

he Urschel kidnap case, and St. Paul police officials were called. They questioned the kidnap victim as long as they believed his physical condition would permit. They returned to the home early today and resumed their questioning, not permitting newspaper men to enter the yard of the Adolf Bremer home until late in the morning.

Greeted by Family
Mrs. Edward Bremer and her 8-year-old daughter, Betty, who was with her father on the morning he was kidnaped and whom he left at the exclusive Summit school, on Goodrich avenue, just a few moments before the snatchers seized him, were waiting at the Adolf Bremer home when Bremer returned. Today, while young Bremer was in conference with federal and city authorities, little Betty could be seen playing on the sun-porch of the Adolf Bremer home, laughing and happy.

Bremer was held the same length of time as was John J. O'Connell, Jr., wealthy young member of a politically prominent New York state family—22 days and 12 hours. This was the longest period any prisoner has ever been held in any of the prominent recent United States kidnaping cases.

Soon after young Bremer had appeared at his father's home at 855 West Seventh street, Dr. J. M. Sprafka, St. Paul physician who is a personal friend of the young banker, appeared at the home. He made a complete examination of the kidnap victim. On leaving the house he said:

Was Beaten About Head
"He is in good shape physically, though he suffered a beating about the head. He is very, very nervous. I ordered him to bed for a good rest. The wounds on his head have all healed in good shape now."

Bremer was not sure whether his eyes had been taped or blindfolded. Soon after the physician left, a barber arrived at the house in a taxicab. Bremer had an unkempt beard when he was released and one of his first requests after he returned was for a barber to shave him.

U. S. Students Called To Oust Huey Long

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—A call to the nation's students to join in unified action to force the ouster of Huey P. Long from the senate was sounded today by the Harvard Liberal Club. The club has sent letters to undergraduate political organizations of more than 100 colleges and universities in all parts of the country calling attention to the failure of the senate committee on elections and privileges to take action against the "kingfish" in the face of evidence of alleged corrupt practices.

EXTENSION SCHOOL PARTY

The Extension Student Federation of the Minneapolis public schools will sponsor a bunco and card party tomorrow night at 700 Plymouth avenue N. New officers of the organization include Mrs. Bertha Syverud, president; Carl Thims, first vicepresident; Mrs. Clara Tutelman, second vicepresident; Peter Peterson, secretary; Ludwig Schmetzer, treasurer, and Max Shuman, auditor.

from east through St. Paul and Minneapolis and going on to the Pacific coast through North Dakota.

Route Split at St. Cloud

A few years ago citizens of Alexandria decided their city, too, should be on highway No. 30, and an appeal to the highway department led to a splitting of the route at St. Cloud, the northern branch going through Detroit Lakes and the southern through Alexandria. When the new state marking system was being worked out, it was decided the splitting of highways was no longer feasible, and Alexandria was awarded the highway No. 16 marking. This led to a furor in Detroit Lakes and a large delegation of citizens was dispatched to the highway department to protest.

They argued that the Detroit Lakes area had the marking first and that their section depended not on the Twin Cities, but on North Dakota for its summer tourist business. The federal highway running through North Dakota, they said, it was more logical that it should lead to Detroit Lakes than to Alexandria.

While the highway department still was considering this case, the Minneapolis-St. Paul dispute started anew. The main consideration was the desire of Minneapolis authorities for a direct route from Chicago.

Seek Share of Business

At a meeting with N. W. Elsberg, state highway commissioner, representatives of the Hennepin County Good Roads Association coming into this section was from Illinois. The way the roads are routed at present, practically all this business must come to St. Paul before it can pass on to Minneapolis, it was said. It is feasible to route traffic from the southeast through Rochester direct to Minneapolis and some road marking to make this possible should be devised, they added.

Commissioner Elsberg suggested that representatives of the two cities confer and agree between themselves what areas they wished to tap through road markings. Once this was done, it will be an easy matter for the highway department to mark the roads to accomplish the end desired, he said.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

Arrived	
Champlain, New York, February 7, from Havre.	
Excelsior, New York, February 7, from Seattle.	
President Jefferson, Shanghai, February 6, Seattle.	
Excelsior, Marseilles, February 3, New York.	
Albatross, London, February 6, New York.	
Carinthia, Martinique, February 7, New York.	
Aquitania, Madeira, February 7, New York.	
Empress of Britain, Bombay, February 7, New York.	
Manhattan, Havre, February 7, New York.	
United States, Copenhagen, February 7, New York.	
Southern Prince, New York, February 7, Buenos Aires.	
Ascania, New York, February 7, London.	
Sailed	
President Harding, Hamburg, February 7, for New York.	
President Roosevelt, New York, February 7, for Hamburg.	
President Van Buren, New York, February 7, Manila via San Francisco.	
Volendam, Rotterdam, February 7, for New York.	
Conte Di Savoia, Gibraltar, February 7, New York.	
City of Havre, Hamburg, February 4, Baltimore.	
President Jackson, Shanghai, February 6, Seattle.	



AMONG THE FIRST TO ARRIVE at the Adolf Bremer home (above) today to greet Edward G. Bremer, returned after 22 days in the hands of kidnapers, were Otto Bremer and Clarence Newcome, general manager of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company of St. Paul. Mr. Bremer, uncle of the kidnaped banker and a democratic party leader in Minnesota, is shown at the left in the lower picture. Mr. Newcome, associated with Otto and Adolf Bremer in the brewing company, is in the middle.



PRISONERS MAKE TOYS

Convicts in Denmark, land of Hans Christian Anderson of fairy tale fame, have been put to making toys. They are allowed to use their imagination instead of helping in mass production. The toys are sold outside, and the men paid regular wages, part of which goes to the state for their keep, some to the Prisoners Aid Society, a portion to dependents and a small amount to the prisoners to be spent at the prison canteen.

Table Shows How New Income Tax Will Be Applied

Washington, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee has issued a table, showing how much a married man with no dependents would have to pay under the normal income and surtax rates proposed in the new revenue bill. The normal rate is 4 per cent and the surtax rates begin at 4 per cent on incomes of \$4,000 and are graduated to 59 per cent on those over \$1,000,000.

A credit of 10 per cent is allowed on earned incomes up to \$8,000. A personal deduction of \$2,500 is allowed a married man with no dependents.

Thus the tax is figured on the net income, less the earned income credit and the personal exemption.

The table showing the comparative figures under the present law and the proposed law for a married man with no dependents follows:

Net Income	Present Law		Proposed Law	
	Income	Law Proposed	Income	Law Proposed
\$ 3,000	\$20	\$8	\$0	\$0
3,500	40	28	0	0
4,000	80	44	0	0
4,500	80	82	0	0
5,000	100	80	0	0
6,000	140	116	0	0
7,000	210	172	10	20
8,000	300	248	20	60
9,000	390	328	30	100
10,000	480	408	40	140
12,000	680	583	80	235
14,000	900	778	140	350
16,000	1,140	993	220	485
18,000	1,400	1,228	320	640
20,000	1,680	1,498	440	830
25,000	2,520	2,348	880	1,480
30,000	3,480	3,378	1,440	2,310
40,000	6,800	6,743	2,960	4,275
50,000	9,800	9,633	4,960	6,785
60,000	11,900	12,003	7,460	9,635
80,000	20,000	20,258	13,960	17,190
100,000	30,100	30,358	22,460	28,490
500,000	283,600	283,708	223,460	243,840
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The new rates do not apply to 1933 incomes, taxes on which must be paid starting March 15.

Illness Delayed Gang Note

Wife Deadened Test Failed to He

Illness of his wife delayed Dr. T. Nippert in delivering the second of the series of messages from kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, the Bremer family physician today.

The kidnapers hurled a bomb through the front door glass of Nippert home at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, January 20, three days after the kidnaping. The bottle contained an envelope addressed to the physician. Inside was a note to Adolf Bremer, father of the victim.

Dr. Nippert heard the crash, thought a storm window had fallen off or there had been an automobile collision. He turned on the light in his bedroom and looked out of the window. He saw nothing out of the ordinary.

Forty-five minutes later, Dr. Nippert's housemaid called from downstairs and asked why he had been answering the telephone. He knew of the physician's strict adherence to professional duties, including his habit of answering all phone rings quickly.

Dr. Nippert had not heard telephone bell because its sound had been deadened. His wife, suffering from a cold, had stuffed the phone with paper to reduce the shrill of the noise.

"I was in the bathroom when the maid called, Dr. Nippert said. "I told the girl I did not want the phone ring. I went to answer

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EDWARD G. BREMER

Kidnapers Release St. Paul Banker at Rochester in Night

Victim Slugged After Abduction — Head
 Wounds Heal in 22 Days of Cap-
 tivity—Bremer Nervous

FATHER SENDS MESSAGE WITH
 CASH ASKING "BOYS" TO BE FAIR

Dr. Nippert Admits Bottle Thrown Through
 Door Contained Note—Final Instruc-
 tions Received Yesterday

Edward G. Bremer was released by his kidnapers yesterday at 8 p.m. at Rochester, Minn., upon payment of \$200,000 ransom by his father, Adolf Bremer. He was unharmed.

He had been held captive 22 days and 12 hours.

His release was not announced until shortly before 8 a.m. today. Federal agents had kept the news secret while they questioned Bremer thoroughly. The announcement was made by Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover of Washington, chief of the department of justice.

Bremer revealed he had been slugged shortly after the abductors seized him. His head was severely cut but the wounds had healed before his return. A physician examined him today and pronounced his physical condition "good," although he said the young St. Paul banker was "very, very nervous and unstrung."

Walter Magee, original contact man with the kidnapers and close friend of Bremer, actually delivered the huge sum of ransom money, wrapped in two cardboard packages. He made the delivery yesterday, it was reported. But full details of the transaction were kept secret today, until the government men had completed their preparations for their manhunt.

Magee received a message, said to have been left in his automobile, instructing him to drive out the highway until he saw a green Chevrolet parked beside the road. He was ordered to leave his car and drive on in the green Chevrolet until he received a signal. Then he was to throw out the ransom, it was reported. He followed instructions. The Chevrolet, a stolen car, is now in the Bremer garage, being inspected by federal agents.

Full \$200,000 Ransom Paid After Final Contact With Kidnapers

The full \$200,000 ransom was paid, it was disclosed at the Bremer home. Final contact was made with the kidnapers yesterday and the elder Bremer dispatched the money, \$84,000 of which was in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills, to the kidnapers with a note which read:

"To the parties holding Edward:

"I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor.

"Release Edward and tell him to come to my home first.
 (Signed) Adolf Bremer."

At 8 p.m. yesterday, young Bremer was released in the residential section of Rochester. He said he knew nothing except that "three men in a small sedan" had released him. Finding he could not get a bus from Rochester to St. Paul last night, he went to Owatonna by train, where he caught a late bus to the Twin Cities. At the St. Paul bus depot, he hired a taxicab and drove to within a block and a half of his father's home. Then he walked to the door, arriving at the residence of his father, 865 West Seventh street, St. Paul, shortly after midnight.

Bremer was badly in need of a shave and his clothes were unkempt; he was highly nervous and the wounds on his head were still

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Federal officials took charge of him after several hours last night questioning him then, realizing he needed rest badly, left, returning shortly before 8 a.m. today. Their questioning was resumed then and continued until nearly noon today.

Newspaper Men Barred, Sleeping Powder Reported Given Bremer

The federal men would allow no newspapermen on the grounds of the Bremer home, and they were not allowed to question Bremer. It was reported he was given a sleeping powder after he had been questioned by the agents.

Though it could not be confirmed, it was reported that Bremer had arrived at Rochester after having been driven "10 or 12 hours" in an automobile.

Bremer, when he reached the St. Paul bus depot, took a taxicab to his father's home. He got off a block and a half from the home, so that the cab driver would not suspect his identity, and walked to the front door.

After the announcement of Bremer's return, his father sent out a typewritten statement to the press, amplifying the announcement.

Shortly before noon today, the federal men were still in conference with the young banker. Harold Nathan, chief assistant to the national director of the department of justice, emerged from the home.

Clarence Newcome, business associate of Bremer, came running from the Jacob Schmidt brewery, nearby, carrying a large package wrapped in brown paper. He handed it to Nathan, and Nathan got into a car to drive away.

The package contained a black suitcase, the handle of which could be seen protruding from the wrapping paper. Nathan was asked what it was. He grinned mysteriously and said:

"Mrs. Bremer is very fond of canaries. We have a canary in here."

A few moments before 2 p.m. Mr. Magee came rushing out the back door of the Bremer home, accompanied by two investigators. He jumped into an automobile with the officers and sped away before news men had an opportunity to question him.

Brewery Workers Cheer Lustily When Told Edward Had Returned

As brewery employees came to work today, they were surprised to see the score or more of automobiles that were gathered in front of the Adolf Bremer home. When they were advised by newspapermen that Edward had returned, there was a great cheer.

"Is he all right?" the workers asked anxiously. They were told he was "fine," and the cheering started again.

The exact details of the final contact with the kidnapers were not revealed before noon today, but it was learned that the family actually did contact the kidnapers on at least three more occasions after the first day.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, family physician, received a note from the abductors, contained in a bottle thrown into his house January 20, although he had previously denied that the bottle had contained a kidnap note. Later Dr. Nippert received a telephone call from the captors.

Bremer, who is 37 years old, is president and owner of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul. His father, Adolf Bremer, is a

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BREMER IS FREED

Kidnapers Release St. Paul Banker After Holding Him Prisoner 22 Days.

RANSOM MONEY IS PAID

But Family Will Not Divulge Whether Abductors Obtain the \$200,000 They Asked.

Son of Wealthy Brewer Is Thrown Out of Car on Highway Near Rochester, Minn.

HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALED

Some of the Details of His Capture and Incarceration Are Related.

"PRISON" MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE

St. Paul, Feb. 8.—Officials were disagreed late today in their theories about where Edward Bremer was held captive. George F. Sullivan, district attorney, expressed the opinion it might have been either Sioux City, Ia., or Kansas City. M. P. Kinkead, county attorney, said he believed the "prison" was in Iowa.

He quoted a woman who said she saw a car near Aitkin, in Southern Minnesota, January 17, after the kidnaping, which she believed was that of the kidnapers. Sullivan did not explain why he suspected the abductors might have taken their man to Kansas City.

Two men sought in connection with the crime were said to have been members of the Harvey Bailey gang, and involved in various crimes in Kansas and Missouri.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Paul, Feb. 8.—Ransomed with an unannounced amount of money, Edward G. Bremer, seized by kidnapers for \$200,000 January 17, was at home today after a 22-day imprisonment.

Wounds about the head, which he had suffered when spirited away by the gang, were healed. Dr. Joseph Sprafka said, although the victim was weak, exhausted and very, very nervous.

Thrown Out on Highway.

Dr. Sprafka was summoned soon after the son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, had returned home after being thrown out on a highway near or at Rochester, Minn., about eighty-five miles south of here, last night. Dr. Sprafka said a ransom had been paid, but he did not know how much.

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven, which held the president and owner of the



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 Many men were in the car when he regained consciousness. Bremer believes there must have been at least twelve men in the gang, judging from the number of voices he heard in the place where he was held captive.

During his imprisonment, Bremer said, he was kept in a dark room with guards, working in relays of two, always seated behind him night and day. He was warned constantly not to look around.

"One look and we'll blow your brains out," Bremer said he was told. Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, although it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

Placed "Bundles of Money."
 After replacing the note in the pocket of the car, Magee then set two "bundles of money" on the seat. It was presumed the ransom was wrapped in two large cardboard suit boxes tied with heavy cord in accordance with the gang's earlier instructions.

It was not disclosed when or where the payment was made nor what the instructions were. In view of the family's earlier statements that it was ready and eager to pay the full ransom, the view was taken in some quarters that the entire \$200,000 was turned over to the captors.

L. J. Mosher, ticket agent at Rochester for the Chicago Northwestern railroad, said today he was positive the man who purchased a ticket for Owatonna from him last night was Bremer.

Merrit Horn, a cab driver at Rochester, said he was certain he drove Bremer from the bus depot to the railroad station after the victim had learned he would be unable to get a bus out of there for St. Paul last night.

Another Intermediary Is.
 Employees at the bus station had advised him he could go by train to Owatonna and board a bus there for the Twin Cities.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, physician and friend of the Bremers, revealed today the first contact with the family by the gang after the original ransom note was made through him. He received three notes, he said, the morning of January 30, three days after the banker's seizure.

A large envelope, containing three notes, was slipped under the front door of his home and a milk bottle hurled through the front door glass to attract his attention. Nippert at the time admitted a bottle incident, but said "it would be beneath my honor and dignity as a physician" to deny the notes if any had been received.

The three notes were addressed to Walter Magee, Adolph Bremer and Dr. Nippert.

In Bremer's Handwriting.

A telephone call from an unidentified man that morning instructed the physician to "go down and look at your front door and don't be afraid." Nippert then found the broken door glass and the envelope, which was addressed to "Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal."

It was penned in ink and was in Bremer's handwriting, the physician said.

He opened the note addressed to himself, Nippert said, and followed its instructions to give the other missives to Magee and Adolph Bremer. His note, Nippert said, was written by Edward Bremer, and warned him against notifying police. That was the extent of his participation in the case, Nippert asserted.

Meanwhile the kidnap victim was sleeping at his father's home, having

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- MR. RORER

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EDWARD G. BREMER.

Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 o'clock last night. Bremer was unharmed. He either had been blindfolded or his eyes taped during the imprisonment, friends of the family said.

Possible Clue Is Reported.

A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, 33, chauffeur for Dr. Waltman Walters, Mayo clinic physician at Rochester. Street said he saw two well dressed men in a car bearing a New York license at Lewiston, Minn., about 3 o'clock this morning. Lewiston is thirty-seven miles east of Rochester.

When Bremer was stopped in his motor car after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit Girls' school, January 17, one of the gang climbed into the front seat with a revolver in his hand, the banker related.

The banker attempted to open the door on the left and flee, but another of the gang blocked his way, pushed him back into the seat, and both kidnapers slugged him over the head about the same time, he said.

The next he remembers was being taken some place in the gang's car. He does not recall being transferred from his own car, later found abandoned with blood stains inside, to the kidnapers' machine.

His eyes were bandaged and, although he has no recollection of how

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Meanwhile, the kidnap victim was sleeping at his father's home, having been given an opiate after talking with federal investigators and police.

Police in Secret Quis.

As soon as Bremer returned home, Chief Thomas Dahill, Inspector Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul police department rushed to the Adolph Bremer home.

With federal investigators they began questioning the banker. No one else was permitted to enter the yard, guarded by police and federal operatives.

M. F. Kinkaid, Ramsey County attorney, came to the home shortly afterward. The door first was shut in his face. A few minutes elapsed before he was admitted.

At the home with Bremer and his father were his uncle, Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National Bank, and head of the Minnesota Home Owners Loan Corporation. The Bremers refused to cooperate with authorities during the banker's imprisonment, feeling at that time any police activity would endanger the victim's life.

Father Grateful for Aid.

Adolph Bremer later issued a statement of thanks:

"I greatly appreciate the personal interest of the President and the governor and the splendid co-operation given by the press and the radio.

"The city, state and federal law enforcing authorities have been most kind in their efforts and offers of assistance. Above all, I will never forget their humane willingness to stand by when my pleas convinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy.

"No sacrifice has been too great for my brother Otto, Walter Magee, Clarence Newcomb and others who at great risk have done their part.

"It is my earnest prayer that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

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Bremer Is Returned Alive By Kidnapers After 22 Days

Wealthy St. Paul Banker
Released at Rochester,
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Weak and Exhausted

FREED BY KIDNAPERS

WHETHER \$200,000 RANSOM
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Victim Was Waylaid by Gang
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BEATEN ABOUT THE HEAD
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turned alive today after 22 days
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(Illustrated on Picture Page)
St. Paul, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Weak and
exhausted, Edward G. Bremer,
wealthy St. Paul banker, was at
home today after being freed at
about 8 o'clock last night by the
kidnap gang which had held him 22
days for \$200,000 ransom.
Whether any of the demanded
ransom had been paid was not dis-
closed.
His captors, who numbered six or
seven, close friends of the family
said, released him near Rochester,
Minn., 85 miles south of here. He
was turned loose by three men in a
small sedan, they said.
The 37-year-old president and
owner of the Commercial State
Bank for whose life fears had been
expressed was uninjured other than
suffering from exhaustion.
The family, happy in being re-
united with the banker, was protect-
ed from interruption by Depart-
ment of Justice agents who guarded
the home of Adolph Bremer, father
of the victim.

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Adolph, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and friends of President Roosevelt probably will issue a statement later.

The banker, friends said, took a bus from Rochester to St. Paul, then went to his father's home in a taxicab.

Friends said his eyes had been taped during his imprisonment.

First announcement of his release was made by Werner Hanni, chief of the Department of Justice office.

Bremer had been beaten about the head but not severely hurt at the time of the abduction.

Shortly after he was seized between 5:20 A. M. and 5:30 A. M., January 17, his blood-stained automobile was found the next day, abandoned in an outlying residential district.

Howard McGonn and Mrs. Jennie Haight, employes in the bus depot at Rochester, were believed to have been the first persons to see the banker after his release.

He entered the depot, they said, about 8 P. M. yesterday, asking about bus connections with the Twin Cities. They told him he had missed the last bus that night to the Twin Cities but that he could take a train to Owatonna, nearby, and catch a bus there.

Bremer was quoted as saying he couldn't do that. McGonn and Mrs. Haight paid no particular attention to the unshaven stranger, who appeared dazed, they said, and did not know he was the long-sought St. Paul banker.

They did not know, they said, whether Bremer took a train to Owatonna and caught a bus there.

As soon as Bremer returned home, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, inspector of detectives Charles Tierney, and Detective Tom Brown, of the St. Paul police department, rushed to the Adolph Bremer home.

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Hanni, asked if Bremer was all right, replied "Yes, he is."

Beyond that, silence veiled the experiences of the banker since the gang stopped his car, seized him in the street shortly after he had driven his 5-year-old daughter, Bet-

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BREMER IS RETURNED ALIVE BY KIDNAPERS AFTER 22 DAYS

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ty, to the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

Shortly after he was abducted, one of the men called Walter Magee, wealthy contractor, a friend of the Bremers, and said, "Well, we've got your friend, Bremer, and if you are not—careful, we'll get you, too."

Death for Bremer was threatened if Magee called in police or communicated with newspapers. A note, the unidentified speaker said, would be found on Magee's doorstep. The note, signed in a shaky hand by Bremer, gave directions for negotiating with the abductors.

Although unconfirmed, it was reported three contacts had been made previous to his release last night.

Three days ago he sent a public notice to the abductors that he would give them three days in which to contact him "by any source suitable to the abductors," and he hinted that if they did not he would leave the case entirely in the hands of the police.

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—Department of Justice officials indicated today that the search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer would be intensified, now that he has been returned alive.

This was disclosed as details of the return of Bremer were coming into the office of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Division of Investigation of the Justice Department.

Many high in official life in Washington were happy at the return of the young man, as his family is well known to President Roosevelt and others here.

In other kidnap cases, the Department of Justice has not thrown its fullest resources into the search for the kidnapers until the victim was returned.

It has been explained that by giving the kidnapers a chance to return the person abducted, the family is satisfied and additional possibilities for securing information as to the identity of the responsible parties is provided.



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Raid Near Sioux City After Tip to U. S. Men Saturday Is Reported

SIOUX CITY, IA. (U.P.)—The house in which Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul, Minn., banker, was believed held captive during ransom negotiations was believed located by federal agents working here Thursday.

A house in a secluded section northeast of the city near Floyd's cemetery, on the main road from Sioux City to St. Paul, was raided by federal operatives last Saturday, acting on a tip, but nothing was found at that time, the United Press learned.

County officials, while denying that they knew of the work of the federal men, admitted that Dick Cooley, Omaha, federal operative, and at least one federal agent from St. Paul, were believed close on the trail of the kidnapers near here as early as last Friday.

Possibility was expressed that the ransom negotiations were hastily concluded and the abductors took flight from here with their victim shortly before the federals raided the house.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, has been freed.

He was released near Rochester, Minn., weak and exhausted, about 8 p. m. Wednesday after payment of \$200,000 ransom by his millionaire father, Adolph Bremer, federal agents and the family revealed Thursday.

The victim, who had been held captive 22 days, is now at the home of his father here.

The father revealed that the full amount of the ransom was paid Tuesday night with \$84,000 in \$5 bills and the balance in \$10 bills.

Kidnap Note.

The text of the note which the 73-year-old father dispatched with the ransom money Tuesday follows:

"To parties holding Edward: I've done my part and kept my word 100 per cent just as I said I would. This money is not marked and is the full amount asked for. And now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing by turning Edward loose at once.

(Signed) "Adolph Bremer"

One of Largest
Bremer ransom

Freed



E. G. BREMER.

Held 22 Days a Prisoner.

Own Story

Guarded Day and
Night, Says
Bremer.

Warned Not to
Look Around.

ST. PAUL, MINN. (A.P.)—Edward G. Bremer Thursday told his own story of his \$200,000 kidnaping.

When he was stopped in his automobile after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit girls school here, Jan. 17, one of the gang climbed into the front seat with a gun in his hand, the banker told police and federal investigators.

Blocked Way.

The banker attempted to open the door on the left and flee, but another of the gang blocked his way, pushed him back into the seat and both kidnapers slugged him over the head about the same time, he said.

The next he remembers was being taken some place in the gang's car. He does not recall being transferred from his own automobile, later found abandoned with blood spattered inside, to the kidnapers' machine.

Eyes Bandaged.

His eyes were bandaged and though he has no recollection of how many men were in the car when he regained consciousness, Bremer believes there must have been 10 or 12 men in the gang, judging from the number of voices he heard in the place where he was held captive.

During his imprisonment, Bremer said, he was kept in a dark room with guards, working in relays of two, always seated behind him, night and day. He was constantly warned not to look around.

"One look and we'll blow your brains out," Bremer said he was told.

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FATHER EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR BREMER CONTACT

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 7.—[Special.]—
The deadline set by Adolf Bremer,
wealthy St. Paul brewer, for a con-
tact with the kidnapers of his banker
son, Edward G. Bremer, today was
extended until tomorrow.

He issued a statement which said:
"In hopes of making a contact, the
officials have agreed with me to ex-
tend the time until tomorrow night."
The deadline set in the elder
Bremer's appeal to the kidnapers Sun-
day expired at noon today. In the
statement which set the original dead-
line the brewer indicated that if the
kidnapers who seized his son Jan. 17
for \$200,000 ransom had not communi-
cated with him by today he would
turn the case wide open to the fed-
eral, state, and St. Paul authorities.
These previously at Bremer's request
have been inactive in the case.

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Bremer Closeted With Authorities, Relating Kidnap Experiences

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good food and plenty of it, and furnished a comfortable place to sleep.

In the brief scuffle which preceded the actual kidnaping, International News Service was informed, Bremer had no opportunity to see his captors clearly. He was blindfolded almost immediately, and bandages were kept on his eyes during the twenty-three days of his captivity.

RELEASED AFTER RIDE.

After Adolph Bremer, millionaire brewer and father of the kidnap victim, established contact with the

criminals and paid over the ransom, the banker was released.

When the money had been paid, Bremer was placed in an automobile, still blindfolded, and driven for several hours. He was turned loose on a lonely road near Rochester, eighty-five miles from St. Paul.

He boarded a bus and came into St. Paul, arriving this morning and going at once to the home of his father, where he has been closeted with police and federal investigators ever since.

Bremer is in good shape and able to detail his experience to the officers.

Bremer Father Thanks Those Who Aided

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, made the following statement today after the younger Bremer had returned home:

I greatly appreciate the personal interest of the President and the governor and the splendid co-operation given by the press and the radio.

The city, state and federal law enforcing authorities have been most kind in their efforts and offers of assistance. Above all I will never forget their humane willingness to stand by when my pleas convinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy.

No sacrifice has been too great for my brother Otto, Walter Magee, Clarence Newcomb and others who at great risk have done their part.

It is my earnest prayer that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal.

U. S. WILL PUSH BREMER CASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Department of Justice officials indicated today that the search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, would be intensified now that he has been returned alive.

This was disclosed as details of the return of Bremer were coming into the office of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation of the Justice Department.

Many high in official life in Washington were happy at the return of the young man, as his family is well known to President Roosevelt and others here.

In other kidnap cases, the Department of Justice has not thrown its fullest resources into the search for the kidnapers until the victim was returned.

It has been explained that by giving the kidnapers a chance to return the person abducted, the family is satisfied and additional possibilities for securing information as to the identity of the responsible parties is provided.

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BANKER HOME, SAFE AFTER BEING HELD 23 DAYS

Joyful Father Reveals How He Paid Cash in Old Bills.

(© 1934, by International News Service.)
ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—(By International News Service.)—With the full ransom of \$200,000 paid, Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker, was free and back in his St. Paul home today.

Payment of the ransom was admitted by Adolph Bremer, the banker's rich brewer father. The elder Bremer said the ransom was paid in notes and bills, \$85,000 of which were \$5 notes and the remainder in \$10 bills, as demanded by the abductors. The money, he added, was paid to the kidnapers Tuesday night.

Visibly elated over the conclusion of the ordeal experienced by him since his son was kidnaped after taking his daughter to school on January 17, the wealthy owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, said he greatly appreciated the personal interest of President Roosevelt and Governor Olson in the safe return of his son.

FEELING IN GOOD CONDITION

The younger Bremer returned to his father's home early today in good physical condition, despite the fact that a physician attended him for minor injuries about the head, incurred when he struggled with the abductors at the time of the "snatching."

ADOLPH BREMER SAID:

"I am so happy to tell you that my boy is back at last after his terrible experience. The hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us."

BEATEN IN FIGHT.

Bremer, who was freed last night near Rochester, where he had been held for twenty-three days and who returned to St. Paul on a bus, told relatives of the kidnaping.

He said that after the seizure he had attempted to fight with his abductors but had been badly beaten and subdued. He said he was then driven continuously in an automobile for about fifteen hours.

At length the kidnapers stopped in front of a house, believed somewhere near Rochester.

Here Bremer was held until last night.

PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD.

Except for the first attack upon him, it was learned, Bremer was well treated during the entire time he was held prisoner. He was given

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Bremer Still in St. Paul

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Melvin H. Purvis, head of the
 Chicago office of the Federal Bu-
 reau of Investigation, took charge
 of this angle of the investigation,
 which now has spread across the
 country and into Canada.

High Bail for "the Owl"

BALTIMORE, Feb. 13 (AP).—The
 law wove a web of warrants today
 around Basil Banghart—"the Owl"—
 and his three companions.

Federal warrants were the strong-
 est strands holding Banghart, Isaac
 Costner, May Davis and Mrs. Tom
 Touhy. So numerous and serious
 are the charges, that the prisoners
 are held under \$200,000 bond.

Banghart is wanted in Chicago
 as a member of the Touhy gang,
 members of which faced today in
 that city their second trial for kid-
 naping John (Jake the Barber) Fac-
 tor.

Wanted for Robbery

Banghart, Costner and the Davis
 woman are wanted on Federal
 charges in Charlotte, N. C., for the
 \$105,000 mail truck robbery of last
 November 15.

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BREMER RANSOM LOAN

Government Money Said to Have Been Used

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (A. P.)—Money supplied by the Federal Government may have been used indirectly to help pay the \$200,000 ransom paid by Adolph Bremer of St. Paul for the release of his son, Edward G. Bremer, who was held twenty-two days by kidnapers. Young Bremer's uncle, Otto Bremer, was understood here to head a group of State banks operated out of St. Paul and also the American National Bank of St. Paul. Officials of the Reconstruction Corporation said today that last

December, prior to the kidnaping, the corporation agreed to purchase preferred stock in the Bremer banks. A year ago the corporation bought preferred stock in the American National Bank. Reports circulated in St. Paul—and were telegraphed here—that the Bremers had borrowed money from the corporation to pay the ransom. Corporation officials pointed out

today that the stock deal was the same as any other purchase of preferred stock by the corporation and that when the money was turned over to the banks the corporation had nothing to say about how it should be lent or to whom. If it were lent by the uncle to his brother, it was pointed out, it would be a matter entirely between them and one with which the Government has nothing to do.

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KIDNAP HIDEOUT IN BREMER CASE BELIEVED FOUND

**State Police Tip Indicates
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VICTIM STUDIES PHOTOGRAPHS

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BREMER'S PRISON FOUND.

Iowa Officer Tells Des Moines Register It Is in That State.

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Final Ransom Contact Cred-
ited to Efforts of Priest at
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The house in which Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, was held prisoner during the three weeks between his abduction and payment of the \$200,000 ransom, Monday night was reported to have been located.

Park A. Findley, superintendent of the Iowa state bureau of criminal apprehension, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying he had positive information that Bremer had been held in a farm house nine miles southwest of Creston, a town in the south central part of Iowa.

Findley refused to reveal the exact location of the farm house, saying he wanted to keep that secret until federal department of justice agents could be sent to the place. Findley said he had recommended Bremer be taken to Creston to identify the house.

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Purvis to Investigate.

An immediate investigation was promised by Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the federal bureau of investigation in Chicago, as soon as he heard of the report from Findley.

This new Iowa angle in the kidnaping investigation came a few hours after federal agents in St. Paul had investigated and found without foundation a "tip" that information about the kidnaping might be obtained in Mason City. The exact nature of this "tip" was kept secret.

As soon as they learned of Findley's assertion, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill of St. Paul and Charles Tierney, St. Paul captain of detectives, met in conference, and then left for some unannounced destination.

Distance Tallies.

At St. Paul police headquarters, the report that Bremer had been held captive in southwestern Iowa was regarded as reasonable in view of the fact Bremer said he had ridden about 10 or 12 hours when he first was taken to the hiding-place, and again approximately that length of time when he was taken from the hideout to Rochester, Minn., where he was released last Wednesday night. Creston is about 300 miles from the Twin Cities.

Meanwhile further details of the manner in which the release of Mr. Bremer was effected last week was revealed with the information that the final contact between the kidnapers and members of the family was made through a Catholic priest.

The priest, the Rev. John Deere, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic church at Prior Lake, declined to discuss the matter.

Bremer Admits Priest Helped.
Despite this reticence some information concerning the contact was learned, and the report was substantiated when Adolf Bremer, father of the kidnaped man, admitted a priest had helped establish the contact with the kidnapers.

Members of Father Deere's parish said he had been pastor of the church a quarter of a century, and had been a friend of the Bremer family for years. Parsons living near the church recalled Monday night that the Bremers had visited the priest a number of times in recent years.

An account of the movements of three men, believed to be members of the kidnap gang, was given Monday night by a woman living across the street from the parish house.

Keep Watching Road.

"I was working in the house one day last week," she recalled, "when a big car stopped between the church and the parish house. One man got out and walked up to the porch, where he talked for several minutes with Father Deere. The other two remained with the car, which they backed up to the intersection in front of the church."

"They kept watching the road until the third man left the parish house. When he returned they drove off, going toward Shakopee."

Bremer Shown Pictures.

Another development in the case Monday was a visit by the kidnap victim to the office of department of justice agents in the St. Paul federal building.

It was concluded Bremer had attempted to identify pictures of persons considered as possible kidnapers, as an agent was reported to have been seen entering the office with a bundle of pictures.

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**CHECK
WALLPAPER OF
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**Kidnap Victim to Make Trip
to Creston If It Tallies
With Description.**

Through a description of wall-
paper furnished by the victim, fed-
eral department of justice agents
Tuesday sought to identify a house
near Creston, Iowa, as the hideout
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miles from Creston, which is in
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from Minneapolis.

Bremer to Make Trip.

Should the wallpaper in one of
the rooms tally with that described
by Mr. Bremer, he will be asked to
accompany federal investigators to
the place for identification, accord-
ing to Harold Nathan, assistant di-
rector of the justice investigation
bureau. In the meantime, the agents
also will check neighbors on re-
ports that the kidnapers were seen
at the house.

Reports that the house in which
Mr. Bremer was held had been lo-
cated were denied by J. Edgar
Hoover, chief of the federal investi-
gators in Washington. He told the
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apolis Tribune that "the report was
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the final contact between the kid-
napers and members of the family
was made through a Catholic priest,
a friend of the Bremer family.

The priest, the Rev. John Deere,
pastor of St. Michael's Catholic
church at Prior Lake for the past 25
years and before that pastor of St.
Stephen's church in Minneapolis,
declined to discuss the matter.

Bremer Admits Priest Helped.

Despite this reticence some in-
formation concerning the contact
was learned, and the report was
substantiated when Adolf Bremer,
father of the kidnaped man, ad-
mitted a priest had helped estab-
lish the contact with the kidnap-
ers.

An account of the movements of
three men, believed to be members
of the kidnap gang, was given Mon-
day night by a woman living across
the street from the parish house.

Keep Watching Road.

"I was working in the house one
day last week," she recalled, "when
a big car stopped between the
church and the parish house. One
man got out and walked up to the
porch, where he talked for sev-
eral minutes with Father Deere.
The other two remained with the
car, which they backed up to the
intersection in front of the church.
They kept watching the road

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Auto Stolen, Avers Man At Faribault

St. Paul Daily News
 U. S. Nearer Solution Of
 Bremer Case; Find
 Supposed Hideout
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Ownership of the automobile from which Edward G. Bremer was released last Wednesday night in Rochester, Minn., has been determined by federal department of justice operatives. The Daily News learned today from unimpeachable sources.

Coupled with the finding of the possible hideout where the Commercial State bank president was held captive for three weeks, information regarding the snatchers' machine was believed bringing federal agents nearer to a solution of St. Paul's sixth kidnaping.

The Daily News learned that government men questioned a Faribault (Minn.) man who admitted ownership of the car from which Mr. Bremer was said to have been released.

At the same time, it was ascertained that the agents have ordered a thorough search of the Mille Lacs lake country and in the vicinity of Orr, Minn., where the automobile was reported to have been seen after Mr. Bremer's release.

While the Faribault man admitted ownership of the car, a blue Ford V8 sedan, the secretary of states' office listed the license plates it carried to another Faribault resident. The secretary of state's record, however, showed the plates were issued for a 1927 machine, indicating the plates had been stolen, since no Ford V8s were made that year.

The owner of the automobile reported to have been used in freeing Mr. Bremer, told federal agents

that the machine had been stolen from him. He refused to give any information to newspapermen when questioned by them.

The machine, he is reported to have said, was stolen while in the possession of his brother-in-law who was at work in northern Minnesota on a federal project.

The hideout, which Mr. Bremer is expected to look over either late today or Wednesday, was found on a farm nine miles southwest of Creston, Ia., near the Missouri state line and about 340 miles from St. Paul.

The place was located by Park A. Findley, chief of the Iowa state bureau of investigation, and it is believed to be the hideout where the Commercial State bank president was held for three weeks until his release last week at Rochester for \$200,000 ransom.

Knows Wallpaper.

Because Mr. Bremer said his eyes were uncovered part of the time while he was held, and that therefore he could identify the wallpaper in the hideout, he will view the place with federal agents.

Today Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim, partially substantiated a copyrighted story in The Daily News Monday in which it was disclosed that News staffers had discovered that an Irish Catholic priest, Rev. Father John Deere, rector of St. Michael's church at Prior Lake, had established at least one of the contacts between the snatchers and the Bremer family.

Mr. Bremer admitted that a priest established the contact, but would not name Father Deere, but said that "he doesn't live in the Twin Cities"

Findley Is Secretive.

During his captivity Mr. Bremer was able to study the wall paper because of the fact that when not blindfolded he had to face the wall

and the impression left on his mind of the wall paper is something that he never will forget.

Findley returned to Des Moines from a trip to Creston with "conclusive" information that Mr. Bremer was held near Creston during the greater part of the entire period of his captivity at the hands of the kidnapers. Findley refused to divulge all his information, saying that "there are a lot of details about the case that I just can't let out right now."

Mr. Bremer, who still is suffering from injuries sustained during his kidnaping, will not be taken to Creston for a while at least, according to Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal division of investigation.

Nathan said a further check would be made of the possible hideout located by Mr. Findley before Bremer was subjected to the strain ensuing from such a trip.

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**COUPLE SOUGHT IN
 BREMER CASE SIFT**

St. Paul Dispatch
 U. S. Agents Try to Trace Man
 and Woman Who Had
 Apartment.

Federal authorities, the Dispatch learned today, have been attempting for the past several days to identify a man and woman who abandoned their apartment at 628 Grand avenue, a few hours after the kid-

**SANKEY SUICIDE PACT
 WITH PALS RECALLED**

A suicide pact originated by Verne Sankey—so binding that it finally claimed its principal—was recalled today by authorities here as they reviewed incidents in the history of his kidnap ring.

When Arthur Youngberg and Carl Pierce, Sankey's accomplices, were held in connection with the abduction of Charles Boettcher II of Denver, Associated Press dispatches told of their attempts to take their own lives. Youngberg tried to slash his throat in a Chamberlain, S. D., jail. Youngberg and Pierce now are serving federal sentences for the Boettcher kidnaping.

Sankey, when he was questioned in Chicago following his arrest, spoke freely of the suicide pact with his henchmen, and United States marshals were not surprised when he hanged himself Thursday night in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

naping, January 17 of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker. Simultaneously, the banker who was held for \$200,000 ransom and who returned early Friday after 21 days in captivity, issued a blanket denial that he can identify two of the kidnaping gang. Additional developments today included:

Clamping of a strict censorship on news of the Bremer kidnaping case by federal authorities in St. Paul, and announcement that all news must come from Attorney General Cummings in Washington.

Information that authorities have names of at least five persons, including Mrs. Cressens Dehmer, who saw either the kidnap machine, its occupants or the scuffle between Bremer and his abductors at Lexington- and Goodrich avenues.

Disclosure that the Bremer family attempted to bargain for a \$100,000 reduction of the ransom and that the kidnapers profanely rejected the offer.

Appearance of the kidnap victim in a motion picture studio where he retold for film men the story of his abduction.

The hurried, unannounced abandonment of the apartment was discovered by federal agents checking apartment buildings in the vicinity of Dale street and Grand avenue.

It was from an apartment in that vicinity that the telephone call was made to the home of Dr. H. T. Nipper, 708 Lincoln avenue. Dr. Nipper, Bremer family physician, received the call at 7 A. M., January

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COUPLE SOUGHT IN BREMER CASE SIFT

U. S. Agents Try to Trace Man and Woman Who Occupied Flat.

(Continued From Page 1.)

20. He was instructed by a man to look for an envelope under his front door. The envelope contained the first contact instructions to the victim's family.

The manager of the apartment building at 628 Grand avenue said that a woman who identified herself as a "Mrs. B—" rented a first floor apartment December 7 and paid a month's rent in bills of small denomination.

"The woman was dark, the building manager said. "She had a decided Irish brogue. I never saw her husband once during the time they lived here."

The woman told the apartment manager that her husband worked for a newsgathering agency. This was checked later and was found to be erroneous.

"The people did a lot of drinking and always had friends in their apartment, although they never were noisy or troublesome," the manager said.

The couple had an automobile, a small black, wire-wheeled coupe, the make of which the building manager never knew. The machine, the license numbers of which were unknown to the manager, always was kept at the rear.

Gene Day After Abduction.

"On January 7," the building manager continued, "the woman arranged to rent the apartment for another month. She paid the rent that time with a \$50 bill."

Federal agents were especially interested in that angle, the manager observed.

"About 6:30 A. M. January 18, the day after Bremer was kidnaped," the manager said, "I discovered that the apartment occupied by these people was abandoned. The front door was found to be wide open and all the lights were burning. No one saw them leave."

Federal agents, it was learned, made a minute examination of the apartment and found two or three bottles which might bear fingerprints.

Were Seen in Drug Store.

A clerk at the Grandendale pharmacy, Dale street and Grand avenue, said that he had been queried by government investigators about purchases by the couple at the drug store.

"I remember both the man and woman," the clerk recalled, "but never knew their name."

His description of the woman tallied with that given by the apartment manager.

"The man was rather short and sandy complexioned," he said, "and not flashily dressed."

The couple purchased considerable beer at the drug store, always paying for it in bills of small denomination. They had no charge account.

Federal investigators were particularly interested, he also disclosed, in the denomination of money possessed by the couple.

Abiding by an agreement, made prior to his appearance Friday before newspaper men to whom he recounted the kidnaping, Bremer made his "talkie" at the Ray-Bell Film Co., 817 University avenue.

15 Cameras On Banker.

Fifteen cameras focused on the banker as he sat in a big easy chair and recalled, in somewhat less detail than Friday's press statement, the abduction. He was dressed in an impeccably-tailored business suit and was noticeably less nervous than when he talked to newsmen.

Bremer waived aside the proposal that his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, who accompanied her father to the studio, be pictured with him. He did not mention her in the "talkie."

"I break down when I mention the baby," he said.

A Department of Justice agent and Adolph Bremer Jr., the victim's brother, accompanied Betty and her father to the studio.

Limp From Injury.

Bremer limped from the effects of a knee injury suffered the morning of the kidnaping when he attempted to block the closing of an automobile door with his leg. He had to be helped from the chair when the cameras quit clicking and the sound instruments had finished recording the story.

Before he left the studio, the banker issued the denial concerning a report attributed to officials, that he can identify at least two of the kidnap gang.

"I am not able to identify any of the kidnapers," he observed. "When the arm carrying the gun was stuck through the door I turned and put the car in gear in an effort to move away. Then I saw the car which blocked me. By this time I was being beaten over the head with pistols and the blood began running down in my eyes. I couldn't see anyone. I want to get that point straight, because if I appear in court to testify

I don't want to be placed in an embarrassing position."

Tried to Cut Ransom.

Four days after Bremer was seized, it was disclosed, the family sought to whittle down the ransom demand to \$100,000, making known the attitude by a signal at the home of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim.

The offer drew a prompt response a note from the gang spurning the bid with a burst of profanity. In their first note to the family, left at the office of Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and intermediary, the kidnapers had warned "do not bargain—don't plead poverty—we know what you got."

The note to Magee also said: "You needn't threaten us. You do your part and we will do ours. You will receive further instructions and be ready to pay off at short notice."

Secrecy on Money.

The censorship on new developments in the kidnaping investigation was observed by Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, Department of Justice, when he declined to make public the serial numbers of the ransom money. The money paid was in old \$5 and \$10 bills.

"That information must come from the attorney general in Washington," Nathan said.

Secrecy is believed to have been exacted from St. Paul police and others working on the case. Government investigators refused permission to use their names in connection with the case.

Mrs. Dehmer, a widow, is regarded as an ace witness to the actual abduction. She is reported to have told investigators that she saw the scuffle in the victim's car.

Another woman, whose name was not disclosed, is reported to have obtained the license number of the kidnap car. The numbers were turned over to authorities. The names of at least three other eye-witnesses are known to authorities.

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**LIGHTS AND BUS LED
BREMER RANSOM CAR**
(St. Paul Pioneer Press)

**Red Lanterns Placed Along
Road Guided Magee to
Payoff Spot.**

Several red lanterns, placed along a narrow country road, and a south-bound passenger bus figured in the setting for payment of the \$200,000 ransom to effect release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, held by kidnapers for 22 days, it was learned Tuesday night.

Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man named by the abductors, was instructed in a note found in the side pocket of the payoff car, directing him to pick up a certain bus between St. Paul and Farmington, 20 miles distant, at 9:10 P. M. the night of February 6.

The additional details revealed Tuesday stated that Magee was told to follow the bus at a distance of 100 yards and to keep behind it until it reached Faribault, 55 miles south of St. Paul.

It was learned several days ago that Magee was instructed by the kidnapers to go to a parked car in downtown St. Paul, read the abductors' note of instruction and then drive away in the machine with the ransom money.

It became known also Tuesday that Magee, after reaching Faribault, left the route of the bus and turned off on the first small road to the left after leaving Faribault. He then continued until he reached several red lanterns placed along the road. By pre-arrangement, the kidnapers winked car headlights four times. This was the final signal for Magee to stop his machine and place two large bundles, containing the \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills, by the roadside.

Meanwhile the search for the gang that kidnaped Bremer January 17 proceeded behind a veil of secrecy clamped down by Federal Department of Justice agents who are leading the hunt.

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**Bremer Kidnap Gang
Lair Believed Found**

By United Press

DES MOINES, Ia.—Park A. Finley, chief of the Iowa Investigation Bureau, said today he had located what he believed was the hideout of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, and held him 22 days for \$200,000 ransom.

Finley said he would ask Federal authorities to bring Bremer to a farm nine miles southwest of Creston, Ia., in an effort to identify the hideout.

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Bremer Held On Iowa Farm, Sleuth Reveals

Secrecy Shrouds Parleys
of Victim and U. S.
Investigators.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 12 (AP).—The Register tonight quoted Park J. Findley, superintendent of the State bureau of criminal investigation, as saying that Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, was held prisoner on a farm 9 miles southwest of Creston, Iowa.

St. Paul, Feb. 12 (AP).—Edward G. Bremer, banker released after three weeks' imprisonment upon payment of \$200,000 ransom, conferred twice today with Department of Justice operatives, who refused to disclose the nature of the conferences.

The kidnap victim spent two hours behind closed doors with Federal agents this forenoon and one hour late today, apparently viewing numerous photographs in an effort to identify his abductors. Agents who accompanied him were seen carrying bundles of pictures.

Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, admitted tonight a Catholic priest helped establish contact between the family and the kidnapers. He refused to confirm the report that the Rev. John Deere, of Piror Lake, Minn., was the intermediary but admitted the priest "doesn't reside in the twin cities."

Attempts to speak with members of the Rev. Deere household were balked when the operator's report that St. Paul was calling was met with banging telephone receivers.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice, and Werner Hann, district chief of that department, both denied Bremer was in conference, but newspaper men witnessed his entrance and exit.

A tip from Mason City, Iowa proved without foundation, Nathan disclosed. He declined, however, to reveal the information.

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, of St. Paul, was closeted with Mr. Bremer when investigators conferred with the victim.

Swindle Attempt Revealed.
Winnipeg, Feb. 12 (AP).—Police today disclosed what they termed a plot by an unidentified Winnipeg man to swindle the wealthy Bremer family of St. Paul, Minn., of \$200,000 ransom money in the belief their son, Edward, would be returned.
Authorities revealed the attempted hoax in denying reports circulated here Saturday that United States Federal agents were tracking down the kidnapers in Winnipeg. They also denied that a contact man, employed by the Bremer family, was in Winnipeg last week.



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SUSPECTED KIDNAP HIDEOUT CHECKED

Bremer Not Yet Asked to Go to Iowa to Assist in Search.

By the Associated Press.
 DES MOINES, February 13.—Until more definite information is obtained Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will not be asked to come to Iowa to aid in a search for the hideout to which he was taken by kidnapers, Harold Nathan of the Federal Department of Investigation said today.

Nathan said a further check would be made of the suspected hideout near Creston, located by Park A. Findley of the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

The kidnap hideaway, according to Findley, is 9 miles from Creston in Southwestern Iowa. If the information proves accurate it means that the kidnapers, when captured, may be prosecuted under severe Federal statutes.

Bremer Knows Place.

Bremer has said he can identify the place in which he was held, despite the severe restrictions that were placed upon him during his three-week captivity. He believes the wallpaper of the room in which he was held will enable him to make positive identification.

Federal investigators began an immediate check of the Iowa officer's information. Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, took charge of this angle of the investigation, which now has spread across the country and into Canada.

Findley, turning over his facts to Federal men, asked that Bremer come to Iowa and look at the farmhouse to cinch the identification.

The wealthy St. Paul bank president conferred secretly with Federal agents for three hours in St. Paul Monday, presumably looking over many photographs in an effort to identify the men who seized him January 17.

Priest Helped Family.

Still limping from a leg injury suffered when he sought to prevent his abduction, Bremer made two trips to the St. Paul Post Office Building, accompanied by agents, who carried bundles of pictures.

An admission that a Catholic priest helped to establish contact between the family and the kidnapers was made yesterday by Adolph Bremer, father of the banker. Efforts to identify Rev. Father John Dere of Prior Lake, Minn., as the intermediary were unavailing. The Minneapolis Tribune, however, said the final contact which resulted in Bremer's release at Rochester, Minn., was made at Prior Lake through Rev. Dere.

Findley refused to disclose where he got his information, but insisted it had come from an "authoritative source."

"The tip," he said, "came to me last Monday from a person I consider highly authoritative on the matter of this kidnaping. I can't violate the confidence of the source."

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NO TRACE IS FOUND OF BREMER HIDEOUT

Community Near Creston and Kent, Ia., Reveals No Clues.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)
Kent, Ia., Feb. 13.—This Iowa village of one hundred, 10 miles southwest of Creston, stole the national spotlight today in the hunt for the kidnapers of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Acting on an underworld tip which Park Findley, chief of Iowa state police received at Des Moines, a small army of newspaper reporters, photographers and officials scoured this farm community today for the hideout of the kidnapers.

Findley asserted his informant told him it was in a farmhouse near here that Bremer was held captive for over three weeks. Beginning at daybreak today, private and official investigators searched every vacant farmhouse within a five-mile radius of here without finding a single clue to uphold Findley's tip. There are six empty farmhouses in this vicinity and not one offered any likelihood of having served as the Bremer hideout. In one, where neighbors reported having seen lights burning three nights ago, a considerable quantity of grain was found stored, but no sign of human habitation in months.

Town All Agog.
Kent, a quiet little community built on the side of a hill, was tense with excitement today. Two newspapermen said to have been from Omaha (not The World-Herald) even electrified the atmosphere as they sped about in an auto from which two machine guns bristled. Village merchants, faced with an unprecedented business, ordered liberal supplies of hamburgers, bacon and eggs, etc., to feed the influx of visitors.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Hower led the official hunt, taking along several newspapermen from Creston, but search of every known vacant farm house in the county failed to reveal a single clue to the kidnapers' hideout. He was inclined to believe Findley's tip was a "bum steer."

Findley based his statement on a tip from an underworld source which he said he had hitherto found reliable. He claimed his informant told him the hideout was near the village of Kent, 10 miles southwest of here, but F. C. Locke, night marshal at Kent, said he knew of no likely places.

Bremer will not be asked to come here until more definite information is received. Harold Nathan of the United States department of investigation announced in Des Moines.

Several Vacant Houses There.
The district in which the hideout is supposed to be situated is thickly populated with farmers, but there are several vacant properties within it, Marshal Locke said. It is not wooded or hilly, and the district is well supplied with roads, he said.

Marshal Locke said there have been no reports of any suspicious looking strangers in the neighborhood.

"I can't violate the confidence of these sources, and naturally there are some things that cannot be told while the investigation is continuing," Findley announced. "The tip on the Creston farm-

house came to me first Monday night from a person whom I consider highly authoritative in the matter of this kidnaping, and one with whom I am sure the department of justice can establish no contact."

Chicagoan Promises Inquiry.
Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the federal bureau of investigation in Chicago, said his operatives would make immediate investigation.

"We will be glad to cooperate with Iowa and other authorities in the investigation of the tip," Purvis said. "However, it may be that jurisdiction of the investigation will come under the St. Paul office of the federal department rather than the Chicago office."

"It may be, however, that Mr. Findley has been informed of possible Chicago angles of the case of which we are not aware."

Bremer Confers with Investigators.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12 (AP).—His movements guarded with the utmost secrecy, Edward G. Bremer, banker, released after three weeks' imprisonment upon payment of 200 thousand dollars ransom, conferred twice today with department of justice operatives.

Bremer apparently was viewing numerous photographs in an effort to identify his abductors.

Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, admitted tonight that a Catholic priest helped to establish contact between the family and the kidnapers. He refused to confirm the report Rev. John Deere of Piror Lake, Minn., was the intermediary.

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COMB 2 STATES FOR HIDEOUT OF KIDNAPING GANG

Clews Indicate Bremer Seized by Outsiders.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Authorities raked Minnesota and Iowa today for clues to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, who paid \$200,000 for his release last Wednesday night.

Seeking the hideout where the 37 year old president of the Commercial State bank was held captive 22 days, police and federal operatives ran out every lead, no matter how unpromising it appeared.

Maintaining a barrier of silence, police refused to reveal whether they had anything to indicate Bremer had been taken out of the state. It was reported, however, that department of justice agents were devoting attention to southwestern Iowa.

Believed Outside Gang.

Federal operatives, with the cooperation of local police, were combing southern Minnesota for possible traces of the gang, which Chief of Police Thomas Dahill intimated might have come from outside the state to engineer the kidnaping.

It would not "surprise" him, Dahill said, if it was an outside gang working with a local fingerman that carried out the crime. Dahill admitted St. Paul police had asked Tulsa, Okla., authorities for the fingerprint classification and photograph of Harry Campbell, fugitive slayer suspect.

It was in southern Minnesota, at Rochester, that Bremer was freed after payment of the ransom by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor intermediary for the family, in the Fairbault, Minn., vicinity.

Hunt for Fingerprints.

Whether investigators obtained any fingerprints from ransom notes delivered Jan. 20 to Dr. H. T. Nippert, family friend and physician, was conjectural. Several bottles, found in an apartment occupied by an unidentified man and woman who skipped the day after Bremer was seized, also were gone over for fingerprints.

It was from an apartment in the vicinity this couple lived, that a telephone call was received by Nippert calling his attention to the three notes in a large envelope under his door.

The small new coupe used by the couple was found to have been purchased the same day an old car was sold by the gang which disappeared last year when Hamm was released upon payment of \$100,000.

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**CLUES SOUGHT BY POLICE
 TO BREMER'S HIDEAWAY**

Feb. 12 (AP).—Silence in the operations of police and Department of Justice agents today in their investigation of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Clues were sought to the place where Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank, was held captive from Jan. 17, when he was taken here, to Feb. 7, when he was released at Rochester, Minn., after payment of ransom. Bremer rested over the weekend at his home.

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**Hamm In Search
 For Kidnapers of
 Banker Bremer**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 11 (INS).—As Edward K. Bremer, recovered from his kidnaping experience, prepared to return to his desk at the bank here Monday, reports prevailed that William Hamm, Jr., another kidnap victim, was co-operating with Federal operatives in a search for Bremer's \$200,000 abductors.

The Bremer family under orders of Federal men "not to talk" about the case, declined to comment on Hamm's reported activities in the hunt, but revealed the St. Paul brewer was out of town.

"We have been asked not to talk about the case," said Adolph Bremer, Jr., son of the victim's father who paid out \$200,000 for Edward Bremer's release Wednesday night. "I do know that Mr. Hamm is out of town," he added.

The abduction of Hamm, who paid \$60,000 for his release, closely parallels the Bremer abduction, and because of this it was believed the same gang engineered both "snatches."

Federal agents are maintaining a strict silence in the case, but it was learned that a new car purchased by a Vernon St. gang under suspicion in the Hamm kidnaping, was a possible link between the Bremer and Hamm abductions.

Shortly before the St. Paul brewer was kidnaped for ransom last June, the suspected gang

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**Hamm In Search
 For Abductors of
 Banker Bremer**

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abandoned a house on Vernon St., here, and their automobile was sold through a second-hand dealer.

A small car was bought from an agency and registered in the name of the used-car dealer, since out of business. It was inferred by officials they had evidence indicating the new car was bought by the Vernon St. gang.

Further linking the two crimes, it was learned that an unidentified man and woman suddenly abandoned an apartment here on Vernon St., the day after Bremer's kidnaping Jan. 17.

Adolph Bremer, Jr., declined to say whether his family had conferred with Hamm and Federal agents searching for clues that may tie up both crimes.

"I can't say anything," he replied repeatedly to questioning.

Roger Touhy and his henchmen were tried and acquitted for the Hamm abduction, and authorities were unable to uncover any substantial clues in the Vernon St. gang operations at the time.

Aiding Federal Men?



WILLIAM HAMM, JR.

Another kidnap victim reported searching for Bremer abductors.

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Nathan, Who Led Bremer Inquiry, Denies He Has Orders to Go Before Jury.

NEW PANEL ANNOUNCED

Dahill Expected Home Tuesday From Parley With Cummings; Hearings Resume.

Harold Nathan, assistant head of the Department of Justice division of investigation, has returned from Washington to St. Paul.

Reached shortly before noon at the Department of Justice office, the man who was in charge of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping investigation until he left here several weeks ago said his visit was purely of an administrative nature.

Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, is expected back here Tuesday from his Washington conference with United States Attorney General Cummings on the latter's charges that the Twin Cities are a breeding ground of crime and that "certain segments of the St. Paul police force do not have our confidence."

John H. McDonald, commissioner of public safety, said today he did not order Dahill to Washington, but the chief informed him Thursday night he was going.

Nathan said he has received no instructions to testify before the Ramsey county grand jury on crime conditions. He was one of thirteen persons, including other government officials, whom Mayor Mahoney recommended should testify.

"I am here merely to look over the work," Nathan asserted. "I may be here only a few days. I move under orders from Washington."

Twenty-three persons were chosen today for a new Ramsey county grand jury April 4 to succeed the present jury which will meet again Tuesday.

The names are Frank C. Bancroft,

cent W. Dawson, 1078 Lombard avenue; Mrs. Florence Fletcher, 76 Central terrace; John B. Graham, 2524 Territorial road; John C. Hary, 1915 Laurel avenue; John H. Hanke, 843 Aurora avenue; Howard L. Johnson, 804 Lincoln avenue; Dea E. Lane, 1249 Fairmount avenue; Robert W. McClelland, 78 West Summit avenue, Apartment 24; Olaf J. Olson, 830 Marshall avenue; George L. Robinson, 1056 Portland avenue; Marcus Rogers, 949 Grand avenue; Markus F. Rosacker, 1622 Summit avenue; Fred W. Siegel, 821 Earl street; Harold G. Sommers, 1889 Goodrich avenue; Henry G. Southeray, 941 Fairmount avenue; Genevieve Spangenberg, 369 Laurel avenue; Elmer Turnquist, 1184 Orange street; Gerda M. Wallblom, 924 Clark street, and Edith Wheeler, 97 North Oxford street.

In the Bremer investigation, Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of St. Boniface Catholic church at Menominee, Neb., the bells of which Bremer is believed to have heard while a prisoner, has been forbidden to talk.

"I cannot tell you one thing about this," an Associated Press bulletin quoted him as saying. "I must not even tell you who told me not to talk."

Bremer knows little of the hideout where he was held captive for more than three weeks, but he remembered that every day he heard the chimes of church bells. Officers seized on those chimes as a clue to the hideout.

They reasoned that the banker had been held within 300 miles of St. Paul for he was able to reach his home seven hours after being released. So the investigators searched for a church with chimes within that radius.

They learned that the only church with chimes of that kind was St. Boniface church. The Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of the church, has followed regularly an old world custom of sounding the Angelus, and investigators believe Bremer was held prisoner near Menominee.

There are a number of vacant houses in the vicinity and all are under close scrutiny of the officers.

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have come to the conclusion that a long-time resident of St. Paul acted as "finger man" in the \$200,000 abduction.

Following this disclosure, one of the federal officials said, "The roof will be knocked off this town when this case is solved."

In the meantime the search for the kidnapers' hideout continued through six states—Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota. Mysterious trips over the week-end by both police and federal authorities to southern Minnesota and Iowa indicate that they are of the opinion that the hideout most likely was in Iowa, but federal investigators, working out of the St. Paul office have been covering the territory through the other states also.

A possible clue that some of the kidnapers may have been in Omaha, Neb., during the time that Mr. Bremer was held a captive, was seen in the theft of a Omaha taxicab.

According to police the cab was stolen about a week ago and when recovered Sunday had traveled about 800 miles. The cab and kidnaping are linked by the fact that Walter Magee, contact man, was told to go to Des Moines, Ia., and register at a hotel there and the 800 miles that the cab traveled just about covers the distance from Omaha to St. Paul and return via Des Moines.

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...it more efficient and cleaner. A truer name for them is anti-parliamentarians. What are the chief Fascist and anti-parliamentary groups in the several European countries?

Two in Britain.

Great Britain is the "mother of parliaments," yet there are at least two Fascist movements of certain strength, one of which imitates German Chancellor Adolf Hitler and the other both openly cry majority rule and want to institute despotism. Neither has

...but the Lappo movement is strongly anti-parliamentarian in the defense of property against the communists.

Handful.

Sweden and Denmark have each a handful of people who, under Hitler's influence, are showing a tendency to "go Nordic" and join in the Nazi brotherhood. The main object of Norway's so-called Fascism is really reducing the role of the state—anti-parliamentarism.

Holland and Belgium each pos-

...significance.

As Many As in 1914.

So much for the European picture. On the one hand, it is gaining ground steadily. On the other hand, it has scored a victory only in states where there is little or no real democratic experience.

In Europe today, despite loud Fascist claims, at least as many people are under Democratic rule as in 1914.

It must never be forgotten that the prototype and perhaps destination—of dictatorships is Soviet

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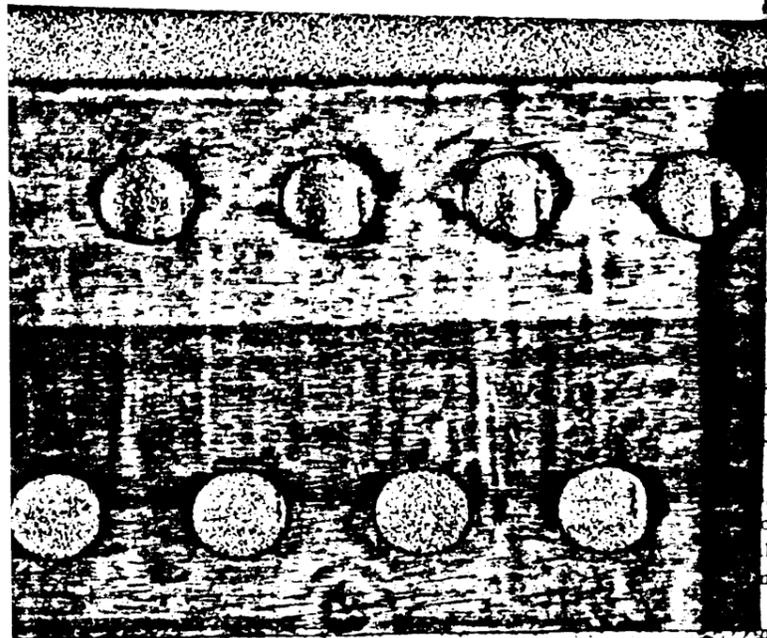
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Private Lanes.

Located in Guthrie and Dallas counties, the hideouts have the appearances of ordinary farm properties and are accessible only by private lanes, the sheriff said.

Stating that he was conferring with authorities pushing the kidnaping probe, the sheriff declined to reveal any result of his investigation.

Following the release of Bremer last Wednesday upon the payment of \$200,000 ransom, authorities have been seeking the unlocated hideout where Bremer was held captive 22 days. It is believed by some that the hideout may possibly be located in southwest or central Iowa.

Named First.

Des Moines was first picked by the kidnapers as the place for payment of the ransom money. This plan was abandoned, however, the payoff being made near Faribault, Minn.

Sheriff Robert Waldburger of Fort Dodge, Ia., said Monday he had received from the United States department of justice serial numbers of the bank notes paid in the ransom of Bremer. The 21-page catalog lists 10,000 notes of \$5 denomination and 15,000 notes of \$10 denomination, Waldburger said.

According to Sheriff Keeling, he has received no report from the department of justice pertaining to serial numbers of the ransom money.

Priest Revealed As Contact Man

ST. PAUL, MINN. (U.P.)—The Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake, Minn., was the last contact man used by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, the United Press learned Monday.

It was through Father Deere that the kidnapers delivered the second set of final directions to Walter Magee for payment of the \$200,000 ransom, after the first ransom payment contact went wrong.

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Fears Line Tapped

Father Deere refused to reveal the details of his participation in the case over the telephone, fearing that his line might be tapped by some of the kidnap gang.

Members of the gang outlined to the priest the plan which Father Deere later communicated to Magee for final payment of the \$200,000, and also promised the priest that Edward Bremer would be released Wednesday if both he and Magee followed directions.

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Now, More Kidnapings

And That \$200,000 Bremer Ransom Will Be Responsible for Them

We are glad that Edward G. Bremer, the St. Paul banker has been freed by his kidnapers.

We sympathize with his father, Adolph Bremer, as we sympathize with the kinfolk of anyone who falls into kidnapers' hands.

But we also beg to point out that the payment of two hundred thousand dollars of ransom in this case will lead to vastly more kidnapings, and is perhaps the greatest setback the law has received to date in its war on the "snatchers."

When such tremendous sums can be made from crime, criminals will be encouraged to try to make them.

The result of this case will therefore be another epidemic of kidnaping attempts—a widening of the vicious kidnaping circle, which increases its scope with every dollar of ransom that is paid.

Only until the payment of ransom is declared a felony and visited with drastic penalties can kidnaping be controlled. Other countries have found that out. We have not.

It sounds harsh, granted. But it is the only way in which the American people can safeguard American homes.

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KIDNAPER HUNT LEADS TO IOWA

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Mr. Bremer, who is recovering at his home from nervousness and shock, continued to keep in close touch with Federal investigators.

Department of Justice investigators and police are giving careful scrutiny to each bit of information that has come their way. They sent a request to Tulsa, Okla., for the photograph and fingerprints of Harry Campbell, sought in a recent killing there.

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SEARCH CONTINUES AS BREMER RESTS

Police Silent on Investigation of Kidnaping of St. Paul Banker.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 12.—A wall of silence surrounded operations of police and Department of Justice agents today in their investigation of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The officers sought clues to the place where Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank, was held captive from January 17, when he was seized here, until February 7, when he was released at Rochester, Minn., after payment of ransom.

Bremer rested over the week end at his home. He was under medical care immediately after his return, when he was suffering from nervous exhaustion and the effects of a beating on the head on the day he was kidnaped.

Authorities would not confirm a report that Federal investigators and St. Paul police also were following a clue in Northern Minnesota. A Minneapolis man, whose identity was shielded was reported to have told of a house on Mille Lacs where three armed men seized him recently, but released him after blindfolding and then escorting him out of the territory.

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Bremer Kidnap Gang Is Hunted In Two States

Hideout Where Captors Hld Banker Still Is Unfound.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11 (AP).—Authorities ranged Minnesota and Iowa today for clues to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, who paid \$200,000 for his release last Wednesday night.

Seeking the unlocated hideout where the 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank was held captive 22 days, police and Federal operatives ran out every lead.

Maintaining a barrier of silence police refused to reveal whether they had anything to indicate Bremer had been taken out of the State January 17, when he was abducted. It was reported, however, Department of Justice agents were devoting attention to southwestern Iowa.

Outside Gang, Is Hint.

They refused to confirm a report a farm in that area might have been the place where Bremer was held.

Federal operatives, with the cooperation of local police, were combing southern Minnesota for possible traces of the gang, which Chief of Police Thomas Dahill here intimated might have come from outside the State to engineer the kidnaping.

It would not "surprise" him, Dahill said, if it was an outside gang working with a local fingerman that carried out the crime. Dahill admitted St. Paul police had asked Tulsa, Okla., authorities for the fingerprint classification and photograph of Harry Campbell, fugitive-slayer suspect.

"Anyone a Suspect."

Dahill would not admit Campbell was wanted here specifically for questioning in the Bremer case except to declare "anyone is a suspect."

Bremer Rests After Release



Associated Press Photo.

EDWARD G. BREMER, St. Paul banker, who is recuperating at his home from a 22-day ordeal in the hands of kidnapers. The photograph is the first of Bremer since his release.

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HAMM HELPING U. S. AGENTS IN BREMER HUNT

Ransomed Banker's Family Is Silent on Report; Similarity of Two Cases Pointed Out

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 11 (I.N.S.)—As Edward G. Bremer, recovered from his kidnaping experiences, prepared to return to his desk at the bank here Monday, reports prevailed that William Hamm, Jr., another kidnaping victim, was cooperating with Federal operatives in a search for Bremer's \$200,000 abductors.

The Bremer family, under orders of Federal men "not to talk" about the case, declined to comment on Hamm's reported activities in the hunt, but revealed the St. Paul brewer was out of town.

CLOSE PARALLEL

Adolph Bremer, Jr., son of the victim's father who paid out \$200,000 for Edward Bremer's release Wednesday night, said:

"I do know that Hamm is out of town."

The abduction of Hamm, who paid \$60,000 for his release, closely parallels the Bremer abduction, and because of this it was believed the same gang engineered both "snatches."

Federal agents are maintaining silence in the case, but it was learned a new car purchased by a Vernon Street gang under suspicion in the Hamm kidnaping, was a possible link between the Bremer and Hamm abductions.

Shortly before the St. Paul brewer was kidnaped for ransom last June, the suspected gang abandoned a house on Vernon Street here, and their automobile was sold through a second-hand dealer.

FLED APARTMENT

A small car was bought from an agency and registered in the name of the used car dealer, since out of business. It was inferred by officials they had evidence indicating the new car was bought by the Vernon Street gang.

Further linking the two crimes, it was learned that an unidenti-

REUNITED AFTER KIDNAPING

HAPPY OCCASION—Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, is reunited with his father, Adolph Bremer, after being held 22 days by kidnapers. The elder Bremer paid \$200,000 for his son's release. Department of Justice agents are directing an intensive search for the kidnapers, whose identity is known.

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BREMER MAN-HUNT IN FEDERAL HANDS

Secrecy Is Ordered as Agents
Question St. Paul Persons
Who Saw Kidnapping.

MAN AND WOMAN SOUGHT

They Disappeared From District
Whence Gang's Notes Were
Sent to Intermediary.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 10 (AP).—The Federal Government took full charge of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping case today.

Its first move was to impose a strict censorship on any developments in the case. Harold Nathan, first assistant in the Department of Justice at Washington, declaring any word of progress in the search for the gang must come from Attorney General Cummings.

City police and officials of the State Crime Bureau followed the lead of the Federal operatives, headed by Nathan, in maintaining a tight-lipped silence on their activities, though it was known they had the stories of at least five witnesses who claimed ability either to identify the actual kidnapers or the gang's automobile.

Coupled with those clues were the notes conveyed to the family by the gang which seized Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, for \$200,000 ransom Jan. 17, and freed him at Rochester, Minn., Wednesday.

One of these missives, a profane communication, was received by the family after Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and father of the victim, had attempted to whittle down the ransom demand to \$100,000, making his offer known through a visible signal.

Woman Saw Abduction.

In its first note, the gang had warned the family not to bargain and cautioned them, "Don't plead poverty—we know what you got."

Police had the statement of Mrs. Cressens Dehmer, a widow, living on the corner where the 37-year-old Commercial State Bank president was seized in his own automobile the morning of Jan. 17. She said she saw the scuffle between the banker and his captors, who slugged him fifteen or twenty times over the head with pistol butts.

She was the chief eyewitness so far discovered, though a milk wagon driver has related to police how he witnessed the actual abduction from a block away. At the time he believed it was a traffic accident. It was not stated whether he was positive he could identify the gang's automobile.

Two other women and an oil station attendant, whose names were kept secret, have given information about the gang's car. The oil station attendant said he saw three men in an automobile he described and said the man in the rear seat wore a tan overcoat.

The victim himself said he could not identify the gangsters. Previously it had been understood that he obtained a good view of the men before they began beating him.

Couple Sought in Case.

An unidentified man and woman, who lived for a time in an apartment house in the district from which a telephone call was made to Dr. H. T. Nippert, calling attention to the gang's notes, also were sought by Federal operatives. Dr. Nippert, family physician and friend of the Bremers, received three notes Jan. 20.

Several bottles in the apartment vacated secretly by the couple were reported to have given the operatives fingerprints. The apartment-house manager said he never once saw the man, but that the woman appeared "hard-boiled" and that the couple drank a great deal. They lived there a month, leaving unannounced the day after Mr. Bremer's abduction, he said.

Mr. Bremer went to his bank for a brief time today. He walked with a cane. Dr. Nippert planned to X-ray his leg, severely bruised as the abductors slammed his car door on it when he sought to prevent them from closing it.

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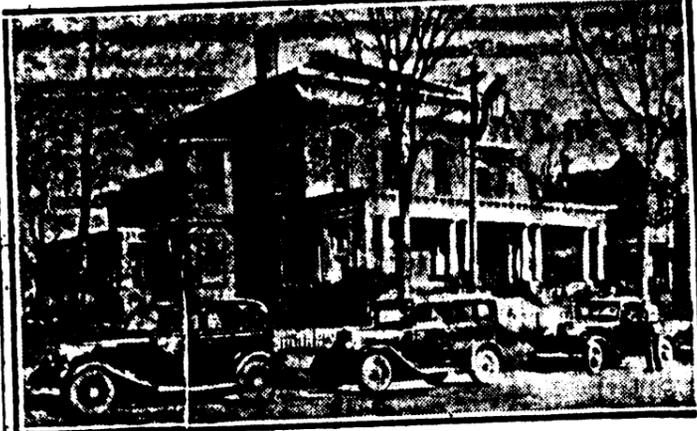
Sankey's Widow Awaits Trial in Boettcher Kidnap Case
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papers spread today from Rochester, scene of his release Wednesday after the ransom was paid, to Kansas City, and included Sioux Falls, Iowa, and Fairbault, Minn., where Walter W. Magee, intermediary, delivered the ransom.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 10. — With two principals in the \$60,000 ransom kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, II, removed — one by suicide and the other by imprisonment for life — federal authorities today turned to the prosecution of Mrs. Vera Sankey.

The grief-stricken widow of the kidnapping desperado, who rather than face sentence to a life term in Leavenworth prison, hanged herself in a jail cell here, is being tried as an accomplice in the Boettcher case. Her two children are being cared for by friends. Meanwhile, Gordon Alcorn, pal

Dad's Home to Which Bremer Returned



The home of Adolph Bremer, millionaire St. Paul, Minn., brewer, to which his son, Edward, banker, returned in a state of near collapse after being released by kidnapers upon payment of \$200,000 ransom.

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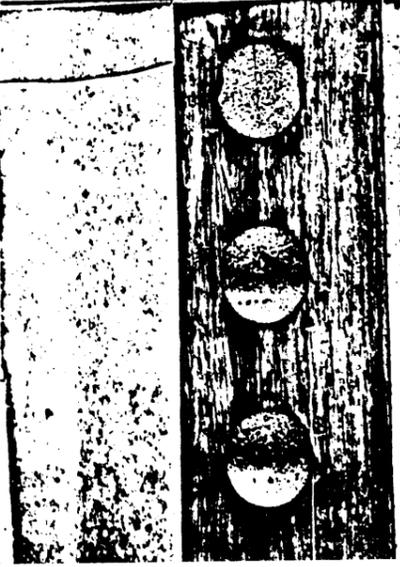
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Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror.
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 10.—Fresh clues, culled from Edward G. Bremer's nervous recital of the 22 days of torture underwent as a captive while his kidnapers negotiated for \$200,000 ransom, today guided Federal, State and City authorities in their search for the gang.

Her Ruse Fails



(International)
Like a movie reporter, Rose McKee, a "leg woman" on a St. Paul (Minn.) paper, disguised herself as a nurse and gained admittance into the Bremer home, in a vain attempt to interview Edward Bremer. When her story was investigated by Federal officials, it was revealed her attempt had failed. Wait till Hollywood hears about her, thought!

Department of Justice agents admitted that Bremer had been able to furnish a good description of the two gunmen who slugged him into insensibility when he was seized in his automobile here after taking his daughter to school last Jan. 17.

Pale and nervous, and still under the care of a physician in his home, Bremer, head of one of the city's biggest banks, and son of one of the nation's wealthiest brewers, declared positively he could identify the two if they were caught.

Bremer was also able to furnish the sleuths with a detailed description of the room where he endured hardships and hunger throughout the period of his captivity.

The actual search for the kid-

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DR. H. T. NIPPERT,
Physician to banker who aided in ransom negotiations.

of Sankey, began his life sentence in Leavenworth, following his plea of guilty.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 10.—Three of the notorious John Dillinger gang, recently captured in Tucson, Ariz., today were turned over to Ohio authorities to stand trial there for the murder of Sheriff Jess Sarber, in Lima, O., last Oct. 12. The three, all of whom escaped from the Indiana State prison here on Sept. 26, are Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Makley.

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U.S. TAKES OVER BREMER CASE; BARS PUBLICITY

REUNITED AFTER DAYS OF WORRY

Imposes Censorship on Developments; Known to Have Stories of Five Witnesses

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MANY FALSE OFFERS

Hints the Bremer family might have had a contact man in Winnipeg for negotiating the ransoming of Bremer, were discounted today by police.

Insertion of an advertisement in the personal columns of a Winnipeg newspaper reading "We are ready to welcome you home,



HAPPY AGAIN—Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, is shown with his father, Adolph Bremer, after release by kidnapers following twenty-two days' captivity. Picture from International News Photograph Service.

Eddy," was regarded by them as the work, possibility of a person they believe might have attempted to collect the ransom money without having connection with the kidnap gang.

Nathan said no Federal agents were in Winnipeg.

The Bremer family received more than a score of crank notes, many of which instructed them to leave the money at specified places. None of these notes had any direct connection with the

case, authorities said they had determined. Walter Magge, wealthy contractor friend of the Bremers, was the only intermediary between the family and the gang, they said.

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BREMER MAN-PIUNT IN FEDERAL HANDS

Secrecy Is Ordered as Agents
Question St. Paul Persons
Who Saw Kidnapping.

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MAN AND WOMAN SOUGHT

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One of these missives, a profane communication, was received by the family after Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and father of the victim, had attempted to whittle down the ransom demand to \$100,000, making his offer known through a visible signal.

Woman Saw Abduction.

In its first note, the gang had warned the family not to bargain and cautioned them, "Don't plead poverty—we know what you got."

Police had the statement of Mrs. Cressens Dehmer, a widow, living on the corner where the 37-year-old Commercial State Bank president was seized in his own automobile the morning of Jan. 17. She said she saw the scuffle between the banker and his captors, who slugged him fifteen or twenty times over the head with pistol butts.

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The victim himself said he could not identify the gangsters. Previously it had been understood that he obtained a good view of the men before they began beating him.

Couple Sought in Case.

An unidentified man and woman, who lived for a time in an apartment house in the district from which a telephone call was made to Dr. H. T. Nippert, calling attention to the gang's notes, also were sought by Federal operatives. Dr. Nippert, family physician and friend of the Bremers, received three notes Jan. 20.

Several bottles in the apartment vacated secretly by the couple were reported to have given the operatives fingerprints. The apartment-house manager said he never once saw the man, but that the woman appeared "hard-boiled" and that the couple drank a great deal. They lived there a month, leaving unannounced the day after Mr. Bremer's abduction, he said.

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Mr. Bremer went to his bank for a brief time today. He walked with a cane. Dr. Nippert planned to X-ray his leg, severely bruised as the abductors slammed his car door on it when he sought to prevent them from clearing it.

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FREE KIDNAPPED AUTOIST.

Kansas Bank Bandits Leave Him
His Car and Escape on Feet.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 10 (AP)—W. J. Kilpatrick, kidnaped by three men who robbed the Goodland State Bank of Goodland, Kan., of \$2,000 yesterday, was released early today at Cameron, Kan., fourteen miles from this city. He was unharmed.

The men returned his automobile. Kilpatrick said the trio, one suffering from an injured foot and assisted by his companions, started away on foot.

Mr. Kilpatrick had stopped at a farm house between Neff City and Jetmore yesterday when the robbers appeared in a truck commandeered from two farmers. They jumped into Mr. Kilpatrick's car, and one with a gun told him "to get in and do the driving."

Sheriff Clayton Libby of Neosho County was shot and wounded in the leg yesterday afternoon by one of the gang when the officer and Richard A. Floyd, County Attorney, engaged the three in a gun fight near Nonchalanta, but the robbers escaped before help arrived.

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RANSOM MONEY SEEN TRAPPING BREMER GANG

28,400 Numbers Are Sent to Banks All Over Nation; U. S. to Wait Until Clamor Abates

By WILLIAM E. HALLBERG
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ST. PAUL, Feb. 10 (U.P.).—Department of Justice investigators are watching for the band of kidnapers responsible for the seizure of Edward G. Bremer, to start laying down a trail of 28,400 clues—the \$200,000 ransom paid for his release—the United Press learned tonight.

Adolf Bremer is aiding the impending paper chase that may result in apprehension of the outlaws.

PROVIDES NUMBERS

The 65-year-old brewer, convinced no honor or quarter should be extended criminals, made it possible for the Federal agents to obtain the serial numbers of all of the telltale \$5 and \$10 bills in the ransom.

Throughout the nation the list of numbers has been put into circulation. The kidnapers may gloat over a "perfect crime," but eventually one of the 16,800 \$5 bills or one of the 11,600 \$10 bills may lead to their capture.

AIDED BY VICTIM

In addition to the cooperation of the elder Bremer, investigators are receiving the aid of his son, but, the United Press was informed, questioning of the young banker has served only to provide convincing evidence that the abductors planned well.

Bremer not only is doubtful of his ability to identify any of the gang, but was given no opportunity to obtain clues to the location of its hideout. He may be able to identify his prison after it has been found.

"We will make our greatest progress when the furor attendant on Bremer's return has quieted and we can work without interference from curious individuals," a Federal official commented.

All Minnesota Police Hunt Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Feb. 10 (U.S.).—Law enforcement representatives from the entire State gathered in the office of Governor Floyd B. Olson today to make preliminary plans for safeguarding citizens in St. Paul—which has become known as the "kidnap capital" of the United States.

Successively Haskell Bohn, son of a wealthy refrigerator manufacturer; William Hamm, jr., brewer; Edward G. Bremer, banker, and others, have been kidnaped.

The program as outlined by Governor Olson to the police and county authorities included:

Radio-equipped, state-wide police car service.

Registration of tenants by landlords.

Registration of tourists in summer resorts.

He added:

"Although this group consists of but a handful of men, I pledge its fullest efforts in a campaign to stamp out crime, and particularly kidnaping.

"But, to make the work more effective, the unstinting cooperation of county and city authorities is of the highest importance."

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Bremer, Hamm Believed Held By Same Gang

U. S. Takes Full Charge in Investigation; Five Witnesses Found.

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BREMER CASE LINK WITH HAMM'S SEEN

Federal Agents Work On Theory Both Abductions Were Work of One Gang.

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Car Used in Flight.

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Police refused to reveal whether through this chain of circumstances they hoped to uncover the "finger-man" in the Bremer case. Despite thorough investigation of the Vernon avenue incident at the time, police were unable to uncover any evidence connecting it with Hamm's abduction. Four members of the Chicago Touhy mob were later tried and acquitted of that kidnapping.

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Sankey In Suicide Pact.

Verne Sankey, America's public enemy No. 1, who hanged himself in his penitentiary cell at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this week, carried out his part of a suicide pact, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill said today.

"Sankey and his gang," said Chief Dahill, "had an agreement to commit suicide if they ever were captured. They always said they never would be taken alive."

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AGENTS QUIZ FIVE FOR BREMER CLUES

Two Women Supply Important Data to Aid U. S. in Kidnap Hunt.

By the Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, February 10.—Fresh clues—meager, but still holding possibilities—gave police and Federal investigators new hope today that they can bring to justice the gang that "snatched" Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom.

The names of at least five persons who are believed to have seen either the kidnapers' automobile or its occupants were in the possession of the police and Department of Justice agents.

One of them, Mrs. Cressens Dehmer, a widow, told the investigators how she had seen the scuffle in the victim's car when his abductors slugged him with pistol butts. She was regarded as the most important of the witnesses.

Another, a woman, whose name was not divulged, reported she noted down the license number of an automobile she believed was the one the kidnapers used.

Hideout Still Mystery.

From an oil station attendant authorities heard a story that he had seen three men in a car resembling the gang's machine the day of the abduction, January 17, and that a man in the rear seat was wearing a tan coat.

But the lead the investigators were hoping to get more than any other—the location of the gang's hideout, where Bremer languished in a darkened room for 22 days, was still a mystery.

Meanwhile the mark the kidnapers had left on the victim was one that will take many days for him to forget.

Nerves Unstrung.

Greatly unstrung and assailed with recurring headaches after 22 days as captive of a gang, the president of the Commercial State Bank will be forced to forego business for probably a week.

"He is still very nervous and requires sedatives to put him to sleep," said Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and family physician.

"His leg (severely bruised when the kidnapers slammed his automobile door on it as Bremer tried to prevent them from closing it) still makes it difficult for him to walk."

Details, sketchy in parts, were recited by him yesterday in his home. Bremer sobbed several times during the recital and frequently his voice broke when he recalled the harrowing experience.

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Bremer, Near Collapse, Sohs Kidnap Story

Police Speed Extensive Search as Doctor Guards Banker.

St. Paul, Feb. 9 (AP).—Three weeks of pain and hunger, persecuted by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward G. Bremer in a state of semicollapse today.

Pinched by the memory of vicious blows rained upon his head with pistol butts, the 37-year-old banker interrupted the recital of his experiences today by sobbing once and almost swooning.

Simultaneously, Federal, State and city peace officers worked feverishly to track down the band that Bremer believes numbered 10 or 12, and that collected \$200,000 ransom before his release Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn.

His memory of the wallpaper design on the room in which he was held prisoner 22 days.

Meager details of the ransom payment trip made through Fairbault, Minn., on a lonely road Tuesday night by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor, friend and intermediary, and the strange car the gang placed at his disposal for the trip.

Two Suspects Freed After Questioning

Milwaukee, Feb. 9 (AP).—Two men arrested here today with \$2,000 in their possession and held for a time as suspects in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, were released late today.

The two men were arrested on a charge of speeding, then held for questioning when the cash was found. One of the men is a wholesale liquor dealer.

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BREMER TELLS EXPERIENCES IN KIDNAPERS' LAIR

Beaten When Seized, He Suffers from Hurts.

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.—[Special.]—Obviously suffering from severe nervous strain, Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank of St. Paul and scion of a wealthy brewing family, sat in his home today and told the story of his 22 days' experiences in the hands of kidnapers.

Bremer, seized for \$200,000 ransom on Jan. 17, and freed Wednesday night, appeared weak as clad in a dressing gown he sat in the living room of his home overlooking the Mississippi river and gave his statement to newspaper men.

The 37 year old banker broke down several times during the interview, tears filling his eyes, but he continued to the end after lapses of several minutes.

No Questioning Allowed.

None of the reporters present was allowed to ask questions. After Bremer finished his story they were immediately asked to leave.

Bremer told of the events which had taken place from the time he was kidnaped Jan. 17 shortly after leaving his 8 year old daughter Betty at the fashionable Summit school until the morning he entered the side door of his father's home after the ransom had been paid.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and family physician, sat close by and encouraged Bremer as the story of the brutal sluggings and days spent in darkness was told.

Banker Tells His Experiences.

His story follows:

"I got the baby to school about 8:20 and driving away I went several blocks and stopped for the arterial highway. As I stopped the left door of the car was opened and an arm was extended through the door with a gun pointed toward me. A gruff voice said, 'Don't move or I'll kill

Bremer Certain He Could Identify Two of Kidnapers

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.—[Special.]—As combined squads of federal agents and police concentrated efforts today in their hunt for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker released Wednesday after the payment of \$200,000 ransom, it was learned that the abducted man had told authorities he could identify at least two of the men who had seized and held him for 22 days.

The two members of the gang who overpowered Bremer on Jan. 17 were unmasked. Before they slugged him with their guns the 37 year old president of the Commercial State bank says he had a clear glimpse of their faces.

Remembers Wall Paper Pattern.

Another important key in the hunt was furnished authorities by the victim. Bremer was reported to have told them that although he had been in darkness most of the time he remembered clearly the design of the wall paper of the room in which he had been held.

St. Paul police today went with Walter Magee, contractor, over the route he traveled in delivering the ransom money. Whether the trip was productive of clues could not be learned. Police also scrutinized every

part of the auto provided by the kidnapers for Magee to carry the ransom. Clothing worn by Bremer while in the kidnapers' hands was studied under the microscope. Authorities would not divulge if they found any evidence of value.

It was learned also that federal agents are searching for Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, southwest gang leaders.

Hunt Covers Wide Area.

Twenty-eight federal agents were reported to be working in St. Paul. Other operatives were said to be on the case in Sioux City, Ia.; Bismarck, N. D.; Rochester, Minn., where Bremer was released Wednesday; Kansas City, Memphis, and Faribault, Minn., where the ransom money was paid.

Other developments of the day included a denial by Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, who received three notes from the kidnapers, that the gang had taken him to their hide-out to treat injuries received by Bremer when he was slugged at the time he was seized.

Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer and father of the young banker, and other members of the family were unavailable to interviewers today.

as I didn't want any infection. They put a basin of water down in front of me, and a man who was standing behind me removed the bandage from my eyes.

Washes Wounds in Dark.

"It was pitch dark in the room. I located the wash basin with my hands and began to wash my hands and face. They were sticky with blood.

"I was then bandaged up and put to bed. The next morning they put me on a chair and served breakfast. I sat there in that same chair until I was put back to bed.

"This same routine was carried out all the time I was there. I was put on a chair until I couldn't sit any longer and when I'd complain they would put me back to bed.

"They told me to behave as they told me or they would chain me to the bed. Naturally, I acceded to their every wish.

"Every conversation they carried on was in a whisper. The boys said I acted 'very good.' My bandages were taken off while I was seated in a chair facing a corner, provided I didn't turn

didn't remove bandages until I heard the car start again.

Can't Walk Straight.

"I removed the bandages. I could make out a car with lights in back. I turned and tried not to stagger. I walked in circles a few minutes before I could walk straight. I walked five or six blocks, but I couldn't find the bus depot. I asked and found out there was no bus to St. Paul that night.

"The woman in the bus depot said, 'I think you can catch a train leaving for Owatonna in five minutes.'

"She told me that there I could get a bus for St. Paul. She called a cab for me; I bought a ticket; got into a train seat, and pulled my hat down over my eyes and rode that way until they called Owatonna. At Owatonna I hired a cab to take me to the bus station.

Arrives at Father's Home.

"In St. Paul as the bus was crossing the Wabasha street bridge I asked the driver to let me out there. I walked up along the side of the courthouse, and luckily no one passed me.

"I crouched near the courthouse

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head. I tried to get out the right door and bumped into something there. It apparently was another man, who also struck me over the head. I must have been struck 15 or 20 times. My eyes became filled with blood, and I was dazed. They pushed my head down under the dashboard. Meanwhile my left foot was still outside the left front door, for I had been thinking all the time that some one surely would see me as many people are taking their children to school by that route at that time of day.

Placed in Another Car.

"Finally they pulled my leg into the car and we started out. We drove awhile, I don't know how long or I don't know where, but it must have been 10 or 15 minutes later that they stopped the machine. They put goggles over my eyes and told me to get out. I had recovered my senses somewhat and distinctly remembered the commands to get out of the car, which I did. Then they placed me in another machine.

"I was placed in the back part of the other car and I was told to lie down. At that time my watch was taken away, which they told me was for identification purposes. They asked me who I would like to have as contact man and I mentioned Walter Magee. They then asked me who else they could perhaps get in touch with and I mentioned the names of several of the boys out at the brewery. I was told to sign some notes, but I don't know whether they were signed at that stop or a later stop. The car started and we proceeded to drive. I don't know how many hours. We drove and stopped again many hours later, and it was perhaps at that stop that I signed certain notes.

Allowed to Sit Up After Dark.

"At this stop there was undoubtedly another car accompanying us. Meanwhile, I was down at the bottom of the car and couldn't see or hear much. All I could hear was that they were refilling the car with gas. We again started to drive and we drove until it must have been dark. They later told me I could sit on the seat, because no one could see me after dark. We again stopped, and this time the car left us.

"I was awfully cold, so I asked if I could walk up and down. They walked up and down with me then so that I could warm up.

"Then the car returned and I again was put into the machine. We drove several hours more and there was another stop. Here I was taken out of the car and led some distance, where we went downstairs. I was sat on a chair. Then they examined my head and washed off the cuts as best they could.

"I told them to cut the hair away.

The only time I was allowed on the chair was when they walked me to the bathroom or when they put me to bed.

"After the first week, the leg I had stretched out of the car went bad, so I couldn't walk. So they sort of pulled me to the bathroom and to bed.

"One morning they talked to me and told me that arrangements had been made to release me. They put me on a chair and shaved me. I objected, but they did it anyway, and it took them an hour. Then they took me outside and placed me in the bottom of a car surrounded by gasoline cans.

"We drove constantly except for one stop.

"At that time they took some cans out of the car and got more gasoline. After dark they allowed me to sit on the seat. They also let me out of the car with two attendants. They said, 'We will find out if the money is marked.'

Instructed as to Release.

"The car drove away, and when it returned they said everything was all right, that the money wasn't marked.

"After driving some time, they said we were nearing Rochester, Minn. 'We'll put you off on a dark street,' they said. 'Get out of the car, face the direction we are in but which is not the direction you are to walk. Count 15 slowly before you remove your bandages. Turn about face and go into Rochester. Be sure not to let any one recognize you. Go to the bus depot. Take the 3:40 bus to St. Paul. In St. Paul don't go to the bus depot. Get off before you get there. Get a cab and go home. But don't let anybody see you.'

"I got out of the car, carefully counted 15, heard the car stop, so I

stop. Walter Magee, who delivered the ransom, came to his assistant.

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KIDNAPED ST. PAUL BANKER NEAR BREAKDOWN AS HE RELATES STORY OF 22 DAY CAPTIVITY.
Edward G. Bremer (left), who was released by gang after payment of \$200,000 ransom, with his father, Adolph Bremer, in latter's home in St. Paul yesterday as he told story of his abduction. The banker related how he was slugged when seized, how he was held captive, and how he was freed. (Story on page 6.)

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**Bremer Able to Recall Room
 Where Held; Also 2 Kidnapers**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 10 (By International News Service).—Local police headquarters resembled an Army intelligence camp today as hundreds of crack detectives and United States operatives pressed the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, youthful bank executive. Leaders of the manhunt were led in their search for the kidnap gang, which turned Bremer loose after obtaining a ransom payment of \$200,000, on three meagre clues provided by the kidnaped man.

These are:
 1—A description of the wallpaper in the room in which Bremer was held prisoner for 22 days.
 2—Sketchy descriptions of 2 members of the gang whom the banker had a chance to observe.

3—A description of the car placed by the gang at the disposal of Walter Magee, friend of the Bremer family, who arranged the ransom payment. Bremer remained in a state of semi-collapse today, and his condition was such that police feared to question him too closely. Bremer told authorities that he got a chance to observe the wallpaper design of the room in which he was held prisoner when the adhesive tape, used to blindfold him, temporarily slipped. At the time he was captured he got an opportunity to glimpse two members of the gang. Magee turned over the \$200,000 ransom money to an emissary of the gang after driving from St. Paul to Fairbault, Minn., in a car placed at his disposal by the kidnapers. Authorities are hopeful of finding some traces of it.

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Now, More Kidnapings

And That \$200,000 Bremer Ransom Will Be Responsible
 for Them. 2-10-34

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We are glad that Edward G. Bremer, the St. Paul banker, has been freed by his kidnapers.

We sympathize with his father, Adolph Bremer, as we sympathize with the kinfolk of anyone who falls into kidnapers' hands.

But we also beg to point out that the payment of two hundred thousand dollars of ransom in this case will lead to vastly more kidnapings, and is perhaps the greatest setback the law has received to date in its war on the "snatchers."

When such tremendous sums can be made from crime, criminals will be encouraged to try to make them.

The result of this case will therefore be another epidemic of kidnaping attempts—a widening of the vicious kidnaping circle, which increases its scope with every dollar of ransom that is paid.

Only until the payment of ransom is declared a felony and visited with drastic penalties can kidnaping be controlled. Other countries have found that out. We have not.

It sounds harsh, granted. But it is the only way in which the American people can safeguard American homes.

Pardon Prohibition Offenders

Except the "Big Shots."

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Nine thousand liquor cases have been cleared off the dockets of Federal Courts with the Supreme Court decision that repeal voided all the various prohibition enforcement acts.

Though the Federal Courts will not be entirely relieved of liquor cases, since there will be continued violations of the revenue laws, they are nevertheless freed of one of the great causes of congestion which have hampered them so much in the past.

It is also good news that Attorney General Cummings plans to deal leniently with petty offenders who were convicted when the Volstead law was in force and are now in prison.

When they have not been guilty of "moral turpitude" but merely of infractions of a law which most of the country was breaking, why not commute their sentences at once, or pardon them outright?

That would be only fair to them, and would also save taxpayers the money which it now costs to keep them locked up.

The "big shots" must be kept behind the bars for their full terms.

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Keep After the Kidnapers!

NOW that Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul has been recovered from his kidnapers, after the payment of a \$200,000 ransom, it is to be hoped that the long and strong arm of the United States Government will reach out and keep reaching without ceasing until the kidnapers are apprehended. No one can blame the grieving father of the kidnaped man for having taken every possible precaution to recover his son and to meet the full conditions imposed by the kidnapers for their protection. But now that the purpose has been accomplished, all obligations cease. Both Mr. Bremer and the Government authorities should bend every possible effort to the apprehension of the kidnapers.

Kidnaping is one crime which does pay, if you can get away with it, and sometimes you can. It has become recently in America a contagious epidemic. Recent examples of the promptness of apprehension and the severity of punishment have not yet deterred aspiring extortioners. They still think they can get away with it and so long as there is a fighting chance of a fortune there are reckless men to take it. Only by demonstrating that the game is too dangerous can we stop this epidemic.

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U. S. AGENTS TRY TO TRACE PAIR WHO HAD FLAT

Reported to Have Abandoned Grand Avenue Apartment Soon After Kidnaping.
St. Paul Dispatch
IN PHONE CALL DISTRICT

Abduction Victim Denies Report He Can Identify Two Gang Members.

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Federal authorities, the Dispatch learned today, have been attempting for the past several days to identify a man and woman who abandoned their apartment at 628 Grand avenue a few hours after the kidnaping January 17 of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old St. Paul banker.

Simultaneously, the banker who was held for \$200,000 ransom and who returned early Friday after 21 days in captivity, issued a blanket denial that he can identify two of the kidnaping gang.

Additional developments today included: Clamping of a strict censorship on news of the Bremer kidnaping case by Federal authorities in St. Paul, and announcement that all news must come from Attorney General Cummings in Washington.

A conference between Governor Olson and fifteen representatives of municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies on ways and means toward stamping out kidnaping in Minnesota.

Information that authorities have names of at least five persons, including Mrs. Grassens Dehmer, who saw either the kidnap machine, its occupants or the scuffle between Bremer and his abductors at Lexington and Goodrich avenues.

Appearance of the kidnap victim in a motion picture studio where he retold for film men the story of his abduction.

It was from an apartment in that vicinity that the telephone call was made to the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue. Dr. Nippert, Bremer family physician, received the call at 7 A. M., January 20. He was instructed by a man to look for an envelope under his front door. The envelope contained the first contact instructions to the victim.

The manager of the apartment building at 628 Grand avenue said that a woman who identified herself as a "Mrs. Bergstrom" rented a first floor apartment December 7, and paid a month's rent in bills of small denomination.

Never Saw Husband.
"The woman was dark, the building manager said. "She had a decided Irish brogue. I never saw her husband once during the time they lived here."

The woman told the apartment manager that her husband worked for a news-gathering agency. This was checked later and was found to be erroneous.

"The people did a lot of drinking and always had friends in their apartment, although they never were noisy or troublesome," the manager said.

The couple had an automobile, a small black, wire-wheeled coupe, the make of which the building manager never knew. The machine, the license numbers of which were unknown to the manager, always was kept at the rear.

Game Day After Abduction.
"On January 7," the building manager continued, "the woman arranged to rent the apartment for another month. She paid the rent that time with a \$50 bill."

Federal agents were especially interested in that angle, the manager observed.

"About 6:30 A. M. January 18, the day after Bremer was kidnaped," the manager said, "I discovered that the apartment occupied by these people was abandoned. The front door was found to be wide open and all the lights were burning. No one saw them leave."

Federal agents, it was learned, made a minute examination of the apartment and found two or three bottles which might bear fingerprints.

Were Seen in Drug Store.
A clerk at the Grandendale pharmacy, Dale street and Grand avenue, said that he had been queried by government investigators about purchases by the couple at the drug store.

"I remember both the man and woman," the clerk recalled, "but never knew their names."

His description of the woman tallied with that given by the apartment manager.

"The man was rather short and sandy complexioned," he said, "and not particularly dressed."

The couple purchased considerable beer at the drug store, always paying for it in bills of small denomination.

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SEIZE, GRILL TWO BREMER SUSPECTS

POLICE CHECK NUMBERS ON CURRENCY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Detectives today questioned two men, believed bootleggers, arrested here last night in an automobile bearing a Minnesota license and carrying weapons and \$2,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills, for possible connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, whose family paid \$200,000 for his release from his abductors Wednesday night.

In addition to the Bremer connection police were attempting to learn whether the pair had participated in the holdup of a messenger for a Duluth butcher earlier in the week.

CHECK BILL NUMBERS

Serial numbers of bills were being checked to determine whether any ransom notes were among them. The Bremer ransom was paid in \$5 and \$10 bills.

At the bureau of identification the men were identified as Gust Chiaberotti, alias Gust Rotty, 23, of Milwaukee, and Ben Larson, 23, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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The hunt swung in widening circles, biased by several definite clues, while the 37-year-old victim of the kidnapers remained abed under doctor's orders.

The Department of Justice went methodically over a trail, three days old, that led from St. Paul and ended at Rochester, Minn., where Bremer was freed late Wednesday.

Other leads gave definite indications that the law was not far behind the kidnapers and the \$200,000 ransom.

DOZEN IN GANG.

The officers had, among other information, the story of Bremer himself. There were ten or twelve members of the gang, Bremer said, basing the estimate on the sound of their voices as they held him captive twenty-two days. He got no view of any of them, he said, for he was kept captive in a dark room from the time he was kidnaped, January 17, until three men took him in an automobile and pushed him out, blindfolded, in Rochester.

During his imprisonment, he said, they threatened to kill him if he disobeyed their commands; and guards, working in relays of two, were with him constantly.

Adolph Bremer, the victim's father, had little to offer in the way of help to the officers.

DEPEND ON NOTES.

Communications exchanged with the kidnapers, however, were available to the state, city and federal officers who are joined in the hunt. It is on these communications and the experience of Walter Magee, the intermediary, who delivered the ransom money—in \$5 and \$10 bills



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At Faribault, Minn., he took a cross road, slowed to fifteen miles an hour, and drove on in the lonely night. Then the signal—four flashes of an automobile's headlights.

Magee stopped, placed his money on the ground, re-entered the car, and drove away.

DOCTOR SUMMONED.

The experience of Dr. E. T. Nippert, family friend and physician of the Bremers, also was counted upon to figure in the hunt. Nippert, though he refused to confirm it, was understood to have gone to the kidnap lair at the gang's orders, to treat Bremer.

The victim had been slugged with pistol butts by two of the kidnapers when they invaded his car, later found abandoned, its interior spotted with blood.

TAKEN ON LONG RIDE.

Nippert, blindfolded, was taken for a five or six hour automobile ride at night after receiving the second contact made with the family by the gang. That contact was delivery of three notes in an envelope addressed to Nippert and slipped under his front door Jan. 20.

The front door glass was shattered by a milk bottle to attract his attention. One letter was addressed to him, another to Magee, and a third to Adolph Bremer.

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VICTIM WORN OUT.

It was about 8 p. m. Wednesday that Bremer was freed, and he arrived home about midnight. Exhausted, extremely nervous, and worn out, he was welcomed home with thanksgiving by his family. A physician was called and he was given an opiate to induce sleep after a brief questioning by authorities. After several hours' rest, he arose and with Mrs. Bremer and his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, left for his home.

IN DARKENED ROOM.

Dr. Nippert was among those who visited the victim at his father's home yesterday. The physician said:

"He was still in a daze and very nervous when I visited him. His drawn face and jumpy nerves showed the ordeal he had passed through. He was in a partly darkened room because light hurt his eyes after being held so many days in a dark room.

"He told me that his kidnapers pummeled him considerably when they first took him, but that he never completely lost consciousness. He said that as soon as he realized what was up, he didn't offer any resistance."

Bremer will be forced to remain in bed for a day or two, Nippert said.

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LONDON PAPER CALLS BREMER

ST PAUL, Feb. 9.—(AP)—England has added its voice to scores of those in this country seeking information on the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, who was home today after a 23-day imprisonment.

As telegrams arrived from throughout the nation addressed to Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt, and a prominent Democrat, the London Daily Mail called by transoceanic telephons.

It wanted an interview with Adolph's son, Edward, who was freed by his captors Wednesday night. The interview was not granted.

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BLAKEM LEADING SEARCH

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The amount is the highest obtained for the release of any of the country's kidnap victims in the last few years.

Physicians called to attend Bremer said his injuries are serious and ordered him to rest. But Bremer, after giving all possible information to the authorities and after a few hours' sleep, insisted upon joining the hunt for his abductors.

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Blood stains on the car Bremer was driving when taken by the kidnapers had looked upon as evidence that he had put up a big battle and authorities believed he probably had been slain. The family alone were convinced that he was still alive.

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He took a taxi to his home.

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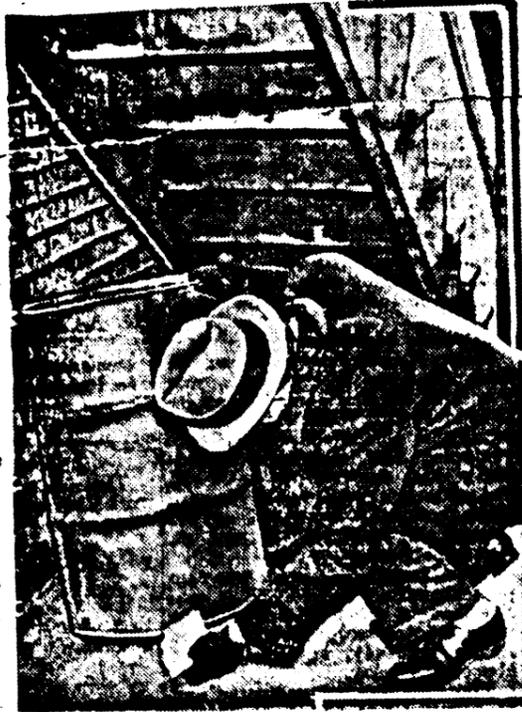
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They forced him into their car, blindfolded him and later he was transformed to another and bigger car. They drove for about 15 hours.

UNENVIABLE RECORD.

Authorities said he had been given plenty of good food, and a comfortable place to sleep.

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He drove his automobile to a spot on an unnamed highway, following instructions of the kidnap band. There he found an abandoned coupe. He left his own car and drove the coupe the remainder of the way to the rendezvous with the kidnapers.

Magee drove back to St. Paul in the coupe. Federal detectives will examine it carefully, but have little faith that it will lead to the uncovering of any clues. It is believed to be a stolen car.

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Mrs. Sankey, who, tried as a conspirator, admitted she had cooked Bohn's meals, was freed by a jury after a plea by her counsel to "send this little woman back to her baby daughter in Denver."

Other St. Paul victims were Leon Gleckman, head of a finance company; Morris Rutman, a dress shop owner, and Eugene Gleuck, who also is a brewer.

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The beautiful home in St. Paul, Minn., to which Edward G. Bremer, millionaire banker, returned safely after having mysteriously vanished the 17th of last month. Bremer, after ordeal, is suffering from nervous collapse.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1934.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST.

BREMER KIDNAPER GANG HUNT TURNS TO MISSOURI PAIR

Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker Are Sought by U. S. Agents.

By United Press.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Guided by information that Edward G. Bremer, bank president, obtained during his three weeks' captivity, federal agents and police Friday sought a band of half a dozen kidnapers which was paid \$200,000 ransom for his release.

Bremer's observations were given federal department of justice agents in great detail. He revealed that during his long captivity he became "quite friendly with the kidnapers."

Federal officials threw more than a score of sleuths into the search, moving with utmost secrecy. Bremer is the son of Adolf Bremer, financier and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Hunt Missouri Outlaws.

Inspector Charles Tierney of the St. Paul police headed the operations of his special anti-kidnaping squadron. Tierney admitted he sought Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, Missouri desperadoes, for questioning in the case.

Federal investigators turned Friday to fingerprints for a solution of the crime. Patterns of fingerprints found on the car used for carrying out the ransom demands of the kid-

napers have been forwarded to Washington for a check at the national identification bureau.

Two men were held meanwhile at the detective bureau in Milwaukee for questioning in connection with the kidnaping.

They were arrested for speeding Thursday night and held when found to be armed and carrying \$2,000 in currency of small denomination similar to that paid for the ransom of Edward G. Bremer. They were driving a small coupe which police learned was stolen from a Grand Rapids, Mich., physician.

Names Are Withheld.

Detectives refused to reveal the names of the suspects until they were questioned further.

Bremer rested at his home, recovering from a highly nervous condition, bordering on hysteria. An ordeal of twenty-two days in the hands of kidnapers who had beat him into submission when he first was seized was climaxed by a night and day of intensive questioning by federal agents and police.

The only information regarding Bremer's ordeal was made public through the United Press by Dr. H. T. Nipper, Bremer family physician.

Nipper revealed, after treating Bremer upon his return, that the young banker had been beaten into submission by two kidnapers who entered his automobile last January 17 when he stopped for a traffic signal.

Clubbed With Pistols.

The men sprang into Bremer's automobile and clubbed him with pistols when he sought to resist. The kidnapers then drove Bremer's automobile to a place where they had an automobile of their own, Nipper said.

Although dazed, Bremer did not lose consciousness at any time, Nipper revealed. The stalwart victim was carried from his own automo-

bile to the abductors' car and blindfolded.

After this preliminary rough handling, Bremer was not harmed, Nipper said. He quoted Bremer as saying:

"I got to be rather sociable with them. They fed me well and since there was nothing else to do, I got plenty of sleep."

The kidnapers required Bremer to write notes, two of which were delivered through Nipper. Nipper verified the receipt of these notes and a telephone call from the kidnapers.

During the time Bremer was held prisoner the kidnapers made five contacts with his family.

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Instructed How to Get Home Without Being Known.

By Edward G. Bremer.

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I quickly put the car in low gear to cross the street and looked up and saw a car squarely in front of my car. I placed my left foot through the door. By this time the man who had opened the left door apparently had got inside my car.

Struck Many Times.

He began striking me over the head and must have hit me 15 or 20 times. I tried to get out the right door and bumped into something there and it apparently was another man who also struck me over the head. My eyes became filled with blood and I was dazed. They pushed my head down under the dash board. Meanwhile my left foot was still outside the door, for I had been thinking all the time that someone surely would see me, as many people were taking their children to school at that time of day.

Finally, I don't know when, they pulled my leg into the car and we started out. We drove a while, I don't know where, but it must have been 15 minutes later that they stopped the machine. They put goggles over my eyes and told me to get out. I distinctly remember the commands to get out of the car, which I did. Then they placed me in another machine and I was told to lie down.

Watch Taken Away.

My watch was taken away, they told me was for identification purposes. They asked me who I would like to have as contact man and I mentioned Walter Magee. They then asked me who else they could get in touch with and I mentioned the names of several boys whom I was reared with out at the brewery. I was told to sign some notes, but I don't know whether they were signed at that stop or a later stop. The car started and we drove and stopped again many hours later. It was perhaps at that stop I signed certain notes.

At this stop there was undoubtedly another car accompanying us. I was at the bottom of the car and couldn't see or hear much. They refilled the car with gas. We again started and drove until it must have been dark. They later told me I could sit on the seat because no one could see me after dark. We again stopped and this time the escort car left us.

Walked for Warmth.

I was awfully cold so I asked if I could walk up and down. They walked with me so I could warm up.

Then the car returned and I again was put into the machine. We drove several hours more and there was another stop. Here I was taken out of the car and led some distance, where we went downstairs. I sat on a chair. Then they examined my head and washed off the cuts as best they could.

I told them to cut the hair off because I would rather have that done than to have an infection set in. After that, they put some water in front of me and when they took off the bandages it was dark.

I washed my hands and face as best I could and then I again was bandaged up and put to bed.

Undoubtedly it was the next morning that they put me back on the chair and served me with breakfast. I sat on that chair until I was put to bed.

Kept Same Routine.

That routine kept on all the time I was in the room. The only time I walked was when they took me to the bathroom. After the first week the leg I had stretched out of the car to prevent them from closing the door went out on me, and I

could not walk the entire week. They sort of pulled me around.

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They took me outside, placed me in the bottom of a car surrounded by gasoline cans, and drove constantly, except for one stop, until dark. At this stop they took the cans out. Then they allowed me to sit on the seat, since it was after dark, and they left two attendants with me. They told me they were going to find out whether or not the money was marked.

I told them I did not believe the money was marked. After a while they returned and I was told it was all right. We were nearing Rochester, they told me.

Gave Instructions.

Then they said: "We will put you off on a dark street in Rochester. You are to get out of the car when you are told and face in the direction, which, however, is not the direction in which you are to walk."

You are to count up to 15 very slowly before you remove the bandages. Then turn about face and go to the Rochester bus depot and take the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. When you arrive in St. Paul you are to get off before you get to the bus depot, get into a cab, and get to your house without anyone seeing you so that there will be absolutely nothing in the morning paper."

I got out of the kidnapers' car. I heard the car leave. I counted 15, but I heard their car stop, so I did not remove the bandages. After the car started again I removed the bandages and I could just make out a light.

I walked several blocks and then asked a man the way to the bus depot. There was no bus to St. Paul that night. A lady at the depot called a taxi and I went to the railway station and bought a ticket to Owatonna.

At Owatonna I got into a cab and caught a bus. I asked the driver to stop after he passed the Wabasha street bridge. Then I caught another taxi and went home.

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Handwritten notes:
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Associated Press Photo.
The bulky object carried by Clarence Newcome in the above photo may have been the Bremer ransom. A reporter is shown asking Mr. Newcome the futile question. Newcome is business manager of a brewery owned by the Bremers.

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That routine in the house continued all the time I was there.

I was told that unless I behaved as well as I should I would be chained to the bed. I consequently acceded to every wish.

After several days one of the boys came in. Every conversation that transpired was in a whisper. They told me I had acted very well, and one suggested that my eye bandages be taken off while I was sitting in the chair in the corner provided I would not turn my head.

If I did they told me they would replace the bandages and they would be put on for good. The following morning my bandages were removed.

Injured Leg Fails Him.

Before anything was placed in front of me, my head was covered so I could not see any one.

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3 Clues Spur Kidnap Hunt; Bremer Ill

(By Associated Press)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.—

Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward G. Bremer still in a state of semi-collapse today.

Pinched by the memory of vicious blows rained upon his head with pistol butts, the 57-year-old banker interrupted the recital of his experience today by sobbing once, and almost swooning.

Simultaneously, Federal, State and city police officers were working feverishly to track down the band that Bremer believes numbered ten or twelve, which collected \$200,000 ransom before his release Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn.

Three Clues to Work On.

The clues they had to work on: Bremer's ability to identify two of the gang; the two who beat him fifteen or twenty times on the head and face until blood blinded his eyes when they stopped his automobile Jan. 17.

His memory of the wallpaper design on the room in which he was held prisoner twenty-two days.

Meager details of the ransom payment trip made through Faribault, Minn., on a lonely road Tuesday night by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend and intermediary, and the strange car the gang placed at his disposal for the trip.

Interview Cut Short.

Magee's trip and payment of the ransom ended Bremer's twenty-two day imprisonment; ultimately it left Bremer blindfolded and weak on a dark Rochester street where he walked in circles for a while

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Three Clues Aid Kidnaper Search; Bremer Cracking

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to accustom himself once more to locomotion so he would not stagger.

Barely had he commenced a recital of his experiences with Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and physician at his side, than his voice trembled, tears welled into his eyes, and he raised a hand to his head.

Dr. Nippert cheered the erstwhile captive by assuring him that "this will be very brief." Soon after the interview was broken off.

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Witnesses Found Who Can Identify Kidnapers.

St. Paul, Feb. 9 (U.P.)—Department of Justice agents have rounded up witnesses who can identify at least three of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, the United Press learned late today.

The witnesses' names are being kept secret and every other precaution is being taken to prevent the kidnapers from intimidating them.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 9 (U.P.)—

Two men arrested here today with \$2,000 in their possession and held for a time as suspects in the Bremer kidnaping were released late today with the announcement that they had proved that they had no connection with the crime. One of the men is a wholesale liquor dealer.

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BREMER DESCRIBES 3 WEEKS' CAPTIVITY

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SOBS PUNCTUATE STORY

Entire Time in House Spent in a Bed or Chair—Forced to Wash Own Wounds.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
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The 37-year-old St. Paul banker, who was seized for \$200,000 ransom Jan. 17 and freed Wednesday night, told his story, at times tearfully, as he sat clad in a dressing gown in the living room of his home overlooking the Mississippi River.

Meanwhile, Federal agents and police concentrated efforts in their hunt for the kidnapers, at least two of whom, Mr. Bremer told the authorities, he could identify. The banker said he had clear glimpses of the two unmasked gang members who seized him Jan. 17.

Another important key in the hunt was furnished by Mr. Bremer. He was reported to have told them that, although he had been in darkness all the time, he remembered clearly the design of the wall paper of the downstairs room in which he had been held.

Details of Capture Given.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, personal friend and family physician, sat close by Mr. Bremer as he told of the events from the time he was kidnaped, shortly after leaving his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at school, until the night he entered the side door of his father's home after the ransom had been paid.

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Only One Stop Made.

"We drove constantly except for one stop.

"At that time they took some cans out of the car and got more gasoline. After dark they allowed me to sit on the seat. They also let me out of the car with two attendants. They said, 'We will find out if the money is marked.'

"The car drove away, and when they returned they said everything was all right—that the money was not marked.

"After driving some time, they said we were nearing Rochester, Minn.

"We'll put you off on a dark street," they said. "Get out of the car, face the direction we are in but which is not the direction you are to walk. Count fifteen slowly before you remove the bandages. Turn about face and go into Rochester. Be sure not to let anyone recognize you. Go to the bus depot. Take the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. In St. Paul don't go to the bus depot. Get off before you get there. Get a cab and go home. But don't let anybody see you."

"I got out of the car, carefully counted fifteen, heard the car stop, so I didn't remove the bandages until I heard the car start again.

"I removed the bandages. I could make out a car with lights in back. I turned and tried not to stagger. I walked in circles for a few minutes before I could walk straight. I walked five or six blocks, but could not find the bus depot. I asked and found out there was no bus to St. Paul that night.

Instructed to Get Train.

"The woman in the bus depot said, 'I think you can catch a train leaving for Owatonna in five minutes.'

"She told me that there I could get a bus for St. Paul. She called a cab for me; I bought a ticket, got into the seat and pulled my hat down over my eyes and rode that way until they called Owatonna. At Owatonna I hired a cab to take me to the bus station.

"In St. Paul, as the bus was crossing the Wabasha Street bridge I asked the driver to let me out there. I walked up along the side of the court house, and luckily no one passed me.

"I crouched near the court house until a cab went by. I told the cab driver I wanted to go to the West End Commercial Club. When I got out of the cab I turned and walked up to the door of the Commercial Club. After the driver left, I walked the few blocks to my father's home and reached the side entrance of the house."

At this point Mr. Bremer broke into sobs. Dr. Nippert

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For People Who Think— SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1934 .

NEW YORK AMERICAN—A

Bremer, in Own Story, Tells of 22-Day Agony in Darkness After Kid

BADLY BEATEN BY CAPTORS, THREATENED WITH BLINDING

Federal, State and City Forces Hunt Bremer Kidnap Gang

Wounds Finally Washed and Bandaged by Gang; Nervous Wreck When Freed; Walks in Circles Until Woman Appears and Calls Cab

His capture when he was beaten nearly into insensibility and the 22 days of terror while he was held until \$200,000 ransom was paid, are described here in Edward G. Bremer's own story. The young St. Paul banker, now a nervous wreck from his harrowing experiences, was compelled to halt several times in his narration by fits of weeping. He was kidnaped the morning of Jan. 17 in St. Paul and released last Wednesday night in Rochester, Minn.

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out over and over. There was no bus to St. Paul that night. The woman in the bus depot said:

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At the interview Bremer did not reveal the number of men he believed were in the gang, that point being omitted, it was understood, at the request of authorities.

Other details officers thought might hinder their efforts to round up the gang also were omitted. Bremer, wearing a dressing robe and slippers, was attired in a white shirt, open at the throat. He was pale and wan, quite nervous, upset. He appeared to be on the verge of collapse.

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Bandaged by Captors.

"I told them to cut the hair away, as I did not want any infection. They put a basin of water down in front of me, and a man who was standing behind me removed the bandage from my eyes.

"It was pitch dark in the room. I located the wash basin with my hands and began to wash my hands and face. They were sticky with blood.

"I was then bandaged up and put to bed. The next morning they put me on a chair and served breakfast. I sat there in that same chair until I was put back to bed.

"This same routine was carried out all the time I was there. I was put on a chair until I couldn't sit any longer and when I'd complain they would put me back to bed.

"They ordered me to behave as they told me or they would chain me to the bed. Naturally, I acceded to their every wish.

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At this point Mr. Bremer broke into sobs. Dr. Nippert told him he must stop. Walter Magee, contact man in the case, and who delivered the ransom, came to his assistance. The reporters were asked to leave. They had no opportunity to ask questions.

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BEGIN BEATING HIM.

I got the left side open, but could feel that someone was there. Immediately they began hitting me—about 15 or 20 times, I just don't remember.

By that time my eyes were filled with blood. They grabbed my head and forced it under the dashboard.

I had one foot outside the left door and I hoped to keep it there to attract somebody's attention. You know parents are bringing their children to school about that time.

I held it there as long as I could stand the blows. Finally, they noticed my foot outside and pulled it in.

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One morning they talked to me and told me arrangements had been made to release me.

FREE, WALKS IN CIRCLES.

They put me on a chair and shaved me. I objected, but they did it anyhow and it took them an hour. They took me outside and placed me in the bottom of a car surrounded by gasoline cans. We drove constantly, except for one stop.

The ride was for about 10 or 12 hours and the next thing I knew I was told to get out, that the car had reached Rochester, Minn.

They dropped me out of the car and told me to wait five minutes before removing the bandages.

As I removed the bandages I could make out a car with lights in back. I turned and tried not to stagger.

I walked in circles a few minutes until I could walk straight. I walked five or six blocks, but couldn't find the bus depot.

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HAPPY AGAIN—Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and 8-year-old Betty Bremer, wife and daughter of the kidnaped banker who has been returned to them after payment of \$200,000. Thus ends their 22-day period of terrible suspense.

Associated Press Photo

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**6 States Searched for Hide-
out Where Beaten Victim
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By The United Press
ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Department of Justice agents have rounded up witnesses who can identify at least three of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, it was learned late today.

The witnesses' names are being kept secret and every other precaution is being taken to prevent the kidnapers from intimidating them.

A story of a terrific beating at the time of his capture and of hours sitting blindfolded in a straight chair was related by the banker today while Federal and local authorities pressed a widespread hunt for the house in which he had been held. The search was carried on in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and Illinois.

"They held my head under the instrument board and clubbed me with gun butts as long as I could stand it," said Mr. Bremer, describing his struggle to escape from his car when the kidnapers closed in upon him.

Mr. Bremer was on the verge of hysteria as he told of the ordeal which ended Wednesday night with his release on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Federal agents learned today, it was reported, that one of the automobiles used by the kidnapers in collecting the ransom was one which had been stolen from Owatonna, a town between St. Paul and Rochester, where Bremer was released. The automobile, stolen from E. J. Petranek, of Owatonna, was found. It contained an old black cap, an umbrella, a small black box and a number of old rags. The license plates on the automobile also had been stolen.

Bremer Describes Captivity

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (AP).—Edward G. Bremer's account of his experiences from the time he was kidnaped until his return home follows:

"I left the baby at school I think
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Happy at Return of Husband and Father



Associated Press photo
**Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and her eight-year-old daughter, Betty,
pictured in their St. Paul home**

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"He began striking me over the head and must have hit me fifteen or twenty times. I tried to get out the right door and bumped into something there and it apparently was another man, who also struck me over the head. My eyes became filled with blood and I was dazed. They pushed my head down under the dashboard. Meanwhile my left foot was still outside the left front door, for I had been thinking all the time that some one surely would see me, as many people were taking their children to school by that route at that time of day.

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"The morning they told me arrangements were made for my release they sat me in a chair and they started to shave me, to which I objected. The job lasted one hour, they said.

Placed in Car With Cans

"They took me outside, placed me in the bottom of a car surrounded by gasoline cans and drove constantly except for one stop until dark. At this stop they took the cans out. Then they allowed me to sit on the seat, since it was after dark and they left two attendants with me.

"They told me they were going to find out whether or not the money was marked. After a while they returned and I was told it was all right. We were nearing Rochester, they told me.

"Then they said: "We will put you off on a dark street in Rochester. You are to get out of the car when you are told and face in the same direction, which, however, is not the direction in which you are to walk. You are to count up to fifteen very slowly before you remove the bandages. Then turn about face and go to the Rochester bus depot and take the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. When you arrive in St. Paul you are to get off before you get to the bus depot, get into a cab, and get to your house without any one seeing you so that there will be absolutely nothing in the morning paper."

"I got out of the kidnapers' car. I heard the car leave. I counted fifteen but I heard their car stop so I did not remove the bandages. After the car started again I removed the bandages and I could just make out a light. I turned the right direction and started to walk. I felt that I had

Goggles Placed Over Eyes

"Finally, I don't know when, they pulled my leg into the car and we don't know how long or I don't know where, but it must have been ten or fifteen minutes later that they stopped the machine. They put goggles over my eyes and told me to get out. I had recovered my senses somewhat and distinctly remembered the commands to get out of the car, which I did. Then they placed me in another machine.

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Drove Several Hours More

"I was awfully cold, so I asked if I could walk up and down. They walked with me then so that I could warm up.

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"I told them to cut the hair off because I would rather have that done than to have an infection set in. After that they put some water in the bandages it was dark. I washed my hands and face in the dark as best I could and then I again was bandaged up and put to bed.

"Undoubtedly it was the next morning that they put me back on the chair and served me with breakfast. I sat on that chair until I imagine it was time to go to bed and I was put to bed.

"That routine in the house continued all the time I was there. I was told that unless I behaved as well as I should I would be chained to the wall. I consequently acceded to every wish.

Conversed in Whispers

"After several days one of the boys came in. Every conversation that transpired was in a whisper. They told me I had acted very well and one suggested that my bandages be taken off while I was sitting in the chair in the corner provided I would not turn my head. If I did, they told me, they would replace the bandages, and they would be put on for good. The following morning my bandages were removed.

"Before anything was placed in front of me my head was covered so I could not see any one. Some days eats were hard to get. I was allowed to sit until I could not sit any longer and then placed in bed.

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straight first and then tried to walk straight so that no one would become suspicious by seeing me stagger.

No Bus to St. Paul

"I walked six or eight blocks, but I did not get to the bus depot. I then asked a man the way to the bus depot. I inquired about a bus and was told there was none to St. Paul that night. I told them that I must get back to St. Paul and the lady in the bus depot said she thought I could take a train to Owatonna and get a bus there. She called a taxi and I went to the depot. Where I bought a ticket to Owatonna. I got into a seat, pulled my hat over my eyes and arose when they called Owatonna.

"At Owatonna I got into a cab and went to the bus station. I purchased a ticket and went and got into the bus. I asked the driver to stop after he passed the Wabash Street bridge. Near the courthouse I got out and luckily no one saw me. I then got a cab and told him I wanted to go to the West End Commercial Club. We got there and I got out, turned around and walked up Seventh Street and went into the side entrance to the house."

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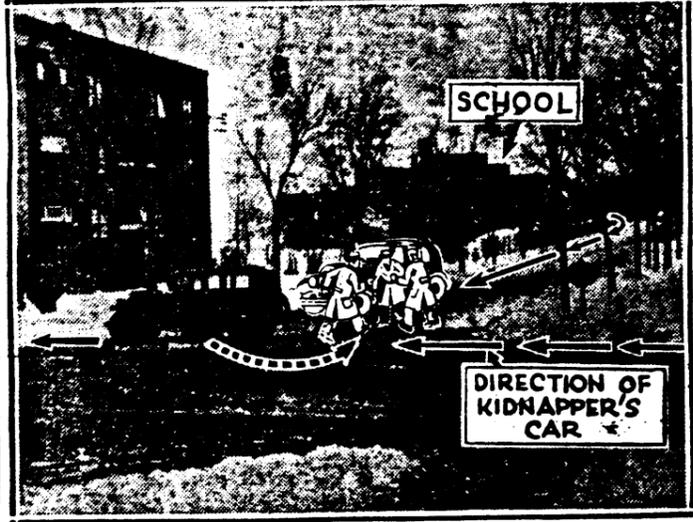
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An Unfortunate Meeting

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How Gang Carried Out Bremer Plot



(Mirror) After leaving his young daughter at the Summit School (background) in St. Paul, Edward Bremer drove to the corner where his path was blocked by a large sedan, which had come out of a side street (arrow). Gangsters jumped out, forced Bremer into their car and drove off. The kidnaping occurred Jan. 17. Wednesday, the banker was freed.

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\$200,000 Buys a Man's Life



Mrs. Edward G. Bremer, wife of the ransomed man, who was overjoyed to find him alive.



The home of Edward G. Bremer, ransomed St. Paul banker, who was returned late Wednesday after the payment of \$200,000 ransom. Bremer was ordered to bed by his physician for a rest in a "very, very nervous condition."

Waxy Gordon Halts Rioters Firing Jail

A RIOT of more than a hundred prisoners in the Federal House of Detention at West and 11th Sts., which culminated in a mass attempt to burn down the new sandstone structure was halted by Waxy Gordon, deposed Public Enemy No. 1, after four days of inmate mutiny.

The outbreak, held secret by officials, reached its peak late Wednesday afternoon, when



Jury Refuses To Indict in Walker Case

William H. Walker Jr., nephew



Edward G. Bremer ransomed from kidnapers after being held captive since Jan. 17.

Grand Jury, Miss Shore wrote to Mayor LaGuardia and District Attorney William C. Dodge requesting aid.

Three Drinks and Then "I've looked into this business of Magistrates' Courts," Miss Shore

BREMER FREED FOR \$200,000; PAY-OFF BARED

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—Freedom, bought and paid for with a fortune in money, was Edward G. Bremer's again today when he returned from twenty-two days in a kidnapers' lair, wounded and exhausted.

The full \$200,000 ransom, \$85,000 in \$5 bills and the rest in \$10 bills, was delivered by Walter Magee Tuesday night, after a hitch in previous arrangements for payment had thwarted arrangements, arousing fresh anxiety among the family that Bremer might never return.

Magee, wealthy contractor friend, who received the first ransom note Jan. 17, when the banker was seized, was sworn to secrecy and would not reveal details of the ransom payment.

It was learned, however, that sometime prior to last Saturday Magee received instructions from the gang. He was to take a bus from St. Paul at a specified hour, go to a certain Des Moines, Ia., hotel and register under an assumed name, having the money, in his possession, the gang supplied the name he was to use.

Verne Sankey Kills Himself In Jail Cell

(By United Press)

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 8.—Verne Sankey, 41, confessed kidnaper of Charles Boettcher 2d of Denver, and Haskell Bohn of St. Paul, and principal suspect in the kidnaping and murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., committed suicide by strangling himself with strips of his clothing in his cell at the State Penitentiary tonight.

Sankey, a former rancher long sought as a desperado who would stop at nothing, was arrested in Chicago a week ago when he went to a barber shop.

Sought for Months Federal agents who had been seeking him

Father Issued Appeal

There he was told to await further word. However, when Magee received the communication, the



Walker. I don't suppose the fact that my assailant is the recent Mayor's nephew would be allowed to interfere with justice. But I'm taking no chances. So, without consulting my lawyer, I wrote to Mayor LaGuardia and the District Attorney."

Miss Shore said she met Walker in a night club last Aug. 23 and had two drinks with him. They drove in a car to another place, had one more drink, and the next thing she knew she woke up in the Hotel Richmond, 70 W. 46th St.

Buy Now and Buy Cheaper

Lindbergh. He was extradited to South Dakota after the agents said they had become convinced that they could not implicate him directly with the Lindbergh case.

A plot to abduct Jack Dempsey and Babe Ruth also was charged against Sankey by Minnesota authorities.

How Sankey accomplished the difficult feat of ripping up a portion of his clothing, knotting it around his neck and then strangling himself to death, within a

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U. S. PLANS TO VOID AIR MAIL CONTRACTS

(Special to The News.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8. — Cancellation of all air mail contracts, effective June 1, was discussed tonight by President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley.

Action was understood to wait upon Attorney General Cummings' legal opinion.

Farley promised an explicit statement tomorrow after the Attorney General makes his ruling. Farley is understood to advocate a reletting of the contracts by open bids.

The conference between the President and Farley came as the result of sensational testimony before a Senate Committee.

The committee learned that ocean and air mail contracts were let by former Postmaster General

Brown by extension after a supposedly "clandestine" meeting of air mail operators who drew up an air mail map of the United States.

Testimony also was offered that Brown held stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad and International Mercantile Marine at the time these companies got fat contracts.

The President and Farley also were understood to have discussed the recent bidding for Army motor truck contracts.

Five indictments charging conspiracy to defraud the Government in the auto truck bidding are sought by the Department of Justice.

Adolph Bremer

He ransomed son for \$200,000.

money was under a time lock in a St. Paul bank and the scheme could not be carried out.

Several days passed without further signs from the captors, prompting Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, to issue his appeal and offer of last Saturday for three days and three nights in which to negotiate secretly without police interference.

Final instructions followed almost immediately. These stipulated that Magee was to go to a specified corner in St. Paul where an automobile would be parked. Before entering it, he was to take a note from the pocket of the car, stand with his back to the curb, and read it.

Magee followed instructions, carrying the money with him. The note was replaced in the pocket and the intermediary then drove down State Highway No. 1 through Farmington and Northfield, thence to Faribault. From there he took a cross road out driving at 15 miles an hour.

Lights Flash Signal

During this ride the contact man for the Bremers espied four flashes of lights from an automobile. This was the signal for Magee to stop, place the money on the ground,

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then re-enter his automobile and drive on. With the money was a note signed by Adolph Bremer, the victim's father. These were the arrangements carried out for the release of the banker. Later tonight it was reported Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the family, has been ordered to accompany the gang to the hide-out to pay the ransom. The orders to Nippert were in the envelope containing three notes slipped under his door the night of Jan. 29 when a milk bottle was hurled through the front door glass.

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\$200,000

The Bremers kidnap car
rees Bremers, Paul

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ARREST IN HUNT FOR KIDNAPERS BELIEVED NEAR

Bremer Remains in Bed as Widespread Search for Abductors Yields Clues.

NOTES AND MAGEE HELPFUL

Family Physician Reveals He Was Taken by Gang to Treat Captive.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (A. P.).—The law was close on the heels of Edward Bremer's kidnapers today. The hunt swung in widening circles, blazed by several definite clues, while the 57-year-old victim of the kidnapers remained abed under the doctor's orders.

The Department of Justice priding itself on a near-perfect record in running down abductors bent methodically over a trail, three days cold, that led from St. Paul and ended at Rochester, Minn., where Bremer was freed late Wednesday night.

Other trails were being swiftly followed, too. There were leads that gave definite indications that the law was not far behind the kidnapers and the \$200,000 ransom the gang exacted for Bremer's release.

Bremer Gives Some Help.

The investigators had, among other information, the story of Bremer himself. The president and owner of the Commercial State Bank was not as helpful as they had hoped, they admitted, but his story gave them several pegs on which to hang a plan of action.

There were ten or twelve members of the gang, Bremer said. He based his estimate on the sound of their voices as they held him captive twenty-one days. He got no view of any of them, he said, for he was kept captive in a dark room from the time he was kidnaped, January 17, until three men took him in an automobile and pushed him, blindfolded, from the car in Rochester.

During his imprisonment, he said, they threatened to kill him if he disobeyed their commands, and guards, working in relays of two, were with him constantly.

Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim and the man who arranged for the money with which to meet the huge ransom demand, had little to offer in the way of help to the authorities.

PAID BREMER RANSOM



Associated Press Photo.
Walter Magee.

tum last Saturday, and the ransom payment quickly followed. With the money was a note signed by the father, reading:

"I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Release Edward and tell him to come to my house first."

It was about 8 P. M. on Wednesday that Bremer was freed. He walked to a bus depot at Rochester, where he learned he had missed the last bus for the Twin Cities. Taking a train to Owatonna, a few miles north of there, he made connections with the bus and arrived home about midnight.

Exhausted, extremely nervous, and worn out, he was welcomed home with thanksgiving by his family. A physician, a personal friend, was summoned. He ordered immediate rest after examining the banker. He noted, however, that wounds about his head where he had been slugged, had healed.

He received an opiate to induce sleep after a brief questioning by authorities. After several hours' rest he arose and with Mrs. Bremer and his eight-year-old daughter, Betty, left for his own home.

Assailed by Hopes and Fears.

During the banker's absence, the family was alternately assailed by hopes for his early return and fears of his death, inspired by lack of communication with the gang.

Adolph Bremer, his strength taxed by an old illness aggravated by worry, voiced his pleasure at Edward's return by issuing a statement, admitting "the hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us" and praying that "other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

Dr. Nippert was among those who visited the victim at his father's home yesterday.

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Kidnap Notes Studied.

Communications exchanged with the kidnapers, however, were available to the State, city and Federal officers, who are joined in the hunt. It is on these communications and the experience of Walter Magee, the intermediary who delivered the ransom money—in \$5 and \$10 bills—that the investigators pin their hopes.

It was Magee who received the first note, demanding \$200,000 and warning against "bargaining with us." It was left on his office doorstep a few hours after Bremer was seized.

It was Magee, too, who just prior to last Saturday was to have gone to Des Moines with the \$200,000, registered at a hotel named by the kidnapers and used a pseudonym supplied by the gang. At the time Magee received these instructions the ransom was guarded by a time lock in a St. Paul bank, and the plan could not be followed. Silence masked the gang's activities then, prompting Adolph Bremer to issue his appeal for early return of his son and giving the mob three days and three nights in which to communicate with assurance of no police interference.

Spurred to action by the elderly brewer's word of honor, the captors immediately conveyed final instructions for turning over the money.

Note in Car Gives Directions.

Magee followed orders. He went to a prearranged place in St. Paul, looked in a strange automobile parked at the curb at a specified place, and read a note secreted in a pocket of the car. In accordance with instructions, he replaced the note, climbed in the car with the money, and drove south.

At Faribault, Minn., he took a cross road, slowed to fifteen miles an hour and drove on in the lonely night. Then the signal—four flashes of an automobile's headlights.

Magee stopped, placed the money on the ground, reentered the car and drove away.

The experience of Dr. H. T. Nippert, family friend and physician of the Bremers, also was counted upon to figure in the hunt. Dr. Nippert, though he refused to confirm it, was understood to have gone to the kidnap lair at the gang's orders to treat Bremer.

Dr. Nippert Visited Kidnapers.

The victim had been slugged with pistol butts by two of the kidnapers when they invaded his car the morning of January 17, when he was en route to the bank. The car later was found abandoned, its interior spotted with blood.

Dr. Nippert, blindfolded, was taken for a five or six-hour automobile ride at night after receiving the second set of notes sent to the family by the gang. Three notes in an envelope addressed to Dr. Nippert were slipped under his front door January 20.

The front door glass was shattered by a milk bottle to attract his attention to the missives. One letter was addressed to him, another to Magee and a third to Adolph Bremer.

Sometime within the next two weeks another contact was made. That was Magee's cue to go to Des Moines, but the time lock safeguarding the money thwarted that plan.

Plea by Father.

The gang's resultant silence inspired the elder Bremer's ultima-

He was still in a daze and very nervous when I visited him," said the physician. "His drawn face and jumpy nerves showed the ordeal he had passed through. He was in a partially darkened room because light hurt his eyes after being held so many days in a dark room."

Pummeled by Kidnapers.

"He told me that his kidnapers pummeled him considerably when they first took him, but that he never completely lost consciousness. He said that as soon as he realized what was up he didn't offer any resistance."

Bremer will be forced to remain in bed for a day or two, Dr. Nippert said.

England has added its voice to scores of those in this country seeking information on the abduction of Bremer.

As telegrams arrived from throughout the nation addressed to Adolph Bremer, the kidnap victim's father, the London Daily Mail called by transoceanic telephone.

It wanted an interview with Edward Bremer. His brother, Adolph Jr., answered the telephone. The interview was not granted.



KIDNAPPERS FREE BREMER ON PAYMENT OF \$200,000; WIDE MANHUNT IS PUSHED

HELD CAPTIVE FOR 22 DAYS

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Banker, Unnerved, Left
on Road 85 Miles From
Home in St. Paul.

RANSOM CASH UNMARKED

Paid by Family Friend, It Was
in \$5 and \$10 Bills Put Up
in Cardboard Boxes.

FEDERAL MEN ACT AT ONCE

**Questioning of Victim Gives
Clues to Hideout, Despite
Blows and Blindfolding.**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—Scarred, exhausted and unkempt, Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old bank president, returned home today from twenty-two days and twelve hours of captivity after \$200,000 ransom money had been paid to the criminals who kidnaped him on the morning of Jan. 17.

The release of Mr. Bremer, whose father, Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was followed immediately by the starting of one of the most intensive man-hunts in the history of the Northwest.

Law-enforcement agencies, headed by Department of Justice agents, were determined tonight to round up the gang of ten or twelve men who kidnaped Mr. Bremer after he had left his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the Summit Hill Girls' School, battered him about the head and finally released him only after collecting one of the largest ransom payments on record.

Independent investigations were begun by Department of Justice agents, the St. Paul police and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Victim Helps Planning Search.

Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank, was shoved out of a small sedan car last night by three members of the kidnaping gang at Rochester, Minn., about eighty-five miles south of here. He made his way as quickly as possible by train and bus to St. Paul, where he arrived in the early hours of the morning.

The news of his return was carefully guarded for several hours to allow government agents to gather enough information about his abductors to proceed on.

After answering the agents' questions, Mr. Bremer was ordered to bed by a physician, Dr. Joseph Sprafka, who said that he was "very, very nervous," but that the

VICTIM OF KIDNAPPERS AND HIS FATHER.



Times Wide World Photo.
Edward G. Bremer.



Times Wide World Photo.
Adolph Bremer.

\$200,000 RANSOM RELEASES BREMER

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daughter at the fashionable Summit School, between 8:15 and 8:30 A. M. on Jan. 17, he stopped his car at a cross street for a traffic light. A stranger tried to enter his car and the banker sought to get out by the opposite door. He was stopped, however, by a second member of the gang, armed with a pistol.

Both men hurriedly jumped in beside him, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious. The machine was later found in an outlying district of the city, bearing tell-tale marks of blood which gave rise to fears that Mr. Bremer had been killed.

The same day Walter Magee, a wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family, received an anonymous telephone call from some one representing the criminals. Mr. Magee was informed that the younger Bremer had been kidnaped and was told to look for a note in the rear of his office.

That note demanded \$200,000 ransom and instructed the Bremer family to insert a notice in a Minneapolis newspaper saying "We are ready, Alice," indicating that they were prepared to negotiate. This was done.

The next word from the kidnapers came on Jan. 20 in a note to Dr. Nippert, the Bremer family physician. A milk bottle was thrown through his front door during the night to attract his attention.

The bottle contained another note, addressed in ink by the young bank president to the doctor, and attached to it were notes also to Mr. Magee, who was acting as intermediary, and to Adolph Bremer. Dr. Nippert's note contained instructions for him to deliver the other two notes to Mr. Magee and the father.

An almost impenetrable veil of secrecy was thrown around later activities in the case. From the outset the elder Bremer showed an inclination to keep the authorities out of it, refusing to cooperate with them for fear that their activities would endanger his son's life.

Although the details as to the method in which the ransom money was turned over to the kidnapers were carefully guarded, it was reported that Mr. Magee gave up the money yesterday in person in two cardboard packages.

Yesterday the elder Bremer

what was up, he didn't offer any resistance."

The London Daily Mail called the Adolph Bremer home by transoceanic telephone this afternoon but failed to obtain an interview with the victim.

Father Expresses Relief.

When the news of his son's return was made public this forenoon, Mr. Bremer issued the following typewritten statement:

"I am so happy to tell you that my boy is back at last after his terrible experience. The hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us.

"I gratefully appreciate this personal interest of the President and the Governor and the splendid cooperation given by the press and radio. The city, State and Federal law-enforcing authorities have been most kind in their efforts and offers of assistance.

"Above all, I will never forget their humane willingness to stand by when my pleas convinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy. No sacrifice has been too great for my brother Otto, Walter Magee, Clarence Newcome and the others who at great risk have done their parts.

"It is my earnest prayer that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

The young banker's wife, who had remained in seclusion to a greater extent than other members of the family throughout the trying period when her husband's fate was a mystery, and their daughter were at the elder Bremer's residence today for the reunion.

When the news of the release was broadcast, Governor Floyd B. Olson announced that all law-enforcement officials of the State would attend a conference in his office tomorrow to make plans to "crush the menace of kidnaping."

Employees going to work at the Jacob Schmidt Brewery today were surprised to see a score or more of automobiles in front of the Adolph Bremer residence. When they heard that Ed had come home, they sent up a cheer.

"Is he all right?" the workers asked anxiously.

When they were told he was "fine," they sent up another loud cheer.

The Bremer ransom payment was exactly twice that paid for the release of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer and business man who was kidnaped last year. The Bremer ransom also equaled the one that was said to have been paid for the release of Charles Urschel, the Oklahoma City oil operator, who also was abducted last year.

wounds on his head, inflicted by two men who spirited him away in his own automobile, had healed. The family physician, Dr. H. T. Nippert, said he would be kept in bed for a day or two, adding that his chief suffering was from mental strain.

The ransom money was turned over to the criminals yesterday at an undisclosed point, together with a note from the victim's father putting the "boys" on their "honor" and begging them to "do the square thing." Eighty-four thousand dollars of the ransom money was in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 denominations. None of the bills was marked.

The elder Bremer sent the following note with the money:

"To the parties holding Edward: I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent, as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for.

"Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home."

Two Possible Hideouts.

Officers indicated tonight that they believed that Mr. Bremer had been held either in Sioux City, Iowa, or in Kansas City, Mo., for more than three weeks of suspense during which optimism for his safety was frequently overshadowed by fears that he had been killed.

A few moments after leaving his
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"FLORIDA SPECIAL" DE LUXE TRAIN.
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(P.R.R.) 2:30 P.M. daily. 20 1/2 hours to Flor.
Sta. Atlantic Coast Line, 8 W. 40th St.—Advt.

had issued a public statement appealing to the kidnapers. In that statement he promised to carry out their wishes to the letter, but he gave them a time limit of three days in which to act. Yesterday, however, he extended the time until Thursday night, Feb. 8.

Remembers Wallpaper Design.

Reports late tonight were that the authorities gleaned virtually no important clues during their questioning of Mr. Bremer, who was still dazed.

Mr. Bremer was still unable to recall the manner in which he was moved from his own car into that of the kidnapers. His eyes were bandaged when he regained consciousness after being struck on the head by his abductors and he could not tell how he was taken to the hide-out. In the place where he was kept prisoner, he said, he heard ten or twelve different voices and at least six or eight of the gang were in the house at all times.

Although his bandages were removed while he was in the kidnapers' hideout, he was made to sit face to the wall, so that he could not see the two guards who constantly sat behind him. The room was darkened, but the figures on the wallpaper were engraved on his mind. This led to the hope that the victim might be able to identify the hideout through the design of the wallpaper.

He said he heard automobiles pass the place frequently, indicating that the hideout either was in a city or close to a heavily traveled highway. It was said he did not hear any street cars.

Family and Police Are Silent.

Members of the family refused tonight to discuss any aspect of the case or to answer any questions. It was announced, however, that a statement would be issued by the family at 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill answered all queries with the assertion: "I am not free to make any statement regarding the case tonight."

Asked whether a report that Alvin Kappis and Freddie Barker, fugitives wanted for murders in West St. Paul and West Plains, Mo., were being sought in connection with the kidnaping, Chief Dahill said: "I can neither affirm nor deny that report."

After having slept for several hours in his father's home, the younger Bremer went with his wife and daughter to his own residence at 92 North Mississippi River Boulevard this evening.

Discussing Mr. Bremer's condition tonight, Dr. Nippert said:

"He was still in a daze and very nervous when I visited him at 3 P. M. His drawn face and jumpy nerves showed the ordeal he had passed through. He was in a partially darkened room in his father's house because light hurt his eyes after being held so many days in a dark room.

"He told me that his kidnapers pummeled him considerably when they first took him, but that he never completely lost consciousness. He said that as soon as he realized

How Ransom Was Paid.

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ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—The \$300,000 ransom for Edward G. Bremer, \$85,000 in \$5 bills and the rest in \$10 bills, was delivered by Walter Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, on Tuesday night after a hitch in previous plans for payment had thwarted arrangements.

Mr. Magee, sworn to secrecy, would not discuss the ransom payment, but it was learned that some time prior to last Saturday he received instructions from the gang. He was to take a bus from St. Paul at a specified hour, go to a certain Des Moines (Iowa) hotel and register under an assumed name, having in his possession the money. The gang supplied the name he was to use.

There he was told to await further word. However, when Mr. Magee received the communication, the money was under a time-lock in a St. Paul bank and the plan could not be carried out.

Several days passed without further signs from the captors, prompting Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, to issue his appeal and offer of last Saturday.

Final instructions followed almost immediately. These stipulated that Mr. Magee was to go to a specified corner in St. Paul where an automobile would be parked. Before entering it he was to take a note from the pocket of the car, stand with his back to the curb and read it.

Mr. Magee followed instructions, carrying the money with him. The note was replaced in the pocket and the intermediary then drove down State Highway No. 1 through Farmington and Northfield, thence to Faribault. From there he took a crossroad out, driving at the rate of fifteen miles an hour.

During this ride, the contact man for the Bremers espied four flashes of light from an automobile. This was the signal for Mr. Magee to stop, place the money on the ground, then re-enter his automobile and drive on.

With the money was a note signed by Adolph Bremer, the victim's father. These were the arrangements carried out for the release of the banker.

Later tonight it was reported Dr. H. T. Nippert, a friend of the family, had been ordered to accompany the gang to the hideout to treat Mr. Bremer. The orders to Dr. Nippert were in the envelope containing three notes slipped under his door the night of Jan. 30 when a milk bottle was hurled through the front door glass.

Dr. Nippert himself refused to confirm the report, which came from an unidentified member of his family. Mr. Bremer had been painfully injured from the blows of pistol butts wielded by the kidnapers.

What Dr. Nippert's instructions were was not revealed. He was blindfolded, after meeting the kidnapers by prearrangement, and taken on a night automobile ride of about five hours before the hideout was reached.



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6 STATES HUNT KIDNAPER GANG

Bremer Case Investigators Send Fingerprints on Car for Identification.

By the United Press.
ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Search for Edward G. Bremer's kidnapers spread to six States today, with nearly 200 federal, state and police investigators striving to strike a fresh trail after going up a half-dozen blind alleys.

The young bank president, under orders to get another twenty-four hours of quiet to avert a nervous breakdown, rested in seclusion at the home of his father, Adolf Bremer.

Arrangements for a conference at which Bremer was to have told selected details of his twenty-one-day captivity were cancelled and the meeting was postponed indefinitely.

Clews to the half dozen or more members of the kidnaping gang were run down in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri and Illinois.

The first arrests were made at Milwaukee, when police picked up two motorists speeding through the city and found \$2,000 in small bills on their persons.

Investigators were unable immediately to identify the bills as part of the \$200,000 ransom, though they have obtained serial numbers of the latter.

Fingerprints found on the car used by Walter Magee for carrying out the ransom demands have been sent for checking to the National Identification Bureau at Washington.

By the United Press.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 9.—Gordon Alcorn, lieutenant of Verne Sankey, confessed kidnaper who committed suicide, pleaded guilty to aiding in the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher 2nd, Denver broker, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Federal District Judge A. Lee Wyman pronounced the sentence. Alcorn will be taken under guard to Leavenworth today.

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Bremer Recounts Tale of Horror While Imprisoned by Kidnap Gang

Banker Beaten Insensible by 'Snatchers'; Bandages Removed From Eyes Seldom; Kept Sitting on Chair

His capture when he was beaten nearly into insensibility and the 22 days of terror while he was held until \$200,000 ransom was paid are described here in Edward G. Bremer's own story. The young St. Paul banker, now a nervous wreck from his harrowing experiences, was compelled to halt several times in his narration by fits of weeping. He was kidnaped the morning of January 17 in St. Paul and released last Wednesday night in Rochester, Minn.

By EDWARD G. BREMER
As Told to Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9. Well, I think I arrived at the school with my daughter, Betty, about 8:20 a. m. I dropped her off at the Summit School.

Then I drove up to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington and stopped for the arterial highway. As soon as I stopped, the door on my right side opened and an arm and a gun were shoved in. A voice said: "Don't move, or I'll kill you!"

TRIED TO ESCAPE

I put the car in low gear and tried to drive across the street, but when I looked up there was a car parked square in front of me.

I tried to open the left hand door to get out, but by that time the man who had been on the right hand side had got into the car and started to hit me across the head.

I got the left side open, but could feel that someone was there. Immediately they began hitting me—about 15 or 20 times. I just don't remember.

By that time my eyes were filled with blood. They grabbed my head and forced it under the dashboard.

I had one foot outside the left door and I hoped to keep it there to attract somebody's attention. You know parents are bringing their children to school about that time.

I held it there as long as I could stand the blows. Finally, they noticed my foot outside and pulled it in.

STARTED TO DRIVE

Then we started to drive—I don't know where. After 10 or 15 minutes—I don't know how long it was, but it was about that time—we stopped. Goggles in the meantime had been put over my eyes. I was told to get out of the car and I did.

They placed me in another car, in the back seat, and told me to lie down. I think it was then they took my watch away from me.

Then they asked me whom I would like to be the contact man. I told them Walter Magee (a friend of the Bremer family). They asked me also the names of others with whom they might get in touch. I mentioned several boys I had grown up with around my father's brewery.

They had me sign several notes—but I don't remember if it was at this stop or later. We drove on some more, I don't remember how many hours.

Anyway, we stopped hours later and it may have been then that I signed the notes. At that stop another car came up and I could hear them refilling the gasoline tanks. We drove on again and it must have been dark because they told me I

could sit on the seat and no one would see me.

ALLOWED TO WALK

We stopped again, and the other car left us. I was very cold, so I asked the men if they would walk me up and down. They did.

I was put back in the car and we went on again. We drove for several hours and finally stopped.

I was taken out of the car. They took me downstairs in a house and put me on a chair. They examined my head and washed out the cuts. I told them to cut my hair off to avoid infection.

They took the blindfold off my eyes. It was dark, and I couldn't see. I felt my hair and found it was sticky with blood.

In the morning they put me on a chair again and gave me breakfast.

This same routine was carried out all the time I was there. I was put on a chair until I couldn't sit any longer.

Every conversation they carried on was in a whisper. My bandages were taken off while I was seated in a chair facing a corner.

The next morning the bandages were taken off. When anything was placed in front of me, my head was always covered so I couldn't see the person. The eats were hard to get, so some days we didn't eat very much.

LEG GOES BAD

After the first week, the leg I had stretched out of the car went bad, so I couldn't walk.

One morning they talked to me and told me that arrangements had been made to release me.

They put me on a chair and shaved me. I objected, but they did it anyhow, and it took them an hour. They took me outside and placed me in the bottom of a car surrounded by gasoline cans. We drove constantly except for one stop.

The ride was for about 10 or 12 hours and the next I knew I was told to get out, that the car had reached Rochester, Minn.

They dropped me out of the car and told me to wait five minutes before removing the bandages.

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BREMER'S KIDNAPERS GOT THIS MONEY



FIFTH OF A MILLION—This is a photo of the 25 bundles of \$5 and \$10 bills, totalling \$200,000 assembled as the kidnapers instructed and held at a St. Paul bank until their representative called for them. After delivery of the money, Edward C. Bremer, son of the wealthy St. Paul brewer, was returned to his home.

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- MR. LOCKE
- MR. RORER

KIDNAPING TRIO NOW KNOWN IN BREMER CASE

Victim, on Verge of Hysterics;
Tells Story; Agents Round Up
Witnesses; Auto Is Found

By WILLIAM E. HALLBERG

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (U.P.).—While Edward G. Bremer, on the verge of hysteria, told of the ordeal which ended with his release Wednesday night by kidnapers after payment of \$200,000 ransom, State and city police continued their hunt for the house where he was held. They extended their search through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and Illinois.

Department of Justice agents rounded up witnesses today, it was said, who could identify at least three of the kidnapers. Names of the witnesses were kept secret.

The agents also learned, it was reported, that one of the automobiles used by the kidnapers in collecting the ransom had been stolen from Owatonna. The automobile contained an old black cap, an umbrella, a small black box and a number of old rags. The license plates on the automobile also had been stolen.

Two Held as Suspects in Bremer Case Free

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9 (U.P.).—Two men arrested here today with \$2,000 in their possession and held for a time as suspects in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul were released late today with the announcement that they had proved that they had no connection with the crime. The two men were arrested on a charge of speeding, then held for questioning. One of the men is a wholesale liquor dealer.

Alcorn, Sankey's Pal, Sentenced to Life

SIoux FALLS, S. Dak., Feb. 9 (U.S.).—Gordon Alcorn, kidnaper of Charles Boettcher 2d, of Denver, pleaded guilty today to a Federal indictment and tonight was on his way to Leavenworth Prison to serve a life sentence. His confessed accomplice, Verne Sankey, committed suicide in the State Prison here last night by hanging himself with his necktie. Mrs. Sankey, indicted as an accomplice, will not plead guilty, preferring to stand trial. She is held in the county jail.

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Edward G. Bremer, young bank president of St. Paul, 36-year-old, kidnaped, and seriously wounded about the head, his eyes kept closed with adhesive tape for twenty-two days, is released. His father paid a ransom of \$200,000 in five and ten dollar bills, which weighed fifty pounds, and filled two cardboard suit boxes. United States detectives are looking for "ten or twelve kidnapers."

Repeal of prohibition has discouraged bootleggers, but will probably promote kidnaping.

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Banker Near Collapse; Home Guarded; U. S. Pushes Manhunt

By Universal Service
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, yesterday ordered all the resources at his command thrown into the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for whose release a \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Heretofore police were handicapped, as the Bremer family feared any activity would endanger the hostage's life.

Department of Justice officials were confident Bremer's kidnapers would be apprehended, just as were the gangsters responsible for the kidnappings of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City millionaire; Charles Boettcher, 2d, wealthy Denver broker; John J. O'Connell, jr., of Albany, N. Y., and other famous cases cleaned up in recent months.

WILL PRESS SEARCH

Attorney General Cummings said: "We will do everything we can to solve this case. With the exception of the Lindbergh case, this is the only kidnap case facing the department. It will be cleared up."

The search for Bremer's kidnapers, similar to that in the Urschel case, will extend into a number of States. Under Hoover's directions by long-distance telephone, agents in every section of the country are receiving instructions in what was said to be the most effectively organized search yet undertaken by the department.

RANSOM BILL PLANNED

Meanwhile, a bill making paying a kidnaping ransom a crime will be introduced in the Senate shortly by Senator Ashurst (D.) of Arizona, he announced yesterday. Ashurst told the Senate:

"Inquiries reveal that in countries where such a law exists, kidnaping is almost unknown. I am convinced heavy Federal penalties for paying ransoms will wipe out kidnaping in this country, and I intend to press for consideration of my measure."

Manhunt Organized For Bremer Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8 (U.S.)—The greatest and most effective organized search ever witnessed in the Northwest was in progress tonight for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, for whose release a \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Authorities said tonight they had evidence Bremer was a prisoner in a house in Sioux City, Ia., but that this had not been definitely determined.

With the young banker at home again after 21 days and 12 hours in the hands of his captors, State

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Kidnapers Free Bremer; Manhunt Rushed by U. S.

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Federal and city authorities unleashed a force of men whose number never has been equalled in a previous kidnaping.

On orders from Governor Olson, all the law-enforcement and detective agencies of the State were thrown into the hunt. The governor called on all State peace officers to meet in his office at 10 a. m. Saturday for further action in the case, and to coordinate all State agencies.

RELEASE STARTS HUNT

The search, extending over a half-dozen States, was set in motion when news of Bremer's release was flashed this morning.

He was released by "three men in a small coupe" on the streets of Rochester, Minn., shortly after 8 p. m., last night.

Without notifying Rochester authorities, the 37-year-old banker made his way to St. Paul by train and bus and arrived at the home of his father, Adolph Bremer, early this morning.

He was unshaven and desperately nervous. He told his overjoyed father, who several times has been near a complete collapse, that he was "fairly well treated." But there were reports he bore welts on his head and body and that he seemed dazed when he reappeared. He said he was struck on the head when he was seized the morning of January 17.

FORCED TO BED

Illness resulting from his mistreatment forced Bremer to abandon temporarily tonight a valiant attempt to lead Federal operatives in the hunt.

Struggling to overcome fatigue and illness brought on by a beating and long confinement, the 36-year-old bank president told Federal agents one detail after another of his abduction, until his physicians ordered a halt, sent the agents away and put Bremer to bed under constant care until he recovers.

HOME GUARDED

A force of Federal agents appeared as if by magic and formed a cordon about the Bremer home, admitting no one except members of the family and a few others.

Walter Magee, contractor and friend of the Bremer family, remained the contact man between the kidnapers and Adolph Bremer to the last. It was he who Tuesday night delivered the \$200,000 under instructions to an abandoned Chevrolet coupe where the kidnapers transferred it to their own possession.

The money was \$84,000 in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills and was delivered in two

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'Be Good Sports,' Bremer's Father Wrote Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, MINN.,
Feb. 8 (U.S.).

A note pleading that the kidnapers of Edward Bremer "be good sports and do the square thing" was dispatched with the \$200,000 ransom money by Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, it was disclosed today.

The note said:
"To the parties holding Edward:

"I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you boys have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor.

"Be good sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home."

oversize suit boxes. It was unmarked and did not run in consecutive serial numbers.

Federal authorities, however, have had the serial numbers of all the bills for days and these were ordered released to all banks so that an effort can be made to trace the bills when they make their appearance.

INJURY SERIOUS

Young Bremer said his injury from the blow on his head when he was kidnaped was "nothing to worry about."

A physician who was called thought differently, saying:

"Mr. Bremer suffered very serious injuries about the head. He may have believed injuries to be trifling, but they are serious."



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Half Dozen Persons Sought as Kidnapers of St. Paul Banker

Edward G. Bremer Says He Got 'Quite Sociable' With His Abductors During 3 Weeks

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Guided by information that Edward G. Bremer, bank president, obtained during his three weeks' captivity, Federal agents and police today sought a band of half a dozen kidnapers which was paid \$200,000 ransom for his release.

Bremer's observations were given Department of Justice agents in great detail. He revealed that during his long captivity he became "quite friendly with the kidnapers."

SEEK TWO MEN

Federal officials threw more than a score of sleuths into the search, moving with utmost secrecy. Bremer is the son of Adolf Bremer,

financier and friend of President Roosevelt.

Inspector Charles Tierney of the St. Paul police headed the operations of his special anti-kidnaping squadron. Tierney admitted that he sought Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, Missouri desperadoes, for questioning in the case.

Bremer rested at his home, recovering from a highly nervous condition, bordering on hysteria. An ordeal of 22 days in the hands of kidnapers who had beat him into submission when he was first seized was climaxed by a night and day of intensive questioning by Federal agents and police.

BEATEN INTO SUBMISSION

The only information regarding Bremer's ordeal was made public by Dr. H. T. Nippert, aged Bremer family physician.

Nippert revealed, after treating Bremer upon his return, that the young banker had been beaten into submission by two kidnapers who entered his auto last Jan. 17 when he stopped for a traffic signal.

The men sprang into Bremer's car and clubbed him with pistols when he sought to resist. The kidnapers then drove Bremer's auto to a place where they had an auto of their own, Nippert said.

Altho dazed, Bremer did not lose consciousness at any time, Nippert revealed. The stalwart victim was carried from his own auto to the abductors' car and blindfolded.

'SOCIAL WITH THEM'

After this preliminary rough handling, Bremer was not harmed, Nippert said. He quoted Bremer as saying:

"I got to be rather sociable with them. They fed me well and since there was nothing else to do, I got plenty of sleep."

The kidnapers required Bremer to write notes, two of which were delivered thru Nippert. Nippert verified the receipt of these notes and a telephone call from the kidnapers.

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**U. S. Drive Intensified
By Bremer's Release**

The return of kidnaped Edward G. Bremer brought no respite to Justice Department agents in their drive on the underworld's "snatch" racket, according to the Associated Press.

With only one case lost in the 20 undertaken since they started the drive last March, every one of the 313 agents scattered throughout the country was on the alert last night for the slightest clew which might lead to arrest of the St. Paul brewer's son's abductors.

Officials of the Department's Bureau of Investigation here maintained silence about what their next move would be. It was learned, however, that J. Edgar Hoover, bureau chief, was in frequent communication by telephone with Harold Nathan, his assistant, in St. Paul.

"Give up" is an unknown phrase to the bureau. All of its scientific methods of crime detection as well as its sources of private information in the criminal world likely will be used from now until Bremer's kidnapers are arrested—no matter how long that takes.

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Son of St. Paul Brewer Tells of Fight With Abductors.

Says 10 or 12 Men Held Him Prisoner

Details of Negotiations and Money Payment Kept Secret.

(Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press.)
 St. Paul, Feb. 8 (AP).—Freedom bought and paid for with a fortune in cash, was Edward G. Bremer again today upon his return from 22 days in a kidnaper's lair, weak, wounded, and exhausted.

The full \$200,000 ransom, \$85,000 in \$5 bills and the rest in \$10 bills, was delivered by Walter Magee Tuesday night after a hitch in previous plans for payment had thwarted arrangements, arousing fresh anxiety that Bremer might never return.

Magee, wealthy contractor friend who received the first ransom note January 17, when the banker was seized, was sworn to secrecy and would not reveal details of the ransom payment.

It was learned, however, that some time prior to last Saturday Magee received instructions from the gang. He was to take a bus from St. Paul at a specified hour, go to a certain Des Moines, Iowa, hotel and register under an assumed name, having in his possession the money. The gang supplied the name he was to use.

First Plan Failed.

There he was told to await further word. However, when Magee received the communication, the money was under a time lock in a St. Paul bank and the plan could not be carried out.

Several days passed without further signs from the gang, prompting Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, to issue his appeal and offer of last Saturday for three days and three nights in which to negotiate secretly without police interference.

Final instructions followed almost immediately. These stipulated Magee was to go to a specified corner in St. Paul where an automobile would be parked. Before entering it, he was to take a note from the pocket of the car, stand with his back to the curb and read it.

Magee followed instructions, carrying the money with him. The note was replaced in the pocket and the intermediary then drove down State Highway No. 1 through Farmington and Northfield, thence to Faribault. From there he took a crossroad out, driving at the rate of 15 miles an hour.

Gets Kidnapers' Signal.

During this ride the contact man for the Bremers espied four flashes of light from an automobile. This was the signal for Magee to stop, place the money on the ground, then re-enter his automobile and drive on.

These were the arrangements carried out for the release of the banker.

Later tonight it was reported Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the family, had been ordered to accompany the gang to the hideout to treat Bremer. The orders to Nippert were in the envelope containing three notes slipped under his door the night of January 20 when a milk bottle was hurled through the front door glass.

Dr. Nippert himself refused to confirm the report, which came from an unidentified member of his family. Bremer had been painfully injured from the blows of pistol butts wielded by the kidnapers.

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Bremer's Release Spurs U. S. Manhunt; \$200,000 Paid

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when they invaded his automobile after stopping him en route to the bank.

Doctor Taken to Hideout.

What Nippert's instructions were was not revealed. He was blindfolded after meeting the kidnapers by prearrangement, and taken on a night automobile ride of about five hours before the hideout was reached.

With the ransom went a note from Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer and father of the victim.

It read:

"To the parties holding Edward: 'I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing and turn Edward loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home.'



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Manhunt Launched.

Law enforcement agencies, headed by the Federal Department of Justice, already had launched an intensive manhunt.

Ten or 12 men were in the gang which seized him January 17, shortly after he had left his little daughter, Betty, at the Summit Girl's School, Bremer told police and Federal investigators at the home of his father.

The banker appeared at his father's home near midnight last night after being pushed from a sedan bearing three of the gang at or near Rochester, Minn., 85 miles south of here, about 8 p. m. yesterday.

Unshaven, nervous, and with healed wounds about his head, Bremer was ordered to bed for a rest by Dr. Joseph Sprafka.

The wounds on his head were suffered, Bremer related, when two of the kidnapers invaded his automobile after he had stopped at an arterial highway en route to his office.

Tells of Capture.

When one man sought to enter the car, the banker tried to get out the other door, but he was met by another of the gang wielding a pistol. Both got in beside him and he believes, slugged him on the head simultaneously.

His car, profusely blood-splashed, was found abandoned in an outlying residential district shortly after

Magee had received an anonymous telephone call, instructing him to pick up a ransom note on the rear steps of his office.

During his captivity Bremer was kept in a dark room with guards, working in relays of two, constantly sitting behind him night and day, he said. When he regained consciousness after being seized he was blindfolded and cautioned not to look around on pain of death.

Upon entering a bus depot in Rochester after his release, Bremer learned he had missed the last bus for the Twin Cities, but took a train to Owatonna, where he caught the bus.

As bits of Bremer's experience leaked out, reporters sought unsuccessfully to gain entrance to the Bremer home. Various ruses were attempted, one woman reporter, dressed in a nurse's garb, being ejected after getting inside the door.

Thanks Roosevelt.

Shortly afterward Adolph Bremer issued a statement thanking President Roosevelt and Gov. Floyd B. Olson and others for the interest they had shown. He prayed "that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal," and said "the hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us."

Gov. Olson announced a conference tomorrow of all law enforcement officials in the State at his office to lay plans for "crushing the menace of kidnaping."

Mrs. Bremer, wife of the banker, remained in seclusion to a greater extent than did any other member of the family. Her intimate friends said she stood the strain of waiting with Spartan fortitude. She and Betty, the 8-year-old daughter of the kidnap victim, were at Adolph's home today for the reunion with Edward.

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TRAIL OF BREMER KIDNAPERS "HOT"

Justice Department Sleuths Have Several Clues. Victim in Bed.

By the Associated Press.
 ST. PAUL, Minn., February 9.—The law bayed close on the heels of Edward Bremer's kidnapers today. The hunt swung in widening circles blazed by several definite clues, while the 37-year-old victim of the kidnapers remained abed under doctor's orders.

The Department of Justice, priding itself on a near-perfect record in running down abductors, bent methodically over a trail, three days cold, that led from St. Paul and ended at Rochester, Minn., where Bremer was freed late Wednesday night.

Other trails were being swiftly followed, too. There were leads which gave definite indications that the law was not far behind the kidnapers and the \$200,000 ransom the gang exacted for Bremer's release.

The officers had, among other information, the story of Bremer himself. The president and owner of the Commercial State Bank was not as helpful as they had hoped, officers admitted, but his story gave them several pegs on which to hang a plan of action.

10 or 12 In Gang.

There were 10 or 12 members of the gang, Bremer said. He based the estimate on the sound of their voices as they held him captive 22 days. He got no view of any of them, he said, for he was kept captive in a dark room from the time he was kidnaped January 17, until three men took him in an automobile and pushed him, blindfolded, from the car in Rochester.

During his imprisonment, he said, they threatened to kill him if he disobeyed their commands, and guards working in relays of two, were with him constantly.

Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnap victim and the man who arranged for the money with which to meet the huge ransom demand, had little to offer in the way of help to the officers.

Communications exchanged with the kidnapers, however, were available to the State, city and Federal officers, who are joined in the hunt. It is on these communications and the experience of Walter Magee, the intermediary who delivered the ransom money—in \$5 and \$10 bills—that the officers pin their hopes.

It was Magee who received the first note, demanding \$200,000 and warning against "bargaining with us." It was left on his office doorstep a few hours after Bremer was seized.

Suicide



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Trip to Hotel.

It was Magee, too, who, just prior to last Saturday, was to have gone to Des Moines with the \$200,000, registered at a hotel named by the kidnapers and used a pseudonym supplied by the gang. At the time Magee received these instructions the ransom was guarded by a time lock in a St. Paul bank and the plan could not be followed. Silence masked the gang's activities then, prompting Adolph, the father, to issue his appeal for early return of his son and giving the mob three days and three nights in which to communicate, with assurance of no police interference.

Spurred to action by the elderly brewer's word of honor, the captors immediately conveyed final instructions for turning over the money.

Magee followed orders. He went to a prearranged place in St. Paul, looked in a strange automobile parked at the curb at a specified place, and read a note secreted in a pocket of the car. In accordance with instructions, he replaced the note, climbed in the car with the money, and drove South.

At Faribault, Minn., he took a cross-road, slowed to 15 miles an hour and drove on in the lonely night. Then the signal—four flashes of an automobile's headlights.

Magee stopped, placed the money on the ground, re-entered the car and drove away.

The experience of Dr. H. T. Nippert, family friend and physician of the Bremers, also was counted upon to figure in the hunt. Nippert, though he refused to confirm it, was understood to have gone to the kidnap lair at the gang's orders, to treat Bremer.

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Slugged by Kidnapers
 The victim had been slugged with pistol butts by two of the kidnapers when they invaded his car the morning of January 17 when he was en route to the bank. The car was found abandoned, its interior spotted with blood.

Nippert, blindfolded, was taken for a five or six hour automobile ride at night after receiving the second contact made with the family by the gang. That contact was delivery of three notes in an envelope addressed to Nippert and slipped under his front door January 20.

The front door glass was shattered by a milk bottle to attract his attention to the missives. One letter was addressed to him, another to Magee and a third to Adolph.

Some time within the next two weeks another contact was made. That was Magee's cue to go to Des Moines, but the time lock safeguarding the money thwarted that plan.

The gang's resultant silence inspired the elder Bremer's ultimatum last Saturday, and the ransom payment quickly followed. With the money was a note signed by Adolph.

Reading:
 "I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor.

"Release Edward and tell him to come to my house first."
 "(Signed) "ADOLPH BREMER."

It was about 8 p.m. Wednesday that Bremer was freed. He walked to a bus depot at Rochester, where he learned he had missed the last bus for the Twin Cities. Taking a train to Owatonna, a few miles north of there, he made connections with the bus and arrived home about midnight.

Head Wounds Healed.

Exhausted, extremely nervous and worn out, he was welcomed home with thanksgiving by his family. A physician, a personal friend, was summoned. He ordered immediate rest after examining the banker. He noted, however, that wounds about his head where he had been slugged, had healed.

Unshaven as he was, he was given an opiate to induce sleep after a brief questioning by authorities. After several hours rest he arose and with Mrs. Bremer and his 8-year-old daughter Betty left for his own home.

During the banker's absence the family was alternately assailed by hopes for his early return and fears of his death, inspired by lack of communication with the gang.

Adolph, his strength taxed by an old illness aggravated by worry, voiced his pleasure at Edward's return by issuing a statement, admitting "the hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all

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of us" and praying that "other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

Dr. Nippert was among those who visited the victim at his father's home yesterday.

"He was still in a daze and very nervous when I visited him," said the physician. "His drawn face and jumpy nerves showed the ordeal he had passed through. He was in a partially darkened room because light hurt his eyes after being here so many days in a dark room."

"He told me that his kidnapers pummeled him considerably when they first took him, but that he never completely lost consciousness. He said that as soon as he realized he was up, he didn't offer any resistance."

Bremer will be forced to remain in bed for a day or two, Nippert said.

U. S. SEEKING HIDEOUT.

Iowa Sheriff Says Justice Agents Asked for Deputies.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, February 8 (AP)—Sheriff William R. Tice of Woodbury County today requested the Department of Justice Agent Noonan working out of Minneapolis came to him last Saturday requesting deputies to aid him in searching for the Bremer kidnapers' hideout.

Although Noonan and deputies searched a house on Cecilia street here, near Floyd Cemetery in the eastern part of the city, they found no trace of the kidnapers, the sheriff said.

Tom Green, chief of detectives here, previously denied reports that Bremer had been held captive in a hide-out here and that Federal agents had contacted him.

Later he said that Dick Cooley, a Department of Justice agent, had been in Sioux City, but that Cooley was working on another case not connected with the Bremer kidnaping.

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NEW CLUE CHECKED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

'Vernon Avenue Gang' Suspect
Said to Have Hidden Out
Here 6 Months.

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Paul an auto used by the gang at the Vernon avenue address and purchased another used by the occupants of the Grand avenue apartment. The man in the Grand avenue apartment, and his wife, fled precipitately from there less than 24 hours after Mr. Bremer was kidnaped January 17. Knowledge of the kidnaping had not yet become public when the couple in the Grand avenue apartment left.

Other developments in the Bremer case today were:

Mr. Bremer visited the office in the federal building of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation and submitted there to a long questioning by investigators.

Friends said Mr. Bremer's physical and nervous condition has remained "not so good," despite his appearance for questioning by the federal authorities.

St. Paul police were reported attempting to connect, by fingerprints, Harry Campbell, Oklahoma murder fugitive, with the Bremer case. They are reported to have obtained a print partially identified as that of Campbell, who is a pal of Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, wanted in several states for murder.

A newspaper man at Mason City, Iowa, disclosed having made a long distance telephone call with a "hot tip" to authorities here. Both police and federal authorities denied knowledge of it.

Another indication that the couple in the Grand avenue apartment were members of the Vernon avenue gang was advanced by descriptions of the woman in each place. Stature and general characteristics of the two are about the same, according to persons who saw them. The Vernon avenue woman, however, had hennaed hair while the hair of the woman in the Grand avenue apartment was dark. The woman at Vernon avenue spoke with a Southern drawl, said by persons who heard it, to be synthetic. The woman in the Grand avenue apartment spoke with a decided Irish brogue, though her husband used a name of Scandinavian origin. The name used by the Vernon avenue couple was Smith.

Dispatches from Tulsa said St. Paul authorities had telegraphed a request to police there for photographs and Bertillon measures of Campbell.

Campbell, with Barker and Karpis, are charged with the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa attorney.

NEW CLUE CHECKED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

St. Paul Dispatch
'Vernon Avenue Gang' Suspect
Said to Have Hidden Out
Here 6 Months.

Evidence that at least one member of the so-called "Vernon avenue gang" apparently remained in St. Paul for six months while police and Department of Justice agents searched for them was disclosed today in a further checkup of information gleaned in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The Dispatch obtained from persons who saw occupants of an

CIGARS AWAIT GANG

Among other things, awaiting the kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, in a box of cigars.

Bremer, a friend disclosed today, wagered with one of his abductors concerning his release.

"We're going to take you back tomorrow," one of the gang told Bremer Wednesday.

"I'll bet I won't be back by Thursday," the banker said. "I'll bet a box of cigars I won't." The kidnaper took the bet.

Federal authorities here are anxious that the smokes be claimed.

apartment at 628 Grand avenue, and who also saw members of the gang who fled from 204 Vernon avenue last June at the time of the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., descriptions which tally on one man.

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Posses Fail To Find St. Paul Gangsters Who Tried To Rob Bank At Topeka, Kan.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Posses of police, sheriff's deputies and citizens returned fruitless today from their two-day search for a band of St. Paul (Minn.) gangsters who staged an unsuccessful attempt to loot the National Bank of Topeka.

The raiders, identified as Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker and other members of the same gang, held a bank employe, his family and two friends at machine-gun point for two hours while they attempted to secure keys to the bank.

The attempt failed when Don Hassbroek, the employe, convinced the gangsters that he did not have the keys, and that the bank's door was protected by a time lock connected with an alarm.

Later, in the office of Police Chief Maurice Leonard, the victims identified photographs of the Minnesota gangsters as the raiders.

Barker and Karpis, sought as subjects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, are believed to have planned the raid in an effort to obtain a \$200,000 payroll due Friday.

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**See Larue
 As King of
 Kidnaps**
 MIRROR

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP)—Larue, wanted by the department of justice for kidnaping and who was arrested here, is linked to the recent kidnaping of Edward Bremer, the St. Paul banker, it was learned by the Daily Mirror from an unimpeachable source here today.

While the Federal men insist that Larue is known also as Eddie Doll, is wanted for the violation of the National Automobile theft act, the Mirror informant revealed that sufficient information has been gathered to connect Larue with the Bremer kidnaping and with several others around the Chicago area, particularly the scratching of James Hackett, a gambler, in Blue Island, Ill.

The Mirror informant said that Larue was the "Brains" of the Middle West kidnaping industry and that he plotted the kidnaping and all the details in the Bremer catching.

While Larue refuses to divulge any information in Tampa, the government investigators are checking

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Edward Bremer.

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**Bremer Suspect
 Called 'King' of
 Kidnap Racket**

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up on his whereabouts during the Bremer kidnaping. His moll, who unknowingly brought about the capture of the Illinois fugitive, refuses to give any information about the capture of the Illinois fugitive, refuses to give any information about Larue and insists that Larue is her husband, Edward Foley, under which name he recently purchased the Orange grove and the house in which his arrest took place.

GIRL IDENTIFIED.

It has been learned that Larue's pretty girl friend has been identified as Doris Kane Barton who originally came from a town in Vermont and who, as the Mirror pointed out yesterday, brought about the capture of Larue by her being traced by letters that had been forwarded to her.

Before she was traced here, she had been located in three different places—in San Antonio, Chicago and Los Angeles. The Federal operatives learned that she was Larue's girl friend and checked her activities. They found that she had relatives in Vermont and they watched the mails.

When it was discovered that this Vermont mail was being sent to a rural free delivery box on the outskirts of this city, they gave the tip to Captain Edward Lippard, of the local detective force, who laid the foundation for the raid which resulted in Larue's capture. To clinch their case that this was the same woman, a "trap" letter was also sent from Chicago.

HOUSE GUARDED.

The Federal operatives, who still insist that Larue is only wanted on the auto theft charge, refuse to reveal any information on the case. They will not permit any persons to enter the Larue house, which was bought on Jan. 6th for \$10,000. The sum of \$2,000 was paid at the time the contract for the purchase was made and, so as not to arouse any suspicions, Larue insisted that the balance would be paid on a \$50 per month basis.

The house, this writer has learned, has been tastily furnished by Larue's moll although the "Foleys" as they were known here, were cautious to preserve the delapidated outside appearance of the six room bungalow. Larue had planned to remain here indefinitely and had brought several large trunks, suitcases and even golf sticks.

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NEW YORK MIRROR
**The Real Menace
Behind Kidnaping**

Attorney General Cummings in Washington deplores a lack of cooperation by police of Minneapolis and St. Paul with Federal officials seeking to identify the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and brewer whose family paid \$200,000 for his release. St. Paul is believed to be the headquarters of a production mob some members of which are criminals of long standing.

Whether Attorney General is aware of not the conditions surrounding some of these abductions are not precisely as they appear on the surface. Certain individuals, notably some who sold beer in the dry era and surmounted difficulties of distribution by employing or operating through beer runners who were also in many instances hijackers and gunmen, have merely reaped the whirlwind.

When repeal came along these gentry undertook to rejoin the legal fold and at the same time to dispense with their aids of the prohibition period. These mobs insisted on being retained and when their demands were flouted set out to collect via the abduction route. Victims of these gangs know the men they are dealing with.

Attorney General Cummings apparently knows some of the facts in this connection because he remarks there are certain cities whose police departments need cleaning up. The suggestion applies to New York's State capital as well as that of Minnesota. If the inside facts on some of these kidnapings were as well known to the public as they are to the police there would be less wonderment over them.

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NEBRASKA TO FIGHT FLORIDA FOR LARUE

Prisoner Linked With \$2,500,000
Bank Robbery of 1930, De-
cares County Official.

By the Associated Press.
LINCOLN, Nebr., February 17.—Ne-
braska is determined to bring Eddie
Larue here from Florida to stand trial
as the key man in the world's largest
bank robbery.

County Attorney Max G. Towle said
he had evidence tying Larue up with
the \$2,500,000 hold-up of the Lincoln
National Bank in 1930.

"Unless Federal agents establish
enough evidence to link him with the
Edward Bremer kidnaping, I think
we've a good chance of getting him,"
Towle said.

Larue was charged with being a
member of the hold-up gang about the
time Illinois officers raided an East
St. Louis apartment, arresting the two
men who have since been sentenced
to 25-year terms for participating in
the robbery—Tommy O'Connor and
Howard "Pop" Lee.

Towle said he had the best case
against Larue of any of the three men
he has tried here and that he has a
mass of circumstantial evidence he
believes marks Larue as one of the
robbers as well as identification testi-
mony of witnesses of the hold-up.
Jack Britt was the third man tried
and he was released after two juries
disagreed.

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U. S. Hunts Larue Cache In Bank Box

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 17.—While they were still grilling Eddie Larue, alleged kidnaper, in Tampa, it was reported here today that other Federal operatives were investigating the possibility that the Illinois fugitive arrested in this city, had another safe deposit vault in one of the local banks.

The Federal men here deny that they are looking into this phase, and local bank officials also insist that they have not been questioned about it. But they believe here, in that Larue's safe deposit box, brought back to this city late last night, was returned here to identify her as the holder of another vault.

One safe deposit box has already been located, although this, too, has been denied, and in this box the Federal authorities discovered gilt edge bonds of considerable value. They refused to admit, either, that they discovered any documents that would link Larue, or "Doll" as he is known by one of his many aliases, with the kidnapers they believe he plotted.

His trunks at the Orange Grove at which he was arrested have been thoroughly investigated and all mail that is being received at the Grove under the name of "Foley," another alias, is being taken by the Federal operatives who have been stationed there since his arrest.

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GOGGLES USED TO BLINDFOLD BREMER FOUND

Glasses Taped to Block Vision
Dug From Snow at
Rochester.

VICTIM'S MAP GAVE CLUE

Bridge on Sketch of Area
Where He Was Freed Leads
to Discovery.

Rochester, Feb. 19.—A heavily-taped pair of goggles worn by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker during most of the 21 days he was imprisoned by kidnapers, has been found.

The goggles were found on First place southeast, Rochester, by a federal investigator and by George Rohde, plain clothes operative of the Rochester police department, after the arrival of the former with a sketch furnished by Bremer of the district in Rochester where he was released.

Glass Taped on Inside.

Inspection of the goggles disclosed the glass for both eyes had been carefully taped on the inside to prevent Bremer from observing his captors.

"The goggles were of a heavy type and it appeared that a strip of rubber such as might have been cut from inner tubing was used to furnish a strap which went around the kidnaped man's head," Rohde said.

The goggles were found near a building formerly used as the American Legion welfare house on First place southeast just south of Fourth street. The building now is unoccupied and is about one block east and a quarter of a block south of the East Fourth street bridge.

Bridge Provided Clue.

The investigators dug around in the snow until they found the eye shields. In his first statement following his return to St. Paul, after payment of \$200,000 ransom by members of his family, Bremer said he was given freedom near a bridge in Rochester.

From the sketch brought here by the federal investigator, it was believed Bremer was released from his captors' car at the corner of Fifth street and First place southeast, then walked across the street, and tossed the goggles into a patch of weeds near a fence.

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St. Paul Daily News
**Find Bremer's
 Taped Goggles**
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Glasses Located In Rochester By Aid Of Chart.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Feb. 18.—The taped goggles discarded by Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, on his release here almost two weeks ago have been found, George Rohde of the Rochester police department, said today.

Rohde and a federal department of justice agent located the goggles by means of a chart furnished by Bremer, now recuperating in St. Paul from the injuries inflicted during his 21 days of captivity, Rohde said.

The two men found the "heavily taped welders' goggles" in a snow-covered patch of weeds on First Place Southeast. Rohde thought it probable that Bremer was released on the corner of Fifth and First Place Southeast and tossed the goggles into the snowdrift on the opposite side of the street.

Fastened to the goggles was a rubber strip, apparently cut from an inner tube and used to bind the blindfold over Bremer's eyes.

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**SERIAL NUMBERS OF
RANSOM MONEY LISTED**

U. S. Attorney Francis C. Canny received from Edward J. Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, Wednesday, a 61-page booklet which detailed serial numbers of the \$188,000 ransom money paid to kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The booklet showed that \$45,890 of the ransom money was paid in \$5 bills and \$137,270 in \$10 bills. The serial number of each bill is given. Similar booklets have been sent to all police and county officials in this country and also to foreign authorities. Every bank in the United States also received a copy.

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**BALTIMORE
NABS TWO IN
BREMER CASE**

St. Paul Daily News
BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 22.—Federal department of justice today questioned a man and woman in an effort to determine if they had any possible connection with the recent kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The pair, who gave their names as Richard E. Wilson and Mrs. Angeline Bretz, were arrested in a rooming house after they had tendered a \$100 bill at a restaurant.

Federal agents came from Washington to question them. Mrs. Bretz was said to have claimed that she went to school with Bremer.

Werner Hannl, in charge of the St. Paul office of the department of justice, has received no notification of the Baltimore arrest, he said today.

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RANSOM LISTS ARRIVE.

Banks Notified Of Numbers On
 Bremer Kidnapers' Bills.

United States District Attorney
 Francis C. Gann and Cincinnati
 banks yesterday received lists from
 the Division of Investigation, De-
 partment of Justice, Washington,
 D. C., bearing the numbers of the
 currency used in the payment of
 ransom to the kidnapers of Ed-
 ward G. Bremer, banker, St. Paul,
 Minnesota.

The list bears the numbers of
 approximately 13,727 ten-dollar bills
 and the numbers of approximately
 9,176 five-dollar bills, the total face
 value of which aggregated approxi-
 mately \$180,000. This would indi-
 cate the actual amount paid by the
 family of Bremer for his release
 by the kidnapers was less than
 the \$200,000 demanded by the gang.

It is said the lists are being dis-
 tributed to Federal authorities,
 banks, Police Departments and de-
 tective agencies throughout the
 United States, with instructions
 that notice be given immediately
 to the Bureau of Investigation in
 the event any of these bills make
 their appearance.

The bills making up the ransom
 payment were mostly Federal re-
 serve notes, although many are
 United States notes and national
 bank notes. Of the reserve notes
 a large percentage were issued by
 the Federal Reserve Bank for the
 Ninth District, Minneapolis, Minn.

The list is printed and covers 27
 large pages. Each page has seven
 columns, each column bearing ap-
 proximately 80 numbers of bills.

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**BREMER CASE USED
AS MODEL FOR ADLER**

St. Paul Pioneer Press
Pair Were Going to 'Improve'
on Abduction Here, How-
ever, Lacy Says.

Decision to "improve" on the
methods followed in the kidnaping in
St. Paul of Edward Bremer played a
large part in the attempted kidnaping
in Chicago of E. P. Adler, pub-
lisher of Davenport, Iowa.

Fred Mayo, alias Charles Phillips,
and Jack Lacy, alias Wyman, drew
much of their inspiration for the
Chicago crime attempt from study of
the Bremer case, Associated Press
dispatches Thursday night quoted
Lacy as saying in a confession.

Lacy was captured in a hotel a
short time before Mayo hanged him-
self in a jail cell, but was not in-
formed of his partner's death until
after he made his confession, the
Associated Press said.

Decided on "Good One."
"We were both broke and out of
jobs," the dispatch quoted Lacy as
saying. "We had read a lot about
the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul
and discussed the possibility of a
'snatch' as a means of getting quick
money. We decided we could pull
a good one, and improve on the
Bremer case. Mayo had worked in
Des Moines and Davenport and
suggested Adler."

According to the confession, Mayo
objected to attempting the kidnaping
in Davenport on the ground that
either Adler or his chauffeur might
recognize them. They therefore went
to Chicago and watched all the
trains arriving from St. Paul,
having been told the publisher
was on his way to Chicago
by way of St. Paul. At last Mayo
"spotted" Adler getting off a train
and trailed him to the Morrison ho-
tel. Previous dispatches stated that
Mayo told officials they had trailed
Adler in St. Paul Tuesday from a
loop hotel to the station.

Lacy's confession then continued:
"It was Mayo who suggested that
we get a big trunk, and put him
(Adler) in it to remove him from
the hotel. I objected to the trunk.
I told him that even if we did chloro-
form and gag him, he could still
groan, and those removing the trunk
would hear it."

Wanted to Walk Him Out.
"Mayo said no, that we'd put blan-
kets and pillows in it, to muffle the
sound, and that it would be the best
way. I wanted to hold Adler in the
room until night, and walk him out
after he was scared and cowed. But
Mayo insisted his plan was best, and
we decided on that."
In a confession Wednesday night
Mayo had named Lacy as his cap-

federate and Lacy corroborated
this.

Lacy, the Associated Press stated,
will be held to face probable charges
of attempted kidnaping and assault.
It is expected he will be arraigned
in felony court in Chicago Monday
morning.

Adler was assaulted Wednesday
as he left his hotel room but escaped
although he suffered blows from a
blackjack which required several
stitches.

**FINE, DAHILL SAYS OF
INGERSON CRIME OFFER.**

"Fine."

Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police,
made this laconic comment Thursday
night on the promise of Dr. C. A.
Ingerson, mayoralty candidate, that
he would provide a list of 40 wit-
nesses who "can testify to the facts
of gambling and crime" in St. Paul.
Chief Dahill declined any further
comment and refused to answer ques-
tions concerning Dr. Ingerson's state-
ment and the grand jury investiga-
tion of crime conditions scheduled
to start at 2 P. M. Monday.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county at-
torney, was only slightly more ver-
bose. "Dr. Ingerson already had
been invited by the foreman of the
grand jury to appear and present
any information he has," Mr. Kin-
kead said. "It is my desire that the
grand jury get all possible informa-
tion regarding the commission of any
crime."

Mr. Kinkead referred to the asser-
tion of William Burrows, 1788 Igle-
hart avenue, foreman of the grand
jury, that "we might let it be known
to Messrs. Ingerson and Gehan
(Mark H. Gehan, mayoralty candi-
date) that the grand jury may begin
questioning of police laxity and that
if they desire to appear and offer
voluntary testimony they may notify
either the county attorney or the
foreman of the grand jury."

Dr. Ingerson announced Thursday
morning that he would present to the
grand jury "definite information to
show that gambling and crime in St.
Paul are linked amazingly in a rep-
rehensible manner with the police
department, that connivance between
the city government and the under-
world actually does exist and that
gambling profits have been shared
with police officers."

Dr. Ingerson's statement was
precipitated by Mayor Mahoney's
proposal that he and Mr. Gehan and
others who have publicly denounced
crime in St. Paul, including Homer
S. Cummings, United States Attor-
ney General, be summoned to testi-
fy before the grand jury.

The series of charges and counter
charges grew out of Attorney Gen-
eral Cummings' statement last week
that "if there are any cities in the
country that need cleaning up, they
are Minneapolis and St. Paul." Mr.
Cummings added that certain seg-
ments of the local police have the
confidence of his department while
others do not.

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Purchased There, U.S. Agents Learn

By United Press.
 MADISON, Wis., Feb. 23.—Four flashlights which kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, son of a wealthy St. Paul brewer, used to signal to their victim's friend, Walter Magee, when he brought the \$200,000 ransom to them, have been traced to a Madison store.
 Federal agents who traced the abandoned flashlights by their serial numbers left here after asking store employes to identify pictures of kidnaping suspects as purchasers of the lights. This development strengthened the theory that the kidnapers drove through Madison with their victim.

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Louis, Missouri,
 February 24, 1934.

CAUSE AND EFFECT IN KIDNAPINGS.

The fat sum of \$200,000, realized by the still-un-captured kidnapers of Edward Bremer of St. Paul recently, had its natural consequence, by their own admission, in tempting other seekers for easy money to enter the same racket. Two men plotted to abduct an Iowa publisher from a hotel in Chicago, but were foiled by the plucky fight made by their elderly intended victim. Today, one of them is dead, a suicide after his capture, and his accomplice is in jail.

How many other kidnaping plots were inspired in the country's underworld by the Bremer coup we cannot know. Neither can we know how many would-be abductors were discouraged by the conviction of Roger Touhy and two other men, kidnapers of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, and their sentencing in a Chicago court to 99 years in prison. Both success and failure in kidnaping are certain to have their results, however, in influencing the underworld, and the jury's action in the Factor case is a direct assault on the structure of lawlessness throughout the country.

Two hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money; but, on the other hand, 99 years is a long, long time. Weighing the two, our would-be kidnapers should also consider the fate of the abductors in the Urschel, Donnelly, Luer, Bopptcher, McElroy and other cases.

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**OFFICIAL DEPARTS
IN BREMER SEARCH**
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Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the United States department of justice, who has spent more than a month investigating the Bremer kidnaping, left St. Paul Sunday for an unannounced destination. It is believed that Nathan is following some lead in the kidnaping case, but Werner Hanni, chief of the St. Paul division, and other federal officials, declined to comment on Nathan's mission.
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LACY ON KIDNAPINGS

St. Paul Dispatch
Chicago, Feb. 27 (AP) — After lengthy questioning of James Lacy, held for the attempted abduction of E. P. Adler, Iowa publisher, Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said he would give all of the information he obtained to state authorities.

Purvis said he questioned Lacy about other abductions, but refused to amplify this statement. Lacy is to be arraigned today in felony court.

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Iowa Kidnap Story Spurs Bremer Hunt

Secrecy Prevails as U. S.
Waits Details.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 13 (AP).—
The hunt for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, spurred on by the announcement that Iowa police had been told the hideout was a southwestern Iowa farm tonight was proceeding secretly.

At St. Paul, Harold Nathan, Federal investigator, said it was not likely that the banker, released last week for a \$200,000 ransom, would be taken to the vicinity of Creston, Iowa, to attempt location of the farmhouse until more definite information was obtained regarding it.

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LIGHTS AND BUS LED BREMER RANSOM CAR

Red Lanterns Placed Along
Road Guided Magee to
Payoff Spot.

Several red lanterns, placed along a narrow country road, and a south-bound passenger bus figured in the setting for payment of the \$200,000 ransom to effect release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, held by kidnapers for 22 days, it was learned Tuesday night.

Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man named by the abductors, was instructed in a note found in the side pocket of the payoff car, directing him to pick up a certain bus between St. Paul and Farmington, 20 miles distant, at 9:10 P. M. the night of February 6.

The additional details revealed Tuesday stated that Magee was told to follow the bus at a distance of 100 yards and to keep behind it until it reached Faribault, 55 miles south of St. Paul.

It was learned several days ago that Magee was instructed by the kidnapers to go to a parked car in downtown St. Paul, read the abductors' note of instruction and then drive away in the machine with the ransom money.

It became known also Tuesday that Magee, after reaching Faribault, left the route of the bus and turned off on the first small road to the left after leaving Faribault. He then continued until he reached several red lanterns placed along the road. By pre-arrangement, the kidnapers winked car headlights four times. This was the final signal for Magee to stop his machine and place two large bundles, containing the \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills, by the roadside.

Meanwhile the search for the gang that kidnaped Bremer January 17 proceeded behind a veil of secrecy, stamped down by Federal Department of Justice agents who are leading the hunt.

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**TRACE OWNERSHIP OF
BREMER KIDNAP AUTO**

Ill. State Register
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—(I.N.S.)
—Department of justice agents have traced the automobile from which Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, was freed by his kidnapers to an owner in Fairbault, Minn., it was learned today.

Questioning the car's owner, the federal operatives were told the automobile was stolen while in the possession of a brother-in-law.

Bremer was released in Rochester, Minn., on payment of \$200,000 ransom after being held captive for 22 days.

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CRIME STILL DOESN'T PAY.

Loosed finally by the ransom of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, federal investigators are now turning the middle west upside down for clues identifying the kidnapers.

This is something of a showdown for the department of justice, and although success cannot be predicted, it stands to reason that no scent is going to be ignored.

For if the perpetrators of this latest sensational kidnaping are apprehended, it is hard to understand how any criminal in his right mind can undertake the "racket" as an even bet.

Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly are in for life, and a solid dozen of their associates convicted. Roger Touhy and company repose in jail—except for Willie Sharkey, who hanged himself. Walter McGee was hanged in Missouri and his brother got a life sentence. Verne Sankey executed himself, and his pal, Alcorn, won't be bothering society any more.

There are others of the past year's crop who have met similarly unpleasant fates.

The odds aren't very good any more.

Perhaps the prospective young Wallingfords had best stick to a college education, after all.

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TWO QUIZZED IN KIDNAPING
 ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15 (I.N.S.).—Two mystery prisoners, arrested by Federal agents, and questioned for 20 hours, are believed to be suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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Bremer Kidnap Hunters Silent

Secret Trip to Iowa and
Arrest of Bandit Suspect
Mark Day's Search.

St. Paul, Feb. 14 (AP).—A secret trip to Iowa by three county officers and another conference of Federal agents with Edward G. Bremer headlined activities today in the investigation of Bremer's abduction for \$200,000 ransom.

Federal investigators also were reported interested in the seizure in Minneapolis of an automobile detectives said contained a chloroform mask and other paraphernalia which might have been used by abductors. Police there questioned Edward Doran, 24, wanted in Duluth, Minn., on robbery charges.

Bremer, still suffering from injuries received when he was kidnaped January 17 and from his three weeks long captivity, held further conferences with Federal officers.

Portland, Me., Feb. 14 (AP).—The far-flung investigation of the Department of Justice into the activities of kidnap gangs has set Maine law-enforcement agencies on the trail of Edward Doll, a henchman of George E. (Machine Gun) Kelly, believed to be hiding in Maine.

Following the arrival of a Federal agent here and a raid on a farmhouse at Gorham, 10 miles from this city, it was disclosed that authorities were seeking Doll.



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**BREMER AGAIN CONFERS
 WITH FEDERAL AGENTS**
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 Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old banker, who was released by his abductors on payment of \$200,000 ransom, had another conference with Department of Justice operatives in the Federal building today.
 He arrived at the department offices about 11:15 A. M., and was seen leaving at 12:35, accompanied by a federal operative.
 The reason for his visit was not divulged and no one would discuss the visit.

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BREMER LINKS
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ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15.—
 Federal agents today were hunting two men reported to have been named by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as his kidnapers.

Bremer was reported to have identified the two suspects from police file photographs. Today was the fourth day he spent in scanning "mug" pictures since his release payment of \$200,000 ransom.

From Portland came reports that members of the Bremer kidnap gang were being sought in Maine.

Meanwhile, a man arrested in a Minneapolis hotel as a suspect in a Duluth, Minn., burglary, was questioned in the kidnaping when it was found that he had in his room a quantity of anesthetics and other materials usable in a kidnaping.

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CONTACT MAN LOST ON TRIP TO FREE BREMER!

Magee Trailed Bus 40 Miles;
Dropped \$200,000 for Gang;
Confused by Rural Roads

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Lost in the dead of night on a lonely rural road, Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case, spent a miserable hour trying to find his bearings and not double back over the route where he dropped \$200,000 February 6 to effect the release of the banker.

TRAILED BUS.

This was learned tonight as additional details of Magee's harrowing experiences were revealed. Guided by instructions in a note found in a strange car which he was ordered to drive from downtown St. Paul, Magee was forced to keep pace with a speeding southbound passenger bus for more than forty miles.

Magee trailed the bus, keeping at a distance of approximately 100 yards all the way from Farmington to Faribault.

DROPS \$200,000.

Reaching an elevated spot marked by red lanterns and signalled by blinking lights—four flashes—to drop the money at the side of the road, Magee stopped and carried out instructions in the note he found in the sidepocket of the strange car. It developed tonight that the car had been stolen by the kidnapers and was distinguished by a fake oil firm insignia on the left door.

Continuing his ride, Magee traversed narrow rural routes and soon became confused in his direction. Fearing he might encounter the kidnapers if he retraced his route, he traveled eastward and found himself an hour later in the vicinity of Zumbrota, thirty miles off his course. He inquired near Zumbrota the way to St. Paul and returned homeward via Hastings.

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Kidnaper Hunt Turns To North Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15 (U.S.).—Search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer turned definitely toward northern Minnesota today.

Sought particularly, it was learned, were Whitey Clark, Chicago underworld "heavy," and Jack McKay, of Philadelphia. Both men were said to have been in the vicinity of Fairbault, Minn., both before and after Bremer's release. The owner of the car from which the St. Paul bank president was released is a Fairbault resident. Federal agents have discovered the car was believed stolen from a brother-in-law of the Fairbault man.

Search for the missing car, Clark and McKay was centered today in the vicinity of Orr, Minn., and in the Mille Lacs region.

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FLORIDA HOLDS 2 SUSPECTS IN BREMER CASE

'Hot Clue' in St. Petersburg To Be Investigated; Cummings Hits Police Laxity in Hunt

By Universal Service
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Those taken into custody at St. Petersburg early yesterday were Edward E. Doll, alias Eddie Larue, and his wife. According to Justice officials, he has a long criminal record. At the time of his arrest Doll gave his name as Leonard Foley.

POLICE CRITICIZED
As the department worked feverishly to solve the Bremer kidnaping Attorney General Cummings criticised St. Paul and Minneapolis police and the Bremer family for failing to cooperate. He said:

"If there are two cities in the United States that need a good cleaning up, they are Minneapolis and St. Paul. And you can quote me on that.

"I am disappointed that we have not received the full cooperation of the Bremer family and I hope they will see the importance of full cooperation."

Federal agents said the tip from St. Petersburg is the hottest clue yet uncovered in the nationwide man hunt for the Bremer kidnapers.

HELD FOR CAR THEFT
Doll is being held on charges of violating the Federal auto theft act while being questioned concerning the St. Paul kidnaping.

Official records show he has a number of aliases, being known also as Frank Leonard, J. E. Jackson, "Burlington" Eddie, Edward Doll, Ed Larue and Leonard Foley.

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GUNMAN HELD, SAID TO HAVE BREMER CASH

Edward Larue, Called 'Brains'
of \$2,000,000 Lincoln, Neb.,
Bank Robbery, Captured in
Florida.

PRISONER ALSO WANTED IN JAMES HACKETT KIDNAPING

Federal Agents Believe Money
Found in Suitcase Is Part of
Ransom Paid for St. Paul
Banker.

TAMPA, FLA., Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—
Edward LaRue, wanted in the
\$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln
National Bank & Trust Co. of Lin-
coln, Neb., and in the kidnaping of
James Hackett of Blue Island, Ill.,
is under arrest here, officers re-
vealed today.

Identification of LaRue was said
by federal agents to be positive
after a night of checking finger-
prints and photographs with Wash-
ington and Chicago officials.

Federal officers said several suit-
cases were seized by officers. It
was reported that they were filled
with plunder and one was said to
hold part of the money paid for
the release of Edward G. Bremer,
wealthy banker, who recently was
freed by kidnapers after payment
of \$200,000 ransom.

LaRue was arrested at St. Peters-
burg, Fla., yesterday and gave his
name as Leonard E. Foley. With
him was his wife, Doris, who is also
held. They were brought here by
a small army of St. Petersburg and
Tampa police and ten federal men,
all heavily armed. The jail is be-
ing carefully guarded.

The two were arrested on the out-
skirts of St. Petersburg where they
were living on a thirty-acre poultry
farm recently purchased for \$7,500
cash, according to officers.

Federal officers declare that LaRue
was declared the "brains" of the
Lincoln bank robbery, one of the
greatest bank robberies of all time.
It occurred in September, 1930.

LaRue also is accused by federal
officers of planning the kidnaping
of Hackett, for whose release \$75,-
000 was paid.

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'BRAINS' IN BIGGEST BANK ROBBERY CAUGHT

EDDIE LARUE ARRESTED IN FLORIDA BY U. S. AGENTS

Sought as Leader in
\$2,500,000 Holdup in
Lincoln, Neb., in
Which St. Louis Gang-
sters Were Freed.

CLEARs WINKLER,
SAYS OFFICER

Holds Seizure Proves
Slain Gunman, Who
Returned Part of
Loot, Had No Part in
Daring Theft.

By Associated Press.
TAMPA, FLA., February 15 (Fri-
day).—Department of Justice agents
early today said the man they
placed in jail here late yesterday
after arresting him at St. Peters-
burg Wednesday is Eddie Doll,
alias Eddie Larue, of Chicago, a
fugitive from Illinois.

The prisoner was listed on the
docket at the jail here as Leonard
E. Foley, and a woman arrested
with him was listed as his wife,
Mrs. Doris Foley. Both were held
on a charge of violating the federal
automobile theft act and for investi-
gation.

The federal agents declined to
discuss the case except to say finger
prints, pictures and other com-
parisons showed the man to be Doll,
alias Larue.

The agents listed Doll's relatives
in Chicago and indicated there was
no doubt about the man's identity.

By Associated Press.

LINCOLN, NEB., February 15.—
"Eddie Larue," wanted here as
brains of the combination that en-
gineered the greatest bank robbery
of all time, the \$2,500,000 looting of
the Lincoln National Bank and
Trust Company in September, 1930,
is under arrest at St. Petersburg,
Fla., County Attorney Max Towle
announced tonight. Larue is known
also as Ed Foley, Ed Doll, Frank
Lewis and J. E. Jackson.

Used Aliases.

"Larue," Towle said, "frequently
used the aliases of Ed Doll and Ed
Foley."

"If the man is Larue," he added,
"I will put in a claim for him."

Towle asserted the arrest of La-
rue would clear Gus Winkler, slain
Chicago and St. Louis gangster, of
connection with the bank robbery.

Winkler restored \$583,000 of the
loot and, Nebraska officials said,
supplied proof of the destruction of
registered bonds with a value of
more than \$2,000,000, making possi-
ble issuance of new certificates.

Nebraska officials said they were
satisfied Winkler, arrested and
charged with the robbery, had no
connection with the holdup, but ob-
tained the loot through under-
world connections to escape prose-
cution in the case.

Returned Part of Loot.

He presented an alibi intended to
show he was in Buffalo, N. Y., at
the time of the robbery. He said
the reason he interested himself in
the return of the money was to
avoid long-drawn-out litigation.

The Lincoln robbery was a spec-
tacular affair. An automobile load
of machine gunners sped up to the
bank. Alighting from the machine,
two men took up positions in front
of the institution while others en-
tered, gathering up all valuables in
the bank. Most of the amazed citizens

thought the coup a police protec-
tive measure until after the squad-
ron of bandits departed.

Months of futile investigation fol-
lowed, and the case was finally
turned over to a newly formed un-
official crime prevention body in
Chicago, the "Secret Six," which
brought about return of the loot,
through Winkler.

Later six men, Thomas O'Connor,
Howard Lee, Jack Britt, William
McQuillan, Edward O'Hara and
Tommy Hayes, St. Louis gangsters,
were arrested in connection with
the case.

O'Connor and Lee were convicted
and sentenced to twenty-five years
in Nebraska State Prison. The
others were acquitted.

Known to Police Here.

Thomas O'Connor, Howard Lee,
Jack Britt, William (Bow Wow)
McQuillan, Edward O'Hara and
Tommy Hayes, who has since been
shot to death, are well known to
St. Louis police. Hayes at one time
was a former lieutenant in the no-
torious Cuckoo gang, but later
joined forces with the Shelton
brothers of East St. Louis. The six
men were arrested in a raid on a
flat at 351 East Broadway, in East
St. Louis, on May 9, 1931.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD IN FLORIDA

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Federal Agents Rush to
Quiz Seized Man; St.
Paul Police Criticized

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Those taken into custody at St. Petersburg were Edward E. Doll, alias Eddie Larue, and his wife. According to Justice officials, he has a long criminal record. At the time of his arrest he gave his name as Leonard Foley.

POLICE CRITICIZED.

As the Department worked to solve the Bremer kidnaping, Attorney-General Cummings criticized St. Paul and Minneapolis police and the Bremer family for failing to co-operate. He said:

"If there are two cities in the United States that need a good cleaning-up, they are Minneapolis and St. Paul. And you can quote me on that."

"I am disappointed that we have not received the full co-operation of the Bremer family. I hope they will see the importance of full co-operation."

HEAVILY GUARDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 16.—Eddie Foley, also known as Edward Dowell and Edward La Ruse, arrested here, were held incommunicado a short while in the city jail and today had been taken to Tampa under guard of eight Federal agents, armed with sub-machine guns.

Police and Federal agents declined to discuss the case, but it was believed the prisoner was taken into custody on charges of participation in a kidnaping. It was said he is wanted in Chicago, San Antonio, Tex., and Peoria, Ill.

Foley arrived in St. Petersburg Jan. 3, and three days afterward purchased a 35-acre grove. He was accompanied by an attractive young woman, said to be his wife.

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GREATEST ROBBER' BELIEVED CAUGHT

N.Y. Post 2/16/34
Man Said to Be Larue, in \$2,500,000 Bank Holdup, \$75,000 Kidnaping, Captured

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP).—Behind an impenetrable screen of secrecy Federal agents questioned today a man described as having borne the same name as a fugitive wanted in a major kidnaping and the greatest bank robbery of all time.

The prisoner, rushed here yesterday from St. Petersburg, Fla., under machine gun guard, was described as Leonard E. Foley, alias Eddie Doll, alias Eddie Larue, wanted in Chicago for "violating the Federal auto theft act." A woman seized with him and also under questioning was described as his wife, Doris Foley.

Authorities Secretive

The authorities were tight-lipped as to whether the man is the Eddie Larue wanted in Lincoln, Neb., in the \$2,500,000 looting of the Lincoln National Bank in 1930.

An Eddie Larue is wanted in Illinois also for questioning in the kidnaping of James Hackett, Blue Island, Ill., gambler, who bought his freedom in 1932 by paying a \$75,000 ransom.

The arrests came at a time when the Government, with Attorney General Cummings in command, was spurring its efforts to smash the underworld. Raids have been conducted in the last few days, it was said, at widely scattered points, such as Portland, Me.; New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

The man and woman, arrested in St. Petersburg Wednesday, where they had lived since January 1, were questioned there while being held in jail. Department of Justice agents began arriving from all parts of Florida and from Atlanta, Ga.

Then yesterday ten agents took four machine guns and three automobiles and made a flying dash to this city with their prisoners.

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U. S. Hunts Bremer Gang in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15.— Search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer turned definitely toward Northern Minnesota today. It was learned that Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, Inspector C. J. Tierney and at least a half dozen Federal agents had left for the Northern part of the State. Bought particularly, it was learned, were Whitely Clark, Chicago underworld "heavy," and Jack McKew of Philadelphia.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1934.

MAKE IMPORTANT ARREST.

Prisoner in Florida May Solve Kidnaping and Big Bank Theft.

(By The Star's Leased Wire Service.)

St. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15.—Behind a veil of secrecy which may conceal the solution of a kidnaping and the biggest bank robbery of all time, ten federal agents armed with four machine guns left here tonight with a prisoner captured today during spectacular raids simultaneously conducted from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.

The prisoner is Edward Foley, alias Eddie Larue, alias Edward Doll—a henchman of George (Machine Gun) Kelly. His wife was arrested with him in a home they had purchased here last January 6.

The authorities of Lincoln, Neb., however, declared that an Eddie Larue was wanted in that city as the brains of a gang that engineered the greatest bank theft of history—the 2½-million-dollar looting of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company in September, 1930.

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FIND RANSOM MONEY

**Bremer Currency Reported
in Tampa, Fla.**

By United Press.

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RANSOM CASH HOLDS TWO IN BREMER HUNT

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15.—Ten Department of Justice operatives, armed with machine guns and tear bombs, swooped down upon an orange grove on the outskirts of this city this afternoon and took into custody a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping, who, police here say, is linked with the Touhy gang and the kidnapings of Jake Factor and James B. Hackett, retired Blue Island gambler.

The man arrested is Edward Doll, known also as Eddie Larue, Burlington Eddie, Frank Lewis and Eddie Jackson, who had been "tailed" here by operatives working out of Tampa for the last 10 days and who was arrested today by the Secret Service men in Tampa, aided by others sent down from Jacksonville and Atlanta.

KEY TO MYSTERIES.

Doll was booked on a charge of violating the national automobile theft law. But the local police intimate that the arrest is of greater importance than the Federal men admit and that Doll holds the "key" to several kidnapings that took place around the Chicago area.

The arrest of Doll came with dramatic suddenness. He had been watched for days by the Tampa operatives and every time he made a local purchase, the money he paid out was examined, indicating that the money he had given was suspected of bearing the serial numbers of the bills in the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker.

TRAPPED BY GIRL.

A pretty woman, supposedly his wife, proved Doll's nemesis. Although Doll had been "tailed" by the Secret Service men for the last



Hackett. Rogers

section of the city. Doll, however, surrendered meekly.

Doll's wife, also taken into custody, was subjected to a lengthy questioning tonight.

Doll who has been arrested under many aliases in various cities, is wanted as a fugitive from justice from Illinois. He has been arrested in Chicago, Peoria and San Antonio. He has been known

Kidnap Trail in Florida



EDWARD C. BREMER
Suspect in his kidnaping

BREMER RANSOM CLUE IN FLORIDA

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also as Frank Lewis and Eddie Jackson.

WAS "RICH VISITOR."

The Federal men said that Doll, who has been arrested in San Antonio, Peoria, and Chicago, is wanted in Illinois. Doll was at once taken to the Federal Jail in Tampa, 20 miles from here and he will be sent to Illinois.

Doll came here recently and purchased the orange grove. He was regarded as a wealthy visitor, paying cash for the place he bought.

Department of Investigation circulars, posted throughout the South, have been "wanting" Doll for a long time. It was revealed in Tampa tonight. But in Tampa there is another circular—and Doll's fingerprints and pictures coincide with it—that Edward Larue is wanted as a kidnaper.

Tonight more Department of Justice operatives were arriving in this city and also in Tampa.

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Asks Deposit Guarantees
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP)—President Roosevelt today urged Chairman Duncan H. Fletcher of the Senate Banking Committee urging passage of legislation to extend the temporary insurance plan of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation another year.

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Shirt Made In East New Bremer Clue

**Garment Traced From
Manufacturer To Mill
City Store, May Lead
To Kidnap.**

A shirt, manufactured in New York and sold by a Minneapolis retail store has set federal agents on a trail which they believe may lead them to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

The shirt, given to Mr. Bremer by the kidnapers when his own blood-soaked shirt was taken from him, was traced to New York by its pattern and design, despite the fact that all labels and what the kidnapers believed to be all other marks of identification had been removed. From New York federal agents traced it back to a Minneapolis store which handles that brand of shirts.

The shirt also explains the mystery "overnight bag" which played a prominent part in puzzling newspapermen the day Mr. Bremer returned. It is believed that the shirt was in the bag.

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**POSSIBLE BREMER PRISON
 SOUGHT IN IOWA HOUSE**

St. Paul Pioneer Press
 Federal agents have been investigating a vacant house at Lime Spring, Iowa, possible hideout of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, banker, held three weeks by his abductors, it was learned Tuesday.
 The house has been vacant since February 9 and the whereabouts of its former occupants is unknown, according to Iowa authorities, who do not place much credence to the report.
 After spending several days at Lime Spring, operatives of the Federal Department of Justice left without indicating whether they gained information on the case, the Associated Press said. **2-28-34**

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PERIL AND COLD GRIM MEMORIES FOR BREMER

Banker Reveals Inside
Story of 22 Days of
Suffering

DESPERATE PLANS
FOR ESCAPE VAIN

ST. PAUL, Feb. 28 (AP).—Now they may be told—a kidnap victim's memories of cold, hunger and threats of death.

Such are the recollections of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker held in drab captivity for twenty-two days until \$200,000 was paid for his release.

His hunger Bremer described in a public statement soon after he was freed. But the cold, his prospects of death, and how he plotted to escape have become known only to a few intimate friends.

Feet Numbed in Cold

"Most of the time I didn't know I even had feet," said Bremer in recalling his experience, "because it was so cold in the room where they held me.

There was a coal stove in the next room, but there wasn't any heat where I was. It was awfully cold. A couple of times I thought it would be better to gamble on escaping than to stay there and probably get killed.

That was after one of the first contacts had been made with the family. The gang had told how they wanted the money delivered, but something went wrong.

Warned of Death
"A day or so later, they told me we're only going to try one more contact. If that doesn't work, you're through."

Feeling sure the band would kill him if the last contact didn't work out, Bremer said he finally decided to try to escape.

He said he would listen for sounds and hearing none, would determine in his own mind, that if the house remained silent for another five minutes, he would dash up and make a break for where he thought the nearest door might be found.

"Every time I got up enough courage to make the dash after waiting that length of time," Bremer explained, "I'd hear several persons moving about in the next room. I never did go so far as to make a break."

No Sight of His Captors

Bremer said he never saw even the hands or feet of his captors during the twenty-two days.

"They always approached me holding a blanket in front of them and came toward me from behind," said the banker.

Even when they invaded his automobile the morning of January 17, Bremer revealed, the two men stood a little back of the front doors of the car, reaching in hands clutching pistols. When he sought to put the car in gear and flee, another machine stopped in front of his automobile and the man on the far side of the Bremer car began slugging him over the head.

Guarded by U. S. Agent

That was the signal for his colleague to follow suit. They beat him fifteen or twenty times until blood brimmed his eyes.

The banker, afflicted with a badly injured leg where the captors slammed his automobile door on it, is accompanied now by an operative from the Federal Department of Justice. Whether the operative follows him in the guise of a body-guard has not been disclosed.

Bremer has been questioned almost daily by Federal authorities since his release but so far, to all outward appearances, the gang's hideout never has been located.

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Net Closing On Bremer Kidnapers

**Arrests Believed Near In
 Case Of Banker Of St.
 Paul Held For Three
 Weeks By Bandits.**

One month ago next Wednesday Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was released by kidnapers on a dark street in Rochester, Minn.

It was the first time in 22 days that Mr. Bremer had been a free man. He was kidnaped on the morning of Jan. 17, after he had left his little daughter Betty at Summit school.

Today the government, with the ace of its investigation staff on hand, appears to be on the verge of making arrests. But the authorities this time are not jumping at conclusions as they did in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case.

Want Air-Tight Case.

This time when they bring the suspects into court they want an air-tight case. The mistakes made in the Hamm case are not to be repeated, this time.

Their lips sealed as a result of orders from Washington the department of justice men, from Harold Nathan down, are not committing themselves.

But as secret as the investigation may be there are a few "leaks." They may not come from the investigators, but they come just the same.

It is no secret that Mr. Nathan and George Blake, two of J. Edgar Hoover's chief assistants, have been out of town for the past week or so.

It is no secret that during the past week six additional men have been brought in from out of town to aid in the search for the kidnapers.

Shirt Is Clue.

Tracing one clue, the federal agents are said to have discovered that the shirt given to Mr. Bremer by the kidnapers after his own had been blood-soaked from wounds received when he resisted the kidnapers was purchased in Minneapolis. All the labels and marks of identification had been removed, but the shirt had been traced to a New York factory and back again to a Minneapolis retail store.

Several trips have been made to Iowa and South Dakota in search of the supposed hideout of the gang.

The fact that Mr. Bremer was fed almost exclusively on eggs because the kidnapers feared to go out for groceries leads federal officials to believe that the hideout is either at a farmhouse or so near a fair sized city that the kidnapers feared detection if they stepped out of the house.

Not A Bill Found.

Like the Hamm ransom money, officials have yet to find a single bill of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the Bremer release.

That the government is closing in on suspects is indicated by the great secrecy displayed in the department of justice offices. The "lid" has unmistakably been clamped down.



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**Bremer Clue in
Iowa Still Sifted**
St. Paul Pioneer Press
U. S. Agents Reported Check-
ing Lime Spring Area.

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That investigators of the United States department of justice still believe that Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kidnaped in January and held 22 days for ransom, was a prisoner in a home near or in Lime Spring, Iowa, was reported Sunday night.

Lime Spring is about four miles south of the Minnesota-Iowa boundary line on Highway 20.

Federal operatives, it was learned, have conducted an intensive survey of homes in that vicinity and are still active in checking the vicinity for clues as to where the St. Paul man was incarcerated during the period of waiting for negotiations between the kidnapers and those paying the ransom to be concluded.

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These three men are being held by St. Paul police, who are investigating an attempt to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church, out of more than \$10,000. Top is Abe Ginsberg, disbarred Minneapolis attorney; center is E. L. Smith, alias Byrnes, of Greenah, Wis., and bottom is Max Goldberg, alias Robert La Due of Minneapolis.

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**SWINDLE INQUIRY
 SPEEDED TO JURY**

**Ginsberg Quiz Set for Today
 to Block Trio's Release on
 Habeas Corpus.**

Release of three men arrested following the alleged attempted \$10,800 swindle of a Catholic priest was sought today as the Ramsey county grand jury planned to investigate the case.

Writs of habeas corpus for Abe Ginsberg, disbarred Minneapolis attorney; Max Goldberg, alias Robert LaDue, of Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., were served at 5 P. M. Saturday on Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, and were returnable for hearing at 2 P. M. today.

To block release of the trio, M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, planned to present the case to the grand jury at 2 P. M.

Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, 2309 Bayless avenue, the purported victim, was subpoenaed to testify before the jury this afternoon. Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, and Frank Cullen, detective lieutenant, also have been called.

Two men, who later brought along a third, told Father Carey he had fallen heir to \$450,000 worth of shares in a silver mine near Denver and asked him to advance \$10,800 cash for attorney fees, back taxes and other expenses to settle the estate.

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MUST WE HAVE ANOTHER KIDNAPING IN ORDER

TO GET BETTER PROTECTION?

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SIX WEEKS ago when Edward Bremer was kidnaped, public indignation flamed to white heat.

Every step must be taken, officials shouted, to end the reign of such crimes! Until the kidnapers were run to earth, no one must be permitted to forget the atrocious abduction!

Gov. Olson and Mayor Mahoney were among the exhorters. Every resource of the state and the city would be available to catch the kidnapers and prevent recurrences!

NOT A SINGLE CHANGE, SO FAR AS WE CAN

SEE, HAS BEEN MADE IN THE BRAND OF POLICE PROTECTION GIVEN ST. PAUL.

IF THE STATE HAS RESOURCES TO COMBAT GANGSTERS, WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THEM.

THE BREMER CASE REMAINS A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR THE KIDNAPERS. SO DOES THE HAMM CASE.

Instead of indignation because this is true, the politicians have become indignant that The Daily News dares keep the crime issue alive.

The Daily News will not give up its fight until changes are made to insure safety for St. Paul citizens.

Politicians may shout until they are blue in the face that our campaign is a "smoke screen" to cover up some other issue.

MUST WE HAVE ANOTHER \$200,000 KIDNAPING TO CONVINCING THE OFFICE SEEKERS, THE OFFICE HOLDERS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ST. PAUL NEEDS BETTER PROTECTION?

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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HUNT NOW CENTERS NEAR YANKTON

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The musical chiming of church bells may lead United States Department of Justice agents to the hideout of Edward G. Bremer's kidnapers.

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The clue which led to the vicinity, according to the report, was the memory by Mr. Bremer of the chiming of church bells daily, at about sundown, and calling the parishoners to services on Sunday.

Check Deserted Farms.

The agents, the report said, are combing all deserted farms and checking all persons in the vicinity to whom suspicion might attach or who are known to have been visited by outsiders.

Werner Hanni, Northwest chief of the Department of Justice, refused to affirm or deny the report.

The search developed after letters had been dispatched to priests in every country church in this vicinity, asking them to inform the Department of Justice of the time the bells in their churches were rung. Only at St. Boniface church were the chimes sounded at the times Bremer reported he had heard them.

Checks With Drive Time.

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Church Bells May Reveal Kidnap Prison of Bremer

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**TARAN FOUND NOT GUILTY
OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY**

Sam Taran, St. Paul finance company head and central figure in various legal entanglements, won a skirmish with the law in Municipal court Friday.

After a trial, which lasted most of the day before Judge Clayton Parks, Taran was found not guilty on a charge of assault and battery filed by Frank Cheslock, 86 West Seventh street.

Cheslock testified Taran induced him to enter an automobile January 28 and assaulted him. Taran denied the charge and testified an altercation with Cheslock resulted from a deal involving a loan on an automobile granted Cheslock by Taran's company.

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**Chimes Bremer
May Have Heard
As Captive Found**

**Police Search for Hide-
out of Kidnapers Near
Church With Bells.**

By the Associated Press.
 FORDYCE, Nebr., March 12.—The
 desire of a Catholic priest to keep up
 and Old World custom in his little
 church near here may reveal a clue
 to the hideout where his abductors
 kept Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul
 banker, during his captivity.
 Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of
 (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

**CHIMES BREMER
MAY HAVE HEARD
AS CAPTIVE FOUND**

(Continued From First Page.)

St. Boniface Church at Menominee,
 Nebr., near here, refused today to dis-
 cuss reports Federal agents have
 searched hereabouts for the Bremer
 prison.

A native of Germany, the priest has
 had the angelus sounded by the
 chimes of his church regularly.

Bremer told officers he remembered
 hearing the ringing of church chimes
 at certain times each day. In the
 belief the hideout must have been
 within 300 miles of St. Paul, Govern-
 ment agents began a search for a
 church with chimes in that radius.

It is said St. Boniface was the only
 church found equipped with chimes
 of the type sought. Its angelus can
 be heard four or five miles away in
 the quiet country.

"I cannot tell you one thing about
 this," said its pastor, when asked if
 agents were seeking the hideout in
 this vicinity.

"I cannot even tell you who told
 me not to talk," he added.

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U.S. Closing in on Lindy Kidnaper

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Left One Clue Which Will Serve to Identify Him, Sleuth Says

This is the twenty-fourth and concluding article of a series, the result of a special investigation, on the greatest man hunt in history, the search for the fiend who on March 1, 1932, stole the world's most famous baby, Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., from his crib and murdered him.

By LARRY RUE
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There is every indication that the Lindbergh baby kidnaping will be solved. But before elaborating on that, a story showing the futility of the police in trying to monopolize the secrets of the man hunt is interesting.

The first man I saw in starting my investigation of this case was Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey State police. At that time he was the focal point in the search for the murderers of the Lindbergh baby.

He was suave, courteous and hospitable. He invited me to see him trim one of the champion squash players at the State troopers' headquarters in Trenton. After he won his game we swam in the pool, then lunched in the dining hall.

A graduate of West Point, Colonel Schwarzkopf impresses one as a splendid officer. His troopers have a high morale, look smart and have hung up records in marksmanship. He is popular with his men and as a State police force has, no doubt, an efficient organization.

Colonel Schwarzkopf admitted he was not a detective. In this kind of work he is guided by Capt. John J. Lamb, who won national prominence in the Halls-Mills case.

 In discussing the Lindbergh case he told me that "all the real clues have been kept secret." He told me how he smiled when newspapers tried to bring Able Wagner into this case, he having had information all the while that Able Wagner had been put on the spot and his body buried in a lime barrel and sunk in the East River.

He chronicled the difficulties he had had in preventing reporters from getting to the Lindbergh household a day or so after the crime was committed, although, on the night of the crime, newspaper men and photographers had come right up to the place without hindrance of any kind.

He discovered one reporter, trying to represent himself as a waiter in a restaurant, riding on a truck bringing coffee. He said another tried to slip something over by representing himself as a telegraph messenger. He told me how he put a stop to such things.

He refused to give me permission to visit the Lindbergh house and look over the ground. Yet without being stopped, without seeing any signs warning me against trespassing, I walked with a friend along Featherbed Lane to within a few yards of the window from which the baby was taken.

Within a few days after I talked to Colonel Schwarzkopf I found myself galloping around investigating clues right on the heels of State troopers, near Hopewell, as well as talking to people in the Bronx and New York city, who recently had been questioned by other authorities.

After I had spent some time around Hopewell, talking to numerous persons, getting their stories, suspicions and observations, the same people from whom this information had been given without question, told me that they had been warned by the State troopers not to talk to me, as I was a newspaper man.

 The attitude of Colonel Schwarzkopf toward newspaper men is really a challenge. Under the circumstances a reporter might feel that all the clues he digs up is fair game. For this kind of help he owes nothing, is under no obligation.

Yet there is another consideration involved. The main issue is to get the kidnaper. No matter how sensational the facts or dramatic the story, no newspaper would publish them if convinced that to do so would interfere with the final solution of this case.

The clues in the Lindbergh baby kidnaper hunt are the monopoly of no man or no police organization. Whoever investigators arrest or question are sources of information for any body.

When I started this series

because of the warnings of police against me in Hopewell, and cautions from Al Reich, Condon's friend and bodyguard, I was sorely tempted to tell all that I had learned.

There are clues, recent ones, of the most sensational character.

At the request of authorities we will not get too specific.

As said before, one of these involves a suicide as dramatic as that of Violet Sharpe. It involves the subpoenaing of the bank account of a highly respected and innocent citizen, the tapping of his telephone for months. It involves a car, possibly used by the kidnaper, discovered abandoned the day after the kidnaping. It brings handwriting experts definitely into the case.

These clues point in one direction, to a certain locality, to certain individuals. They are positive clues, and the answer eventually will be found around them.

We must remember one thing. That is, that the Department of Justice which has solved practically every kidnaping case since the Lindbergh law was passed, making kidnaping a Federal offense, got the Lindbergh case cold only a few months ago.

Before that, the Federal Government took part in the investigation on sufferance, that is, its investigators had no authority, had no right to make personal investigation, except as permitted under the aegis of the New Jersey State police.

True the Revenue Department and the Department of Justice had men on the job. They were consulted but did not have charge of the investigation, and often had to take handouts.

 This is not intended to imply that New Jersey itself didn't do some brilliant detective work on this case. We know that if Inspector Harry Walsh of Jersey City had had his way the case probably would have been solved on the night the ransom payment was made, if not before.

In reviewing the early work on this crime, justice to the investigators necessitates that we remember that they were hopelessly held in check because the original problem was not to catch the kidnaper, but to get the baby back "alive and well."

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I have tried to give a coherent, consecutive story on the Lindbergh kidnaping and the hunt for the kidnaper, which eventually will lead to its solution.

There is nothing about the new clues that conflict with those emphasized in these articles.

The geography involved—the Bronx and Hopewell—is still pertinent. New developments have not changed our picture of John the Kidnaper, except to emphasize his cunning and abilities as a confidence man.

The possibility of his having a woman confederate still exists. The theory that he is not a regular gangster is still good. The belief that he, himself, wrote the notes can still be entertained.

The medical theory that he is suffering from a form of dementia praecox, which makes



ACE SLEUTH—Inspector Harry Walsh, of Jersey City (left), and Detective Coar with ladder used in the Lindbergh kidnaping. Had Walsh had his way, the case would have been solved the night ransom payment was made.

a man abnormally brilliant and cunning, is still in the picture.

The knowledge that he can think and write in German has not been changed. The possibility of his having had experience on ships and knows the sea seems as good a theory as ever.

The theory that he knew Dr. John F. ("Jafsie") Condon intimately, although Jafsie did not know him, is still probable.

The story of the recent developments can wait; it will always be a good one. When the big story breaks—Lindbergh baby kidnaping solved—is a matter of conjecture.

It may happen within a few weeks, or the kidnaper may again slip through the fingers of the authorities. But wherever he goes they will be on his trail. In all his cunning, in leaving no trace of his activities, he left one clue, which eventually will serve to identify him, and one that he himself, unless he is a greater genius than he's already shown himself to be, can't guess.

It is two years since the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped. The shock of this crime brought out the best and worst in a nation. Honest grief and anguish have been capitalized by racketeers; generosity has been rewarded by swindle; stupidities have smothered detective genius; vanities have defeated unselfish purpose, and the quiet voice of wisdom has been drowned out by the loud shouting of fools.

A new chapter is in the making, one that by patient, intelligent, coordinated effort may do much to answer for the sins and errors committed in the name of justice.

Everything about this case, the crime itself, the suicides and deaths in the wake of the man hunt, have been dramatic.

The opening scenes of the last act of this drama possess all the elements of the first two acts, and so far indicate it will be no less dramatic.

The investigation at last is on the right track, the chaff has been removed, the smoke cleared away.

We can confidently hope that when the curtain falls we will know the answer.

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PRIEST FORBIDDEN TO TALK ABOUT BREMER KIDNAP CLUE IN NEBRASKA CHURCH CHIMES

St. Paul Dispatch 3-12-34

Fordyce, Neb., March 12.—(AP)—Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of St. Boniface church at Menominee, Neb., ten miles north of here in which vicinity federal agents are said to be searching for the hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was held by kidnapers, said Saturday "I can not tell you one thing about this."

"I must not even tell you who told me not to talk," said Father Krings. The priest is a German and likes to keep up old world practices in his church. As a result the Angelus is rung every morning and evening at St. Boniface.

Federal agents are reported to have been searching in the vicinity for several days but there has been no indication as to whether the search has been successful. The region is hilly and there are many deserted farm homes.

Bremer told officers that the only thing he could remember of his captivity was the ringing of church chimes at certain times each day. In the belief that the hideout must have been within 200 miles of St. Paul, the government operatives began a search for a Catholic church with chimes within a 200-mile radius of St. Paul. It is said that St. Boniface was the only church found to be equipped with chimes of the type sought.

The chimes of St. Boniface can be heard four or five miles away in the quiet country air and it is in that district that the agents are said to be searching.

N. Y. PHYSICIAN DIES.
 New York, March 11.—(AP)—Dr. Henry McMahon Painter, 70 years old, authority on obstetrics, died today.

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8 TRAPPED, LINKED TO BREMER KIDNAP

Public Ledger
 Gang Closely Connected With
 Abductors Seized at Farm

Hideaway
Philadelphia
 CHIEF SUSPECTS MISSING
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Mannford, Okla., March 15.—(AP)—Hot on the Bremer kidnap trail, Federal and State manhunters today trapped eight persons, some of them linked closely by association with the suspected abductors, in a sudden raid on an Osage country hideaway near this hamlet.

Although two or more of the men sought for the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, have been reported in this vicinity during the last three weeks, they were not at the little white farm house six miles west of here when the officers arrived at sunrise and made their captures.

The two chiefly sought, and whose names were made public for the first time today, were Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Alvin Karpis, both former Oklahoma convicts.

Their fingerprints were found on gasoline cans and a flashlight.

Arrested, however, were six men and two women, some suspects in killings, bank robberies and of other armed raids throughout the Middle West.

The suspects taken were:
 Glenn Roy Wright, 34, wanted for a murder at Picher, Okla., and for robberies.
 Charles Cotner, 49, suspected of the attempted kidnapping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla.
 Ed Brophy, alias Ed Brodie, a former convict.
 Ira Brackett, 43, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. McAttee, about 38, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan.; Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35, who said he was "from Georgia"; Grace Cutler, 33, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner, and Winnie Morris, 20, of England, Ark.

The posse, consisting of twenty-nine Department of Justice agents and Oklahoma and Kansas officers, broke the front door of the Brackett farm and surprised the group. None offered resistance. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

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**U. S. Agent Back From
Sifting Bremer Clues**

Back today from a mysterious two-weeks' absence is Harold Nathan, federal agent in charge of investigation of Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Maybe it was Washington, Iowa, Nebraska, or South Dakota, Mr. Nathan gives you a choice as to places he may have been during the two weeks.

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CHURCH CHIMES A KIDNAP CLUE

MENOMINEE, Neb., March 12.
—(AP.)—The chimes of an obscure little church may prove the undoing of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Bremer knows little of the hide-out where he was held captive for more than three weeks, but he remembered that every day he heard the chimes of a church in the vicinity. Officers seized on those chimes as a clue to the hide-out.

They reasoned that the banker had been held within 300 miles of St. Paul, for he was able to reach his home seven hours after being released. So the investigators searched for a church with chimes within that radius.

They learned that the only church with chimes of that kind was St. Boniface Church here. The Rev. Father Ferdinand Krings, pastor of the church, has followed regularly the old world custom of sounding the Angelus, and investigators believe Bremer was held prisoner near Menominee.

There are a number of vacant houses in this vicinity and they are all coming under the close scrutiny of the officers.

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**Church Chimes Bremer Heard While Captive
 Lead to Federal Search in Nebraska County**

New York Times 3-12-34

FORDYCE, Neb., March 11.—The chiming of the bells of St. Boniface, the Catholic church at Menominee, a small village ten miles north of Fordyce, may be the clue by which Federal officers will locate the hide-away house in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, was held captive twenty-two days while his \$200,000 ransom was being arranged.

For several days agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been combing the hills of Cedar County in an effort to locate this hideout.

Bremer was unable to give any description of his kidnapers or of the place where he was kept prisoner. But he remembered that day after day he could hear the ringing of the angelus twice a day. The bells were chimes, he told Federal officers, not just a single bell.

There are hundreds of Catholic churches with bells, "but not with chimes," some one suggested. "Find a Catholic church with chimes," was the order to the Federal men.

The officers figured that the hide-out must be within 300 miles of St. Paul, since less than seven hours was required in bringing Bremer back home after the ransom was paid. The officers confined their search for a Catholic church with chimes within that circle.

A list of churches within that radius was obtained and letters were written to the pastors. The answers showed that there was only one church with chimes in all that territory, St. Boniface, at Menominee.

The Rev. Ferdinand Krings, the pastor, refused to discuss the development in the kidnapping, declaring that he had been told not to talk.

In the last three years the district has been hard hit by drought and many farmers have left their holdings and gone into town until times get better. For that reason there are many unoccupied homes and farms. The officers have pointed out that the territory is ideal for secreting criminals.

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**CHURCH CHIMES
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**Angelus He Heard May Reveal
 Hideout Where Abductors
 Secreted St. Paul Banker**
 MENOMINEE, Neb., March 12
 (AP) — The desire of a Catholic
 priest to keep up an Old World
 custom in his little church near
 here may reveal a clue to the hide-
 out where abductors kept Edward
 G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.
 The Rev. Ferdinand Krings,
 pastor of St. Boniface church at
 Menominee, Neb., refused today to
 discuss reports that Federal agents
 have searched hereabouts for the
 Bremer prison.
 A native of Germany, the priest
 has had the Angelus sounded by
 the chimes of his church regularly.
 Bremer told officers he remem-
 bered hearing the ringing of
 church chimes at certain times
 each day. It is believed the hide-
 out must have been within 300
 miles of St. Paul, Government
 agents began a search for a
 church with chimes in that radius.
 It was found St. Boniface was
 the only church equipped with
 chimes of the type sought. Its
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 The priest said:
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'FOX' WHITAKER TO TELL WHERE LOOT IS HIDDEN

Department of Justice Checks Statement; Agents Likely to Quiz Means Aide Today

Norman Whitaker, lawyer companion of Gaston B. Means in swindling Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean of \$104,000 on pretense of recovering the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, is at last ready to tell where the money is hidden, he says.

Department of Justice agents are checking a declaration by "the Fox" that he knows where Means cached the money, and Whitaker, who is in the District Jail pending decision on his appeal against his conviction, probably will be questioned today. He is expected to bargain freedom against the money.

RIFT WITH MEANS

He announced his "final split" with Means in a letter to Assistant District Attorney Robb, who helped to prosecute him and Means on charges of attempting to swindle Mrs. McLean of an additional \$40,000. Whitaker wrote:

"I know where the money is that Means received from Mrs. McLean. Department of Justice agents searching for the money almost found it twice. They were very close.

"I want to talk to you personally. I did not receive any of the money. Means kept it all. He also knows the inside story of the Lindbergh kidnaping."

Robb declared that he considers the letter Whitaker's first step in a final desperate try for freedom, and that he believes Means, now in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., has really split with him for good.

TRIAL A SENSATION

The trial of Whitaker and Means, last spring, was a nationwide sensation. Means told several gaudy tales, even swearing that he had held the Lindbergh baby in his arms.

He also said that he gave the money to "a strange man who identified himself with the number 11," one night en route to Alexandria, after Mrs. McLean, trying to recover the baby and rehabilitate her newspaper, had trusted him with \$104,000.

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Topics of The Times
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Scientists say that the
 Sound of one sense sharp-
 Betrays the others. This
 Kidnappers may explain why kid-
 napped victims when blind-
 folded develop a keenness of hearing
 which sometimes stands them in good
 stead.

Secret Service agents are trying to
 trace the source of church chimes which
 E. J. Bremer, the Minneapolis banker,
 heard during three weeks of captivity.

In another recent kidnapping case the
 victim heard the sound of an airplane
 over his head at a certain time every
 day. The guess that it was a mail
 plane proved to be correct. The route
 of the mail carrier was carefully sur-
 veyed and the kidnapper's lair discov-
 ered.

Essentially, this is the story of BLON-
 DEL, the minstrel of RICHARD COEUR DE
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 ter's favorite tune under castle walls
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ABE GINSBERG FRAUD TRIAL BEGINS HERE

Mill City Attorney Accused of Attempt to Swindle Priest.

Trial of Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, on a charge of attempted grand larceny began today before Judge Kenneth G. Brill in Ramsey District court.

The charge is based on an alleged attempt to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, 2369 Bayless avenue, out of \$6,000.

Max Goldberg, alias Robert LaDue, of Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., were arrested and indicted with Ginsberg, but have not yet been put on trial.

The jury was chosen this morning and testimony was to begin this afternoon. The jurors are Alvin R. Kellerman, 696 Hall avenue, law student; Samuel T. Goodrich, 1614 Berkeley avenue, insurance man; George Hadfield, 1396 Almond street, stone block manufacturer; Jonas G. Hedberg, 822 East Maryland street, accountant; Mrs. Floy B. Gruenhagen, 44 North Mississippi River boulevard, housewife; A. F. Kapoun, 543 Michigan street, clerk; Cornelius Hoveland, 1929 Fairmount avenue, carpenter; Mrs. Alice M. Nichelson, 641 Brown avenue, housewife; Daniel L. Hartnett, 1968 Jefferson avenue, clerk; Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh, 1232 Fauquier street, insurance saleswoman; R. M. Hanson, Rosetown, candy salesman; and Earl L. Gray, 511 Manomin avenue, store manager.

Goldberg and Smith were brought into court at the request of defense attorneys, but were not allowed to sit within whispering distance of Ginsberg, who looked haggard and sat with his face cupped in his hands, elbows resting on the counsel table.

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AMBUSHED AGENTS SET DECOY BUT FAIL TO GLIMPSE GANG

Davenport, Iowa, March 14.—(AP)—The daily Times says today that kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul for whose release \$200,000 was paid, have steered clear of a trap laid for them by federal, state and county officers near Joy, Ill.

The kidnapers, the paper says, demanded \$10,000 to replace the same amount in bills which they refused because of serial markings.

The automobile of an intermediary passed through Davenport and Rock Island Monday noon bearing a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of road leading from Aledo to New Boston, the paper reported.

The package was placed, as demanded, near the hard road as officers in a well-arranged trap watched. All day Monday government agents, state police and deputy sheriffs of Rock Island and Mercer county waited, but the abductors did not appear. The vigil was kept all of Monday night and Tuesday without result.

Orders of the kidnapers were to have an automobile bearing Minnesota plates to do the job. According to instructions a small piece of red cloth was placed on the front and back license plates for identification.

In preparing the trap under the supervision of special agents, a hole was dug on the northwest corner of a crossroad at the corner designated. The plant was just across the road to the east. Officers hid in the hole and were to have fired a signal volley if the abductors' agents appeared.

Deputy sheriffs guarded the side road and took posts of vantage along the hard road, the Times story says, and passed each other at intervals of ten minutes.

OFFICERS HERE DECLINE COMMENT.

Officers here professed ignorance of or declined to comment today on the report of an attempt near Davenport, Iowa, by kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, to obtain an exchange of \$10,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the United States Department of Justice bureau of investigation, declined either to affirm or deny the report. Werner Hanni, chief of the Northwest office in St. Paul, said he has not heard of it, and that if any such occurrence took place, it was handled by the St. Louis office of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Bremer, at his bank, said: "I would rather not talk about it."

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Report Bremer Kidnapers Elude U. S. Trap Near Joy

Officers Wait in Vain for Gang
to Get \$10,000; Tri-City
Excitement Caused.

How the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, who was released February 7 after his family paid \$200,000 ransom, avoided a trap laid by federal, state and county officers near Joy, in Mercer county, was learned in Rock Island today.

This story is believed to explain the peculiar excitement which prevailed in the quad-cities Monday when it was reported that federal officers had borrowed all kinds of guns from police of Moline and East Moline. One rumor even had to do with a report that Dillinger was about to be captured.

According to reports received, the kidnapers had demanded another \$10,000 from Bremer's family to replace a like amount which was refused by the kidnapers because of serial markings.

The automobile driven by an intermediary passed through Rock Island and Davenport Monday noon, carrying the package of money to a lonely stretch of road between Aledo and New Boston.

The money was placed as demanded near a hard road. Officers watched from a well arranged trap but no one came for the money.

Officers waiting to trap the kidnapers included state police, Rock Island county deputy sheriffs, the Mercer county sheriff and deputies and department of justice officers.

During the time the officers waited for the kidnapers to show up, a farmer, Omer Epperly, noticed an abandoned automobile in an abandoned farm yard. Epperly said he saw a machine gun in the abandoned auto and notified the sheriff's office. The officers did not show up within an hour or so and Epperly got together a posse of seventeen farmers and they surrounded the car. They later learned the automobile belonged to one of the officers.

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Bremer Kidnapers Escape Officers' Trap Near Joy, Ill. In New Ransom Demands

Kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, for whose release Feb. 7 his family paid \$200,000, steered clear of a trap laid for them by federal, state and county officers near Joy, Ill., it was disclosed today.

The kidnapers had demanded another \$10,000 to replace the same amount in bills which they refused because of serial markings. A car of an intermediary passed through Rock Island and Davenport Monday noon bearing a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of road leading from Aledo to New Boston. The package was placed as demanded near the hard road as officers in a well arranged trap watched. All day Monday government agents, state police and deputy sheriffs of Rock Island and Mercer county waited,

but the abductors did not appear. The vigil was kept all of Monday night and Tuesday without result.

It is understood that an automobile bearing the demand passed the Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport and the Fort Armstrong hotel in Rock Island in compliance with instructions. Orders of the kidnapers were to have an automobile bearing Minnesota plates do the job. According to instructions a small piece of red cloth was placed on front and back license plates for identification.

In preparing the trap under the supervision of special agents, a hole was dug on the northwest corner of a crossroad at the corner designated. The plant was

just across the road to the east. Officers hid in the hole in the ground and were to have fired a signal volley if the abductor's agents appeared for the package. Highway police in plain clothes patrolled the stretch of road and were instructed to stop all cars after the signal when the snatchers appeared.

Fail to Appear

Deputy sheriffs guarded the side road and took posts of vantage along the hard road. Guards were also riding in cars along that section of the hard road and passed one another at intervals of ten minutes but the abductors failed to appear.

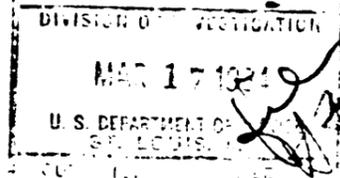
The maneuvers of the officers' cars in the Joy vicinity caused considerable concern in the neighborhood. One of the farmers observed machine guns and revolvers in an automobile parked near a vacant house and the report soon spread that John Dillinger, famed desperado, was in the vicinity. A posse was organized and searched the cornfield before the automobile was found to belong to Deputy Sheriff Lloyd O. Reed of Mercer county.

Whether the demand was made by the kidnapers or by a gang seeking to take advantage of the extra demand was a matter taken into consideration. It was believed by some of the officials that the gang had split and certain of the kidnapers were making the extra demand.

Bremer was freed by his abductors after 22 days of captivity. He was released near Rochester, Minn. after a reported payment of the \$200,000, contained in two suit boxes.

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**JUSTICE AGENTS SEIZE
BAD MAN GLEN WRIGHT**

By the Associated Press. *D*
Seizure of Glen Roy Wright, re-
puted Middle Western gangster,
wanted in Joplin and Hutchinson,
Kans., and in Oklahoma for robbery
and burglary, was announced today
by the Justice Department.

Officials said Wright was taken by
Justice Department agents and local
police in a raid on a house in Sapulpa,
Okla., where a number of other per-
sons were found.

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Glen Roy Wright Caught; Wanted for Murder

By United Press

MANFORD, Okla.—Glen Roy Wright, 34-year-old desperado, and seven other persons were captured near here early today by a posse of 20 officers who surprised them as they slept in a farmhouse.

Wright was wanted for the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa attorney, last year, and for robberies at Coffeyville and Hudson, Kan., and Stillwater, Okla.

Captured with him were Alonzo Brisco, alias Ed Brady, wanted in Leroy, Kan., for robbery; J. C. Johnson, J. E. Cuckin, his wife, two other women, and A. W. McAltee, of Coffeyville.

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PRIEST DETAILS ALLEGED PLOT TO SWINDLE HIM

Rev. A. J. Carey First Witness In Case of Abe Ginsberg for Fraud.

NIGHT SESSION HELD

Asked Inheritance Proof Before Giving Up Life's Savings to Trio, Pastor Says.

The story of how three men allegedly attempted to swindle him of his life savings was related Wednesday in Ramsey county district court by a gray-haired priest, Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church.

He was the state's opening witness in the case of Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, who is the first of the trio, charged with trying to defraud the priest of \$6,500, to face trial. Max Goldberg, alias Robert LaDue of Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., have been indicted and are awaiting trial.

A night trial session, from 7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M., was held under orders of Judge Kenneth G. Brill, presiding. A jury of nine men and three women is in custody of bailiffs.

Priest Takes Stand.

Father Carey took the witness stand at 8 P. M., following a summary of the state's evidence by James F. Lynch, assistant county attorney, who is prosecuting the case. Questioned by Lynch, the priest said he first saw Ginsberg and Smith when they called at his home, 923 Bayless avenue, February 26.

They represented themselves, he said, as searching for a Rev. A. J. Carey of St. Paul, "who was the beneficiary of a \$450,000 estate left

by a Joseph Corcoran of Denver." The men gave no names at the time, the priest testified.

The same night, according to his account, Father Carey received a telephone call from a voice he identified later as Goldberg's. The voice asked, he said, whether two men had called "about the estate". He expected the men to call the next day but that he heard nothing further until March 1, when Smith telephoned to say, "you're the man all right," he told the jury.

Trio Call on Cleric.

This telephone call was followed by an evening visit of the three defendants, the priest continued. "Ginsberg did most of the talking," he asserted. "I said, 'By the way, I don't know your names'.

"Ginsberg said, 'Mine's Arthur Gellar of the law firm of Myers & Slocum in Denver'. Smith gave the name of 'Byrnes'. Goldberg said he was R. A. Hutchinson, agent for the Wall street brokerage firm of Kay, Richards & Co.'

"Ginsberg showed me a stock shares certificate and I saw the name of Corcoran on it. Smith showed me some figures from a Denver newspaper on what mining stock was worth. Ginsberg said it was discovered that I was a beneficiary when the Guggenheim interests tried to buy the mine and wanted clear title to it.

"Ginsberg said if he could handle the deal personally he could do it for 20 per cent less. He added that it would cost me \$10,800 to put the deal over, that is, for a state tax and legal expenses, and then I would get the mining shares worth \$450,000.

"I told him there was no use talking any further, I couldn't raise \$10,800. He asked how much I could raise. I said, 'At the utmost, \$6,500 in bonds'. Ginsberg suggested that perhaps I could make a loan for the rest but I said that could not be done.

"Ginsberg asked, 'Can you get the bonds tonight?' I told him I could not until morning. He asked me where the bonds were kept and I told him at the Twin Cities National bank.

"This was March 1 and I said, 'Up to the present you have given me no proof whatsoever of these statements you make. Where is the

copy of the will — what proof is there that what you say is correct?"

"There was no answer."

"I said, 'On the other hand, if I give you these bonds, I hand over my life savings'. I happened to glance around and I saw a smile on LaDue, or Goldberg's face as if 'This is an easy mark'. (The last phrase was ordered stricken by Judge Brill on motion of defense attorneys).

"I suggested that I get a lawyer I know to safeguard my rights in the thing, but Ginsberg said 'No, no, no; the utmost secrecy must be maintained in this matter. There are relations of this man and, if they find out you are named in the will, you won't realize full value on the shares'. We made an appointment for 11 A. M. the next day.

"Up to Thursday night I can't say I had any doubts but, when \$10,800 was asked of me, I thought I'd need better proof than these men were giving. I was in very serious doubt of their statements when I called Inspector Charles Tierney of the police department."

The priest said that the next morning Detectives Tom Grace, Michael Fallon, and Patrick Ridge came to his home, conferred with him briefly, and that later Detective Ridge accompanied him to the Twin Cities bank. He testified he stayed "5 or 6 minutes" at the bank, "then took my grip, without the papers in it and drove to my garage. Detective Ridge was hidden behind the front seat."

Father Carey said that when the defendants arrived at 11 A. M., the detectives were hidden in an adjoining room. The "plant" was discovered by Goldberg, who asked for a glass of water, and followed the priest. The defendants then were placed under arrest.

Under cross-examination by Charles W. Sterling, a defense attorney, Father Carey testified he has an individual bank account, and supervises the business affairs of his parish. Asked whether he was "a little suspicious of this thing during both interviews," the priest replied, "No, not so much the first time. The turning point was when they asked me for some money."

Explaining his state of mind during the February 26 interview, Father Carey said he "had hopes the news was true. I didn't necessarily believe the representations." Sterling's question, "had you made a previous investment that didn't turn out good?" brought the reply, "yes."

Defense attorneys continued their cross-examination of Father Carey at the night session.

Questioned by Sterling, Father Carey said Ginsberg did not tell him "in so many words" that he was an attorney but left the inference from his conversation.

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Ginsberg told him, the witness said that Corcoran had been a friend of the late Richard T. O'Connor of St. Paul, and that Corcoran also once lived in St. Paul.

Did Not Ask Details.

Father Carey testified he did not inquire why Corcoran had left him the \$450,000, where he had lived in St. Paul, and did not make any investigation immediately regarding the supposed bequest.

"Did you ask whether it was a gold mine or a silver mine that was involved?" Sterling asked.

"I was so elated at first at the prospect of getting \$450,000 that I did not ask whether it was a gold mine or a silver mine," Father Carey replied.

Introducing three witnesses, all of-

scers of the Denver county District court, the prosecution then sought to establish that there is no record in the courts of that county of an estate of Joseph Corcoran ever having been filed for probate, or other steps for settlement of any such estate taken.

William R. Koolbeck, chief deputy clerk of the Denver County court, said he had searched every index of the court and that no estate of Joseph Corcoran was recorded. Koolbeck also testified he never heard of a Denver attorney named "Arthur Gellar" or a law firm "Myers & Slocum" or an "R. A. Hutchinson," an alleged agent for a Wall street brokerage firm of "Kay, Richards & Co."

Donald Meyer, Denver deputy district attorney, gave similar testimony.

Office Name Non-Existent.

Ray Humphreys, chief investigator for the Denver county district attorney, testified that, on request of the Ramsey county prosecutor, he had investigated a report that Hutchinson was supposed to occupy offices at 648 First National Bank building, Denver, and had found that no such office existed. A check of offices in the building, he said, revealed that office No. 646 was the highest numbered of those listed on that floor of the building.

Humphreys also said that he had talked to Ginsberg in Denver in December and that Ginsberg was known to him as "Abe Gains."

"Ginsberg told me then he was going to start a mining promotion business in Denver," Humphreys said. "I verified his statement that he had rented an office in the E. C. building and paid one month's rent but never had occupied it."

Humphreys also stated he had been unable to find any record in the Denver city directory of "R. A. Hutchinson" as agent for Kay, Richards & Co.

The trial will be resumed at 10:15 A. M. today.

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Bremer Kidnapers Dodge Trap as They Seek New \$10,000

St. Paul Pioneer Press Also
 Agents Ambushed at Illinois Point Set Decoy After Call for Substitute Bills but Fail to Glimpse Gang, Is Story From Davenport, Iowa.

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 Davenport, Iowa, March 14.—(AP)—The Daily Times said today that kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul for whose release \$200,000 was paid, have steered clear of a trap laid for them by Federal, state and county officers near Joy, Ill.

The kidnapers, the paper says, demanded \$10,000 to replace the same amount in bills which they refused because of serial markings.

The automobile of an intermediary passed through Davenport and Rock Island Monday noon bearing a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of road leading from Aledo to New Boston, the paper reported.

The package was placed, as demanded, near the hard road as officers in a well-arranged trap watched. All day Monday government agents, state police and deputy sheriffs of Rock Island and Mercer county waited, but the abductors did not appear. The vigil was kept all of Monday night and Tuesday without result.

Orders of the kidnapers were to have an automobile bearing Minnesota plates to do the job. According to instructions a small piece of red cloth was placed on the front and back license plates for identification.

In preparing the trap under the supervision of special agents, a hole was dug on the northwest corner of a crossroad at the corner designated. The plant was just across the road to the east. Officers hid in the hole and were to have fired a signal volley if the abductors' agents appeared.

Deputy sheriffs guarded the side road and took posts of vantage along the hard road, the Times story said and passed each other at intervals of ten minutes.

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2 Women and 6 Men Seized In Southwest

Glen Roy Wright, Reputed Head of Desperado Ring Among Those Taken in Farmhouse of Remote Osaage Region of Oklahoma; Karpis and Parker, Sought by Agents, Not Found.

ALL OCCUPANTS OF PLACE ASLEEP WHEN OFFICERS STAGE MORNING RAID

United States Department of Justice Agents and an Oklahoma sheriff on the trail of suspects in the \$300,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today raided a farm house in the remote Osaage region of Oklahoma and seized six men and two women.

Among the men arrested was Glen Roy Wright, reputed head of a Southwest gang of desperadoes whose activities have extended as far north as Minnesota. Arrested also were Charles Kotner, John McAttee, I. R. Brackett, Frank Downey and Ed Brodie.

The men the officers had hoped to arrest were Alvin Karpis and Freddie Parker, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob. Others sought with Parker and Karpis were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker.

The two women were found in the house with the captured gang. Their names were given as Winnie Morrison and Grace Guckler.

Names of the men captured were telephoned immediately to Department of Justice agents in St. Paul in an effort to establish identifications. Wernick Hanni, Northwest chief with headquarters here, said he knew nothing about the gang. The Department of Justice is trying to establish connections between

the men arrested and Karpis and Barker on the assumption they were members of the same mob which has raided banks all through the South, west and Midwest and as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The scene of the raid was a farm about 10 miles west of Mansfield in the territory of Tulsa, headquarters of the gang for years.

The officers moved into the place quietly at about 7 A. M. and found all the occupants of the house asleep. Covering each person they disarmed them.

In the house were found six high-powered rifles, four shotguns, three automatics, other large caliber arms, large quantities of ammunition and several bullet-proof vests.

It was at first reported that Barker and Karpis were among those arrested. These two men long have been sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Fingerprints of these two men were among those found on gasoline cans and a light

light used in the Bremer kidnaping. The gas cans were found along roads believed to have been routes taken in returning Bremer.

Bremer told the investigators that during the return journey their automobile stopped with captives filled the gas tank.

Barker and Karpis are thought to have been members of a Southwest gang of desperadoes operating in Oklahoma and Missouri. They were wanted for a murder at West Plains, Mo., and another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reported to be Verne Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George (The) Machine Gun Kelly and Harvey (The) convicted of kidnaping Charles (The) Drexel, Oklahoma millionaire.

Both Barker and Karpis are known to have had connections with "other" street racketeers who were seen in St. Paul within the last two years. The gang was identified as having been with a gang which fled from a house in St. Paul when a woman who was suspicious of the actions of the men had called the police.

Shortly afterward George (The) person, a relative of Karpis, was found.

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Dakota County Seeks Ginsberg

**Charged With Swindling
Priest Of \$160.**

Dakota county today requested custody of Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, who late Thursday was found guilty in Ramsey district court of having attempted to swindle a St. Paul priest out of \$6,500.

Commitment of Ginsberg to Stillwater was stayed by Judge Kenneth G. Brill Thursday until March 26 to permit filing of an appeal, with bond set at \$10,000.

Harold Stassen, Dakota county attorney, requested M. F. Kinkad, Ramsey county attorney, to release Ginsberg to the custody of Dakota county if he raises the bond.

Mr. Stassen said Ginsberg is charged with having swindled Rev. Mathias J. Duhr, Meisville, of \$160 in December, 1932.

The jury which found Ginsberg guilty deliberated but 90 minutes before returning their verdict.

Two other men charged with the same offense in the attempt to fleece the Rev. Alphonse J. Carey of St. Cecelia Catholic church by representing to him that he would inherit a \$450,000 estate if he paid the taxes on it will go on trial next week. They are Robert Goldberg, alias La Due, Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith, Neenah, Wis. Goldberg's trial will open Monday.

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Pal of Two Men Linked in Actual Abduction Caught

**Kidnaping Gang
 Suspect Trapped**

**2 Women and 5 Others
 Are Seized With
 Arsenal**

**\$500 Confiscated, to Be
 Checked With Ransom
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Glen Roy Wright
 Wanted for numerous crimes in
 the southwest and known as a
 member of the gang suspected of
 the Bremer kidnaping. Wright is
 the leader of the group arrested in
 an Oklahoma raid early Thursday.

United States department of justice agents and an Oklahoma sheriff, on the trail of suspects in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Thursday raided a remote Osage country farmhouse and seized six men and two women.

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Think Barker Bought Shirt Bremer Wore

Mill City Salesmen Almost Positive In Identifying Desperado Sought As Kidnap.

Two salesmen in a Minneapolis department store today partially identified pictures of Fred Barker, Oklahoma desperado, as the man who purchased from them a shirt given by abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president to their victim.

This development in the case came as the supposed connection between the Bremer snatching and the raid Thursday on an "outlaw stronghold" at Mannford, Okla., faded as federal agents said their interest in the five men jailed in the raid had cooled.

While not positive in their identification, the two Minneapolis sales-

Bremer Holds Secret Version With Dahill
 Edward Bremer, kidnap victim, today made his first visit to the public safety building since he was returned by the "snatchers" who obtained \$200,000 for his ransom. Accompanied by police headquarters by Inspector C. J. Tierney, he was ushered into Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill's private office and was there an hour. Both Mr. Bremer and the chief refused to reveal what was discussed.

men said they were "surely sure" Barker was the man who visited the store about the time of the abduction and purchased the shirt worn by Bremer when released. Federal department of justice agents several weeks ago questioned the salesman. The agents had traced the shirt, from which all labels had been torn, to its manufacturer, who said the shirt had been sold in the Minneapolis department store. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who once made St. Paul their home, and Harry Campbell are sought.

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JORDAN MAYOR DIES; BREMER CASE ECHO

**Anxiety Over Kidnaping Seen
as One Cause of Peter J.
Schmitt's Death.**

Jordan, Minn., March 16.—Kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer were blamed in part today for the death of Mayor Peter J. Schmitt of Jordan, 60 years old, friend and counsellor of the St. Paul banker during the latter's boyhood.

Mayor Schmitt, who friends said suffered severe anxiety during the abduction of Bremer, died Thursday at his home here from heart trouble and complications. His associates suggested the strain experienced by Mayor Schmitt when Bremer was kidnaped contributed to the illness.

From the time Bremer was kidnaped until the \$200,000 ransom was paid and the victim returned, Mayor Schmitt called the Bremer home from Jordan several times each day to keep in touch with developments.

When Bremer was a boy, Schmitt, connected with the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., took a close interest in the lad, serving as his companion and adviser. Schmitt, who is survived by his widow and six children, was traveling representative in Southern Minnesota nearly 40 years for the Schmidt company.

Election of Schmitt as mayor of Jordan a year ago marked his first activity in politics. Over his protests, he was drafted to run for the office. He was born in Belle Plaine.

Flags of the city were at half mast today, and during funeral services Saturday all business houses in Jordan will close. The funeral will be conducted at 9:30 A. M. from St. John's Catholic church. Business associates from St. Paul, including the Bremer family, are expected to attend the services.

Survivors with the widow, formerly Louisa Pilney, are two sons, Anthony and Peter Jr., and four daughters, Louisa, Marie, Lucille and Angela, all of Jordan.

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GINSBERG WANTED IN DAKOTA COUNTY

Faces Second Swindling Charge If He Is Released on Bond Here.

Life today held one jail after another in store for Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, sentenced Thursday in St. Paul up to five years in Stillwater prison for allegedly attempting to swindle a priest.

He sat in Ramsey county jail in default of \$10,000 bond while E. M. Rigler, defense attorney, planned a fight to keep Ginsberg from serving a prison term.

If he is freed on bond he will be taken immediately to Dakota county jail. Harold Stassen, Dakota county attorney, announced he is issuing a warrant for Ginsberg's arrest in the event of his release here, charging him with swindling Rev. Mathias J. Duhr, Catholic priest of Miesville, of \$160.

Ginsberg was found guilty Thursday of attempting to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, of \$6,500. Judge Kenneth G. Brill stayed execution of sentence to March 26.

Rigler said he hoped to have bond posted today. If it is, he said he will obtain a transcript of trial testimony looking toward filing a motion for a new trial. "If we fail in the motion," he added, "we certainly will appeal the case."

Max Goldberg, known in Minneapolis as the "Duke of the Loop," will face trial Monday on the same charge as Ginsberg and at its conclusion, E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., will be tried. The trio allegedly were associated in the attempted swindle.

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U. S. Agents Arrest Eight Suspects in Bremer Kidnap Case

Pair Most Sought Escape Sudden Raid on Okla- homa Hideaway.

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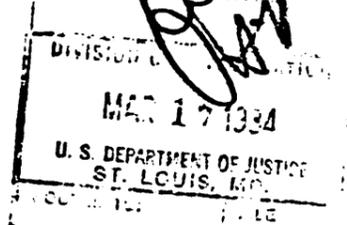
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SUDDEN RAID ON HIDEAWAY NETS VARIETY OF CRIMINALS

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Ir. Brackett, 43, at whose house
the arrests were made: J. W. Mc-
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**EIGHT ARRESTED
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**Band Trapped in Sudden
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BREMER HUNT NETS 8 IN OUTLAW LAIR

Officers Searching for Kidnap-
pers Trap Group in Oklahoma
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2 WANTED FOR MURDERS

29 Justice Department Agents
Help Raid—Name 2 Ex-Con-
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Ed Brophy, 55, alias Ed Brodie, who served a term in the State prison at McAlester under the name of Pat Collins.

Ira Brackett, 48, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. Motte, about 38, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan., and for a time thought to be Harry Campbell, an outlaw; Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35, who said he was "from Georgia"; Grace Cutler, 33, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner, and Winnie Morris, 30, who said her home was in England, Ark.

Officers traced carefully the relationships of the arrested persons.

Wright is known as an associate of Campbell, whom officers also would like to question about the Bremer case; is wanted for a large number of crimes, and still showed signs of weakness from wounds received a few months ago in a brush with Arkansas and Oklahoma officers in which one of his gang, Gene Johnson, a robber, was killed.

No Resistance Is Offered.

Cotner long was known as a confederate of Fod Bradshaw, the Eastern Oklahoma desperado who was shot to death near Fort Smith, Ark., a few days ago. He was connected through Bradshaw with the gang of Clarence and Otis Eno, bank robbers now held in Kansas.

The posse, consisting of twenty-nine Department of Justice agents and Oklahoma and Kansas officers, moved into Mannford at dawn, assembled in the schoolhouse square for last-minute instructions and descended upon the Brackett farm just as the sun peered over the surrounding hills.

H. E. Hollis, Department of Justice operative; Jim Bracewell, Kansas highway patrolman; George Stewart of the Tulsa Police Department, and Floyd Fellers of the Sapulpa police broke through the front door and surprised the group so that none offered resistance.

The other raiders had surrounded the four-room house. They were armed with pistols, rifles, machine-guns and tear-gas guns. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

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Arsenal Seized.

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None of the suspects offered resistance.

The officers also found \$500 cash in their possession. The currency was to be studied by federal officials for connection with the ransom paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

The connection between the mob and the Bremer kidnaping was believed to be through Harry Campbell, wanted for the robbery of the Northwest National bank in Minneapolis several years ago. Campbell was reputed to be a pal of Karpis and Barker.

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**BREMER GANG
 AVOIDS TRAP
 SET FOR THEM**

Rock Island, Ill., March 14.—[Special.]—How a trap laid for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., for whose release on Feb. 7 the family paid \$200,000 ransom, failed near Joy, Ill., this week was related by officers in Rock Island today.

The kidnapers had demanded an additional \$10,000 to replace the same amount which they refused because of serial markings. The car of an intermediary passed through Davenport, Ia., and Rock Island Monday noon, carrying a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of dirt road between New Boston and Joy. The package was placed as demanded. Officers watched. No one picked it up.

However, a farmer, noticing an automobile containing a machine gun in the yard of a deserted farm, organized a posse and surrounded the car. It belonged to an officer.

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BELIEVE TIPOFF CAUSED GANG TO AVOID JOY TRAP

Instructions of Bremer Abductors
Are Followed to Letter by
Federal Agents.

A tipoff at St. Paul, Minn., or at Chicago is believed to have caused the supposed kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to avoid a trap laid for them near Joy, Ill., last Monday.

The instructions of the gang, that \$10,000 be delivered to them at a crossroads near Joy to replace a like amount of marked money previously included in the \$200,000 ransom paid for the St. Paul man's release, were carried out to the letter by agents of the United States department of justice, but the kidnapers failed to appear to claim the money. More than a score of federal agents, state highway police and Rock Island and Mercer county officers were sequestered in the woods near the crossroads to await arrival of the gang car to claim the money.

It was learned today that the kidnapers demanded an additional \$10,000 because a number of notes included in the ransom money bore consecutive serial numbers. In a letter to the St. Paul man, the gang demanded that the money be delivered near Joy and warned against any information being given to police.

Advertisement Inserted.

An advertisement reading, "John - Come home now, we need you, Tessie E." was to be inserted in the Saturday edition of The Argus, and in the same edition of the Chicago Tribune if the demand of the gang was to be fulfilled. These were inserted in both papers and federal agents prepared to carry out the instructions of the kidnapers.

A car bearing Minnesota license plates and a small piece of red cloth at both the front and the rear left the Blackhawk hotel, Davenport, at noon Monday for Joy. This car bore two officers, one hidden in the rear of the car. Following instructions, the car passed the Fort Armstrong hotel in Rock Island and continued west on state route 3 to Ninth street. There the car turned south on routes 3 and 85 to Viola, after which it turned west through Aledo to Joy. After depositing the package at the crossroads, the occupants of the car returned to Davenport by the same route.

Preparations for trapping the gang at Joy were begun Sunday night when officers dug a pit at the side of the road which enabled two men to hide and watch the arrival of the gang car. The officers in the pit were to have fired a volley when the kidnapers arrived.

Other officers were stationed about the neighborhood, Sheriff Walter Rehn and officers being sequestered in a vacant house nearby. The sheriff's car, a black sedan, was seen by a farmer in the vicinity and believed to belong to John Dillinger, escaped outlaw. The farmer organized a posse, and the group was preparing to storm the house when they were dispersed by the sheriff.

Although the officers continued to await the arrival of the kidnapers until Tuesday night, no trace of them was found, and it was believed they had received a warning from confederates.

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BREMER KIDNAP RAID TRAPS 8 IN OKLAHOMA

Two Suspects Escape U. S.
Net as Manhunters Close In
on Gang Hideaway on Farm

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The two chiefly sought, and whose names were made public for the first time today, are Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Alvin Karpis, both former Oklahoma convicts. Barker's brother, Freddie, also is wanted for questioning.

Their fingerprints were found on gasoline cans and a flash light believed to have been used by the kidnapers.

Those arrested; six men and two women, included three men suspected of bank robberies and killings.

The suspects taken were: Glenn Roy Wright, Charles Cotner, suspected of the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Landon, of Kansas; Ed Brophy; Ira Brackett, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. McAtee, Frank Downey, Grace Cutler and Winnie Morris.

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The raiders were armed with pistols, rifles, machine guns and tear gas guns. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

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BREMER ROUND-UP NETS 8 PRISONERS

Gang Surprised in Oklahoma Hideaway in Search for Kidnap Suspects.

By the Associated Press.

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Convicts Sought.

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Indicted WOMAN NAMED AS 'BRAINS' OF KIDNAP RING.



MRS. NELLIE TIPTON MUENCH, wife of a St. Louis physician, pianist of ability, and a fancier of chow dogs, who has been indicted at St. Louis, Mo., as the "brains" of the 1931 kidnaping of Dr. Edward G. Kelley. The doctor was freed uninjured, and without payment of ransom.—A. P. Photo.

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Bremer Kidnap Suspects Flee Police Trap

Eight Held in Raid on Oklahoma Farmhouse, Thugs' Hideout.

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**Bremer Suspects
Caught on Farm**

M'ALESTER, Okla., March 15 (U.S.).—Six men and two women, one or more of whom are under suspicion in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., have been captured in a farm house near Mannford, Okla., it was learned today. Five of the men were brought to the State penitentiary here. They are: Frank Downing, Alonzo Briscoe, alias Brody; Glen Joseph Wright, John W. McAtee and Charles Cotner. The other man is I. R. Brackett and the women are Grace Guckler and Winnie Morris.

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Trait of Bremer Kidnapers Grows Hotter in Oklahoma

St. P. Pioneer Press
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Link to Four Sought Expected
From Questioning of Eight
Nabbed in Raid.

Department of Justice agents were believed close on the trail of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer Thursday night following the arrest of six men and two women in a raid on a farm house near Mannford, Okla., Thursday morning.

Two of the men arrested are murder suspects and a third is a former convict. All were being questioned regarding possible whereabouts of four members of the Bremer kidnap gang, two or more of whom have been reported in the neighborhood the past three weeks, an Associated Press dispatch said.

The four sought in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker are Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, both identified as members of the kidnap mob through fingerprints; Freddie's brother, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Although none of the Bremer case suspects was apprehended in the raid, the statement of H. E. Hollis, Department of Justice agent, that the posse was not "primarily seeking" the Bremer suspects, was taken as indicating that Federal operatives hope to glean important leads from those arrested.

Those arrested are Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, wanted for murder at Picher, Okla., and for robberies in Kansas, western Mis-

souri and Nebraska, Charles Cotner, 49, suspected of the recent attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Governor Landon of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla., February 4; Ed Brophy, 58, alias Ed Brodie, who served a term in the Oklahoma state prison under the name of Pat Collins; Ira Brackett, 43, at whose home the arrests were made; J. W. McAtee, 38; Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson; Grace Cutler, 23, Vian, Okla., and Winnie Morris, 20, of England, Ark.

All of the prisoners except Brackett and the two women, who were held in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa, Okla., were lodged in the state prison at McAlester, Okla.

Federal officials traced the associations of those held in their effort to uncover clues to present whereabouts of the Bremer abductors.

Wright is known as an associate of Campbell and was arrested and questioned at Tulsa two years ago as an accomplice of Campbell in the slaying of J. Earle Smith, an attorney. Smith was shot to death after he failed to appear in Fort Scott, Kan., to defend Harvey Bailey, now serving a life sentence for the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, on a bank robbery charge.

Cotner was known as a confederate of Ford Bradshaw, Oklahoma desperado who was shot to death near Fort Smith, Ark., recently. He was connected through Bradshaw with the gang of Clarence and Otis Eno, bank robbers now held in Kansas.

Melvin C. Passolt, head of the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said that Karpis and Freddie Barker are wanted for the killing of A. W. Dunlop of West St. Paul and Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains Mo. Dunlop, Barker's father-in-law, was shot and killed near Webster, Wis., and his body thrown into a lake. Sheriff Kelly was slain when he attempted to question suspicious characters.

The two were identified as members of the Bremer kidnap gang through fingerprints on gasoline cans and a flashlight believed used by the gang.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECTS GRILLED

MOALESTER, Okla., March 16. — Six men and two women, one or more of whom are under suspicion in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., had been captured today by Federal agents and local authorities in an isolated farmhouse near Mannford, Okla. Five of the men were brought to the State penitentiary here for safekeeping. They are Frank Downing, Alonso Brisco, alias Brody, Gen. Leroy Wright, John W. McAtee and Charles Cotner. Authorities said the group was wanted for questioning on various crimes in Oklahoma and elsewhere, and that Brisco at least was suspected in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping. The other man trapped gave his name as I. R. Brackett. The two women identified themselves as Grace Guckler and Winnie Morris.

U. S. Agents Trail Kidnap Gang After Threat to Heiress

Federal agents today were trying to pick up the trail of kidnapers who have threatened to abduct Mrs. Frederica Fry Del Guercio, heiress to the Timken roller-bearing millions, or her two-year-old son.

While police were maintaining a heavy guard about the \$400,000 Del Guercio estate at Greenwich, Conn., Federal authorities were working on the only clue they have at hand—a note threatening that Mrs. Del Guercio and her son will be held for \$100,000 ransom.

The fact that such a note had been received was admitted by Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan in Greenwich, but he refused to give its exact contents.

Mrs. Del Guercio, heiress to an estate of \$7,000,000, is famed as the Nutmeg State's "Cinderella Girl." In 1912, when she was four years old, she was adopted by John Heming Fry, well known artist, and Georgiana Timken Fry, heiress to the Timken fortune.

In 1931 she inherited \$2,000,000, the first installment of the money left by her foster mother. A little later she married Eligio Del Guercio, a \$25-a-week law clerk.

For a little more than two years the couple appeared to be ideally mated. But on July 14, 1933, Mrs. Del Guercio was granted a divorce on grounds of cruelty and awarded custody of Eligio, Jr.

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RAIDERS MISS PAIR KNOWN TO BE IN ON CRIME

Clue to Whereabouts Sought
From Desperado Seized
With Seven Others.

Six Men and Two Women Dis-
armed While Asleep in
Oklahoma Hideout.

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Six men and two women captured earlier in the day in a lonely Oklahoma farmhouse late Thursday were taken to the state prison at McAlester for a grilling by department of justice agents investigating the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

From one of the prisoners, Glen Roy Wright, reputed head of a southwest gang of desperadoes, the agents hoped to get information that would lead them to the apprehension of two other suspects, Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, former members of the gang, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob.

Sought Karpis and Barker.

It was Karpis and Barker that the agents wanted when they and a group of Oklahoma officers swooped down on the gang. Others sought with them were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker. Karpis, Freddie Barker and Campbell have been linked with crimes as far north as Minnesota. The women arrested gave their names as Winnie Morrass and Grace Cuther.

In the gang arrested with Wright were Charles Cotner, John McAtee, Ira Brackett, Frank Downey and Ed Brodie. Although held for questioning in connection with other southwest crimes, officials said they did not believe they had connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Just Miss Suspects.
After his return from McAlester, Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police Thursday night said he was convinced that the Barker brothers were missed by only a few hours by the raiding party that captured the gang. Captain Stewart has worked in close co-operation with federal investigators, said authorities had additional leads which were expected to be fruitful soon, and that he would be disappointed if the suspects were not apprehended within a few days.

Taken in a farmhouse four miles west of Mannford, Okla., the gang was first moved to a jail at Sapulpa and then to the state prison for safekeeping.

The officers moved into the hide-out quietly about 7 a. m. and found all the occupants asleep. Covering each person, they disarmed them.

Arsenal Seized.

In the house were found six rifles, four shot guns, three Luger automatics, other large-calibered side arms, large quantities of ammunition and several bullet-proof vests.

The officers also found \$500 cash in their possession. The currency was to be studied by federal officials for signs of connection with the ransom paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

The connection between the mob and the Bremer kidnaping was believed to be through Campbell, wanted for the robbery of the northwest branch of the Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis several years ago. Campbell was reputed to be a pal of Karpis and Barker.

Long Sought.

It was at first reported that Barker and Karpis were among those arrested. These two men have long been sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Fingerprints of these two men were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping.

The gas cans were discovered on a roadside believed to have been the route taken in returning Bremer. Bremer told the investigators that in the course of the return journey the automobile stopped while his captors filled the gas tank.

Barker and Karpis are reputed to have been members of a southwest gang of desperadoes operating in Oklahoma and Missouri. They were wanted for a murder at West Plains, Mo., another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reputed to be Verne Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George "Machine Gun" Kelly and Harvey Bailey, convicted for kidnaping Charles Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

Seen in Twin Cities.

Both Barker and Karpis were known to have had connections with Twin City alcohol racketeers and were seen in St. Paul within the last two years. The pair were identified as having been with a gang which fled from a house in St. Paul when a woman who was suspicious of the actions of the mob had called the police.

Shortly afterwards George E. Anderson, a relative of Karpis, was found shot to death near Webster, Wis. These men were sought at the time in connection with the slaying of the Tulsa attorney who had failed to appear in defense of Harvey Bailey at a bank robbery trial in Fort Scott, Kan.

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CAPTIVE AND THREE FUGITIVES IN BREMER KIDNAPING



Glen Roy Wright

Alvin Karpis

Freddie Barker

Harry Campbell

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In Oklahoma Raid

On Alleged Hide-Out Of Bremer Kidnapers.

Bond Is \$50,000 For Physician's Wife,

Accused Of Abduction Of Dr. Kelley In '31.

New Yorker Found Slain After Ransom Is Refused — Two Filipinos Admit Extortion Plot.

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Oklahoma desperado, who was shot to death near Ft. Smith, Ark., a few days ago. He was connected through Bradshaw with the gang of Clarence and Otis Eno, bank robbers, now held in Kansas.

POSSE OF 20 OFFICERS

The posse, consisting of 20 Department of Justice agents and Oklahoma and Kansas officers, moved into Mannford at dawn, assembled in the schoolhouse square for last-minute instructions and descended upon the Brackett farm just as the sun peered over the surrounding hills.

H. E. Hollis, Department of Justice operative; Jim Bracewell, Kansas highway patrolman; George Stewart, of Tulsa police, and Floyd Fellers, of Sapulpa police, broke through the front door and surprised the group so that none offered resistance.

The other raiders had surrounded the four-room house. They were armed with pistols, rifles, machine guns and tear gas guns. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

Wright was considered the prize of the raid through the broad connections he maintained with the Southwestern underworld. He was arrested and questioned in Tulsa two years ago as accomplice of Campbell in the ride slaying of J. Earle Smith, lawyer. Smith was shot to death after he failed to appear in Fort Scott, Kan., to defend Harvey Bailey on a bank robbery charge. Bailey now is serving a life sentence at Leavenworth. Federal Penitentiary for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire.

Five of the prisoners, Wright, McAtee, Downey, Brophy and Cotner, were taken to the state prison at McAlester late today for safekeeping, while Brackett and the two women were held in Creek County Jail at Sapulpa.

While directing Warden Sam Brown to accept custody of the suspects, Governor W. H. Murray instructed him by telephone from Oklahoma City to release Wright and McAtee, whom he believed to be Campbell, to Sheriff M. J. Bradley, of Payne County, tomorrow.

The Governor said Bradley had protested against removal of the men to state's prison on the ground that he alone of the raiding squad held warrants for Wright and Campbell, suspects in a \$5,000 machine-gun robbery of a farmers' auction sale at Stillwater.

The Governor said the men would be arraigned at Stillwater tomorrow.

Department of Justice Agent Hollis said the posse was not primarily seeking the Bremer kidnap suspect today, but that the department wanted Karpis and the Barker brothers.

St. Louis, March 15—(AP)—Veiled in black crepe and with shaking, Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, comely wife of a St. Louis physician, surrendered today on indictment charging the kidnaping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelley.

Attorneys posted \$50,000 bond arranged for her release. Mrs. Muench was taken to the Bertillon Room of St. Louis County Courthouse for finger printing and photographing.

"You're a hell of a guy," she remarked when a Deputy told her

three-year-old son for \$100,000

Manuel C. Lopez, 28 years old, and Andrew Haima, 37, implicated in their confessions George Cubang, who is held in St. Louis.

Pending extradition the prisoners were held in Federal Jail. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each.

Lopez said he was butler and house boy for Hager "for several years" and was dismissed last year. He said he came to the United States in 1920 and took a two-year pre-medical course at the University of Missouri.

Haima "No Student"

Haima said he has been in this country seven years. "I no student. I work in restaurants, hospitals, any place I get a job," he said.

Greenwich, Conn., March 15—(AP)—The shadow of a kidnap plot lay tonight over the palatial home where Fredericka Fry Del Guercio, \$8,000,000 heiress to the Timken Roller Bearing fortune, lives with her two-year-old son, Eligio.

A special police guard was placed about the house, as Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan said a note had been received warning there was a plot to kidnap either Mrs. Del Guercio or her son and to hold the victim for \$100,000 ransom.

Mrs. Del Guercio is the adopted daughter of J. H. Fry, artist, who now is in Italy, and the late Mrs. J. H. Timken Fry. Her former husband, Eligio Del Guercio, is a lawyer in New York. They were divorced in July, 1923.

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HOUSE-OWNER HELD.

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Wright is known as an associate of Campbell, whom officers also would like to question about the Bremer case, is wanted for a large number of crimes and still showed signs of weakness from wounds received a few months ago in a brush with Arkansas and Oklahoma officers in which one of his gang, Gene Johnson, a robber, was killed.

Cotner is said to have been a confederate of Ford Bradshaw, Eastern

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Her surrender ended a two-day search by officers. During which she was touring from town to town in Southern Illinois seeking to evade arrest until her attorneys were assured she would be released on bond.

The indictment also named Fred McDonald, an inmate of the Missouri Penitentiary; Bart Davit, acquaintance of McDonald, Angelo Rosegrant, reputed gangster, Tommy Wilders, Shelton gangster, said to be in Florida, and John C. Johnson, Negro tenant of a farm where Dr. Kelley was reported to have been held prisoner after he was kidnaped in February, 1931.

Denies Any Guilt.

Mrs. Muench is alleged to have been the "brains" of the kidnaping gang. A talented musician and former proprietor of an exclusive dress shop, she has denied vehemently any connection with the abduction.

Dr. Kelley, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, was lured from his home in 1931 by a fake call for his professional services. He was released, reputedly without payment of ransom, to John Rogers, a reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

New York, March 15—(AP)—Kidnapers of Max Kasoff called members of his family last week demanding \$5,000 ransom "or we'll send him home in pieces—an ear first."

Altogether there were four phone calls. The last one Sunday night said:

"So you notified the police, eh? O. K. We fix."

Today members of the family went to Rockville Center, Long Island, to identify Max Kasoff's body. He had been blindfolded, shot twice in the head and once through his neck, and there was a deep head cut where he had been struck, as with a length of pipe.

Was Practical Joker.

Kasoff, who was 37 years old and well known in the automobile rental business, disappeared from home last Thursday night. His family did not take seriously the first demand for ransom because of Kasoff's reputation as a practical joker.

New Orleans, March 15—(AP)—

Two confessed Filipino would-be extortionists were charged in Federal Court here today with a plot to obtain \$5,000 from Louis A. Hager, wealthy St. Louis manufacturer, owner of the Hager building.

6 MEN, 2 WOMEN SEIZED IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Two Suspects Elude Trap in Oklahoma.

Mannford, Okla., March 15.—(AP)—Hot on the Bremer kidnap trail, federal and state manhunters today trapped eight persons, some of them linked closely by association with the suspected abductors, in a sudden raid on an Osage country hideaway near this hamlet.

Although two or more of the men sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, have been reported in this vicinity during the last three weeks, they were not at the farmhouse six miles west of here when the officers arrived at sunrise and made their captures.

The two chiefly sought, and whose names were made public for the first time today, were Arthur [Doc] Barker and Alvin Karpis, both former Oklahoma convicts. Barker's brother, Freddie, also is wanted for questioning in connection with the banker's abduction.

Fingerprints Found.

Their fingerprints were found on gasoline cans and a flashlight believed to have been used by the kidnapers. Arrested, however, were six men and two women who included in their number men suspected of killings, of bank robberies, and of other armed raids upon society throughout the middle west.

The suspects taken were:

Glenn Roy Wright, 24, wanted for a murder at Ficher, Okla., and for robberies in Kansas, western Missouri, and Nebraska.

Charles Cotner, 49, suspected of the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla., Feb. 4.

Ed Brophy, 33, who served a term in the state prison at McAlester under the name of Pat Collins.

Ira Brackett, 43, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. McAtee, 24, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kas., and for a time thought to be Harry Campbell, an outlaw; Frank Downey, 25; Grace Cutler, 23, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner, and Winnie Morris, 20, who said her home was in England, Ark.

Seized in Surprise Raid.

The posse, consisting of 29 department of justice agents and Oklahoma and Marshall officers, moved into Mannford at 6 a. m. They searched the school of the instructor

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**Bremer Suspects
Still at Liberty**

The eight outlaws arrested in Oklahoma Thursday are not involved in the Bremer kidnaping, despite reports that linked them closely to the suspected abductors of the St. Paul brewer, J. Edgar Hoover, director, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, declared yesterday. Among them is Charles Cotner, suspected in connection with the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas.

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SQUADS FOLLOW TIP ON AIRPLANE ESCAPE PLANS

Federal Agents Join Police of
Dozen Cities to Blockade
Michigan Highways.

SHERIFF HOLLEY SENDS AID

Second Officer in Critical Con-
dition After Battle in Which
Negro Was Killed.

Port Huron, Mich., March 16.—
(AP)—The nation-wide manhunt for
John Dillinger centered in the
Michigan "Thumb" district tonight
after the outlaw's jail-breaking
Negro companion, Herbert Young-
blood, was fatally wounded in a
battle with officers and said on his
deathbed that "Whittling Johnny"
was in this vicinity.

Three deputy sheriffs were wounded
in the encounter, one of whom died
tonight.

Officials of a dozen cities, deputy
sheriffs, possemen and Federal offi-
cials combined forces. They raided al-
leged hideouts, searched the country-
side, blocked highways and spread
their lines to encompass the region
in an effort to prevent Dillinger's
escape.

Two carloads of state troopers left
here for Marysville, Mich., on a tip
that two men, one resembling Dil-
linger, were on their way to the air-
port at that town.

The two men stopped at Capao,
Mich., and asked for information con-
cerning the airport.

Even Sheriff Lillian Holley, from
whose Crown Point, Ind., jail the
pair escaped, sent deputies to
Michigan.

State police squads arrived from
Bay City, Flint, Detroit and Laps-
ing. Each automobile load of officers
was equipped with machine guns
and tear gas bombs.

Finish of Search Seen.

Many officers considered this the
beginning of the end of the Dillinger
chase, which has spread through the
country. Some discredited Young-
blood's admissions to a certain ex-
tent although made on his deathbed.
Sheriff Holley sent word that she
considered Youngblood's admission
proof that Dillinger was elsewhere.
She said that her knowledge of the
two outlaws convinced her that even
at the point of death either would lie
to help the other.

One report was that Dillinger had
come here Thursday night to meet
other gangsters. Federal officials
took the reports seriously and were
converging on this section in an ef-
fort to help in trapping the desperado.

Youngblood wounded Sheriff Wil-
liam E. Van Antwerp and two
deputies, one fatally, before he
himself went down in a battle at the
door of a suburban grocery store.

Van Antwerp suffered only an arm
wound and returned to direct the
hunt for Dillinger, but Deputy How-
ar Lohr was in critical condition and
Charles Cavanagh died.

Boast Started Battle.

The battle of four officers with
Youngblood resulted after police re-
ceived a report that a Negro, a burly
fellow, had a gun and boasted he
was an escaped convict.

Sheriff Van Antwerp and three
deputies went to the small store in
South Port Huron where the Negro
had taken refuge.

One man was stationed outside
while two went in after Youngblood.
Ten seconds after they entered the
Negro opened fire. The battle was
brief and fierce. When the smoke
had cleared Youngblood lay, mortally
wounded, on the floor. Two
deputies had been shot. Sheriff Van
Antwerp was still standing but had
been struck in the arm. Only one
participant, Deputy Derris Lucif,
escaped uninjured.

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GANG SEIZED IN BREMER KIDNAP RAID



Seeking the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Federal agents raided a bungalow near Mannford, Okla., Wednesday, and arrested eight persons, including two women, who were asleep. In the gang were Glenn Roy Wright, at right in the picture, sought for robbery and murder, and Alonzo Briscoe (alias Frank Downey) with his mouth open, wanted for bank robberies in Minne-
 sota and Kansas. Others arrested were: Charles Kotner, John McAttee, I. R. Brackett, Ed Brodie, Winnie Morram and Grace Guckler. Rifles, shotguns, automatic pistols and bullet-proof vests were confiscated. Below is a picture of the bungalow. The agents were seeking Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping gang.

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WHEN JUSTICE IS SWIFT.

The best kind of justice is swift justice. If more criminal cases were handled as was the trial of Abe Ginsberg on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Judge Brill's court, there probably would be fewer criminal cases to try. Ginsberg was charged with attempt to defraud. Every stage of the trial ran its course without undue delays or quibbles. The defendant had his "day in court," the state proved his guilt to the jury, and two weeks after his arrest Ginsberg is under sentence.

Punishment attains its fullest function as a deterrent when it follows sure and fast on the heels of crime. Severity of punishment is not nearly so effective as an object lesson to wrongdoers as is certainty of punishment. But not even certainty is enough. Immediacy of punishment brings home the lesson the society is master better than anything else.

There should be more of the justice like that dealt out in Judge Brill's court this week.

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BREMERS OFFER FULL ASSISTANCE IN KIDNAP SEARCH

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ADOLPH BREMER.

Abducted Man's Father and Uncle in Conference With Cummings.

CONFIDENT JUSTICE UNIT IS ABLE TO SOLVE CASE

Step Follows Attorney General's Criticism of Non-Co-operation From Family.

Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnaping victim, have come to Washington to offer their full co-operation to the Department of Justice in its search for the kidnapers—an offer apparently prompted by recent criticism aimed at some members of the family by Attorney General Cummings.

Unaccompanied by Edward, the elder Bremers have conferred with Cummings, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation, and other Justice officials supervising the Nation-wide man hunt for the gang which abducted young Bremer, on January 17 last and released him February 7 on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"We have complete confidence in the ability of the Department of Justice to solve this case," the uncle told The Star today in his room at the Hamilton Hotel. "Adolph and I came here to assure Mr. Cummings and other officials at the Department of Justice of our co-operation and to express our heartfelt appreciation for the great work they have done and are now doing."

Cummings "Disappointed."

The uncle said his brother returned to St. Paul last night and explained that they had attended to certain other business matters while here during the several days. No visit was made on President Roosevelt, a friend of the Bremer family, because the brothers felt the President was too busy to see them, Otto said.

Attorney General Cummings at a press conference not long ago said he was "disappointed" at the extent of co-operation received by Federal investigators from the Bremer family and, at the same time, caustically criticized "certain segments" of the St. Paul police and branded St. Paul and Minneapolis as "crime spots."

Earlier it was indicated the department's criticism was directed chiefly at Edward Bremer for his evident reluctance to discuss details of his kidnaping with special agents of the Division of Investigation. The father co-operated "100 per cent" from the start of the investigation, it has been said.

It was the uncle who was chief adviser to Adolph in the negotiations which led to payment of the huge ransom on a lonely road at a rendezvous marked by mystic signal lights. It has been reported that the signal lights and other articles used by the kidnapers now are in possession of Federal agents.

Federal Men Efficient.

The uncle said today he did not know who the kidnapers were but he was confident the Federal agents would find them.

"We have nothing but praise for those fellows," Otto said, with emphasis. "Everything that has been done has been accomplished by the Federal men. They are a very efficient outfit."

The uncle declined to comment on the Attorney General's criticism, but made it plain that he and his brother harbor no resentment over it.

"You know," he said, "Eddie had never given me any details about the kidnaping—and I haven't asked him to. He is under a great strain."

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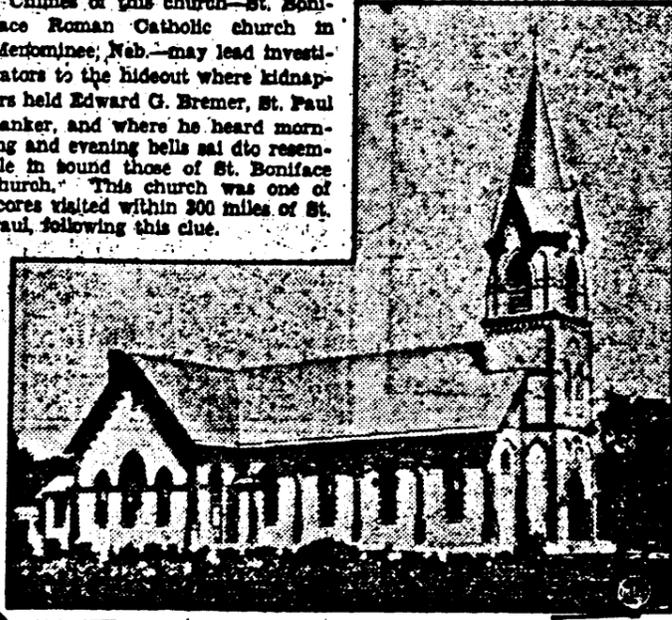


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Chimes May Be Kidnaping Clue

Chimes of this church—St. Boniface Roman Catholic church in Montominee, Neb.—may lead investigators to the hideout where kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and where he heard morning and evening bells said to resemble in sound those of St. Boniface church. This church was one of scores visited within 300 miles of St. Paul, following this clue.



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DUPED BY GINSBERG, SMITH TELLS COURT

Wisconsin Man Testifies He
Went Into Priest Swindle
Deal Innocently.

"Abe Ginsberg fooled me," was the testimony today of Edward L. Smith, of Neenah, Wis., charged with an alleged attempt to swindle a St. Paul priest of \$8,500.

Smith, the first of the three men charged with the attempted first degree grand larceny to take the stand in his own defense, detailed that he was not even connected with the swindle idea.

The trial is in Ramsey County District court before Judge Kenneth Brill. Ginsberg has been sentenced to five years and Max Goldberg, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse.

Smith testified that he was a geologic and mining engineer who received his training in Birmingham, England, worked for the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., was a cattle raiser in the West; drilled oil wells in Georgia, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Montana, and met Ginsberg last summer in the office of an attorney in Chicago.

"I knew him as Gains," Smith said. "He looked after my legal interests and I always supplied the money. A month ago I came through here and Ginsberg told me he would raise some money this time."

"He took me to the residence of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, and introduced me as Barnes. I thought that was strange but Ginsberg told me it was part of his plan to raise money."

"Then the story he told Father Carey was wonderful. It sounded plausible to me at the time but I can see different now."

The defense rested just before noon recess and the case is expected to go to the jury late today.

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BREMER THANK U. S. FOR KIDNAP RELEASE

Dad and Uncle of Victim Call
on Cummings and J. Edgar
Hoover at Capital.

Washington, March 20. (AP) — Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul kidnap victim, have been in Washington for several days conferring with the Department of Justice.

"We called on the Department of Justice to express our appreciation for the very fine way in which they handled the kidnap investigation," Otto said today.

Recently Attorney General Cummings expressed disappointment at the extent of co-operation given government investigators by members of the family. Otto Bremer would not discuss this matter but explained that his brother and he had been in New York on business and had come to Washington from there.

The Justice department said that the two had conferred with Attorney General Cummings several days ago and that conversations have also been held with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation.

Edward G. Bremer, the abduction victim, was kidnaped on January 17 and held for 22 days. His release was effected only after payment of a ransom believed to have been \$200,000.

The 22-day period is the longest on record. John O'Connell, scion of an Albany political family, was also held by kidnapers for that length of time but no other kidnap victim has been held in confinement longer than 21 days since the outbreak of this type of crimes started about two years ago.

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Hogs Bring Farmer Into Bremer Case

Fordyce, Neb. Man Becomes Kidnap Suspect When He Trades Car After Selling Pigs.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

FORDYCE, Neb., March 20.—Clem E. Tramp, Cedar county farmer, went to town to sell a load of hogs and thereby became a suspect in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

And Mr. Tramp, wind-burned, horny-handed veteran of the Nebraska farm depression, does not particularly appreciate the honor. "You know," he told the two Daily News staff members today, "if this was not serious it would be funny for five years there hasn't been a crop or a load of hogs that has paid its own way until this year, and this year I sold a truck load of hogs and celebrated by trading in an old flyver for a new Chevrolet.

"And look what happened since Saturday. My neighbors have been looking at me suspiciously. At least one radio station has broadcast that I have been picked up by federal agents for keeping Mr. Bremer in my house while he was away from St. Paul, and its getting so I hate to walk down the streets of town."

Mr. Tramp is 29 years old. He is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

married, the father of five children, two of them pupils at the St. Boniface Catholic school, three miles from his home, the chimes of which Edward Bremer is supposed to have heard while held prisoner for three weeks before his release on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Invites Inspection.

"Yes. He said today, 'I've heard the rumors—but here I am. That answers the question, doesn't it? No federal agents have interviewed me, and if you take a good look at my house after five years of the kind we've just finished, I hope, you can see that there's not room enough in it to keep even another child, much less a kidnaped man. And I wish I had the \$200,000 I am reported to have got.'

"Last year hogs were \$2.50 a hundredweight. This month they've been \$4 and higher and I had about 167 head. That's prosperity for me so I took 'em down to Sioux City and sold them, and traded in the car, and bought a new one with part of the money I got."

Strictly Rural Home.

Chickens and geese paraded contentedly around the feet of Mr. Tramp, his buxom wife and the two newspapermen. Two grubb-faced children slowly, painstakingly hauled a coaster wagon loaded with kindling wood through the yard. The scene was strictly rural. No submachine guns were in evidence.

"One story had it that they decided I was the man they wanted because Mr. Bremer had taken a strip of wall paper from one of the rooms and this had been identified," Mr. Tramp continued, "but that

can't be true because we haven't any wall paper.

"I've lived here all my life, and my father and mother before me, and we never had anything like this happen before."

U. S. Agents Comb Neighborhood.

But meanwhile the rumors persisted that some place within sound of the chimes of St. Boniface Mr. Bremer spent a very uncomfortable three weeks, and up to a few days ago a squad of federal department of justice agents had been making the entire neighborhood the scene of an intensive search for the particular house.

If they do not find it, it will not be because of lack of local assistance. Every four-corners store, every corner drug store in Yankton, S. D., only 14 miles away, can furnish the federals with detailed information as to who, and what, and when and where.

The chief trouble the federal agents have found, is that the occasion is being used to settle up a lot of bad feelings between families and groups.

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Bremers Here Agree to Help In Kidnap Hunt

Father and Uncle Pledge Cooperation; Victim Still Silent.

Complete cooperation with the Department of Justice in tracking down the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, yesterday was promised by Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the victim, who was abducted January 17 and released February 7, upon payment of \$200,000.

The Bremers came to Washington and acted apparently because of recent criticism aimed at some members of the family by Attorney General Cummings. Edward remained in St. Paul. Shortly after visiting the Department of Justice, Adolph left for his home, while Otto remained at the Hamilton Hotel.

"We came also to thank the Department of Justice for its wonderful work in the case," asserted Otto Bremer yesterday. "We have complete confidence in the ability of the Department to solve this case. Adolph and I came here to assure Mr. Cummings and other officials of our cooperation."

Attorney General Cummings, at a recent press conference, said he was "disappointed" at the lack of cooperation received by Federal investigators from the Bremer family.

The department's criticism, it was indicated later, was directed chiefly at Edward Bremer for his reluctance to discuss details of his kidnaping. The elder Bremer cooperated "100 per cent" from the outset of the crime, it was said.

The Bremers did not visit the White House, although President Roosevelt is a friend of the Bremer family. They said they felt the President was too busy to see them.

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BREMER'S KIN HELP U. S. HERE

By Universal Service

Renewed efforts to solve the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were seen yesterday in conferences held by Department of Justice officials with Adolph Bremer, father, and Otto Bremer, uncle of the kidnap victim.

The Bremers, who came to Washington voluntarily, offered their full cooperation to the department in the nationwide search for the kidnapers.

Recently Attorney General Cummings had publicly criticised the Bremer family for reluctance to disclose information that might aid Federal agents in tracking down the kidnapers.

The Bremers conferred with Cummings, Joseph B. Keenan, assistant Attorney General in charge of the criminal division, and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation.

They declared they had every confidence in the ability of the Federal authorities to solve the case and that they came here for the specific purpose of assuring Cummings the department would have their full cooperation.

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STAY FOR APPEAL GRANTED

Brill Indicates He Will Not Suspend Sentence; 'Justice Done', Cleric Says.

Edward L. Smith, third member of a trio which allegedly tried to fleece a St. Paul priest out of his life savings, was convicted Tuesday afternoon and sentenced to Stillwater prison for an indeterminate term up to five years.

The verdict of "guilty of attempted first degree grand larceny," was returned by a District court jury of twelve men at 4:10

P. M., after an hour's deliberation. Judge Kenneth G. Brill pronounced sentence immediately but deferred commitment to prison for a week to permit perfecting an appeal.

At the request of Robert Hogan, Smith's Chicago attorney, Judge Brill ordered an investigation of the defendant's case by John J. Doyle, Ramsey county probation officer. Hogan said the defendant "may be able to give additional facts in possible mitigation of the offense".

Probation Seen as Remote. In ordering the investigation, Judge Brill said: "I have no intention whatsoever of suspending sentence in this case."

Crime Does NOT Pay

However, if the defendant wants to give some information to the probation officer he may do so. I have no idea at present of putting the defendant on probation."

Smith's conviction, the third within a week, winds up a case that originated March 3 when he was arrested with Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, and Max Goldberg, alias Bobby LaDue, also of Minneapolis.

The arrests were made at the home of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church and intended victim of the alleged "estate swindle" concocted by the trio.

Priest Called Police. The priest had been asked to produce \$8,500 in bonds, his life savings, to settle and obtain a purported \$450,000 estate in gold mine stock. Instead, he called police.

Three days later the three were indicted on a charge of attempted first degree grand larceny. Ginsberg was tried first and convicted Thursday by a jury. Judge Brill imposed the same penalty he gave Smith—the maximum fixed by law for the offense.

Goldberg was permitted to plead guilty to attempted grand larceny in the second degree. He was sentenced Monday to six months in the St. Paul workhouse. James F. Lynch, assistant county attorney, prosecuted all three defendants.

Smith Blames Ginsberg. Smith was the only one of the three who testified in his own defense. He said he is a geologist and livestock dealer. He blamed the estate scheme on Ginsberg. In a brief statement to the court before sentence was pronounced Smith said his home is in Neenah, Wis., that he is 50 years old and unmarried.

Judge Brill announced he will not consider applications for bail for either Smith or Ginsberg, pending preparation of an appeal. He said such application must be made to the State Supreme court.

Informed of the three conviction-Father Carey said: "I feel that justice was done, and it's all the more admirable because it was done so swiftly."

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**Funds Sought
To Nail Rumors
In Bremer Case**

**Nebraska Town Resents Hide-
out Reports in \$200,000
Kidnaping.**

Menominee, Neb., March 21.—(AP)—Resentful residents of this tiny northern Nebraska community were discussing today the advisability of raising a fund to aid in tracking down the source of recent rumors that it harbored the hideout of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, captive 22 days until \$200,000 ransom was paid to his kidnapers.

One man, whose home has been mentioned particularly as possibly that in which Bremer was held, expressed willingness to offer \$50 reward to any one who can tell him the source of the rumors which residents claim, are entirely without foundation.

Bremer has been quoted as saying that from his place of captivity he could hear the chimes of a church each morning and evening. St. Boniface Catholic church here has chimes which are rung daily but townspeople pointed out, so have other churches at St. Helena and Bow Valley in nearby communities.

Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of St. Boniface, said he is weary of the "hideout" talk, adding that he had visited every home in the community many times, and knew that none could possibly be the Bremer hideout.

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Libel Suits May Yield Farmer Cash That Bremer Case Didn't



This is the Cedar county, Nebraska, farm where Edward G. Bremer was not held prisoner during his three weeks of captivity by a kidnap gang. The children in the picture are Dolores and Darline Tramp, children of Farmer Clem Tramp, who with Mrs. Tramp is shown in the insets.

Nebraskan Is Burned Up Over Gossips Who Spread Rumors He Had Kidnap Gang's Victim.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
FORDYCE, Neb., March 21.—The pigs that went to market from the Cedar county farm of Clem Tramp and brought him questionable national fame as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping, may have lived in a depression-tumbled pig-sty, but their descendants will occupy a veritable porcine mansion if Farmer Tramp's present plans carry through.

Farmer Tramp is what is known as "burned."

He's out for revenge and it won't make him the least bit mad if the revenge is sweetened with a few cold, hard, American dollars.

May Sue Gossips.

In other words, Farmer Tramp believes he has perfect grounds for a whole drove of slander and libel damage suits against some of his gossiping neighbors, against St. Helena townspeople, and against a radio station and at least one or two small newspapers who mistook his trip to Sioux City, Ia., with another load of hogs, for a trip to jail with a squad of federal justice department agents.

Farmer Tramp planned today to confer with his lawyer at Yankton, S. D., just across the Missouri river. "Listen," he said, "when asked to smile as a photographer was taking his picture, 'I can't smile, I'm too

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sore. For the first time in five years I sell hogs for more money than it cost to raise 'em. I take the extra money and give the wife and kids a treat by buying a new Chevrolet, and right away they say I'm flashing a roll of bills I got for hiding Mr. Bremer in my house.

He's No Hearder.

"What do they expect a man to do with this new deal money, hoard it? Not me. I believe in putting it into circulation. If we don't do that we'll have five more years of depression.

"And if they think they can get away with making me out a kidnaper they're wrong. I could use a lot of money fixing up the house and the farm—yes, and the hog pens, too. They deserve something better as long as they're selling for \$4 a hundred."

Meanwhile the find-Bremer-hide-out fever has spread. The interstate toll bridge is doing a land office business at 50 cents a car and 5 cents a passenger with amateur sleuths who are combing the territory around St. Boniface Catholic church, at Menominee, three miles from the Tramp farm, for the suspected house where in the kidnaped St. Paul banker is supposed to have been held prisoner.

The chimes of St. Boniface can be heard for nearly four miles on quiet days—and nearly every day is quiet except when a Nebraska dust storm is in progress, so an area of close to 20 square miles is involved.

Many Farms Suspect.

The fact that a number of the farms, some of them now aban-

doned, were once used to manufacture the beer and corn liquor supply of Yankton and smaller nearby towns, rather complicates the search, for suspicion naturally arises as to "connections."

Even officials of the American State bank of Yankton, once visited by Harvey Bailey and his bank-raiding mob, declare that "anything could happen back in the hills across the river."

And whether "anything"—in connection with the Bremer case—has happened is providing scores of citizens with a subject of conversation which gets their minds off the snowless, rain-less recent months which augur financial trouble for them all.

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WHY HAVE POLICE FAILED TO SOLVE MYSTERY

OF ROY McCORD'S SHOOTING?

NINE weeks have passed since machine gun bullets spattered from a car on Portland ave. and Roy McCord fell seriously wounded.

The police know the number of the car from which the shooting was done.

They know the name of the man to whom the license was issued.

They know his postoffice address and they have a good description of him.

BUT NO ARREST HAS BEEN MADE.

When Mr. McCord, innocent victim of St. Paul's crime wave, lay at St. Joseph's hospital in a dying condition, detectives, after some delay, arrived to question him.

He was semi-conscious and in no condition to be interrogated so they left.

Mr. McCord is now able to get around. While he may be a cripple for the rest of his life he is in full possession of his mental faculties.

BUT THE POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN NEAR HIM SINCE THE NIGHT HE WAS SHOT.

Mr. McCord himself is authority for this statement. He believes he has information which might help in the capture of his would-be assassin but the police have not shown enough interest to call on him.

IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THE POLICE WANT THIS BRUTAL SHOOTING TO GO UNSOLVED?

This question is warranted in view of the apathy and lack of interest which has been shown.

If police are not able to guard the lives of St. Paul citizens they at least should make some effort to capture assailants after a crime of this type has been committed.

The Bremer kidnaping is unsolved. The Hamm kidnaping is unsolved. Nothing apparently has been accomplished in finding a solution of the murders of Harry Davis, Con Althen, Roy Williams, Carl Sager or Oscar Erickson.

How much longer must St. Paul citizens wait for the protection they are paying for?

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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SMITH WILL FIGHT 5-YEAR SWINDLE TERM

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Smith Fights Swindle Term

Third Man Sentenced In Plot Against Priest.

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Robert Hogan, Chicago, Smith's

attorney today attempted to withdraw the request he made at the time of sentence, for an investigation of his client looking to a possible probation. Judge Brill today informed Hogan as he asked to withdraw the request, that the court believes now it would be a good idea to learn all about Smith.

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Bremer Kin Deny Failure To Help Law

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Otto, Adolf In Washing-
ton Tell Officials Talk
Of No Co-Operation In
Kidnaping Is Error.

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Daily News Washington Bureau.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The
Bremer brothers have personally as-
sured officials of the justice depart-
ment that federal agents were mis-
taken when they assumed that the
Bremer family was not co-operating
in the search for the kidnapers of
Edward Bremer.

This developed Tuesday evening
when it was learned that Adolf and
Otto Bremer have been quietly in
town for several days. Reporters
discovered them just as they were
about to leave. Otto Bremer is al-
ready on his way back to St. Paul
and Adolf expects to leave today.

Wants To Forget.
Adolf Bremer said he disliked to
talk about the horrible days when
his son was in the hands of the
mobsters. He said further that he
had never discussed to any extent
with Edward the ordeal which the
younger man had undergone. The
shock to his son had been too great.
He said, to make it possible or wise
to elicit details.

"The only persons who can dis-
cover the guilty parties are the
agents of the justice department," he
said. "I have every confidence in
them." Criticism by the attorney
general that the family had not co-
operated, whether aimed at the
whole family, or at Edward alone.
Adolf Bremer said, "was never taken
seriously by me."

Calls On Cummings.
He said he had called personally
upon Atty. Gen. Cummings and J.
Edgar Hoover to thank them for
what they had done.

He has not called at the White
House because the President is busy
and the Bremers did not wish to
bother him.

Mr. Bremer said he had no idea
regarding the identity of the kid-
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Bremer Rumors Irk Town

Stories of Hideout at Menominee Resented; Fund to Combat Them Considered.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)
 Menominee, Neb., March 20.—
 This community is deeply angered at rumors which have tended to indicate in recent weeks that it harbored the hideout of the gang which held Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., captive 22 days until 200 thousand dollars ransom was paid his kidnapers.
 Residents of the parish today were discussing raising a fund of three hundred dollars to offer as a reward for information as to who started the rumors, which the parishioners unanimously declare absolutely without truth or reason.
 Clem Tramp, who said rumors had linked his home with the Bremer kidnaping, today offered \$50 reward on his own account for the source of the rumors.
 Home Not Like Description.
 World-Herald reporters today examined Tramp's home by invitation, and found it did not answer in a single respect that of the place in which Bremer was held. The fact that this man recently paid up his taxes and bought a new car is said to have been a possible source of the rumors.
 Bremer is quoted as having said that from his place of captivity he could hear the chimes of a church morning and night. St. Boniface Catholic church here has chimes which are rung thus daily, but, it was pointed out, so do the churches

of St. Helena and Bow Valley in nearby communities. So St. Boniface parishioners see no reason for picking out their village as the Bremer hideout.
 Priest is Tired of It.
 Father Ferdinand Krings, priest of St. Boniface parish, today was weary of the "hideout" talk. Beyond saying he had visited every home in the community many times, and knew none could possibly be the Bremer hideout, he declined to discuss the matter further.
 But rumors still persist. The latest is that Bremer himself was here last Saturday, when he was supposed to have been attending the funeral of a relative in Jordan, Minn., and that he was listening particularly to the chimes of the church bells, to see if he could recognize them. And like every other rumor, this one could not be confirmed.
 Priests of the St. Helena and Bow Valley churches already have refused to discuss the matter, saying they know beyond question that it does not concern their communities. In addition, federal agents from the department of justice at Washington have combed this entire territory over a wide area, visiting every home without finding the Bremer hideout.
 The people here are disgusted and angry, and they wish folks would leave them alone.

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GANG IDENTIFIED IN BREMER CASE

Justice Agents Learn Karpis-Barker Band Kidnaped Banker.

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The Department of Justice has identified the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for whose release \$200,000 was paid several weeks ago. It was announced late today by Attorney General Cummings.

Special agents of the Division of Investigation have traced the kidnaping to the so-called Karpis-Barker gang of southwestern desperadoes, a member of which was rounded up last week in Oklahoma, a Federal said.

Leaders of the gang are Alvin Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker, former Oklahoma convicts, it was stated. This pair is said to have been identified as ringleaders in the Bremer abduction plot.

It was reported recently that identification of the perpetrators of the St. Paul crime had been made from fingerprints found on signal lights used by the kidnapers in guiding ransom negotiations and on oil cans used in carrying gasoline.

A Nation-wide manhunt now is under way to find Karpis, Barker and other members of the gang.

Cummings said Karpis and Barker have been "definitely identified" as the kidnapers. He declared J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Division of Investigation, reported to him "several weeks ago" the identification of Karpis and Barker. The developments were kept secret because of intensive efforts then being made to apprehend the gang. These efforts are continuing.

Have Long Records

Karpis and Barker, according to Cummings, have long criminal records in the department's fingerprint bureau. Karpis, 25, has been convicted several times of burglary and has escaped from prison once. He is on parole under a 4-year sentence in Oklahoma for burglary.

Kidnapers



ALVIN KARPIS



ARTHUR E. BARKER

Barker, who is 34, also is on parole from a life sentence at McAlester, Okla., for murder. Before that he had escaped from prison once and had been frequently sought in burglary, bank robberies and other crimes.

Cummings said the department now is receiving "friendly co-operation" of the Bremer family in the search for the kidnapers. He said Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of the kidnaped man had a "very satisfactory" interview with him (Cummings) this week. Some weeks ago Cummings criticized the Bremers for failing to cooperate fully with the Federal agents. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 and released February 1 in the city of Rochester, Minn., after payment of the huge ransom.

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Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. (Freddie) Barker, notorious outlaws and one-time residents of St. Paul, have been positively identified as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.
 The identification was announced at the Washington headquarters of the United States department of justice by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings and was corroborated by agents in St. Paul shortly afterward.
 Agents in St. Paul could not state whether the announcement meant that the two gangsters had been arrested.
WERE EARLY SUSPECTS.
 First news that the two were suspected was published in The St. Paul Daily News Feb. 8, a few hours after the return of Mr. Bremer following payment of \$200,000 ransom.
 Only a few days ago, March 16,
 The Daily News learned that a Minneapolis store clerk had identified photographs of Barker as closely resembling the man who purchased a shirt which Mr. Bremer wore when he was released. The shirt had been purchased late in his three weeks' captivity by one of his abductors.
 Efforts today to locate Werner Hamm, chief of the St. Paul office of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, disclosed that he is out of the city.
Wanted For Many Crimes.
 Both Barker and Karpis are wanted in many cities for crimes ranging from murder to bank looting and kidnaping.
 Barker is about 33, originally came from Tulsa, Okla., and is sought locally for the murder, with Karpis, of George E. Anderson, alias George Cooper, formerly of 1031 S. Robert st., West St. Paul. Anderson was "taken" for a ride by the two, who had been living with him for some time, in April, 1932. Anderson's body was found in a ditch in Wisconsin.
Here When Hamm Was Snatched.
 Barker and Karpis also were in St. Paul in June, 1933, at the time of the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. They were among the occupants of the Vernon ave. home who fled, following the release of Mr. Hamm, after police had been warned of the suspicious actions and had once "investigated" the place to no avail.
 Barker also is wanted for the machine-gun murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., December, 1929.
 Karpis is known as Barker's lieutenant and aid in all of his major crimes.

Named Kidnapers



ALVIN KARPIS



ARTHUR (FRED) BARKER

Name Third Suspect

A third man, partially identified but whose identification is not yet admitted by the federal government, is Harry Campbell, another alleged member of the Barker-Karpis mob. Reports are that his fingerprints were found, along with Barker's, on a flashlight believed used by the Bremer kidnapers.
 George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, when informed by The Daily News of the identification in Washington, said that it was the "first he had heard of it."
 A special federal grand jury will be called by Sullivan as soon as he is officially advised of the identification, he said, to return indictments.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS 'STORY WILL BE TOLD SOME DAY'

Attorney General Cummings issued an official announcement today in Washington that two men had been identified positively as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch said the Department of Justice identified the two men as Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker. The department said both are among "the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang who have operated extensively throughout the Middle West."

Attorney General Cummings told reporters: "I am sorry I can not announce the arrest of these men."

In a conversation with the Dispatch Washington Bureau correspondent, Attorney General Cummings said:

"I am sorry I cannot tell you of

the men who are guilty perhaps, but we do. Some day the entire story will be told. The Bremers were here and we had a very satisfactory and free discussion of the case. The victim was very nervous and distraught from his experience and this possibly accounted for his inability at first to give us greater co-operation. As far as we are concerned now, there is complete co-operation between the Bremers and the Department of Justice."

Asked whether he thought Barker and Karpis had any connection with the kidnaping in St. Paul of William Hamm, Cummings declined to answer.

From unofficial sources in St. Paul the Dispatch learned that when Bremer was released some gasoline cans were thrown from the car. Later federal men recovered these cans from which were taken the fingerprints of Barker and Karpis, which later were identified by Bertillon experts.

Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul January 17 and released 23 days later after the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Barker is 34 years old and was said to have a police record in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Muskogee and McAlester, Okla. Karpis was said to have been arrested in Kansas City and to have served time at the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan.

Twenty-five years old, he was reported also to have run afoul of the law at Tulsa and Okmulgee, Okla.

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SLAIN GANGSTER COLLEGE-BRED MAN

Gunmen End Life of \$5,000,000 Bandit, Former Grid Player

Mystery Victim
Identified as Aid
to Killer Burke.

BRAINS IN RAIDS

Linked With Bank
Robberies and
'Massacre.'

Fred Goetz, former University of Illinois football player who used his university education to direct a \$5,000,000 robber gang, was the man slain by gunmen in Cicero Tuesday night.

The victim's identity was established by fingerprints yesterday after police had become convinced from the \$1,000 bill in his pocket and the obviously false identification papers he carried that he was a "big shot" in gangland.

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BRAINS OF BURKE GANG.
Goetz, they revealed, was the brains of the "Killer" Burke gang, an associate of the slain Gus Winkler and the man credited with arranging the St. Valentine's Day massacre. Although there were many reasons why Goetz might have been killed, police agreed that, like Winkler, he was put to death for double-crossing his comrades. He had been sought since his crime career began in 1925. Among the major crimes for which he was wanted were the slaughter of five persons in Kansas City last June in an attempt to free Frank Nash of the Burke gang from federal officers; the \$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln National Bank of Lincoln, Neb., and the \$352,000 robbery of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank of Jefferson, Wis.

SISTER VIEWS BODY.

His sister, Sophie Goetz of 1808 Ardmore av., viewed his body at the morgue last night, but was unable to confirm the identification positively, as she had not seen him for nine years. His aged mother, Mrs. Samuel Goetz, was broken-hearted by his death.

Goetz' story was one of a young man of a well-to-do North Side family who went wrong after receiving every advantage.

The younger Goetz was a wartime aviator, and later went to the university, where he was graduated after a gridiron career.

ONCE CHIEF OF LIFEGUARDS.

He was chief of the Clarendon Beach lifeguards until he was arrested, according to police, as he was attempting to attack the 7-year-old daughter of a neighbor in 1925. This charge seemingly changed the course of his entire life.

He became a fugitive and shortly afterward was named as one of the gang that killed Barney Hernandez, a chauffeur, and wounded the latter's employer, Dr. Henry R. Gross, in a Gold Coast robbery. In 1929 he was accused of leading the gang that trailed Mrs. Arthur W. Cullen from a theater and robbed her of thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry.

His daring and mental ability having won him the leadership of the Burke gang, he planned the

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SLAIN BANDIT DIRECTED GANG

'KILLER'S' AID!

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St. Valentine's Day massacre, the introduction of a killer in a policeman's uniform to prevent the victims from becoming suspicious being his master touch.

Under his direction, and the field leadership of Burke, the gang took five million dollars in bank robberies in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and the Dakotas. Goetz and Winkler, in fact, established a clearing house for disposing of loot taken by robbers throughout the nation.

Winkler eventually gave back \$400,000 of the money taken in the Lincoln bank robbery, to save himself from prison while others of the gang went to prison. Winkler was executed as double-crosser and Goetz may have been put to death because the gang learned that he took part in the same transaction. Evidently fearing such a fate, he had changed his name to J. George Zeigler.

Goetz' success in keeping clear of authorities for eight years may have been due to a mysterious "pull," which was apparent at the time of his arrest on the attack charge. The father of the girl was threatened a number of times when he refused to drop the prosecution.

Although Goetz was a fugitive, charges of assault and of murder were both stricken in the Criminal Court, according to the police department records.



SLAIN BY GANG.—Fred Goetz, photographed while under arrest nearly nine years ago.

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TWO IDENTIFIED IN KIDNAPING

By International News Service

Department of Justice agents today conducted an intensive hunt for Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, leaders of a Mid-Western gang, who have been identified as principals in the sensational kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Both men have long criminal records. They were paroled from the State penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., where Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder, and Karpis served part of a four-year term for burglary.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul last January 17. He was released February 7 when his family paid \$200,000 ransom.

The identity of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang is known, authorities stated.

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Two Bremer Captors Named: Hunt Is Started

U. S. Identifies Former Convicts as St. Paul Kidnapers.

(Associated Press)
Government agents ranged the country last night for two Western outlaws named by the Department of Justice as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

The men wanted are Arthur R. Barker, 34, and Alvin Karpis, 25, described as joint leaders of a notorious gang which has operated extensively through the Middle West.

Justice officials said the two men were linked with the Bremer abduction several weeks ago and that the identity of members of their mob was known. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 and released February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Both Barker and Karpis are out on parole from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla. Barker served ten years of a life sentence for murder before getting his freedom, and Karpis was paroled after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. The men have long strings of aliases, Justice officials said.

Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the victim, called at the Department of Justice this week and conferred with Attorney General Cummings.

Held Bremer



Alvin Karpis (above) and Arthur R. Barker named yesterday as leaders of the gang of Southwestern desperadoes who kidnaped and held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. (Story on page 1.)

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BREMER KIDNAP DUO IDENTIFIED

The Department of Justice is positive Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, fugitives, were the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, Attorney General Cummings announced yesterday.

Description of the two men has been broadcast by the department and a hunt will be continued to capture them.

Barker and Karpis, the Attorney General said, have operated extensively throughout the Middle West. Both have long criminal records, he added.

In speaking of the visit here of Albert and Otto Bremer, kinsmen of the victim who was held captive from January 17 until released on February 7 for \$200,000 ransom, Cummings said:

"We had a very satisfactory and friendly interview. The victim, Edward G. Bremer, was pretty well shaken because of his capture, and that possibly accounted for his earlier reluctance to cooperate with us."

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**Barker, Karpis Led
 Kidnapers of Bremer,
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**Hope for Early Captures Hinted by Attorney General as
 Fingerprints Are Identified Definitely; Aid of Bremers
 by Trip to Washington Lauded.**

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The Department of Justice identified the two as "among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang who have operated extensively throughout the Midwest."

Although unofficial reports named Barker and Karpis as suspects in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping shortly after Mr. Bremer's release February 7, Mr. Cummings' statement was the first official

announcement that the two have been positively identified as the abductors.

"I am sorry I cannot announce the arrest of these men," Attorney General Cummings told reporters.

Later, in a conversation with the Washington representative of the Pioneer Press, Mr. Cummings said:

"I am sorry I cannot tell you at this time why we know these are the guilty persons but we do. Some

ADOLF BREMER CONFIDENT

Adolf Bremer returned to St. Paul Thursday night from Washington confident that the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, will be apprehended eventually by the Federal Department of Justice.

Mr. Bremer expressed gratification that two of the kidnapers, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, have been identified.

Mr. Bremer added that Attorney General Cummings and Joseph B. Keenan, his assistant, appeared optimistic that the kidnapers will be caught.

day the entire story will be told. The Bremers were here and we had a very satisfactory and free discussion of the case." Mr. Cummings referred to the visit to Washington this week of Adolf and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of the kidnap victim.

"The victim was very nervous and distraught from his experience and this possibly accounted for his inability at first to give us greater co-operation," the attorney general continued. "As far as we are concerned now, there is complete co-operation between the Bremers and the Department of Justice."

Asked whether he thought Barker

and Karpis had any connection with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. of St. Paul last summer, Mr. Cummings declined to answer. However, it was learned that both men had been reported seen here a short time prior to the abduction of Mr. Hamm.

From unofficial sources in St. Paul it was learned that three flashlights and some empty gasoline cans recovered by Justice department operatives working out of this city resulted in the identification of Barker and Karpis through fingerprints found on the articles.

In their search for clues, it was learned, the Federal agents went to the place where the ransom money was tossed out of an automobile by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of Mr. Bremer. This was on the outskirts of a small town near Faribault, where a side road passes through a cut.

The flashlights were found on one of the banks overlooking the road. They were equipped with red bulbs and obviously had been used as signals to the ransom car. The batteries were run down, indicating the kidnapers had left the lights burning.

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**HAMM SNATCH LAID
 TO BARKER, KARPIS**

St. Paul Dispatch
**Pair Blamed for Bremer Kid-
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 Earlier Abduction Here.**

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 A strong belief that Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, identified Thursday by Attorney General Cummings as members of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, also were members of the mob which kidnaped William Hamm Jr., was prevalent in police circles here today.

Although police officials refused to discuss the case, it was learned that this belief has been growing for some time. It also was learned that Barker and Karpis were seen in St. Paul a short time before the Hamm abduction.

Touhy Link Doubted.
 At the same time, the opinion has grown that the Touhy gang, of which five members were tried here for the Hamm kidnaping, was not connected with the case. In this regard it is pointed out that during the trial of the Touhy mobsters for the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor in Chicago, the members of the gang who turned state's evidence and "told all" made no mention of the Hamm case.

The search for Barker and Karpis was intensified following Attorney General Cummings' statement Thursday that they had been identified positively as members of the mob which abducted Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, and held him for \$200,000 ransom.

But although the police here have been on the lookout for the two men since they first were named as suspects in the crime, Chief Thomas Dahill declined to discuss the case in any way or to make more than a brief comment on the attorney general's statement.

Statement "Significant."
 "Any comment regarding the identification of Barker and Karpis as members of the kidnap mob will have to come from the federal government," the police chief said. "As to Mr. Cummings' statement, I have only this to say—that his remark to the effect that some day the whole story of the Bremer case will be told is very significant and means a lot."

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GINSBERG'S BOND
SET AT \$25,000
St. Paul Dispatch
Supreme Court Names Judge Brill to Examine Convicted Attorney's Securities.
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The Minnesota Supreme court set bond at \$15,000 today for Ab G Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney who was one of three men convicted in St. Paul for the alleged attempted \$8,500 swindle of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church.

The high court named Judge Kenneth G. Brill of Ramsey County District court, who tried the cases, as referee to examine sureties for the bond at 10 A. M. Monday.

Judge Brill will report findings of the examination to the Supreme court, which, if it deems the sureties acceptable, will release Ginsberg pending the appeal to the Supreme court of the attorney's sentence to Stillwater prison up to five years.

In the event Ginsberg is released from Ramsey county jail, where he has been held during a stay of sentence, he will be arrested immediately on a Dakota county warrant charging him with swindling a priest at Miesville.

It was also revealed that disbarment proceedings against Ginsberg are now before the State Supreme court.

Chief Justice John P. Devaney stated that District Judge Alfred Stolberg of Center City has been appointed referee to hold hearings and investigate the record of Ginsberg. He in turn will report back to the high court for final action.

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Bremer, Hamm Gangs Linked

U.S. Sees Karpis, Barker In Brewers' Snatching.

The Karpis-Barker gang, identified Thursday by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings as the Edward G. Bremer kidnapers, was today linked with the William Hamm, Jr., snatching here last year.

Despite the fact that the Roger Touhy gang was tried and acquitted here last fall in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm, department of justice authorities in Washington today were of the opinion that through the interlocking directorates of gangs, the Karpis-Barker gang participated in some way in the Mr. Hamm snatching.

Orders have been issued for a widespread search for Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, following their identification as the leaders of the gang that kidnaped Mr. Bremer Jan. 17.

Mr. Cummings in his identification statement in Washington Thursday intimated that the Karpis-Barker gang is composed of at least 12 members.

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 Supreme Court Names Brill To
 Make Inquiry Monday.

Investigation of sureties on the \$15,000 appeal bond set for Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, under a one-to-five-year sentence in Ramsey county district court for attempted grand larceny in the first degree, was ordered by the Minnesota supreme court today.

The supreme court appointed Judge Kennet G. Brill of Ramsey county district court, to conduct an examination of the sureties at 10 a. m. Monday. He will certify his findings to the supreme court and that body will decide whether Ginsberg is entitled to his freedom pending the appeal.

Meanwhile another of the three defendants indicted following an attempt to fleece the Rev. Alphonse J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, of \$6,500 filed an appeal from his conviction. He is E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis.

Chief Justice Devaney also announced appointment of Judge Alfred Stolberg of Center City as referee to hear the disbarment action brought against Ginsberg by the state board of bar-examiners. No date for the hearing has been set.

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**BREMER KIDNAP
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**Cummings Launches Hunt
 For Two Gang Heads.**

WASHINGTON, March 22—
 (United News.)—Two of the kid-
 nappers of Edward G. Bremer of
 St. Paul have been identified and
 an intensive search is being con-
 ducted for them, Attorney General
 Cummings said today.
 The two men sought are Alvin
 Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, de-
 scribed by Cummings as heads of
 the Barker-Karpis gang. Cum-
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 tity was established.
 "Some day the story will be told,"
 he said.
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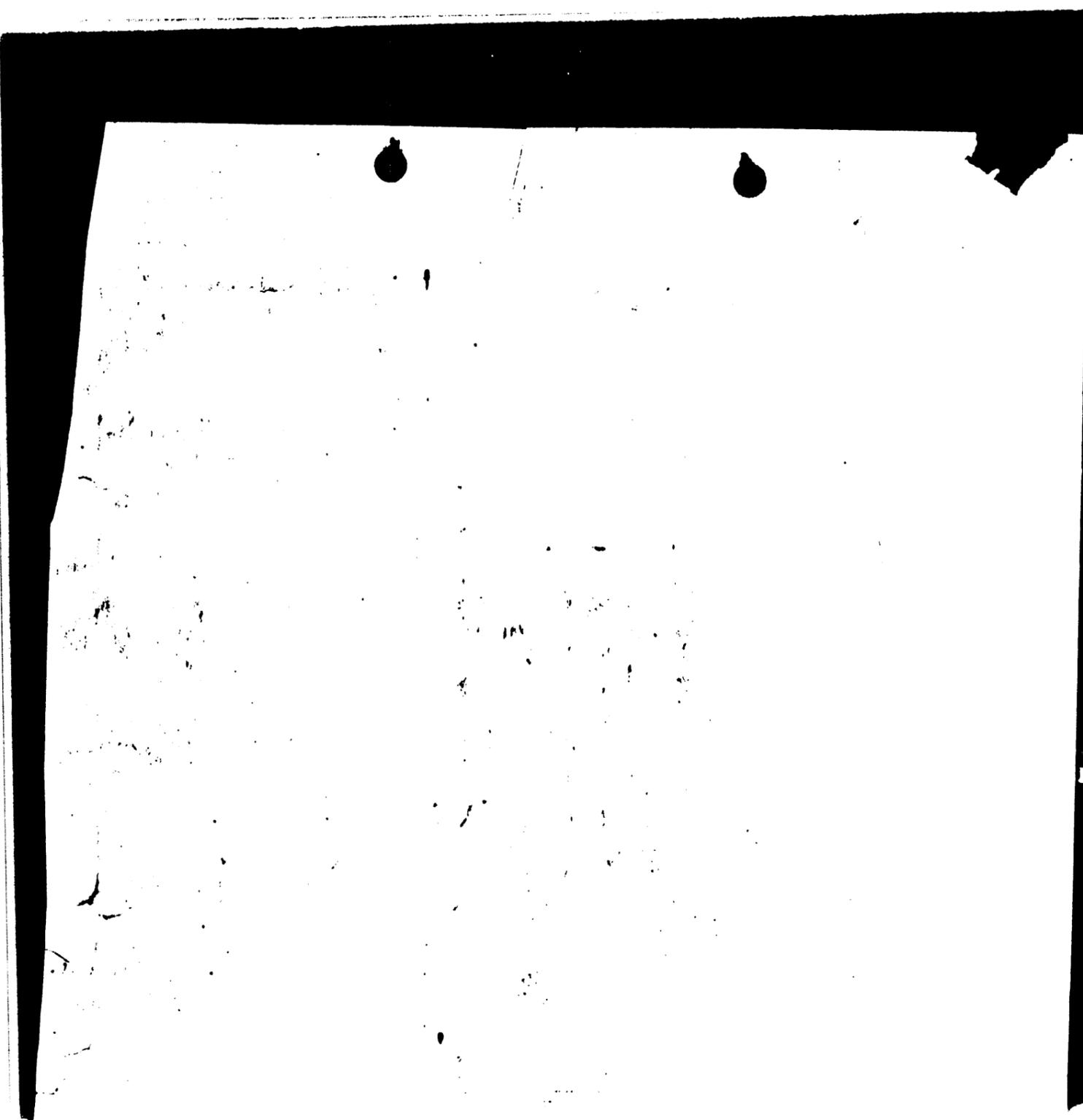
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Identification of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, 34, and Alvin Karpis, 26, as two of the men who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., was announced Thursday afternoon by department of justice officials at Washington, D. C.

Simultaneously Barker and Karpis were named by Sioux Falls, S. D., police and Park Findley, head of the Iowa bureau of criminal investigation, as two of the principals in the Sioux Falls and Mason City, Ia., bank robberies.

Search for Pair.

Government agents throughout the country were searching for the two outlaws who were said to be joint leaders of a notorious gang which has operated extensively throughout the midwest.

State agents and local law enforcement officers of the state were provided by Findley with descriptions of Barker and Karpis, with orders to be on the lookout for their reappearance in the state.

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Others Known.

Department of justice officials said the identity of the other members of the Barker-Karpis gang was known.

Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17 and released Feb. 7 after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

Approximately \$22,000 was obtained from the First National bank at Mason City, and \$48,000 from the Sioux Falls bank in 1934 during daylight robberies early in March.

Descriptions Tally.

Sioux Falls police officials upon their return from Mason City Thursday declared the descriptions of the men who robbed the South Dakota bank and the Iowa bank were identical, as were methods used in the holdups.

In addition to Arthur Barker and Karpis, the following men are being sought for the bank robberies:

Fred Barker, 32; Tommy Carroll, 37; and Martin Wilson, 34.

Out on Parole.

Arthur Barker and Karpis are out on parole from the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder, and Karpis part of a four-year sentence for burglary.

Melvin Passolt, superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, said Karpis and Fred Barker, a brother of Arthur Barker, are wanted for two murders.

Sought in Killing.

Passolt declared the two men are being sought for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., and A. W. Dunlop of West St. Paul, Minn.

Department of justice made no announcement as to the methods used to identify Arthur Barker and Karpis with the Bremer kidnaping.

It was reported fingerprints found on gasoline cans said to have been thrown from the car from which Bremer was released led to the identification.

Bremers in Capital.

News dispatches from Washington stated Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of Edward Bremer, called at the department of justice offices at Washington this week and conferred with Attorney General Cummings.

Cummings, who once expressed disappointment at "the lack of cooperation" given investigators by the family, described the situation Thursday as one of "perfect harmony."

Chief Findley said Thursday night he was convinced a week ago the bandits who robbed the Mason City and Sioux Falls banks were the same.

Bank Raided.

An organized gang of 7 gunmen, working calmly under the instruction of leaders, raided the First National bank at Mason City Mar. 18.

After looting the bank, the bandits used a human shield formed by 12 men and women clinging about their auto in making their getaway.

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Government Agents Start Search for Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis.

NAMED IN BREMER CASE

Cummings Reveals Identities of the Leaders in the \$200,000 Kidnaping.

MIDDLE WEST OUTLAWS

Both Are at Large on Paroles From the Oklahoma State Prison.

(By the Associated Press.)

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Expect a Long Search.

Justice agents said tonight capture of Barker and Karpis would be the result of long and assiduous digging.

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THIRD LIFE OF GOETZ REVEALED; 'WIFE' IS HUNTED

Find So. Shore Home of College Gangster.

(Picture on back page.)

Fred Goetz, the college bred gangster, whose "second life" as the desperado, J. George Zeigler, was brought to light following his murder on Tuesday, was revealed yesterday in still a third rôle.

In his first character he was army officer and University of Illinois graduate "gone wrong"; in his second character, he was the outlaw Zeigler, wanted for attempted rape, bank robbery and murder.

Expensive South Shore Home.

Yesterday, it was learned, in an expensively furnished lakeside apartment at 7827 South Shore drive, his neighbors and landlady knew him as "George B. Seibert," a cultured gentleman and a loving husband, with studious tastes and a professional bent for landscape gardening.

There he had lived with "Mrs. Seibert" in apparent tranquility, and his neighbors were amazed to learn that the gentle "Mr. Seibert" was a desperado and killer.

"Mrs. Seibert," however, had vanished when police reached the apartment. She was being sought last night.

The new phase of Goetz's life was

revealed after the inquest into his death had been opened, his true identity established, and the session then adjourned until March 29 to allow time for further police investigation.

Reveal Income Source.

Coincident with the discovery of "Seibert," American Express company officials came forward with an explanation of his source of income. At the county morgue, investigators identified the body as that of a man calling himself "George A. Rhodes."

In May of 1932 Rhodes stole \$5,850 in blank American Express checks from a New York bank, and, before the alarm was spread, cashed \$3,000 of them at several Chicago banks, and \$2,000 more at a Detroit bank.

The discovery of "Seibert" and his apartment came by tracing papers found in the pockets of the dead man. With them, Sergt. Frank Donahue of the coroner's office and Chief of Police Michael Solar of Cicero, went to the South Shore drive apartment building.

'Fine People,' Says Landlady.

The owner, Mrs. Leonora Smith, revealed that "Seibert" had lived there for slightly more than a month, with "Mrs. Irene Seibert," presumably his wife.

"They were fine people," she said. "Mr. Seibert seemed to me to be a very brilliant and handsome man. His wife was beautiful. She was tall, very blonde, and had gray-blue eyes. They always seemed to have plenty of money."

There was evidence that Mrs. Seibert had been in the apartment either that morning or the night before, and had taken away most of her clothing and personal effects. The closet still contained a few dresses and several suits of men's clothing, but that was all.

Discover Landscape Prints.

The desk in the room yielded a number of blue prints of landscape gardening projects, and when it was recalled that Goetz had taken up that line of study in college, the theory was advanced that perhaps the life of "Seibert" as a landscape gardener actually was legitimate.

There was one story that "Seibert"

had gone the landscaping for a farm "Zeigler" purchased in Wisconsin some years ago.

The apartment also contained a number of books which denoted an educated taste in literature, but no guns or indications of a gangster's home.

Back at the Cicero police station other angles of the murder were being

probed and four persons at the restaurant at 4811 W. road, in front of which killed, were taken into questioning.

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U. S. NAMES TWO GANGSTERS IN BREMER CASE

Seeks Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]
Washington, D. C., March 22.—[Special.]—Federal agents definitely have identified Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, leaders of a gang of criminals, as the persons who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, son of a wealthy St. Paul brewer, on Jan. 17, Attorney General Homer St. Cummings announced today.

Mr. Cummings said the department of justice will continue to push its search for Karpis and Barker and members of their gang. Their descriptions and prison records were made public in an effort to speed up their capture.

At the same time the attorney general said that the department of justice is working now in "perfect harmony" with Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer.

Father Pays \$200,000.

The father paid a \$200,000 ransom to obtain his son's release on Feb. 7. The attorney general previously had criticized the Bremer family for failure to cooperate with federal agents.

Mr. Cummings said he was not able to disclose how the department of justice had identified Karpis and Barker as Bremer's kidnapers, but added that they had been linked to the crime several weeks ago.

Arthur Barker was described as 34 years old, five feet 3 1/2 inches high, with black hair and brown eyes. Under four aliases, he had been jailed in Missouri and Oklahoma for larceny, murder, jail breaks, and attempted bank robbery.

Alvin Karpis is 26 years old, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, slender build, with brown hair and blue eyes. Under five assumed names, he had been jailed six times in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for burglary, larceny or prison breaks.

Karpis Wanted as Killer.

St. Paul, March 22.—(P)—Melvin C. Passolt, superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, today said that Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, a brother of Arthur Barker, are wanted for two murders.

Karpis and Freddie Barker are sought for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., and A. W. Dunlap of West St. Paul, Passolt said. Sheriff Kelly, Passolt said, was shot and killed as he attempted to question several suspicious looking characters.

Held Bremer Kidnapers



Alvin Karpis, alias Ray Karpis, who, with Arthur Barker, fugitive leaders of a band of criminals, have been identified by federal agents in Washington as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

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Father-in-law Shot.

Dunlap, Freddie Barker's father-in-law, was shot near Webster, Wis., and his body thrown in a lake.

Passolt said Karpis, who used several aliases, including George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis and George Haller, served terms in prisons at Hutchinson and Lansing, Kas.

The dispatch from Washington said Karpis and Arthur Barker were identified from fingerprints found on gasoline cans said to have been thrown from the car from which Bremer was released.

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 ker, 34, and Alvin Karpis, 25, described
 as joint leaders of a notorious gang
 which has operated extensively through
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Justice officials said the two men were
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 members of their mob was known. Bre-
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Both Barker and Karpis are out on
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 of a life sentence for murder before get-
 ting his freedom and Karpis was paroled
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 strings of aliases, justice officials said.

Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and
 uncle of the victim, called at the de-
 partment of justice this week and con-
 ferred with Atty.-Gen. Cummings. The
 two Bremers said only that they had

visited the department to pay their
 respects, but Cummings who once ex-
 pressed disappointment at the lack of

co-operation given investigators by the
 family described the situation tonight
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POLICE PAMPERING OF DANGEROUS CRIMINALS

PUTS PREMIUM ON CRIME

CHARLES KUEFFNER, 493 St. Peter st., was given 30 days in the workhouse Friday for having an unloaded gun in his possession when picked up in a police roundup.

A companion who testified that the gun was his and he had lent it to Kueffner was given a 90-day suspended sentence.

Neither of these men were regarded as dangerous police characters with past records. They were not gangsters in any sense of that word—so far as the police revealed. But they were punished, and speedily, for having a gun between them.

The Daily News fully agrees that they should be punished. But it can't understand why petty offenders should be penalized and dangerous gangsters freed.

Not so long ago Tommy Carroll was picked up during a bit of drunken driving. A loaded gun and two extra clips of cartridges were found on him. But he was

speedily released and an effort made to cover up the official report by the police.

Not long afterward a bank was held up at Brainerd and subsequently two police officers were shot in the south. Carroll is being sought for these crimes. He is wanted for 33 postoffice robberies. He was known to the police as a "heavy"—a professional gangster who knew a lot about organized crime. BUT THE POLICE COULD FIND NO GROUNDS FOR SENDING HIM TO THE WORKHOUSE FOR HAVING A DANGEROUS WEAPON ABOUT HIM.

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are pledged to oppose. It is anti-social and distinctly dangerous because it lets loose on the community the most dangerous criminals and puts a premium on crime.

But it is the kind of government and policing we have been getting in St. Paul. It explains why St. Paul and Minneapolis are both refuges for gangsters and why every now and then these criminals, who were required in the old days to be good here while they "worked" elsewhere, "pull a job" here.

In the old O'Connor days punishment for such breach of "contract" followed quickly. Today the police are too incompetent even to punish those who violate the laws of hospitality.

That's why a complete reorganization of the policing is needed here, if the citizens are to enjoy the safety and protection for which they pay plenty.

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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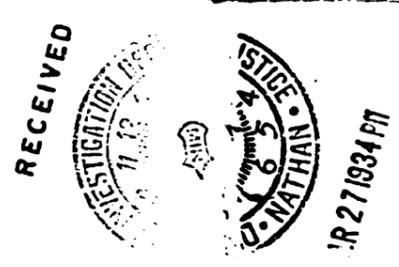
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THE KIDNAPING MENACE

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By RICHARD L. WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the special law enforcement agents now becoming known as "The American Black Chamber," delivers to the midwest the serious indictment that lack of an aroused state of mind on the part of the public is the cause for its distinction as the "snatch belt" of the world.

From Canada down through Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and on to points south and west extends the narrow confines of kidnapers' alley.

"Alley-way" is the one word with which this kidnapers' paradise is described by the methodical lawyers who, under the prosaic name of special agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice, comprise the American equivalent of the Vienna crime hawks. This alley-way is an imaginary line marking the midway of kidnapers' land. On either side and in the middle the snatch racket flourishes.



J. Edgar Hoover

Of the 24 kidnapings that have been reported to the Black Chamber since the Lindbergh law was passed, the most lurid have been in the middle country. Of the 3,000 snatchings that some officials say occur every year, the majority take place in the vicinity of kidnapers' alley.

The reason, Hoover thinks, is that the public will not equip its multifarious law enforcement agencies as they should be equipped, that salaries are too low to attract high grade men.

"If the midwest has crime, then she deserves it," Hoover declared recently, "for she has done little to prevent it." She has left her law enforcement agencies inadequately equipped, unable to cope with well equipped and cunning criminals. Any state, any area of the country will get just as good law enforcement as she deserves.

Cause of Spread of Kidnaping as Viewed by Chief Hoover

Hoover described a condition in some parts of the midwest which he believes is the principal cause of the flourishing kidnaping industry.

He told of sheriffs with rickety automobiles, of governmental subdivisions employing to combat practiced criminals only the men that a low salary can obtain, of enforcement officials with antiquated guns and equipment attempting to cope with the high powered cars and machine guns of kidnapers and bank robbers.

To remedy this situation, Hoover would not have congress set up a national police force. He condemns this somewhat. He deplors the tendency to believe that the institutions of other countries, such as Scotland Yard, could meet the American situation.



Haskell Bohn. Edw. G. Bremer. William Hamm.

"Most people get their idea of Scotland Yard from fiction. As a matter of fact, Scotland Yard is nothing but the metropolitan police department of London. Last year it was called upon to solve crimes outside of London only three times. Our division of investigation alone last year was called out on 15,000 cases outside of Washington."

Should a national police force be established, Hoover foresees local enforcement officers as becoming pudgy and passing the buck to the government. Such a situation would require the employment of thousands of men by the government, he believes.

Urges Setting Up of State Police System

What Hoover wants and what he thinks would be successful in stemming the tide of criminal brutality, not only in the midwest, but throughout the country, is 48 efficient, well trained state police systems, with interlocking radio and teletype communication.

In the rural areas where kidnaping is raging, where men are mowed down in front of railroad stations, where desperadoes murder four men in robbing a bank, and where the highways are speedways, Hoover believes state police systems are the only medium through which escape can be halted.

Arrest and sentences are the two weapons law enforcement agencies have with which to combat crime. Efficient police, by removing criminals from circulation, can prevent those men from committing crimes, and deter others who fear detection.

The "dragnet," according to the Hoover reasoning, is still the best measure of crime prevention. And no "dragnet," no "cordon" (to use stilted police words) can be cast about fleeing criminals with a disorganized group of constables, deputy sheriffs and city police. But co-operating together, under the direction of a central state authority, Hoover sees the escape of the criminals as impossible.

Murder of Lindbergh Baby Greatest Unpunished Crime

In 21 out of the 24 kidnaping cases reported to the department of justice since the Lindbergh law was passed, convictions have been obtained or the kidnapers have been killed.

The murder of the Lindbergh baby, however, remains as the nation's greatest unpunished crime. "We are working on it," Hoover said. And in time it is likely that the Lindbergh murderers will be

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Roger Touhy. Serving 99 years for kidnaping John Factor.



Harvey Bailey. Serving life for kidnaping C. F. Urschel.

found by the Black Chamber is working on a jigsaw puzzle. Just now a few pieces are missing. Ultimately someone in the nation will provide a fragment of information which will be the missing piece. Then there will be a night raid and as in 21 other cases the department of justice will get its man.

The idea is being toyed with in Washington that the poison with which Kidnapers Sankey tried to kill himself in a South Dakota jail may lead to the discovery of

another piece in the puzzle. Abject fear of the consequences is believed by some law enforcement officers to have stilled the tongues of thousands of victims of kidnapers.

That is the basis for an estimate made by former Chief of Police Gerk of St. Louis that snatchings are occurring at the rate of 3,000 a year. This estimate since has been subscribed to by other agencies.

The estimate is met with a slight shrug of the shoulders in the Black Chamber. Officials think that virtually all responsible persons report kidnapings, but that there may be a great many more, unreported, in the underworld. Those who believe there are many unreported kidnapings and threatened abductions make a point of two cases involving widely known persons whom they say were so intimidated they did not go to police.

The New Jersey state police are said to be the authority for the statement that \$5,000 was obtained from a singer whose voice is heard nightly over the radio, and something over \$20,000 from a black-face musical comedy star.

It is estimated by Senator Reynolds of North Carolina that there are some 6,000 persons in the United States engaged in various forms of kidnaping for ransom.

The largest available figures on the reported kidnapings are for 1931 when it is said that 282 were reported officially in 28 states.

Crime Show Stolen from N. Y. and Chicago Ganglands

The midwest led them all as follows: Illinois, 49; Ohio, 34; Michigan, 26; Indiana, 20; New York, 17; Massachusetts, 16; Missouri, 11; New Jersey, 10; Texas, 9; Oklahoma, 9; Kansas, 8; Wisconsin, 8; Iowa, 7; Mississippi, 6; Virginia, 4; Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, 3 each; South Carolina and North Carolina, 2 each.

Since that time, eastern kidnapings with the exception of the McMath and O'Connell cases, have faded into insignificance in comparison with those perpetrated by desperadoes of the midwest.

The criminal show has been stolen from the Chicago and New York ganglands by the bad men from the plains. Such outlaws as Underhill, Bailey and Sankey, the Touhy gang, "Petty Boy" Floyd, to name a few of the score, all of whom have roamed over the midwest, are regarded as the worst type of American criminal. "They are yellow," said Hoover. "We have nothing but contempt

Kidnap Scoreboard

Fourteen of the 24 kidnapings reported to the department of justice at Washington since the passage of the Lindbergh act have occurred in the midwest.

Here is the crime score of the division of investigation:

Case	Place	Number Convicted	Sentences
Haskell Bohn,	St. Paul, Minn.	1	25 years.
George N. Davis,	Lewisburg, W. Va.	3	42 years.
Charles Boettcher,	Denver, Colo.	3	1 suicide, 1 life.
Peggy McMath,	Harwichport, Mass.	1	25 years.
Mary McElroy,	Kansas City, Mo.	3	1 death, 1 life, 8 years.
William Hamm,	St. Paul, Minn.	No conviction.	
John Factor,	Chicago, Ill.	4	1 suicide, 296 years.
John O'Connell,	Albany, N. Y.	1	3 life, 30 years, 3 months.
August Luer,	Alton, Ill.	7	29 years, 6 life, 21 years, 2 months, 1 day (10 yrs. suspended).
John K. Ottley,	Atlanta, Ga.	2	15 years.
Charles F. Urschel,	Oklahoma City, Okla.	15	50 years.
John C. Lyle,	Crawfordsville, Ga.	3	182 years.
Claude Boyd,	Hopkinsville, Ky.	3	2 lynched.
Adbemar Hughes,	East Moline, Ill.	3	(Suspects under arrest.)
Fred De Filippi,	Peru, Ill.	3	(Plot to kidnap.)
Brooks Hart,	San Jose, Calif.	1	1 death.
Clem J. McGuire,	Dubuque, Iowa	1	(Plot to kidnap.)
Edward Minkowski,	Kenosha, Wis.	1	12 years.
John Von Herborg,	Seattle, Wash.	1	10 years.
Herbert Harris, Jr.,	Columbia, S. C.	1	(Suspects under arrest.)
Charles W. Coker, Jr.,	Hartsville, S. C.	1	(Unsolved.)
Robert B. Walsh,	Omaha, Neb.	1	(Plot to kidnap) 1 suicide, 1 suspect facing trial.
Arthur Hatch,	Texarkana, Ark.	1	
Patricia Luciano,	New York City	1	
Edward G. Bremer,	St. Paul, Minn.	1	
E. P. Adler,	Chicago, Ill.	1	

Arrests have been made and men have been in custody awaiting trial for all of the cases handled by the department of justice with the exception of the Bremer case. The government failed to get a conviction in the Hamm case. In the preceding table where no disposition is noted, except in the Bremer and Hamm cases, suspects are awaiting trial.

for them. They never shoot except when they have a machine gun. The only thing we respect is their cunning."

There is a feeling in the Black Chamber that the lawless heritage of the middle and southwest has spawned these brutal criminals upon poorly equipped forces of law and order in the middle stretches.

Underhill, Bailey, Floyd and the Touhys come out of the southwestern hills. Department of justice agents report that there are sections of the southwestern hills that are as detached from the rest of the nation as if they were foreign countries. No man can enter them, they report, unwatched.

"Shorn of an easy and lucrative means of existence by the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, they have turned to kidnaping as the next easiest path to illegal money," Chief Hoover said.

A kidnaping technique has been evolved. The gangsters started it first and it has been perfected by the bad men. Everybody knows what it is. There is no need to repeat it here.

What everyone does not understand is that the Black Chamber is keeping a record of every conceivable detail of every conceivable manner of kidnaping proposed or executed. There is nothing mysterious about this. But it is forming a key for the solution of kidnaping.

The smallest detail may lead to apprehension. Department of justice agents do not wait for a special divination to solve crime. They collect every threat of evidence following every lead suggested to them no matter how fantastic. "Machine Gun" Kelly, the day he was caught, was reported in five different sections of the country.

On that day department of justice agents followed all five suggestions. The first four produced nothing. The last produced Kelly's arrest in Memphis, Tenn.

Bad Men Have Jargon That Describes Way They Work

Carrying out the tradition of their rum running days, and their bank robbing days, and their chicken stealing days, the bad men have evolved a jargon that well describes the way they work.

Here are a few definitions:

Castle—The place where the victim is held, often blind-folded, sometimes gagged, always in a dark room.

Voice—The telephone call to the family of the victim.

Scrip—The ransom note.

Finger man—The important personage who selects the next unhappy prey of the gang.

Pickup man—The actual kidnaper, he who strikes the victim on the head and bundles him into an automobile.

Pay-off man—The intermediary who collects for the gang.

Front—He who retains counsel, suborns perjury and does everything else he can to free the guilty.

The department of justice is not much concerned about underworld kidnapings except as they encourage the seizure of honest citizens. But there is a fear that the statement made at a private hearing of members of the Copeland committee investigating kidnaping and racketeering is coming true.

The statement was made by Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago crime commission. He said it is his opinion that the kidnaping of gamblers and outlaws has about come to an end and that the snatching of eligible wealthy citizens could be expected to increase. It has increased since Mr. Loesch made that statement.

But the Black Chamber thinks it has the kidnapers on the run. It has discovered how they work. It has discovered where to look for them.

America's list of public enemies numbers from No. 1 to No. 4000. Its membership is like that of an exclusive club—special requirements are demanded by the Black Chamber. The requirements are that prospective members be exceptionally objectionable, exceptionally brutal, exceptionally rotten.

The list is a catalog of the worst human rats that infest kidnapers' alley and every other habitat of crime in the country. Their names, descriptions, records, fingerprints and measurements are filed away in a special room in the crime laboratory of the department of justice. Special employes, not working on the other sections of the fingerprint bureau, are assigned to the list of public enemies.

In the department, this section of the files is known as the country club of crime. On this list of public enemies are the names of the most desperate gangsters and extortionists in the country. They would be readily recognized in their immediate neighborhood if published, for people reading their newspapers, have seen their names crop up in inconsequential police items. Here and again they can be found in more dangerous situations.

They are at large.

They are being watched.

Single Finger Print System Aids in Tracking Criminals

Officially, this section in the vast fingerprint division of the department of justice is known as the "single finger print system." It has just recently been installed, and it has been a success.

Forty thousand single finger prints are filed there and classified.

The purpose is to identify fingerprints found at the scene of crimes.

No detail has been spared in making it possible to identify a man by the single imprint of one of his fingers. Prints taken from guns, tin cans, automobiles, are indefinite in outline, frequently smudged. But they are projected upon a screen 10 feet square where their every detail looms great.

There are today the finger prints and records of 4,000,000 men and women, convicted, suspected and accused of every type of human degradation, on file in the department of justice. It is the greatest classification of criminals in the world.

The records of Scotland Yard are pigmy size in comparison. In London there are 500,000 finger prints on file. New finger prints are pouring in to the division at the rate of 2,000 a day. Identification is being made at the rate of 200 a day. It is a co-operative affair. The department of justice has been successful in inducing police throughout the nation to send finger prints to Washington.

Single Finger Print Led to Gallows

Two hundred and fifty persons night and day are engaged in this silent manhunt. The dull work of classification goes on hour by hour by hour until the final piece in the jigsaw puzzle is found. The storm breaks and a few months later men hang by the neck until they are dead.

In these long rows of files are hidden perhaps the solution of half the violent crimes in America. The task is to find those prints! The mill grinds day by day and it grinds exceedingly fine.

One day in 1928 the mill began to grind. It began its tortuous work, in fact, on May 23, 1928, when four bad men from the southwestern hills stepped into the First National bank of Lamar, Colo. In the course of their visit they killed the president of the bank; they murdered the cashier; they kidnaped two other employes, killing one of them as his presence became burdensome, and fled across the Colorado border into Kansas with \$200,000.

It became increasingly apparent that one of the wounded desperadoes needed medical attention. A companion proceeded to the home of Dr. W. W. Weinginger at Dighton, Kan., where he induced the doctor to go to the hideout and administer to the dying gunman. The doctor's skill having been beneficial, the desperadoes slaughtered him, tossed him into a canyon and pushed his automobile after him. That was the mistake, pushing the automobile over the canyon.

The citizenry of Lamar, Colo., naturally was outraged, and to satisfy the clamor four men were arrested. Meanwhile the mill was grinding. A Black Chamber agent found on the wreckage of the doctor's car in the death canyon one single finger print. It was dispatched to Washington. Upon the minds of the experts in the finger print division its peculiarities were stamped.

A year later, an obscure employe, pursuing his routine business of examination and classification, suddenly discovered among the 4,000,000 impressions on file a replica of the print left upon the Kansas doctor's demolished automobile. It was the finger of one William Harrison Holden, alias Joseph Reed, of Stockton, Calif.

The teletype, the telegraph, the telephone began their work. Three men—not those first taken to jail—were hanged. The fourth was shot to death resisting arrest.

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MONDAY—Methods of the Black Chamber; how finger-print evidence of the government sent two men to prison for life for murdering two gangsters on University avenue in St. Paul.

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**HIGH COURT GRANTS
DELAY FOR GINSBERG**

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**Prison Commitment Deferred
Pending Outcome of Appeal
From Sentence.**

Commitment of Abe Ginsberg to Stillwater penitentiary was delayed indefinitely today pending outcome of his appeal to the Minnesota Supreme court.

He was sentenced to serve up to five years for attempted grand larceny after his conviction here by a Ramsey County District court jury two weeks ago.

Judge Kenneth G. Brill was appointed by the Supreme court as special master to examine sureties on the \$15,000 bail bond set for Ginsberg's liberty during the appeal.

At a bond hearing today, two persons were presented as sureties by Ginsberg. They are Mrs. Ethel Banks, 5205 Third avenue south, Minneapolis, wife of a former operator of the Admiral hotel in Minneapolis; and Harry Falkenberg, 525 University avenue southeast, Minneapolis, operator of the Stanley hotel. At the hearing, James Lynch, assistant county attorney, attacked the properties offered as surety.

Under the law, real estate worth twice the face of the bond must be put up as surety. It must be unencumbered. Ginsberg was convicted of an attempted swindle of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church.

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**TRACE \$15,000
 BROKER ACCOUNT
 OF SLAIN GOETZ**

Police searching for the hidden fortune of Fred Goetz, college educated hoodlum shot to death in Cicero March 19 while carrying a \$1,000 bill in his pocket, yesterday were on the trail of a brokerage account in his name supposedly amounting to \$15,000.

Already police have found \$2,400 credited to Goetz in an account under the alias of George B. Seibert with J. F. Clark & Co., brokers, at 231 South La Salle street. It was learned there Goetz had dabbled heavily in distillery stock.

Police said yesterday Goetz, under

the names of Seibert and J. George Zeigler, another alias, maintained an account with Ettinger & Brand, a brokerage firm, now moved to the east. They said that on Monday they would question a William Seigel, formerly with Ettinger & Brand, and now with the Clark company, and ask him if he had ever opened any large accounts for Goetz.

Another development was the sending of notice to Lieut. Frank Johnson of the state's attorney's office that Goetz's automobile, an expensive coupé purchased this year, had been found Saturday at 79th street and Cottage Grove avenue. The license was issued to J. George Zeigler, 40 Chicago avenue, Oak Park. It is believed the car was abandoned by Goetz's widow, Irene, who is being sought.

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NEW KIDNAPING OUTBREAK SEEN

St. Paul Officials Guard Those Expected to Be Abduction Victims.

BY JERRY VESSELS.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31.—The populace in "the kidnap belt" excitedly awaits the outcome of twin-grand jury investigations as well as another abduction of the trembling rich.

The endless round of developments which daily uncover fresh angles, keeps officials and the public alike keenly alert to the inevitable break in the dogged hunt for abductors of Edward G. Bremer, whose freedom after 22 days of tortuous captivity cost \$200,000.

Spicing the suspense is the prolonged probe of the Hennepin and Ramsey County grand juries, which were catapulted into intense activity by Federal charges of crime prevalence and official laxity.

And from the way the many St. Paul kidnapings have been spaced, the time draws near for another daring seizure of a paying prospect. Public conjecture in this direction was stimulated because the \$100,000 kidnaping last Summer of William Hamm, jr., was forecast, as was also the sensational snatching of Edward Bremer.

Expected Victims Guarded

Nominations as the next victims range from wealthy young bankers to retired capitalists with the eligibles mainly living lives of horror. Armed guards shadow them constantly and vigilantes in the nearby lake residence areas are organized to bar suspicious persons lacking definite proof of their qualifications to reside in what apparently have become favorite rendezvous of the crime kings.

Typical of the ever-recurring reminders of the new problems of lawlessness hereabouts came in single day last week. Calling on Attorney General Homer Cummings and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice Department's division of investigation, were Adolph Bremer and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the last kidnap victim. From Minneapolis came announcement that Attorney General Cummings had written two long letters to the Hennepin County grand jury. In St. Paul the Ramsey County grand jury summoned the assistant chief of police in the absence of the chief himself. Reports were published of a fresh detail of Federal agents arriving to assist the 80-man staff already on the job.

Press Weighs Tips.

Newspapers in the two cities, hampered by the silence of the Federal investigators, on the same day were apprehensively weighing the value of urgent tips about arrest of a suspect in Northern Nebraska, in the area presumed to have been designated as the hideout location because of the reported identification by Bremer of church chimes heard during captivity.

One paper rushed reporters and a photographer. Their experiences paralleled that of fellow newsmen, dispatched hurriedly and almost recklessly in response to "positive disclosures." They learned that purchase of a new car by a humble farmer, freshly enriched by Government crop allowances and sale of live stock, had started that wild chase.

Lack of solution of the Bremer mystery, apparently does not dim the realization that just one more kidnaping in this vicinity would cause a stir probably unprecedented in American history. The feeling is that one object in having the massed Federal men familiarize themselves with the local situation is to qualify themselves for readiness to assume full charge of the next kidnap case.

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Fred Goetz, a college graduate, called by gangster-associates "The Brain," because he thought out their problems, is dead, murdered by those same associates, reason not known.

Goetz, who, according to Chicago's chief of detectives, "was formerly a star athlete and an honor student from one of the leading universities of the Middle West," organized the "Burke Gang," offshoot of "Egan's Rats," an old St. Louis "mob." Detectives believe he rented out his professional murderers for the wholesale "Valentine's Day massacre" of seven of the George ("Bugs") Moran gang in 1929 and other well-known killings.

According to police, Goetz was a contractor, undertaking killings for the higher-up gangsters. He was only thirty-four. Police refuse to give the name of his college, and properly refused to divulge the identity of his parents or their residence.

"The Brain" now buried, will undertake no more killing contracts. His career will confirm the impression that to be a col-

lege graduate is to get ahead in the world, although Goetz did not go ahead in the right direction.

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had sent policemen to protect it from bandits, the grand jury reported that "no evidence has been submitted to show that gambling was permitted to continue in any place after police officials became aware of its operation."

Early in March The Daily News received word that the grand jury would whitewash the police department. It found out that EVIDENCE WAS BEING RELAYED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A FEW HOURS AFTER IT WAS GIVEN. Witnesses thus had plenty of time to escape.

Daily News reporters were told by two members of the police department that "the joke is on The Daily News because influential members of the grand jury are intimate friends of the commissioner of public safety and the chief of police and that no adverse report on crime conditions will be permitted."

The Daily News on March 16 dared predict just such a report as was brought in. As a result, the editor of The Daily News was called before the grand jury and intimidated by the foreman that "because you have intimated a whitewash, we propose to criticize you and your paper severely."

In one breath the grand jury states that it had no funds and no facilities with which to carry on widespread investigations. In the next it tells of exhaustive investigations failing to reveal competent evidence against the police department.

The report is little more than a display of venom against a newspaper that has dared call attention to true conditions in St. Paul.

It is a document inspired by interests which resent criticism of friends on the police department and prefer soft jobs for political henchmen to safety of citizens and taxpayers.

Its reactionary nature is evident from a recommendation that the police department be accorded more instead of less opportunity for secrecy.

The Daily News has no criticism for those good citizens who served on the jury and endeavored to present a nonpolitical report. That they failed is due to their inexperience in dealing with political-minded associates.

THE GRAND JURY REPORT IS AN INVITATION TO INEFFICIENCY, REACTION, TO CORRUPTION TO CRIME.

—EDITOR, THE

GRAND JURY REPORT SERVES AS WELCOME

SIGN TO NATION'S GANGSTERS

AT the very moment Saturday that machine guns were blazing a defiance of St. Paul police, the grand jury brought in a report of "no abnormal crime in St. Paul."

At the very moment when gangsters were registering another victory in the center of St. Paul's best residence district, the foreman of the grand jury was putting the finishing touches on an unprecedented radio speech to broadcast that "all is well!"

In the face of three major kidnapings, five unsolved murders, the shooting of Roy McCord, the daylight robbery of the Lowry hotel, dozens of house and streetcar robberies, and undeniable records of St. Paul's reputation as a hideout for criminals, the grand jury declared "there is no justification for criticism of the police department."

DESPITE A DIRECT ADMISSION TO THE GRAND JURY BY A LIEUTENANT OF POLICE THAT HE CONDUCTED A BIG GAMBLING CASINO ON A 50-50 BASIS WITH A NOTORIOUS UNDERWORLD CHARACTER, THE GRAND JURY REFUSED TO INDICT THE POLICE LIEUTENANT. (More of this Tuesday.)

With a frank admission made to it that the gambling place ran for at least five weeks after the chief of police

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DILLINGER MOB IS LINKED WITH BREMER CASE

Connection Investigated After Pal's Capture; Fingerprints of Outlaw Identified Here

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4 (U.S.). As Eugene ("Eddie") Green, outlaw pal of the elusive John Dillinger, lay on a cot at Ancker Hospital tonight battling for life with a bullet near the base of his brain, the Dillinger mob was linked with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last January.

Young Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, suddenly appeared at the offices of the Department of Justice here while Federal agents were questioning Green and the woman who was captured with him in an ambush last night. The woman claimed to be Green's wife.

TWO-HOUR INTERVIEW

Bremer remained closeted with the agents for more than two hours.

Green admitted that he was one of the trio—two men and a "red-headed woman"—who shot it out last Saturday at a Lexington Avenue apartment with two Federal agents and a city detective, escaping in a car parked by the apartment.

In the apartment, the Federal men found the fingerprints of John Dillinger and John Hamilton, making it a virtual certainty, the officers said, that one or the other of them was with Green and wielded the machine gun in last Saturday's escape.

The woman, captured with Green last night, was held incommunicado today and was questioned at intervals. She had \$1,500 when arrested.

AGENTS WERE "PLANTED"

Federal agents were planted in and about a residence last night when Green and the woman drove up to catch the luggage, as the authorities had received information they would do.

Federal Investigator W. A. Rorer said:

"A demand was made of Green to halt, whereupon he made a menacing move and was fired upon and shot. He arrived at this address in an automobile and had with him a woman who claimed to be his wife, who remained in the car.

"In Green's possession at the time of his arrest were found some keys, which he advised belonged to Dillinger."

Dillinger "Prints" Identified Here

Any doubt that John Dillinger was one of the trio who shot themselves out of an apartment in Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, on March 31 was dispelled yesterday by the Department of Justice.

Fingerprints found in the apartment were identified by Bureau of Investigation experts as those of the fugitive outlaw.

At the same time the department revealed how Federal agents happened to be on the spot when Edward Green, a pal of Dillinger was shot and captured Tuesday.

It was also found that Green and the woman arrested with him had resided as "Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Randall" at 3300 Freemont Avenue, Minneapolis, where a bullet proof vest, a 50-pound machine gun, a "Tommy" gun, a .45 automatic pistol and a high powered rifle were located. Green has told the authorities the vest belonged to Dillinger.

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REPORT FEDS HAVE LINKED FUGITIVE ST. PAUL GANGSTER WITH BARKER-KARPIS MOB

In Bremer Case



TOMMY CARROLL

Tommy Carroll, elusive St. Paul fugitive gangster, today was reported linked by United States department of justice agents with the notorious Fred Barker-Alvin Karpis gang of killers in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jan. 17. Sought for nearly a score of crimes, Carroll was reported named as one of the men who beat Mr. Bremer into submission at Goodrich and Lexington aves., early on Jan. 17 and spirited him away to an unknown hideout. After being held one month, Mr. Bremer was released when Walter W. McGee, St. Paul contractor and "contact man, followed instructions left with the snatch victim's father, Adolf Bremer, and delivered \$200,000 in bills in two grips on a side road in southern Minnesota. Barker and Karpis, wanted in Oklahoma and in St. Paul, already have been identified as members of the kidnap gang. That these men took part in the snatching was announced recently by Atty. Gen. Cummings.

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Bremer Extortion Threat Charged to Ex-Convict

ST. LOUIS—Jack Neely, an ex-convict, was arrested by Federal authorities and held on a warrant today charging him with sending threatening letters demanding \$200,000 from Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, whose son was kidnaped several weeks ago.

The warrant charged Neely, who is also known as Leo Pershing, with writing letters to Bremer demanding \$200,000 while his son was in the hands of kidnapers.

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**Suspect Is Jailed
In Bremer Extortion**

ST. LOUIS, April 10 (I.N.S.) —
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ST. LOUIS, April 10 (By International News Service).—With the arrest and confession of a former convict, police here today revealed a crude attempt to extort \$200,000 from Aloph Bremer, millionaire St. Paul, Minn., brewer and father of Edward G. Bremer, recent kidnap victim.

Jack Neely, alias Leo Parahing, was charged with violating the Cochran act which forbids sending extortion letters through the mails.

Neely, according to detectives, confessed sending five letters to Bremer. The first two were received while his son was still in the hands of kidnapers.

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Bremer Extortion Suspect Arrested

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Abe Ginsberg Fights State Disbarment

Appears in Court to Contest
Action by Law Exam-
iners Board

Out on bond while waiting for the Minnesota Supreme Court to pass final judgment on whether he shall spend the next five years in Stillwater penitentiary for swindling, Abe S. Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, today started a fight to retain his professional standing at the bar.

Ginsberg was convicted in St. Paul March 15 of operating a swindle scheme against Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but appealed to the Supreme Court and was released on bond.

Ginsberg Offers Battle

Today the Minnesota state board of law examiners moved to have Ginsberg's name stricken from the roll of practicing attorneys. But Ginsberg appeared in Hennepin county District Court prepared to put up a vigorous battle to retain his professional status.

The convicted lawyer represented himself while Oscar G. Haughland, member of the law examiners board, pressed the charges against him.

Stolberg Presiding Referee

Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Pine City is presiding as referee for the Supreme Court, the final judge in all disbarment proceedings.

The case of the law examiners is based on three charges, all growing out of swindling schemes alleged to have been operated by Ginsberg on Catholic priests at New Ulm, Miesville, Minn., and St. Paul. The lawyer has been convicted on only one charge, that in St. Paul.

Ginsberg Stages Surprise

Rev. M. J. Duhr, Catholic priest at Miesville, Minn., whom Ginsberg is accused of swindling, was the first witness to take the stand against the lawyer. As the priest started his testimony, Ginsberg arose and asked Judge Stolberg to instruct the witness on his privileges as a priest and the legal status of information obtained in the confessional.

The move sent a gasp over the courtroom.

"I move the court," Ginsberg said, "that he instruct this witness, Father Duhr, that he is not required to testify regarding matters confided to him as a spiritual adviser. I ask the court to instruct Father Duhr as to his privileges as a Catholic priest, that he can refuse to testify on the grounds of the relation, if any, that existed between himself and the respondent in this case."

Makes No Direct Answer

"Do you mean that Father Duhr was acting as your spiritual adviser?" Judge Stolberg asked. Ginsberg did not answer the question directly but repeated the request he had made of the court.

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GINSBERG WINS DELAY IN DISBARMENT CASE

**Examiners Rest After Calling
 Two Priests to Testify in
 Alleged Fraud.**

The State Board of Law Examiners, petitioner in disbarment proceedings against Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, rested its case late Thursday before District Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Pine City, who is taking evidence as referee for the Minnesota Supreme court.

Benjamin Rigler, who entered the proceedings Thursday as counsel for Ginsberg, who had been his own counsel up to that time, obtained a continuance to June 12 to permit Ginsberg to get depositions from Chicago for his defense. The court ordered that the deposition be completed 15 days prior to June 12 to give the petitioners an opportunity to prepare rebuttal testimony.

Exhibits, some of which will be used in the trial of Ginsberg in Nicollet county District court in May on a charge of attempting to swindle Rev. F. Pozek, a Catholic priest of New Ulm, will be left in custody of Oscar Haugland, counsel for the law examiners, with instructions to turn over to Nicollet county such exhibits as that county's court may wish to use.

Two Other Priests Testify.

The petitioner called two other Catholic priests to testify to alleged transactions with Ginsberg. One, Rev. James Walcher of Melrose, said a man, giving the name of S. C. Meyers "who from all appearances was Ginsberg," and another man induced him to turn over to them two checks on the proposition that he was to recover money paid for stock obtained through a Chicago brokerage firm.

One check for \$100 was cashed by the recipients, he said, and a post-dated check for \$116 was not cashed. "I became suspicious of the transaction and stopped payment on the second check," Father Walcher testified.

Rev. A. Wermerskirchen of Holy Ah, Minn., testified that Ginsberg, who used the name of Meyers, induced him to pay to the respondent, in a stock transaction, two checks totaling \$460, both of which were cashed.

Stock Called Valueless.

A securities expert testified that stock of the Golden Cycle Mining & Milling Co. was of no value while the stock of the Golden Cycle corporation was worth \$20.50 a share at the time Ginsberg is alleged to have attempted to obtain \$8,000 from Rev. A. J. Carey of St. Paul who was told that he had a legacy of 20,000 shares of Golden Cycle Mining & Milling Co. under the will of a man who died in Colorado.

Ginsberg was convicted in Ramsey county District court following his dealings with Father Carey and his appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

A Hennepin county District courtroom has been used for the disbarment hearing.

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Walter Winchell

On Broadway

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Memos on a Columnist's Desk.

Regarding the Maxim Litvinov—Miles Wallach story. It wasn't fantastic, as you set forth, at all. Parisian clippings came in confirming the fact that Maxim had several aliases including the name of Vallach—Russ for Wallach. He's also been known as Graf, Finkelstein, Buchmann and Harrison when he got into the beards of the Paris police... Frances Perkins of the Cabinet detests the appellation of "Madam Perkins" and waited until she was so introduced on the air the other day to let the public know she hated it... As Margaret Santry introduced her that way—

Madam Perkins lit into her so all could hear—arguing it was "positively vulgar and that it was started by newspaper people, anyhow"... Santry's face was simply crimson!

At the smooty Pierre the musicians must use the same entrance as that used by garbage workers. Osborne's band, playing there recently, had to use it... The stairs were greasy and dirty and Neil Marshall, drummer, slipped and fell, injuring himself severely. He is suing the hotel for plenty... I hear Sam H. Harris is seeking authors to write the next Marx Brothers opera... Let's take a day off and jot it down—ahem!... Here's a drink which is a grand pickup for breakfast—it's the Coffee Cocktail, to wit: One egg shaken up in a glass of port which has been sweetened with a touch of sugar. Ice lightly and serve with a sprinkle of nutmeg—and you don't have to swear off.

That \$75 from Sophie Tucker for an autographed photo came this way. Sophie was given the check by J. Frieber of Scaroon Manor Country Club so send it to him... Thyra Samter Winslow's cocktail party is today at the St. Moritz for needy authors... "Old Spinning Wheel" still leads the list for song sales—second is "Wagon Wheels" and third is "Somebody Else's Shoulder"... This'll amuse you. Jack Benny's motor car sponsor, you know, let him go when his contract expired—he wanted the best waltz music—Wayne King's... So he couldn't get King and is using Victor Young's crew and what do you think? Wayne King's orchestra is playing at the same time on the opposition network!

Patrolman Frank Norton's wife says her husband had to do his duty in arresting the lady who fed the birds during the stormiest weather, and was under orders... Your poke at "Moulin Rouge" for pirating a situation was nothing. You overlooked the fact that the entire idea was that of "The Guardsman"... Col. Yawitz says his air stuff ends soon for the season and if you get any offers you can't take—tell him... Well, the curfew law for night life has been voted on favorably—the 4 a. m. rule was passed by the Board of Aldermen... Guests will have to order their drinks before 3, though—that's the ABC rules, you know... Calls all day from the night clubs to say thanks... I trust the managements understand that they mustn't take advantage of the extra hour to make the entertainers work unless paid extra—because the musicians will get extra money—if they play for dancing.

A Miss Benson called about Martha Mansfield. Says Mansfield is broke and homeless and her pride keeps her from contacting her family in Lodi, Cal... Wonder if she knows how ill her 86-year-old grandma really is—and that pride is something to forget at such a time... N. Y. U., I hear, offered Ripley the honor of having a library named for him—if... If, that is, he kicked in with \$250,000... For a million they'd establish the Ripley School of Journalism to rival Pulitzer's... Anything for money, huh?... Olsen & Johnson

Charley Vail, the cop at 72nd and CPW, was so embarrassed the other day. He found a cat and her 3 kittys in a box—left by someone—and carried them all the way to the station house—while brother cops tittered... Walt Bullock and Al Goering, in Bernie's band, who wrote the Rip Van Winchell song, have one called "A Bowl of Chop Suey and You'ey"—which they say may be the hit of "Magoo"... Bob Hope is disappointed in his own "short" and is gagging: "What do you think they'll do with Dillinger when they catch him?" (Answer): "Make him sit through Bob Hope's 'short' twice"... Ann Lester got sugary notices in Boston with the new "Gypsy Love" show... The anonymous donor of \$60,000 to the N. Y. Philharmonic Society's fund was Mrs. Christian Holmes.

Sheila Barrett is back again. Now at the St. Moritz grill... Carl Latham, the railroad man of Chicago, and Barbara Phillips, dancer, will marry in June... Arliiss will soon do "Richelleu"—he's wanted to do it for years... Bee Lockhart, who does nudes at the Chez Folies, is State Senator Lockhart's dotter (he's from Duluth)... Did you hear Etting sing "Riptide"? — ahhh!... I found out why Hepburn was so suddenly sweet to the press when she came back from Yurrap... The studios warned her unless she stopped being Greta—they'd let her get her own publicity... The boys on the papers will take it from Garbo but not from her echoes... In England, by the way, I hear "Nana" is called: "Lady of the Pavements" and that the ditty hit of Coward's "Conversation Piece" is "I'll Follow My Secret Heart"... Heard a grand description of an imitator today—"A swell memory and a lousy conscience."

I like this story about Darryl Zanuck, who believes much of his success as a producer is due to his ability to please the mass public... He sent his barber Sam to see the preview of his "Affairs of Cellini" to get Sam's reaction... The barber returned and said: "It's a fine picture but the ordinary movie fan won't know who this Benvenuto Cellini is"... Zanuck wagered the price of the shave he was wrong, and nailed the first man to pass the shop. It was a janitor... "Do you know who Cellini was?" he asked... "Sure," was the reply, "Fredric March!"

Here's a new low... I hear the trees near the mansion of one of the richest men in town—are protected by wire fences—and they're charged with juice—to "punish" the dogs... Stevie's at 130 W. 10th is a hit... Barbara LaPorte, Virginia Gentle and Dot Planzer are a few of the entertaining dolls in wolve's clothing... Wonder why Stevie doesn't re-name it... If you don't think The Nut Club is nutty—they won't check your rubbers for you!... Here's a tip that sounds crazy, but it makes good copy... The Bremer kidnapers have an anti-it caught... The story is this—they had \$200,000 in Bremer's bank and even after the bank re-opened (following the moratorium) they couldn't get it—just \$400 or so... They needed

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—Your Girl Friday.

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**Chicago Ex-Convict Held
With \$2,665; Others
To Be Arrested.**

CHICAGO, April 27.—(P)—A suppressed Federal warrant charging William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict, and several unnamed men with conspiracy to possess money obtained as ransom from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued tonight.

The warrant was suppressed because the Government did not wish to reveal the identity of the other men named in the conspiracy.

Federal agents said that Vidler had \$2,665 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money in his possession when arrested.

It is expected that Vidler will be taken to St. Paul for trial. It was planned to arraign Vidler tomorrow morning.

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See Solution Of Bremer Kidnaping

Alvin Karpis and Arthur and Fred Barker, notorious southwest outlaws who fled St. Paul last year a few hours after police had "snuffed" a tip that they were occupying a Vernon ave. home, were with Dillinger when his mob fled from Mercer, Wis., to St. Paul Monday.

This information has been obtained by agents of the bureau of investigation, United States department of justice, and brought statements today that with the clean-up of the gang imminent, positive solution would be had of the Bremer and possibly the Hamm kidnapings. Karpis and the Barkers are believed hidden somewhere in or near St. Paul where one concentration of federal agents was reported. Another secret army of agents is believed working near Dillinger's old Indiana haunts on reports he held up two motorists there.

Karpis, Barker in Gang.
Announcement that Karpis and the Barkers are believed to have fled the Little Bohemia lodge near Mercer, Wis., with Dillinger last Sunday was made today by Melvin Purvis, head of the Chicago bureau of investigation office. Authorities were confident that the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping would be solved with Dillinger's capture.

Other developments on the Dillinger battlefront today included:
Attributing a \$2,000 robbery of the Mogadore bank at Akron, O., to the gang.
Circulation of a petition by Mercer residents asking Purvis' removal until Dillinger had been captured.
Statement of Pat Roche, famous Chicago crime investigator, that with \$10,000 and three

picked men he could find Dillinger and "bring him back alive."
One sector of the Dillinger man-hunters again turned toward Indiana on the report of Mike Madara of Hammond, Ind., that he recognized the limping killer when the latter held him up and stole his car. The machine later was found wrecked in a ditch near Calumet City, Ind.

Shortly after Anthony Sosa of Calumet City reported two men stole his car, which later was recovered in Hegewisch, Ill. Federal agents checked these reports on the theory the Dillinger gang split up after the Mercer shooting Sunday, one group heading into the Chicago vicinity and the other toward the Twin Cities.

Clue From Chicago.
Identification of Karpis and the Barkers was apparently made through fingerprints found at the Little Bohemia resort after the shooting there.

The three young women, left behind by the fleeing gangsters at Mercer, today gave their names as Rose Anker, Ann Southern and Marion Marr, all of Chicago. They were held at Madison, Wis., but their names are believed fictitious. One of them is said to have been a bride of two weeks.

In his statement offering to find Dillinger, Roche said there are too many men engaged in the manhunt, but not enough of "the right kind of men."
"You can't use the cavalry and catch a fox," said Roche, referring to the army of federal agents mobilized for the search. "Another thing, Dillinger should not be killed by arresting officers. That would make a hero of him."

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**Ex-Convict Yields \$2665
of Bremer Ransom Cash**

By United Press
 CHICAGO—Federal agents today held William E. Viedler, Illinois ex-convict, who had in his possession \$2665 of currency which the agents said was part of \$200,000 ransom paid by Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to kidnapers.
 Viedler, a small and harassed appearing man of 36, defied questioners, agents said, and refused to explain his possession of the ransom money. He has no known gang connections.
 Bremer, son of Adolf Bremer, St. Paul brewer, was held more than three weeks before he was released after payment of the huge ransom.

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MAN WITH \$3,000, JAILED IN CHICAGO, QUESTIONED ON MOVES OF KARPIS AND BARKER

Captive Believed to Have Had Part in Actual Kidnaping of St. Paul Man; Money Found on Him Is First of Aduction Swag to Be Recovered; Posses Close in on "Baby Face" Nelson in Wisconsin.

HOLLYWOOD JAIL KEYS REPORTED FOUND IN POSSESSION OF EVELYN FRECHETTE

A suspect in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, found with \$3,000 of the \$200,000 ransom in his possession, was under arrest today in Chicago.

The report was received here through the Associated Press, which stated that the arrest was made in Chicago Thursday by federal agents. The suspect was being questioned today to determine his connection with the John Dillinger gang, of which two members, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, are being sought for the Bremer abduction.

The man was named as William E. Vidler, 34 years old, and a former convict. He was arrested in a Chicago gambling house and held incommunicado by the federal authorities.

Melvin H. Purvis, Department of Justice chief of the Chicago area, said he had information that Vidler had been in communication with the Dillinger gang. It was believed that he was attempting to change some of the Bremer ransom money at the time of his arrest and that he had taken part in the actual abduction.

Purvis stated that the money found in Vidler's pockets included \$2,865 in \$5 and \$10 bills which were identified as part of the Bremer ransom. Bremer, 37-year-old president of the Commercial State bank in St. Paul, was kidnaped last January and held captive 22 days.

Old Time as Auto Thief.

The Department of Justice chief added that he believed Vidler's capture would lead to the arrest of other Bremer abduction suspects, and that already he was seeking one other man. Police said Vidler had served a sentence in the Illinois penitentiary for automobile theft. He entered the prison in 1920 and was released three years later, they said.

It also was learned that the \$3,000 taken from the suspect was the first of the ransom money to be recovered, despite reports that some of it had

been found in the Wisconsin woods report out of which Dillinger and his mobsters shot their way in a battle with federal men early Monday. Barker and Karpis have been identified as two of the gangsters who took part in the fight.

Other Developments.

Besides the Chicago arrest, developments today in the Dillinger case included:

A posse in the Wisconsin woods was believed closing in on George (Baby Face) Nelson, Dillinger machine gunner identified as the gangster who shot and killed a federal agent in the resort battle.

St. Paul police were directed to watch for a car stolen by Nelson, in the belief he might have eluded his pursuers and made for the Twin Cities. They were warned to use "extreme caution" in case he is found.

Keys to the Hollywood, Calif., police station were reported found in the possession of Evelyn Frechette, Dillinger's sweetheart, now under arrest here.

Charges against four persons accused of harboring Dillinger in the Twin Cities were presented to the Federal grand jury here.

Nelson's Trail Picked Up.

Nelson's trail was picked up at Lac du Flambeau, Wis., when he stole an automobile there after abandoning the car in which he escaped from the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer with other members of the Dillinger mob early Monday. The car he abandoned was found near Boulder Junction, about 26 miles northeast of Lac du Flambeau.

The belief that it was Nelson who stole the car at Lac du Flambeau was substantiated today by Ollie Catfish, an Indian living on the reservation there. According to the Associated Press, Catfish said a man answering Nelson's description spent two days in an Indian shack on the reservation. Thursday night he left the shack, stole a Plymouth belonging to Adolph Getz, a rural letter carrier, and forced Catfish to accompany him as a guide, the Indian asserted.

Catfish said he rode with the gangster, who was armed with three pistols, to Highway 70, leading west to Fifeled. There the Indian was forced from the car, walking back to the reservation, where he arrived today.

Falls Pistol on Owner.

Reporting the theft of his car to the authorities, Getz said it occurred about 9 P. M. Thursday while he was fishing at a lake near Lac du Flambeau.

The car was parked on a hill

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HOLLYWOOD JAIL KEYS REPORTED FOUND IN POSSESSION OF EVELYN FRECHETTE

A suspect in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, found with \$3,000 of the \$200,000 ransom in his possession, was under arrest today in Chicago.

The report was received here through the Associated Press, which stated that the arrest was made in Chicago Thursday by federal agents. The suspect was being questioned today to determine his connection with the John Dillinger gang, of which two members, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, are being sought for the Bremer abduction.

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Did Time as Auto Thief.

The Department of Justice chief added that he believed Vidler's capture would lead to the arrest of other Bremer abduction suspects, and that already he was seeking one other man. Police said Vidler had served a sentence in the Illinois

penitentiary for automobile theft. He entered the prison in 1930 and was released three years later. They said.

It also was learned that the \$3,000 taken from the suspect was the first of the ransom money to be recovered, despite reports that some of it had been found in the Wisconsin woods resort out of which Dillinger and his mobsters shot their way in a battle with federal men early Monday. Barker and Karpis have been identified as two of the gangsters who took part in the fight.

Other Developments.

Besides the Chicago arrest, developments today in the Dillinger case included:

A posse in the Wisconsin woods was believed closing in on George (Baby Face) Nelson, Dillinger machine gunner identified as the gangster who shot and killed a federal agent in the resort battle.

St. Paul police were directed to watch for a car stolen by Nelson, in the belief he might have eluded his pursuers and made for the Twin Cities. They were warned to use "extreme caution" in case he is found.

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The belief that it was Nelson who stole the car at Lac du Flambeau was substantiated today by Ollie Catfish, an Indian living on the reservation there. According to the Associated Press, Catfish said a man answering Nelson's description spent two days in an Indian shack on the reservation. Thursday night he left the shack, stole a Plymouth belonging to Adolph Getz, a rural letter carrier, and forced Catfish to accompany him as a guide, the Indian asserted.

Catfish said he rode with the gangster, who was armed with three pistols, to Highway 70, leading west to Winfield. There the Indian was forced from the car, walking back to the reservation, where he arrived today.

Pulls Pistol on Owner.

Reporting the theft of his car to

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has been denied by authorities.

William W. Vidler is the man in
whose possession authorities said
the money was found today. Vid-
ler's admission, federal men said,
came after a night of grilling during
which he had maintained a sullen
silence.

Purvis refused to reveal the name
of the person who is said by Vidler
to have engineered the Bremer kid-
naping.

Two suspects, arrested last night,
were released this morning when
they proved that they had no con-
nection with the case.

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ARRESTED WITH \$3000 OF BREMER'S RANSOM

Suspect Caught in Chicago
Trying to Get Rid of It by
Betting on Horses.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 27.—The arrest of a suspect carrying \$3000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker and brewer, from kidnapers several months ago was disclosed here today.

The suspect, William E. Vidler, 34 years old, reputed to be a former convict, was arrested yesterday in a Chicago gambling establishment and has been held incommunicado. Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the United States division of investigation here, admitted however, that Vidler was in custody and that the money had been recovered.

The money found in Vidler's pockets, Purvis revealed, included \$2665 in \$5 and \$10 bills identified as part of the ransom money. Police said Vidler had served prison sentence of one to 10 years in Illinois for automobile theft.

Purvis said he had information that Vidler had been in communication with John Dillinger and members of his gang. Purvis also said he was seeking another man said to have more of the ransom money in Chicago.

It was believed Vidler was attempting to exchange the ransom money, of which the serial numbers were known, for other cash not dangerous to carry, making horse race wagers for that purpose.

Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul last January and held for more than three weeks.

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Ransom Money Paid to Release Bremer Left by Dillinger

Gang Chief Forced St. Paul Physician to Dress Bullet Wound.

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 26.—A link with the unsolved Edward Bremer kidnaping and a new tale of John Dillinger's ruthlessness stirred the hunt for the vanishing outlaw chief tonight.

The Minneapolis Tribune said federal agents found that part of the loot left behind by Dillinger's band in their flight from the Northern Wisconsin resort Sunday night was money paid in the \$200,000 ransom of the Twin City banker last winter.

Dr. Clayton May, one of the two Twin City physicians charged by authorities with treating gunshot wounds of the outlaw on two recent occasions, in an interview asserted he was compelled by the menace of machine guns and threats of his life to give professional service to the bandit leader.

The development resulted in the suspension of City Health Officer Dr. N. G. Mortensen, for caring for the wounded outlaw. He was the second Twin City physician to become involved in Dillinger's episodic career.

The health officer's confusion as to whether the date was March 13, 14 or 15 prevented authorities from determining whether it was in the Sioux Falls, S. D., Security National Bank raid that the desperadoes were wounded or in the robbery of a Mason City, Ia., bank.

Wounded in Shoulder.

The wounds, Mortensen said, were in the shoulders and were not dangerous. They were cleaned and the men, brought there by a third party, were to return to the health officer's office the next day. They never appeared. Dr. Mortensen failed to report the incident until shown pictures of Dillinger and Hamilton a few days ago.

Dr. Mortensen said he had planned to call the officers when the gangsters made their agreed return visit to his office, which never occurred. Dr. May said he had been forced to treat Dillinger under threats.

It was March 31 the gunman was wounded a second time, in the leg, as he and Evelyn Frechette, his sweetheart, shot their way out of an apartment here when surprised by two federal agents and a city detective.

After that brush with the law, the gunman sought medical attention from Dr. Clayton E. May, Minneapolis. Both physicians said they received no remuneration.

Dr. May tonight said he was menaced by machine guns and repeatedly threatened with death if he did not care for the outlaw.

The physician in the first statement he has made since his incarceration nine days ago asserted his nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, who also is held in lieu of \$50,000 bail on charges of conspiracy to conceal and harbor America's most hunted criminal, had been imprisoned for four days and three nights in her own home by the outlaws.

Dr. May, still apprehensive in his county jail cell as he recalled his experience, said he was lured to an alley by a Dillinger mobster and a woman, and then, under penalty of death from Dillinger himself, was ordered to drive to Mrs. Salt's home.

May is held on charges of harboring a fugitive, as is the Frechette woman.

A raid on the Warsaw, Ind., Police Station for bullet proof vests followed, and last Sunday the gunman, with his mob of suspected kidnapers, bank robbers and killers, machine-gunned their way out of a trap at the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis.

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Dillinger's Oak St. rendezvous turned out to be as bizarre as not a few other angles of the widespread hunt for the desperado.

Capt. Barry disclosed that he received the information from a Lincoln Park policeman, who received it in turn from a Hindu woman who claimed to have seen either Dillinger or his "double" entering and leaving the house, the address of which was not disclosed.

Taking precautions, Chief Storms assigned the detectives to watch the place.

At the same time the federal agents and police were acting here, a report came from southern Indiana, the old habitat of some of the Dillinger mobsters, that several men riding in three new automobiles, one with Minnesota license plates and two with Texas plates, stopped at a filling station near Sullivan and drove off without paying for gasoline they ordered. The men were all heavily armed, the attendant reported.

BEST KIDNAP LEADER

Chief Dillinger developments today were:

1. Admissions made by the federal prison, William E. Vidler, 24, of 5001 N. Ashland av., that are expected to lead to the capture of the "brains" of the Bremer plot, described as a well known figure in the Middle West.

2. The appearance of the gangster in Sullivan, riding in an automobile with Minnesota license plates and two with Texas plates.

3. Continuation of the search for Dillinger hoodlums in the forest fastness of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota as word came from various places that certain mobsters, particularly George ("Baby Face") Nelson, were sitting from one spot to another in stolen cars.

4. Reports and subsequent details that much of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was found stuffed in bags abandoned by Dillinger in the Little Bohemia roadhouse near Mercer, Wis., when he and his pals slipped away from officers in last Sunday night's fiasco.

5. Disclosures in St. Paul that Dillinger and his close pal, John ("Three Finger Jack") Hamilton, forced Dr. Clayton May of Minneapolis to dress their gunshot wounds suffered in a federal raid last March 21, and preparations to take Dr. May and his



Bureau of identification photograph of William E. Vidler of 5001 N. Ashland av., upon whom has been found \$665 of the Bremer ransom money. Federal agents, acting upon admissions alleged to have been made by Vidler, sought today the "brains" of the kidnaping plot.

nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, before a grand jury for investigation.

The sudden appearance of the gang of gunmen in southern Indiana further confused the already complicated situation. Sullivan is many miles to the south, where Dillinger mobsters have not heretofore been reported since their latest battles with the law.

Jess Lowry, filling station attendant, said the men drove up in three cars. Three men rode in the first automobile, a Ford V-8 with Minnesota license plates. Two men were in front and one in the rear holding a revolver.

The man sitting in back got out and ordered twelve gallons of gasoline as a new Dodge and a new Plymouth car, both bearing Texas plates, drove in behind the first car. Only one man was in each car, but a machine gun was on the back seat of the Plymouth and a revolver in the Dodge.

\$225 IN POCKETS

Lowry filled the gas tanks of all the machines and when he finished the man with the revolver warned him:

"If you know what's good for you, you stand still and don't make any squawk."

Significance was given to the gangsters' appearance there, however, when it was recalled that Russell Clark, Dillinger gangster facing electrocution in Ohio for the murder of Sheriff Jess Sarber at Lima, when Dillinger was rescued from jail, has relatives near Sullivan.

Dillinger himself lives at Mooresville, not many miles away, and many relatives of James Jenkins, who was shot to death shortly after Dillinger helped to free him from the state penitentiary at Michigan

identified as part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom. The prisoner's only record as yet discovered is an arrest in 1926 for auto theft.

Attorney George Beber entered the Vidler case by announcing he would take immediate steps to procure Vidler's release. He and Vidler are friends.

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BELIEVE FOUR SIGHTED

Sheriff Craig said at noon today he was informed that at least four desperados, one believed to be Nelson, were in hiding at Squaw Lake, which is just southwest of the Indian reservation and about Highway 70. Additional personnel were sent to that vicinity.

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under a bill reported today by the House judiciary committee.

The measure, sponsored by Representative Patman (D.) of Texas, empowers the government to pay this sum for the capture of any individual who, in the opinion of the attorney general, has violated federal or state criminal laws.

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He then picked up Ollie Catfish, an Indian, who later returned to relate his thrilling encounter. He forced Catfish to ride with him to a junction of the Lac du Flambeau road and highway 70, four miles southwest.

CARRIES THREE PISTOLS.

Nelson, carrying three pistols, Catfish said, and forced him from the car, turning toward Fifield on Highway 70. Catfish walked home. He said his captor was about 40, was five feet tall and spoke in a high voice.

A subsequent report had Nelson speeding west in the stolen car along state highway 70, which leads to Fifield and Park Falls, thirty miles away. The word was flashed to Park Falls, and Sheriff John Craig led posses to guard highway 70 and also county highway G, which leads from the reservation to Park Falls by a route north of highway 70.

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ually attending their operations of the eastward. If Nelson was not lurking in the forests, they were convinced, he must have doubled back and fled east in the direction of Eagle River, or southwest toward Rhinelander. Both of those districts are heavily patrolled.

The car Nelson is believed to have traveled in is a Plymouth bearing Wisconsin license plates 3721.

Overnight developments were:

The disclosure and denial that

1. members of Dillinger's gang left behind them in the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis., last Sunday night money believed to be part of the \$200,000 ransom money paid to liberate Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker.

2. A statement by Dr. Clayton May of Minneapolis that he had been forced at the point of a machine gun to treat Dillinger's wounds received when shot last March 21 by Henry Cummings, a St. Paul detective.

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Previously, Department of Justice announcements in Chicago had disclosed Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, linked to the Bremer case some time ago, had been with Dillinger at the resort.

The disclosure came as the peace officers were on the alert in widely separated parts of the nation following reports Dillinger had been seen in a number of cities, including South Bend, Ind.

REPORT PAL IN INDIANA.

From Fort Wayne, Ind., came word Homer Van Meter, associate of Dillinger in the recent raid on the Warsaw, Ind., police station, was reported seen near there.

In Minneapolis, Dr. May said he and his nurse were menaced by machine guns and repeatedly threatened with death when forced to treat Dillinger's wounds.

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SAW MACHINE GUN.

Dr. Mortensen said he did not sus-
pect them of being criminals until
he saw a machine gun as they were
leaving. He did not report the in-
cident until a few days ago, after he
was shown pictures of the two.

Three women members of the Dil-
linger gang left behind during the
flight from Mercer, and now held in
jail at Madison, Wis., steadfastly
have refused to talk, only giving
names of Ann Southern, Rose
Ancker and Marian Marr, all of
Chicago.

Minneapolis police pushed an in-
vestigation into whether one of the
women formerly was the sweet-
heart of a Minneapolis racketeer.

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POLITICIAN HELD IN BREMER CASE

Chicago Boss Charged With Conspiracy in Possessing Part of Ransom.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. McLaughlin, Jr., son of a Chicago politician arrested today for alleged complicity in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer of St. Paul, was taken into custody on the Board of Trade floor today by Federal agents.

The elder McLaughlin told Federal men his son, who is 17, kept a safety deposit box, and the son, an employe of a grain company, was detained on the theory the missing money might be found in the box.

"Boss" McLaughlin was held in \$100,000 bond by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker to await possible indictment at St. Paul and removal there for trial.

The Government announced at the arraignment that McLaughlin was suspected as the "brains" of the Bremer kidnaping plot, although he had, perhaps, no part in the actual abduction.

William E. Vidler was held in \$100,000 bond. Both he and the 66-year-old politician were locked up.

Vidler had in his possession \$2,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills that were part of the fortune paid the kidnapers of the St. Paul man several months ago.

McLaughlin is already under indictment for conspiracy to possess part of the loot of the \$200,000 mall robbery on a downtown Chicago street, December 6, 1932, in which he was linked as a "fence" or a confederate with two men now dead, Gus Winkler and Edgar B. Lebensberger.

Lebensberger was found shot to death, supposedly a suicide, in a richly appointed Lake Shore drive suite where Winkler was a frequent visitor. His death occurred about the time the

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POLITICIAN IS HELD ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN BREMER KIDNAPING

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Government made public its indictment of McLaughlin, Lebensberger and others for participation in the Loop robbery or disposition of the loot. Vidler was captured in a gambling house yesterday. The currency he carried was declared by Government men to be the first recovered of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

A power of West Side Chicago in the old days, McLaughlin has been in political retirement for some time. He was formerly a member of the State Legislature.

The warrant on which McLaughlin was arrested bore also two other names, unrevealed as yet.

Since the mall robbery indictment, McLaughlin has been at liberty under bond of \$25,000.

Shortly after Lebensberger's death, Gus Winkler was assassinated at the doorstep of a county commissioner's beer distributing plant, 111 bullets perforating his body. One theory was that he was implicated with Lebensberger in the "hot" bond dealings and had been killed as a "squealer."

Claims Agents Beat Him.

Appearing tired and saying he had been beaten by Federal agents, McLaughlin entered a plea of "no plea" to any connection with the Bremer case.

"One of the agents struck me with his fist and knocked me down," McLaughlin said, "taking the loot from a wastebasket pocket."

"They kept me a prisoner in my home all day yesterday and last night they took me to a Federal office and questioned me all night. They beat me and wouldn't let me sleep."

"I've never been in St. Paul for 40 years. I've known Vidler about 10 years, but I've never been a partner of his."

McLaughlin said the officers "took my home to pieces" but found no ransom money or other evidence.

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Bremer Kidnap Cash Is Found

Illinois Liquor Dealer Had
\$2,665 Ransom Money,
Police Reveal.

Chicago, April 27 (AP).—Federal authorities today disclosed the recovery of \$2,665 of the \$200,000 paid two months ago for the release of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer kidnap victim, and declared it an important clue.

The money, in \$5 and \$10 denominations, was found in the pockets of William E. Vidler, 34, a former convict who had been an automobile dealer, and, since repeal, a liquor dealer. Police said he served three years, 1920 through 1923, in the Illinois State Penitentiary for automobile theft.

Vidler was arrested while making wagers on horse races. Police said such gambling had become a common manner for criminals to exchange counterfeit, stolen or otherwise "hot" money for untainted currency.

It was the first of the fortune in currency recovered since Bremer's release. Vidler was held incommunicado by the office of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the U. S. Division of Investigation here.

Although Federal authorities have declared they knew the identity of Bremer's kidnapers, Purvis said he hoped to gain valuable information from Vidler.

Purvis said he believed Vidler had been in communication recently with members of John Dillinger's gang. He did not explain the connection.

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Chicago Political Leader Seized in Kidnaping of Edward Bremer

John J. "boss" McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician, was to be arraigned in Chicago, today on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. McLaughlin's arrest last night after William E. Vidler was taken into custody with more than \$2,000 of the Bremer \$200,000 ransom payment. The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with Dillinger. McLaughlin also is under indictment on robbery charges in connection with a \$250,000 mail robbery in the Chicago loop in December, 1932. The mail robbery indictment charges that McLaughlin operated a ring for the disposal of stolen bonds.

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In Bremer Case

WILLIAM E. VIDLER.

With \$2,665 identified as part of the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnap ransom in his possession, William E. Vidler, 24 years old, was arrested by United States Department of Justice agents in a Chicago gambling house Thursday. He is being held incommunicado on a suppressed warrant in which several other men are named. In the event of arrests it is expected the men will be brought to St. Paul for trial with Vidler. Mr. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped in January and held 23 days until the ransom was paid. Vidler has a prison record in Illinois.

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PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

Death, Robbery in Dillinger's Wake;
Caught in Arizona, Jailed in Indiana



TRAPPED IN ARIZONA



FLOWN TO INDIANA



ARRAIGNED AT CROWN POINT



WITH HIS JAILER AND PROSECUTOR

Freed from an Ohio jail by three killer-crones, John Dillinger was on the loose October 12 to start a bloody game of hide-and-seek with the law. His hand was seen in two raids on police station arsenals in Indiana. In Chicago a trap was laid for him, but he ducked it in a rain of bullets. On January 15 he was identified as one of four bandits who plundered a bank in East Chicago, Ind., and killed Plainclothesman Patrick O'Malley. Police were summoned as the robbery began and had surrounded the entrance when the machine-gun-armed thugs emerged. They shot their way free. Two other officers were killed in Illinois by alleged members of the Dillinger gang as the chase continued. Then on January 25 the police at Tucson, Ariz., captured three Dillinger henchmen, and lay in wait in the hideout for the ringleader. He walked into the trap with a woman friend and, although armed, gave up quietly. Dillinger was caught! Both Indiana and Wisconsin wanted him, but the former won out and the slippery badman was taken by plane to Crown Point, Ind. He is shown above in court at Crown Point, where his trial for killing the East Chicago detective was set for March 12. Dillinger was locked up in the Lake county jail there after being photographed (lower right) with his jailer, Sheriff Lillian Holley (left) and the man who was to prosecute him, Robert G. Estill (center). The desperado seemed cheerful in Crown Point—but he didn't stay long. (Monday—Dillinger whittles his way to freedom and America's greatest man-hunt begins.)

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CHICAGOANS HAD RANSOM MONEY, U. S. AGENTS SAY

"Baby Face" Reported Shot, Headed This Way After Car Theft at Moose Lake.

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Dillinger Bills Found Against Dr. May, Mrs. Salt, Beth Green, Miss Frechette.

"BOSS" TO COME HERE.
Chicago, April 28.—(AP)—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, accused of a part in the \$200,000 ransom plot against Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, was held in \$100,000 bonds by Edwin K. Walker, U. S. commissioner, today to await his indictment at St. Paul and removal there for trial.

Two more arrests in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, for which members of the John Dillinger gang are sought, were announced today in Chicago as developments in the Dillinger "war" followed one another in rapid succession.

The highlights were:
A man believed to be George (Baby Face) Nelson, Dillinger gangster, and a companion stole an automobile in Moose Lake, Minn., and escaped after an 80-mile-an-hour chase marked by gun-fire.

Information was received that Nelson is suffering from bullet wounds inflicted Friday by a Wisconsin deputy sheriff.

A general alarm was sent out about 11:30 A. M. today to pick up the driver of a blue Plymouth

coach with yellow wire wheels, bearing an Indiana license and answering the description of one of the cars stolen by Nelson in Wisconsin. The car was reported going west on University avenue and police were warned to use "extreme caution."

Tommy Carroll, another Dillinger mobster, was reported surrounded by a posse in a Wisconsin swamp, and his capture was believed imminent.

Indictments were returned by a federal grand jury here against

BREMER TAKES STEPS TO RECOVER RANSOM

Edward G. Bremer appeared at the Federal building today to determine what procedure he must follow to get back the \$2,665 of his \$300,000 ransom reported found in the possession of William E. Vidler, former convict arrested Friday in Chicago.

He was referred to George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, but the conference was delayed as Sullivan was appearing before the federal grand jury.

four persons charged with harboring Dillinger in the Twin Cities.

Dr. N. G. Mortensen, suspended as St. Paul city health officer for having examined bullet wounds of Dillinger and John Hamilton, the gang leader's lieutenant, was not mentioned by the grand jury. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the grand jury not only had returned no indictment against him, but that his name had not even been mentioned.

The search for Dillinger stretched to New York state following reports that the notorious bank robber and killer had been seen with some of his desperadoes in Binghamton.

Governor George White of Ohio announced in Columbus he had "inside information" that the Dillinger gang had established headquarters in Columbus so they could kidnap the governor and his daughter, Mary. The governor has received letters threatening that he would be killed unless he pardoned three members of the Dillinger mob now held in Ohio penitentiary.

Chicago Politician Nabbed.

The latest arrests in connection with the Bremer abduction were of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, described as a Chicago politician and his 17-year-old son, John. It was reported today by the Associated Press, which stated he was charged with conspiracy in possessing part of the \$300,000 Bremer ransom.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped here last January and held captive for 22 days by men believed to be members of the Dillinger mob. Two members of the

gang, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, have been identified by the Department of Justice as two of the kidnapers.

A rest of the two McLaughlins by the Department of Justice brought the total to three in Chicago in the past two days. The first was that of William E. Vidler, former convict, in whose possession Federal agents said they found \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money.

The Associated Press dispatch added that the elder McLaughlin already is under indictment for conspiracy to possess part of the loot of the \$250,000 Chicago mail robbery, staged December 8, 1932. In this case he was linked as a confederate of two men now dead — Gus Winkler, gangster, and Edgar B. Lebensberger. Winkler was the victim of gangster bullets and Lebensberger was found shot to death in a Chicago apartment. Lebensberger's death was called a suicide, but it occurred as the indictments against him, Winkler and McLaughlin were made public.

A former member of the Illinois Legislature, McLaughlin was known at one time as a political power on Chicago's West side. Taken to the office of the United States marshal, denied all connection with the Bremer case and chafed that the federal agents had beaten him.

"One of the gents struck me in the mouth with his fist and knocked this tooth out," the Associated Press reported him as saying. He then took the tooth out of his pocket and exhibited it.

"Tore My Home to Pieces."

"They kept me a prisoner in my home all day Friday, and last night took me to Purvis' office," he said, referring to Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago area of the Department of Justice. "They questioned me all night and beat me and wouldn't let me sleep. They tore my home to pieces, but found no ransom money or other evidence. I have known Vidler for ten years, but never have been a partner of his, and I haven't been in St. Paul for 40 years."

McLaughlin who is 66 years old, served 10 years in the Illinois Senate. His political career collapsed during the World war when he became involved in labor difficulties. Since then he has been known as a gambler and slot machine operator.

The younger McLaughlin was taken into custody on the Chicago Board of Trade floor today by Federal agents hunting part of the Bremer ransom.

The elder McLaughlin told Federal men his son kept a safety deposit box, and the son, an employe of the Rosebaum Grain company, was detained on the theory the missing money might be found in the box.

Likely to Come Here.

Both the elder McLaughlin and Vidler probably will be brought to St. Paul for trial in connection with the Bremer case.

"Baby Face" Nelson, machine gunner of the Dillinger mob charged with killing a federal agent in the gang's Wisconsin woods battle with federal authorities Sunday, is believed to be one of two men who stole a gray Ford V-8 sedan in Moose Lake about 5 A. M. today.

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Friday he was believed surrounded by officers in the Wisconsin woods, but he apparently slipped through the fingers of his pursuers and made for Minnesota.

The men who stole the car, belonging to L. H. Blacklock of Moose Lake and bearing the Minnesota license number B-147-538, were described as about 25 years old and roughly dressed.

Sheriff Hannes Rypkema of Pine county picked up their trail just outside of Moose Lake and chased them 40 miles in the direction of Milaca on Highway No. 23. The sheriff said he pushed his own car up to 80 miles an hour in the chase, and once got within shooting range. His bullets apparently failed to take effect, however, and he lost his quarry when another car cut between.

It was learned later that the fleeing thugs cut over to Highway 1 and drove south toward St. Paul, then turned off the highway and passed at various times through Mora, Milaca and Mission Creek.

St. Paul Police on Lookout.

All St. Paul radio squads were ordered to keep a lookout for the stolen car in the belief that the bandits might try to make their way here.

Belief that Nelson was wounded Friday in his escape from Wisconsin was expressed by Al Johnson, a special deputy with whom the gangster staged a running gun fight near Solon Springs, Wis.

The battle started when Johnson halted an automobile answering the description of that driven by Nelson, and the occupants of the car opened fire. The deputy gave chase in his own automobile, and several shots were exchanged.

"I took a pop at him," the Associated Press quoted Johnson as saying, "and I think I hit him. I shot at him with a rifle and his car careened over to one side of the road. He probably was hit in the arm or the shoulder, but managed to keep on going. I finally had to give up the chase when I ran out of ammunition."

The search for Nelson's fellow gangster, Carroll, was concentrated around a swamp near Las du Flambeau. He was reported surrounded by federal agents, deputy sheriffs, guides, woodsmen and Indians.

The indictments returned by the federal grand jury were against Dr. Clayton E. May, Minneapolis physician who treated Dillinger after the outlaw shot his way out of a St. Paul apartment, March 21; Mrs. Augusta Salt, nurse who assisted with the treatment; Evelyn Frechette, the desperado's sweetheart, and Beth Green, widow of Eugene Green, Dillinger mobster, killed here by federal men. The last two are said to have been with Dillinger in the apartment.

Charged With Conspiracy.

All four defendants are charged with conspiracy to harbor the gang leader.

Dr. May and Mrs. Salt were arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in federal court and pleaded not guilty. Harvey Diehl, their attorney, sought to have the \$50,000 bail for each reduced, but the judge withheld decision until Tuesday.

George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, stated that secret indictments on harboring charges were returned against some other persons, but declined to comment further on this phase of the case.

While the indictment against her was being returned, Evelyn Frechette, in Ramsey county jail, discussed her girlhood and put in a good word for her "boy friend," Dillinger.

Born March 6, 1906, on the Menomonic Indian reservation in Wisconsin, she said her father was French and her mother a half-breed.

"My father died when I was 8 years old," she said, "and I guess we had a hard time getting along. We lived just like other children on the reservation, and had to work in the fields and in the woods, harvesting crops and trapping and hunting. I didn't have much chance to go to school until I was thirteen years old, when I was sent to the Indian school at Flandreau, S. D. I returned to the reservation about eight years ago, after finishing the upper grades."

Speaking of Dillinger, she remarked, "He can't be as bad as they say he is. He is my man, and he can not be guilty of all the things of which he is accused."

Her principal complaint is that she can not pursue her hobby, tap dancing.

"It's kind of close quarters for it in this cell," she explained, "and besides, there isn't any music."

An Associated Press dispatch today stated that Dillinger and party of his outlaws were reported seen in Binghamton, N. Y., Friday night. Two automobiles, in which were six men and two women, pulled up at a restaurant, and one of the men called for drinks. One of the cars bore a Wisconsin license plate and the other an Illinois plate. A chiropractor named McCann said one of the men called to him, "Hey, doc, how'd you like to get us four shots of whisky?"

He said he was certain he recognized Dillinger as one of the men, and went to call the police. Meanwhile, a waiter brought the drinks, while the gangsters tossed down quickly. By the time police arrived, the two cars and their occupants had disappeared. The police said, however, that they were very dubious as to the customers being members of the Dillinger mob.

Possibility that Dillinger and his gang were in St. Paul prior to the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., was observed today in a disclosure that a medicine bottle, obtained on a prescription from Dr. Mortensen, was found in a house at 304 Vernon avenue.

The Vernon avenue home was abandoned shortly after kidnapers released the St. Paul brewer.

Dr. Mortensen said today he told St. Paul police, after the bottle was found, that he issued the prescription to a man named Brown. This was corroborated by Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, who later turned over all information concerning the house to Federal authorities.

The name of Thomas Newman, St. Paul attorney, and Dr. C. A. Ramsey county coroner, were given as references by the persons who rented the house.

"It is possible," Dr. Mortensen observed, "that whoever directed the man named Brown to my office for the medicine also directed the man (who he has identified as Dillinger and John Hamilton) to my house the other night."

At 1:10 P. M. today, the St. Paul police radio station broadcast to all squad cars to pick up four men, heavily armed, who were riding in a gray Dodge 8 bearing Illinois license 758-085.

BETH GREEN DENIES PART IN APARTMENT SHOOTING.

Beth Green had nothing at all to do with the renting, living in or shooting up the apartment at 22 South Lexington avenue where Dillinger and an accomplice shot it out with authorities March 21 and escaped. That is the gist of an answer Joseph P. Tracy, Mrs. Green's attorney, served today on Daniel J. Hollihan, attorney for the Coffey Realty Corporation, suing Dillinger and a long list of alleged accomplices for \$500 damages to the apartment.

Mrs. Green was the only defendant in the suit who has been reached to date. She is held here by Federal authorities.

Dr. Hollihan said he plans to serve notice of the suit on Dillinger and the rest of the defendants by publication, because he is unable to reach them in person.

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"Boss" McLaughlin Held For Conspiracy

CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician, will be arraigned today on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

McLaughlin's arrest last night came after William E. Vidler had been taken into custody with more than \$2,000 of the Bremer case \$200,000 ransom payment.

The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with John Dillinger.

McLaughlin's arrest was believed to have been brought about by information supplied by William E. Vidler, former Illinois state prison inmate, who was arrested Friday in Chicago in connection with the Bremer snatch.

On Vidler's person, department of justice agents found \$3,185, according to Melvin Purvis, Chicago chief of the federal bureau of investigation. Of that amount, Mr. Purvis said, \$2,685 has been identified as part of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Vidler was arrested on a mystery tip to the department of justice in Chicago. The caller said that Vidler was displaying large sums of money at a race track. Meanwhile agents in Chicago to-

day, who were preparing for Vidler's removal to St. Paul, also were questioning him into determine whether he is linked with the mob of John Dillinger, the Indiana red-hot. Although members of Dillinger's mob are thought to have had some connection with the Bremer snatch, Dillinger himself is not believed to have participated in the actual kidnaping.

From what Mr. Bremer was seized by abductors near the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave., and was released later in a dark residential street in Rochester, Minn.

In the warrant issued Friday night against Vidler, several other prominent persons were named. The federal department said they were "too important to disclose."

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Vidler Fears Gang Vengeance On Wife And Two Children.

CHICAGO, April 28.—William E. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested for possession of \$2,655 in ransom money turned over for the release of Edward Bremer of St. Paul, today feared gangland might direct reprisals against his family.

"I suppose they think I squawked," he said, sitting in a cell in the county jail, "but I didn't. I'm worried about my wife and my two children. I wouldn't want anything to happen

to them because someone thought I talked out of turn."

Vidler, unable to raise the \$100,000 bond demanded for his release from jail, denied that he knew the money had been involved in the kidnaping but refused to tell where he obtained it.

"I certainly didn't know that it was snatch money, so help me God," he said, the term "snatch" being underworld jargon for kidnaping.

"That would be the last kind of money I would touch."

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Faces Life Term If Convicted

CHICAGO, April 28.—Facing life imprisonment if convicted, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin smiled as he heard federal government attorneys charge today that he had "a large part of if not all of the Bremer ransom money."

Leo J. Hasseneur, assistant district attorney, asked delay in the case until May 7 in order that "several witnesses from St. Paul may be produced." Bond was set at \$100,000.

Joe Roach, attorney for the 65-year-old political leader, bitterly opposed the government's request for \$200,000 bond—the same amount as the ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president kidnaped early this year and held three weeks by gangsters since named as the Karpis-Barker gang.

GAMBLER'S BOND \$100,000.

"I can't be a prophet but I feel certain this defendant will be here when he is wanted," Roach said.

"This is a very serious charge, but there is a difference between gangsters who kidnap citizens and those who handle the money involved in the kidnaping," United States Commissioner Walker said.

Araigned at the same time as McLaughlin was William E. Vidler, gambler, also named on charges of conspiracy to kidnap. He ordered held on \$100,000 bond pending a removal hearing May 7.

Mystery attached to the identity of two men named in warrants as "John Doe and Richard Roe."

HOOVER AID ARRIVES.

As McLaughlin was arraigned Hasseneur declared that the government has "information that this defendant had in his possession a large part of if not all the ransom money paid over in this case.

Meanwhile, Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the bureau of investigation under J. Edgar Hoover, arrived to confer with Chicago federal authorities on the Bremer kidnaping arrests.

He went into conference with Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago bureau of the department of justice, and declined to discuss the case with newspaper men.

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DEMOCRATIC BOSS HELD IN CHICAGO IN BREMER KIDNAPING

John J. McLaughlin Accused of Plotting Crime to Raise Trial Defense Fund.

CHICAGO, April 28.—(U. P.)—United States district attorneys today revealed that federal agents are holding John J. (Boss) McLaughlin as the "brains" of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case of last January.

McLaughlin, they said, was believed to have planned the abduction to obtain funds for his fight against charges in connection with a \$250,000 Chicago Loop mail robbery.

McLaughlin was to be arraigned on charges of conspiring to kidnap Bremer before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker and his removal to St. Paul will be requested.

The federal warrant on which MacLaughlin was arrested yesterday names William E. Vidler, Chicago gambler, on whom \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money was found, and two other men, identified only as Richard Roe and John Doe.

The warrant for McLaughlin's arrest was sworn out by United States District Attorney Dwight H. Green and immediately suppressed until McLaughlin was taken into custody.

The mail robbery indictment named scores of persons throughout the country in connection with charges that McLaughlin operated a ring for the disposal of stolen bonds. Involved in the indictment was Edward G. Lebensberger, wealthy night club owner, who committed suicide shortly before the indictment was returned.

The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with Dillinger.

Two Outlaws Traced.

CHICAGO, April 28.—(U. P.)—Federal agents closed in on two members of John Dillinger's gang of murderers today. They believed the final showdown with the master criminal himself was not far off.

Trapped in a swamp near Lac du Flambeau, Wis., was a man believed to be Tommy Carroll, St. Paul gangster. The swamp was surrounded by federal agents, Indian guides and Wisconsin farmers. Capture was believed imminent.

The trail of George (Baby Face) Nelson, diminutive machine-gunner of the Dillinger gang, grew hot today when two men, one believed to be Nelson, stole an automobile at Pine City, Minn., on the highway between the Twin Cities and Superior, Wis.

Minneapolis and St. Paul police immediately ordered all roads blockaded.

Dillinger himself was thought to be in hiding. Other members of his gang of Oklahoma kidnapers and Chicago killers were understood to have scattered.

Homer Van Meter, accused of engineering Dillinger's escape from the Crown Point, Ind., jail, was identified as one of five gunmen who held up the Villa Park Trust & Savings Bank, stealing \$6,000 yesterday.

U. S. Indicts Four.

ST. PAUL, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Evelyn Frechette, Indian sweetheart of John Dillinger, today was indicted by the federal grand jury here today on a charge of conspiracy to harbor and conceal Dillinger. Mrs. Beth Green, Mrs. August Salt and Dr. Clayton J. May were indicted on similar charges.

Mrs. Green is charged with renting an apartment in St. Paul to Dillinger as a hideout. The government charges Mrs. Salt and Dr. May treated Dillinger for gunshot wounds.

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**EX-CONVICT NAMED
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**W. E. Vidler, Arrested with
\$2665 of Ransom, Ac-
cused in Warrant.**

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—A suppressed warrant charging William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict, and several unnamed men with conspiracy to possess money obtained as ransom from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued tonight by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

The warrant was suppressed because the government did not wish to reveal the identity of the other men named in the conspiracy. It was issued after a series of conferences attended by Commissioner Walker, United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, the latter's assistant, Leo Hassenauer, and several agents from the Department of Justice.

Federal agents said Vidler had \$2665 of the \$200,000 ransom money paid by Bremer's family for his release from kidnapers in his possession when arrested.

It is expected that Vidler will be taken to St. Paul for trial.

Commissioner Walker said the warrant was "of great importance." District Attorney Green and the federal agents refused to discuss the matter.

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\$2665 of Bremer Ransom Recovered from Ex-Convict

Federal Agents Arrest W. E. Vidler Making Bets on Horse Races.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—Federal authorities today disclosed the recovery of \$2665 of the \$200,000 paid two months ago for the release of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer kidnap victim, and declared it an important clue.

The money, in \$5 and \$10 denominations, was found in the pockets of William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict who had been an automobile dealer and, since repeal, a liquor dealer. Police said he served three years, 1920 through 1923, in the Illinois State Penitentiary for automobile theft.

Vidler was arrested while making wagers on horse races. Police said such gambling had become a common manner for criminals to exchange counterfeit, stolen or otherwise "hot" money for untainted currency.

First Recovered.

It was the first of the fortune in currency recovered since Bremer's release. Vidler was held incommunicado by the office of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the U. S. Division of Investigation here. Purvis' office had denied the arrest for several hours, before acknowledging recovery of the currency.

Although federal authorities have declared they knew the identity of Bremer's kidnapers, Purvis said he hoped to gain valuable information from Vidler. Asked if he believed Vidler was one of the kidnapers, Purvis replied, "Well, he had some of the money."

Vidler's explanation of his possession of the money was lacking, but Mrs. Vidler said:

"Why he hasn't been out of Chicago for months. He couldn't have had anything to do with that case. If he had the ransom money, he must have gotten it in a business transaction by mistake."

Purvis added he had reason to believe Vidler had been in communication recently with members of John Dillinger's gang. He did not explain the connection.

Dillinger was in jail at Crown Point, Ind., from where he escaped with a wooden pistol March 2, when Bremer was freed by his kidnapers in St. Paul last February 7. Bremer was kidnaped January 17.

In addition to the \$2665 in ransom money, Vidler had \$435 when arrested.

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IN KIDNAPING NET.
 William E. Vidler, ex-convict, seized here with part of Bremer ransom money.
(Story on page 1.)



NAMED IN ROBBERY.
 Homer Van Meter, Dillinger pal, identified in Villa Park bank stickup.
(Story on page 1.)

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SEIZED IN KIDNAPING



John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin (left), who was under arrest today for arraignment on a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping. He is shown with Attorney William Parrilo at the time he was freed on bond in connection with the \$250,000 loop mail robbery.

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JAILED HERE FOLLOWING RANSOM FIND

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin was under arrest and scheduled for court arraignment today on a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

McLaughlin, veteran West Side politician, has already been involved in one notorious crime when he was indicted for complicity in the \$250,000 mail robbery in front of the Federal Building in December of 1932.

His arrest last night followed the questioning by federal agents of William E. Vidler, who was seized with \$2,005 of the Bremer kidnap ransom in his possession. A warrant was issued secretly and McLaughlin was taken in custody late last night. He was to be taken before United States Commissioner Walker today.

The omnipresent John Dillinger, America's No. 1 killer, today was the quarry of police in six states.

Chicago was the center of the search, as the two most plausible of the clues to the desperado's whereabouts indicated his presence here.

First of these was the identification of Homer Van Meter, Dillinger's ally, as the leader of five masked gunmen who looted the Villa Park Trust and Savings Bank.

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Second, and regarded by authorities as of equal import, was the arrest of William E. Vidler, captured while carrying money which federal investigators identified as part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

KIDNAP SOLUTION SEEN.

Informed of this, St. Paul operatives said the capture of the Dillinger gang would clear up the Bremer kidnaping of last winter. When Dillinger and his aids fled from Little Bohemia, north woods

lodge, at Spider Lake, Wis., they left three suitcases of money behind. It was reported that some of these bags also were identified as part of the Bremer ransom.

Vidler and several others whose names were suppressed were named in a federal warrant charging them with the Bremer kidnaping.

According to Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Department of Justice agents here, the men named in the warrant are Vidler's associates and are believed to be in Chicago.

Vidler, police records show, was sentenced to one to ten years imprisonment in 1920 for stealing an

automobile. His home is at 8001 N. Ashland av.

The Dillinger hunt extended to the East when police at Binghamton, N. Y., set out in pursuit of two cars containing six men and three women.

SHOTGUN ALARM.

The party stopped at a hotel there for a drink, signalling a waiter to bring the refreshments to the car. A passerby saw what he believed to be shotguns in the cars and sounded the alarm.

State troopers were unable to find the mystery automobiles, which bore Illinois and Wisconsin licenses.

The bank employes who identified Van Meter from police pictures, Miss Lillian Valenta and Frank Chancellor, could not recognize Dillinger from photographs as a participant in the robbery.

In Northern Wisconsin federal, state and community authorities threw cordon around the Iron Coun-

ty swampland near Park Falls in the belief they had trapped George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

Nelson is sought as the man who killed Federal Agent W. Carter Baum last Sunday when the gang calmly walked through a federal trap at Spider Lake.

A special deputy sheriff, Al Johnson, reported a brush with a baby-faced gangster. He said:

"I signaled a small automobile similar to the one which Nelson was last seen driving to stop. The driver fired at me with a pistol and I shot at him."

Johnson was cut by flying glass when the driver fired through a closed window as he sped past.

Other reports from the guarded woods, however, said Nelson had been pursued down a blind road and that trackers were following him through the woods.

WATCH IN KENTUCKY.

With Wisconsin authorities searching for Nelson and federal

agents here eyeing Dillinger's old haunts, the hunt spread to two other states, Kentucky and Indiana, following reports that three carloads of machine gunners stopped for gasoline at Sullivan, Ind.

Kentucky authorities stationed crack shots at Louisville bridges, halting all cars and scrutinizing all occupants.

Minnesota law enforcing agencies also continued their search for Dillinger.

Politician Held
CHARGED WITH POSSESSING
PART OF BREMER RANSOM.



JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN,
Politician, who was arrested yesterday in Chicago on a suppressed warrant charging him with conspiracy in possessing part of the Edward Bremer \$200,000 ransom.

**WARD BOSS JAILED
AS MASTER MIND
IN BREMER CASE**

**J. J. McLaughlin, Chicago,
Named as Ransom Possessor by Gambler.**

**SON ALSO DETAINED
AS MONEY IS SOUGHT**

**Accused Denies Charges, Shows
Tooth as Evidence of Police Beating.**

By the Associated Press.
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Conspiracy is Alleged.

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U. S. Agents Make Arrest.

"Who, me?" was the general reaction of McLaughlin as he emerged from a day in secret custody of the Government. Agents of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Bureau of Investigation here, had grabbed him at home yesterday, directed to him by Vidler.

He told newspaper men of his arrest and questioning in an air of hurt innocence.

"They came into my home and turned the place upside down," he said. "But they didn't find any Bremer money, because I never had any. Finally, about 5 o'clock, they took me downtown and began questioning me. They kept me up all night and only gave me some coffee. When I wouldn't tell them what I couldn't tell them, one of them hit me in the jaw."

With a wounded look he reached into his pocket, withdrew a tooth and showed his listeners the vacancy it used to fill.

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Bremer Hunt Jails Political Boss as Chief

John McLaughlin, Once
Illinois Legislator, Is
Charged by U. S.

Son Also Seized After
Finding of Ransom
Bills on Gambler.

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POLITICIAN HELD IN BREMER CASE

CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Chicago Democratic politician, his 17-year-old son and two other suspects were arrested here today in connection with the \$200,000 ransom kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The arrest of McLaughlin in his home resulted from information given to Department of Justice agents by William E. Vidler, ex-convict and reputed gambler. The agents found \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money in Vidler's pockets.

McLaughlin, a former State representative, was held in \$100,000 bond. Federal agents refused to disclose the identity of the other suspects, arrested on warrants naming "Richard Roe" and "John Doe."

He and Vidler were arraigned late today before Commissioner Walker and ordered held on \$100,000 bond each for a hearing May 7, on the Government's request for removal to St. Paul.

McLaughlin's 17-year-old son Jack, was arrested by five Federal agents on the floor of the board of trade, where he was employed as a messenger boy. He was taken to the Federal Building for questioning.

McLaughlin said:
"The charge is ridiculous. Why I haven't been in St. Paul in 40 years, I'm absolutely innocent of any complicity in the kidnaping. I don't know anything about it."

McLaughlin's arrest was not his first brush with Federal authorities. He was seized on a charge of complicity in the \$250,000 Loop mail robbery of December, 1932. He was at liberty on bond pending trial.

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Chicago Politician Seized As 'Brains' of Kidnapers In \$200,000 Bremer Plot

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U. S. Starts Search Of Cash Boxes to Find Ransom

GAMBLER LINKED

Old Time 'Boss' Held With Son, And Racketeer

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 (AP.)—An old time political boss, John J. McLaughlin, was dubbed by the government today as the "brains" of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping plot and with his own accuser was "put on ice" for trial at St. Paul while federal agents hunted his treasure boxes for the Bremer ransom.

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MAIL ROBBERY SUSPECT

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- MR. LESTER.....

BRAINS

CHICAGO BOSS INDICTED IN BREMER CASE

consisted of a three or four room cottage. Judge Webb Hursey tells us that today there is an addition to the farm and the barn and house remains as before, but beside the corn crib is parked the latest O. H. product of Detroit.

GOOD MORNING!
It has been said that hardly any man can bear to see a woman in a rage unless the woman happens to be his wife.

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...and also known as "Rabbi" ...
...brother Grover (Rusty) Lynch is ...
...the a good bread baker. In fact ...
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...the Western Baptist church, when I ...
...had trouble with the hard word and ...
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...way, my initials are C. D. C.

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BREMER ABDUCTION PUT ON DILLINGER

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Chicago Politician, Arrested as
Ransom Recipient, Is Linked
With the Outlaw.

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NELSON IN A NEW 'TRAP'

'Rifleman' of Gang Said to Be
Cornered—Gov. White Gets
New Kidnap Threat.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Important arrests and indictments enabled Federal law enforcement officers today to strike a blow against the John Dillinger band of killers, kidnapers and bank robbers while the outlaw leader and his followers continued to elude an army of about 100,000 government agents, police and vigilantes in five midwest States.

In Chicago, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former State Representative and a suspected Dillinger ally, was held in bond of \$100,000 on a charge of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was ransomed for \$200,000 after being held captive for twenty-two days.

At the same time McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., an employe of the Rosenbaum Grain Company, was secretly taken into custody by Federal operatives and it was reported that the Bremer kidnaping had been definitely laid to the Dillinger gang, if not to the desperado himself.

It was reported that papers were found sewn into the lining of young McLaughlin's hat. Two other persons, whose names were withheld, were also arrested.

Threat to Gov. White in Ohio.

In addition to these developments, the Federal grand jury at St. Paul, Minn., returned indictments against two of Dillinger's women companions and a physician and a nurse on charges of harboring him.

At Columbus, Ohio, Governor George White announced he had received "inside information" that Dillinger and his gang had arrived in Columbus and were plotting to kidnap the Governor and his daughter, Mary.

Previously the Governor had received a letter threatening him with death unless he pardoned three Dillinger gangsters in the State penitentiary, two of them awaiting death July 13 for killing a Sheriff at Lima, Ohio, in a jail raid to free Dillinger.

Link McLaughlin to Ransom.

Federal authorities asserted that they have information that McLaughlin, who once was prominent as a Democratic politician, had in his possession a portion, if not the entire amount, of the Bremer ransom and that he had circulated part of the money.

Investigators also said they were working on the theory that McLaughlin was the director of the Bremer kidnaping ring and that the crime was executed to provide funds for the trial of McLaughlin and others for the \$500,000 Loop mail robbery of Dec. 6, 1933.

The warrant for McLaughlin also called for the arrest of "Richard Roe" and "John Doe," reported to be Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, Dillinger gang fugitives.

A month ago Attorney General Homer S. Cummings announced in Washington that Karpis and Barker had been identified as the

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BREMER ABDUCTION PUT ON DILLINGER

N. Y. TIMES

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actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer. Later they were named as gangsters led by Dillinger who shot their way out of a trap laid by Federal agents last week near Mercer. McLaughlin's arrest followed that of William E. Vidler, 34 years old, of Chicago, an ex-convict, who was seized Thursday night on a charge of participating in the Bremer abduction.

At the time of his arrest, in a Loop bookmaking establishment by Federal agents, Vidler was carrying \$2,500 in \$5 and \$10 bills, later identified as part of the \$200,000 ransom money. After Vidler was questioned in the offices of Melvin H. Purvis, local Justice Department chief, a raid was made on McLaughlin's home at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

McLaughlin was not there, but the agents kept his wife and three children in the house and waited until he arrived about 11 o'clock. Then they searched the house and McLaughlin's person. They found \$50 in his pockets, but it was not part of the ransom.

For eleven hours yesterday McLaughlin and his family were held in their home, while Federal authorities continued their investigation. At 6 P. M. a Deputy Marshal arrived with a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

McLaughlin Charges Third Degree.

Then the prisoner was taken to Mr. Purvis's office, where he was questioned for hours.

"They grilled me all night and used third degree methods on me," the politician, who is 66 years old, complained today as he sat in the Marshal's office. He appeared disheveled and tired.

"They kept at me all night, never giving me a chance to sleep," he said. "Finally one of the agents hit me in the mouth with his fist and knocked a tooth out."

"I had nothing to do with taking Bremer or with handling any of the money. I can't imagine why Vidler should have put the finger on me. I've known him for about ten years, when he was in the liquor business and the slot-machine racket."

"I haven't been in St. Paul for forty years. The last time I saw Vidler was about a week ago when I met him in a Loop hotel."

While McLaughlin was awaiting arraignment before Commissioner Walker, Federal agents arrested his son, John Jr., seizing him in the Board of Trade Building after his father had revealed that the youth had a safe deposit box and a bank account.

Court Hears Ransom Charge.

When McLaughlin pleaded not guilty to the conspiracy charge before Commissioner Walker, First Assistant United States Attorney Leo J. Hassenauer asked that bond be set at \$200,000.

"The government has information that this man was in possession of a part or all of the \$200,000 paid for the ransom of Bremer, he told the court. "By tracing bills through their serial numbers it was discovered that he circulated certain amounts of the ransom money."

After Joseph Roach, counsel for McLaughlin, protested against the high sum, the commissioner set bond at \$100,000 and McLaughlin was taken to the county jail, pending a hearing on May 7. By that time it is expected that the Federal grand jury in St. Paul will have acted in the Bremer case.

Following McLaughlin, Vidler was arraigned on a conspiracy charge, held in \$100,000 bail and taken to the county jail.

Hoover Aide Takes Helm.

Harold Nathan, second in command to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Justice Department's investigation forces, arrived here from Washington this morning, after being notified of McLaughlin's arrest, and took charge of the Bremer case.

It was reported that he would displace Mr. Purvis in directing the round-up of the Bremer kidnapers and in handling the Dillinger hunt, which has brought criticism upon the present head of the Federal bureau here.

The St. Paul indictments charging conspiracy to harbor Dillinger named Evelyn Frechette, a former companion of the outlaw; Beth Green, reputed wife of a slain

bound for a spot near Fort Wayne, Ind., where John Dillinger was reported in hiding. Mr. Purvis would not discuss the raid.

Watch for Dillinger at Fort Wayne.

By The Associated Press.

FORT WAYNE Ind., April 28.—Strict secrecy surrounded movements of Federal agents here tonight in connection with the report that John Dillinger and some of his companions in crime may be in hiding in this city.

It is known that Federal officers have been watching a spot in Fort Wayne for several days but they have refused to reveal its location. Reports tonight were that twenty-five Federal officers had been assembled here.

One Federal officer admitted this evening that he had passed on some information today to his superiors in South Bend. When asked if it might have been sufficiently "hot" to have been sent on to Department of Justice agents at Chicago he said that "was possible."

NEW THREAT TO GOV. WHITE.

Tip Says Dillinger Men Mean to Seize Him and Daughter.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 28 (AP).—A supposedly "inside tip" was communicated to Governor George White today that members of the Dillinger gang had established a "headquarters" here and planned to kidnap the Governor and his daughter, Mary.

The Governor, declining to disclose the source of his information, asserted that no additional guards would be placed about the executive mansion, where two guardsmen have been on duty nightly since before Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Makley were brought to the Ohio penitentiary.

Pierpont and Makley are to die in the electric chair July 13 for the slaying of Sheriff Jesse L. Barber during a raid on the Allen County jail Oct. 12, when Dillinger was liberated. Clark drew a life sentence for his part in the killing.

The tip was the second report within eleven days that Dillinger's gang had designs on Ohio's official family. On April 16 the Governor disclosed that he had received an anonymous letter containing a threat that he would not live to the end of his term of office (Jan. 1) unless he pardoned the three murderers.

Today's tip said that several members of Dillinger's gang have come to Columbus to survey the field.

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5 Jailed in Bremer Case; Politician Called 'Brains'

J. J. McLaughlin, Old Time Boss, Held in \$100,000 Bond—His Son Also Seized—Gambler Gives Tip.

U. S. Agents Secretive on Identity of Pair Arrested Late Saturday—Silent on Barker, Karpis Rumor.

Chicago, April 28.—(P)—An old time political boss, John J. McLaughlin was dubbed by the government Saturday as the "brains" of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping plot and with his own accuser was put away for trial at St. Paul while hopeful federal agents hunted his treasure boxes for the missing Bremer fortune.

The 66-year-old former legislator weakly protested, overwhelmed by the sudden whirl of events that put him behind federal bars in \$100,000 bond as the accused master mind of a midwestern kidnaping ring.

His son Jack was seized on the floor of the Board of Trade. Department of justice men said they were convinced McLaughlin and his accomplices still held most of the \$200,000 collected from Edward Bremer after his abduction January 17, and they believed the 17-year-old son had the keys to his safety deposit boxes.

Papers Found in Hat.
Jack, an employe of a grain company, was held without charge, and federal operatives who took him in were reported to have discovered a sheaf of papers secreted in the lining of his hat.

Two others, their identities closely guarded by federal agents, were taken into custody late Saturday in the same case.

Melvin H. Purvis, head of the local office of the United States bureau of investigation, refused to comment in any manner upon reports that the two last apprehended were Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, fugitive members of the Dillinger gang already identified

by agents as wanted in the Bremer case.

Purvis even refused to disclose whether the prisoners were men or women. Reports that the two were arrested in or near Freeport, Ill., could not be verified by local officers there.

The man who sent the officers after McLaughlin was William E. Vidler, the gambler in whose pockets justice department agents said they found \$2,865 of the \$5 and \$10 Bremer ransom bills. He, too was arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker and put away under the prohibitive \$100,000 bond for a removal hearing May 7, when witnesses from St. Paul must appear against both men.

Believed 'Brains.'
"We have information," said Prosecutor Leo J. Hassenauer, "that McLaughlin was the 'brains' of the kidnaping plot, even if he himself did not personally participate in the kidnaping. We believe that he may still have in his possession the un-found portion of the ransom."

The warrants specifically charged conspiracy to possess portions of the ransom, offenses in violation of the Lindbergh federal kidnaping act.

McLaughlin was already under \$25,000 bond on a federal indictment charging him with a part in the \$250,000 Chicago mail robbery of December 6, 1932, when Edward Bremer, the St. Paul banker was snatched last January 17 by kidnapers who nabbed him in his own car as he stopped for a traffic light. Bremer was a captive 23 days before the ransom was collected and the band turned him loose near Rochester, Minn.

McLaughlin, an old-timer among political bosses of the west side, was for years a member of the Illinois state legislature, a reputed payroller sans portfolio in the grafting era of the Chicago sanitary district, and linked with the late Edgar B. Lebensberger, who killed himself the day they were indicted, in disposing of the quarter million loot gathered from registered mail sacks at Clark and Adams streets 17 months ago.

"Who, me?" was the general reaction of McLaughlin as he emerged from a day in secret custody of the government. Agents of Melvin Purvis, chief of the bureau of investigation here, had grabbed him home Friday, directed to him by

He told newspapermen of his arrest and questioning in an air filled with ruckiness and hurt innocent.

Talk of Blow on Jaw.
"They came into my home and turned the place upside down," he said. "But they didn't find any Bremer money, because I never had any. Finally about 8 p. m. they took me downtown and began questioning me. They kept me up all night and only gave me some coffee. The agents kept calling up Purvis and reporting. When I wouldn't tell them what I couldn't tell them, one of them hit me in the jaw."

With a wounded look he reached into his pocket, withdrew a tooth and showed his listeners the vacancy it used to fill.

"I wasn't in St. Paul at the time of the Bremer kidnaping," he resumed. "I don't know anything about it. It costs money to get out of town after a job like that and I haven't any money."

Admits Knowing Vidler.
He admitted having known Vidler, an slot machine operator and bookie—McLaughlin is reported to have turned from politics to gambling in late years—but insisted he had never been his partner in any trade and had no share in the

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gaming house where Vidler was seized.

Harold Nathan, personnel director of the department of justice and aid to J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, reached Chicago during the day to direct the Bremer ransom investigation.

Hassenauer asked the federal commissioner to hold McLaughlin in \$200,000 bond, asserting he had good reason to believe the \$197,335 still missing of Bremer's ransom was within reach of McLaughlin and his alleged confederates.

Joseph R. Roach, McLaughlin's attorney, protested that \$200,000 would be excessive, and when the commissioner set the bond at \$100,000 said McLaughlin couldn't raise that much money.

Prosecutor Hassenauer said he expected indictments to be returned shortly against McLaughlin and Vidler at St. Paul.

Vidler, as he left the courtroom for the county jail, gave a vehement denial that he was aware of the kidnaping plot.

"If I knew that money was part of the ransom," he insisted, "I would have had nothing to do with it. I would be foolish to handle it. When it was handed to me, I thought perhaps it might be a bit shady, but I wouldn't have had anything to do with it if I had known it came from that snatch. I've got two kids myself and would rather die than go in on a kidnaping."

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U.S. Seizes 'Boss' McLaughlin in Bremer Abduction Plot; Charges Ransom Cash Deal

Jailed After Failure
to Put Up Bail
of \$100,000.

FOUR ACCUSED

Dillinger Gangster
and Two Mystery
Men Quizzed.

Charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former legislator and reputed gambling chief, was held in the county jail last night, unable to post \$100,000 bond.

Named with him on the charge and held under like bond was William E. Vidler, ex-convict and Dillinger gangster, who was arrested here Thursday night and found to have \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money in \$5 and \$10 bills.

CLUES TO ROBBERY.

At the same time, federal agents took two additional suspects into custody here, but would not reveal their identities.

Federal agents said they believed Bremer was kidnaped to provide a defense fund for McLaughlin and others under indictment for the \$237,000 robbery of a bank messenger and two guards near the federal building in December, 1932.

Edgar B. Lebensberger, once-wealthy night club prince, committed suicide—or was murdered—on the morning that the federal grand jury was indicting him for having or selling part of that loot. Gus Winkler, North Side gambling boss and associate of Lebensberger in the swank 225 Club, was slain soon afterward.

McLaughlin was accused of having engaged with Lebensberger and Winkler in disposing of the stolen bonds.

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government to bring witnesses here from St. Paul, it became evident that Chicago had become the center of the Bremer investigation.

Harold Nathan, first assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, came to the city to assume full command of the Chicago phase of the case. He has been in charge of the case ever since Bremer was kidnaped last January and held twenty-two days.

Hardly had his arrival here become known than McLaughlin's son, John J. Jr., was taken in custody on the floor of the Board of Trade, where he is employed by a grain company.

The 17-year-old youth was taken to the office of Melvin Purvis, chief of the local investigation bureau, presumably to be asked about a safety deposit box and a bank account which his father said he had.

LINKED TO RANSOM.

Significance of the government's interest in the safety box was seen during the hearing before Commissioner Walker when First Assistant U. S. Attorney Leo J. Hassenaer, seeking \$200,000 bond for McLaughlin and Vidler, said:

"The government has reason to believe that a large amount of the Bremer ransom money was passed by McLaughlin and others and that a large part of it still remains in possession or control of McLaughlin.

"I believe a \$200,000 bond should be set. Such bail was fixed in the Touhy gang kidnaping case, and \$100,000 in the case of Verne Sankey (suspect in the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher of Denver, since a suicide.)"

Joseph R. Roach, counsel for McLaughlin, then declared:

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CONFESSES HANDLING THE BREMER RANSOM.
 John J. (Boss) McLaughlin (right), who confessed yesterday to handling \$53,000 ransom money, with his son, John Jr., who faces similar charge. *(Story on page 1.)*

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IN KIDNAPING CASE,
 Phillip Delaney, held with

"Boss" McLaughlin and
son - Bremer deal.
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(Same Photos.)

CONVICTS ESCAPE.

A. R. Koontz, Rufus Deeds,
Martin Schmidt (top to
bottom), flee Ohio prison.

11 Accused in Kidnaping of Bremer, U. S. Hearing on McLaughlin Discloses

Eleven persons are charged with kidnaping or conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was revealed today before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at a hearing to remove John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former state representative, to St. Paul to answer the charge.

The hearing, although short, was marked by a number of bitter clashes between Leo J. Hassenauer, first assistant district attorney, and William C. Parrillo of defense counsel. The case was continued until later today to give attorneys an opportunity to examine the indictment which had been suppressed when it was returned at St. Paul.

Accused in Indictment.

Those accused in the indictment are: Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpin, and Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, charged with the actual kidnaping, and with conspiracy to kidnap those charged are: McLaughlin, his son, John Jr., Phil Delaney and William E. Vidler, four held in high bail here.

New faces in the picture as revealed by the indictment are: Frankie Wright, Roy Gray, alias "Slim," alias Mr. Smith; Izzy, alias Mr. Jones, and two unidentified men, called in the indictment John Doe and Richard Roe.

Description of Accused Men.

Joe Doe is described in the indictment as a man of 30 to 35, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexion; Richard Roe, 40, well built, sandy hair, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; "Izzy" or "Mr. Jones," as 5 feet 9 inches, 170 pounds, 45 to 50 years old, pock-marked cheeks and a large nose.

Roe and Doe, the indictment charges, seized Bremer in Minneapolis Jan. 17 and took him in his own car to 1910 East Edgcomb road, at which point they transferred him to another car and took him to an unnamed point in Wisconsin where they forced him to write contact letters.

Karpis, the indictment charges, purchased signal flash lights used on the highway near Zumbrota, Minn., on Feb. 5 in making contact. Barker and others are charged with being the ones to return Bremer to Minnesota for his release, at Rochester Feb. 7.

The four persons held here are charged with conspiring with Wright, Gray and "Izzy" to dispose of the ransom money.

St. Paul," observed Mr. Hassenauer, a bit tartly.

Demands Turn About.

"There'll be no removal to St. Paul if I can help it," shouted Mr. Parrillo. "The government asked a week's continuance at the first hearing and we didn't object. Now you bring an indictment and give us a chance to read it but no chance to plan a defense. Here my client has been pushed around by a lot of Keystone coppers masquerading as federal agents and I think I should be given a chance to defend him."

"The issue here is a simple one," observed Mr. Keenan.

"Well, it's not that simple," said Mr. Parrillo.

The commissioner shut down on the verbal fireworks and continued the case until later this afternoon.

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Denies Any Confession.

McLaughlin, before the hearing opened, made indignant denial of a statement by Melvin H. Purvis, local chief of the United States division of investigation, that McLaughlin had "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 paid by Bremer's people as ransom money.

"I never confessed anything," said the "Boss" as he waited in the marshal's bull pen. "I had nothing to confess. I know nothing of the kidnaping."

Shortly after McLaughlin, his son, Vidler and Delaney moved on into Commissioner Walker's chamber surrounded by a score of deputy marshals under the direction of Marshal H. C. W. Laubheimer.

Attorney General's Aid Present.

Assistant Attorney-General Joseph B. Keenan, in charge of the criminal division of the attorney-general's office, was present and now and then whispered a suggestion to Mr. Hassenauer.

Attorney Parrillo asked for a continuance of a week or two to study the indictment.

"I need time to arrange for a defense," he said.

"You can make your defense in

ADMITS PASSING BREMER RANSOM

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McLaughlin Admits He Handled \$53,000 of Money Paid in St. Paul Kidnaping.

Chicago Telegram

By the United Press
CHICAGO, April 30.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, reputed Chicago gambling lord and former State legislator, today confessed to handing \$53,000 of the ransom money paid for release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, the Department of Justice announced.

While one section of the Justice Department was obtaining the statement of guilt from McLaughlin, other agents searched for three Oklahoma gangsters, allegedly allied with John Dillinger, who are believed to have engineered the actual abduction of Bremer.

Confesses Before Son.
Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Department of Investigation here, told newspaper men that McLaughlin made a detailed confession stating that he knew the money was "hot" and had come from the Bremer abduction.

The confession was made, Purvis said, in the presence of the politician's 17-year-old son, John J., Jr., and Philip Delaney, a hotel bartender.

Warrants charging the son and Delaney with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping will be filed late today, Purvis said.

\$3,400 Recovered.
Delaney, who was arrested with young McLaughlin Saturday, but was held incommunicado over the week-end while the government built up its case, confessed, accord-

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ADMITS PASSING BREMER RANSOM

Chicago Telegram

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ing government agents, to handing \$4,000 of the \$53,000 of ransom money turned over to McLaughlin.

Purvis said he has recovered \$3,400 of the \$53,000 of ransom money which McLaughlin confessed to passing throughout Chicago.

He intimated to newspaper men that he had important clues to the remaining \$147,000 of ransom money unaccounted for.

McLaughlin's son, arrested Saturday at a grain broker's office in the Loop where he was employed as a messenger boy, had \$85 of the ransom money on his person when seized by government agents, it was announced. In addition to the \$85 he had \$390 in other money.

Also under arrest in connection with the passing of ransom money is William A. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested last week in a bookmaker's establishment by government officers who took a large amount of the Bremer money from him.

Vidler was understood to have involved McLaughlin in the round-up.

Members of the District Attorney's staff called McLaughlin the brains of the kidnaping, but have not connected him with the actual abduction.

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\$53,000 WENT THROUGH HIS HANDS

Gambler's Son, 17, and 2 Men Held by U. S. Agents; Mead, Swindler, Is Hunted

CHICAGO, April 30 (L.N.S.). John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin admitted today that \$53,000 of the ransom money paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, went through his hands, Melvin H. Purvis, Department of Justice investigator, disclosed today.

Another prisoner, Philip Delaney, Chicago barkeeper, Purvis said, admitted he had passed \$24,000 of this money.

His Son Also Held

Purvis would disclose no other details of the admission by McLaughlin and Delaney other than to say that both men, arrested last week in connection with the kidnaping, said they had handled the money.

McLaughlin's arrest followed the seizure of William Vidler in a Chicago racehorse booking place. He was found to have \$2,665 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money on his person. Also held by Federal operatives are McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, Jack, and two other men whose names are being closely guarded.

McLaughlin, a former Illinois legislator, gambler, and political chieftain, is held on \$100,000 bond. Meanwhile, William E. Mead, notorious swindler, was sought by Federal agents here as they pushed

naping. Mead's arrest was ordered, it was learned, because Federal operatives believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer.

Mead, who has served prison sentences in California, Colorado and Florida, entered the investigation of the Bremer case as a suspect of the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, of at least \$50,000, it was learned.

How They Got Him

It was also learned that Mr. Wunderlich was lured to South Bend, Ind., by the confidence men, supposedly to arrange a business deal. While waiting for one of the principals to the deal, who the confidence men said had been suddenly called to Washington, Mr. Wunderlich was introduced to a "Kentucky Colonel" familiar with systems to beat the horse races. After a day or so of moderate winnings, the "colonel" announced arrangement of a "killing." The swindlers announced to Mr. Wunderlich that they had won \$900,000. But the gamblers refused to pay, off until they were assured Mr. Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

With one of the conspirators, said to have been Mead, Mr. Wunderlich went to St. Louis and borrowed a large sum of money from Mr. Bremer. He took the money to South Bend and that was the last he saw of it and of his friends.

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ADMITS HANDLING BREMER RANSOM

McLaughlin Confesses He Had \$53,000 of Sum Collected.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, April 30.—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the ransom collected from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed today.

McLaughlin was held in \$100,000 bond Saturday for removal to St. Paul for trial under the "Lindbergh" kidnaping act.

His arrest followed the recovery of \$2,665 in \$5 and \$10 bills identified as part of the ransom money. The "hot" currency was found on William K. Vidler, a gambler, last Thursday.

Fear in U. S. Custody.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Bureau of Investigation, announced McLaughlin had made a full confession of his part in the disposition of portions of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Bremer's freedom after 23 days a captive of kidnapers.

Four men were in Federal custody—McLaughlin and Vidler already arraigned, and two others awaiting issuance of warrants charging them also with conspiracy.

Purvis said the Government had recovered \$3,400 of the ransom. They found \$85 of it Saturday on young Jack McLaughlin, 17-year-old son of the erstwhile West Side political boss, Purvis said. Still more was found in possession of Phillip Delaney, whose arrest in McLaughlin's home at the same time the "boss" was seized became known only today.

Delaney, the fourth accused of conspiring in the disposition of the ransom, was alleged to have handled \$24,000 of the money that passed through McLaughlin's hands.

Ex-Convicts Hunted.

The Government is hunting two Oklahoma ex-convicts, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, as the actual abductors of the St. Paul banker.

A report that the pair had been seen in secret custody of Purvis over the week end was denied by Federal officers.

Meanwhile, a master swindler was sought by Federal agents in a fresh angle of the search for the kidnapers of Bremer.

The hunter "went to mind" was reported to have duped a friend of (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

'BOSS' M'LAUGHLIN ADMITS HANDLING BREMER RANSOM

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Bremer out of \$50,000. Agents declined to reveal the identity of either man. The victim, reputed to be a St. Paul contractor, was recorded simply as "Mr. W."

The Government theory is that the swindlers met their victim about a year ago in a South Bend, Ind., hotel. The leader of the confidence men told him of an acquaintance who had won large sums on horse races by wire tapping.

The swindlers and the victim allegedly "won" approximately \$500,000 before the supposed bookmaker asked for evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. The victim is supposed to have called upon Bremer in St. Paul, obtaining \$50,000, which he carried back to South Bend. That was the end of the money, as far as he was concerned.

Agents said that then the swindlers passed along word that Bremer had money and the kidnapers seized him January 17. He was released after payment of \$200,000.

Delaney, under the Federal theory of the plot, was given the \$24,000 by McLaughlin to pass around Chicago. The money trickled away into circulation through purchases made by the conspirators or exchange for good money.

McLaughlin was named by Purvis as one of the chief distributors of the "pot" taken from Bremer. He was already afraid of Federal law when they nabbed him at his home. McLaughlin had been indicted months ago as a "fence" for the mail robbers who made a quarter-million-dollar haul of registered mail sacks across the street from the Chicago Post Office December 6, 1932.

His son, Jack, had \$390 when seized on the floor of the Board of Trade Saturday, but only \$85 of it was recognized as part of Bremer's pay-off.

Purvis was chary of details. He refused to make public the verbatim statement of McLaughlin. He was silent to questions about the report that William Eimer Mead, an ex-convict and swindler, was entangled in the plot.

An income tax lien for \$80,908 was filed against Mead today by Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue. Mead is being sought for the alleged swindling of \$50,000 from Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City (Mo.) contractor, and it was reported here that Wunderlich had borrowed that amount from Bremer shortly before the kidnaping.

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Bremer Kidnap Probers Race Gangland Guns

Fear Suspects May Be Slain to Keep Secret of Ransom.

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"money" ring operated in several cities for years. The ring is accused of disposing of ransom monies, stolen bonds, securities and specie to an estimated total of \$50,000,000.

Authorities, pursuing the Bremer clues, recalled the deaths of Edgar Lebensberger, proprietor of a swanky night club; of Gus Winkler, dapper gangster, and two others. Lebensberger was found shot to death in his near North Side apartment, apparently a suicide, on the same day he was named in secret indictments along with several others charging possession of part of the \$250,000 taken in a loop mail robbery.

Slain Because He 'Talked.'

Lebensberger reputedly had "talked" concerning the same "hot money" ring authorities are reputedly tracking down in the Bremer case. A few days after Lebensberger's death, Winkler was ambushed and slain. He also "talked" with the Federal men.

Indicted in the mail robbery was John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, once a Chicago political power. Two men who might have been witnesses against him were slain mysteriously. And now McLaughlin is one of the five held in connection with the \$200,000 Bremer paid after his abduction January 17.

The arrest of McLaughlin, authorities asserted, likely would lead to uncovering of brokers who aided

the underworld in disposal of ransom money and stolen securities, much of it for as little as 40 cents on the dollar.

Federal agents disclosed a new ramification of the Bremer kidnap hunt tonight with word they believed linked it with an hitherto undisclosed \$50,000 swindle of one of Bremer's friends.

The agents were seeking the master confidence man in Chicago, but refused to reveal the name of his victim. They said, however, he was a Twin City contractor.

Melvin H. Purvis, local head of the Bureau of Investigation, and Harold Nathan, of its Washington office, directed the hunt and investigators expressed belief that the swindler, a reputedly well-connected Chicagoan, had furnished information to the gang which led to the actual abduction of young Bremer last January.

Linked to Kidnaping.

According to the Government theory, the swindlers and their victim met about a year ago in a hotel in South Bend. There he was introduced to the leader of the confidence men who informed him of large sums some of his acquaintances had won on horse races by wire tapping.

In a feverish session, the swindlers and the Twin City contractor allegedly "won" some \$800,000 before the supposed bookmaker demanded evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. Then, the Twin City man, according to the agents' theory, went to St. Paul and called upon his friend, young Bremer, for aid. Back to South Bend he went with \$50,000, the agents were informed, and that was the last he saw of his money.

But the swindlers, according to the information given agents, passed the word of the wealth of the Bremers and the kidnaping followed.

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Gang Guns Menace Bremer Kidnap Quiz



Wide World Photo.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, who is being held as the "brains" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Chicago, April 29 (AP).—Federal agents raced the underworld today in efforts to apprehend the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, whose freedom early this year cost \$200,000.

Authorities with five persons in custody in the case here—two of whose identities were shrouded in mystery—~~thought~~ they were fearful gangland guns might get to

others they seek before they could be arrested or make any disclosures to the investigators.

Fears for the safety of those who might talk about Bremer ransom money apparently were well founded. The authorities based them on the connection they believe exists between the Bremer kidnapers and the ramifications of a huge "hot

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Chicago Political Leader Reveals He Handled Kidnap Cash

Agents Believe McLaughlin Was 'Brains' of Bremer Case; on Trail of Actual Abductors

CHICAGO — John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, reputed Chicago gambling lord and former state legislator, today confessed to handling \$53,000 of the ransom money paid for release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, the Department of Justice announced.

The confession was the latest development in the war of the Government against John Dillinger and his henchmen.

While one section of the Justice Department was obtaining the statement of guilt from McLaughlin other agents searched for three Oklahoma gangsters, allegedly allied with Dillinger, who are believed to have engineered the actual abduction of Bremer.

KNEW MONEY WAS 'HOT'

McLaughlin admitted that he knew the money was "hot" and had come from the Bremer abduction.

His 17-year-old son, John J. Jr., and Philip Delaney, a hotel bartender, also arrested, face charges of conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping will be filed late today, it was said.

Delaney allegedly confessed to handling \$24,000 of the \$53,000 of ransom money turned over to McLaughlin.

Agents intimated that there were important clues to the remaining \$147,000 of ransom money unaccounted for.

THOUGHT BRAINS OF CASE

Also under arrest in connection with the passing of ransom money is William A. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested last week in a bookmakers' establishment by Government officers who took a large amount of the Bremer money from him.

Vidler was understood to have involved McLaughlin in the roundup.

Members of the district attorney's staff called McLaughlin the "brains" of the kidnaping but have not connected him with the actual abduction.

Federal agents also sought William E. (Christian Kid) ... notorious swindler, as the "finger man" in the abduction.

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U. S. Takes Trail Of Kidnaping 'Hot Money' Changers



International News Photograph Service
J. J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN

CHICAGO, April 29 (U.S.)—A national ring of "hot money changers," dealing in cash taken as ransom in kidnapings and in bank robberies, was being investigated by the U. S. Secret Service unit here, it was disclosed today.

Federal agents are running down reports that John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, arrested in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., may know something of the activities of the "ransom ring." Bremer's family paid \$200,000 to the kidnapers. Arrest of a man here with \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money on him led to the arrest of McLaughlin, long a power in Democratic politics in Illinois.

New York, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth and Dallas were said to be among the cities where Federal operatives have instituted an undercover hunt for the "hot money" men. The annual business done by the ring was said to exceed \$500,000,000.

Ordinarily the recovery of kidnap ransom funds is about 65 per cent of the whole. Government sources reveal, and usually this money comes from direct recovery and undisclosed channels.

Capt. Thomas J. Callaghan, head of the Secret Service unit, Federal agents raced to many places to protect, by capture, alleged underworld characters whose death they feared on account of their relations with the money changers' ring.

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100 Million for Expansion of Federal Loan Agencies Explained.

Washington, April 29. — (AP) — Some 300 million dollars of new money has become available under the Home Owners Loan act for modernization and new building of American homes.

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Ohio Prison Trio Escape Over Wall

Pistol Takes Men Through Guards Added to Keep Dillinger Outside.

Columbus, Ohio, April 29. — (AP) — Three convicts escaped today over the walls of Ohio penitentiary despite the strong guard that has been installed to prevent any attempt to deliver three Dillinger mobsters.

The convicts terrorized eighteen men, forcing prison officials and guards to submit to a smuggled automatic pistol, and collected a shotgun, a gas gun and a rifle in their escape.

Chicagoan Furnished Necessary Details to Gang That Abducted St. Paul Man, Federal Officials Assert.

KILLING OF MOBSTERS WHO 'TALK' FEARED

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New York, April 29.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia told the police force today how to deal with crooks who shoot down officers.

"Out where I was raised," he said, speaking of his boyhood in the West, "we didn't have much of a police department. Our sheriff was quick on the trigger—if you got what I mean."

And 2,000 policemen attending the annual communion breakfast of the Police Department Holy Name society of Brooklyn and Queens applauded.

"Two policemen were shot down in cold blood, one killed and the other seriously wounded," he said, referring to a recent pistol fight on Broadway. "Are you going to stand for that? You'll have to find the men who shot these officers."

"Every crook must be made to know that there will be no compromise with organized crime. Let the word go out to every crook to keep out of New York—that it's unhealthy here."

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Mrs. Nelson, whose youthful husband was blamed by a coroner's jury as the killer of Federal Agent W. Carter Baum of Chicago in last Sunday night's skirmish, is the mother of two children.

Carroll's sweetheart is a St. Paul girl named Delaney. She is the sister-in-law of Pat Riley, former mascot for the St. Paul American Association Baseball team. Riley is sought by the government for questioning in connection with the Dillinger hunt.

It was Van Meter's "girl friend", the third woman held in jail here, who made arrangements for rental of an apartment at 3300 Fremont avenue south, Minneapolis, which was one of the hideouts used by the Dillinger mobsters. She used the name of "Oberg" at the time of the rental. All gave fictitious names when arrested in Mercer.

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They went up the wall on a ladder, a helpless guard standing by, on the pretense they were to fix a searchlight, disarmed the wall guard, slipped to the street with a cable, and drove away in a small car with three men who had been waiting for them. Not a shot was fired.

Theodore G. Rossmann, a Federal employe working as a field representative and payroll inspector for the FERA, saw the trio sliding down the cable and started toward one of them in his car.

Menaced with the shotgun in the hands of another, he halted, watched the three climb into the car and whirl away.

The men in the waiting auto, he said, had sub-machine guns.

Reports to Columbus police indicated the convicts changed routes twice in their flight.

The men are Rufus Deeds, 40 years old, a robber; Arthur R. Koontz, 40, automobile thief, and Martin Schmidt, 37, a robber.

Warden Preston E. Thomas laid down a net of Ohio peace officers, using the state highway patrol station to broadcast the warning, as the trio was reported to have fled north.

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ST. CLOUD POLICEMAN SLAIN; SUSPECT HELD

Murderer Approaches Officer From Rear and Fires Through Heart.

St. Cloud, Minn., April 29.—A 22-year-old youth who gave his name as Walter Hornstein of Bemidji was in jail here tonight, believed by police to have been responsible for the slaying of Patrolman Fred W. Nolan, 44 years old, who was shot down without apparent motive a few hours earlier.

Questions by Police Chief Ed Erick, close personal friend of the slain patrolman, Hornstein refused to answer queries.

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The agents revealed that a search was on for a master confidence man in Chicago. Authorities, however, refused to reveal the name of Bremer's victimized friend and said he was listed on government reports merely as "Mr. W."

Melvin H. Purvis, head of the local office of the United States bureau of investigation, and Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the National bureau at Washington, directed the search for the notorious confidence man, reputed to be "well connected" and the owner of two buildings.

Investigators expressed the belief that the swindlers of "Mr. W." were the ones who furnished necessary information concerning Bremer to the gang that abducted him.

Five Held in Abduction.

Meanwhile, with five persons held, four on charges of conspiracy to obtain ransom money, the agents scoured the Midwest for others sought in the case, racing to make arrests before gangland guns could silence those who might "talk."

As to the swindling of the contractor it was understood that about a year ago certain swindlers made his acquaintance. One of the gang said that his father-in-law was a state engineer in Indiana and had charge of letting contracts. He suggested it would be a good thing for the contractor to meet the father-in-law and a planned meeting was arranged at South Bend.

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Meanwhile, as details of the swindle were disclosed, Federal agents worked to uncover the ramifications of a huge "hot money" tag, said by agents to have been operating in several cities for years to dispose of ransom moneys, stolen bonds, and other "hot" specie and securities. The ring, the agents said, handled over a long period an estimated \$3 million dollars.

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M'LAUGHLIN HANDLED CASH; KIDNAPING IS LINKED WITH \$200,000 WUNDERLICH PLOT

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician and gambling overlord, confessed today to handling \$53,000 in Bremer ransom money, as federal agents sought William E. (Christian Kid) Mead, notorious Chicago swindler, as "finger man" and "Sioux City Whitey, former St. Paul gambler, for questioning.

Developments in the federal government's crime clean-up were:

McLaughlin's confession.
Confession, also, of Philip Delaney, Chicago hotel bartender, that he had passed \$24,000 of the Bremer bills turned over to him by McLaughlin.

Statement of Melvin Purvis, Chicago chief of the federal department of justice, that warrants charging Delaney and John J. McLaughlin, Jr., with conspiracy, will be issued.

Announcement of Chicago federal agents that Mead is being sought as the "finger man" who "spotted" Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, prior to his abduction and later release after \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Linking the Bremer case with the \$200,000 swindling of Martin Wunderlich, wealthy contractor of St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., last spring through identification of Mead as the author of the confidence game.

Report that "Sioux City Whitey," who for several months last year operated a gambling game in the heart of St. Paul loop district, had been named as go-between through which Mead made contact with Mr. Wunderlich.

Belief of federal agents that the Bremer "snatching" was the result of information which Mead gained during the Wunderlich swindle.

"Sioux City Whitey," who for many months last year operated a gambling house in the heart of St. Paul's loop district, is reported to have been the go-between by which Mead became acquainted with Mr. Wunderlich and induced him to bet \$20,000 on a "cinch" horse race after getting him to withdraw the money from St. Paul banks in order to take on some Indiana road grading contracts.

"Sioux City Whitey" maintained an account and a savings deposit box at the Commercial State Bank, headed by Mr. Bremer.

At the time of the swindle Mr. Wunderlich had between \$300,000 and \$400,000 on deposit and in safety deposit boxes at that bank.

He withdrew \$200,000 in cash in the spring of last year to take care of the Indiana road contract proposition, investigation is said to have revealed.

A delay occurred in the transaction, in which Mead is alleged to have been involved, during which time Mr. Wunderlich and others are supposed to have waited at a Chicago hotel for the return from Washington of an Indiana state highway official. During the wait the horse racing proposition bobbed up. Mr. Wunderlich was induced to bet the \$200,000 on a horse that was "cinched" to win, and the horse came in second.

"Sioux City Whitey" fled St. Paul about the time of the Bremer kidnaping after allegedly obtaining several thousand dollars from "friends" and partners. These individuals still are looking for him.

Three Oklahoma outlaws were sought as the actual leaders of the kidnaping. They were Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and his brother, Fred Barker. This trio was linked by fingerprints with a gang which now includes the notorious Dillinger and his lieutenants, Homer Van Meter and John Hamilton.

Once a prominent West Side Democratic politician, McLaughlin is not unfamiliar with federal investigations.

When he was arraigned Saturday on conspiracy to kidnap charges and bond set at \$100,000, he revealed he could not make the bond, partly because of another bond of \$40,000 under which he had been free on charges of leading a nation-wide stolen bond disposal system.

Mead Head Of Gang.

Mead was described by police as the head of the most successful gang of confidence men in the country. He is said to own two Chicago buildings and to have made his headquarters there.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the federal department of justice bureau of investigations here and Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the national bureau at Washington, led the drive. Nathan personally directed the major part of the early investigation in the Bremer case. He flew to Chicago over the weekend from Washington.

McLaughlin's affairs in Chicago have been connected in late years with the activities of Ted Newberry and Gus Winkler, former leaders in gambling and gangsterism, federal agents said. When he was a political leader, his efforts many times resulted in the release of criminals, it was charged.

McLaughlin was indicted last fall on charges of furnishing the means for the disposal of \$250,000 of bonds stolen in a Chicago loop mail robbery on Dec. 6, 1932. He was described as the head of a nationwide system of fences. His son's arrest came after he had been questioned about his affairs. His mention of his son's safe deposit box was believed to have led to the youth's arrest. Young McLaughlin is 17.

Vidler, presumably, identified McLaughlin as the source of \$2,665 of the ransom money which was found on him. The other two men were held all day Sunday while agents questioned them in secrecy.

Results In One Suicide.

Bremer was kidnaped last Jan. 17 and held until Feb. 8 after \$200,000 ransom was paid. He has since been threatened with harm to his daughter unless he makes another contribution to a gang fund.

McLaughlin was believed to be pressed for funds to fight his bond disposal ring case, federal attorneys said. The development of the bond case was believed to have suffered setbacks with the suicide of Edward B. Lebensberger, wealthy night club owner, last fall and the murder of G's Winkler, gang chieftain, shortly afterwards. Both men had been understood to be ready to turn federal evidence against McLaughlin.

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Federal agents disclosed a new ramification of the Bremer kidnap hunt with word they believed it linked it with an hitherto undisclosed \$50,000 swindle of one of Bremer's friends, a Twin City contractor.

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Investigators expressed belief that the swindler, a reputedly well connected Chicagoan, had furnished information to the gang which led to the actual abduction of young Bremer last January.

According to the Government theory, the swindlers and their victim met about a year ago in a hotel in South Bend, Ind.

Went to Get Money.

The swindlers and the dupe allegedly "won" some \$900,000 before the supposed bookmaker demanded evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. Then, the Twin City man, according to the agents' theory, went to St. Paul and obtained from his friend, young Bremer, \$50,000. The money was posted and that was the last he saw of it.

But the swindlers, according to information given agents, passed the word of the wealth of the Bremers to the kidnapers who seized him Jan. 17.

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DILLINGER MOLL YIELDS BREMER KIDNAP MONEY

CHICAGO, April 27.—Upwards of \$40,000 ransom money paid by the family of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnap victim, has been recovered, and one of the money passers is in custody, it was reported today.

Information from sources close to the Bremer family was received here today that at least \$40,000 was taken in the Spider Lake, Wis., lodge room, which John Dillinger and his gang escaped Sunday night.

The money was left in an overnight case belonging to one of the three girls arrested after Dillinger fled. The girls are now prisoners in the Madison, Wis., jail.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said there was no truth in the report from St. Paul so far as he knew.

But from other reliable sources the claim was made that the money, all corresponding to serial numbers of currency paid to the kidnapers, has been recovered, and that action by the Bremer family to recover it was planned.

One arrest here by Federal agents led to the recovery of \$2,665 in Bremer money.

William E. Vidler, 34, a former convict, was captured by Federal agents in a racehorse handbook office. He had \$3,185 in cash, and of that amount \$2,665 was ransom money paid by the Bremers.

Authorities believe Vidler is possibly a "passer" of the funds for the Dillinger gang, or for Alvin

Karpis and "Doc" and Fred Barker, alleged Bremer kidnapers.

Reports from St. Paul indicate that fingerprints found in the Spider Lake Lodge coincide with those recorded during the investigation of the Bremer case.

Seizure of a safety deposit box in St. Paul, owned by Beth Green, wife of the slain Gene Green, Dillinger henchman, disclosed \$3,665 in currency, some of which is said also to be Bremer ransom money. The remainder was identified as money taken in a bank robbery in South Dakota.

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KIDNAP MONEY GANG HUNTED

CHICAGO, April 30.—A national ring of "hot money changers," dealing in cash taken as ransom in kidnappings and in bank robberies, is being investigated by the U. S. Secret Service unit here, it was disclosed today.

Federal agents are running down reports that John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, arrested in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., may know something of the activities of the "ransom ring."

Bremer's family paid \$200,000 for his release. Arrest of a man here with \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money on him led to the arrest of McLaughlin, long a power in Democratic politics in Illinois. Search for a third man has been started.

New York, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth and Dallas were said to be among the cities where Federal operatives have instituted an undercover hunt for the "hot money" men. The annual business done by the ring was said to exceed \$500,000,000.

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Gangster Plot To Slay Bremer Kidnapers Seen

U. S. Agents Fear 'Hot Money Ring' Plans Killings to Prevent Disclosures

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Mystery Cloaks Identity of Two Held in Abduction

By The Associated Press

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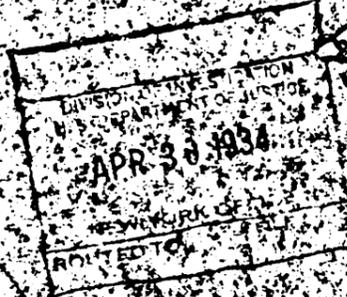
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June Robles's Grandfather and Friend Go to Santa Ana



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John J. McLaughlin being fingerprinted by Marshal Ben Goldberg

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BREMER SUSPECT



SUAVE—John McLaughlin, Chicago politician, remains suave in face of charges linking him to Bremer kidnap gang.



INQUIRING — McLaughlin seems to inquire why he and his son should be held in jail.



SKEPTICAL — "They're dreaming" is McLaughlin's answer to "hot money ring" charges by Department of Justice agents.

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CHICAGO TRAILS BREMER CLUES

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SWINDLE LINKS DILLINGER AIDS TO BREMER CASE

Banker's Friend Is Victim of Plot.

Chicago operatives of the department of justice ordered the arrest yesterday of William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, as they followed a thread in the tangled skein which involves the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for desperado Dillinger's gang. Mead is wanted because federal agents believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger as a liaison, to Banker Bremer as a likely ransom prospect. The order for his arrest followed the seizure of John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and four others late last week as a result of the tracing of some of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom here.

Contractor Is Swindled.

The Bremer investigation revealed yesterday that, a short time before the kidnaping, Martin Wunderlich, a St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, was swindled out of at least \$50,000, according to the operatives, by Mead and his gang.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation here, who was being assisted by Harold Nathan, second in command of the government bureau at Washington, refused to discuss the link between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer ransom. He also declined to name two prisoners he is holding incommunicado along with "Boss" McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin Jr., his 17 year old son, and William Vidler, in whose hands some of the Bremer ransom money was supposed to have been found.

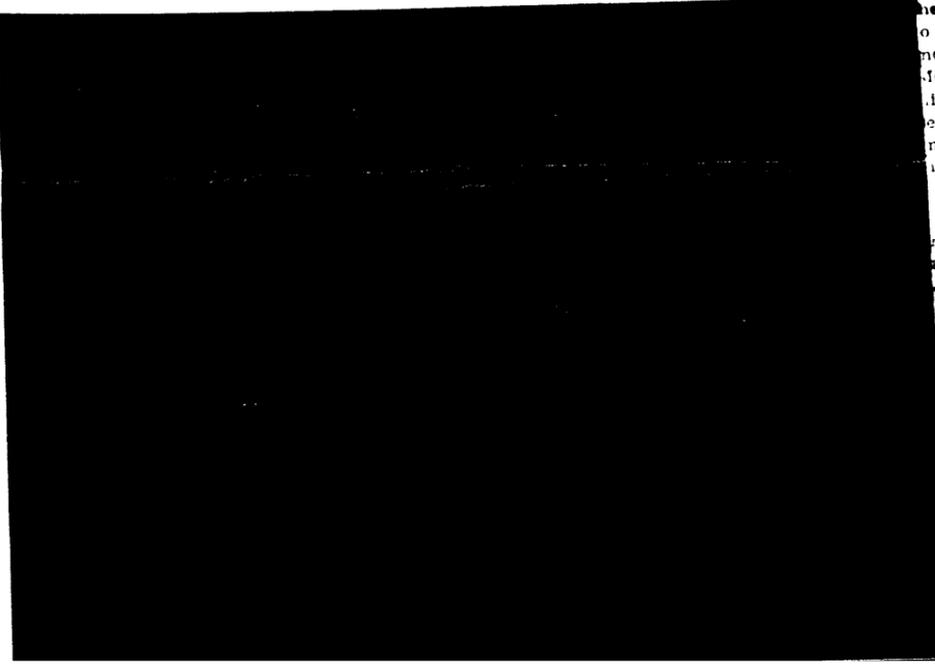
Name Actual Kidnapers.

Purvis refused to say whether or not the secret prisoners are Arthur [Doc] Barker and Alvin Karpis, ex-convicts from Oklahoma and Dillinger gangsters, who are sought as the actual Bremer kidnapers.

The two federal officials were said to be in constant touch with St. Paul, eagerly seeking news of the Dillinger hunt and endeavoring to obtain further links between St. Paul and Chicago in the Bremer kidnap investigation that suddenly resulted in the arrest of Vidler here Thursday.

"We are looking for Dillinger every minute of the day, but have received no reports even hinting at his whereabouts," Purvis said. "No one has reported seeing him and no reports of progress have been made by the

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According to the investigation, Mead, a gambler and ex-convict, was obtained the \$2,000 in ransom money which he carried from "Boss" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's past record of obtaining the release of many criminals from penitentiaries when he was a political power on the west side and a member of the legislature, and his indictment last fall on a charge of possessing bonds taken in a loop mail robbery on Dec. 6, 1932, have convinced the federal men they were on a live trail. They were seeking information connecting McLaughlin with Mead.

Also the federal agents have asked police of all cities to report any known relations between Mead and Barker and Karpis, the actual kidnapers of Bremer. Mead is 50 years old and has served prison sentences in California, Colorado, and Florida. He is known as the "Christian Kid" and is married to a woman known as "California Kate."

Headquarters in Chicago.

In his youth he was a shoplifter but for many years he has been known as the head of the slickest gang of confidence men ever to operate in this country, according to the agents. They said he now owns two buildings in Chicago and has been making his headquarters here for some time.

His entry into the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping came when Wunderlich, the contractor, called at Purvis' office here and told his story of the \$50,000 fraud. The connection between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer kidnaping was immediately suspected by the federal operatives.

In St. Paul yesterday friends recalled Wunderlich had sustained a loss in a swindle last year, but they said he was secretive about it and mentioned only losing \$5,000. He asked that it be kept secret. He was reached by telephone in Jefferson City, Mo., last night and admitted having put federal agents on the trail of Mead.

"I didn't lose any large amount," Mr. Wunderlich said. "I picked out Mead's picture in connection with mat-

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RANSOM "CLEARING HOUSE"



John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin.
(By a staff photographer.)

RANSOM PLOT IS CONFESSED BY M'LAUGHLIN

Handled \$53,000 in Kidnap Case, Prisoner Admits.

BOND SET FOR SON

BULLETIN.

St. Paul, Minn., April 30. — (UP) — Immediate indictment of at least three Chicago men, including John L. (Boss) McLaughlin, in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, will be asked of the federal grand jury here, George Sullivan, United States District attorney, announced today.

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Mr. Purvis revealed that Philip Delaney, 34 years old, had been seized at the same time as McLaughlin.

Warrants charging conspiracy to kidnap were issued this afternoon by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker for both Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17-year-old son of the former state representative. The two were arraigned this afternoon and a bond of \$75,000 was fixed for Delaney and \$30,000 for young McLaughlin.

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Tax Lien Filed.

As a further hold on Mead, Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, today filed with the clerk of the United States District court an income tax lien, with penalties, amounting to \$60,908.54 for the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

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The actual kidnapers of Bremer, according to Mr. Purvis, were Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. ("Doc") Barker. There has been a rumor that the men are followers of John Dillinger, Public Enemy No. 1, but Mr. Purvis would not comment on this.

Bar tender Involved.

Mr. Purvis refused to discuss the case further than his announcement, but it was learned that \$34,000 of the \$53,000 "handled" at

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RANSOM "CLEARING HOUSE"



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"passed" by McLaughlin went through the hands of Delaney, who used to work as a bartender at the Palmer house.

None of the Bremer money was found on Delaney.

Another development in the case, it was reported, was that McLaughlin and the others also figured in the kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer. This, too, was another business about which Mr. Purvis maintained silence.

Gamblers Sought.

A gambler known as "Sioux City Whitey" was being sought by federal agents in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, according to United Press dispatches from St. Paul this afternoon.

"Sioux City Whitey," operator of a gambling house in the heart of St. Paul, was said to have been the man who, through the Wunderlich swindle, revealed the extent of Bremer's wealth and so tipped off the kidnapers.

Mead, who is known as "The Christian Kid," figured in this swindle, in which Wunderlich was led to believe that by the payment of money to Mead he could get Indiana state road grading contracts.

Race Swindle Bared.

Mead, described by federal men as a notorious swindler, was ordered seized, in addition to the five men already in custody in the Bremer investigation, as the man who perpetrated the \$50,000 swindle in which Martin Wunderlich, a contractor of St. Paul, was said to have been the victim.

The swindling of Wunderlich, which is believed to have convinced the kidnapers that Bremer was a promising kidnap victim, was an old fashioned horse-racing stunt and was perpetrated in South Bend. Invited to that city on the promise of business, Wunderlich is said to have been enticed into a scheme of tapping wires for horse-race results and betting on "sure things."

When his companions had "won" some \$900,000, the report said, they told Wunderlich that the bookmakers who owed it demanded to see \$50,000 as evidence that bets could have been paid if they had been lost. Wunderlich traveled back to St. Paul and raised the money from Bremer, without difficulty, it was said.

NAMED AS BREMER KIDNAPERS



Alvin Karpis (left) and Arthur R. Barker, who today were named by Melvin Purvis of the federal bureau of investigation as the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn. Whether the two men are in custody here was not revealed.

(The Associated Press.)

COIN PHONE USERS WIN \$30,000,000 DECISION

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court ordered the federal Appellate court to make a complete revaluation of the Illinois Bell properties, receipts and expenditures.

"The complete audit by the federal court was bound to show that many, many millions were annually milked out of the Illinois company by the A. T. & T.," Goldstein declared. "So important was this point that six similar suits were begun in other states, to force the A. T. & T. to limit its charges against the local companies to actual service."

Three Work on Case.

Associated with Attorney Goldstein for the city are Attorney Edmund A. Adcock and Attorney George I. Haight. They took the case over from another set of lawyers back in 1929 upon the recommendation of Samuel A. Eitelson, then corporation counsel, and a city council committee headed by Ald. Jacob M. Arvey.

Recently the city council voted to advance them \$160,000 "toward expenses" in connection with the recent audit in the Appellate court. The lawyers are charging no fee, offering, as Goldstein said, "to work for our expenses and take whatever the city council, in its gratitude, may give us when we win. If we lose, we want nothing."

Comparison of Rates.

The following are the telephone rates for coin box phones as charged by the Illinois Bell back in April, 1923, and today and the re-

ductions ordered by the commerce commission:

	Now.	Old.
Minimum monthly	\$3.30	\$3.75
Two-party residence	2.35	2.70
Four-party residence	5.40	6.60
Single-party business	2.90	4.80
Two-party business		

The United States Supreme court in its decision of 1929, ordering an audit by the federal court of the Illinois Bell company, pointed out that the A. T. & T. charge for services should be gone into carefully. The Supreme court referred to allegations that the A. T. & T., which owned 99 per cent of the Illinois Bell, also owner of the Western Electric, which manufactured equipment, and had bought the latter company on the bargain counter and carried it at par value. This necessitated payment of dividends of a large capital by the A. T. & T.

Statement of Court.

After pointing out the above and other items, the United States Supreme court stated:

"A public utility is entitled to such rates as will permit it to earn a return on the value of the property which it employs for the convenience of the public equal to that generally being made by private investment, but if has no constitutional right to profits such as are realized or anticipated in highly profitable enterprises or speculative ventures."

ST. PAUL JURY CALLED IN CASE OF McLAUGHLIN

Meets Tomorrow; New Dillinger Hunt.

(Pictures on back page.)

While federal authorities here continued to question John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and three others, who are charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January, the scene of action was shifted again to St. Paul in the tangled chain of circumstances involving the kidnaping and the hunt for John Dillinger and his band of outlaws.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul announced the grand jury would convene tomorrow morning to consider indictments against the four men held in Chicago. If the indictments, which are expected to charge conspiracy to kidnap Bremer, are returned tomorrow, certified copies will be sent here immediately as the legal basis for the removal of the prisoners to St. Paul.

Confessed Handling Cash.

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The search for Dillinger and his gang was intensified in St. Paul when it was reported that a bullet-riddled automobile was seen speeding through the city. One theory advanced was the outlaws might be hiding somewhere in the Twin Cities after their escape from a federal police trap at Little Bohemia, Wis., ten days ago.

Auto Spurs Search.

The report of the bullet-riddled car was received about the time that Judge Joyce, who is summoning the federal grand jury in the Bremer case, was reducing the bonds of Dr. Clayton May, Minneapolis physician, and his nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, who are held on charges of harboring Dillinger after he escaped from federal agents in St. Paul a month ago. Their bonds were reduced from \$50,000 each to \$20,000 each.

Evelyn Frechette, Dillinger's girl companion on several of his raids, will be arraigned in St. Paul today on federal charges of harboring the gangster. The Frechette girl was arrested in Chicago two weeks ago and was removed to St. Paul.

At San Antonio, Tex., federal authorities reported George [Baby Face] Nelson, Dillinger gangster, had been identified as the man to whom H. L. Ledman, a gunsmith, sold five machine guns last October. The weapons were sent to Minneapolis. Homer Van Meter and Tommy Carroll, other Dillinger gangsters, were with Nelson on his visits to San Antonio, it was learned.

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KATHARINE HEPBURN EXPECTS TO OBTAIN HER DIVORCE TODAY

MERIDA, Yucatan, May 1.—(AP)—Katharine Hepburn, red haired stage and screen star, indicated today that since she and her business man husband, Ludlow Ogden Smith, had agreed to divorce terms, she would leave shortly for New York with a Mexican decree.

The terms were settled during a conference at Progreso, a seaport near here, and the matter was later taken up by a Merida court with the understanding that the agreement would facilitate the proceedings.

Miss Hepburn, who came here eight days ago as Mrs. Smith, planned to take a plane early tomorrow for Havana, whence she will sail for New York. She attended religious services today at the Merida cathedral and spent some time visiting ancient Mayan ruins and seeing modern Yucatan.

conspirators were questioned at the county jail yesterday. Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice agents in the Chicago area, refused to disclose if any further details of the kidnaping plot had been learned from them.

Attorney William Parillo announced last night he would appear before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker today and schedule real estate and other property for the release of young McLaughlin, 17 years old, who is held on \$30,000 bond.

U. S. Charges Mead.

Federal authorities disclosed yesterday a criminal information charging income tax evasion has been filed against William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, also sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping. The in-

formation, charging Mead with failing to file a return on an income of \$59,501 in 1932, and adding accrued interest and penalties totaling \$11,725 was filed March 31, but was suppressed because the government wished to seize Mead when he appeared on another charge.

Mead is charged with swindling Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, out of more than \$50,000. Wunderlich, who denied he was fleeced by Mead, is believed by government agents to have asked Bremer for money to guarantee his integrity to Mead and his gang of confidence men, and in this way the "finger" may have been put on Bremer as a kidnaping prospect.

Mead's income in 1932, according to United States District Attorney Dwight Green, came from a swindle perpetrated on L. P. Baker, a wealthy New England retired business man. Baker is supposed to have put up money to guarantee his integrity in a scheme for race track coups. This was the swindle allegedly worked on Wunderlich also.

Accused in Mail Fraud.

Mead is also charged with perpetrating a mail fraud last year on Parker C. Morton of Jacksonville, Fla. Morton is reported to have lost \$11,860 in a stock promotion scheme instigated by Mead. Mead had been at liberty on \$10,000 bond on this charge and was to have appeared in Jacksonville April 2, when the government planned to seize him on the income tax charges. He did not appear and forfeited the bond.

On Monday, Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, filed a lien against any property held by Mead and his wife, Marie, for income tax shortages totaling \$40,760 for eight years since 1921.

Wunderlich

INDICTMENTS TO BE ASKED IN ST. PAUL

Hamm and Bremer 'Snatches'
Closely Linked, Federal
Investigators Indicate

CHICAGO, May 1 (I.N.S.). Hinting that a solution of the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was close at hand, United States District Attorney Dwight Green today directed further questioning of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former legislator, and three men held as co-conspirators.

McLaughlin has admitted handling \$53,000 of the huge Bremer ransom.

Indictments Sought

Indictments will be asked of the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul within 24 hours, Prosecutor Green asserted, and the four prisoners will be taken there as soon as the indictments are returned and certified copies received here.

Held with McLaughlin are his 17-year-old son, John, jr.; William Vidler and Philip Delaney. Vidler, when arrested had \$2,500 of the marked ransom money in his possession. Young McLaughlin had \$85 of the ransom money in a safe deposit box.

Delaney, a former bartender, admitted handling \$24,000 of the ransom cash passed by the elder McLaughlin. It was stated before United States Commissioner Edward Walker.

All four men are charged with conspiracy to obtain money in the Bremer kidnaping.

Federal agents are still searching for Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma ex-convicts now allied with the John Dillinger gang.

May Solve Hamm Case

Federal operatives intimated they are confident that a solution of the Bremer kidnaping will likewise unravel the previous \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. What evidence they have uncovered linking the two cases, Federal men would not say.

That a possible link existed between the kidnaping of Bremer and the reported \$50,000 swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, was indicated when a \$60,908 income tax lien was filed here against William E. Mead, described by Federal investigators as a swindler.

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McLaughlin Confesses He Got \$53,000 of Bremer's Ransom

Chicago, April 30 (AP).—Four men had been snared tonight in Government traps set along the back trail of Edward Bremer's \$200,000 kidnap ransom and from its prisoners the Department of Justice learned of an interlocking band of criminals embracing the Dillinger gang, Bremer's kidnapers, a notorious swindler and a mail robbers' fence.

John J. McLaughlin, former State Legislator, confessed today he was given \$53,000 of the St. Paul banker's ransom to circulate, Melvin H. Purvis, of the Bureau of Investigation, announced.

From whom he got the money was a secret of the Government or McLaughlin. Held with the old-time politician on charges of conspiracy to possess the ransom were his 17-year-old son, Jack; Philip Delaney, 34, nabbed at McLaughlin's home, and William E. Vidler, whose arrest Thursday launched the round-up of the gang.

Hunted as the actual kidnapers were two former convicts from Oklahoma, Arthur ~~Bascom~~ and Alvin Karpis—criminals who were part of the Dillinger school, of seven big

ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia, resort in Wisconsin, a week ago.

William E. Mead, a swindler, already under bond on another Federal charge, is also accused.

Exactly how much McLaughlin told in his confession Purvis and Harold Nathan, of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, would not reveal. Nathan arrived here Saturday.

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U. S. Agents Solve Bremer Kidnaping; Four Men Arrested

McLaughlin Alleged to Have Confessed Handling \$53,000 of Ransom Money

By United Press
CHICAGO—Federal detectives who for four months have relentlessly sifted the underworlds of a dozen cities recorded as solved today one of the most sensational and baffling crimes of recent years, the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

Four men were held on charges of conspiracy in abduction of the wealthy banker. Among them was John J. McLaughlin, one-time political leader of Chicago's west side and reputed overlord of city gambling concessions.

CONFESSION REPORTED

Investigators said McLaughlin confessed that he handled \$53,000 of the huge ransom paid for Bremer's release.

His 17-year-old son, John Jr., was arraigned yesterday before a United States commissioner and held under \$30,000 bond when agents testified he had \$85 of the ransom money.

With him was arraigned Philip Delaney, 34, a bartender. Melvin Purvis, chief Department of Justice agent here, revealed that Delaney was arrested Saturday, at the same time the senior McLaughlin was held. He was said to have passed \$24,000 of Bremer's money.

Both the younger McLaughlin and Delaney pleaded not guilty. Delaney's bond was set at \$75,000.

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GANGSTERS SOUGHT

The other man held is William Vidler, arrested with \$2665 of the Bremer money in his possession.

Federal men searched the entire southwest, meanwhile, for two notorious gangsters, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Attorney General Homer S. Cummings announced several weeks ago that Barker and Karpis had been identified as the men who actually kidnaped Bremer.

SEEK TRIGGER MAN

Meanwhile, a criminal bill of information was filed against William E. (Christian Kid) Mead, on charges of failing to pay an income tax on the profits of a confidence game.

It was the first time that the Government ever has moved to convict on this exact charge altho Al Capone was sent to Atlanta penitentiary for failure to pay tax on the profits of his vast liquor and vice domain.

Mead, said by Department of Justice operatives to be as shrewd as his famous colleague, Joseph (Yellow Kid) Wiel, is hunted as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

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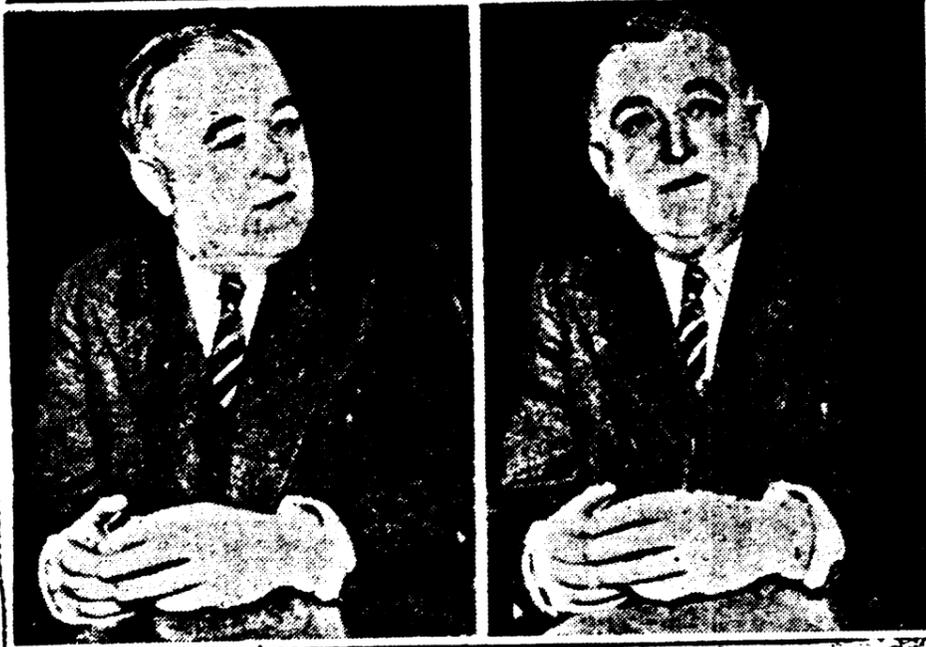
KIDNAP MONEY —



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the ransom money paid in the St. Paul kidnaping of banker
Bremer. McLaughlin's arrest came after William E. Vidler,
gambler and racket "runner", was caught with more than
\$2,000 of the "hot" money on his person.

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POLITICIAN CONFESSES HANDLING



"BOSS" SINGS—Characteristic poses of "Boss" John McLaughlin, powerful Chicago politician, are shown above. McLaughlin has confessed to agents of the Department of Justice that he was the "fence" to dispose of some \$53,000 of

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POLITICAL BOSS BREAKS; KIDNAP ROUND-UP NEAR

U. S. Announces Confession
by McLaughlin; To Solve
Bremer, Hamm Abductions

CHICAGO, April 30 (U.S.). Announcing a confession by John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and the arrest of additional suspects in the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping, Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, declared tonight complete solution of the St. Paul abduction was at hand.

From other sources it was learned that a solution of the William Hamm, jr. kidnaping, also of St. Paul, is expected shortly. Purvis said:

"McLaughlin has admitted he handled \$53,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap money."

BARTENDER HELD

Purvis announced for the first time the arrest of Phillip Delaney, former bartender in one of Chicago's exclusive hotels. He said also that a search was on for William Elmer Mead, described by Federal agents as a notorious swindler. Delaney, from his vantage point in the fashionable hotel, passed out about \$24,000 of the ransom money, according to Purvis.

The Government investigator also named definitely as Bremer's actual kidnapers Alvin Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker, former members of an Oklahoma gang of outlaws who recently have been operating with the John Dillinger desperadoes.

HELD FOR SWINDLE

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MEAD was sought on the Government's belief that he was perpetrator of a \$50,000 swindle upon Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and friend of Edward G. Bremer. Wunderlich was fleeced on the old race track swindle and is said to have borrowed the \$50,000 from Bremer.

Information obtained since the Bremer case suddenly "broke" here after weeks in which there were no developments, indicates the probability that when the swindlers of Wunderlich saw how easy it was to get the \$50,000 from Bremer, plans immediately were made for Bremer's kidnaping and the demand for the \$200,000 ransom.

Purvis disclosed that when Jack McLaughlin, 17-year-old son of "Boss" McLaughlin, was arrested Saturday in the Chicago Board of Trade Building, he had \$85 of the ransom money in fives and tens in his possession.

While young McLaughlin was held originally only for questioning, authorities tonight asserted belief he was almost as deep as his father in the plot to get rid of the kidnap money.

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Bremer and Swindle Evidence To Go to Grand Jury Here Soon

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**Government Hides Identity
of One Man, Believed Held
in \$200,000 Mulcting of
Martin Wunderlich.**

CONTRACTOR DENIES HE WAS VICTIMIZED

The United States grand jury which adjourned Saturday "subject to call" probably will be recalled soon to consider indictments against five persons held in Chicago in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the \$200,000 swindle of a St. Paul contractor, Federal officials indicated Monday.

Those held in Chicago are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, who, according to federal officials in Chicago, confessed handling \$63,000 of the Bremer ransom money; his son, John McLaughlin Jr.; William E. Vidler, former convict arrested with \$2,065 of Bremer money in his possession; Phillip Delaney, arrested with McLaughlin, and one man whose identity has not been disclosed and is guarded carefully by the Department of Justice.

The man whose identity was not revealed is believed to be held in connection with the alleged swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul highway contractor, last year. The others are charged with conspiracy in the Bremer case.

Certified copies of complaints, it was learned from an authoritative source, seeking removal of the men to St. Paul were sent by Bernard Anderson, United States marshal, to Chicago Saturday. W. T. Goddard, United States commissioner, asks whether he had signed the complaints, said: "Such information will have to come from the marshal's of-

...fice or the Department of Justice." Late Monday warrants were issued charging the younger McLaughlin and Delaney with conspiracy. The warrants were identical to those issued previously for the elder McLaughlin and Vidler.

The youth and Delaney were arraigned and obtained a continuance until May 7, the same date the others are to appear. Bond for Delaney was set at \$75,000 despite his protests that it was "out of reason", and bond for young McLaughlin was fixed at \$30,000.

At Jefferson City, Mo., Mr. Wunderlich, who is engaged there on a large road job, denied that he had been swindled, the Associated Press reported.

"I haven't lost any money at all," he said when questioned about the reported swindling, allegedly by William Elmer Mead, former convict.

MEAD SERVED TIME FOR COLORADO DEAL.

Denver, April 30.—(AP)—William Elmer Mead, sought by Federal agents in connection with the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was one of 22 men arrested in Denver in August, 1922, in a drive on "bunco artists", Denver police said today.

Mead was identified by H. Rasmussen of Denver as a man who tried to fleece him of \$25,000 and was convicted in March, 1923 and sentenced to the Colorado penitentiary for three to ten years.

He was released in 1925 and was re-arrested at the prison gates on a Federal charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with a charge against him in Florida, according to police records here. He was released on bond in the Florida case.

Police records also show Mead was arrested last August 11 in Chicago on a charge of defrauding W. Hamilton of Springfield Ill. of \$10,000 in a securities deal, and jumped bond.

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IN BREMER KIDNAP SIFT



John J. McLaughlin Jr., (top picture, standing) was taken to the U. S. marshal's office in Chicago Monday for fingerprinting. He is accused with his father of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Young McLaughlin was said to have some of the ransom bills in his pocket when he was detained. His father confessed that he handled \$52,000 of the \$300,000 ransom currency. In the middle, Phillip Delaney, former Chicago bartender (standing) is shown as he signed his fingerprint record after he also was charged with a part in the conspiracy. Delaney is charged specifically with handling \$22,000 of the ransom. At the bottom is William Elmer (Christian Kid) Mead, a former convict with a police record as a confidence man, who is the object of a nation-wide search following alleged disclosure that he was the "finger man" in the Bremer abduction. Authorities said they had learned that Mead selected Bremer as a kidnap victim after he had aided Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and one of Mead's confidence game victims, by putting up \$50,000 promptly.



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Bremer Jury Sift Scheduled For Thursday

Indictments Will Be Sought Against 2 McLaughlins and 2 Convicts.

A federal grand jury to consider indictments against four persons held in Chicago on conspiracy charges in connection with kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, has been called for Thursday morning, Judge M. M. Joyce announced today.

The four in custody of the Department of Justice in Chicago are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator who, federal officials said, confessed handling \$33,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money; John McLaughlin Jr., his 17-year-old son, and Philip Delaney and William E. Vidler, former convicts.

Evidence in connection with the reported swindle of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, more than a year ago, also is expected to be presented to the grand jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

Vidler was picked up by Chicago police in a gambling establishment and held for investigation. More than \$2,000 was found in his possession, and after a check against the Bremer ransom, it was found that \$2,665 was part of the payment made for the release of the St. Paul banker.

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"BRAINS" OF KIDNAPERS



Accused by federal officials as the "brains" of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping plot, John J. McLaughlin, one-time Chicago political boss, here is shown (left) being fingerprinted by Deputy U. S. Marshal Ben Goldberg. McLaughlin is said to have been implicated by William J. Vidler, a gambler found to have been carrying part of the money paid for the release of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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POLITICIAN ADMITS HE HANDLED \$53,000 OF BREMER RANSOM

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McLaughlin's Confession
Links Dillinger Gang
to Kidnap Plot.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Melvin Purvis of the United States Department of Justice announced today that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid early this year in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

McLaughlin, former State Legislator, was held under \$100,000 bond for hearing May 7. His 17-year-old son, John Jr., a messenger boy in a brokerage office, also was held.

Purvis, head of the Justice Department office in Chicago, said the confession of the pudgy McLaughlin, one time political power, marked one of the biggest steps in the solution of numerous crimes.

Linked to Dillinger.

Among other things, Purvis said, it linked the Bremer kidnaping with the Dillinger gang and a mob of Oklahoma outlaws headed by Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers, Fred and Arthur. Arthur Barker and Karpis were believed to have been part of the Dillinger school of seven big ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia resort in Wisconsin a week ago. Connected also, officers believed, were a notorious swindler and a mail robbers' fence.

Hints were given that disclosure of this gang combine might lead to a solution of other famous kidnapings.

In connection with the general investigation, Federal agents arrested Philip Delaney, 34-year-old bartender, and instigated a search for William E. Mead, said to be the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Gambler Also Hunted.

The Federal men also were said to be seeking a notorious gambler known as "Sioux City Whitey," believed to have connections with Mead.

Of the \$53,000 McLaughlin admitted handling for the Bremer kidnapers \$24,000 was turned over to Delaney, he told the investigators. Part of this, they said, was found on Delaney when he was seized.

Most of McLaughlin's pot, it appears, already has been poured out—

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Politician Confesses Bremer Ransom Deal

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changed at banks and shops into bona fide currency, expended, or passed on through the underworld channels. Some was put into bank accounts or deposit boxes and is being traced.

Mead Suspected in Swindle.

The Federal agents theory is that Mead assisted in swindling Martin Wunderlich out of \$50,000 at South Bend, Ind., about a year ago. Wunderlich is a contractor working out of St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo. He obtained the \$50,000 from Bremer, a St. Paul banker, and that was the "tipoff" to Mead that Bremer had plenty of money.

Then, the Federal department claims, Mead "tipped off" the gangs. The Dillinger and Karpis gangs joined forces, backed, the agents claim, by the support of McLaughlin. The Karpis gang kidnaped Bremer. The Dillingers worked in the background. The money, the agents claim, was taken to McLaughlin, who disposed of it.

The Government tightened its hold on Mead today by filing, through Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, an income tax lien amounting to \$60,908.54 for the years 1921, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932 and 1933.

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BREMER KIDNAPING HELPS SOLVED BY U. S.

Federal Agents Say Arrest of Four
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By the United Press.

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Bremer Cash Is Traced to Dillinger Ring

(By Associated Press)

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Purvis said Delaney also had admitted possession and passing some of the ransom money.

Hunted as the actual kidnapers were two former convicts from Oklahoma, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis—criminals who were part of the Dillinger school of seven big ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia lodge in Wisconsin a week ago.

Mead in Tax Net.

Coincidental with the issuance of warrants against Delaney and young McLaughlin today, the Collector of Internal Revenue filed an income tax lien for \$60,098 against William Elmer Mead, convict and swindler whose tracks were sighted along one of the side trails of the Bremer case.

Federal authorities refused to furnish any enlightening details of the Mead offshoot of the sensational kidnaping, but he was understood to have been the man who "discovered" Bremer as a potential victim.

Mead, like McLaughlin, was already under bond on another Federal charge. McLaughlin is accused of being the high fence in handling the \$250,000 loot of a Chicago mail robbery in December, 1932. Mead forfeited \$10,000 bond here by ignoring his scheduled trial in Jacksonville, Fla., on a mail fraud charge.

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EX-LEGISLATOR GOT \$53,000 OF BREMER CASH

Source of Money Kept Secret;
3 Others Seized; 2 Hunted
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young McLaughlin's possession
when five Federal agents whisked
him off the floor of the Chicago
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All told, the Government has
swept up \$3,400 of the \$200,000
ransom.

Most of McLaughlin's pot, it ap-
pears, had already been changed
at banks and shops or passed on
through underworld channels.

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JAILED IN KIDNAPING EXPOSE



TAKING THE SHORT WAY TO THE LOCKUP.—John McLaughlin Jr., son of "Boss" McLaughlin, politician, and Phillip Delaney (hand over face); former Loop bartender, were hustled off to a cell after being held on charges of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

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French Police Fight Rioters on May Day Eve

Just a Nazi Fete

BERLIN—While May Day dawned today on restive Europe, Germany under Chancellor Hitler's Nazis is in a festive mood. The Nazi celebrations were ushered in by the Hitler Youth with song and dances on top of Brocken in the Harz mountains—legendary meeting places of witches. Hitler will address 2,000,000 workers in Berlin this afternoon. Parades and fireworks will also feature the celebrations. Page 12.

BY EDMOND TAYLOR.
[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]
PARIS, April 30.—While artillery, tanks and machine guns were ostentatiously reminding workers of Paris that Premier Gaston Doumergue's na-

M'LAUGHLIN CONFESSES TO KIDNAP CASH

St. Paul Indictment Likely Today.

Appeals to Kidnapers

Fernando Robles, father of the 6-year-old Arizona girl, appeals to kidnapers to return her unharmed. From ices to carry out instructions in negotiations for ransom. Details on Page 2.

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BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.] Washington, D. C., April 30.—[Special.]—The United States, the State department disclosed today, has lodged with the Japanese government a protest against Japan's announced intention to compel the discontinuance of certain purchases of American commodities and services by China.

Following the lead of Great Britain, which lodged a protest at Tokio last week, the Roosevelt administration called the attention of the Japanese government to the treaties with which the newly announced policy of Japanese interference in the relations of China with other nations would appear to be in conflict.

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Just a Nazi Fete

BERLIN—While May Day dawns today on restive Europe, Germany under Chancellor Hitler's Nazis is in a festive mood. The Nazi celebrations were ushered in by the Hitler Youth with song and dances on top of Brecken in the Harz mountains—legendary meeting places of witches. Hitler will address 2,000,000 workers in Berlin this afternoon. Parades and fireworks will also feature the celebrations. Page 12.

BY EDMOND TAYLOR.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.] PARIS, April 30.—While artillery, tanks and machine guns were ostentatiously reminding workers of Paris that Premier Gaston Doumergue's national union government will tolerate no disturbances on "Red May day" tomorrow, bloody rioting broke out anew tonight at Mantes and at Angers.

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KIDNAP CASH

St. Paul Indictment Likely Today.

Appeals to Kidnapers

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(Pictures on Each Page.)

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"Was it customary for young McLaughlin to carry money in his hat?" Hassenauer asked, intimating that this was where the money was found.

After the bonds had been set Parillo denied young McLaughlin carried the money in his hat, but stated it had been found in a safety deposit box, in which was a total of \$390. He said the senior McLaughlin had given the money to his son and the boy did not know where it came from.

McLaughlin in his confession, is reported to have stated that Delaney passed \$24,000 of the ransom money. All of the money, with the exception of \$3,400, most of which was found on

U. S. COURT TO DECIDE HOW

TRIO HUNTED AS KEY TO BREMER KIDNAP PLOT

Complete solution of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, with the possible recovery of a major part of the \$200,000 ransom money, hinged today on the capture of three men.

They are Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma ex-convicts now allied with John Dillinger and named as the actual kidnapers, and William Elmer ("Christian Kid") Mead, notorious swindler, said to have been the "finger man" who selected the St. Paul banker as a victim.

United States District Attorney Green announced that while the hunt for these men continued, indictments would be sought within twenty-four hours before the federal grand jury in St. Paul against the four prisoners seized in a roundup in Chicago.

FOUR HELD IN PLOT.

They are John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, who admitted handling \$53,000 of the ransom money; his son, John Jr., 17, who was found in possession of \$85 of the Bremer funds; Philip Delaney, loop bartender, who said he had passed \$24,000 of the marked money given him by McLaughlin Sr. and William Vidler, whose arrest while he held \$2,800 of Bremer money led to the seizure of the others.

Warrants charging conspiracy in the abduction have been issued against the quartet following assignments before United States Commissioner Walker. Their cases have been set for May 7, with \$100,000 bonds for "Boss" McLaughlin and Vidler; \$75,000 for Delaney, and \$30,000 for young McLaughlin.

FACE FURTHER QUIZ.

Mr. Green added that the prisoners will be subjected to further questioning in the hope of learning just how and by whom the money was delivered to the Chicago "fence," McLaughlin, after Adolph Bremer had delivered it for the release of his son.

Solution of the Bremer case also will untangle the mystery of the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, federal authorities intimated. They would not say, however, how the cases were connected.

"Christian Kid" Mead entered the picture when it became known he had engineered a \$80,000 swindle upon Martin Wunderlich, contractor friend of Bremer, who advanced the money. The theory is Mead selected Bremer as a good kidnaping victim at that time.

MEXICANS JOIN KIDNAP HUNT

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Wounded, spread that the child had been found by her grandfather somewhere south of the Mexican border and was being returned to her home here. First reports had the child located at Magdalena but

AS JAIL DOORS YAWN



Deputy Marshal Ben Goldberg fingerprinting John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17, while Attorney William Parrillo looks on. Young McLaughlin is being held by the federal government for possessing part of the Bremer kidnap ransom.



Philip Delaney, bartender, who was seized for aiding in handling the Bremer kidnaping ransom money. He is being fingerprinted by Deputy Marshal Ben Goldberg. (Chicago American photo.)

75'S IN PARIS TO STEM RIOTING

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sembled a backward war-time city, with the 50,000 and the 100,000 Grand Cart, 100,000 American courtiers, serving as barracks for troops.

Communists defied the mayor's orders not to parade, and as more disorders threatened 340 additional mobile guards were rushed from Versailles to help maintain peace.

The Communist newspaper, L'Humanite, said there were twelve regiments of infantry and twelve squadrons of cavalry on duty in Paris in addition to the thousands of mobile guards permanently stationed in the capital.

The public was warned against rioting by the publication in all papers of photographs of fast caterpillar automobiles and tanks with mounted machine guns, and of horse-drawn carriages also carrying machine guns. Also there were numerous seventy-five millimeter cannon brought into the capital for the day.

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DIRECTED GANG TO VICTIM, IS NEW CLUE

W. E. Mead, Notorious "Con" Man, Duped Banker's Friend Of at Least \$50,000

CHICAGO, April 30 (U.S.). William E. Mead, notorious swindler, was sought by Federal agents here today as they pushed investigation of the "hot money" syndicate which involves the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for John Dillinger and his gang. Mead's arrest was ordered, it was learned, because Federal operatives believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer.

The latest development followed closely on the arrest here of John J. ("Boss" McLaughlin, former Chicago political power, and four others as a result of the discovery here of a part of the Bremer ransom money.

Bill Identified

McLaughlin's arrest followed the seizure by Federal agents of William Vidler, and the finding on his person of \$2,600 of the Bremer ransom. According to the Department of Justice Vidler implicated "Boss" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John, Jr., is also being held, as are two men whom Federal agents refuse to identify.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation here, refused to say whether or not the two unidentified men held are Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, Dillinger gangsters, sought as the actual kidnapers of Bremer.

Mead, who has served prison sentences in California, Colorado and Florida, entered the investigation of the Bremer case as a suspect of the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, of at least \$50,000, it was learned.

It was also learned that Mr. Wunderlich was lured to South Bend, Ind., by the confidence men, supposedly to arrange a business deal. While waiting for one of the principals to the deal who the confidence men said had been suddenly called to Washington, Mr. Wunderlich was introduced to a "Kentucky Colonel" familiar with system to beat the horse races. After a day or so of moderate winnings the "colonel" announced arrangement of a "winning" game. Mr. Wunderlich that they had won \$900,000. But the gamblers refused to pay off until they were assured Mr. Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

Bremer Gave Money

With one of the conspirators, said to have been Mead, Mr. Wunderlich went to St. Louis and borrowed a large sum of money from Mr. Bremer. He took the money to South Bend and that was the last he saw of it and of his friends.

According to the Federal men, Mr. Wunderlich's call on Mr. Bremer in company with Mead, marked Mr. Bremer for a kidnap victim.

The swindlers, agents said, passed the information to the kidnapers who abducted Bremer.

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Hunt for Kidnapers of Bremer May Give Agents Dillinger Clue

Police Believe Gangsters De-
serted Dillinger; Bremer
Conspirators Arraigned

By United Press

CHICAGO — Like 24 new puzzle
workers fitting together interlocking
pieces, Federal detectives today used
new details of the \$200,000 kidnaping
of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to
formulate new plans for apprehension
of the John Dillinger gang.

With a confession obtained from
John (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago po-
litical leader, that he handled \$25,000
of the Bremer ransom money, and
with three other men under arrest on
conspiracy charges in the case, the
Government already turned their ef-
forts toward capture of the actual
kidnapers.

DILLINGER ASSOCIATES

A half-dozen raids were made
secretly on the Chicago North Side in
a search for Alvin Karpis and Arthur
Barker, named by Atty. Gen. Homer
S. Cummings as the men who took
Bremer from an exclusive St. Paul
residential street and held him 22
days.

Both Karpis and Barker are known
to have affiliated with Dillinger since
his "toy gun" escape March 3 from
the Crown Point, Ind., jail.

DESERTED GANG

St. Paul authorities said today they
had learned that Dillinger's crew had
split into two factions as a result of
the "heat" since a series of gun battles
this week ago near Spider Lake, Wis.

Despite the fact that Karpis and
Barker were believed to have deserted
the gang, leaving Dillinger sup-
ported only by a handful of his "old
guard," the Federal agents hoped that
tips regarding whereabouts of Karpis
and Barker might lead eventually to
the Indiana outlaw leader.

OTHERS ARRANGED

Legal action was to be taken today
in St. Paul against both McLaughlin
and his associate, Evelyn Paschoke,
red-headed sweetheart of Dillinger,
and Beth Green, widow of another of
the outlaws.

The women will be arraigned on
Federal charges of harboring a fugi-
tive.

A Federal grand jury convened to
hear charges against McLaughlin and
his 17-year-old son, John Jr., as well
as Philip Delaney, a bartender, and
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TO HEAR BREMER EVIDENCE
N.Y. TIMES MAY 2, 1934
Indicting McLaughlin Group.

Special to The New York Times.
CHICAGO, May 1.—Judge Joyce of the Federal court announced today that a grand jury would consider here tomorrow the cases of John J. McLaughlin, his son, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, charged with conspiracy relative to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. If indictments are found, the prisoners, under arrest here, will be sent to St. Paul.
McLaughlin and the three alleged co-conspirators were examined at the county jail today. William Parillo, an attorney, will try to obtain tomorrow the release of young McLaughlin on bail.

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"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN AGAIN

It is with peculiar interest that we of Springfield read the news report of the admission made by a well-known Chicago politician that he "passed" \$53,000 of the \$300,000 ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case.

The name of this particular politician is quite familiar to readers of Springfield newspapers of a few years ago when the Honorable John J. McLaughlin occupied a seat in the lower house of the Illinois General Assembly.

When the corrupt election was held in the Assembly which placed William E. Lorimer in the federal senate, the Honorable John J. McLaughlin, a democrat, was conspicuous among those supporting Lorimer, republican.

It was afterwards revealed that the Lorimer election was brought about by the wholesale use of money.

The State Register drew down upon its head the wrath of many political leaders because this newspaper exposed the election corruption in its news columns and urged editorially that every democrat participating be driven out of public life and pilloried as unfit.

John J. McLaughlin was among those most resentful of this "reflection" upon his integrity. His district renominated him and he accepted that as a "vindication."

Now we find this same very Honorable John J. McLaughlin under indictment in a million-dollar postoffice robbery and admitting complicity in the Bremer kidnaping case.

We await developments with interest.

Meanwhile people everywhere should see in this case the need of constant and patriotic activity to keep politics and government clean.

The McLaughlin case is only another reminder that "the chickens come home to roost."

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Hunted Pair May Be Bremer's Kidnapers

By United Press

CABOOL, Mo.—Run to ground in the rough Ozark hills by state and county officers, two men today abandoned their car and woman companion and fled on foot.

Officers aided by bloodhounds were close on the trail and expected the keen-nosed dogs to eventually lead them to the men.

The woman was caught near the car. Capt. A. D. Sheppard of the State Highway Patrol said she was not Bonnie Parker, tough companion of Clyde Barrow, Southwestern desperado.

Capt. Sheppard also said he was sure the men sought were not Barrow or any of his gang. It was possible, he said, they might be Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, wanted on murder charges and suspect in the Bremer kidnaping.

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McLaughlin Denies Bremer Kidnaping

CHICAGO, May 3 (U.S.)—A denial that he had anything to do with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued by John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin here today through his attorney, William Parillo.

McLaughlin and his son, John, Jr., were taken into custody following arrest of William E. Vidler, who had \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom. He is believed to have implicated McLaughlin who was reported as having confessed to passing \$53,000 of the money.

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TRUE BILL ASKED FOR M'LAUGHLIN IN BREMER CASE

U. S. Jury Hears Kidnaped Banker at St. Paul; Asked to Hold 4.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—(AP)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who paid \$200,000 for his release by kidnapers after being imprisoned for twenty-two days, was the first witness called before the federal grand jury which reconvened today to consider indictments against four Chicagoans held for conspiracy under the Lindbergh law.

The grand jury, which adjourned last Saturday after returning indictments against several persons charged with harboring Dillinger, was reconvened following the arrest of William Vidler, former convict, by Chicago police. Bremer ransom money was found in his possession.

John ("Boss") McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John Jr., and Philip Delaney, former bartender, were subsequently arrested and indictments against the four were asked of the grand jury, which was recalled today.

M'LAUGHLIN'S WIFE ASKS

ROOSEVELT TO AID HIM

Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, wife of the former state representative who, with their son, is held in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, today telegraphed President Roosevelt as follows:

"I appeal to you in the name of justice as an American lady, wife and mother to delay indictment against my son and husband on charges made by your agent, Mr. Purvis. I am helpless myself financially to reach Washington to ask investigation of federal office here.

"I appeal to you to have indictment and judgment withheld until such investigation of this case. I deny all charges he (Purvis) made against my husband and son, who are in jail unable to speak for themselves. I know charges made by Mr. Purvis that my son possessed marked money are a falsehood. The disgrace of this case is as great an injustice to the federal government as it is to us. I appeal to you very respectfully."

COLLECTORS RUSH FOR MOTHERS' DAY STAMPS

Long lines of stamp collectors as well as commercial purchasers of stamps jammed the main postoffice today when Postmaster Ernest J. Krueger placed on sale the new Mothers' day special issue. It was necessary to open two extra booths when the regular stamp windows were insufficient to accommodate the rush of purchasers.

Mr. Krueger announced that the entire issue of 275

FORCES JOIN TO HUNT DILLINGER IN CHICAGO

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spread the fame of their alma mater so far and wide were under surveillance in the hunt for the desperado.

The discovery of an automobile in which Dillinger and two others escaped in a hail of bullets from South St. Paul last week and the evidence found in it convinced the police that one of the passengers in the car, and most likely Dillinger, had been wounded and bled enough to leave an ordinary person either dead or in a state closely approximating death.

Bloodstains in Car

The automobile, taken by Dillinger and his companions from Roy Francis, a South St. Paul power plant executive, was discovered late yesterday at Roscoe and Leavitt streets, as was related in late editions of The Daily News.

The rear seat of the small new sedan was covered with blood and depleted first-aid kits were scattered on the floor. Several matchbooks were also found bearing the advertising of Little Bohemia, the resort where Dillinger and five members of his gang escaped a federal trap in northern Wisconsin two days ago.

The rear window of the sedan was smashed out, presumably to make a machine-gun port.

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- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
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- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
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- Mr. Tamm.....

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Stamps, 6,000,000 had been assigned to Chicago. So heavy was the demand that he anticipated the supply would be exhausted in a few days.

The new stamp is issued only in the 3-cent denomination and is the size of a special delivery stamp. It is purple, and carries the reproduction of the famous painting, Whistler's "Mother." The inscription reads: "In Memory and in Honor of the Mothers of America."

CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN RELIEF CASE CONTINUED

Conspiracy charges against two men, one a former employe of the Cook county bureau of public welfare and the other a former clerk for the Illinois emergency relief commission, were continued until May 16 today by Judge Howard Hayes of the Felony court.

Assistant State's Attorney Verne Thompson announced that he will go directly to the grand jury to seek indictments against the pair, who are accused of embezzling \$8,700 in funds which were supposed to have been turned over to the welfare bureau by the relief commission.

Stephen Cooney, 3036 South May street, formerly employed by the welfare bureau, and David H. James, formerly employed by the relief commission, 822 East 74th street, are the two defendants.

Dillinger is believed to have been in automobile driving, but "gang" running gunplay, and it was assumed that he occupied the gunner's seat in the rear, where all the blood was found.

A pair of Illinois license plates, stolen from a physician's car in Freeport, a physician's insignia and a Dubuque (Iowa) newspaper dated April 23 indicated that Dillinger and his gang had come down the Mississippi valley on U. S. route 61, thence through Freeport to Chicago over route 8, the Lake street road.

Henry Johnson, 30 year old Negro, was seized at 5504 South Michigan avenue early today on a "tip-off" that he was a pal of Herbert Youngblood, the Negro who escaped with Dillinger from the Crown Point (Ind.) jail and who subsequently was shot to death in a battle with deputies at Port Huron, Mich.

The police information was that Johnson had accepted \$7,000 to safeguard for Youngblood. Johnson denied that he even knew Youngblood, but was held for further questioning.

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N.Y. TIMES
 Will Testify in Conspiracy
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 Laughlin Before Grand Jury.
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Special to New York Times.
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**BREMER IS CALLED
— IN KIDNAPPING CASE**

**Will Testify in Conspiracy
Charges Against Boss Mc-
Laughlin Before Grand Jury.**

Special to The New York Times.
ST. PAUL, May 2.—Edward G. Bremer was subpoenaed today with other witnesses to appear tomorrow before a Federal grand jury which will consider indictments against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and three other men held in Chicago who are charged with complicity in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer last January.

Special to The New York Times.
CHICAGO, May 2.—William Parillo and Joseph R. Roach, representing John J. McLaughlin and his son, John Jr., stated today that the senior McLaughlin has denied confessing to handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Edward G. Bremer's release. Melvin Purvis, chief of the Department of Justice agents in the Chicago area, stated Monday that McLaughlin had made such a confession.

McLaughlin, according to the attorneys, said that the Federal agents offered a light sentence and the fixing of a low bond for his release if he would admit a part in the plot, but he categorically denied any complicity.

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CHARGE DENIED BY M'LAUGHLIN

CHICAGO, May 3 (US) — A denial that he had anything to do with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued by John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin here today through his attorney, William Parillo.

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Philip Delaney, bartender, is also held in connection with the exchange of Bremer ransom funds. The four will probably be taken to St. Paul, following Federal Grand Jury action there tomorrow.

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JURY TO COMPLETE BREMER SIFT TODAY

Brother of Kidnaped Banker Heard in Case Involving Four Chicagoans.

A Federal grand jury will continue at 9:30 A. M. today its investigation of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in January.

The jury, recalled after discovery in Chicago of a portion of the ransom money, heard approximately a dozen witnesses Thursday, among them the kidnap victim.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, who is presenting the case, said late Thursday that "we will finish in the morning."

Among the witnesses heard at the afternoon session was Adolph Bremer Jr., brother of the kidnap victim. He was in the grand jury room only a few minutes.

The government is believed to be seeking indictments against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician, who "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom; his 17-year-old son, John Jr.; William Vidler, former convict, who had \$2,000 of the ransom when arrested, and Philip Delaney, a Chicago bartender. Although lacking in authority,

APPEALS TO ROOSEVELT

Chicago, May 3.—(AP)—Mrs. John J. McLaughlin appealed by telegraph today to President Roosevelt to "delay the indictment" of her husband and her son, John Jr., on charges of possessing ransom money in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

She asked an investigation of the case, asserted that the charge "that my son possessed marked money is a falsehood", and that "the disgrace of this case is as great an injustice to the Federal government as it is to us".

Werner Hanni, district chief of the Department of Justice, attempted late Thursday to prohibit a reporter from entering the fourth floor of the Postoffice building where the jury was in session.

An elevator operator stopped to pick up a reporter and Hanni said: "No reporters can go to the fourth floor."

"By whose orders?" Hanni was asked.

"I'm ordering it," he replied. The reporter walked to the fourth floor and Mr. Hanni made no further attempt to bar him.

Earlier in the day, H. H. Clegg, inspector in charge of the Justice Department's hunt for John Dillinger and the Bremer kidnapers, had barred newspaper men with the warning they would be held in contempt of court if they violated his warning.

Federal officials acquainted said the agents cannot restrict any one from entering any part of a public building without an order from the Federal court.

The order barring reporters was issued shortly after Edward G. Bremer entered the grand jury room. A few days ago, when observed by a reporter, Bremer said to Hanni: "I'm never coming into the Postoffice building again."

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BREMER-SIFT JURY INSPECTS PICTURES

Photographs of Evidence Placed Before Federal Investigation Body.

Photographs of evidence in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case were taken before a federal grand jury here today by a Department of Justice agent as the jurors considered indictments against four Chicago persons held on conspiracy charges under the Lindbergh law in connection with the abduction.

Armed with a bundle of pictures, the agent slipped into the grand jury room on the fourth floor of the Federal building.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, was before the grand jury, which was recalled Thursday especially to hear evidence in the Bremer case, to seek indictments against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, who is accused of handling \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom money; his 17-year-old son John; Philip Delaney, a bartender, and William E. Vidler, former convict, all four under arrest in Chicago.

Following the arrest of Vidler by Chicago police in a bookmaking establishment part of the Bremer ransom money was found. Arrest of the other three followed shortly afterward.

It was learned that the photos taken into the grand jury room were of flashlights found near where the ransom was paid. Fingerprints found on these flashlights, purchased at Madison, Wis., connected Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Southwest outlaws, with the abduction.

Adding further interest to the proceedings about the Federal building today was the appearance of a mysterious black bag, first observed the day after Bremer returned home the night of February 7.

The jury adjourned at noon with only one more witness to hear in the Bremer case.

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Barker, Karpis Indicted, Belief

The federal grand jury meeting here today returned a secret report in the investigation of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Bench warrants for the persons named in the report were issued by Judge M. M. Joyce.

U. S. Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan refused to say how many persons were listed in the report and whether any of those now held by the government in connection with handling of the Bremer ransom were named.

Reports, however, said that Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been mentioned by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings as the actual kidnapers, were two of the persons named in the report. Both men have been hunted for several weeks, but have never been indicted. If the grand jury returned indictments against the two men, it was merely a formal matter.

The report returned today was only partial. It disposed of all the evidence prepared by the government in connection with the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker, bringing up to date the government's investigation of that crime.

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Former Secretary Flays "At-
tempt to Railroad" Him
to Grand Jury.

Pittsburgh, May 4.—(AP)—Dis-
closing that the government is
seeking \$1,319,086.90 additional
taxes and a penalty of \$659,540.45
on his 1931 income, Andrew W.
Mellon charged tonight he is being
"railroaded" to a Federal grand
jury without first being given a
hearing by the Treasury.

The former secretary of the treas-
ury characterized the threatened ac-
tion as an "utter disregard of statu-
tory regulations."

He declared the amounts asked are
in addition to "quite a substantial
sum" already paid for 1931 and that
he expects to take an appeal to the
United States board of tax appeals.

Grand Jury Action Scheduled.

The grand jury action, he said,
is scheduled for next week "under a
new tax policy of sending to the Fed-
eral grand juries income tax cases
which under long-settled practice and
in accordance with acts of Congress
would have been disposed of in the
Treasury department."

Confessing himself "as much in
to any grounds

ELEVEN PERSONS INDICTED HERE IN BREMER CASE

Large Number Unexpected;
Only Seven Were Previous-
ly Linked in Sift.

WARRANTS GO TO CHICAGO

Three Southwest Gunmen
Mentioned by Cummings
Believed Included.

Eleven persons were charged
with conspiracy in connection with
the \$200,000 abduction of Edward
G. Bremer of St. Paul in a secret
indictment returned here late Fri-
day under the Lindbergh kidnap-
ing act by a Federal grand jury.

The number of persons named in
the blanket indictment came as a
surprise, as Federal agents hereto-
fore have named only seven men as
suspects in the case. Identities of
the other four indicted were guarded
with utmost secrecy.

The indictment was returned in a
partial report of the grand jury to
Judge M. M. Joyce and George F.
Sullivan, United States district at-
torney, immediately asked for insur-
ance of bench warrants for those
accused.

His request was granted and sev-
eral warrants were mailed Friday
night to Chicago. These were be-
lieved to be for John J. McLaughlin,
politician who is alleged to have
handled \$53,000 of the Bremer ran-
som; his son, John J. Jr.; William
Vidler, gambler and former convict
who is alleged to have had \$2,000 of
the ransom money when arrested,
and Philip Dalaney, a Chicago bar-
tender. All four are in custody of
Federal agents at Chicago.

It is believed the indictment also
names Alvin Karpis and Arthur
(Doc) and Fred Barker, Southwest
gunmen, named several weeks ago

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INDICT IN BREMER KIDNAPING.

Names Not Revealed in St. Paul Grand Jury Action.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, May 4.—Invoking the powers of the so-called Lindbergh kidnaping act, a United States grand jury today returned a secret indictment charging several persons with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January.

The department of justice some time ago announced that Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, both former convicts, are sought as members of the kidnap gang.

It was reported the conspiracy indictment included names of persons held in Chicago accused of handling the Bremer ransom money. They are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John, jr., William Vidler, former convict, and Phillip Delaney, a bartender.

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11 More Involved in Bremer Kidnap Case

By United Press

CHICAGO—Eleven men were involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the subsequent disposition of the \$200,000 ransom money collected, it was revealed today.

The disclosure came with receipt of a certified warrant from St. Paul, providing for arrest of the eleven.

In addition to the four suspects held here in connection with the case, accused of disposing of the ransom, the warrant named: Frankie Wright, Ray Gray, Alvin Karpavics (alias Karpis), Arthur R. Barker, Izzy Jones and "John and Richard Doe."

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his son Jack, Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler are the four held for removal to St. Paul on suspicion of having disposed of the marked ransom money.

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WARRANTS FOR 10 IN BREMER RANSOM

Other Defendants Disclosed in Ar-
raignment of "Boss"
McLaughlin.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Ten persons were named in the suppressed warrants on which John J. "Boss" McLaughlin was held as an alleged conspirator handling part of the \$200,000 Edward Bremer ransom, it was disclosed today when McLaughlin was arraigned.

McLaughlin, alleged to have disposed of \$53,000 of the kidnap money, was held with his 17-year-old son, John, Jr.; William E. Vidler, the gambler whose arrest started the round-up, and Phillip J. Delaney, former bartender, arrested at McLaughlin's home.

The others named in the warrant were Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpis, and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, the two hunted as Bremer's actual kidnapers; Frankie Wright, Roy Gray, alias "Slim," alias Mr. Smith; one "Tex," alias Jones, and John Doe and Richard Doe.

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NAMES BARED AS M'LAUGHLIN IS ARRAIGNED

Five Besides Karpis and Barker Still Hunted in Kidnaping Conspiracy.

KEENAN SPURS ACTIVITY

Dillinger Search Speeded Up as U. S. Prosecutor Arrives in Chicago.

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Many Defense Attorneys.

A battery of defense attorneys was on hand when McLaughlin was called for removal proceedings to St. Paul, where the federal grand jury indicted him with the other suspects in the kidnaping plot.

William Farrillo, a former assistant United States district attorney, asked for several days' continuance to familiarize himself with the defense of McLaughlin and study the charges in the indictment. The delay was vigorously opposed, however, by Leo J. Hassenaugr, first assistant government prosecutor. Commissioner Edwin K. Wilker postponed the formal hearing until 2 P. M., when extra copies of the indictment would be available for all attorneys. He said he would then

bear arguments for a continuance. McLaughlin denied today that he had confessed handling \$53,000 of the ransom funds. The alleged confession was announced last week by Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the local bureau of investigation.

McLaughlin's wife was in court, trimly dressed in black with a strand of pearls about her neck. She rushed to her son, kissed him, ran her fingers through his hair and exclaimed to the world:

"If these government men had a spark of Americanism in them they'd be kind to my boy. He is not a hoodlum. He is innocent as a baby. It's a shame that he was indicted. Well, the government is not dealing with hoodlums this time. I'll go to the President. I'll see Vice President Garner too. I have relatives who know Mr. Garner well."

Hunted Men Described.

The 11-page indictment names "Roe" and "Doe" as the men who did the actual kidnaping at St. Paul last January 17.

"Doe" was described as 30 or 35 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 140 pounds in weight and having a light complexion. "Roe" was said to be about 40 years old, sandy in complexion, 165 pounds in weight and the same height as "Doe."

All the defendants are charged with conspiring to perpetrate the kidnaping, but Alvin Karpis is specifically charged with obtaining a signal flashlight and placing it on a highway near Zumbrota, Minn., for the purpose of signaling Walter Magee, friend of Bremer who paid over the ransom.

Barker is accused of escorting Bremer back from Wisconsin, where he was said to have been held captive, to Rochester, Minn., where he was released.

The others are charged with disposing of the money in Chicago.

"Izzy," alias Jones, was described as being 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 170 pounds in weight, about 45 or 50 years old, and having a large nose and pockmarked cheeks.

Dillinger Hunt Speeded.

Meanwhile the federal government sprang afresh into the John Dillinger hunt today, bent on a desperate effort to bring the desperate machine-gunner outlaw to justice.

Joseph B. Keenan, the government's hard-hitting prosecutor of kidnapers and gangsters, arrived on

the scene, hurrying by airplane from Philadelphia.

"Dillinger has had the breaks so far," said the assistant attorney general, "but they are bound to go against him sooner or later."

A special "flying squad" of city detectives and agents of the state's attorney's office joined the federal forces in pushing the search for the Dillinger lair.

Keenan planned to confer with Melvin Purvis, head of the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is directing the government agents in their hunt for the elusive gunman. Keenan asserted, however, that his chief attention would be devoted to the case of Samuel Insull, former utilities head, and the Bremer kidnaping.

"Several other matters" he said would occupy his time, but he did not disclose what, if any, Dillinger plans were under consideration.

He did say, however, that the government agents who swooped down on the Little Bohemia, Wis., resort two weeks ago might have caught Dillinger if it had not been for "the unfortunate circumstances of an innocent party's failing to heed the agents' warning to halt."

"The resulting gunfire warned the desperado of the presence of his enemies," he said.

Meanwhile the Dillinger "flying squad" headed by Sergeant Frank Reynolds struck here and there in Chicago Sunday at suspected hide-outs of Dillinger's band of mobsters.

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FOULLOIS VIOLATED LAW, PROBE FINDS

House Committee Holds He Acted Illegally in Move to Buy Planes

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—A sub-committee of House investigators reported unanimously today that Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the Army Air Corps, acted "in clear violation of existing law" in the proposed purchase of airplanes costing \$7,500,000.

Coupled with the criticism of Foulois was a commendation of Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War.

The eight members who agreed to tell the House that Foulois had violated the law were Chairman Rogers (Dem., N. H.) of the aviation sub-committee and Representatives Jill (Dem., Ala.), Mottet (Dem., La.), Harter (Dem., Ohio), James (Rep., Mich.), Goss (Rep., Conn.), Plumley (Rep., Vt.) and Kvale (Farmer-Labor, Minn.).

The report recalled that late in 1933 the PWA set aside \$7,500,000 for the purchase of army airplanes. It asserted that Foulois had decided to buy the planes, without competition, from the Northrup Corporation, the Boeing Airplane Company and the Glenn L. Martin Company.

On Woodring's insistence the plan for direct purchases was dropped and specifications drawn on which competitive bids were asked.

BREMER CASE INDICTMENTS NAME TEN IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—Ten persons were named in the suppressed warrants on which John J. "Boss" McLaughlin was held as an alleged conspirator in the holding of the \$200,000 Edward Bremer ransom, it was disclosed today when McLaughlin was arraigned.

McLaughlin, alleged to have disposed of \$53,000 of the ransom money, was held with his sixteen-year-old son, John Jr.; William E. Vidler, the gambler, whose arrest started the windup, and Philip J. Delaney, former bartender, arrested at McLaughlin's home.

The others named in the warrant were Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpis, and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, the two hunted as Bremer's actual kidnapers; Frankie Wright, Roy Gray, alias Slim, alias Mr. Smith; one "Izzy" alias Jones, and John Doe and Richard Doe.

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M'LAUGHLIN COUNSEL DELAYS ST. PAUL TRIP

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Gets Final Arguments in
Bremer Case Put Over
Until Wednesday.

Chicago, May 7.—(AP)—Attempts of Federal authorities to speed the removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to answer to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer received a temporary setback today when Edwin K. Walker, United States commissioner, put over final arguments in the hearing until Wednesday afternoon.

That ten other persons were named in the indictment which had been suppressed when it was returned at St. Paul was disclosed at today's hearing.

Besides McLaughlin, those accused are: McLaughlin's son, John Jr.; Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpis, and Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker; Frankie Wright; Roy Gray, alias "Slim," alias Smith; "Izzy" Jones; Phil Delaney, William E. Vidler, and two unidentified men named in the indictment as John Doe and Richard Roe.

Four of the eleven are in custody here: McLaughlin and his son and Delaney and Vidler.

Attorney William C. Parrillo of defense counsel asked for a continuance of a week or two to study the indictment. He charged his client had been "pushed around by a lot of Keystone coppers masquerading as Federal agents" and insisted that he should have a chance to defend himself here.

An attempt by young McLaughlin to ask a Federal agent if he really believed him to be guilty of the crime was ruled out of order by Commissioner Walker. At one time McLaughlin made a whispered and dramatic plea to Joseph E. Keenan, assistant attorney general, for the release of his son.

"For God's sake, please let the kid go," begged McLaughlin. "He hasn't done anything. You can do as you please with me, but please let him go back to his mother."

Before the morning hearing opened, McLaughlin made an indignant denial of a statement by Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the bureau of investigation, that McLaughlin had "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money.

"I had nothing to confess," he said. "I know nothing of the kidnaping."

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Decision Today
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Ruling on Removal to St. Paul
Promised by Commissioner.

Chicago, May 9.—(AP)—United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker today took under advisement the government's demand that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin be removed to St. Paul to stand trial for a part in the Bremer kidnap plot.

Walker may rule Thursday, he indicated after hearing Attorney A. E. Roth argue that the government had shown only a feeble case against McLaughlin. McLaughlin was arrested a week ago and accused of handling \$53,000 of the ransom which Edward G. Bremer paid to his kidnapers.

The commissioner said he would act Thursday, too, on a motion to reduce the bond set for the release of McLaughlin's son, held in the same connection. Two other defendants were awaiting his ruling—William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney, both with John J. McLaughlin Jr., charged with disposing of part of the kidnap cash.

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Bond Of McLaughlin's Son Reduced In Bremer Case

By United Press.
 CHICAGO, May 10.—U. S. Commissioner E. K. Walker today ordered the bond of John J. McLaughlin, Jr., 7-year-old son of "Boss" McLaughlin, held in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, reduced from \$30,000 to \$5,000. The smaller bond was not immediately made.

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**M'LAUGHLIN REMOVAL
 DECISION UP MONDAY**
 Chicago, May 12.—(AP)—A decision on the removal of John (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to answer an indictment charging conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping was deferred today until Monday.
 McLaughlin and several others indicted with him are alleged to have handled part of the Bremer ransom money.

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**DECISION ON McLAUGHLIN
 REMOVAL IS POSTPONED**
 CHICAGO, May 12.—Decision on the removal of John P. (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to face charges of conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping today was postponed until Monday by United States Commissioner Edin K. Walker.
 Walker said he wanted additional time to study arguments made by McLaughlin's counsel that the former state legislator and reputed gambling overlord had not been properly identified.

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Torture in Bremer Case Charged to U. S. Agents; Untrue, Keenan Avers

Victim Hung From High Window, Teeth Loosened, Mrs. McLaughlin Says.

Chicago, May 18.—(AP)—Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, whose husband and son are in federal custody as conspirators in disposing of part of the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom, announced today she had telegraphed a protest to Joseph B. Keenan of the Department of Justice against the alleged methods of the government agents, and also would appeal to President Roosevelt for justice.

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**Bremer Suspects
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By United Press.

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Removal of the McLaughlins, Philip J. Delaney and William E. Vidler was ordered Monday by United States Commissioner Edwin Walker, but halted by writs of habeas corpus issued by Sullivan.

Attorneys for the four men argued that their clients were not adequately identified before a St. Paul

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CUMMINGS PEEVED OVER BREMER CASE

Attorney General Irritated for
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Cummings Irritated by Delay in Bremer Case

Cannot "Limit Myself to Parliamentary Language," He Says.

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—Attorney General Cummings appeared irritated today at delay in removal from Chicago to Minnesota of four men indicted in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

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HABEAS CORPUS ACTION DELAYED UNTIL MAY 21.

Chicago, May 17.—(AP)—Habeas corpus proceedings to defeat removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his son and two other men to St. Paul, on charges of conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case were postponed until May 21 today by Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

The McLaughlins, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, were held for removal last week by U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker. The delay today was granted to permit filing of a complete transcript of the hearing before the commissioner.

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Keenan To Speed Extradition Of McLaughlin Here

WASHINGTON, May 17.—
The department of justice was reported to have sent Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan to Chicago to speed up extradition of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and several associates to St. Paul where they are under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Obviously impatient with the delay in the case, Atty Gen. Homer S. Cummings said, "I can't talk about it and still limit myself to parliamentary language."

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ward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnap
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near Cuba City, Wis., during his
three weeks' captivity, Federal
agents disclosed today.
The Bremer kidnapers' hideout
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agents said they made their dis-
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Reports from Iowa verified the information on the Cuba City Bremer house, and also disclosed the location of an abandoned mine in which Dillinger hid following the shooting affray at the Little Bohemia Lodge at Spider Lake, Wis.

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McLaughlin, 3 Others Ordered to Trial Here

Chicago "Boss" Accused of \$200,000 Ransom Plot in Bremer Case.

Removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and three co-defendants to St. Paul for trial on charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom plot against Edward G. Bremer was ordered today in Chicago.

The other three are McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John Jr.; William E. Vidler, gambler, and Philip Delaney, former bartender.

An Associated Press dispatch said Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, who signed the removal order, overruled motions by attorneys for the prisoners to obtain their release on writs of habeas corpus.

The removal was ordered last week, but was held up temporarily by habeas corpus proceedings to free the defendants. The four have been in custody under bonds ranging from \$5,000 for young McLaughlin to \$25,000 for his father.

Counsel for the four defendants indicated an appeal would be taken from Judge Sullivan's denial of habeas corpus writs, thus further delaying removal to St. Paul for trial.

Officials here had no word of the action at noon.

The government charges the elder McLaughlin disposed of \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom collected in the kidnaping of Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January. The others were arrested as conspirators in the same plot.

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**McLaughlins
Are Ordered To
Be Brought Here**

CHICAGO, May 21.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, Jack, and two other men today were ordered removed to St. Paul for trial in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The removal order was entered by Judge Phillip L. Sullivan in federal court, who denied the writ of habeas corpus filed in behalf of the McLaughlins and William E. Vidler and Phil Delaney.

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**McLaughlin, 2
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 Here for Trial**
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Chicagoan's Son, Another
 Bremer Defendant, to Fol-
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John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and
 two others charged with conspiracy
 as the result of the \$200,000 kidnap-
 ing of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul
 banker, were on their way to St. Paul
 Monday night to face trial here, an
 Associated Press dispatch from Chi-
 cago announced.

Accompanying McLaughlin as co-
 defendants were William E. Vidler
 and Philip Delaney. A fourth de-
 fendant in the alleged conspiracy to
 dispose of part of the money paid
 for Bremer's release is McLaugh-
 lin's son, John Jr., and he probably
 will leave for St. Paul today, driving
 his own automobile, the United
 States marshal's office in Chicago
 announced. The younger McLaughlin
 is at liberty on bond.

Dispatches did not say how the
 three were being brought to St. Paul,
 but it was assumed the trip was by
 train. Deputy marshals hurried them
 from the Federal building in Chicago
 to start the journey shortly after
 Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan had
 overruled motions for release of the
 defendants on a habeas corpus writ.

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Boss McLaughlin Here; Wants Pinochle Player

"Very Nice Jail," Says Chicagoan as He Settles Down to Await Trial.

(Picture on Page 1, Sec. 2.)

All that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin needs now is another pinochle player.

The Chicago man voiced his need this morning as he arrived with two companions to face Federal indictments charging conspiracy to conceal ransom money in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

"Boss" McLaughlin looked about him approvingly as he took off his coat, unbuttoned his vest and settled down in Ramsey county jail to await the trial date, not yet set.

"This is a very nice jail," he said. "I am impressed by the cleanliness and order apparent everywhere."

A former member of the Illinois senate, he is a statesman-like appearing person of 66, gray haired, with shaggy eyebrows, not unlike the late President Harding.

"I'll be happy here," he said, "if I can only find another pinochle player to help me while away the time."

Philip Delaney, 55 years old, and William E. Vidler, a younger man, are McLaughlin's co-defendants who arrived with him by train today to face like charges.

When a photographer appeared to take their pictures, the black-haired Vidler, who had taken off his necktie, looked about for one, finally borrowed the photographer's to make a presentable appearance.

"You see, this is the first time we have ever been behind steel and we want to look as well as we can," McLaughlin explained.

Mr. McLaughlin is under \$30,000 bond and the other two defendants are under \$25,000 bond each. McLaughlin's son, John Jr., also indicted, is at liberty on bonds of \$5,000 and is expected to motor to St. Paul for the trial.

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Three Chicago men, who arrived here today to face a federal grand jury indictment charging conspiracy to conceal ransom money in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, are shown in Ramsey county jail. They are, left to right, William E. Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

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Fears Trial Delay

Sullivan Says McLaughlin Case Likely To Come Up in Fall.

There is little likelihood of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, and three co-defendants going to trial in St. Paul before fall, to answer to charges of conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, according to George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney.

McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John Jr., William Vidler and Phillip Delaney are charged with handling part of \$200,000 ransom money paid by the Bremer family to kidnapers for the release of the St. Paul banker early in February.

The four are expected to be arraigned Saturday morning to enter a plea. The elder McLaughlin is held under \$30,000 bond, the son is out on \$500 bond and Delaney and Vidler are held under \$25,000 bond each.

All but the younger McLaughlin are lodged in Ramsey county jail.

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BREMER KIDNAPPING

1 Phone Lines Tapped During Bremer Hunt

State Furnishes List in Explanation of Bill Sent City.

Twenty-one telephone lines were tapped by the Tri-State Telephone Company during the kidnaping hunt for E. G. Bremer, according to a letter of explanation sent today to Clyde R. May, commissioner of public utilities.

The letter was from Thomas Dahill, chief of police, who told of the necessity for the work and explained the bill for \$811 sent to the city council Thursday. The bill will again be considered Tuesday.

On the list of those whose telephones were tapped are: Adolph Bremer, Schmidt Brewing company; American National bank, Commercial State bank, Paul G. Bremer, at the bank, George H. Hurd Realty Co., W. W. Magee at home and at the office, Otto Bremer, Paul G. Bremer home, Harry Johnson, C. E. Newcomb, H. M. Kalscheuer, Ray Rosberg, Frank H. Matson, E. G. Bremer, Miles Burke and the Department of Justice. At some of these locations more than one telephone line was tapped.

Included in the list of expenses were the services of special operators at Cedar, Dale, Elkhurst, Garfield, Midway and Emerson exchanges.

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**Boss McLaughlin
 And Companions
 Hearing Slated**

**Three to Face Court on Con-
 spiracy Charges in Bremer
 Ransom Case.**

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and two companions, all of Chicago, will be arraigned in United States District court here at 10 A. M. Monday on charges of conspiracy to conceal part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money, George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, announced today.

The two other men to be arraigned with McLaughlin are William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

Thomas McMeeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, announced that he will seek reduction of his client's bond from \$30,000 to \$10,000. At the same time it was expected Mr. Sullivan would ask for a bond increase for all three defendants. The other two defendants besides McLaughlin are held in bonds of \$25,000 each. All are in Ramsey county jail.

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Big Time Kidnap Rings Smashed; U.S. Chasing Remnants Of Gangs

This is the fifth of a series of six absorbing stories on the nation's outlaws who have most merited end by bullet or rope or have landed behind prison bars, and the present-day "most-wanted" criminals, their records and detailed descriptions.

BY WILLIS THORNTON.

In the wave of kidnaping which swept the country during the last few months, the United States department of justice acquitted itself splendidly. Speedily it put behind the bars most of the principals in such cases as those of Mary McElroy and Nell Donnelly in Kansas City, Peggy McMath in Massachusetts, Jackie Thompson in Detroit, Adolphus Busch Orthwein in St. Louis, August Luer in Alton, Ill., Benjamin P. Bower in Denver, Gordon H. Sawyer in Tucson, and Charles Urschel in Oklahoma.

Put to make this record even more sweeping, and prove very definitely that there is nothing in kidnaping but discovery and prison, federal sleuths would like to round up at least five more "left-overs" from these and other kidnapings.

They are: Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker, believed to have been concerned in the Bremer kidnaping case, and also suspected of having operated with Clyde Barrow's gang and John Dillinger's.

Three also remain of those suspected in the Luer kidnaping case: Walter O'Malley, Lloyd Doyle and Mrs. G. M. Chase.

These five will be welcome callers at the department of justice.

Brutal To Aged Banker.

Six of the Luer kidnap gang are already in jail. But the case was so repulsive that the government is anxious to round up the rest.

August Luer is a feeble 77-year-old banker of Alton, Ill. The kidnapers entered his home, roughly handled both the aged man and his wife, and bundled him off in an auto.

In a foul and cramped basement they kept him confined for nearly a week — then they blindfolded him and released him on an open road. The kidnapers had been unable to make a safe contact to collect the \$100,000 ransom they had demanded.

Federal forces worked unceasingly on the case, and excellent co-operation was achieved with local authorities. Mrs. Luer identified the picture of a former burglar and thug, "The Dice-box Kid," as one of the kidnapers.

Police went out and found him



Mrs. George M. Chase



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wanted to round out the complete mop-up of the Luer case.

Bremer Case Baffling.

St. Paul's Bremer kidnaping case was a harder nut to crack. For 22 days thugs held concealed Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old bank president, son of a prominent brewer, who is a friend of the President himself.

A gang of 10 or 12 men descended on Bremer just after he had taken his 8-year-old daughter to school one morning, beat him about the head, and carried him off.

This time the abductors carried on their negotiations successfully, and collected \$200,000 in unmarked bills. They then released Bremer at Rochester, Minn.

Two months went by without any very tangible results. But now the case is beginning to open up. Chicago police have arrested a former state representative, and charged him with conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping. They believe his arrest is the beginning of the breaking up of a "hot money" ring in Chicago which has specialized in disposal of ransom money and stolen bonds.

Fingerprints Are Found.

Six men and two women, with a miscellaneous crime record behind every one of them, were rounded up in a bloodless raid on a farm near Mannford, Okla. Police gathered at night at Mannford in force, armed with every modern protection and offensive device, and descended on the farmhouse just as the sun rose.

The house surrounded, officers kicked in the door and arrested all the sleepy inmates before they could offer resistance. But they were small fry, wanted all over the Unit-

ed States, it is true, for various crimes, but still small fry.

The best things found on the raid were fingerprints. The tell-tale prints of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis were found on gas line cans and flashlights about the farmhouse. Already under indictment in the Bremer case, these two known desperadoes are suspected of having played the major part in it, and to have been closely enough allied with John Dillinger that he himself may have had something to do with this kidnaping.

So the hunt for Barker and Karpis was speeded up.

Paroled; Back In Crime.

Though he has twice escaped from custody, and was finally sentenced to life in the Oklahoma state penitentiary for murder, Barker was paroled in September, 1932, after serving 10 years. Since then he has been apparently active in a long series of crimes.

Barker has gone by the name of Bob Barker and Claude Dale, and has a brother Lloyd serving time in Ft. Leavenworth.

Karpis, his probable comrade, is also a professional criminal who has served time for burglary, larceny, and safe-blowing. Karpis or Karpavics, has also gone under the names of Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton and Ray Hunter.

When these two are rounded up, it is not unlikely that they may be found in connection with John Dillinger and his gang, for there is evidence that they have worked with them in recent months.

And that would make a round-up really worth going after.

and trapped him into admission that led to uncovering of the whole affair.

Ringleader Still Free.

Though five men and a woman are now serving from five to 20 years for this cowardly crime, one of the suspected ringleaders in the plot is still at large. He is Walter Holland, known also as Walter or "Irish" O'Malley, burglar and hijacker.

With him is sought Lloyd (Blackie) Doyle, a man with no very black previous record, but who now stands indicted in the Luer case. The third is a woman, Mrs. George M. Chase, who has gone by the various names of Vivian Davis, Vivian Chase, Alice White, Vivian McDowell, Alice Waite and Grace Hickey. Mrs. Chase, though she, too, has no convictions behind her, is badly

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Accused Fails to Appear in Court When Hearings Are Resumed.

Disbarment proceedings against Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, were ordered closed Monday by District Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Center City when Ginsberg and his attorney, Benjamin Rigler, failed to appear in Hennepin county court in Minneapolis when hearings were resumed from last April.

Judge Stolberg, appointed by the Minnesota Supreme court to conduct the hearing said the testimony and his recommendations would be submitted to the Supreme court in the next two weeks, for final action on the disbarment proceedings.

Disbarment proceedings against Ginsberg were brought by the state board of bar examiners last April. Ginsberg was granted a continuance until June when he told the court he wished to secure depositions in his behalf in Chicago.

Ginsberg was convicted in Ramsey county district court of swindling Rev. A. J. Carey. He also stands trial in Nicollet county for an alleged attempt to swindle Rev. F. Pozek of New Ulm.

At the hearings in April Rev. A. Wermer Skirchen of Hokah, and Rev. James Walcher of Melrose both testified they paid Ginsberg money for alleged swindle deals.

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and taken to the office of the Board of Health in Panama, where it will be examined to determine whether it is safe.

Chicagoans Deny Bremer Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, June 16 (AP)—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, and three co-defendants, including his son, today pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer. Arraigned before Federal Judge Joyce, the four Chicagoans sought reduction in bail. Judge Joyce set Wednesday for a hearing.

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McLAUGHLIN RANSOM TRIAL ARGUMENTS ON

Arguments were scheduled to begin at 2 P. M. today in Federal District court for an immediate trial of four Chicagoans charged with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnap ransom money.

Defendants are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr.

The hearing before Judge M. M. Joyce also was expected to include argument toward increasing bail of the senior McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney to \$100,000 each. McLaughlin is under \$30,000 bond and Vidler and Delaney under bonds of \$25,000 each. Young McLaughlin is at liberty under \$5,000 bail.

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M'LAUGHLIN TRIAL
SET FOR NOVEMBER
St. Paul Pioneer Press 7-21-34
Reduced Bonds Set for Alleged
Conspirators in Handling
Bremer Ransom.

The trial of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr., charged with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was set Wednesday by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce for the November term of Federal court.

At the same time Judge Joyce fixed bond for the first three defendants at \$30,000 each. Young McLaughlin, son of the "Boss," is at liberty on \$5,000 bond.

The new figure represents a drastic reduction from the bond of \$100,000 each which Judge Joyce ordered following the trio's arraignment here, at which all pleaded not guilty. It also represents the last of a long series of bonds set here and in Chicago, where all the defendants were arrested. Bond first was fixed in Chicago at \$100,000 each, then at \$100,000 for the elder McLaughlin and \$75,000 for Vidler and Delaney, and later at \$30,000 for McLaughlin and \$25,000 for the other two.

The defendants were represented Wednesday by Thomas W. McMeekin of St. Paul, who moved for an immediate trial and a bond cut.

The specific charge against the four is that they disposed of part of the \$200,000 ransom which was paid for Bremer's release 22 days after he was kidnaped January 17. Vidler allegedly had \$2,265 of the ransom money in his possession when he was arrested and Federal agents asserted McLaughlin admitted disposing of \$53,000 of the ransom, although the former legislative "boss" denied making any such admission.

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**ADMITS ATTEMPT TO EXTORT
MONEY, GETS 10-YEAR TERM**

Jack Neely, Ex-Convict, Sentenced
for Letters to Bremer, St.
Paul Brewer.

Jack Neely, a former convict, today was sentenced to 10 years in Leavenworth penitentiary on his plea of guilty before Federal Judge Davis to a charge of attempting to extort money from the Bremer family of St. Paul, Minn. Neely was indicted under the Cochran Act.

Arrested last April by St. Louis detectives, who traced him through personal advertisements in newspapers, Neely admitted, police said, writing extortion letters to Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, and the latter's son, Edward G. Bremer, who was kidnaped last January. The letters demanded \$200,000 at first, and later \$25,000, and contained threats of "grave harm" to the Bremer family if police were notified. In 1922 Neely was sentenced to 10 years in prison for forgery.

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**WRITER OF THREAT NOTES
 TO BREMER GETS 10 YEARS**

St. Louis, June 27.—(AP)—Jack W. Neely, a former convict, pleaded guilty in Federal court here today to writing extortion letters to Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced to ten years in Leavenworth penitentiary.

Neely confessed, Federal authorities said, that he sent five letters to Bremer, the first demanding \$200,000 and the last \$2,500, after the banker had been released by kidnapers.

The last letter threatened Bremer, his wife and daughter with "grave danger" unless \$2,500 was delivered to a St. Louis address.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT CAUGHT

Portland (Me.) Man Is
Called 'Brains of Gang.'

PORTLAND, Me., July 16.—(United News.)—Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, described as "the brains of the gang" responsible for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was arrested at his so-called novelty manufacturing plant here late today.

Federal and local officers collaborating in the raid also arrested a woman described as Mrs. Christina Craig, 32, wife of Craig; and Everett B. Hunter, 40, of South Portland.

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REGAIN \$87,000 IN GEMS

MRS. ADOLPH ZUKOR GETS BACK
STOLEN JEWELS.

Two Women Carried Out the Rob-
bery, Chicago Police Announce
—A Bremer Kidnaping
Link Is Seen.

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 16.—A ¼-million-dol-
lar mail robbery and the \$200,000 un-
solved kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, re-
echoed tonight as authorities claimed
solution of the \$87,000 Zukor jewel
robbery.

In custody were six women and two
men. William Shoemaker, detective
chief, asserted two of the women,
whom he refused to designate, stole
the jewels from Mrs. Adolph Zukor,
wife of the movie magnate, while she
slept in her hotel room July 14. The
loot was recovered. Those detained
were:

James Weinberg, 33, his wife, Eula,
33; her sister, Elsie Delaney, 28; Miss
Delaney's roommate, Dorothy Jacobs,
27; Robert Vestal, 29; Helen, his wife,
32; Estelle Melton, 28, and Mrs. Jean
Edgel, 38.

INDICTED IN MAIL ROBBERY.

Shoemaker said Weinberg, a saloon
and cafe operator, was under indict-
ment with several others as a result
of a ¼-million-dollar mail robbery
in Chicago's loop December 6, 1932.
Also indicted was John J. (Boss) Mc-
Laughlin, former state assemblyman,
and Edgar Lebensberger, owner of
the 225 Club.

Lebensberger was found dead, a
bullet in his head and a revolver by
his side in his luxurious apartment,
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the loot, Shoemaker said, but insisted
he was innocent of the robbery. He
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men came in and the women fled in
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The bureau of investigation said
Mrs. Weinberg was arrested in St.
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The bureau of investigation said Mrs. Weinberg was arrested in St. Louis in 1919 in connection with a robbery and slaying in Kansas City. Police did not know who was slain or how the case was disposed of.

ARRESTED UNDER OTHER NAMES.

The record also said that in December, 1929, Mrs. Weinberg was arrested under the name of Edna Clark in St. Louis for larceny, and as Pauline Van Meyers she was detained in St. Louis as a suspected hotel prowler.

Once in the hunt one of the suspected persons almost ruined the investigators' schemes by being arrested. Mrs. Vestal was seized two weeks ago in a minor hotel burglary. That charge was dismissed, however, before it could interfere with the investigation of the jewel case.

A necklace of sixty-nine pearls valued at about \$80,000 was the biggest individual piece of loot. There were also two diamond studded lorgnettes, each worth approximately \$1,100, and a platinum mounted diamond dinner ring.

Rewards totaling \$8,000 had been offered for their recovery.

Mrs. Weinberg is believed to have been the associate of Walter Majors, member of the notorious Majors' gang of bank bandits, who was convicted of the slaying of Frank Gardner in the holdup of Harry Truesdell's gambling house, 1209 Grand avenue, September 5, 1919. She gave the name then of Pauline von Myre. When arrested she had \$1,200 in currency concealed in her shoes. She said she had known Majors a year and had been living with him a month. She supposed he was a traveling salesman. She was released later. Majors died in the Missouri penitentiary.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD

PORTLAND, Me., July 17.—
Rated by police as the man who
"engineered" the \$200,000 kidnap-
ing of Edward G. Bremer, St.
Paul, Minn., banker, Theodore
Craig, alias Bentz, 31, wanted for
bank robberies in Danville, Vt.,
and other cities, had been arrest-
ed at gun-point at his home here
today.

With him was arrested his wife,
Christiana, 32, charged with har-
boring a fugitive from justice, and
Everett B. Hunter, held on sus-
picion. Craig, who has served
time in Seattle, Wash., is a fugi-
tive from Texas.

Authorities would not elaborate
beyond saying that Craig is the
"brains" of the gang responsible
for the kidnaping of Bremer in
January. Bremer was held cap-
tive 22 days and released on pay-
ment of \$200,000 ransom. He
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ZUKOR GEM THEFT TIED TO KIDNAPING

6 Arrested Suspected of Connection With Bremer Case and Big Mail Robbery

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CHICAGO, July 17.—Authorities studied today a possible link between the recovery of stolen jewels worth \$65,200, a \$250,000 mail robbery and the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Four women and two men were in custody, and Detective Chief William Shoemaker said two of the women, whom he refused to designate, stole the jewels on June 14 from the hotel room of Mrs. Adolph Zukor, wife of the movie magnate.

Those detained were James Weinberg, thirty-three; his wife, Eula, thirty-three; her sister, Elsie Delaney, twenty-eight; Miss Delaney's room-mate, Dorothy Jacobs, twenty-seven; Robert Vestal, twenty-nine, and his wife, Helen, thirty-two.

Link to Other Crimes

Police said Weinberg, saloon and cafe operator, was under indictment as the result of a \$250,000 mail robbery in Chicago's Loop on December 6, 1932. Among others named in the charge was John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former State Assemblyman, later indicted for possessing ransom money paid for the release of Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer.

This, police said, indicated a possible connection between the three crimes.

Wire tapping by police and Clarence Converse, a Federal operative, led to the arrest of those held. The officers said they overheard conversations offering the jewels for sale in New York and St. Paul.

Weinberg took officers to the loot, but denied any part in the burglary. He claimed two women abandoned the jewelry in a tavern, fearing that detectives were following them.

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'Brains' of Bremer Kidnaping Caught

PORTLAND, Me., July 16 (U. S.).—Rated by police as the man who engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, Theodore Craig, alias Bentz, 31, wanted for bank robberies in Danville, Vt., and other cities, was arrested at gun point at his home here today.

With him were arrested his wife, Christiana, 32, charged with harboring a fugitive from justice, and Everett B. Hunter, held on suspicion.

The specific charge against Craig is that he, with four others, stole \$10,000 from the Caledonia National Bank at Danville, Vt.

Authorities would not elaborate beyond saying that Craig is the "brain" of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Bremer in January. Bremer was held captive 22 days and released on payment of \$200,000 ransom. He never saw his abductors, but claims he can identify them by their voices. There was a woman in the gang. St. Paul police have been notified.

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Man Held in Maine Faces Questioning in Kidnaping

By United Press

PORTLAND, Me.—A garage hold-up which netted only \$50 led today to the arrest of Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, and a \$10,000 Vermont bank robbery.

Indications were that he might also be questioned regarding the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man, for word from Chicago was that Federal authorities listed Craig as an associate of George (Machine Gun) Kelley and Albert Bates, both in prison for the Urschel abduction.

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**Bremer Case Suspect
Arrested in Robbery**

Portland, Me., July 16 (AP).—Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, was arrested here today on a Federal warrant charging him with robbing the Caledonian National Bank of Danville, Vt., of \$10,000.

Authorities said he also was wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy Milwaukee brewer.

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McLaughlin Bond Reduced

Plea Of Illness Wins Cut To \$15,000.

Bond of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, held in St. Paul for conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, today was reduced to \$15,000.

The reduction was granted by Judge M. M. Joyce after McLaughlin's attorney presented a physician's certificate declaring the Chicagoan is 67, diabetic and can't possibly obtain the necessary food, exercise and treatment at the Ramsey county jail.

Bail originally was set at \$100,000, and reduced June 20 to \$30,000. McLaughlin expected to raise bond of that sum until it was found out of state property could not be pledged. With the bond cut to \$15,000, it was explained McLaughlin believed he could secure bond from a professional bondsman.

Judge Joyce criticized department of justice agents for placing McLaughlin where he could not obtain proper treatment for the disease.

McLaughlin was arrested after federal agents said they found him in possession of \$65,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.--A REDUCTION OF \$15,000 IN THE BOND OF JOHN J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN, CHICAGO, HELD ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD BREMER, WAS MADE TODAY.

THE REDUCTION WAS GRANTED BY JUDGE H. M. JOYCE AFTER McLAUGHLIN'S ATTORNEY PRESENTED A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE DECLARING THE CHICAGO POLITICIAN WAS 67 YEARS OLD, DIABETIC AND COULD NOT OBTAIN THE PROPER FOOD, EXERCISE AND TREATMENT IN THE RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL. THE BAIL ORIGINALLY WAS SET AT \$100,000 AND WAS REDUCED JUNE 20 TO \$30,000.

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**'Boss' McLaughlin
Has Bail Reduced**

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today ordered the bail of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago, held in jail here on charges of possessing part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom, reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000. Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, said his client has diabetes and might die if kept in jail.

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**J. J. M'LAUGHLIN
WINS BAIL CUT
IN BREMER CASE**

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 4.—[Special.]—John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago politician, held in jail here for trial on charges of possessing part of the \$200,000 ransom Edward G. Bremer paid for the release from kidnapers, won a reduction in bail today from \$25,000 to \$15,000.
Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, who

ordered the reduction, acted on a petition by Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, who told the court his client suffered from diabetes, and because of his age—87 years—might die if kept in jail. He pointed out that McLaughlin is also suffering from an old hip injury.

McMeekin presented an affidavit from a doctor supporting his contention. He also stated that McLaughlin could furnish the original bail if Illinois bondsmen were permitted to operate in Minnesota. In an attempt to

prevent McLaughlin's release, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, also presented a doctor's certificate that jail diet and routine are not harmful to the prisoner. McLaughlin is expected to be tried at the fall term of the federal court.

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**Attempt to Kidnap
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BREMER KIDNAPERS KNOWN TO U. S. AGENTS; SOLUTION TO CLOSE LAST OF 26 CASES

J. Edgar Hoover Reveals Justice Department's Tactics in Drive

By JOHN T. LAMBERT

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"There is no honor among thieves. They turn tail on each other, when they get on the spot themselves.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD WRONG MAN

**Prisoner Jailed in Kentucky
Not Karpis, Says Federal
Agent at Paducah.**

By the Associated Press.
 PADUCAH, Ky., August 11.—He's not Karpis, but who is he? After his identification by local police as Alvin Karpis, suspect in the Edward Bremer kidnaping case, a man held in the Paducah jail tonight was viewed by a Department of Justice agent from Indianapolis who said the prisoner definitely is not Karpis.
 A study of the man's fingerprints had led Chief of Detectives Kelly Franklin to announce earlier that he was Karpis, and the man's actions seemed to bear out Franklin's theory. The prisoner had spent several hours trying to rub off his fingerprints on the concrete floor of the jail.
 Tonight C. J. Van Lanningham, Department of Justice agent, spoiled the theory. The prisoner then broke the silence which he has generally held since his arrest. He said he was Blackburn Jackson. His testimony ended there.
 Police believed the man must have some kind of criminal record, as at one time he said:
 "You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs."

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Native of Canada.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug 11 (AP)—The arrest in Paducah, Ky., of Alvin Karpis, brought to heel one of the gang that Federal officers consider the most dangerous outlaws left at large in the Nation today.

At least three other suspected with Karpis in the Bremer kidnaping bear reputations for being more cunning than Karpis.

These are Harry Campbell and the Barker brothers, Fred and Arthur (Doc). Another member of this gang of hoodlums is Russell (Rusty) Gibson, who escaped from jail at Oklahoma City in 1929 after he had been arrested for a \$75,000 bank messenger robbery.

Karpis is a native of Canada, but first began his career of crime in Kansas, where he served a term for burglary. Upon being paroled, he and Fred Barker allegedly fired the shots that killed Sheriff R. C. Kelly at West Plains, Mo.

He also was accused with Barker of killing the latter's father-in-law, A. W. Duhlopp, of West St. Paul, Minn.

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Karpis Seized At Paducah in Bremer Case

Suspect in Kidnaping of
St. Paul Banker Is
Held in Kentucky.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 11 (AP)—Chief of Detectives Kelly Franklin announced late today that a man arrested here had been identified as Alvin Karpis, alias R. E. Hamilton, long-sought for his alleged part in the kidnaping last January of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

Karpis was arrested early today as he was asleep under a tree on the outskirts of the city. Detectives seized a pistol lying beside him, Franklin said, as the man squirmed and reached for the weapon.

Police refused to disclose Karpis' identity until after a study of fingerprints.

A truck gardener's report to police that "I think there's a dead man out in my field" led to the arrest. Detectives Herbert Sheehan and Barber Daily went to the field and flashed their lights on the sleeping man. Daily sighted the pistol and grabbed it.

"Are you cops?" Karpis asked. When the officers answered "yes," he consented to be searched and let his captors take him to jail without trying to resist.

Searched at headquarters, police found Karpis carried two clips of .45-caliber cartridges for his automatic, about 50 loose cartridges tied in two socks and 20 cents.

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Paducah Holds Karpis, Suspect In Bremer Case

Leader in Kidnaping of
St. Paul Banker Is
Under Arrest.

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The serial number had been filed from the pistol.

Detective Chief Franklin attempted to question the man, but each query was met by cold silence. Finally Franklin asked him:

"What did you grab that gun when the boys covered you for?"

"I wanted to kill a couple of men who woke me up," Karpis replied. He added: "You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs. Now go find it—I'm not telling you a thing."

He had attempted to hide his identity. Not a scrap of paper could be found on his person, and labels had been removed from his clothing.

Karpis spent several hours, police said, rubbing his fingertips against the concrete floor of his cell before he was printed. Several of the prints blurred, police said, while others stood up. Prisoners in the jail reported to Jailer Tom King that Karpis did "nothing" but "lie flat on his stomach and rub his fingers."

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Bremer Refuses Comment.
 St. Paul, Aug. 11 (AP).—Alvin Karpis, reported arrested and held for the United States Department of Justice in Paducah, Ky., long has been sought for an alleged part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January. The Department of Justice here has a warrant for the desperado in connection with the Bremer case, but although Karpis is wanted in Dakota County for murder, no State warrants are on file against him in Ramsey (St. Paul) County, M. F. Kinkead, county attorney, said.

Kinkead said that, although he took an active part in the search for the Bremer kidnap gang, no effort would be made tonight to discuss the case with the victim.

When informed of Karpis' apprehension, Bremer said, "I will not discuss the case."

Bremer was kidnaped here the morning of January 17, after he had taken a daughter to a private school.

The banker, who is 37 years old, was held 21 days for \$200,000 ransom and finally was released in Rochester, Minn., after the money was paid.

Karpis was identified as one of the abductors through fingerprints on gasoline tins thrown from the car in which the kidnapers took their victim to Rochester.

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**Lambert Revealed
"Finger" Was on Karpis**

"The Department of Justice knows who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, the St. Paul banker..."

That was the statement of John T. Lambert in the Washington Herald three days ago. Lambert, in his Thursday article, quoted J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, as saying:

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 "Yet he came out of his cottage in Memphis with his hands in the air and his guns on the bed."

Yesterday, Karpis came out the same way. Although one of the nation's "public enemies," he meekly surrendered to authorities and was disarmed without a shot being fired.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT TAKEN IN PADUCAH, KY.

Alvin Karpis Unable to Use
Pistol When Surprised As
He Takes His Ease in Dixie

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 11. (U.P.)—Alvin Karpis, who dealt in big stakes, was captured today and held as a suspect in two daring kidnapings.

Authorities believed Karpis was directly involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, son of an old St. Paul banking family, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, jr., wealthy brewer.

Karpis was one of the most notorious gunmen alive since the demise of John Dillinger.

TOO GROGGY TO RESIST

In addition to his alleged part in the abductions, two of the most spectacular of a series that swept the Middle West last year, Karpis was linked by authorities with Fred Barker, in the most recent machine gun slaying of Johnny Lazia in Kansas City.

A report from Chris Burger, truck gardener, that "there's a dead man out in my field," led police to the tree under which Karpis lay asleep.

Before rousing the sleeping fugitive, the officers removed a loaded pistol that Karpis had lying within easy reach of his hand.

The cocked .45 calibre pistol at the desperado's side caught Detective Dalley's eye. As he removed it Karpis squirmed and his hand moved toward the place where his weapon lay.

"Are you ~~capt~~" he inquired as he rolled back and looked up at the men.

FULLY IDENTIFIED

"Yes, get up," Sheehan ordered. As Karpis rose he reached toward his left pocket, but Sheehan jammed his pistol into the suspect's back and ordered him to raise his hands.

Karpis' pockets contained two clips of cartridges, 50 loose cartridges wrapped in a white sock, apparently to form a blackjack. He had only 20 cents.

His fingerprints were taken and, police said, identified him as the long-sought kidnap suspect.

When he was aroused he was too groggy to resist.

Both Karpis and Barker were

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD

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free on parole from the Oklahoma State penitentiary. Karpis had served part of a four-year sentence for burglary and Barker had served 10 years of a life sentence for murder.

Karpis was accused, with Barker and several others whose names were not disclosed, as perpetrators of the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Barker were identified as occupants of the St. Paul residence from which Verne Sankey and his wife fled shortly before a police raid while Hamm was in the hands of his kidnapers.

Sankey, who was captured and confessed the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher 2d, in Denver, was the abductor of Haskell Bohn in St. Paul and the master mind behind the Hamm case. Sankey hanged himself in a Sioux Falls, S. D. jail while awaiting arraignment in the Boettcher case.

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ALVIN KARPIS, wanted in famous Bremer kidnaping case, captured in Paducah, Ky., and held for Federal authorities.

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Birdmen in this issue. You
will find the new depart-
ment on Page 5, Part 1. This
feature will be carried regu-
larly each Sunday, replac-
ing the daily Junior Bird-
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CULBERTSON BRIDGE SYSTEM—Jo-
sephine Culbertson presents one of an
exclusive series of articles on this sub-
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'Dillinger' His Lost Son, Kentucky Man Declares

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Coroner Frank J. Walsh informed Green, however, that the body of the gangster had been positively identified through fingerprints as Dillinger and had been claimed by his father and buried.

The letter from Green, dated August 8, read:

"I have a picture of the Dillinger slain that resembles my son Billy B. Green. The picture is in the Courier Journal Monday morning, July 23.

"He is 27, 5 feet 8 inches in shoes. Weighed about 145. Hair black—eyes gray. Complexion medium and black thin beard on chin. He had no scars in his face as I remember as I last saw him six years ago. But had a broken collar bone. I can identify him for the picture is exactly like him.

"It has been four years since I've known his whereabouts—

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By The United Press
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 Authorities believed Karpis was directly involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, son of an old St. Paul banking family, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. He also was linked with Fred Barker in the recent machine gun slaying of Johnny Lazia, Kansas City politician.
 Karpis was captured by officers who found him peacefully sleeping under a tree at the outskirts of Paducah. There was no resistance.

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"I wanted to kill a couple of men who woke me up. You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs, now go find it—I'm not telling you a thing."

Declining to answer any other questions, the man, who had only 20 cents in money, was placed in jail, where prisoners reported he "did nothing but lie flat on his stomach and rub at his fingers." He rubbed several hours, and until they burned with soreness, but he didn't rub enough.

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SUSPECT IN BREMER KIDNAPING ARRESTED SLEEPING UNDER TREE

Kentucky Detectives Seize Pistol Lying Beside Desperado—'I Wanted to Kill a Couple of Men Who Woke Me Up,' He Tells Police Later.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

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"Are you cops?" Karpis asked. When the officers answered "Yes," he consented to be searched and let his captors take him to the city jail without trying to resist.

Searched at headquarters, police found Karpis carried two clips of 45-caliber pistol cartridges for his automatic, about fifty loose cartridges tied in two sox, and 20 cents in money. The serial number had been filed from the pistol, Chief of Police W. E. Bryant said.

Detective Franklin attempted to question the man during the morning, but each query was met by cold silence. Finally Franklin asked him: "Why did you grab that gun when the boys covered you?"

RUBS FINGER TIPS ON CONCRETE FLOOR.

"I wanted to kill a couple of men who woke me up," Karpis replied. He added:

"You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs. Now go find it—I'm not telling you a thing."

The man had attempted to hide his identity. Not a scrap of paper could

be found on his person, and the labels had been removed from his clothing. Also, Karpis spent several hours, police said, rubbing his finger tips against the concrete floor of his cellhouse before he was fingerprinted. Several of the prints blurred, police said, while others stood up. Prisoners in the jail reported to Jailer Tom King that Karpis did nothing but "lie flat on his stomach and rub at his fingers."

Karpis Also Wanted For Two Murders

St. Paul, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, reported arrested and held for the United States department of justice in Paducah, Ky., long has been sought for an alleged part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January.

The department of justice here has a warrant for him in connection with the Bremer case.

Bremer was kidnaped here the morning of Jan. 17 after he had taken a daughter to a private school.

The banker, who is 37, was held twenty-one days for \$200,000 ransom and finally was released in Rochester, Minn., after the money was paid.

Karpis was identified as one of the participants in the abduction thru fingerprints found on gasoline tins thrown from the car in which the kidnapers took their victim to Rochester.

At the same time fingerprints also were found of Harold Barker, ring leader of a desperado mob known as the Barker-Karpis gang which operated thru the midwest.

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BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

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ALVIN KARPIS

KARPIS FOUND ASLEEP UNDER KENTUCKY TREE

Suspect wanted in Bremer kidnaping yields without struggle

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Police refused to disclose Karpis' identity until after a study of fingerprints.

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Bremer Suspect Texas Jail-Breaker

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 12 (AP).—Police tonight announced that a man arrested here yesterday, at first believed to be Alvin Karpis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, had been identified as Joe Palmer, one of the men who fled in a sensational escape from the Texas prison death house at Huntsville three weeks ago today.

Palmer, with two companions—Raymond Hamilton and Blackie Thompson—are regarded as the three most desperate killers in the Southwest. They escaped in a daring break in which a convict was killed, two others wounded and a guard shot.

James A. (Boss) Patterson, Texas penitentiary guard, will go on trial at Huntsville tomorrow for aiding the three desperadoes to escape July 22. The three, eluding the gunfire of guards which mowed down three other prisoners, escaped over the prison walls into waiting automobiles.

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PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 12 (US). — A suspect held as Alvin Karpis, kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, was identified late today as Joe Palmer, escaped convict from the prison farm at Huntsville, Texas.

Fingerprints were forwarded to Washington for checking at the Bureau of Identification. A Department of Justice agent from Indianapolis said the man positively was not Karpis.

The presence of a revolver and 50 cartridges found on the suspect as he was asleep beneath a tree prompted police here to hold him.

Palmer escaped prison with Clyde Hamilton a month ago.

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McLaughlin Is Set Free on \$15,000 Bail

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 15.—(UP)—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago, who has been in the Ramsey county jail here since last May on charge of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was freed today on \$15,000 bond.

Attired in a new gray suit and carrying a swagger stick, McLaughlin strode into the office of the United States District court, filed his bond and departed. He said he intended to return to Chicago.

"As fine a little jail as any one would want," McLaughlin commented. "Nice food and nice treatment." He waved a "So long, boys" with his cane to the other inmates and left smiling.

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**"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN
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St. Paul, Aug. 15 (AP).—John J. McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator charged with handling part of the ransom money in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was released pending trial at the fall term of federal court when he furnished \$15,000 bail. Bail had been cut from \$30,000 after claims of his attorney that McLaughlin "might die in jail" if subjected to confinement.

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**BUFFALO, N.Y.--THE BUFFALO EVENING NEWS SAID TODAY THAT BUFFALO
 FEDERAL AGENTS HAD SPURRED THEIR HUNT FOR ALVIN KARPIS AND ARTHUR
 BARKER, MIDWEST GANGSTERS, IN BELIEF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN KIDNAPING
 OF JOHN S. LABATT.**

**KARPIS AND BARKER ARE WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING LAST
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ROBBER IS SENT BACK TO JOLIET

ever, expunged that order and directed that Berg serve the rest of his term. The convict, however, had disappeared and was not located until a few days ago. He was returned to the old prison at Joliet today.

Oliver A. Berg, 54, was back in a prison cell at Joliet today after a year and a half of freedom during which he was sought by local, state and federal authorities. Federal operatives finally found him in Chicago.

Berg was sentenced in 1926 to ten years to life for robbing a jewelry salesman in Champaign. In November, 1933, his lawyers filed habeas corpus proceedings in Cook County and a Superior Court judge ordered Berg freed. The State Supreme Court, how-

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**Bremer Kidnap
Tip Proves 'Dud'**

Fifty detectives and plainclothesmen, heavily armed, swooped down on a house at W. 73d st. and Franklin blvd. today.
They emerged a few minutes later empty handed.

At detective headquarters it was said the sudden mobilization and raid was ordered after a tip had been received that the house was a new hideout for the Bremer kidnap gang which eluded police here last week.

**Suspicious Husband
Ends Up in Jail**

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Kidnap Fears Force U. S. to Hide Child

Disclosures that five-year-old Francine Saugman has been spirited away by federal secret service men to avoid her possible kidnaping was made today by Superintendent Dorothy Doan Henry of the detention home.

Francine was found by police-women in the company of three women who, it developed, were living at the hideout here of three Oklahoma outlaws sought in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Last Sunday night, Miss Henry said, the night watchman at the juvenile court building noticed suspicious-looking cars outside.

When a two-night vigil failed of results, Francine was removed to a place outside the city by W. A. Peters, secret service agent here.

The child is being held pending her return to St. Paul, where one of the women tried to adopt her.

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**3 Women Freed
In Kidnaping**

Three women who lived at the hideout of a trio of outlaws wanted in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were free today after questioning by W. E. Peters, department of justice agent here.

"There's nothing we can hold them on," said Mr. Peters. It was suspected that the women were let go in order that their subsequent actions might lead agents to the new hideout of the desperados.

Meanwhile, five-year-old Francine Faugman, who was found with the women, was being held at the detention home awaiting word from the Minnesota children's bureau, of which she is a ward. One of the three women was seeking to adopt the girl.

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Raiders Raided---Police Hunting Gang Surround Gang Hunters

Twoscore heavily armed plain-clothesmen and uniformed police swarmed to the West Side today on a report that a gangster hideout had been found on W. 71st street near Franklin boulevard.

Citizens of the district reported that five men had gone into the place. All were carrying revolvers and one had a sub-machine gun.

Lieut. Oliver Torrence and a squad of uniformed men were the first to reach the house on W. 71st street.

Other squads arrived and all were preparing to invade the place, when Lieut. Torrence, who had been investigating, called them off.

"False alarm," he explained. "Just some feds."

It developed that W. E. Peters, a Department of Justice agent, had received a tip that Alvin Karpis, Arthur and Fred Barker, St. Paul gangsters and kidnapers who eluded police here last week, were in the W. 71st street house.

He and four companions had hurried to the house, hoping to make a capture. They were searching the place when police descended upon them. No trace of the kidnapers was found.

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Federal Men Hold 3 Women In Bremer Quiz

Three women abandoned by a trio of desperadoes wanted in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were turned over to department of justice agents for investigation today.

Charges of suspicious persons against the three women were nolleed at the request of Detective Inspector Cody when W. A. Peters, justice department agent, asked for custody of the three in the hunt for the kidnaping suspects.

The gangsters, Arthur and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, escaped from their hideouts here at 9 p. m. Wednesday, several hours after the women had been arrested in a drunken brawl in a downtown hotel.

The women held gave their names as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, of 4419 W. 171st st.; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of 2221 121st st.; and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 38, of R. F. D. Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, Minn.

A five-year-old girl, Francine Faugman, also was found with the women. Papers for her adoption sought by Mrs. Sawyer have been refused, and the girl will be returned to the Minnesota children's bureau at St. Paul.

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Little Girl Only Clew to Mystery of Three "Molls"

Jeweled and Jubilant, They Are Seized for Disturbance in Hotel; Child Tells of Men Companions; Face Quiz on Dillinger Pal

Through the words of a pretty little 5-year-old girl, police hoped today to establish identity of three smartly dressed young women who were arrested last night in the grill room of a downtown hotel where they were creating a disturbance. Police believe the women are gangsters' sweethearts.

The child said her name was Francine Sawyer, but could not tell where she lived or who her parents are.

The three women, meanwhile, hedged with tight-lipped answers at questions of an agent of the Department of Justice and police who were attempting to link them with associates of John Dillinger, slain gangster.

Although the number of Dillinger's henchmen has been decreased rapidly by police bullets, "Baby Face" Nelson is yet at large. Officers believe the women may know the whereabouts of this much-sought gangster.

One of the women was found to have more than \$600 in her purse. All wore diamond rings, wrist watches, bracelets and other valuable jewelry.

Policewoman Mildred Wilcox, who answered the complaint of the hotel, had to call the assistance of several

patrolmen to take the women into custody. All were intoxicated, she said, and one of them struck her under the left eye. They are being held at Central Police Station.

At Juvenile Detention Home the child told officers that the women had a large automobile parked downtown. In it police found a loaded .38 revolver.

She also said that three men ordinarily accompanied the women. "They never work and they have lots of money," she said.

"Do the men ride around in the Packard, too?" police asked.

"Oh, no!" Francine replied. "They go out in the little car they get in just outside of town. They put blue licenses on it first."

Asked if she knew the license numbers, she answered:

"No, sir. I am only a little girl and I can't count higher than 13."

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Little Girl Only Clew to Mystery of Three "Molls"

Jeweled and Jubilant, They Are Seized for Disturbance in Hotel; Child Tells of Men Companions; Face Quiz on Dillinger Pal

Through the words of a pretty little 5-year-old girl, police hoped today to establish identity of three smartly dressed young women who were arrested last night in the grill room of a downtown hotel where they were creating a disturbance. Police believe the women are gangsters' sweethearts.

The child said her name was Francine Sawyer, but could not tell where she lived or who her parents are.

The three women, meanwhile, hedged with tight-lipped answers at questions of an agent of the Department of Justice and police who were attempting to link them with associates of John Dillinger, slain gangster.

Although the number of Dillinger's henchmen has been decreased rapidly by police bullets, "Baby Face" Nelson is yet at large. Officers believe the women may know the whereabouts of this much-sought gangster.

One of the women was found to have more than \$600 in her purse. All wore diamond rings, wrist watches, bracelets and other valuable jewelry.

Policewoman Mildred Wilcox, who answered the complaint of the hotel, had to call the assistance of several

patrolmen to take the women into custody. All were intoxicated, she said, and one of them struck her under the left eye. They are being held at Central Police Station.

At Juvenile Detention Home the child told officers that the women had a large automobile parked downtown. In it police found a loaded .38 revolver.

She also said that three men ordinarily accompanied the women.

"They never work and they have lots of money," she said.

"Do the men ride around in the Packard, too?" police asked.

"Oh, no!" Francine replied. "They go out in the little car they get in just outside of town. They put blue licenses on it first."

Asked if she knew the license numbers, she answered:

"No, sir. I am only a little girl and I can't count higher than 13."

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GIRLS' CAPTURE TIPS KIDNAPERS

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Accidental arrest of three women believed to have been companions of three notorious Northwest kidnaping suspects apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture here.

A man whose identity was withheld today identified photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, sought for two St. Paul, Minn., kidnapings, as the men who had occupied a home in the west side recently.

After the identification a detective revealed that an informant Wednesday told detectives there were several "suspicious persons" living in the house.

That night three well-dressed women became involved in a drunken brawl in a downtown hotel, and were arrested.

In an automobile in the rear of the hotel police found a slip of paper giving the address of the west side house. They raided the place only to be informed that three men had rushed into the house and departed hurriedly.

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KIDNAP GANG HERE

Suspect and Victim



ARTHUR R. BARKER.



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FINGERPRINTS TELL HIDE-OUT STORY IN CITY

3 Flashy Women Held Incommunicado Reveal West Boulevard Address.

4 MYSTERY MEN FLEE HOUSE AND FEDERAL NET.

Description of Little Girl Tallies With St. Paul Records.

Possibility that part of the gang sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, last January, may have been hiding out in Cleveland for the last several weeks and escaped from the city early yesterday developed last night as police continued their investigation of three women arrested in a brawl in a downtown hotel grill room Wednesday night.

Although the Cleveland police were maintaining much secrecy about the case, they revealed that the story of a pretty, blond, five-year-old girl, the adopted daughter of one of the women, had led to the obtaining of evidence which convinced them Arthur R. Barker, wanted as one of the Bremer kidnapers, had been here most of the summer.

They said that a slip of paper found in a house near West Boulevard and Lorain Avenue bore a set of figures which proved to be the classification number of the fingerprints of Barker, suspected not only in the Bremer kidnaping but in the kidnaping in the summer of 1933 of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Moreover, the police revealed, a picture of Barker was tentatively identified by Clevelanders residing near the West Side house as looking like one of four men who had been staying at the place for the last several weeks, and who left hurriedly.

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SUSPECT KIDNAP GANG HIDDEN HERE

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stedly, a few hours ahead of police early yesterday, some time after the arrest of the three women.

It was the information given by the five-year-old girl, found with the three women when they were arrested and now being held at the County Detention Home, which nearly resulted in the capture of the four men in Cleveland.

Suspicion of the police that the three women, well dressed and carrying large sums of money and quantities of jewels, might be members of a "mob" were aroused soon after their arrest.

The little girl was questioned and revealed that the three had parked a large car in the rear of a downtown department store. Police found the car and in it a loaded revolver and a slip of paper bearing two addresses.

One was for the house near West Boulevard and Lorain Avenue. The other was for another West Side house. At the second address neighbors said the persons under suspicion had left about three months ago. Neighbors of the first address, however, told of seeing the four men acting suspiciously for several weeks, coming in late at night or early in the morning.

Early yesterday, the neighbors said, the four men were seen to rush into the house, pull down the shades and a few minutes later leave hurriedly. Police did not reveal whether their information was that the quartet left by auto or afoot. No evidence other than the slip of paper with its tell-tale figures was found in the suspected hide-out.

The three women have refused to talk to police except to say that they are the wives of gamblers, police said. One said she was a Cleveland, and had as her guests a woman from Toledo and another from St. Paul.

Farm Believed Hide-out.

The woman from St. Paul said the little girl was her adopted daughter. The little girl told the police of living on a farm near St. Paul, where she said her "daddy" had given her a goat and a pony.

The St. Paul Pioneer-Press said last night that the description of the little girl—whose chief characteristic is her brightness in replying to questions and her self-assurance—tallied with that of the adopted daughter of a former St. Paul bootlegger who lived on a farm near that city and who has been missing from St. Paul since last spring, when he was sought by police there for questioning in connection with a number of legger operations.

The little girl and her foster mother gave police here. Police here linked the farm and the fact that the little girl is an adopted child with the knowledge that kidnap gangs usually adopt small children and often adopt small children to take with them to avoid suspicion.

Bremer was kidnaped late in January as he was driving his daughter to school. He was held captive three weeks before his release was effected by payment of a \$200,000 ransom. An international search was instituted for his abductors, and a number of arrests were made.

Hamm, kidnaped last summer, was released on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Barker and Alvin Karpis, St. Paul authorities said last night, were linked to the Bremer kidnaping by finger prints and were also under suspicion in the Hamm kidnaping.

Both Barker and Karpis are out on parole from Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Barker served ten years of a life sentence for murder before getting his freedom and Karpis was paroled after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. The men have long strings of aliases, officials said.

A brother of Barker—Fred Barker—is wanted in St. Paul for the murder of his step-father while making a getaway from police there in 1932. The Pioneer-Press told the Plain Dealer.

The three women were arrested after it was reported to police Wednesday night that they were creating a disturbance in the hotel grill room downtown. They were intoxicated. Policewoman Mildred Wilcox went to the hotel in a police car. When she had difficulty getting the women into the car she got the aid of a traffic policeman.

Even then the three offered so much resistance that another traffic policeman was picked up as the car drove through Public Square.

On the way to the police station, the police said, the women threw some of their belongings out of the window. The police thought some of

these belongings were bank books. One of the women had with her \$600 in small bills, another \$50 and all had quantities of expensive jewelry.

The little girl told police that her family never worked, but always was "on the go." The large sedan, which was found parked back of the department store, the girl said, was used in town, and often, she said, people she was with would drive out of town and the men would get into a smaller car with blue license plates.

Police here said last night they would turn facts of the case over to federal Department of Justice agents today. Pictures of the three women have been sent by air mail to St. Paul to see if they are wanted by police there. The three can be charged here with intoxication, assault on a policewoman and resisting arrest, police said.

Misses Her 'Mommie' When It's Time to Be Tucked In

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By DENVER POST. — Because of her long hair, the girl's hair is full of justice, she now sits in a chair at the juvenile detention home that she misses her "mommie," one of three women held at police headquarters as police investigate presence of a kidnap gang here.

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AT DETENTION HOME—Unaware of her importance to the law's grim pursuit of justice, five-year-old Francine sits at the juvenile detention home that she misses her "mommie," one of three women held at police headquarters as police investigate presence of a kidnap gang here.

FRANCINE today should be learning to read her Mother Goose stories in a kindergarten.

Instead of that, Francine, who is five, puckered her tiny brows over Bertillon photos which policewomen were showing her in the Juvenile Detention home.

Police do not know just who Francine is—yet. They found her two nights ago in the company of three women arrested in a brawl in a downtown hotel grillroom. It was the arrest of these women which led to the discovery of the hideout of three suspects in the Bremer kidnaping.

"That is my mommie," Francine lisped, as she pointed to a photo of one of the three who are now being held in jail.

"And that," she went on, "is Paula. I don't know the other lady's name. I always called her 'hey'."

Says Man Came to House

In one breath Francine says "we lived on a street where they got married and buried," and in the next exclaims, "it's way out on a farm, millions of miles from here."

Asked who came to her mommie's house, Francine said: "Three men. They talked to daddy."

"What did they talk about?" policewomen asked.

"I don't know. I was too busy with my mud pies."

"How did your mommie call the

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Misses "Mommie"

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men when supper was ready?" policewomen asked.

"Soup's on!" Francine trilled. Her daddy, she said, never called her mother anything but "honey." "But sometimes he gets mad at me and calls me names. When mommie was around he always called me 'baby'."

Francine prattled about Shetland ponies, playrooms, a maid named "Betty" and how she used to "lift the receder up and listen on the phone."

"Nobody Ever Worked"

"Nobody ever worked at our house. We have a Packard and a coop."

Policewomen asked her whether the mail man ever called at her house.

"Mommie and daddy got their letters at a bank. Only Paula used to get mail from the mail man," Francine said.

Her mommie, she said, "is usually awful nice. 'Course, once in a while she spanks me, but all us childrens need spankin' once in a while."

The only difference Francine could see between her obviously luxurious home and the one she occupies at present was:

"At night my mommie tucks me in and kisses me goodnight. Here I don't say my prayers, even."

Two Bigamists Freed

Two convicted Cleveland bigamists, Nellie V. Meare and Gertrude Colby, have been paroled from Marysville state reformatory, effective Sept. 15.

FIGURES IN BUNGLING



ARTHUR BARKER



FRED BARKER



ALVIN KARPIS



GLADYS SAWYER



ETHEL MATTERSON



WYNONA WOLCOTT

Police Delay W. End Raid, Gang Flees

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at the request of Inspector Cody. They will be arraigned tomorrow in police court.

"This thing broke the wrong way," Inspector Cody explained when asked why police had not acted at once on the tipoff.

"Our informant, to begin with, gave us the wrong address. It was next door to the Matterson place. He looked over various Bertillon pictures on the assumption the suspects were connected with the old Dillinger mob.

"He didn't mention the Barker boys or Karpis. We intended to go out to investigate that (Wednesday) evening. Then, before we went, these women were arrested.

"The men no doubt got wind of the arrests and fled. The thing just broke the wrong way," Inspector Cody said.

Asked why police showed such sudden and intense interest when they found the W. 171st st. address in the women's automobile, Inspector Cody said:

"One of the detectives must have remembered the address given by the informant, which was nearly the same. Then, the women were well dressed and had considerable money with them."

Identify 3 Photos

Neighbors of the 4419 W. 171st st. address, shown pictures of the Barker brothers and Karpis by Detective Lieutenant Kurt B. Gloeckner, identified Arthur Barker and Karpis as two of the three men.

Going to an address at 10515 Parkhurst dr., where the gang allegedly lived until a month ago, Lieutenant Gloeckner found witnesses who identified Fred Barker and Karpis as among the former occupants of the house.

All three women and a little girl were identified by neighbors of the W. 171st st. house as its former occupants. The girl, Francine Sawyer, five, foster-daughter of Mrs. Sawyer, is held in the detention home.

Reporters for The News, armed with Bertillon pictures, found witnesses who identified each of the three desperadoes as having lived in the W. 171st st. house the last month.

"They kept three or four new Ford V-8 cars around all the time and frequently made trips, carrying large suitcases," one neighbor said.

F. B. Agents Busy

Department of justice agents are making an active interest in the case. W. E. Peters of the local police questioned the three women in city jail for more than an hour. He would not comment on what he had learned.

At the same time, federal agents in St. Paul raided the farm of Harry Sawyer, husband of one of the women held here, and picked up an elderly man and a young girl for questioning.

Sawyer, a former St. Paul bootlegger, has been missing for some time. He is being sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping.

Pictures of the three women held here were mailed by Inspector Cody to St. Paul authorities with the request that they be shown Mr. Bremer for possible identification.

Additional, although hazy, evidence pointing to Fred Barker as a member of the W. 171st st. mob was a slip of paper bearing these numbers, 29-30, 1-0 and 30-22, found in the lately deserted home.

The numbers are the primary Bertillon classification for fingerprints, and Fred's fingerprints are

Arthur Barker was arrested in Tulsa, Okla., in 1918 on a theft charge. In 1921 he was sent to Oklahoma penitentiary for robbery and, the following year, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was pardoned two years ago.

Fred Barker is sought in connection with two murders—the slaying of Sheriff C. E. Kelly of Howell county, Missouri, on Dec. 19, 1931, and the more recent killing of Barker's stepfather.

Karpis, an escaped convict, is wanted for murder in Oklahoma, and is a known criminal who operates under seven aliases.

Karpis and Arthur Barker have been identified positively as the men who "snatched" Bremer. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings said. He said the identification was made from fingerprints taken from a gasoline can discarded by the abductors.

The men identified as the outlaws lived in unobtrusive fashion, save that they were wont to enter and leave their residential section homes at odd hours.

William J. Mitchell, from whom Mrs. Matterson rented the W. 171st st. house, according to neighbors, was reported to be vacationing with his family in Canada.

"There seemed to be a lot of visitors," one neighbor said. "There were always several small cars around, but I never saw any big ones. They had a chow dog, and on Wednesday about 6 o'clock

the three men playing with the dog in the yard."

Tells About Girl

Sometimes, another neighbor said, the men would take Francine, the little girl, for an automobile ride. She played with a neighbor boy, but never was allowed to play elsewhere than in her own yard, he said.

"About noon on Labor day I saw Arthur Barker in the backyard," the neighbor continued. "I said 'hello' in friendly fashion. He turned his back and walked into the house without saying anything. I never saw any wild parties in the house."

Another neighbor was perturbed yesterday by the appearance of a girl of about 10 at her house. The girl, who was selling pots and pans, asked so many questions, once she was inside the house, that the neighbor became alarmed and told her to leave.

"When they moved in," another neighbor said of the Matterson group, "they bought expensive furniture. They were always well-dressed. The people who came to rent the house were Arthur Barker, Francine and one of the women."

The mail carrier on the route said that no out-of-town letters were received by the occupants of

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3 Bremer Suspects Escape

Three desperados sought in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, slipped through the fingers of Cleveland police when they delayed 12 hours in raiding the outlaws' hideout here.

The arrest of three women in a brawl at a downtown hotel, plus police delay in acting on a tipoff, allowed the kidnaping suspects, Arthur "Doc" Barker, his brother, Fred Barker, and Alvin Karpis, to make their getaway.

Detectives arrived at the hideout, a quiet home at 4419 W. 171st st., at 10 p. m. Wednesday. Their quarry had fled an hour before, warned by the arrest earlier in the evening of the three women.

The women today gave police their names as: Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, 4419 W. 171st st.; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of 2831 121st st., Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 38, of R. F. D., Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, Minn.

"They Won't Talk"

"They won't talk," Detective Inspector Cody said after his men had questioned the women for hours.

Edward C. Stanton, former county prosecutor, was retained to represent Mrs. Matterson. Mr. Stanton said his information so far indicated no connection between his client and the kidnaping suspects.

The three women were charged with being suspicious persons and were held under bonds of \$5,000 each, set by Police Judge Tenney.

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TRY TO IDENTIFY BILLS AS PART OF RANSOM FEE

Police Learn Bremer Kidnap
Suspect Was in City;
Money Seized

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from an informer whose identity they kept secret.

Members of the gang, Arthur and Fred Barker, wanted in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer; Alvin Karpis, murderer, and another unidentified man, fled the city Wednesday night after the arrest of three women in a downtown hotel.

Night before last police were called to quiet three fashionably-dressed women who were drinking heavily and creating a disturbance in a downtown hotel.

Found Women Drunk

Policewoman Mildred Wilcox found the three women drunk and with them a 5-year-old girl, Francine Sawyer. They resisted the policewoman's efforts to arrest them and one of them punched her in the face.

Miss Wilcox called for help and took the three to Central Station where they refused to talk. All were bejeweled and one of them had \$650 in cash in her purse.

Police today learned their names: Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 4419 W. 171st street; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, foster-mother of the little girl.

Police raided the W. 171st street home of Mrs. Matterson and found signs of a hurried exit.

In the house was a fingerprint classification of Fred Barker, brother of Arthur Barker, suspect in the St. Paul kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Served Time for Murder

Both Barkers have served time for murder and Fred is now wanted for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Howell county, Missouri, on Dec. 19, 1931.

Residents of W. 171st street were able to recognize a seven-year-old picture of Fred Barker as one of the men who had occupied the house for some time and left hurriedly with three other men Wednesday evening.

A house in West boulevard near Lorain avenue, which the gang occupied before moving to W. 171st street, was raided and searched by detectives without results.

Denies Knowing Barkers

Mrs. Sawyer said she lives on a farm outside of St. Paul and is the wife of Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger. She denied knowing the Barkers who are supposed to have operated from a farm near St. Paul in plotting and executing the Bremer kidnaping.

Judge George Teney placed the women under \$5000 bail each today after Inspector Cody said suspicious person charges would be placed against them.

Inspector Cody said the three women can be held on charges of intoxication, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. No other charges can be lodged against them. Mrs. Sawyer is not wanted in St. Paul.

Women Held Here in Bremer Kidnap Probe

Francine Sawyer Winona Weiselt Ethel Matterson Grace Berry



Arthur Barker

These three women were placed under \$5000 bail today as the suspected companions of Arthur Barker and other members of the gang wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Little Francine, adopted daughter of Mrs. Sawyer, was with the women when they were arrested in a downtown hotel.

TRY TO IDENTIFY RANSOM CASH

Police Learn Bremer Kidnap Suspect Was in City; Money Seized

Police today checked the serial numbers on six \$100 bills found yesterday in the purse of a woman arrested here to determine whether they were part of the \$200,000 ransom money paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

St. Paul police were asked to compare the numbers on the bills found here with their list of serial numbers of the ransom money.

The comparison was requested by Detective Inspector C. W. Cody and Department of Justice agents after the federal operators definitely established the fact that Fred Barker linked by fingerprints in the Bremer kidnaping, and a mob of notorious gangsters have made Cleveland their headquarters in recent weeks.

Photographs of three of the gang members also were positively identified by neighbors as being the men who had lived at 4419 W. 171st street and in a Parkhurst avenue home in recent weeks, Detective Lieutenant Kurt Gloeckner reported. Local detectives got their facts

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KIDNAPING GANG ESCAPES IN RAID

Kelly
Bremer Suspects Flee Cleve-
land Home After Women
Are Seized in Row.

By the United Press.
CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—A gangster mob, second only to the Dillinger gang in widespread kidnaping, bank robbery, and murder, was believed today to have narrowly escaped capture here.

Four men believed to include Arthur and Fred Barker, wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, banker, fled the city after the arrest of three women in a hotel grill room disturbance.

Alvin Karpis, murderer and gangster, was believed to be another of the men. Department of Justice agents investigated the possibility that the fourth man was George (Baby Face) Nelson, surviving John Dillinger lieutenant.

Girl Gives Clues.

Police obtained the names of the women as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Mrs. Winona Wolcott and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. Mrs. Sawyer, who had \$650 in cash in her possession, is foster mother of a 5-year-old girl, Francene Sawyer, who gave police the leads on which the investigation was grounded.

The little girl told officers that the three women drove about the country in an expensive automobile, accompanied by the four men. The men, she said, always left the big car when coming into a big city, and continued in a small automobile.

Following the girl's directions police found the large car.

Picture Identified.

In it was a .32 calibre revolver. They raided Mrs. Matterson's home and found signs of a hurried exit. In the house was a fingerprint classification of Fred Barker, who, in addition to the Bremer kidnaping is wanted for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of Howell County, in 1931.

Residents of the neighborhood identified a 7-year-old picture of Fred Barker as one of the men who had occupied the house for some time and fled with three other men Wednesday evening.

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Kidnap Gang Escapes; 3 Women Held

Karpis And Two Barker Brothers Wanted For Bremer Case, Flee Trap In Cleveland.

Indictments on charges of harboring fugitives are to be sought next week by federal authorities against the three women arrested in Cleveland Thursday as Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers (Arthur and Fred), wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last winter, made their escape from a police trap.

The other escaped male member of the gang, second only to the Dillinger gang in widespread kidnaping, bank robbery and murder, is believed to be Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, who is wanted by St. Paul authorities for questioning in connection with numerous underworld activities in St. Paul during the past year.

Hold Three Women.

Cleveland police are holding three women who gave their names as Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Cleveland, and Mrs. Winona Wolcott, Toledo. The three women were arrested Wednesday night after a fight in a Cleveland hotel which resulted in a Cleveland policewoman being struck by one of the women.

A raid was made on Mrs. Master-son's rooming house a few minutes after the men had made their escape. This raid resulted from information given to the police by Frachine Sawyer, Mrs. Sawyer's 8-year-old adopted daughter, who was with her foster mother when the arrest was made.

The little girl was unable to give the police the exact address of the rooming house, but told them that the automobile belonging to the women was parked in back of the hotel where they were arrested. The police, failing to obtain the desired information from the women, searched the automobile, finding a loaded .38-caliber pistol and a book containing several addresses. One of these addresses was of the Master-son rooming house, and it was there that the police arrived too late to capture the men.

Seek Clues In Money.

Investigation of the serial numbers of bills totaling \$680 found on Mrs. Sawyer, as well as the money taken from the other two women, is being made today. The numbers are being checked against those of the ransom money paid by Mr. Bremer's family for the young banker's release from the kidnapers last February, three weeks after he had been seized.

Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were named last winter by Atty. Gen. Cummings as the actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer.

The Barker brothers and Karpis also are wanted in St. Paul for the slaying of Arthur W. Dunlap, West St. Paul, whose bullet-pierced body was found near Webster, Wis., in April, 1932.

In the Cleveland rooming house police found a finger classification of Fred Barker, who also is wanted in Missouri for the slaying of C. R. Kelly, sheriff of Howell county, Mo.

The federal grand jury meets in St. Paul Tuesday.

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Sawyer's Farm North of St.
Paul Visited by U. S.
Agents.

Three alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and possibly of William Hamm, both of St. Paul, escaped arrest in Cleveland, it was learned today, as Federal Department of Justice agents detained two persons after a farm raid this morning near St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cleveland said the accidental arrest of three women, believed to have been companions of the notorious outlaws, apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture.

The three suspects have been identified as Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker. They "lammed" after the three women were jailed for raising a drunken disturbance in a fashionable Cleveland hotel.

The women gave their names as Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, who said she lived on a farm at Dayton's Bluff station, route No. 4, near St. Paul; Winona Wolcott, wife of a Toledo dredgeman; and Mrs. Ethel Matterson, who said her husband is a Cleveland gambler.

Mrs. Sawyer is believed to be the wife of Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, who is sought by federal investiga-

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2 HELD HERE, ECHO OF CLEVELAND RAID

Sawyer Farm, North of St.
Paul Visited by Federal
Agents.

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tors for questioning. He at first was believed to have been one of the men who fled in Cleveland. With Mrs. Sawyer, who said her husband is a gambler, was a 5-year-old girl, Francine.

Detention of Mrs. Sawyer was followed by the Department of Justice raid on Sawyer's ten-acre farm near the Hodgson and Snail lake roads, north of St. Paul.

Occupants of the farmhouse were an elderly man and a woman who shot and killed a man in self-defense about five years ago. She is on probation for liquor law violation.

Agents brought the couple to their office in downtown St. Paul, but refused to divulge what they wanted them for or what they intended to question them about.

In Cleveland, the three women still were held today. They and the kidnap suspects are reported to have occupied a house in West 171st street.

Two neighbors who feared to let their identity become known identified photographs of Karpis and Arthur Barker, while a third man identified those two and also that of Fred Barker.

After the identification, C. W. Gody, detective inspector, revealed that an informant Wednesday told detectives there were several "suspicious persons" living in the house.

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Both men, too, are suspected in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, whose relatives paid \$100,000 for his release. They are on parole from the Oklahoma penitentiary.

A slip of paper found in the house here, police revealed, bore the fingerprint classification of Arthur Barker.

Department of Justice agents aided police in questioning the women, but police announced nothing was learned from them.

Asked where their husbands were, one replied, "I'd rather not say." Another answered, "I'd rather go to jail."

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3 Women May Be Linked in Bremer Kidnap Plot

By United Press

CLEVELAND — Possible links between three women held here and the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, were being checked today by police.

Officers believed that Arthur R. Barker, wanted as one of the kidnapers, had been in Cleveland most of the summer, possibly with other members of the gang.

The story of a blond 5-year-old girl, adopted daughter of one of the women, who said she was from St. Paul, led to evidence, police said, which convinced them Barker may have been here.

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Kidnap Gang Eludes Trap in Cleveland

By United Press

CLEVELAND — A gangster mob, second only to the Dillinger gang in widespread kidnaping, bank robbery and murder, was believed today to have narrowly escaped capture here.

Four men, believed to have included Arthur and Fred Barker, wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, wealthy banker, fled the city after the arrest of three of their women in a hotel grill room disturbance.

Alvin Karpis, murderer and gangster, was believed to be another of the men. Department of Justice agents investigated the possibility that the fourth man was George (Baby Face) Nelson, surviving Dillinger lieutenant.

Police learned the names of the women as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Cleveland; Mrs. Winona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul.

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**Bremer Kidnapers
Traced to Hideout**

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7 (I.N.S.).
A west side Cleveland home has been used for weeks as the hideout of members of the notorious Barker outlaw gang, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was established today when photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Albert Barker were identified as those of three men who had been seen at the west side home and who fled yesterday in the company of a fourth man.

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WOMEN'S ARREST AIDS BREMER GANG

Three Suspects Believed to Have Fled After Seizure of Companions

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7 (AP).—The accidental arrest of three women, believed to have been companions of three notorious Northwest kidnaping suspects, apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture here.

A man who asked that his identity be withheld today identified photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, sought for two St. Paul kidnapings, as the men who had accused a woman in West 171st Street, Cleveland. Two other neighbors also feared to let their names become known identified photographs of Karpis and Arthur Barker.

Women Seized in Brawl

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U.S. WILL TAKE UP KIDNAP TRAIL HERE

Agents Expected Today; Women Left Behind Are Held for Quiz.

Federal officials today are expected to step in and take charge of investigating the escape here Wednesday night of three western desperadoes, two of them wanted in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings in St. Paul.

Three women, arrested during a brawl in a downtown hotel an hour before police raided an empty house in W. 171st Street and found the three fugitives gone, were ordered held without bail yesterday by Department of Justice Agent W. A. Peters, who indicated federal operatives would take over custody of the women today. The trail of the western suspects was revealed through the arrest of the women.

Police indicated also that the Department of Justice would take over custody of Francine Faugman, five-year-old girl found with the woman. Officials were investigating to learn whether the child had been taken from Minnesota illegally. Should this be the case, kidnaping charges might be involved, it was said.

Detectives, meanwhile, were investigating the possibility that the three men, instead of using Cleveland as a hide-out, had come here for the purpose of kidnaping some well-known Clevelander. It was pointed out that the gang habitually had operated in the west and undoubtedly had maintained hide-outs there.

Maps found in the deserted house, detectives said, contained well-penciled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada, indicating that the gang may have been planning a getaway after the seizure of a victim here.

Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis are the two men wanted in the kidnappings of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. Fred Barker, the other member of the trio to escape Cleveland police, is sought

in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Howell County, Missouri, in 1931.

The three women identified themselves as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, of the West Side address; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of Toledo; and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 28, of St. Paul. Suspicious person charges were lodged against them, pending the arrival of Department of Justice officials.

Police learned from St. Paul that the Faugman child had been in the custody of the Children's Bureau there and that Mrs. Sawyer and her husband, (supposed to be Harry Sawyer, sought by federal officials for questioning), had applied for her custody. Upon being refused by the Probate Court in St. Paul, the two took the child, police said. No information had been forwarded from St. Paul late last night as to whether serial numbers of the bills found in possession of the three women tallied with those of the bills with which Bremer was ransomed.

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INFORMER. Pretty, five-year-old Francine Faugman gave Cleveland police information which led to the discovery that Cleveland probably had been the hideout this summer of a St. Paul kidnaping gang.

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Held by Cleveland police on suspicion of connection with the Bremer kidnaping are three women who gave their names as (2) WINONA WOLCOTT, Toledo; (3) ETHEL MATTERSON, Cleveland, their hostess and (4) GRACE SAWYER, St. Paul, said to be the wife of Harry Sawyer, former Wabasha st. bar operator, now sought for questioning. They were picked up on an intoxication charge. Male companions said to be Sawyer, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis (wanted for the Bremer "snatch") and others did not happen to be present at the roundup.

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Man, Woman, Held Here In Gang Cleanup

Evidence pointing to a St. Paul underworld leader and "lamster" as the "big shot" in middle west criminal depredations was believed today to be in the hands of federal agents, with further developments expected Monday.

Their activities cloaked in secrecy, department of justice agents in Cleveland and St. Paul were reported working feverishly to complete a net of information intended to bring to justice the "higher ups" in the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings, the \$48,000 Sioux Falls (S. D.) bank robbery, and the shielding of Homer Van Meter and other members of the Dillinger gang.

Developments included:

Reports that an unidentified man and woman arrested by federal agents Friday morning at the Harry Sawyer farm, northern Ramsey county, are being questioned in connection with the recent killing by police of Homer Van Meter, "tommy expert" of the Dillinger mob.

Turning over to department of justice agents in Cleveland, following arraignment in police court, of three women jailed by police there in connection with the alleged harboring of three long-sought gangsters. The women are Mrs. Harry Sawyer, St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Cleveland, and Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo.

Doubling of efforts of the federal department to locate "for questioning" Harry Sawyer, former operator of a notorious bootleg parlor on Wabasha st., scene of at least one murder. Sawyer was successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, murdered fence and gangland "big shot."

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WARD OF SAWYER NOT LEGALLY THEIRS

Child Who Gave Information to
Officers Never Formally
Adopted, Records Show.

Francine, 5-year-old ward of Harry Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, never was formally adopted by them though they made an attempt to adopt her, records showed today.

Mrs. Sawyer was arrested in Cleveland Thursday night, and information given by the child led authorities to a house from which men, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, fled a few minutes before. Sawyer was first reported to be among the three who fled. Later, it was reported that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis fled but Sawyer did not.

Charles Hall, head of the children's bureau of the State Board of Control, said today his organization has telegraphed Cleveland asking return of Francine to St. Paul where she will be in custody of the Ramsey County Juvenile court. She never has been legally adopted by the Sawyers.

"We found," Hall said, "that the girl was not placed with the Sawyers by any reputable child-placing agency. She apparently was given to them by her mother."

Word from Cleveland today was that authorities there were preparing to return the child to Minnesota in accordance with a telegraphic request of the children's bureau of the Board of Control.

The man and woman who were detained Friday by Department of Justice agents after a raid on the Harry Sawyer farm, Hodgson and Snail lake roads, north of St. Paul, still were being questioned today, but the purpose of the quizzing was kept secret. The pair was found in the farmhouse.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEIZES THREE WOMEN.

Cleveland, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Department of Justice took custody today of three women abandoned here Wednesday by a trio of desperadoes wanted for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

Charges of being suspicious persons were dismissed at the request of Detective Cornelius Cody, inspector, when W. A. Peters, Justice department agent, asked for custody of the three.

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**U. S. NEARING END OF
HUNT FOR LEADER OF
BREMER KIDNAP GANG**

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 8.—[U.P.]—Police and federal agents are nearing the end of the trail in their search for the gang chieftain who plotted the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, it was learned tonight.

Evidence pointing to a St. Paul underworld leader as the guiding hand behind numerous midwest gang plundering was in the hands of federal agents. A "big development" was expected Monday.

A nearly complete chain of information has been drawn about "higher ups" not only in the Hamm and Bremmer kidnapers, but also in the \$46,000 Sioux Falls, S. D., bank robbery, and the shielding of Homer Vin Meter and other members of the Hillman gang.

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WOMEN HELD IN GANG QUIZ FREED

Three Released by U. S. After Kidnap Probe, but At- torney Is Puzzled

Three women, held in connection with the escape of two St. Paul gangsters suspected of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul business man, have "disappeared."

The women are Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer of St. Paul; Mrs. Winona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 4419 W. 171st street.

W. E. Peters, Department of Justice operative here, said today the women had been released from custody because "we had nothing on them here."

Edward C. Stanton, attorney for the women, remarked, "That's funny."

Mr. Stanton said today he had made a tour of local jails seeking his clients.

"The last time I saw them was at City Jail on Friday," he said. "Maybe they were released, but I'd like to know."

Cleveland police said they did not know the whereabouts of the three women.

Other officials were of the opinion the women had been released to St. Paul authorities for questioning.

A five-year-old girl, foster daughter of one of the women, still is being held at Detention Home.

The women were taken into custody last week during a disturbance at a downtown hotel. Police said that charges of intoxication, resisting an officer and suspicion could be placed against them.

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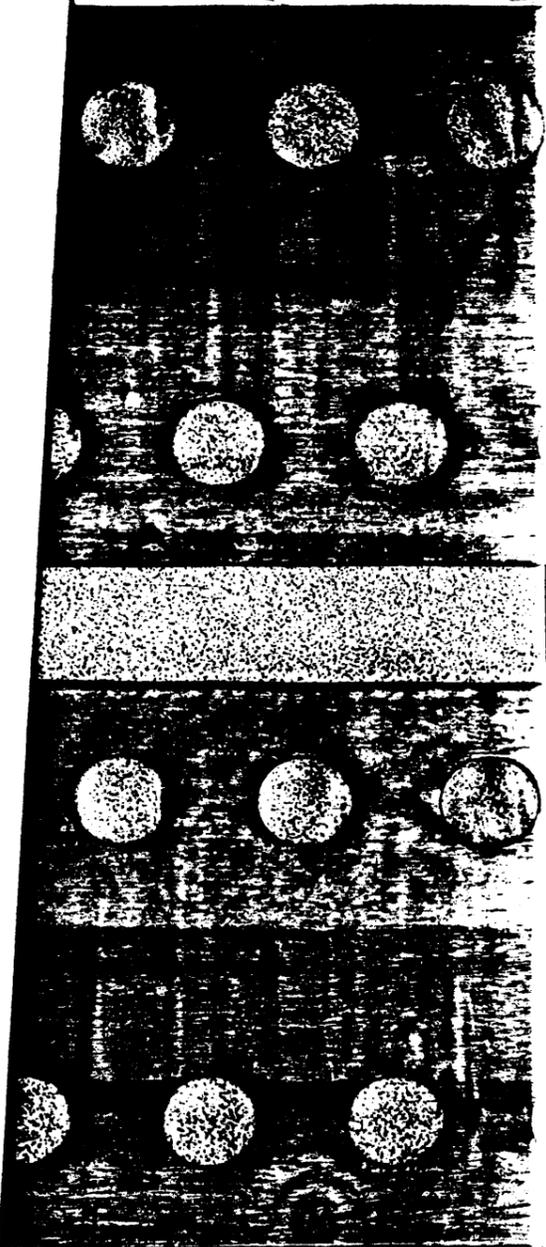
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KIDNAP SUSPECT



Wynona Wolcott, who is one of three women who were questioned by Cleveland police in connection with the suspected presence of a kidnap gang in that city.
(The Associated Press.)



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**DENY HOLDING TRIO
IN KIDNAPING PROBE**

Department of Justice Agents Re-
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Department of Justice agents to-
day denied they knew the where-
abouts of three women picked up by
police a week ago on suspicion of
being kidnapers' accomplices, as
was reported yesterday.

The three were Mrs. Gladys R.
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man, and turned them over to De-
partment of Justice agents. W. E.
Peters, federal operative here, said
they were released when he could
find no charges to hold them on.
Yesterday's report said they had
been taken by Department of Jus-
tice agents to Youngstown and then
to Chicago for further investigation.
Mr. Peters today declared that re-
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Raiders Raided---Police Hunting Gang Surround Gang Hunters

Twoscore heavily armed plain-clothesmen and uniformed police swarmed to the West Side today on a report that a gangster hideout had been found on W. 71st street near Franklin boulevard.

Citizens of the district reported that five men had gone into the place. All were carrying revolvers and one had a sub-machine gun.

Lieut. Oliver Torrence and a squad of uniformed men were the first to

reach the house on W. 71st street. Other squads arrived and all were preparing to invade the place, when Lieut. Torrence, who had been investigating, called them off.

"False alarm," he explained. "Just some feds."

It developed that W. E. Peters, a Department of Justice agent, had received a tip that Alvin Karpis, Arthur and Fred Barker, St. Paul gangsters and kidnapers who eluded police here last week, were in the W. 71st street house.

He and four companions had hurried to the house, hoping to make a capture. They were searching the place when police descended upon them. No trace of the kidnapers was found.

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State Takes Girl, 6, From Sawyers, Wanted In Quiz

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Francine is going to be brought back to St. Paul where the children's bureau of the state board of control will try to find a permanent home for the girl.

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In May, 1933, the Sawyers petitioned the Ramsey county district court for permission to adopt the girl. The children's bureau investigated the case when it learned of Sawyer's record and recommended denial of the petition. Before the court could act, the Sawyers withdrew their petition and were not heard of until the raids in Cleveland.

Francine now is in custody of the Cleveland police matron and the children's bureau here has ordered that she be returned to St. Paul, where the Ramsey county juvenile court will appoint a guardian to care for her.

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**Police Guard Bankers;
Kidnap Plot Feared**

Topeka, Sept. 10 (AP).—The Daily Capital says that police are maintaining a guard about the homes of two Topeka bankers, following tips that the Barker and Karpis gang may be planning a kidnap raid in Topeka.

The two bankers under guard, the paper says, are Carl W. McKeen, president, and Henry D. Wolf, cashier of the National Bank of Topeka, the city's largest financial institution.

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**\$5,000 IS FOUND
IN SAFETY BOX
BARKER RENTED**

This morning agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice drilled open a safe deposit box at the Woodlawn State Bank, 1180 West 63d street, and took out \$5,000 in currency left there by Arthur Barker, indicted in the kidnaping several months ago by Edward G. Bremer, millionaire brewer of St. Paul, Minn.

The box had been rented last spring by Barker, who went under the name of Ray Gordon, and his mother, Mrs. Catherine Gordon, both of whom were living in a hotel at 2372 East 70th street, the government men said.

However the serial numbers of the bills, ten of which were of \$100 denomination, did not correspond with those of the \$200,000 paid in the Bremer kidnaping.

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**FEDERAL AGENTS
DRILL SAFE IN
RANSOM SEARCH**

One Roy Gordon will learn soon his safe deposit box at the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Co. is not so safe—at least from Uncle Sam.

Armed with search warrants, U. S. deputy marshals drilled the box open, searching for part of the \$200,000 ransom paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jr., St. Paul brewer. The federal men suspected that "Roy Gordon" was an alias for Arthur R. Barker, fugitive outlaw, indicted for the kidnaping.

A few bills were found in the box, but were not part of the Bremer ransom. Their serial numbers were to be checked with lists of bills paid in other kidnapings.

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**VAULT IS RAIDED
IN U. S. HUNT FOR
BREMER RANSOM**

Several deputy United States marshals, on the trail of the \$200,000 ransom paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, broke into a safety deposit box yesterday in the Woodlawn Safety Deposit company at 1180 East 63d street. Some currency was found, but not with the serial numbers the marshals were seeking. The numbers were taken and will be compared with those on other bills paid to kidnapers.

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**FIND NO BREMER CLUE
IN BANK SAFETY BOX**

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Several deputy United States marshals reported today that their seizure of a safety deposit box in an outlying bank had failed to yield any of the \$200,000 ransom money paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The deputy marshals broke into the safety box Tuesday after receiving a tip that it had been rented by Catherine Gordon, wife of Roy Gordon. Gordon was said to have been an alias used by Arthur R. Barker, under indictment in the kidnaping but never apprehended.

The federal officials found some money but not with the serial numbers they sought.

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**BANK BOX DRILLED OPEN
IN BREMER RANSOM HUNT.**

United States deputy marshals, seeking part of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and kidnap victim, drilled open a safety deposit box in a South side bank in Chicago Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Only a small amount of money in bills was found in the box rented under the name of "Roy Gordon" which the officers said was an alias used by Arthur R. Barker, indicted member of the kidnap gang.

Austin Hall, assistant United States district attorney, said the deputies did not find any of the money paid for the St. Paul banker's release but added that they took the serial numbers of the bills for further checking.

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Arrested in Bremer Kidnaping



Grace Sawyer. Ethel Matherson. Winona Wolcott.
 Possibility that a trio of flashily dressed women arrested in a brawl in a Cleveland hotel are members of the gang sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul, Minn., banker, is advanced by Cleveland police investigating the story of the adopted young daughter of one of the women, connecting them with Arthur R. Barker, one of the alleged abductors. Here they are, left to right, Grace Sawyer, Ethel Matherson and Winona Wolcott, with Francine Sawyer, the daughter, inset.

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U. S. Picks Up Trail Of Barker, Bremer Captor

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Federal agents said today they believed they had picked up the trail of Fred Barker, sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, here.

They raided a room at the Orlando hotel, where they reported finding clothing identified as belonging to Barker and his mother. Employees of the hotel identified pictures of the former occupants of the room as Barker and his mother.

A guard was placed about the hotel, but the agents believed that Barker had fled. Barker left Cleveland last week just prior to a raid in which three women were arrested.

He is sought, along with Alvin Karpis and Roy Gordon, in connection with the kidnaping of Bremer and the collection of \$200,000 ransom.

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**Bremer Ransom Seekers
'Crack' Bank Safety Box**

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**DEPOSIT BOX DRILLED
FOR BREMER RANSOM**

**Chicago Safe Believed Rented by
Arthur Barker, Fugitive
Suspect.**

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AGENTS BALKED IN BREMER CLUE

Although federal agents found \$5,006 in a safe deposit box which they drilled open after finding it was held by the mother of Arthur R. Barker, kidnaper, they were forced to admit yesterday that it was not part of the \$200,000 ransom paid by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Melvin Purvis, head of the Department of Justice, said the number of the box in the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Company vault had been obtained six months ago in a search of the rooms of Mrs. Catherine Barker, the outlaw's mother, at 2373 E. Seventieth st.

Mrs. Barker and her son, whom the agents hoped to find with her, had fled, and since then, Purvis stated, the box had been under constant observation. Neither the mother, Barker nor Alvin Karpis, his confederate, ever returned, and it was finally decided to open the box. Serial numbers of the bills are being checked against loot in various other kidnappings and robberies.

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

September 17, 1934

Hide Girl To Thwart Kidnapers

Fearing that she may be kidnaped by gangsters, six-year-old Francine Sawyer has been secreted "somewhere in the vicinity of the Twin Cities."

The girl was in custody of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer from May, 1933, until Mrs. Sawyer was jailed in a raid by Cleveland police Sept. 5. In another raid a few minutes later police barely missed capturing three men they believe to be Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis and a third man thought to be either Sawyer or Fred Barker, brother of Arthur. Karpis and "Doc" Barker have been identified as the kidnapers of Edward B. Bremer and suspected of complicity in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping.

The Sawyer girl was brought back to St. Paul by airplane Saturday and was placed under jurisdiction of the Ramsey county child welfare board. Today she was turned over to the state board of control's children's division.

Miss Gertrude E. Cammack, executive secretary of the Ramsey county child welfare board, said today that there would be no information given out concerning the child's whereabouts.

"Gangland would turn over every stone in an attempt to find her," she said, "if they believed the child could tell federal authorities secrets about the underworld. The child is bright and intelligent for her age."

"Mrs. Sawyer shows a genuine fondness for the girl," Miss Dorothy E. Crawford, board investigator, said, "and gave her the best of care. The child had beautiful clothes and seemed to be unusually happy."

While held in custody in Cleveland, Francine is said to have told authorities much concerning the activities of the Sawyers, and her talking is alleged to have resulted in the raid on the suspected headquarters of Karpis and the Barkers.

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TO HAVE NEW GUARDIAN



Fearing she might be kidnaped federal and state authorities have sequestered 6-year-old **FRANCINE SAWYER** "somewhere in the vicinity of the Twin Cities" and today started proceedings in an unnamed Minnesota district court to have the child declared a dependant in order that a proper guardian for her may be appointed. The girl was picked up by Cleveland police in a raid on a rooming house following arrest of Mrs. Harry Sawyer and two other women in a cafe disturbance. Ahead of the raiders, Alvin Karpis and two other men, believed to be either Arthur and Fred Berker, or one of them and Harry Sawyer, fled. Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker are wanted as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm. Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger and alleged "fence," has been "on the lam" from St. Paul since shortly after a \$46,000 raid by Dillinger gangsters on a Sioux Falls (S. D.) bank. Francine was informally "adopted" by the Sawyers.

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BUFFALO--FOUR OF THE \$10 BILLS WHICH EDWARD C. BREMER PAID TO EFFECT HIS RELEASE FROM KIDNAPERS, HAVE BEEN FOUND HERE, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY. TELLERS OF THE MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY IDENTIFIED THE BILLS AS PART OF THE \$200,000 RANSOM. THEY WERE RECEIVED AT FOUR DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE BANK.

THE BILLS WERE RECEIVED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, LEADING BUFFALO AUTHORITIES TO BELIEVE THE KIDNAPERS ALSO PLAYED A PART IN THE ABDUCTION OF JOHN S. LABATT.

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From
The Buffalo Evening News
dated
September 21, 1934

Bremer Ransom Money Here Offers Clue to Kidnap Trail

Finding of Four \$10 Notes by Bank Tellers Reveals
Recent Presence of Gangsters in Buffalo.

A substantial clue to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old banker of St. Paul, who was released only after \$200,000 in small bills had been paid, was uncovered here today when four of the many \$10 bills were identified by tellers of the Manufacturers & Traders' Trust company.

One of the bills was received on Sept. 4 by Charles Dearing, teller of the Grant-Boyd streets branch, who found another one shortly thereafter.

Two others were turned in at the main office at Main and Swan streets a short time after the first bill was found. They have been identified by Tellers Walter Ackerman and Robert Hanlon.

At the same time it was reported that several Federal Reserve notes whose serial numbers were the same as those on another list of ransom bills had been found in banks in Lockport and Niagara Falls.

Federal agents are making a check to determine whether these too were part of the Bremer case or any one of several others in which ransom money was paid.

Positive identification was made by comparing the serial numbers on the bills with a list of numbers taken from the bills paid as ransom to the kidnapers.

Bank officials were high in their praise of the careful work of the tellers. This information immediately was turned over to George V. Doherty, acting special agent in

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BREMER KIDNAPERS SPENT RANSOM HERE

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charge of Buffalo office, division of investigation, Department of Justice.

Federal agents, the Buffalo Evening News revealed on Aug. 15, were seeking Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, Midwest gangsters, in Buffalo because they had definite information these men, believed to have kidnaped Bremer, were in the neighborhood.

Suspicions Confirmed.

The fact that the bills were uncovered shortly thereafter proved their information correct.

These men were believed at the time to have been on their way to Canada because the search for them in their usual haunts in the Midwest was becoming too uncomfortable.

The coincidence of their sojourn in Buffalo and the kidnaping of John S. Labatt a short time later led Federal agents and Canadian authorities to the belief that Karpis and Barker had kidnaped the wealthy Canadian brewer.

Both agencies agreed that the kidnaping of Mr. Labatt was the work of Americans and this fact served to strengthen the link between the Midwest gangsters and the "snatching" of the Canadian brewer.

Federal Reserve Notes.

The bills of the Bremer kidnaping recovered to date were Federal Reserve notes, the type of money handed to the kidnapers before they released the young banker.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul on Sept. 17 a short distance from the school to which he had escorted his young daughter. A car crowded his own machine to the curb, a gun was pressed against his side and he was driven out to the haunt of his captors.

After a few weeks of negotiations the young banker was thrown out of a car near Rochester, Minn. The largest ransom on record, \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills, was paid by his family.

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BREMER KIDNAP CASH PASSED

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Find Bremer Ransom Bills At Buffalo

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Presence Of Cash Near Labatt Kidnap Scene May Reveal "Snatchers" Were Linked.

Recovery at Buffalo, N. Y., of four of the \$10 bills from the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom money today had federal agents there and in St. Paul checking to determine its source.

Two theories were voiced:

1. That the presence of the bills in Buffalo, only 110 miles from the London, Ont., home of John S. Labatt, Canadian banker who recently was kidnaped and released allegedly without payment of ransom, indicated a tie-up between the two abductions and the recent presence of the Bremer "snatchers" in Buffalo.

2. That the bills were some of the thousands of dollars unrecovered in the recent arrest at Chicago of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician and alleged gambling overlord of that city, for possession of some of the ransom.

Department of justice officials in St. Paul said it was possible that the bills had found their way to Buffalo in the ordinary course of business.

Tellers of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. identified the bills, and reported they were received at four different branches of the bank about three weeks ago.

No trace of the person or persons who passed the bills has been found, although federal agents and police at Buffalo have been work-

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BREMER RANSOM BILLS RECOVERED AT BUFFALO

ing constantly since discovery of the ransom money.

The theory that there was a link between the Bremer kidnaping early this year and that of Labatt two months ago would point to the Canadian "snatching" as a "job" of the Karpis-Barker gang. Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker have been indicted for the Bremer abduction.

Waiting trial on the money-handling charges are "Boss" McLaughlin, his 18-year-old son, John Jr., William Vidler, former convict and Philip Delaney, former alcohol dealer, all of Chicago. Others named in an indictment in connection with the Bremer case are Frankie Wright, Ray Gray, Ivey Jones, "John Doe" and "Richard Roe."

McLaughlin and his aids were allegedly responsible for passing \$53,000 in Bremer ransom money in the Illinois city. Only a few thousands dollars worth of the bills were recovered.

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Seek Further Clues.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—(P)—Four \$10 bills identified as part of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money found in Buffalo, N. Y., produced no additional clues to aid in running down the kidnapers, federal officials here said today. Department of justice officials admitted they knew the currency was found, but added that they were without knowledge as to who passed it.

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San Antonio Evening News
Sept. 24, 1934.

Guard Gang's Child

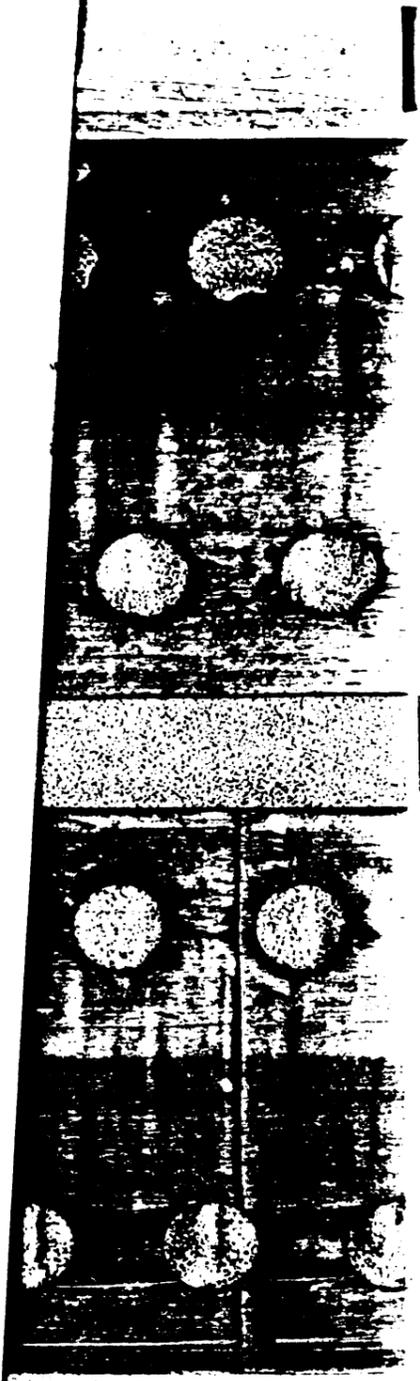


FRANCINE SAWYER

FEARING kidnaping Fed-
eral authorities at St.
Paul, Minn., have hidden 6-
year-old Francine Sawyer,
above, adopted child of Mrs.
Harry Sawyer who was ar-
rested in Cleveland during a
police hunt for kidnapers of
Edward G. Bremer and Wil-
liam Hamm. Police believe
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Barker, sought in the kid-
naping, fled Cleveland when
alarmed by the arrest of Mrs.
Sawyer and other women in a
night club disturbance.

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SURGEON HUNTED AS HANDLER OF BREMER RANSOM

Dr. Moran, Once Convicted of Manslaughter, Suspected in Kidnaping.

A first-rate surgeon whose scalpel became shaky under the influence of alcohol was the subject of a search by department of justice agents today, proving that science has kept up with crime, or vice versa.

The man sought is Dr. Joseph P. Moran, ex-convict, and one-time up-and-coming surgeon of LaSalle, Ill. It was learned today that the government has sent out a circular requesting his apprehension for questioning in the kidnaping last January of Edward Bremer, St. Paul capitalist and brewer.

The entire resources of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, incidentally, are at present concentrated on the solution of the Bremer case, a particular cinder in the eye of the organization.

Such gangster parties as the bureaus suspected and hoped to pin down to the crime have been disposed of through death or penitentiary sentences in the state courts.

Handled \$200,000 Ransom?

Melvin H. Purvis, the brooding, silent head of the Chicago office of the department of investigation, declined today to discuss the hunt for Dr. Moran, but it was learned from an elevator man in his building that the surgeon was suspected of having handled the \$200,000 paid for the Bremer ransom.

Dr. Moran, it was said, is a veteran of the American air service and carries decorations from several allied governments. He was educated at Tufts college and Harvard, it was said. Settling in LaSalle after his graduation, he achieved a reputation as a surgeon, only to begin slipping under the influence of LaSalle county liquor, notorious throughout Illinois.

Convicted for Murder.

Dr. Moran came to grief in 1928 when he was convicted for manslaughter as a result of what investigators said was his first illegal operation. He spent slightly over two years in Stateville and while there performed a number of operations on prisoners.

Scores of his grateful patients are now at liberty, investigators said, and were more than willing to help their former benefactor in any left-handed manner suggested.

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MYSTERY



MRS. ETHEL MARSCH

Woman Freed in Bremer Quiz Puzzles Police Here

Dazed and terrified, Mrs. Ethel Marsch, an associate of the suspected kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, sat in a probate ward strong room here today, on the verge of a breakdown.

Apparently near hysteria, Mrs. Marsch, alias Matterson, alias Haynes, was taken to the ward at county jail from Lakeside hospital last night.

Today, still affected by a sleeping powder given to quiet her nerves, she appeared completely worn out by events since she was taken into the custody of federal authorities Sept. 7 after police arrested her and two other women during a brawl at a downtown hotel. She was held by federal agents only one day, she said, and her whereabouts in the interim are not known.

Tires of Questions

"Questions, questions, that's all I hear—questions!" she moaned disconsolately as reporters sought to learn more of her movements recently. "I want to go home."

Mrs. Marsch gave her address as 1417 W. 71st st. when taken to the probate ward. She says her real home is near Beaumont, Tex.

"Where have you been since the federal agents released you?"

"For the last couple of weeks I just walked," she said. Later in the interview she said she had "been with a friend" whose identity she declined to reveal.

"The strain cracks you," she added, closing her eyes.

"Why don't you talk freely to these fellows. They are trying to help you. Remember, you aren't held for anything," a police matron told Mrs. Marsch when she appeared reluctant to speak further with the reporters.

Asks About Her Money

"I've been with friends. I don't want him to lose his job," she replied.

"I haven't heard from my husband or anyone else lately," she admitted. "Say, what happened to my ring and money?"

Told that these were being held for her at Lakeside hospital, she appeared relieved. When she was arrested at the hotel brawl, her purse contained six \$100 bills and a \$50 bill.

Mrs. Marsch wandered into the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday evening, seemingly suffering from nervous disorders. She was sent to the hospital. Detective Inspector Cody learned she was there when hospital authorities expressed fear she might become a mental case.

Denies Drinking

Edward C. Stanton, attorney who represented Mrs. Marsch, said she, with Mrs. Wyona Wolcott and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, the two who were arrested with her, had appeared at his office Monday evening and obtained some jewelry they had left for safe keeping.

They refused to discuss their movements or whereabouts, Mr. Stanton added.

He previously had received a long-distance telephone call from Chicago from one of the three women, in which she told of her desire to retrieve her property.

Cleveland News
9/27/34

**HUNT PHYSICIAN
AS NEW SUSPECT
IN BREMER CASE**

Dr. Joseph P. Moran, an ex-convict, is being sought for questioning in connection with the kidnaping last January of Edward Bremer, St. Paul brewer and banker, according to Melvin H. Purvis, agent in charge of the Chicago bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

Mr. Purvis would give no further information regarding Moran, but police said that the physician was an intimate of John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former politician now under indictment in the Bremer case, and also was friendly with members of the Touhy gang.

It was reported that federal agents, unable to locate Dr. Moran, have discovered his bank deposits and learned the identity of a woman who was his frequent companion.

Dr. Moran was convicted of murder by abortion in La Salle county in 1928. He was released on parole in 1930 and sent back later for a parole violation. His license to practice was revoked, but was restored following his final release late in 1931. For a time he maintained an office in Maywood and later at 4861 Irving Park boulevard.

Dr. Moran's wife obtained a divorce at the time of his conviction.



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Gang Attempt To Silence Woman Seen

Cleveland Rooming House Proprietor, Quizzed In Bremer Case, Near Collapse.

By United Press.
CLEVELAND, Sept. 27.—One of three women whom department of justice agents arrested and grilled several weeks ago concerning suspects in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul lay on a cot in county jail today apparently near a complete mental and nervous collapse.

Both police and federal agents were standing guard, completely mystified as to the cause of her condition.

They suspected that the woman, former proprietor of a Cleveland rooming house, had been subjected to a "third degree" by members of the Dillinger-Karpis-Baker gang which feared she might have told the federal government facts which would result in their arrest.

Efforts to question the woman, today, were fruitless. She apparently was out of her senses.

On jail records she is listed as Ethel Marsh, 30, alias Matterson, alias Haines. She was arrested early this month with Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, after a disturbance in a downtown hotel grill room.

Mrs. Matterson appeared suddenly at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday. She was dazed, and was sent to the hospital and later to county jail.

She seemed extremely frightened about something she would not mention, and kept mumbling: "All I hear night and day are questions, questions, questions." She was told she was not a prisoner and was free to leave, but that failed to relieve her mind, police said.

"I want to go home to my father and mother," she moaned. Her parents live in Beaumont, Tex., she said. She would not reveal their names, saying: "I don't want them mixed up in this."



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Feds Pursue Bremer Gang Trio in Ohio

65 U. S. Men Closing in on
Barkers and Karpis, Cleve-
land Newspaper Says It
Learns.

WOMAN QUESTIONED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS

Cleveland, Sept. 27. — (AP) —
The Cleveland News says today
that Federal agents are believed to
be closing in on the abductors of
Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul
banker.

The paper says it has learned
that 65 Federal men were thrown
into the hunt here recently when
it was discovered that Fred and
Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis,
hunted in the kidnaping, had been
living in a west side home.

The suspects fled an hour before
the house was raided. They be-
came alarmed when three women
companions were arrested after a
brawl in a downtown hotel. At the
time the raid was made, police did
not realize the identity of the men
they were after.

The News says it has learned
"from authoritative sources" that
one of the women, Mrs. Ethel
Marsch, alias Matterson, alias
Haynes, was grilled by Federal
agents for more than two weeks.

Terrified and nervous, the woman
was given refuge in the probate
ward of the county jail after she
had been found in a state of near
collapse here Tuesday.

She said she was held only one
day by Federal agents, but the news
says it was "reported" the agents
had quizzed her here, in Akron,
Ohio, and later in Chicago, seeking
to obtain information about Barker
and Karpis.

"Questions, questions, that's all I
hear — questions," Mrs. Marsch
moaned to reporters. "I've been
staying with friends. I want to go
home. For the last couple of weeks,
I just walked around."

Mrs. Marsch says her real home
is near Beaumont, Texas.

An insanity complaint was filed
against Mrs. Marsch today by C. W.
Ladd, state inspector, after he

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Woman Grilled Near Collapse in Prison

By United Press

CLEVELAND—One of three women who Department of Justice agents arrested and grilled several weeks ago concerning suspects in the Bremer kidnaping lay on a cot in county jail today apparently near the verge of complete mental and nervous collapse.

She is Ethel Marsh, 30, alias Matterson, alias Haines. She is from Cleveland. She was arrested early this month with Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, after a drunken disturbance in a downtown hotel grill room.

After questioning them Federal agents rushed to her home here but arrived just too late to seize three men later identified as Arthur and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, ex-convicts and suspects in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Yesterday she seemed extremely frightened and kept mumbling: "All I hear night and day are questions, questions, questions." She was told she was not a prisoner and was free to leave, but that failed to relieve her mind, police said.

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Push Hunt For Bremer Kidnap Gang

**District Attorney Holds
Conference In Capital
To Study Drive After
Dillinger Mobsters.**

Search for the fleeing remnants of the shattered Dillinger and Karpis and Barker gangs was doubled today following a conference in Washington Thursday between George Sullivan, federal district attorney in St. Paul, and Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general.

Developments were:

Reported concentration in Cleveland of federal agents and police in an effort to uncover the hiding place of Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers, Arthur (Doc) and Fred, sought in the Bremer kidnaping.

Discovery at Mason City, Ia., of an abandoned automobile bearing fingerprints of Lester M. Gillis, alias George (Baby Face) Nelson.

Identification of Gillis, alias Nelson, known by federal agents as one of the most cold-blooded machine-gun killers the nation has known, as "Jimmy Williams," former St. Paul "tough guy."

Strengthening of the belief that John Hamilton, former chief lieutenant of the slain John Dillinger, was shot and killed near St. Paul Park April 23 in a running gun-battle with Dakota county sheriff's deputies.

Karpis and "Doc" Barker have
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1934.

SAWYER PROPERTY ATTACHED BY WRIT

Issued to Protect Interests of
Physician Suing
for \$1,318.

A writ of attachment for property
owned by Harry J. and Gladys Saw-
yer was issued today by Judge J. C.
Michael in Ramsey county to pro-

tect the interests of a St. Paul physi-
cian suing for \$1,318.55.

The Sawyers are out of the city.
Mrs. Sawyer was arrested recently
in Cleveland, Ohio, and a small girl,
being cared for by Mr. and Mrs.
Sawyer, was returned to St. Paul
where she is now in the care of the
state. Sawyer is wanted for ques-
tioning by Department of Justice
agents who are investigating the
Bremer kidnaping.

The suit was brought by Dr. H. H.
Hall, 636 Lowry building, for profes-
sional services totaling \$734.94 and
expenses attendant on the doctor's

supervision of property in the J. F.
Eisenmenger lake villas totaling
\$383.81.

Under terms of the attachment
the lake property, a city home and
some property in Beltrami county
may be attached pending decision
of the suit.

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Bremer Abduction Hunt Intensified

Search for Two Suspects Centers in Cleveland.

The hunt for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, was being centered by the Department of Justice last night around Cleveland, according to the Associated Press.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan conferred yesterday with United States Attorney George Sullivan, of St. Paul, on the Bremer case.

Justice Department officials would not comment on a report from Cleveland yesterday that Karpis and Barker had been newly sighted there but fled when three women companions had been arrested. J. Edgar Hoover, investigative chief of the department, would not discuss the case.

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DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN.

Wanted for questioning in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last January; Dr. Joseph B. Moran, former Illinois physician, is being sought by Federal agents. It is believed he may have been the doctor who attended Bremer during his captivity.

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MRS. FRANK NASH HELD

Massacre Victim's Widow Nabbed in Minnesota.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of one of the five victims of the Union station massacre June 17, 1933, was arrested at the home of her mother in Aurora, Minn., Friday, it became known here Wednesday, although local representatives of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, denied knowledge of whether she was being held for St. Paul or Kansas City authorities.

It was reported unofficially that she was to be questioned in regard to the kidnaping in St. Paul of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, and William Hamm, jr., brewery owner.

At about the same time the report of the arrest of Mrs. Nash was being circulated it became known that Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy, a friend of her husband, also had been reported missing since Monday night from his home at 14 East Fifty-sixth street terrace. Both Mrs. Nash and Mulloy are under indictment in connection with the wholesale slaying at the Union station in which Nash and four officers, one of them a department of justice agent, lost their lives.

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WIDOW OF SLAIN GANGSTER IS AR-
RESTED IN MINNESOTA.

Secrecy Surrounds the Holding of
Woman Whose Husband Was
Killed in Union Station
Massacre Here.

(By the Associated Press.)

DULUTH, MINN., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the gangster slain in the Kansas City union station massacre more than a year ago, was taken by federal agents from the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn., last Friday, it was learned today.

Mrs. Nash was taken out of the county and presumably rushed either to St. Paul or Kansas City, authorities here said.

AGENTS ARE SILENT.

D. M. Ladd, chief of the St. Paul department of justice office, said he knew nothing about the case, although it was recalled the former gangster's widow was taken in custody after authorities had seized three persons in connection with the Homer Van Meter case.

St. Louis County authorities did not know whether Mrs. Nash was still held and St. Paul operatives of the justice department denied knowledge of her.

She had been under surveillance for a month and a half by St. Louis County deputy sheriffs before she was picked up by them at the request of federal operatives.

Two men and a woman still are held in Duluth in connection with the hiding of Van Meter before that late John Dillinger gunner was slain by St. Paul police on a St. Paul street August 23. They are William A. Gray, Thomas Frank Kerwin and Marie McCarthy, all of Chicago.

Investigators never had disclosed whether Mrs. Nash was suspected of aiding in harboring Van Meter at Leech Lake, Minn.

Reports Mrs. Nash knew "something" about the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping of last January were not confirmed.

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After her husband and four officers were slain June 17, 1933, when an attempt was made to liberate her husband, she was held on a charge of conspiring to obstruct justice, but subsequently was released. Since December, 1933, she had lived at the home of her parents in Aurora under the name of Mrs. George Miller, the name Nash used when he married her.

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COMMENT ON FRITZ MULLOY.

Twelfth Street Can't Explain a Short Disappearance.

The brief disappearance of Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy, 14 East Fifty-sixth street terrace, during which time comment persisted that the government had him in custody in connection with the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case in St. Paul, has had Twelfth street guessing since Monday night.

Mulloy, who has been at odds with the government several times, the latest being immediately after the union station massacre June 17, 1933, disappeared Monday night, according to the accounts told downtown, after telling his wife he was going to a drug store to make a purchase. He did not return to their car, and finally Mrs. Mulloy went to the store at Twelfth and McGee streets and looked for him, without success.

Word that Mulloy was missing spread and the story that the government was questioning him was repeated in the places where he is known, by reputation or through direct connections.

However, R. B. Nathan, special agent in charge of the division of investigation of the department of justice, said today he had not ordered Mulloy taken into custody and had not seen the man. Coupled with that was the fact that Mulloy returned home last midnight.

There is no explanation along the street where Mulloy is known for his disappearance or his midnight return.

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Nash Widow Nabbed For Kidnap Clue

Arrested At Aurora In Abduction Of Hamm And Bremer.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the outlaw slain in Kansas City massacre June 17, 1933, is under arrest in connection with the kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, wealthy St. Paulites.

Mrs. Nash, who has been living since last December under the name of Mrs. George Miller, the name under which she married Nash, was arrested at Aurora, Minn., northwest of Duluth, by St. Louis county and department of justice agents.

Her husband and four officers were killed in a desperate underworld attempt to free the outlaw as he was being taken to Leavenworth federal prison. The machine gun barrage took place in daylight at the Union Station plaza in Kansas City.

Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oklahoma outlaws, coming from the same vicinity as Frank Nash, have been named as the actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer.

It is understood that a short time after the Bremer snatching, federal agents were at Mrs. Nash's home in Aurora, waiting several days in hopes that the kidnapers would show up.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

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**GANGSTER'S WIDOW
REPORTED SEIZED**

**Minnesota Woman, Bereaved
by 'Massacre,' Said to Be
in U. S. Custody.**

Duluth, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the gangster who was slain in the Kansas City Union station massacre more than a year ago, was spirited from the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn., Friday by U. S. Department of Justice Agents, the Herald learned today.

Although no official information was revealed, it is presumed that she is being held for questioning in connection with the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings.

Sheriff Sam M. Owens and his chief deputy, Ed B. Hansen, arrived in Aurora Friday morning with two justice agents. They placed Mrs. Nash under arrest and left town immediately with the woman in custody. The agents were accompanied to the county border by the St. Louis county officers and from there they presumably went to St. Paul.

The agents did not reveal where they were taking the woman or what was their purpose. It was learned from unofficial sources that they had received a tip that she knew "something" about the St. Paul kidnaping cases and that she had withheld information when previously questioned about these and other criminal matters.

After her husband and four officers were slain June 17, 1933, when an attempt was made to liberate her husband, she was held on a charge of conspiring to obstruct justice, but subsequently was released. Since December, 1933, she had lived at the home of her parents in Aurora under the name of Mrs. George Miller.

the name Nash used when he married her.

D. M. Ladd, special agent in charge of the Northwestern office of the Department of Justice, denied today any knowledge of the arrest of Mrs. Frank Nash as reported from Duluth.

"Any agents who would be making such an arrest would work from the St. Paul office," he announced, "but I know nothing of any such move."

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MRS. FRANK NASH.

[Associated Press Photo.]

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 3.—[Special.]—The widow of Frank Nash, gangster slain with four officers in the Kansas City Union station in an attempt to liberate him more than a year ago, has been seized for federal agents. It was learned today she was arrested Friday at the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn.

St. Louis county deputy sheriffs had watched her for a month, but said they did not know where the federal operatives still have her or where she is.

Department of justice agents at both St. Paul and Kansas City disclaimed knowledge of the case. There was an unconfirmed report that Mrs. Nash knew something about the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker; another that she was wanted in connection with the hiding of Homer Van Meter, gunner of the John Dillinger mob, at Leech Lake, Minn.

Mrs. Nash had resided at Aurora in the home of her parents since December, 1933. She had used the name of Mrs. George Miller, the name Nash used when he married her.

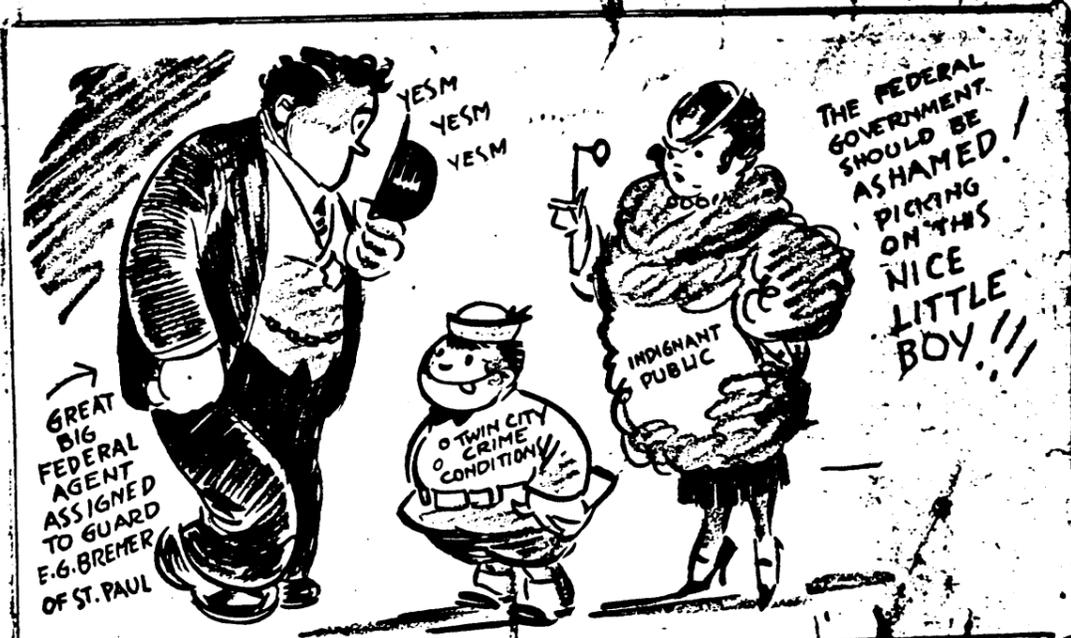
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Kidnap Accomplice Sought in Hungary

The Department of Justice last night reached across the ocean in its search for Dr. Joseph Moran, wanted as an accomplice in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer. Police in Budapest, Hungary, were urged to search for Dr. Moran, believed to be the young physician who treated Mr. Bremer for diabetes while he was held by kidnapers. Dr. Moran left this country shortly after the Bremer case was solved, it was learned.

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Bremer Kidnap Hunt Spreads

Doctor Sought In Hungary For Questioning.

Uncle Sam's law arm is reaching across Atlantic ocean into Hungary to grasp one of the men sought in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul last January.

The justice department today asked Budapest, Hungary, police to detain Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted for questioning in connection with the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Dr. Moran, once a prominent Chicago physician as well as a former convict, is suspected by authorities of having given medical treatment to Mr. Bremer while he was held prior to payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Federal agents refused to state in what connection the Chicago physician was wanted.

Already sought as the actual kidnapers are Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma outlaws. Twice during the past few weeks the outlaws have escaped traps at Cleveland and Chicago.

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**MRS. SANKEY ON
WITNESS STAND
IN OWN DEFENSE**

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Ferne Mae Sankey today denied any part in the \$60,000 kidnaping of Charles Boettcher II., and testified she had no advance knowledge of the abduction engineered by her late husband in February, 1933.

The comely widow of the notorious Verne Sankey took the stand in her own defense after her sister, Mrs. Alvina Ruth Kohler, had testified briefly as first defense witness in her second trial on a kidnaping conspiracy charge.

Hitting at testimony by government witnesses which implicate the defendant in the scheming and execution of the kidnaping, Ben B. Luska, her counsel, asked the defendant:

"Did you ever at any time accompany your husband on trips to collect ransom money?"

"I did not," Mrs. Sankey replied.

Luska was referring to statements by Gordon Alcorn, the government's principal witness against the defendant, that Mrs. Sankey had gone with her husband to St. Paul while he was seeking to collect a ransom for the release of Haskell Bohn, kidnaped in June, 1932. Alcorn was brought here from Alcatraz prison, where he is serving a life term for the Boettcher kidnaping, to aid the government's case.

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Chicago Tribune N.H.D.S.
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**DETENTION ASKED
OF KIDNAP WITNESS**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25 (U.P.)
—The Justice Department has asked Budapest, Hungary, police to detain Joseph Moran, wanted for questioning in the kidnaping in 1933 of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. Moran, once prominent Chicago physician, is suspected of having treated Bremer while he was held prior to payment of \$200,000 ransom. Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker have been accused by the Justice Department as the actual kidnapers.

*"MAKE-UP ADVICE" by Antoinette
Donnelly, a free leaflet of The News
Information Bureau.*

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 ST PAUL--THE GOVERNMENT TODAY DISMISSED CHARGES AGAINST JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN, JR., ONE OF FOUR CHICAGO PERSONS UNDER ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNSOLVED, \$200,000 KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER, WEALTHY BANKER.

TRIAL OF THE REMAINING THREE WAS POSTPONED FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL APRIL.

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ONE FREED IN BREMER CASE AS TRIAL OF THREE OTHERS IS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL

(Copyright, 1934, by St. Paul Daily News.)
The federal government late Wednesday dismissed charges against one of four Chicagoans held in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and postponed trial of the other three from November to April, it was learned today by The Daily News.

This action was taken pending a court of appeals decision in the appeal of Edward Berman, Minneapolis, from a five-year sentence imposed in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma last year. Berman was found guilty of having some of the ransom money in his possession — the same charge faced by the Chicagoans in connection with the Bremer snatching.

Freed was John J. McLaughlin, Jr., youthful brokerage clerk who has been at liberty on \$5,000 bonds since shortly after arrest of the quartet in June.

Postponed to April were the cases of John J. McLaughlin, Sr., Chicago political boss and alleged gambling overlord; Philip J. Delaney and Edward Vidler. McLaughlin has been at liberty on \$15,000 bonds. Vidler and Delaney have been held in Ramsey county jail. They will be released on \$5,000 bonds each.

More than \$25,000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of Mr. Bremer after he had been held prisoner by kidnapers for three weeks early this year was allegedly found in possession of the Chicago quartet. Named as the actual kidnapers were Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc.) Barker. They have not been apprehended.

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2 BREMER SUSPECTS FREED PENDING TRIAL

Vidler and Delaney Released
Without Bail Pending
Court Ruling.

Two men charged with handling the ransom money in the Bremer kidnaping case were released Wednesday from the Ramsey county jail on their own recognizance, it was learned today.

The men are William E. Vidler and Phillip J. Delaney, arrested last summer in Chicago with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and his son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., who are charged with the same offense. All were brought here for trial, but the McLaughlins were released under bond. The other two were unable to raise bond and remained in jail.

Release of Vidler and Delaney was recommended by George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, when it was decided that they would not be tried until the term of Federal court here next spring. Originally, the four defendants were scheduled to go on trial at the term starting here Tuesday, but this plan was changed when a question arose as to whether the federal kidnaping law covers the handling of kidnap ransom money.

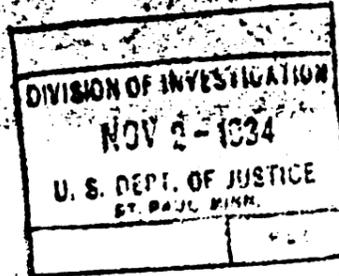
Due to this question, it was decided to postpone the trials here until the point is settled by an appeal now pending before the U. S. Circuit court of the Third district. This appeal was made by Edward (Barney) Berman of Minneapolis, under a five-year prison sentence for handling ransom money paid for the release of Charles F. Urschel, kidnaped Oklahoma City millionaire.

The money which Vidler, Delaney and the McLaughlins are accused of handling was part of the ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kidnaped last winter.

In recommending release of the first two, Mr. Sullivan pointed out that, so long as they cannot make bond, postponement of their trials will mean their serving nearly a year in jail before their cases are disposed of. He agreed to the release after a conference with their attorney, L. L. Drill.

The McLaughlins are scheduled to appear in Federal court here Tuesday. It is expected that their bonds will be continued.

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November 1, 1934.*



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"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN TAKES BREMER RANSOM BLAME.
ST. PAUL, Nov. 2.—In a statement to federal Department of Justice operatives, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago politician, took full responsibility for handling part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money, it was learned today.

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FATHER CLEARS M'LAUGHLIN JR.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, West Side politician, it was announced in St. Paul yesterday, has admitted his own responsibility for handling part of the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom fund, and has absolved his son, John Jr., from any part in the deal.

As a result the indictment against the younger man has been quashed by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul, where the father will face trial at the April term.

The elder McLaughlin's bond was reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Similar bonds were accepted from two other defendants, William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

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J. J. McLAUGHLIN ADMITS PART IN KIDNAPING CASE

Son of Chicagoan Freed on Bremer Charge.

(Picture on Back Page.)

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when McLaughlin's admission by federal department of justice operatives resulted in the exoneration of his son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., who had also been charged with conspiracy in the abduction.

Indictment Is Quashed.

On recommendation of United States District Attorney George Sullivan the indictment against the younger McLaughlin was quashed by Judge M. M. Joyce in federal District court here.

The judge also set the trial of the Chicago politician and two other defendants, Phillip J. Delaney and William E. Vidler, for the April term of court. The \$15,000 bond of the elder McLaughlin, on which he has been at liberty, was reduced to \$5,000 at the request of counsel.

Freed on \$5,000 Bonds.

Vidler and Delaney, who were arrested with the McLaughlins in Chicago last summer on charges the four of them had handled some of the Bremer ransom, were freed earlier this week on \$5,000 bond each.

Federal authorities are still seeking Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, who have been named by the department of justice as the actual kidnapers of the wealthy banker.

HANDLES RANSOM.
J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin confesses handling part of Bremer ransom cash.

(Story on page 40.)

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FREED IN BREMER CASE.

**J. J. McLaughlin Jr. Is Cleared by
Father, Who Takes Ransom Blame.**

Special to The New York Times.

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BREMER SUSPECT FREE

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YOUTH CLEARED IN KIDNAPING

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 3 (I.N. S.)—His action in exonerating his son today left John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, with full responsibility for handling part of the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom.

Both McLaughlin and his son, John, Jr., had been indicted in connection with the kidnaping of the wealthy St. Paul banker. The elder McLaughlin's admission caused Federal Judge M. M. Joyce to quash the indictment against the younger McLaughlin on recommendation of United States District Attorney George Sullivan.

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'BOSS' M'LAUGHLIN'S TRIAL SET FOR FEB. 1

Arrestment of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, and Joseph Sans, indicted in connection with handling of bonds stolen in the \$250,000 mail robbery here Dec. 6, 1932, was continued today until Feb. 1, when they appeared before U. S. District Judge Barnes.

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Bad News for a Tough.

Alvin Karpis, Chicago tough, had no occasion to give thanks yesterday, when he was accorded the doubtful honor of promotion to the rank of Public Enemy No. 1. There was more bad news than honor in the designation which virtually constitutes a sentence of death. The position of No. 1 has become a very, very temporary one.

A good many newspaper readers will probably want to know who in the nation is Karpis? His name hasn't figured so prominently and sensationally in the news as have the names of some of his now defunct predecessors. When the federals have to pick out an obscure and, virtually unknown gangster for the place it just goes to show how heavy the mortality has been among the Number 1 men. It wasn't long ago that there were candidates all over the place.

But Mr. Karpis, despite his obscurity, is no novice in gangland. He has engaged quite extensively in the business of kidnaping, burglary, larceny, prison breaking and is credited with having had a hand in two or three killings. There is a suspicion that he may have been the unidentified companion of the late unlamented Baby Face. There is plenty of reason why the federals should have him on their list.

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Omaha (Nebr) World-Herald
November 30, 1934.

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Mother Urges Son's Surrender

CHICAGO, Dec. 5 (US).—Mrs. John (Karpis) Karpavics, mother of Alvin Karpis, public enemy, tonight appealed through the Chicago Herald and Examiner for her son to surrender.

The newspaper printed a letter in which the outlaw's mother said she had "been guaranteed that you will get a square deal if you will surrender. It is the only way to save yourself from being shot down by Government guns."

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ALVIN KARPIS
SOUGHT by authorities
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Federal agents were slain.
Karpis' mother released
this photograph to the Chi-
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Dillinger Gang Tries to Poison Undercover Man

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**Suspected Hideout of
Karpis Watched**

Following a story told by Jack Geonia, ex-convict and self-styled federal informer, police of Joliet today were watching a house in which they believe Alvin Karpis was hiding. Karpis, now public enemy No. 1, and John Hamilton, surviving member of the John Dillinger gang, according to Geonia, poisoned the supposed informer and tossed him from an automobile near Joliet. Geonia is recovering in the Will County jail in Joliet.

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Secret 'Office' of Karpis Sought; Geonia Is Guide

The secret "office" of Alvin Karpis, public enemy, as described by Alfred Geonia, a former convict, was the object of a police search today with Geonia the guide.

Joliet authorities, inclined to believe Geonia may have valuable information, said they would take him on a tour of this region. Questioned after he appeared here Thursday, drugged with "knockout drops," Geonia told of meeting Karpis near Joliet that day.

Trailed Karpis, He Claims.
Geonia claimed that since his release eleven days ago from the Kan-

sas state penitentiary he had been trailing Karpis as an undercover worker for the department of justice.

Geonia said he learned from Karpis and two companions that Karpis had a hideout near here. Police were interested in his story that Dr. Joseph Moran, a Chicago surgeon, who, like Karpis, is sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, was with Karpis.

Hunt for Moran.
Northern Illinois authorities and federal agents have concentrated the search for Moran in this region, since the doctor's home originally was La Salle, Ill. Recently Chicago officials of the division of investigation admitted they were hunting Moran on the theory that he may have been the "attending physician" when Bremer was kidnaped.

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HUNT KARPIS AND HAMILTON NEAR JOLIET

**Officers Investigate Geonia's
Story of Gang Reprisal;
Poison Found in Stomach**

Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and John Hamilton, surviving leader of the Dillinger gang, were hunted around Joliet last night on the strength of the story of Jack Geonia, ex-convict and self-styled federal informer, that they poisoned him.

Emerging from questioning of Geonia, now recovering in the Will County jail at Joliet, State's Attorney W. R. McCabe said:

"We are going to look into every angle of this because we believe it is well worth the study. Some of the things he has said sound doubtful, but others are all right."

Geonia had collapsed in the doorway of a roadhouse near Joliet on Thursday. Taken to a hospital he said he was a federal undercover man and that, after he had succeeded in contacting Karpis, Hamilton and two others, they poisoned him and tossed him from a car near Joliet.

It was punishment, he said, for information he gave to officials of Lansing, Kan., penitentiary when he and Karpis were there.

Though federal officials professed disinterest, one government agent visited Geonia in the hospital Thursday night and two others called at the jail yesterday.

Meanwhile Joliet officers were watching a house near that city, where men answering descriptions of the gang members are said to have been seen.

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A NIMERICK-KARPIS LINK

POISONED MAN SAYS THE TWO
OUTLAWS ARE TOGETHER.

The Kansas and Missouri Criminal
Introduced Him to the No. 1
Public Enemy, Alfred Geonia
Asserts at Joliet.

A bizarre tale by Alfred Geonia, released a week ago yesterday from the Kansas state penitentiary, named Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and Clyde Nimerick, Missouri and Kansas criminal, as the men who poisoned him Thursday near Joliet, Ill., where Geonia is being held.

Geonia said he was in prison at Lansing at the same time Karpis served a term there. He went to Northern Illinois, following his release last week, and met a man named Fred Parker, who was accompanied by Nimerick. They arranged for him to go with them to meet Karpis. Geonia recounted, on St. Charles highway near Joliet, Thursday. The four men went to a tavern, where a drink from a ginger ale bottle was proffered Geonia. Karpis remarked to him, Geonia related:

"How do you feel? You're going to die."

Geonia said Karpis told him the poisoning was punishment for warning prison officials of prison breaks. He said also that he had acted as an undercover man for federal agents, but federal authorities denied the assertion.

If there is truth in the story, Nimerick has merged a criminal talent hardened by years of lawlessness, with that of one of the nation's most sought gangsters, Karpis, who is wanted in the Edward G. Bremer abduction. Nimerick has been involved in crimes including bank robberies and burglaries in Missouri and Kansas for several years. He served six years of a 20-year sentence in the Kansas penitentiary for the robbery of the Walton, Kas., State Bank of \$140,000, January 19, 1924. He previously had served two years in the Missouri penitentiary for possession of burglary tools.

Nimerick was named as one of the six bandits who robbed the Interstate National Bank, in the Livestock Exchange building, of \$45,000, December 10, 1930. He was arrested in Des Moines December 29, 1931, and returned here, where he was released under \$20,000 bond. He failed to appear for preliminary hearing March 21, 1932, forfeiting the bond and has been a fugitive since then. Police officials of Missouri and Kansas regard him as a desperate criminal, although Geonia's story is the first indication he might be associating with nationally known criminals.

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KIDNAPING

Bremer Kidnaping Suspect Makes Tipster Take Poison

Associated Press.
JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 14.—The strange tale of a former prison mate of kidnaping Alvin Karpis put detectives afield thru Northern Illinois tonight in search of Karpis' hideout.

Coming up from the mental fog in which "knockout drops" had enveloped him, Alfred Geonia was held in jail here while Joliet and Chicago police followed up the angles of the story he had told.

Geonia was a fellow convict with Karpis—sought for the Edward Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping—at Kansas state penitentiary several years ago.

He said Karpis had drugged him for being an informer. The government men, silent as ever, denied he was their tipster. Physicians, however, confirmed that Geonia was drugged.

Says He Informed on Karpis

State's Attorney William McCabe quoted the mystery man as saying he learned of Karpis' whereabouts from a fellow prisoner named Enos and that he took his tale to federal agents at Kansas City. Government operatives there, according to his recital, directed him to R. C. Suran of the division of investigation's Chicago staff after he claimed to have learned that Karpis hid from the law near St. Charles, Ill., and "got

his mail" at a tavern near Plainfield, Ill.

Geonia came to Northern Illinois, he said, and met Fred Parker and a man named Woodruff, alias Clyde Nemerick. They told him he could meet Karpis along the St. Charles highway Thursday. Following directions, he was picked up by Karpis, Woodruff and Parker in an automobile and taken to a tavern.

Forces Him to Drink Poison

There, the ex-convict asserted, Karpis ordered him to drink from a ginger ale bottle and when he had done so, the gangster remarked:

"How do you feel? You're going to die."

Geonia said he had been poisoned because he had secretly apprised the prison officials of impending breaks. He became violently ill from the position. Officials determined he had drunk a poison.

Geonia was rushed to a hospital here Thursday after he had staggered into a roadhouse suffering from the effects of poison. He had first identified himself as "Jack Moxie, a federal agent." Later he was removed to jail.

Karpis is widely sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul and an assortment of crimes perpetrated in the Southwest.

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MYSTERY MAN HELD BY U.S. IN 'KARPIS' RAID

Legs Bound in Chains, Wrists Held by Handcuffs; Guarded by 15 Federal Operatives

'TIP' PHONED NEWSPAPER

House Raided in Effort to Take Ex-convict and Hamilton; Geonia Still in County Jail

Further mystery developed last night in the search for Alvin Karpis and John Hamilton, the nation's most sought after public enemies, as several squads of federal agents raided a house in the neighborhood of Seventieth st. and Lowe av., and nabbed an unsuspecting prisoner.

While it was known that police were combing Will and Cook counties for the secret "office" of Karpis, a mysterious telephone call to The Herald and Examiner disclosed the raid in Englewood.

Representatives of this newspaper arrived at a gasoline filling station at Sixty-ninth st. and Lowe av., just as the federal men were walking away with their prisoner. His legs bound by chains, and his hands in handcuffs, the prisoner was surrounded by fifteen operatives.

RUSHED AWAY.

Bareheaded, his suit coat and overcoat thrown over his shoulders, the prisoner shuffled along with difficulty to a large Cadillac car, into which he was thrust and driven away.

Jack Geonia, self-styled federal informer, will lead Will County officers tomorrow in a search of the Joliet area for the secret "office" of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 and suspect in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

STILL IN COUNTY JAIL.

Geonia, former convict, is still in Will County jail, where he has been held since his transfer Wednesday night from a Joliet hospital to which he was taken after collapsing in a roadhouse and telling of being poisoned by Karpis and John Hamilton, surviving Dillinger gang boss.

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'KIDNAPING' LINKED TO GANG DRUG VICTIM

Man of Similar Name Re- ported Seized by Pair at Lewistown, Mont.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Alfred Geonia, former convict and a self-styled "Federal informer" was recovering in the county jail tonight from effects of "knock-out drops" as authorities continued their attempts to unravel the mystery of his activities since his release from the Kansas State prison eleven days ago.

Officials searching for Alvin Karpis, public enemy, as a result of Geonia's claim that he was drugged by Karpis while attempting to trap the gangster were investigating a report from Lewistown, Mont., that an oil worker known only as "Coxey," was "kidnaped," handcuffed and driven eastward Wednesday night by two men who said they were Chicago policemen.

Geonia, when first questioned after staggering into a roadhouse near Joliet under the influence of a powerful drug, gave the name "Jack Coxey" and police were attempting to connect that with the name "Coxey."

Authorities were interested in Geonia's claim that Karpis was accompanied by Dr. Joseph Moran, former Chicago surgeon sought with Karpis in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. Recently Chicago members of the division of investigation admitted they were hunting Dr. Moran as the "attending physician" of the Bremer case.

Federal officials have steadfastly denied that Geonia was engaged in undercover work for them.

3 GO ON TRIAL MONDAY IN VAN METER CASE.

Duluth, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Trial of Thomas F. Kirwin, William A. Gray and Mrs. Marie McCarthy on charges of conspiracy to harbor Homer Van Meter, one-time machine gunner of the John Dillinger gang, is scheduled to open, here Monday in Federal District court.

Expected to disclose many phases of the government's hunt in rounding up members of the once potent Dillinger mob, the trial will be centered around alleged activities of the three defendants in connection with Van Meter's flight from the law in St. Paul and at a Leech Lake summer resort last August.

Van Meter was slain by St. Paul police in August, his death marking the end of a long hunt for him—spread throughout half a dozen Midwest states—after he fled with Dillinger from the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis., last spring, when Federal agents broke in upon the gang of outlaws.

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