidence in the cases against Alvin Karpis for the Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm kidnappings are shown in the pictures, as well as the jail to which he came here from New Orleans and a former associate, now a prisoner in Cleveland. Upper left is Clinton Stein, agent in charge of the Department of Justice here. At the top, Thomas J. Gibbons, Ramsey county sheriff, hospitably holds open cell doors for the No. 1 public enemy. Center left is George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney. Left below is John Brock as he was booked Thursday in Cleveland charged with a \$46,000 Erie mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, for which Karpis and others also are wanted. Lower right James Lynch, deputy clerk of Federal district court here, is holding an empty gasoline can which figured in the trial of other Bremer case defendants here. Government fingerprint experts testified they found Karpis' fingerprints on it as well as those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, now a lifer at Alcatraz prison.

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# HARBORERS OF CRIMINALS TO BE ROUNDED UP

## G-Men Are Expected to Go After Dishonest Politicians, Too.

### LONE KIDNAPER FREE

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Hoover revealed that arrests were imminent in the Cleveland, O., area where, he said, members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities. He intimated 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."

Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

#### Nabbed Six Hours Apart

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### Traced Kidnap Money.

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

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## Mahan, Under Guard in Tacoma Cell, Apparently Is Enjoying Notoriety

By United Press.  
TACOMA, WASH., May 8.—Apparently enjoying the notoriety and attention, William Mahan Friday was held under heavy guard in a federal cell at the city police station awaiting arraignment later in the day on a charge of kidnaping.

George Hunt Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom.

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

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

Approximately \$125,000 of the \$200,000 ransom collected from the Weyerhaeuser family has been recovered. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice in Washington, reported federal agents found \$7,300 on Mahan when he was captured.

### Find \$13,000 in Car.

San Francisco authorities reported another \$13,000 was found in an automobile parked near the spot of Mahan's capture.

Federal agents recovered \$15,155 when they seized a car in Butte, Mont., June 9, 1935, when Mahan abandoned his machine to escape arrest. On the same day Herman Metz Waley and his wife, Margaret, convicted accomplices of Mahan in the kidnaping, were arrested in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Waley led federal agents to a \$90,000 cache of the ransom money. Both the Waleys were convicted on kidnaping and extortion charges.

### Silent Regarding Details.

Waley escaped the life penalty provided in the federal kidnaping law because the snatching of the Weyerhaeuser heir was not accompanied by violence. There was some belief Mahan would enter a not guilty plea and trust to the same legal point to escape a possible death penalty.

Federal officials on the west coast maintained silence with regard to details of the pursuit and capture of Mahan.

It was believed, however, that Mahan's capture was brought about by a woman. Sheriff Larry Weir of Butte reported to San Francisco authorities that a woman in Butte had received a letter with a Fulton street return address.

Weir's letter said the woman had been living under the name of William Dainard—Mahan's true name—while the much-sought fugitive was in western Montana.

## Campbell Undergoes Relentless Grilling

ST. PAUL, May 8.—(UP)—Harry Campbell, last of the Barker-Karpis gang, Friday 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 kidnaping.

Campbell's admissions, if any probably will not alter plans to try him in the Bremer case, for which he has been indicted on counts of actual kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. Apparently he has not been connected with the kidnaping of William Hamm, jr. for which Karpis will be tried.

Agents admittedly hoped to extract from their captives the information necessary for arrest of persons suspected of assisting them in escaping after their crimes.

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



### KARPIS WED IN NEW YORK

#### HOT SPRINGS WOMAN THE CAPTURED GANGSTER'S WIFE.

The Two Lived in Arkansas From Last September Until Shortly Before New Orleans Raid, She Says.

(By the Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 8.—Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 30-year-old, quiet-spoken blonde, said here tonight that she and Alvin Karpis, captured public enemy No. 1, were married in New York City last September 25. She said they had been married under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Woods and had lived in Hot Springs since that time until shortly before Karpis's arrest at New Orleans last week.

Mrs. Goldstein returned here today after an absence of twelve days, saying she had been detained by federal agents while Karpis and the last of his gang were being rounded up by the department of justice.

Mrs. Goldstein said she would "rather not say" when asked where she and Karpis were married, but said "it was in New York City during the Baer-Louis fight."

"I know I shouldn't have fallen in love with him, but he was so kind-hearted. All those boys are that way," said Mrs. Goldstein.

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# Friends of Gangsters Wanted Next by G-Men

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W.C. EDWARDS

### Kidnap 'Brains' in Custody



Harry Campbell (handcuffed), reputed "brains" of the Karpis kidnap gang, as he was being rushed into the Federal building at St. Paul after G-men captured him at Toledo yesterday.

# J. EDGAR HOOVER LEADS G-MEN IN SUCCESSFUL RAID

Long-Sought Bandit and  
Companion Wanted in  
Mail Robbery Seized on  
Canal Street

CAPTURE EFFECTED  
WITH DRAMATIC EASE

Operatives Armed With  
Sawed-Off Shotguns  
Make Arrest as Hood-  
lums Enter Car

Alvin Karpis, America's Public  
Enemy No. 1, was arrested by fed-  
eral officers as he emerged from an  
apartment house in the 3000 block  
on Canal street late Friday after-  
noon.

With a confederate in crime, Fred  
Hunter, and a woman whose iden-  
tity was not disclosed, the long-  
hunted kidnaper-robber was taken  
quietly by operatives of the United  
States bureau of investigation as he  
started to enter a waiting automo-  
bile.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the fed-  
eral bureau of investigation, person-  
ally supervised the arrest.

Karpis is under indictment for the  
\$200,000 kidnaping January 15, 1934,  
of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul,  
Minn., banker, and for the \$100,000  
kidnaping June 15, 1933, of William  
A. Hamm, president of the Theodore  
Hamm Brewing Company of St.  
Paul. Both of the kidnaping victims  
were released after the ransom was  
paid.

As a member of the notorious Bar-  
ker-Karpis gang, Karpis also is cred-  
ited with a long list of other crimes  
which include murder and robbery.

With the capture of Karpis, three  
men are in line for successor to the  
title of Public Enemy No. 1. They  
are William Mahan, wanted for the  
\$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyer-  
haeuser, young heir to a lumber for-  
tune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24,  
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ing companion of Karpis, wanted  
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Removed by Plane  
About 8:30 p. m., Karpis, manacled  
and under heavy guard, was placed  
aboard a chartered plane of the  
Transcontinental Western Airways at  
Shushan Airport and whisked away  
to an unannounced destination.  
From Memphis, it was reported  
that the plane was expected there  
between 10:30 and 11 p. m., but as  
for Mr. Hoover and his aids, their  
plans were guarded with the utmost  
secrecy. Mr. Hoover was reported to  
be one of more than a half dozen  
officers aboard the plane with Kar-  
pis.

Hunter and the woman in the case  
were held here for further ques-  
tioning.

The woman refused to give her  
name, and David W. Magee, chief  
of the New Orleans office of the  
bureau of investigation, said that  
"we will not know who she is until  
her fingerprints are sent to Wash-  
ington."

Mr. Hoover had been in New Or-  
leans for the past three days. More  
than a dozen other G-men were  
brought in to reinforce the person-  
nel of the local office of the bureau  
in the hunt for Karpis.

The big plane in which Karpis was  
taken from New Orleans landed at  
Shushan Airport Thursday night. It  
is reported to have brought six fed-  
eral officers to the city. The pilot  
stood by at the airport from the  
time of the plane's arrival until its  
departure.

The source of the information  
which led to the apprehension of  
Karpis was not disclosed. Mr. Hoo-  
ver and Mr. Magee refused to dis-  
cuss the case further than to say  
that the fugitive had been captured.

The government officers, in their  
capture of the long-hunted Karpis,  
pursued almost the same tactics as  
in the slaying of John Dillinger in  
Chicago.

More than a score of officers sur-  
rounded the apartment house, wait-  
ing until Karpis and his companions  
emerged and then closed in with  
drawn guns. Karpis offered no re-  
sistance.

Raises His Hands

At the first command of the G-  
men to "stick 'em up," Karpis  
turned quickly, hesitated for a mo-  
ment and then raised his hands. His  
companions did likewise.

The trio was hustled into an auto-  
mobile and hurried to the postoffice  
building, where identification of Kar-  
pis was verified.

So quietly was the arrest executed,  
only a few persons were aware that  
one of the most intensive man hunts  
of modern times was being drawn to  
a close. Not a shot was fired, and  
few words were spoken after the one  
command for the gangsters to sur-  
render.

R. E. JOSEPH

"Had No Chance" Hoover 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."

**Wears No Coat**  
Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the postoffice building between two burly G-men.

**Apartment**  
Karpis rented the apartment on Canal street exactly three weeks prior to his arrest, according to Mrs. J. S. Meyer, 139 South Rendon street, owner and manager of the apartment building.

He paid rent for one month and told Mrs. Meyer, she said, that he expected to remain with "my wife" for two or three months. Prior to his occupancy of the apartment he had purchased from Mrs. Meyer's son-in-law, Clarence A. Pucheu, of the Rendon street address, an automobile salesman, the car which he used in New Orleans.

Mrs. Meyer expressed surprise following the arrest that her tenant, who had told her his name was "Ed O'Hara," was Karpis.

"I can't believe it, I just can't believe it," she said, repeatedly.

**Not Scared or Nervous**  
"He was such a nice, quiet little man. He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow, being as bad as they say he is. And his wife is very nice."

Mrs. Meyer asserted that Karpis was "not a bit scared or nervous," and never displayed large amounts of money.

The apartment house manager related how Karpis had aided her only Friday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, in breaking a lock on a door leading to a basement storeroom. She had lost the key to the lock.

"He was very nice about it," she said. "He couldn't do anything with the lock at first, but I told him to go ahead and break it. That's the way we got in the storeroom."

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."

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 would be a fair price. He took the bills out of his pocket right then and paid me."

**Seemed All Right**  
"I didn't pay much attention to him, seeing him only a few and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right." Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with 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.

"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 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, said that when he got off a streetcar Friday afternoon he saw a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) working across the sidewalk.

"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 G-man. He seemed to be resisting to some extent."

**All Armed**  
"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 in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

**Born in Canada**  
The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second-degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kans., for a 10-year term.

the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at 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, Kans., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

#### Serving Life Terms

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. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kans., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

#### Killed Sheriff

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 holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good 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 South Robert street 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." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

Only 10 days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnapping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused

are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

#### Others Indicted

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer;

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hideout for the Bremer kidnaping;

Jack Felfer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail;

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60-year-old former convict;

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

#### Karpis' Father Told of Capture

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, May 1.—John Karpavicz, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major crime.

#### FAMILY IS GLAD 'NO ONE WAS HURT'

(By The Associated Press)

Topeka, Kans., May 1.—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said tonight the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He met newspapermen at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

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

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

"I've kept myself out of it, of course, but I don't think Alvin is as bad as they painted him. Of course, I guess he has done some things he should not have done."

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# KARPIS, ENEMY NO. 1, SEIZED

CHICAGO DAILY

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# CAPTURE MADE IN NEW ORLEANS WITHOUT A SHOT

## Desperado Is Taken Away by Plane.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

New Orleans, La., May 1.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, killer, and robber who generally has been regarded as America's public enemy No. 1 since John Dillinger and George [Baby Face] Nelson were slain in Illinois, was captured here late this afternoon by federal agents.

Leading the detachment of twenty men who surrounded Karpis was J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, who came here three days ago to take charge of the search for the desperado.

Less than four hours after his seizure Karpis, heavily manacled and accompanied by six agents, was placed on an airplane here and started for an unannounced destination. The most plausible guess was that he was being taken to St. Paul, Minn., where he is under indictment for kidnaping William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer. Hamm paid \$100,000 ransom and Bremer \$200,000.

### Mail Robbery Suspect Caught.

With Karpis when the agents urged around an automobile he just had entered in front of an apartment house at 3343 Canal street were Fred Hunter, 37, and a woman identified only as "Ruth" by the arresting forces. Hunter, it was said, is wanted by the government in connection with a \$46,000 holdup of an Erie railroad mail train at Garrettsville, O., last November.

According to the agents, the woman, Ruth, attractive with red hair and about 21 years old, had been living with Karpis. Hunter had a home nearby, but was in the habit of visiting the couple almost daily.

Neither of the men offered any resistance, although Karpis, coatless and wearing a straw hat, carried a pistol under his trousers belt.

### No Chance to Resist.

"They had no opportunity to resist," said Hoover. "Our men, who were concealed about the entrance to the place, were upon them before they could get into action. Six of the agents pointed sawed off shotguns at the pair and they gave up at once."

Persons passing on the street—the scene was half a mile from the city's main business district—said six agents had concealed themselves behind a hedge adjoining the apartment building.

Following the arrest the prisoners were taken to the bureau of investigation headquarters in the federal building for questioning. What they said was not revealed. Hoover, however, obviously was greatly pleased with his catch; particularly in view of the fact that Karpis wrote a let-

ter to him last summer in which he stated he was going to make it his personal business to kill the head of the department of justice investigators.

### Two Year Hunt Ends.

"We have been on the trail of Karpis for two years," said Hoover. "For the past two months he has been dodging in and out of New Orleans and we have been awaiting an opportunity to catch him here. Another thing, Karpis is not public enemy No. 1 to us."

He declined to tell who has that ranking with the department of justice.

The janitor of the apartment building in which Karpis was residing said he had used the name O'Hara there. He described the noted criminal as a man of pleasant manners with slight impediment in his speech.

Only eight days ago the attorney general of the United States issued circulars offering a reward of \$5,000 for information that would result in the capture of Karpis. The postoffice department had offered an additional \$2,000, supposedly because he was implicated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery. Five bandits were involved in that crime and they obtained \$46,000 in cash and securities.

### Hunter's Career Short.

Hunter, who is 37 years old, has only a short criminal record. Just how he and Karpis became companions was not made known. Hunter, however, almost certainly was one of the five machine gunners involved in the Garrettsville job, the federal agents said.

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The real name of Karpis, who is 26 years old, is Karpavicz. His father John, and his mother Anna, who are law abiding and much distressed at the career taken up by their son, reside at 2842 North Francisco avenue, Chicago, where John is the janitor of an apartment building.

Karpis was born in Canada, but was taken by his parents when he was a small boy to Topeka, Kas. In his school days he was the best marble player in Topeka.

#### Arrested First at 16.

When he was only 16 he was arrested on a charge of stealing automobile tires. He was given a heavy sentence, ten years in the state industrial reformatory of Kansas. This long term, and a slugging which he claimed a guard gave him in the place, embittered him against society, according to his relatives.

After serving three years Karpis and Lawrence Devol, who later became a notorious bank robber, sawed through the bars of the prison and escaped. The two men were arrested in Kansas City in March, 1930, when carrying safe blowing equipment in a car. Karpis was sent to the state penitentiary at Lansing, but was freed on parole in the spring of 1931.

#### Joins Barker Gang.

He then went to Tulsa, Okla., where he got in touch with a congenial gang headed by Kate (Ma) Barker, a middle aged virago, who handled a machine gun with the best of them she knew, and her two sons, Arthur (Doc) and Fred Barker. Karpis went into partnership with them.

It was as co-leader with Doc Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang that young Alvin became most notorious.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa, was tried for robbery, and found guilty. He was sentenced to four years in prison, but was paroled almost immediately. He and the Barkers moved over into Missouri to carry on their banditry.

They were in West Plains, Mo., on Dec. 19, 1931, when Sheriff C. R. Kelly attempted to question them about a holdup. This was resented by Fred Barker and Karpis. They killed the sheriff and fled. The authorities at West Plains always have maintained they had a "hanging case" against Karpis, and already have asked that he be turned over to them for trial.

#### Find Haven in St. Paul.

The criminals moved on to St. Paul. There a strange interlude was staged. Mrs. Barker had married a second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. She and her sons, as well as Karpis, suspected him of being a police informer. Dunlap was found mysteriously slain, and authorities believe that Ma and her boys and Karpis did the job.

From their St. Paul headquarters the gang pushed out, committed their swift crimes, and returned to hide. They are credited with holding up banks in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Brainerd, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S. D., and with a federal reserve mail bank robbery in Chicago. Then came the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. It was estimated that the gang obtained nearly \$500,000 by crime in two years.

But the relentless efforts of federal and state authorities thinned the ranks of this vicious mob. Arthur (Doc) Barker is serving a life sentence on Alcatraz island for the Bremer kidnaping. Fred and Ma, seeking to retire and hide in Florida, were overtaken in the Everglades on Jan. 16, 1935, and were shot to death. Ma died machine gun in hand.

Karpis had a narrow escape from

death on Jan. 20, 1935, when he was surrounded in a hotel at Atlantic City, N. J. He and a companion, Harry Campbell, shot their way through a cordon of policemen and fled the city in a stolen automobile. In Pennsylvania they kidnaped a physician and stole his car, which they abandoned later at Monroe, Mich.

Since then Karpis has been operating with less boldness. Now that he is captured he is only one of the noted lawbreakers whose careers have been halted by official vigilance. John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and John Hamilton are dead. So is Pretty Boy Floyd. Clyde Barrow and his cigar smoking sweetheart, the poetess Bonnie Parker, died by the machine gun. Roger Touhy and George (Machine Gun) Kelly are serving long sentences for kidnaping.

Only recently it was disclosed that Edmund C. Bartholmey, former postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., arranged the hiding place where the Karpis gangsters kept Hamm a prisoner. He, too, is under arrest.

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**Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1,**

**Captured in New Orleans**

**J. Edgar Hoover Leads G-Men in Raid**

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**IN PRISON**—Roger Touhy, leader of gang of kidnapers, who is serving 99 years in Joliet.  
*(Story on page 1.)*



*(Same Photo.)*

**CAPTURES KARPIS**—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, leads agents in raid on New Orleans.  
*(Story on page 1.)*

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**A DESPERADO WHO WAS SLAIN**—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, shown here with one of his women friends, was a southwestern desperado eliminated from gang ranks when he was shot to death near East Liverpool, O., in October, 1934.  
[Acme Photo.] (Story on page 1.)



**FATHER DIVES HERE**  
—John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, who is resident of Chicago.  
(Story on page 1.)

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[Acme Photo.]



[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

**PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 SEIZED WITHOUT A SHOT BEING FIRED**—Alvin Karpis as he appeared in recent years (left) and at time of his first arrest in Kansas when 16 years old. Sought for kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, Karpis was captured by federal agents in New Orleans late yesterday. (Story on page 1.)

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**OTHER MEMBERS OF KARPIS GANG SLAIN—**  
Kate (Ma) Barker and her son, Fred Barker, who was an  
associate of Alvin Karpis in crime. Both were slain by  
federal agents in gun battle on Jan. 16, 1935, at Oklawaha, Fla.  
[Associated Press Photos.] (Story on page 1.)

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[Acme Photos.]

**CAPTURE OF KARPIS RECALLS FATE OF DILLINGER AND HIS GANG**—Left to right: John Dillinger, George (Baby Face) Nelson and John Hamilton, three of the notorious gunmen of the past. Dillinger and Nelson met death by gunfire and Hamilton's body is believed to have been found buried near Oswego, Ill. *(Story on page 1.)*

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**HIS CAPTURE THINNED RANKS OF CRIMINALS—**

George (Machine Gun) Kelly, like Alvin Karpis, a kidnaper who fell into hands of law. He led gang which kidnaped Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma City and is now serving life term.

[Acme Photo.]

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G-Men Trap Karpis, 'Enemy No. 1'



Apprehended by Federal agents under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover, Alvin Karpis, often called "Public Enemy No. 1," is shown (center) as officers hustled him into headquarters at New Orleans. Karpis, who had boasted he would never be taken alive, was captured along with a man and woman companion, without a shot being fired.—(Associated Press Photo.)

Karpis as Youth



This photograph shows Alvin Karpis, public enemy, captured by Federal agents in New Orleans, as he appeared when 16 years old, an inmate of the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., sent up for burglary. He escaped in 1929.—(Associated Press Photo.)

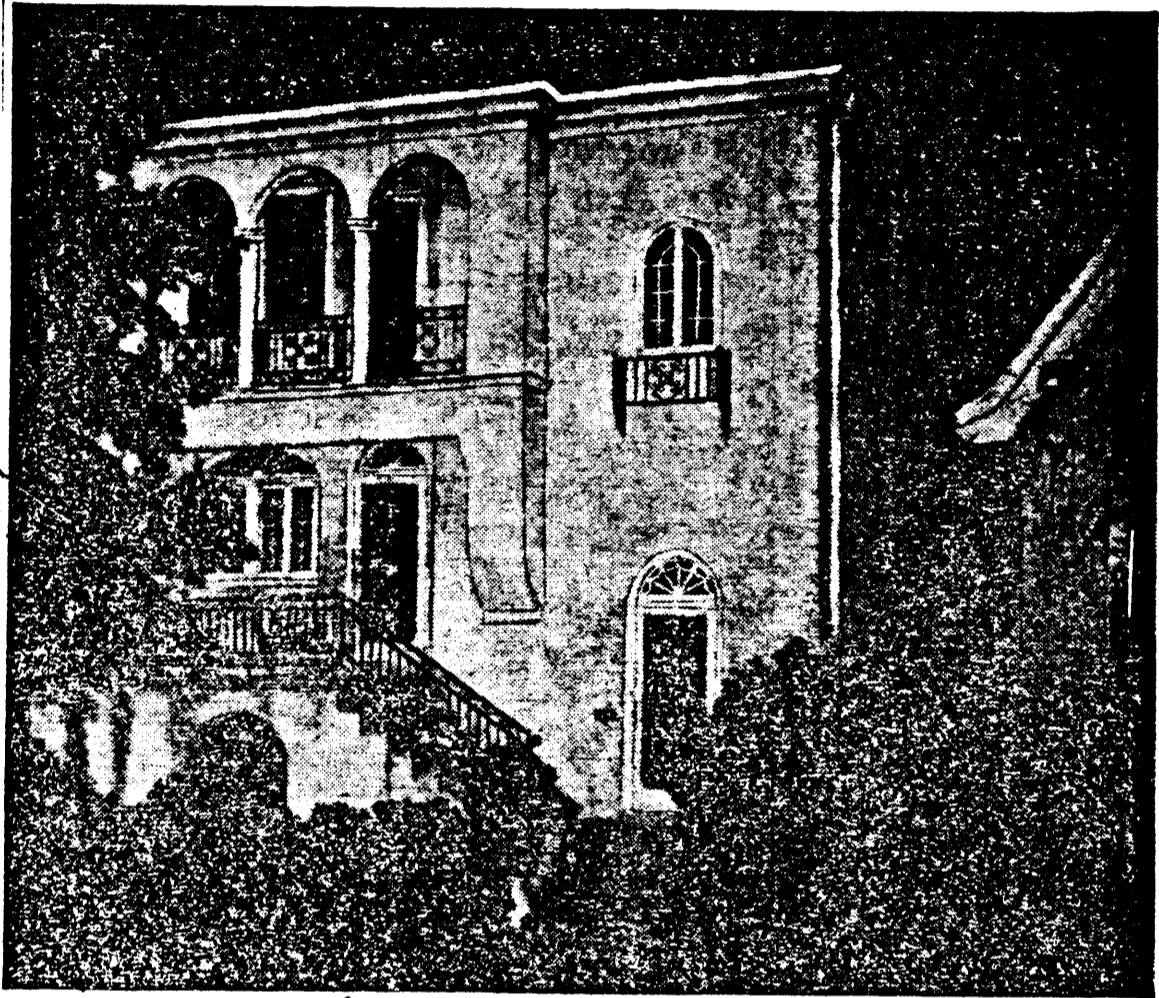
Caught With Karpis



A man identified as Fred Hunter, 27 (above), was captured with Alvin Karpis by Federal agents in New Orleans. Hunter served a three-year term in the Ohio penitentiary and is wanted in connection with a \$46,000 postal robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.—(Associated Press Photo.)

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Where Hoover's Men Took Karpis by Surprise



As he left a ground floor apartment in this New Orleans building, Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," wanted for the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings in St. Paul, was seized by Federal agents led by J. Edgar Hoover. He had been living with a woman as "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara." She also was taken, along with a male companion who gave the name of Fred Hunter.—(Associated Press Photo.)

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# Kidnaped Doctor 'Relieved' Over Karpis Capture

**Physician Forced to Drive  
Fugitive Outlaws on  
Escape to Ohio**

PHILADELPHIA, May 1 (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" tonight to hear the No. 1 bad man of the country 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.

"Of course, I wasn't personally worried about him any more," the young physician said. "I didn't expect him to trouble me again. But it is a relief to know they've got him."

### Stopped by Karpis

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by the public enemy No. 1 and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the Atlantic City hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two "girl friends" and stopped in the hotel. Atlantic City police were notified to be on the lookout for an automobile, but were not informed the car was being driven by Karpis and Campbell, so they believed it a stolen car.

They spotted the car in a garage, found out the men who had parked it were in a hotel, and two officers went there to pick them up about noon on a Sunday.

### Escape Police

When the policemen knocked on the hotel room door and demanded it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped in an automobile outside the hotel and sped westward.

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia and forced him to take them to Medina, Ohio.

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

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# 'G' Men Capture Outlaw Without Firing of Bullet

Federal Men Also Nab Friend, Wanted for Ohio Mail Robbery, and Woman as They Enter Car

## TRIO LOCKED IN SECRET CELLS

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Bureau, Leads Officers in Smooth Working Scheme to Gather in Dangerous Gangmen

**Resume of Karpis Case:** Alvin Karpis, ringleader of the Karpis-Barker gang of outlaws, started out as a petty thief at 16, rapidly "graduated" as a big time bank robber, kidnaper and killer and became Public Enemy No. 1 after John Dillinger and George (Baby Face) Nelson were mowed down by federal guns.

Wanted for the ransom abductions of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and Theodore A. Hamm Jr., brewing company president, Karpis and a companion were trapped in an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935. They met the police with blazing weapons, and, clad only in underwear, shot their way out, since when Karpis had not been seen.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured tonight at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot by a squad of between 15 and 20 officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnappings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul, Minn., was taken into custody with Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$43,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and a woman whose name was not revealed.

### Makes Announcement

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal street, about half a mile from the center of the business district.

"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."

### Secret Confinement

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, known generally as 'public enemy No. 1,' but not to us," he said simply.

He didn't say who his department's "public enemy No. 1" was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons near by were aware of the "G" men's latest success.

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," he said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for a post office robbery on November 7, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$43,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

### Speed Away

Shortly before 8 p. m. (central standard time) Hoover and almost a score of his "G" men left the federal post office building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

Their move was cloaked in secrecy and Hoover declined to say where the men were being taken.

"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."

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt

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R. E. JOSEPH

# J. Edgar Hoover Leads Squad of 'G' Men to Take Karpis, Public Foe No. 1

## Federal Men Capture Companion, Wanted for Ohio Mail Robbery, and Unnamed Woman as They Enter Auto

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and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post office building between two curly "G" men.

Hoover made no announcement where Karpis would be taken, but there were rumors that he would either be carried to the parish prison or to the airport.

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.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1 (AP)—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

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

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in wild flight across the country.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.



J. Edgar Hoover

### Born in Canada

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1906. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family, but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, 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 10-year term.

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

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at 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. A year later he was freed.

### In Oklahoma

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. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Oklawaha, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers, but his pal was sentenced, September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 bad man never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

### Kills Sheriff

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

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At the time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. A few days later the bullet riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

### Crimes Listed

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; one policeman killed.

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

Holdup of National Bank & Trust company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping; \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

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## Gang 'Face Lifter' Still Lives, His Dentist Says

CHICAGO, May 8 (I.N.S.). Capture of Harry "Limpy" Campbell by Department of Justice agents in Toledo yesterday turned attention today to the mysterious Dr. Joseph P. Moran, of suburban Maywood, the official "face lifter" and only important member of the Barker-Karpis gang not officially known to be dead or captured.

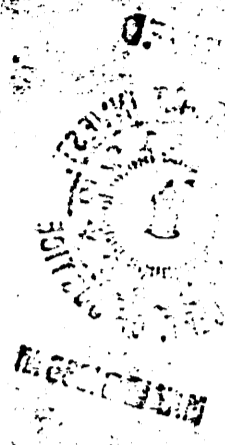
Dr. Hal C. Billig, Maywood dentist, today again flatly contradicted the assertion of J. Edgar Hoover that the gangland doctor is dead, murdered by his lawless patients.

Dr. Billig, who worked on Dr. Moran's teeth several years ago, said that last week Federal agents brought him the teeth and bridgework from the mouth of a body recovered from Lake Erie. The body is believed by G-men to be that of Moran, killed by gangsters because he talked too much while drunk concerning his underworld connections.

Dr. Billig repeated his positive belief the teeth were not Moran's.

Dr. Moran was an honor medical student who slipped into crime through prison association with criminals. His practice in LaSalle county Ill., was ruined when he was sent to prison for an illegal operation just as he was gaining a reputation as a surgeon of great skill. Released on parole he was unable to resume his lucrative practice. He was returned to the penitentiary as a parole violator and upon his second release began his underworld practice.

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### Karpis 'Wife' Tells of N. Y. Marriage

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 8.—  
(AP)—Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 30-  
year-old quiet-spoken blonde, said  
here tonight that she and Alvin  
Karpis, former Public Enemy No.  
1, were married in New York City  
last September 25.

She said they had been mar-  
ried under the name of Mr. and  
Mrs. Ed Woods and had lived to-  
gether until Karpis' capture at  
New Orleans last week.

Mrs. Goldstein returned here to-  
day after a mysterious absence of  
twelve days, saying she had been  
detained by federal agents while  
Karpis and the last of his gang  
were being rounded up.

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### Mother Identifies Karpis' Girl Friend

Davidson, Okla.—(AP)—Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine, says the girl taken into custody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis roundup at New Orleans is her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robison, 19.

Mrs. Hamm says the picture of the pretty, blonde "woman in white" who was present at the apartment where Karpis and Fred Hunter were arrested, is her next to youngest child.

Ruth Hamm left her parents' home after a high school marriage failed. "She always wanted to travel," Mrs. Hamm said.

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