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## KIDNAP INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY JURY

*Miami Herald 1/25/35*  
More Than 20 Accused In Connection With Abduction of Edward G. Bremer  
(BY UNITED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—More than 20 persons have been indicted by the federal grand jury in St. Paul on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, the justice department said today.

Homer S. Cummings, attorney general, said the indictments were returned two days ago.

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Arthur R. Barker is under arrest, but a number of the others are still at large.

Bremer was kidnaped last January. The abductors obtained \$200,000 ransom.

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**BARKER'S FATHER  
 TO CLAIM \$10,000**

*Miami Herald*  
**Will Seek Money Found When  
 Bandit Son Was Killed**

CARTHAGE, Mo., Jan. 24. (AP)—  
 George Barker, father of Fred Barker,  
 outlaw who was killed with his  
 mother in a gun fight with federal  
 agents in Florida January 16, and  
 Frank Dixon of Webb City, Mo., to-  
 day were appointed co-administra-  
 tors of the dead desperado's estate by  
 the Probate court here.

Barker, an employe at a tourist  
 camp, indicated he would seek to  
 obtain the \$10,000 reported found in  
 the Florida house where his son and  
 his divorced wife met death.

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# WARRANTS OUT FOR KARPIS FRIENDS

U. S. Charges Two Women With Harboring Fugitive and Harry Campbell

Four warrants charging Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitive gangsters, in Miami were issued here on Tuesday by Lloyd C. Hooks, United States commissioner. W. Sanders Gramling, United States assistant district attorney, reported yesterday.

The warrants were ordered by Gramling at the direction of department of justice agents and forwarded to Philadelphia, where the women were held in order that they might be kept in custody legally pending further investigation, Mr. Gramling explained. Whether the women will be returned to Miami to answer to the charges will depend upon the department of justice's decision, Mr. Gramling said.

The women were arrested in an Atlantic City hotel, from which the two men escaped during a gun battle with police. Department of justice agents learned that Karpis and Campbell, for whom a widespread manhunt is being carried out, lived with the women at 1121 N. E. Eighty-fifth street. The four fled Miami after the gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

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ACCUSED OF HARBORING  
FUGITIVE GANGSTERS



Winona Burdette (above) and Dolores Delaney were charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Henry Campbell, fugitive gangsters in Miami in warrants issued here by Lloyd C. Hooks, United States commissioner. The two women were captured by police in Atlantic City in a trap set for Karpis and Campbell. Karpis and Campbell shot their way out of the trap and escaped.

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MORE than 20 persons were indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer. It must have been a wholesale party. The eagerly sought Alvin Karpis heads the list. The conspirators are charged with conspiring with several persons since deceased by the route of violence, including the Barkers, who fell before bullets. Profits of crime do not help the dead nor the jailed.

CRIMINALS should not be too greedy. They should be willing to share their wealth. St. Paul report reveals that Fred Goetz, Chicago gangster, university graduate and army aviator, took the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money as the intermediary and attempted to flee. He was shot down a month later. Those who offend the gang world are tried, convicted and executed at the same time. No mercy. No technicalities intrude.

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## BREMER KIDNAP PLOT REVEALED FOR FIRST TIME

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**KARPIS BELIEVED  
NEAR MOLINE, ILL.**  
*Moline Daily News 1/25/35*  
 MOLINE, Ill., Jan. 25.—(P)—  
 reports that Alvin Karpis, public  
 enemy, and his companion, Harry  
 Campbell, were headed this way,  
 today kept law officers on guard  
 over routes into the Tri-Cities.  
 Moline officers were notified by  
 Sheriff George Nash of Henry  
 county, Ill., that two men, believed  
 to be the fleeing gangsters, passed  
 through LaSalle and Peru, Ill., yes-  
 terday apparently headed for Mo-  
 line. The trail of the pair was not  
 picked up again.

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**KARPIS' GIRL PAL HELD**

# FOR FLORIDA

## BANDIT BATTLE CAPTIVE'S BAIL PUT AT \$50,000

**Winona Burdette Is Arraigned While Armed  
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The Burdette girl, who is 21, refused to make any statement during her arraignment. Asked by Commissioner Wacker if she cared to say anything in her own defense, she replied only:

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# KARPIS' WOMAN PAL MUST FACE FLORIDA CHARGE

## Winona Burdette Is Arraigned While Armed Agents Stand Guard

Federal officials revealed here that they had taken out warrants charging harboring of criminals against both Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney. They were uncertain if the two would be brought here for trial.

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# KARPIS GIRL HELD



WINONA BURDETTE.  
[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24.—[Special.]—Two gang girl companions of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, now subjects of a man hunt in the middle west, were held in \$50,000 bail each here today by United States Commissioner Wacker for a Florida federal court.

Guarded by federal agents with machine guns as she came into court, the first of the girls, Winona Burdette, 21, glumly replied, "No, I don't want to talk," when asked if she had anything to say.

After her brief hearing in federal court the commissioner and his attachés moved to the maternity ward of Hahnemann hospital, where the other girl, Dolores Delaney, 22, an expectant mother, is being treated for a slight wound in her left leg suffered in the shooting at Atlantic City when Karpis and Campbell escaped police. She, too, refused to talk.

Both girls are wanted in Florida on charges of having harbored fugitives and are to be tried there in April. They had been living in the gang hideout at Oklawaha, where "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, were slain last week.

## U. S. GRAND JURY INDICTS 22 FOR PLOT ON BREMER

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#### List Those Indicted.

Named in the indictments as two of the actual kidnapers were Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and his quick shooting companion, Harry Campbell, who are being sought throughout the country.

In addition to Karpis, Campbell and Barker, those accused in the indictments of the kidnaping itself were Elmer Farmer, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Byron Bolton, Harold Allderton, "Joe Doe" and "Richard Roe."

A second series of indictments charged ten others with having conspired to carry out the abduction a year ago in which Bremer was held captive for 23 days.

These defendants were Dr. Joseph P. Moran, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Paul J. Delaney, James J. Wilson, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, Oliver H. Berg, and a person known only as "Whitey."

See Slaying Motive Mr. Tamm

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It was learned that the government will charge that Bremer was held 23 days in a house at Bensenville, Ill., occupied by Allderton, and that Farmer's inn five blocks away is alleged to have been used as a rendezvous by the numerous members of the kidnap gang.

Free on bond after spending several months in the county jail here are McLaughlin, Vidler, and Delaney, all of Chicago. They are charged with having handled the ransom money in one phase of the far flung plot.

#### Ten Named Conspirators.

Whether any of the fourteen others indicted, twelve in all for the actual abduction and ten for conspiracy in connection with various details of the crime, were in custody, could not be learned.

Sawyer, a former St. Paul bootlegger, has been named at various times as "finger man" in the case.

It was also learned that authorities are convinced that it was members of the Karpis-Barker gang who shot and seriously wounded Roy McCord, St. Paul radio operator, four days before Bremer was kidnaped. He was shot when he followed a car he believed contained prowlers. It was pointed out today that the apartment of the Eaton woman was near where McCord believed he saw the prowlers.

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# AMAZING PLOT UPON BREMER TOLD TO U. S.

Barker and Bolton Quizzed  
Under Heavy Guard; 22  
Indicted; Trial Is Rushed

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—With two main defendants under close guard as they talked freely of many crimes, federal officials today revealed the amazing plots and counterplots of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping of a year ago. Valuable information was being obtained from Arthur ("Doc") Barker, coleader with Alvin Karpis of the kidnap gang, and Byron Bolton, arrested in Chicago ten days ago.

## BOLTON QUIZZED.

Government officials were obtaining further information from Bolton of the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven George ("Bugs") Moran gangsters in a Chicago garage five years ago. Bolton has confessed being one of the wholesale killers and has named the others, it had been learned.

Of twenty-two persons indicted by a federal grand jury for part in the Bremer kidnaping, five had and three others free on bond will go to trial in April, United States Attorney Sullivan said tonight.

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## M'LAUGHLIN NAMED.

Free on bond are John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, William Vidler, and P. J. Delaney, all of Chicago. They are charged with having handled ransom money.

Whether any of the four or others indicted, twelve in all for the abduction and ten for conspiracy in connection with details of the crime, were in custody could not be learned.

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, named among actual kidnapers, were being hunted after their escape from a police trap at Atlantic City last Sunday.

## 'FINGER MAN' ACCUSED.

Harry Sawyer, also named among the kidnapers, a former St. Paul bootlegger, has been called "finger man" in the case.

The others indicted included: Volney Davis, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, Oliver A. Berg, Joseph P. Moran, Jesse Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton and "Whittier," whose first name has not been determined.

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**KARPIS GIRL HELD.**—Winona Burdette, 21-year-old companion of Karpis, pictured in a Philadelphia court

She was held in \$50,000 bail to face charges of harboring the desperado before a U. S. District court in Florida.

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*Chicago Daily Times*

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# Seeks to Indict Barker Gang in Hamm Ransom

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.  
Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Continuing its determined drive to wipe out forever the notorious band of Barker-Karpis kidnapers and bank robbers, the federal government will seek additional indictments against ten or more members of the mob charging them with the \$100,000 ransom abduction of the wealthy William A. Hamm of St. Paul, it was indicated today.

Secret evidence that links the kidnappings of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer to the Barker-Karpis outfit is being given final touches in the department of justice preparatory to being turned over to District Attorney Sullivan in St. Paul for presentation to a federal grand jury there.

In all probability indictments charging conspiracy to abduct Hamm will be sought by the government for four Chicagoans, already accused in one indictment returned recently which characterizes them as conspirators in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer.

## McLaughlin Is Included.

They are John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, one-time Chicago politician; Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran, a fugitive physician; William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney. All four are alleged to have "fenced" the money the gang collected in ransom from Bremer, and it is likely that they will be charged with the same offense in the Hamm case.

Actual abduction of Hamm will be laid to the same principals of the gang named in the score of indictments returned against them by a federal grand jury in St. Paul

three days ago for the Bremer kidnaping. The government plans to ask for the indictments some time in the near future.

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Bremer abduction, McLaughlin, according to the department of justice, stated to special agents that he first negotiated with one, Frankie Wright in the lobby of a prominent hotel in Chicago and that later he was introduced by Wright to individuals known as "Izzy" and "Slim," Barker-Karpis emissaries.

## Agree on Commission.

Through them McLaughlin agreed to exchange ransom money on a 5 per cent commission basis and understood from information furnished by "Izzy" and "Slim" that the first \$100,000 to be handled was the Hamm ransom, and that the \$200,000 paid by Bremer for his release would be forthcoming at a later date.

None of the Hamm money has been located, however.

Special agents also learned that McLaughlin had visited "Izzy" and "Slim" at a hotel on Irving Park boulevard, near Cicero avenue, in rooms rented by Dr. Moran for the rendezvous.

Vidler and Delaney are already indicted for passing in Chicago banks ransom money they said they received for that purpose from McLaughlin.

Although guarding closely the evidence upon which they will seek indictments for the Hamm kidnaping, justice department officials declared:

## Karpis Is Missing Link.

"We think we will clear up the Hamm kidnaping case when Barker and Karpis are captured."

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, co-leader of the gang, is now in federal custody and his cochieftain of the roving mob, Alvin Karpis, is the object of hot pursuit by special agents in the middle west.

Chicago's one-time "terrible Touhy" gang was tried en masse in a federal court in St. Paul for the abduction of Hamm but the government failed to convict them. Since then federal agents have conducted a painstaking investigation of the case and have emerged with evidence considered strong enough to send the Barker-Karpis gang to trial for the offense.

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# REPORT KARPIS SEEN IN MAINE

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 25.—(By International News Service.)—Reports from Brunswick police that two men seen in a restaurant there resembled Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, widely sought desperadoes, today raised speculation as to whether the pair was responsible for the \$129,000 Fall River, Mass., mail truck robbery. The two men seen in Brunswick were accompanied by a woman. After leaving the restaurant, they sped away in an automobile.

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CHICAGO--CLAUDE MADDOX NAMED AS ONE OF SIX KILLERS IN THE ST.  
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## 2 Suspects in \$125,000 Jewel Robbery Freed

*at Park Ave. 11/11*  
Neither Martin Nor Husten  
Wanted, U. S. Finger Prints  
Divulge.

*1-24-35*  
St. Paul police released today Harry Martin and Russell (Flea) Husten, who had been held for investigation in connection with a \$125,000 diamond robbery in Sioux City. They were arrested at Ninth and St. Peter streets Wednesday morning.

The arrest was made when police saw a parked car which appeared to have bullet marks on its body and roof. In the car were Texas license plates and on the car were Ohio plates.

Finger prints taken of both men and sent to the U. S. Bureau of Identification brought the answer today neither were wanted and Detective James Crumley, head of the crime squad, ordered their release.

Martin admitted having been a bootlegger and said he sometimes purchased old gold and that was what he used the jewelers' scales and acid for. He said the Texas plates were "phoney."

~~Husten~~ is a St. Paul man and Martin claims Toledo as his residence.

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# ONE POISON SPOT LESS

**R**OUNDUP of the alleged Bremer kidnapers and their friends and allies by the federal authorities bids fair to take all the underworld "poison" out of St. Paul.

Some of the men now under arrest and those still sought—and likely to be apprehended or killed before long—for the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer are believed also to have had part not only in the kidnaping of William Hamm but in the planning and execution of a number of bank and payroll robberies.

Federal agents as usual are secretive about the matter but there is good reason to believe that the gangsters who did these major kidnapings had aid here and from past revelations of friendly relations between them and the police it does not stretch the imagination to conclude that many of their forays on banks in nearby communities had their conception in St. Paul hangouts which were permitted to exist unmolested.

At any rate this belief is quite strong throughout the state and of recent years the nation. It led to the charge that St. Paul was one of the "poison spots" of the nation and the campaign of The Daily News for a cleanup of this unwholy alliance between the police and the gangsters. This alliance was indicated by the freeing of such suspects as Tommy Carroll and William Weaver, among others, when accidentally picked up by uninitiated patrolmen for minor offenses.

St. Paul has suffered badly in reputation of late years because it began paying the price for the system of policing inaugurated and developed by the late J. J. O'Connor—registering the crooks, even making life pleasant for them here, provided they did not ply their trade in St. Paul. This sort of policing while effective from a local standpoint at the time has been quite costly for the city—especially when the maestro himself passed on and left the system in the hands of far less competent police chiefs.

The federal agents in cleaning up this mess have done this city and the nation a good service—and demonstrated beyond any doubt that any working alliance between the police and the crooks is too expensive to be tolerated.

Now that St. Paul is about to be cleaned out as a haven for the underworld, let's keep it that way.

*St. Paul Daily News*  
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ATLANTIC CITY  
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Horning In

Atlantic City's knack of horning in on the current headline acts of the nation, putting the best efforts of our publicity committee to shame, is again realized. Let Florida, even at the peak of its Winter season, get away with a government-gangster battle and monopolize the front pages?—not much! So Atlantic City provides the anti-climax involving the king pin of the story, the head of the Karpis gang himself, no less, and his entourage.

That's where the hoodlums make their mistake. Even though they figure that they will be safe in New Jersey, where only traffic violators are the "public enemies" and provide work for the police, they should reckon with this peculiar thing called the "Atlantic City angle" of every major story. That's what gets them into trouble, or would be if in keeping with the magnetism we seem to exert over the Capones, Mike Duffies, Karpises, etc., we had police other than hard-working traffic cops.

Being neutral ground, while in the city gangland's luminaries scrupulously observe the law. Note that they park their cars in a garage instead of along a "No Parking" sign. Maybe that's what saved 'em—and, of course, the convincing argument a machine gun presents to officers armed with mere popguns.

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PHILADELPHIA  
INQUIRER  
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ESCAPED: Alvin Karpis, latest Public Enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell from Atlantic City trap set by Federal agents. They machine-gunned their way to liberty.

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DAILY MIRROR

## Public Enemy's Sweetheart



**CAPTURED** in Atlantic City, where Karpis and Campbell, Public Enemies, shot their way to freedom, Winona Burdette (above), Campbell's sweetheart, is held in Philadelphia for trial in Florida.

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# **SEIZE SUSPECT IN HARBORING OF ALVIN KARPIS**

Miami, Fla., Jan. 25.—[Special.]—A formal charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis, fugitive head of the Barker-Karpis gang, was lodged today against Henry [Duke] Randall, an employé of a greyhound track. Randall was held in the county jail in bond of \$25,000.

Authorities learned Karpis had lived here for six weeks. Randall, accused of having aided the gangster in avoiding arrest, was seized by department of justice agents Monday and had been held in a hotel room.

While a search went forward for Karpis and Harry Campbell, friends of George Barker, father of several members of the gang, were attempting to obtain for him the \$10,000 found in the Oklawaha, Fla., home where his divorced wife and their son, Fred, died in a six hour fight with federal agents on Jan. 16.

The law abiding father, now 70, was deserted by his wife, Kate [Ma] Barker, and their four sons. He has been a miner and now is caretaker of a tourist camp at Joplin, Mo.

7-576-A *Chicago Tribune*  
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# Karpis Absolved in Illinois Raid

PEORIA, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The theory that two bandits who Wednesday robbed the State Bank of Tivoli, Ill., of \$2,000 might have been Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell was dispelled today with the identification of a photograph of Ira Graver, 40, escaped Michigan convict, as the leader of the pair.

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Chicago Herald & Examiner  
 JAN 26 1935

## BARKER DECLARES AGENTS BEAT HIM

Karpis Aide Denies Bremer Kid-  
naping and Claims He Can  
Prove Alibi.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., January 26.—  
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\$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.  
Bremer was made tonight by Arthur  
(Doc) Barker in an interview from his  
solitary confinement cell, as he dis-  
played body bruises he claimed were  
caused by Federal agents.

"I was in Chicago with my mother  
and brother the day of the kidnaping,  
and I can prove it," said Barker,  
member of the Karpis-Barker gang.  
"And it's he, too, that I double-  
crossed my mother and brother by  
tipping off the Feds that they were  
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Fla., January 16.

Harold Nathan, assistant director  
of the Justice Department Investiga-  
tion Division, informed of Barker's  
charges that he was beaten, branded  
the allegations "absurd."

"I was coming out of a Chicago  
apartment about 6 o'clock the night  
of January 8," Barker said, "when  
the Feds nabbed me."

"I was in Florida with my brother  
and mother about 10 days before I  
was picked up in Chicago. And I  
didn't know that my mother and  
brother were killed until I got to St.  
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# Barker Denies Bremer 'Job' And Double-Crossing Charge

Claims Federal Agents Beat  
Him, Questioned Him For  
Number Of Days

(Copyright, 1935, By The Associated Press)  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A denial that he participated in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer was made tonight by Arthur (Doc) Barker in an interview from his solitary confinement cell, as he displayed body bruises he claimed were caused by federal agents.

"I was in Chicago with my mother and brother the day of the kidnaping and I can prove it," Barker, member of the Karpis-Barker gang, said.

"And it's a lie, too, that I double-crossed my mother and brother by tipping off the feds that they were in Florida. I didn't tell them anything."

## MOTHER, BROTHER SLAIN

Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker were slain by federal officers at Oklawaha, Fla., January 16.

Harold Nathan, assistant director of the justice department investigation division, informed of Barker's charges that he was beaten, branded and allegations "absurd."

John DeCourcy, St. Paul attorney, was the first to interview Barker after a three day wait before obtaining permission from the federal government to see his client.

"Even after obtaining permission from the federal court to see my client," DeCourcy asserted, "I had to submit to a search and remove all my clothes except my trousers, socks and shoes before I could see Barker privately."

Barker told how, after his capture 16 days ago in Chicago he "lost track of the hours and days" and finally was taken to Detroit, Mich., and kept there two days while numerous witnesses—apparently victims of various crimes—viewed him.

## NABBED BY "FEDS"

"I was coming out of a Chicago apartment about 6 o'clock the night of January 8," Barker said, "when the feds nabbed me. There were lots of them. They took me to the Bankers building, up to the 17th floor, and there they handcuffed my hands behind me and shackled my legs to the chair."

"After questioning seven days, catching a little sleep in between times while seated in a chair, they took me to Detroit. They asked me about every crook I ever heard or read about. They wanted to know whether I knew them and they tried to make me confess crimes that I didn't ever hear about."

"I was in Florida with my brother and mother about 10 days before I was picked up in Chicago. And I didn't know that my mother and

brother were killed until I got to St. Paul."

Barker said he did not believe his mother had a machine gun in her hands when she was picked up dead.

Barker said he had \$300 in his pockets when he was captured and alleged that it was seized by the federal authorities.

"None of that money was ransom dough, either," Barker said. "My mother and I had \$6,000 in a safety deposit box in Chicago."

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# **Labatt Testifies At Kidnap Trial**

LONDON, Ontario, Jan. 31 (U.P.).—John Labatt, brewer held for \$150,000 ransom last August, testified today that he agreed with David Meiser of Cincinnati, and two other men to pay them \$25,000 upon his release. They threatened to kill him "sooner or later" if he failed to pay, the brewer said at Meiser's trial.

*Washington Herald*  
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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1935.

**ANOTHER IN KARPIS CASE.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(A. P.)—  
 Justice department officials revealed  
 today that Harry Duke Randall, or-  
 chestra leader of Miami, Fla., has  
 been taken into custody on a charge  
 of harboring the outlaw, Alvin Karpis.

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1935

# 7 POUND BOY BORN TO KARPIS'S GIRL

He'll Never Go Inside a Jail,  
She Tells Doctors

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1 (AP).—A son weighing seven pounds, four ounces, was born today to nineteen-year-old Dolores Delaney, the girl Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy number one, left behind when he machine-gunned his way from an Atlantic City hotel January 17.

The Delaney girl has been in a hospital here since the day after the seashore shooting in which Karpis and his "pal," Harry Campbell, escaped a police trap.

Physicians said that when they told her the baby was a boy, she exclaimed:

"Gee, I'm tickled to death. I wish Al could see him. But I don't know where he is and if I found him it would only mean Al's arrest."

"But my baby positively will never go inside a jail—no matter what happens to me."

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NEEDED—With the assurance that two or more Miami-ans will face trial on charges of harboring Public Enemy No. 1, Karpis, the chances of Winona Burdette and Delores Delaney, "molls" of Karpis and his henchman, Harry Campbell, being returned here seem brighter. Testimony of the girls, one who is about to become a mother, will be almost surely needed in case Hendry "Duke" Randall and Joe Adams are indicted in Jacksonville next week. The girls are reported to have spilled to Atlantic City police the first word of the hospitality, down here. On the other hand, their presence to aid, if possible, the dragnet for the two fugitives may warrant their confinement in the North for some time.

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DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1935



(By Associated Press)  
Mrs. Cammie Barrow



(By Associated Press)  
Mrs. Emma Parker

**INDICTED!**—Mothers of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, notorious gun pair slain by police after a long career of crime, were indicted with 16 others at Dallas, Tex., on Federal charges of conspiring to harbor and conceal their wayward children. Bonnie was famous for her cigar-smoking. She and Barrow were killed in Louisiana.

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# **KARPIS' 'GIRL FRIEND'** **MOTHER OF 7-POUND BOY**

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 1.—(P)—A son, weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces, was born today to 19-year-old Dolores Delaney, the girl Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1, left behind when he machine-gunned his way from an Atlantic City hotel on Jan. 17.

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## M'LAUGHLIN IN U.S. NET AGAIN

John J. "Boss" McLaughlin appeared briefly before Federal Judge Woodward today, during formalities clearing the way to his reindictment with Joseph Sands for possession of bonds stolen in the \$250,000 mail robbery across the street from the United States Courthouse, December 6, 1932.

Assistant federal District Attorney Edward A. Fisher said a new indictment involving thirty-five or forty persons will be ready in two weeks.

He added that McLaughlin probably would not be brought to trial before Fall. Precedence will be given the charge of kidnaping Edward J. Bremer, which the "Boss" is scheduled to face in St. Paul in April.

*Chicago American*  
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## Girl Karpis Left Behind Is Mother

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She is held under \$50,000 bail for Florida authorities.

Physicians at Hahnemann Hospital reported both the Delaney girl and the baby doing "nicely." They said that when they told her the baby was a boy, she exclaimed:

"Gee, I'm tickled to death I wish Al could see him."

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PHILADELPHIA--DOLORES DELANEY, GIRL FRIEND OF ALVIN KARPIS BECAME THE MOTHER OF A BOY TODAY IN A HOSPITAL HERE.

GUARDS, ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS, PATROLLED THE CORRIDORS. THE CHILD WEIGHED 7 AND 1/2 POUNDS.

THE DELANEY GIRL WAS BROUGHT TO PHILADELPHIA WITH WINONA BURDETTE AFTER KARPIS AND HIS COMPANION, HARRY CAMPBELL, HAD SHOT THEIR WAY OUT OF A POLICE TRAP AT ATLANTIC CITY.

HOSPITAL ATTACHES SAID THE CHILD AND MOTHER WERE "DOING WELL," AND THAT THE GIRL SAID SHE "DESIRES TO GO STRAIGHT."

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## KARPIS DECLARED HARBORED IN HAVANA

Name of Fugitive Is Linked With  
Arrest of American Hotel  
Manager.

By the Associated Press.

HAVANA, February 2.—The name of Alvin Karpis, much-sought fugitive from justice in the United States, was linked today with the arrest of an American hotel manager in Havana, Nathan Heller, who admitted police had accused him of harboring Karpis in his hotel.

Heller, manager of the Hotel Parkview, was held by Cuban authorities who said he was wanted in the United States. Heller said some time ago a man registered at the Parkview under the name of E. M. Wagner, and that he carried a letter of introduction from a man named Adams at Miami. Heller said he knew nothing of the man's business and that he was just the same as any other guest at the hotel. Heller said he was told later that the man who registered as Wagner really was Karpis.

By the Associated Press.

Disclosure that an intensive search for fugitive American gangsters is under way in Cuba in co-operation with authorities there was made today by the Justice Department.

The department said that although arrests were anticipated, it had received no word of the capture of Nathan Heller, Havana hotel manager.

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# **BARKER ASKS RETURN OF CASH FOR DEFENSE**

Attorney of Bremer Suspect Ap-  
plies to Department of Jus-  
tice for \$6,300.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 2.—Demand  
that the Federal Government return  
\$6,300, allegedly confiscated, so he  
may have a fund to "prove his in-  
nocence" was made late yesterday by  
Arthur (Doc) Barker, held in the  
county jail for the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer.

John Decourcy, counsel for Bar-  
ker, sent letters to Harold Nathan,  
assistant director of the Department  
of Justice Investigation Division at  
Washington, and Melvin Purvis, dis-  
trict chief at Chicago, requesting the  
return of Barker's "personal property,  
consisting of clothes, money and con-  
tents of a safety deposit box in Chi-  
cago."

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**Indicted Woman Hunted  
In Bremer's Kidnaping**

New York, Feb. 24 (AP).—New York police tonight pressed a search for Myrtle Eaton, 32, who is under indictment in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, for \$200,000. The search was requested by the Federal Department of Justice.

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## Finding of Gun Spurs Search for Karpis

By United Press

RENO, Nev.—Search for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, only members of the Karpis-Barker gang leaders still at large has turned to California and Nevada with discovery of a machine gun here, it was learned today.

The two men shot their way out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel two weeks ago and fled west.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with alias  
I. O. 1218,  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

**Accused Of Giving  
Harbor To Karpis**



Joe Adams (above), Miami hotel keeper, has been arrested and faces federal charges that he harbored Alvin Karpis when the notorious outlaw visited that city recently. (Associated Press Photo)

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# Karpis Likened to Cat, With Tremendous Courage as Aid

Type of Insanity Lends Him Cruel Cunning When at Bay, Analyst Says.

Gerald E. Fosbroke, St. Paul character analyst, disclosed Saturday for the Pioneer Press the traits that have made Alvin Karpis the nation's No. 1 public enemy. Karpis, who shot his way out of Atlantic City Sunday and is at large somewhere in the country, was indicated recently in St. Paul as one of the men who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, banker, for \$200,000 a year ago.

By GERALD E. FOSBROKE.

Although there is no typically criminal face there are faces that are typical of certain types of crime.

Even the unobservant individual must have noticed that there is a set hardness of muscle and eye structure characteristic of the Hickman, Dillinger and Karpis type of face. In younger years the hardness shows the boy that likes to pinch and hurt the other children just to see them squirm.

And although this hardness of body need not necessarily lead to hardness of soul and a life of crime, nevertheless again the potentialities are there and environment and lack of proper training has produced the result.

Alvin Karpis is typically what I call the adrenal motor type. Meaning that the adrenal gland which furnishes the basis for unpleasant emotions is dominant and the motor and directed action side of the thinking system far outweighs the sensory or feeling activities.

His dark eye, heavily compressed, dark and hairy brow, dark skin and hairy and hard, muscled body are all characteristic of the adrenal activity.

This man has tremendous moral courage, (if such it can be called) meaning his courage comes from the mental element. In danger he is like the cat that sees the dog. The adrenal gland throws its secretion into the system and drives all the blood from the stomach, intestines and skin into the muscles and like the cat his hair fairly bristles, his body becomes rigid and tensed ready for action.

And such action. He is literally a ball of rubber for the time being. With feeling gone, the muscles charged with triple energy, the brain and body working in unison like a trip hammer and with machine-like precision, he applies the superhuman strength, dexterity and alertness of mind and body which is the province of this emergency gland to furnish.

He is typically the introvert, lives inside himself, and talks little, he is short, irritable, abrupt, intolerant,

restless, nervously tense and always "set to an end" with but one thing to accomplish at a time.

He will not tolerate criticism and over much of this in his boyhood with little understanding may have started building the tremendous resentments and vindictiveness that show in his ill-shapen mouth. He hates humankind. He probably would hate himself if he stopped long enough to think the matter over and if his mind were not warped with egotism.

His eyes are alert, penetrating, keenly observant and carry an accurate and detailed picture of everything seen, on which a fine memory is based. The strained alertness and stary brightness of the eye indicate a highly concentrated energy quotient. The slight bulge in eyes of this type, the droop of the lower eyelids, with the intense fixity of glance, carry with them something bordering on insanity. The nostrils are drawn close to the septum (middle division of the nose) and the mouth is drawn from the outer corners toward the center, making them contracted in form, indicating that he takes counsel from no one, is surly, unruly and morose. He has little feeling of fellowship even toward his partners in crime, but is loyal to those he does select for his confidence.

His egotism has become an obsession with him and his joy is to dominate and rule. He is despotic and resents that anyone should interfere with his rule. When thwarted and emergency arises his system is flooded with adrenalin and he becomes insensitive to pain or fatigue. When his resentments are aroused and his violent temper takes him in hand he is literally insane for the time being but an insanity coldly calculating, cunningly cruel, mentally alert. When in action he is like a coil spring in tension, ready to be released on the unsuspecting human that may come between him and the accomplishment of his purpose.

This same type under right environment and kindly and understanding training make high type mechanical, electrical inventive engineers and scientists and with their unremitting drive of themselves and others they accomplish the work of many during their lifetime.

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 RIVER, SEVERAL MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM RENO, LAST THURSDAY. NEARBY WERE  
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THE GUN WAS NOT RUSTED AND HAD BEEN UNDER THE BRIDGE LESS THAN A  
 WEEK, IT WAS SAID. THE WEAPON APPARENTLY HAD BEEN USED RECENTLY.

LOCAL OFFICIALS DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE SEARCH. MEANTIME  
 FEDERAL AGENTS IN SALT LAKE CITY, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO WERE  
 ATTEMPTING TO TRACE OWNERSHIP OF THE GUN BY ITS SERIAL NUMBERS.

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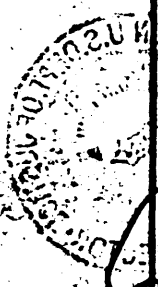
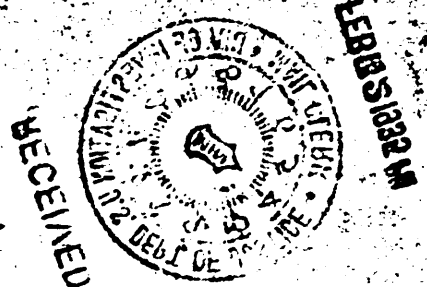
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IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE ARREST WAS MADE AT THE REQUEST OF AMERICAN DETECTIVES. HELLER'S PARTNERS SAID THAT THE CHARGE CONCERNED THE STAY AT THE HOTEL OF A MAN ALLEGED TO BE AN AMERICAN GUNMAN.

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HELLER SAID THE AGENTS SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT A MAN REGISTERED AT HIS HOTEL IN NOVEMBER WAS ONE OF THE OUTLAW KARPIS BROTHERS.

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## AMERICAN IN HAVANA HELD ON KARPIS LINK

Department of Justice Agents  
Quiz Hotel Manager as  
Gangster's Shield.

By the Associated Press.

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### Havana Hotel Man Held As Agent for Karpis

Universal Service Special Cable

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The agents, it was authoritatively stated, alleged that Heller leased a residence in exclusive Varadero Beach to Alvin Karpis, fugitive American gunman, and acted as Karpis' agent in the purchase of an automobile.

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# Havana Hotel Man In Karpis Tangle

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## Note From Adams Links Heller to Notorious Outlaw

Forging additional links in the chain of persons charged with helping in the escape of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, department of justice agents struck yesterday in Cuba and caused the arrest of a prominent American hotel manager.

Nathan Heller, manager of the Park View, one of Havana's popular tourist hotels, was held incommunicado by the Cuban police after U. S. agents filed charges against him similar to those made here last week against Joe H. Adams, one of the owners of El Comodoro hotel. And, it was reported, a note of introduction from Joe Adams presented to Heller by Karpis, who used the name, "E. N. Wagner," was the cause of all the trouble.

Adams said here that he might have given a man a note to Heller—that it is quite customary for him to do such favors for guests at the El Comodoro when they go to Havana or other points where he knows hotel managers—but he could not remember having done so.

Held incommunicado since Thursday night, Heller was questioned at Havana police headquarters by American detectives regarding his relations last November with a hotel guest registered as E. N. Wagner.

An unusual angle of the case lay in the fact that the detectives

failed to work through the U. S. embassy, which was not officially informed of the arrest until this morning. Ambassador Jefferson Caffrey regarded it as "very unusual for any American authorities to take such action without our knowledge."

The detectives charged Heller bought an automobile and a house at Varadero Beach for "Karpis," and sent a number of telegrams for his guest, signed with his own name. The man came here in September and left December 5. Most of his time was spent at the hotel or the Beach house.

Heller's hotel partners scoffed at the charges, and said they had no means of knowing the guest was wanted by police. Heller told the United Press that he sent and received cables at Wagner's request, rented the beach house, and sent for furniture. Later by chance, Heller said he met him on the boat from Havana to Miami.

Heller and the Park View hotel both enjoy the most respectable reputations in Havana. Meanwhile, dispatches from Philadelphia revealed Dolores

Dehaney, girl friend of Karpis, fugitive kidnap-slayer suspect, will place her infant son in a children's institution there and face trial in Florida on charges of harboring a fugitive.

The girl, brought here with Winona Burdette from Atlantic City after Karpis and his aide, Harry Campbell, had escaped a police trap, is recovering from a bullet wound in her leg. The baby was born Friday. She and the Burdette girl have been held in \$50,000 bail, pending their return to Florida.

Officials at Philadelphia said the mother had given her consent to place the child in an institution.

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KIDNAPING  
 (PREMER)

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They accuse the hotel manager, it was learned, of buying an automobile and house for the American gangster. They claim Karpis used the alias E. N. Wagner while in Cuba. Heller also sent telegrams, they charge, to asserted associates of Karpis in the United States, signing his own name to them. The hotel man was arrested yesterday night.

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## Baby Taken From Karpis' Sweetheart

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2—  
 (I.N.S.)—Dolores Delaney's baby  
 boy, born yesterday, will not be  
 reared by his mother. Instead, he  
 will be placed in a children's insti-  
 tution, while Miss Delaney, the girl  
 left behind by public enemy No. 1  
 Alvin Karpis, is returned to Flor-  
 ida to face trial on charges of hav-  
 ing a fugitive.

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*Chicago Herald & Examiner*

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### Five Face Charges For Aiding Karpis

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4 (U.P.).—Assistant District Attorney W. Sanders Gramling is seeking Federal indictments for three companions of Alvin Karpis and two men charged with harboring the Bremer kidnap suspect. They are Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, companions of Karpis, and his alleged partner in crime, Harry Campbell, in jail in Philadelphia. Indictments have been drawn against Joe Adams, manager and owner of the Biscayne Kennel Club, and Henry "Duke" Randall, an employe of the dog track, charged with harboring Karpis.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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## Entire West Scoured for Karpis and Pal

By United Press

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## U. S. Hunts Karpis In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 (U.S.).—Federal agents joined with State and local police here today in a feverish search for Alvin Karpis, America's new public enemy No. 1, and his companion in crime, Harry Campbell, following the sensational disclosure by the State bureau of criminal identification at Sacramento that the notorious desperados are believed to be hiding out in an underworld lair in San Francisco or its environs.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN  
Nashville, Tennessee  
February 4, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
I. O. 1218,  
ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER  
KIDNAPING.

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# **MA BARKER VISITED KARPIS, AGENT TOLD**

**Hotel Man Held in Havana  
Complains of Treatment in Jail.**

HAVANA, Feb. 3.—(P)—Nathaniel Heller, hotel manager, held on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, America's "Public Enemy Number 1," said in a clandestine interview through jail bars today that he believed "Ma" Barker visited Karpis shortly before she was killed in Florida.

Photographs have convinced him, Heller said, that the man he knew as E. N. Wagner here is actually Karpis. Heller was arrested Thursday by United States department of justice agents and accused of buying an automobile and house for "Wagner."

Heller emphatically denied knowledge that Wagner was a criminal when he was here and defended his action in aiding him, which he said was the usual duty of a hotel manager.

Complaining bitterly of his treatment at the hands of the federal agents, Samuel K. McKee and Ralph Brown, Heller said "They are treating me worse than if I had murdered, and told me 'We will make you talk when we get you to the United States.'"

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## HEARING IS DENIED AMERICAN IN CUBA

Nathaniel Heller, Accused of  
Aiding Karpis, Held Three  
Days Without Bail.

### COMPLAINS OF U. S. AGENTS

Hotel Manager Says He Gave All  
Information He Had on Visit  
of Fugitive to Havana.

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
HAVANA, Feb. 3.—Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Hotel Parkview here, who has been held in jail incommunicado since last Thursday night, has not yet received a hearing although the seventy-two-hour period for which persons can be legally held without trial, even under the present suspension of constitutional guarantees, expired at 7:30 tonight.

American Embassy officials tonight refused to make any comment on the case or say whether any effort was being made to obtain Mr. Heller's release. It is apparent that United States diplomatic officials are maintaining a hands-off policy.

Police headquarters admit that Mr. Heller is being held merely at the request of American Federal agents. They, it is reported, are attempting to have Mr. Heller deported as an undesirable alien, although he has lived here several years and his hotel enjoys an excellent reputation in Havana.

While Federal agents refuse to give information, it is known that they suspect Mr. Heller of aiding Alvin Karpis, American gangster, in some manner while the fugitive was in Cuba last November under the name of E. N. Wagner.

In talking with American newspaper men surreptitiously through the barred windows of the jail, Mr. Heller tonight said that he had not been permitted to see counsel.

"They had me arrested last Thursday night at 7:30 and have denied me the right to see my friends, family or lawyer," he said. "I have been threatened by them. I have been treated worse than a murderer would have been treated."

Mr. Heller also said that the agents remarked during their lengthy questioning: "When we get you to the States we'll make you talk."

Wagner were the same person. The agents then had him arrested and demanded further information which, he says, he was unable to give.

John Hanson of the Department of Justice arrived here from Miami today, returning on the afternoon plane after conferring with Ambassador Jefferson Caffrey concerning the Heller case.

Many Americans here today expressed indignation over the manner in which the incident is being handled. They are puzzled over the attitude assumed by the American diplomatic officials.

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# U. S. WILL ASK CUBA FOR CUSTODY OF HELLER

Department of Justice Uncertain  
as to Procedure—May Re-  
quest Deportation.

By the Associated Press.  
An effort to bring Nathan Heller, now in custody in Havana, into United States jurisdiction to face charges that he harbored Alvin Karpis, outstanding public enemy, will be made by the Department of Justice. Officials said today they were uncertain, however, as to the procedure. They explained that Cuba might deport Heller, or, if not, then extradition would be sought by the United States.  
Heller, the Government contends, harbored Karpis and possibly other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. The Government says the harboring was in Florida, where Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, were killed by 15 Federal agents.

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# CUBA IS ASKED TO EXPEL ALLEGED KARPIS FRIEND

American Hotel Manager Held in  
Havana Is Said to Have  
Harbored Fugitive.

By the Associated Press.

HAVANA, February 5.—Cuban police announced last night they had asked the secretary of interior to expel Nathaniel Heller, American hotel manager, from Cuba.

The action was taken on request of United States Department of Justice agents, who have accused Heller of harboring Alvin Karpis, American gangster, last fall. Heller, held incommunicado since Thursday, was permitted an attorney by Cuban authorities upon pressure from the American colony.

It was learned on good authority that the agents hope to prove Heller, while in Florida with Karpis, conspired to protect the gangster from arrest.

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## Five Face Charges For Aiding Karpis

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4 (U.P.)—Assistant District Attorney W. Sanders Gramling is seeking Federal indictments for three companions of Alvin Karpis and two men charged with harboring the Bremer kidnap suspect. They are Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, companions of Karpis, and his alleged partner in crime, Harry Campbell, in jail in Philadelphia. Indictments have been drawn against Joe Adams, manager and owner of the Biscayne Kennel Club, and Henry "Duke" Randall, an employee of the dog track, charged with harboring Karpis.

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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

## Karpis Hunted in Oakland

Underworld haunts in Oakland were being covered by police yesterday in a search for Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1."

At the same time, it was reported that Karpis and his accomplice in the Bremer kidnaping, Arthur "Doc" Barker, were in California last summer, and visited in the neighborhood of Pismo Beach. It was believed possible that Karpis may have returned to Southern California. Barker was arrested by Department of Justice agents January 8.

The Oakland "tip" on Karpis' whereabouts came from a former schoolmate in Topeka, Kas., whose identity police refused to divulge.

He gave Police Inspectors Eugene Murphy and William Marshall a complete description of the man.

Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell, have been sought for two weeks. They shot their way out of a police trap in Atlantic City. Reno authorities disclosed Saturday that a machine gun and 200 rounds of ammunition, whose ownership had been traced to Karpis, were found in the Truckee River.

Karpis, Barker and Campbell perpetrated the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul. Investigators believe...

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## Hotel Man Charged with Aiding Karpis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(By International News Service).—Charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, American number 1 public enemy, Nathaniel Heller, hotel manager of Havana, Cuba, will be returned to this country to stand trial shortly, the department of justice announced today. Heller will be tried in Florida Federal Court for aiding Karpis and other members of his gang, all wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Brewer-Banker.

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# CUBA SPEEDING KARPIS' PAL TO U. S. FOR TRIAL

By GUSTAVO RENO.

(Copyright 1935 by Chicago Tribune).  
Havana, Feb. 4.—Extradition of Nathaniel Heller, reputed member of the Karpis gang, moved nearer reality today as the United States Embassy and Cuban police united their efforts to speed Heller back to Brooklyn.

It is expected that President Carlos Mendieta will sign Heller's extradition papers early next week.

## Was Arranging Hideout.

Heller, according to United States Department of Justice Agents Samuel K. McKee and Ralph Brown, has been here for more than a month arranging a Havana hideout for Alvin Karpis, who recently shot his way out of a hotel ambush in Atlantic City.

Apparently supplied with abundant cash, Heller had bought the palatial home of former Senator Viriato Gutierrez, son-in-law of ex-President Gerardo Machado, the Federal agents said.

## Two Others Seized.

Karpis was also in Havana, presumably getting the lay of the land, last December, registering at the Parkview Hotel as "E. N. Wagner," according to the American detectives.

Two other men have been seized on suspicion of having dealings with the Karpis mob. One of them, T. Konstantin, a naturalized American born in Greece, was held incommunicado for investigation by the United States Ambassador, Jefferson Caffery.

The name of the other, who was seized at Varadero Beach, was not disclosed.

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# YANK JAILED AS KARPIS AID MAY BE SENT TO U. S.

BY GUSTAVO RENO.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—Technicalities embodied in the extradition treaty between the United States and Cuba were swiftly complied with today by the United States embassy and Cuban state department officials to permit President Carlos Mendieta to sign extradition papers for the return of Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Hotel Parkview, to Brooklyn early next week, according to Guillermo De blanch, subsecretary of state.

Two United States department of justice agents, Samuel K. McKee and Ralph Brown, with Cuban associates, are investigating alleged activities of the Karpis gang here. It is alleged that Heller last month purchased a palatial home at Varadero beach for Alvin Karpis. The residence was formerly owned by former Senator Viriato Gutierrez, a son-in-law of former President Gerardo Machado. The home and its fifty acre estate has an appraised value of more than \$50,000.

## Auto Is Confiscated.

Cables said to have been signed by Heller and addressed to Karpis at Miami and other cities in the United States, together with the automobile the hotel man is said to have purchased for the gang leader, were declared to have been confiscated by the department of justice agents.

They added that they have evidence that Karpis, accompanied by Heller, left Havana for Miami in September, 1934, remaining there until Dec. 5, when they returned here. The gang leader, the agents charged, registered at the Parkview hotel here and in Miami under the name of E. N. Wagner.

## Claim \$25,000 Was Advanced.

Furthermore, the agents allege that Heller received from Karpis some \$25,000, according to documentary evidence confiscated. Heller has been held incommunicado since last Thursday.

T. Konstantin, a naturalized American who was born in Greece, was arrested tonight and placed at the immediate disposal of Ambassador Caffery. Konstantin is Heller's assistant hotel manager. Chief of Police Col. Jose Pdraga of Havana announced the arrest of another American at Varadero beach. His identity was not made public.

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**Faces Trial as Cuban Harboring of Karpis**  
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## Prosecution Rests In Labatt Case

LONDON, Ontario, Feb. 5 (U.N. S.)—The crown rested its case today against David Meisner, Detroit and Covington (Ky.) bookmaker accused of the kidnaping last August of John S. Labatt, and the defense made preparations to put its witnesses on the stand. Defense Counsel Howard Cluff said Meisner would testify.

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## DOYLE CAUGHT HERE BY U. S. BUT ESCAPES

Bremer Suspect Flees After  
Plane Is Forced Down  
in Illinois.

ARREST KEPT SECRET

Mrs. Stacey, Arraigned in  
Street Shooting, Was Fu-  
gitive's Companion.

PITTSBURG, KAS., Feb. 7.—  
(Special)—A man who gave his  
name as H. C. Stanley of Pitts-  
burg, and two women, as yet un-  
identified, were arrested early  
Thursday by federal officers and  
local police. Officers said Stanley  
was a friend of Jess Doyle. The  
trio was captured after a run-  
ning gun battle. The prisoners  
were being held incommunicado  
in jail here.

Because of a forced air-  
plane landing and an order  
for a glass of beer by a fed-  
eral agent, Jess Doyle, 34  
years old, for whom a nation-  
wide hunt had been conducted  
for several months by the de-  
partment of justice, was at  
liberty somewhere in Illinois  
Thursday.

Doyle, who is a fugitive  
from a Bremer kidnaping in-  
dictment in St. Paul, was ar-  
rested by federal officers in  
Kansas City Wednesday aft-  
ernoon.

The arrest came on information  
they obtained after Mrs. Vinita  
Stacey, 32, Doyle's companion, had  
shot and critically wounded Mrs.  
Frances Taylor, 26, at Thirty-fourth  
street and Gillham road Tuesday  
afternoon.

### Jumps Through Window.

They loaded Doyle into an air-  
plane and started for Chicago. The  
plane was forced down near York-  
ville, Ill. The agents took him into  
a restaurant at Yorkville and re-  
moved his shackles. An order for  
beer was given to a waitress, and  
while they were waiting, Doyle  
knocked an agent to the floor,  
jumped through a window and es-  
caped in a motor car parked nearby.  
Extreme secrecy surrounded  
Doyle's arrest, and not even the

## DOYLE IS NABBED HERE BY FEDERAL MEN, BUT ESCAPES

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In it. The location of the car was  
unknown to Kansas City police offi-  
cers, they said.

### Unshackled By Agents.

When the plane was forced down  
in Illinois, the agents employed Wil-  
liam Ford, a farmer, to take them  
and their prisoner to Yorkville.  
Doyle was unshackled when they  
arrived at the restaurant and one  
of the agents went to report the  
forced landing by long distance  
telephone.

Doyle and the other agent took  
a seat at a table and beer was or-  
dered. It was then that the escape  
occurred.

Yorkville is a town of 900 inhabi-  
tants, fifty miles southwest of Chi-  
cago.

Charges of assault with intent to  
kill and of carrying a concealed  
weapon were filed Thursday against  
Mrs. Stacey, Doyle's companion. She  
was arraigned before Louis J. Ma-  
zuch, justice of the peace. W. W.  
Graves, jr., prosecuting attorney, re-  
quested that her bond be placed at  
a substantial amount, because Mrs.  
Taylor, her victim, is in a critical  
condition.

### Needs \$16,500 in Bonds.

Justice Mazuch set her bond at  
\$15,000 on the assault charge and  
\$1,500 on the charge of carrying con-  
cealed weapons. She went to the  
county jail in default, still maintain-  
ing her silence as to the reasons for  
shooting.

John V. Hill assistant prosecutor,  
and Frank Howland, member of the  
police homicide squad, planned to  
question Mrs. Taylor, in the St.  
Joseph hospital, where she is suf-  
fering from wounds in the abdomen  
and right hand. Her condition was  
said to be somewhat improved  
Thursday, although it still is criti-  
cal.

In the meantime, police speculated  
as to the motive of the shooting,  
which at first they assumed was the  
result merely of a jealous squabble  
between two women.

They developed a theory of  
enmity among a group of gang-  
sters and their women. Doyle was  
described as the leader of the group.

### Known as Associates.

While in Kansas City, they said,  
Doyle and Mrs. Stacey were asso-  
ciates of Mrs. Taylor and her com-  
panion, John Langan.

Police said they had information  
that Langan, Doyle and two other  
men known as Spike Lane and Jack  
Rich arrived here several weeks  
ago to begin a series of robberies,  
and had been looking around for  
another man to join them.

They said Langan and a man  
known as Earl Stuchlik previously  
served sentences in Kansas for

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# **U. S. Moves to Try Heller, Karpis Host**

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 instituted.

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## FLEEING WOMAN SHOT DOWN

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 3.—(AP)—One woman chased another woman down a residential street here, firing an automatic pistol.

The pursued woman collapsed with a bullet wound in her abdomen. At a hospital she gave the name of Mrs. Helen Rush, 26, but was in too critical a condition to be questioned.

A woman arrested by police who reported finding an automatic in her pocketbook was booked as Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32. She was tight-lipped to all police questions.

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A woman arrested by police who reported finding an automatic in her pocketbook was booked as Mrs. Anita Stacey, 32. She was tight-lipped to all police questions.

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# BREMER SUSPECT SEIZED IN BATTLE

Auto Mired After He  
Shoots Way Out of Trap;  
3 Others Held.

By Associated Press

PITTSBURG, Kan., Feb. 7.—Jess Doyle, 34-year-old Bremer kidnaping suspect, was captured today in a mired motor car after fighting his way to freedom from a net which trapped three of his companions.

His arsenal of two rifles and an automatic sawed-off shotgun was confiscated.

Trailed for Month.

For a month police and Department of Justice operatives trailed Doyle, indicted in the \$200,000 ransom abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Held with Doyle were a man and two women whom Police Chief Ross Armstrong identified as H. C. Stanley, his wife and Edna Murray, of Kansas City.

"Doyle was coming and going from the Stanley home," Armstrong said.

Machine Gun Fire Battles.

Doyle swung a rifle into action when officers called upon him to surrender. Machine gun fire rattled as his car sped away. He was uninjured, though a bullet scarred his rifle. The mud halted him near Cherokee. Stanley and the women surrendered without resistance at the home.

## Mystery Suspect Beats U. S. Agent and Escapes

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 (AP).—A mysterious prisoner, who biffed the tilted chin of a Government agent as the latter quaffed beer in a rural bar last night, slipped out of the machine-gun traps laid for him tonight.

Mixed signals at Chicago detective headquarters named the slippery outlaw first as Jess Doyle, wanted as a money changer in the Edward Bremer kidnaping plot.

But when Doyle was captured at Pittsburg, Kan., today and the police found they confused the license numbers of two hunted cars, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shut off the information tap, and the identity of the escaped prisoner remained a mystery.

## Boy Reported Kidnaped by 2d Bremer Suspect

MEMPHIS, Feb. 7.—A youth who said he is Hewitt Davis, 20, of Clarendon, Va., told police today he was kidnaped in his own automobile at Gulfport, Miss., by two men and released here.

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## Canada Snatch Nets American 15 Years in Pen

**David Meisner Sentenced  
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London, Ontario, Feb. 6 (AP). David Meisner, American gambler and bookmaker, was sentenced to jail for 15 years today for kidnaping John S. Labatt, wealthy brewery president. It was the first case of its kind in Canada.

The court did not impose the maximum penalty, although Meisner was convicted on three counts—two in connection with the kidnaping and one of armed robbery. The maximum penalty is 25 years and the lash.

The little Cincinnati and Detroit bookmaker heard the verdict calmly. His counsel rested when the sole defense witness, former Detective Leroy Hall, of Covington, Ky., was revealed to have left the country after establishing an alibi for Meisner yesterday.

Justice G. F. McFarland pronounced sentence immediately. The sentences, 15 years on each count, are to run concurrently. The jury was out a little more than an hour.

Meisner's chief counsel suggested to the jury that Detective Hall had "ratted" on Meisner. The detective had given direct testimony yesterday that Meisner was in Covington at the time of the kidnaping last August. Today he was to have faced cross-examination.

Hall was the only witness to testify for Meisner, while the crown produced 23 witnesses. Thirteen of them, including Labatt, identified Meisner as one of the gang.

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Two Federal agents, whose names are unrevealed, were bringing a prisoner by plane yesterday from Kansas City to Chicago. The plane was forced down near here.

## TAKING A DRINK

The agents brought their shackled prisoner into the village and while one went to telephone Chicago, the other accompanied his prisoner into the bar for a drink. The shackles are reported to have been removed.

As the two were about to satisfy their thirst, the supposed Karpis hurled his drink into the Government man's face, slugged him, jumped through a window and leaped into the parked car of a grocer and drove away. The abandoned car later was found near Wheaton.

## SURE HE WAS KARPIS

Charles Leech, the bartender who served the agent and his prisoner here, said he was sure the man was Karpis. He declared:

"I heard the agents call him Alvin and I recognized him from the pictures that have been published."

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By United Press  
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He was identified as Jesse Doyle, 34 years old and wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul. He was being taken to Chicago in an airplane which was forced down here last night.

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LINK WITH MRS. STACEY

A BREMER KIDNAPING FUGITIVE LIVED WITH HER AT 4112 LOCUST.

Woman Shot at 24th and Gillham Plaza Also Had an Apartment There and the Two Were Friendly.

Mrs. Vinita Stacey, held by police in connection with the shooting of another woman Tuesday night at Thirty-fourth street and Gillham plaza, lived until recently in an apartment at 4112 Locust street with Jess Doyle, a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul.

Through identification by the apartment manager and others in the building, police last night proved to their satisfaction that both women had lived in the apartment building on Locust, in separate apartments. The wounded woman, Mrs. Helen Rush, also known as Frances Taylor, figured in an attempted extortion case here in 1933.

A picture of Jess Doyle was shown the apartment manager. She identified him as a man she knew as E. A. Conley who, with Mrs. Stacey, occupied apartment No. 10. Shown a picture in a newspaper of Mrs. Stacey, the apartment manager said it resembled the woman she knew as Mrs. Conley.

ORDER FOR DOYLE'S ARREST.

Doyle, police believe, is in the city. An order for his arrest was broadcast late yesterday by the police radio station, KGPE, to nearby cities. The order said Doyle was driving a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, and was believed to be heavily armed.

Police discovered that a man about 30 years old had gone to the manager's apartment January 17 and said the Conleys had moved to Topeka. He turned in the keys. No rent was owed, the manager told police.

The police then asked the apartment manager to describe a couple registered at the apartment building as Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan, who moved away January 20. A description of Mrs. Dolan coincided with that of Mrs. Rush. One particular feature was the grayish streak in Mrs. Rush's hair. That the apartment manager told of before detectives emphasized it.

ASSOCIATE OF AN EX-CONVICT.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Stacey was questioned further by police, led by Otto P. Higgins, director of police, and T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives. The woman would confess nothing about the shooting. However, according to the police, she admitted she had been an associate of Earl Stuchlik, former Kansas convict recently released from prison. She was known as Mrs. Stuchlik.

Police last night had found no motive for the shooting. They pointed out the two women apparently had been friends. At 4112 Locust street, Mrs. Rush had told the apartment manager of playing bridge often "with the Conleys."

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Slugged a Guard.

Doyle had slugged one agent at the bar of an Aurora hotel while another of his guards was telephoning to a superior in Chicago.

Each new development had a feminine angle. Next came a machine gun and rifle battle today on the streets of Pittsburg, Kas., where federal agents and police captured two women and a man. Another man, companion of the prisoners, escaped in a coupe with license plates police say were used by Doyle.

A short time later federal men lodged a prisoner in jail at Girard, Kas., near Pittsburg, and the jailer there reported the prisoner was Jess Doyle. He was believed to be the man who escaped in the battle at Pittsburg. Federal agents withheld all information.

One of the women captured at Pittsburg is believed to be a sister of Vinita Stacey. Vinita Stacey admitted last night to T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, she was a sister of Edna Murray, notorious Kansas City police character, who has been a fugitive from the department of justice and the police department.

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### GET THREE IN A BATTLE.

Federal Agents Hold Man and Two Women in Kansas.

(By the Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Kas., Feb. 7.—Three prisoners were held at the city jail here today for questioning after a motor car chase through Pittsburg streets in which machine gun and rifle fire figured, and in which a fourth person sought by federal operative and Pittsburg police escaped.

Declining to make any announcement as to who the two women and one man held might be, or why they were sought by officers, the federal agents were questioning the three.

Another man who fled in a motor car when officers approached was purloined through residential streets in the south part of the city and momentarily was "bottled up" on a blind street, but swerving his machine around the heavier police car and escaped as three officers leaped out and fired with machine gun and high-powered rifle. He later was reported held in Girard.

Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg police chief, said he used a rifle and one of the federal operatives fired a machine gun until the fleeing automobile disappeared around a corner a block away. He expressed the relief that the fleeing man was wounded, declaring he was positive many bullets struck the car.

After the three had been held for more than two hours at police headquarters, the two federal agents and Tom Stowers, desk sergeant, left on an unannounced mission, declining to discuss the case at all.

The chief of police here notified T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives in Kansas City, that the Chevrolet coupe used by the captives bore Missouri license 188-380, the tag number broadcast yesterday by Kansas City police for the car known to have been used by Jess Doyle, the Bremer kidnaping fugitive.

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#### Silence Rule Followed.

With the federal agents keeping silent on their part of the investigation, police were having difficulty today. Representatives of the prosecutor's office questioned the victim of the Gillham road shooting, and got from her a statement typical of grandom—one with no helpful information.

All patrolmen here and the police departments of other nearby cities were asked this afternoon in a broadcast by the Kansas City police radio station to pick up two heavily armed men in a 1933 black Chevrolet coupe bearing Missouri license 193-380 and Kansas City license 99393. The utmost caution in their apprehension was urged, the fugitives being described as dangerous.

#### In Jess Doyle's Car.

The car was involved earlier today in the machine gun battle at Pittsburg. The license and car are known to have been used by Doyle. The men now believed to be driving the coupe are sought by the department of justice and Kansas City police department, the broadcast stated.

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Police said two federal operatives were on the way from Kansas City and that strict orders had been given that none be permitted to see or talk to the three prisoners held in the Pittsburg jail.

#### 'KISSING BANDIT' HER SISTER

Vinita Stacey Reveals Relationship With Edna Murray.

The only information so far revealed by Vinita Stacey, companion of Jess Doyle, gangster, and held for the shooting of Mrs. Helen Rush Tuesday night, is that she is a sister of Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit," who in 1931 escaped from the Missouri penitentiary where she was serving a term of twenty-five years for robbery.

She was involved in the holdup of the Ambassador hotel here in 1925, and of the Rev. H. H. Southard, 653 Elmwood avenue, also in the same year. She was the widow of "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, who was electrocuted in 1924 at Little Rock, Ark., for the murder of a prison guard. Later she was married to Jack Murray, with whom she conspired in the banditry here.

She gained the name of the "kissing bandit" by an incident that occurred in the holdup of Mr. Southard. She drove the bandit car that kidnaped the minister and took his money and his shoes. At the conclusion of the holdup she offered to kiss the victim good-by. He preferred to remain un-

kissed.

Mrs. Murray's escape from Jefferson City was her second escape from prison, the other being from a Chicago prison in 1925.



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"You get a dilation of the pupils in the eyes from mercury poisoning, you not?" McCluggage asked.

"I don't know," Major Strickler replied.

"Are you a nerve specialist?"

"I am a general practitioner," the witness replied.

"Did you make a study of the nerve trunk?"

"In some cases I have," Major Strickler replied.

"Could you base a diagnosis on a knee jerk?"

"Not exactly," Major Strickler answered.

"Are you a neurologist?"

"I am not."

McCluggage then asked Major Strickler this question:

"Did Mrs. Shepard have Korsakoff's syndrome the last time you saw her?"

As a Psychiatric Observer.

"Practically," Major Strickler replied.

"And you were there as a psychiatric observer?"

"Yes."

McCluggage asked Major Strickler if it was not true that the best way to treat such cases was to take alcohol away from a patient.

"No," the witness replied. "You go to a general hospital and you will find we are giving whisky in the treatment of Korsakoff's."

Major Strickler was asked if Mrs. Shepard vomited the night he saw her.

"I don't recall seeing her vomit," Major Strickler replied.

McCluggage inquired of the witness concerning testimony he gave at the first trial of Major Shepard.

"You said then Mrs. Shepard vomited several times while you were there. Is that true?"

Kagey objected, but the witness was instructed to answer the question.

"I don't recall what I said at the first trial."

"You also said the vomiting subsided to a great extent the next day you were there. Isn't that true?"

"I can't recall it."

Asked to See Transcript.

Kagey objected again, saying he desired to see the transcript held by the government, to assure himself if the questions and answers were there.

"Isn't it a fact, major," McCluggage continued, "that now you have forgotten whether Mrs. Shepard vomited on your first and second visits to her?"

"No."

"Is vomiting soon after an injection of mercury a sign of mercurial poisoning?"

"Yes, it is."

Resuming his cross-examination, McCluggage elicited from the witness that he did not examine Mrs. Shepard.

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## WOMEN GANG LINK

Shooting Tuesday on Gillham Road Develops a Major Crime Connection.

## DOYLE SLUGS AND ESCAPES

Federal Agents Capture Alleged Bremer Kidnapers, and Lose Him on Plane Fight.

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## GET THREE IN KANSAS

A Battle at Pittsburg Leaves Two Women and Man in Jail in the Case.

A search for "the men in the case" in the shooting of one woman by another at Thirty-fourth street and Robert Gillham road Tuesday, ended today, when to all appearances the case took on all the aspects of a gang fight with a feminine angle.

It was developed last night that the woman shooter, Vinita Stacey, was a companion of Jess Doyle, gangster sought in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul. While police were seeking Doyle, federal agents found him, and started him in an airplane for Chicago.

After a forced landing in Illinois, Doyle slugged his guard and escaped.

### A Battle in Kansas.

Today, federal agents captured two women and a man in a battle in Pittsburg, Kas., and a third escaped. The agents are silent on why the four were sought, but it was known the car in which the man escaped bore the license tag number the police broadcast yesterday as belonging to Doyle's car.

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The two couples in apparent accord lived until recently in an apartment building at 4112 Locust street, it was learned last night.

### Clash Over the Kidnaping.

Today the police were working on the theory that the shooting was over money or the Bremer kidnaping. Langdon and Earl Stuchlik, recently released from the Kansas penitentiary, had been members of a gang that had been running liquor into Kansas, police said. They believe now that the money from this enterprise had been turned over to Mrs. Rush and that the shooting possibly was over what some members of the group believed was an unfair division of the loot, or that Mrs. Rush had been accused by others in the gang of talking too much.

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W. W. Graves, jr., county prosecutor, and John V. Hill, his first assistant, went to the hospital to talk with her. She was in a critical condition, but it was said she had a chance to live. However, the statement she made and refused to sign was made as a "dying statement."

It reads:

My name is Frances Taylor. Realizing the immediate presence of death, I desire to make a true and full statement of the facts surrounding my wounds when shot the evening of February 5, declare this to be my last and dying statement:

The evening of February 5, at about 4:45 p. m., I was on my way to the grocery store when I heard someone holler at me and as I turned I was shot by someone in the stomach and hand. I do not know why any person should shoot me. I do not know Vinita Stacey.

The statement was made in the presence of doctors and nurses. She was asked about the man's clothing found in her home after she taken to the hospital. She replied that it had been left there by a friend, but that no man had been living at her home.

With the same shell of calm and quiet she has maintained since her arrest Tuesday night, Mrs. Stacey was taken today by detectives from police headquarters to the prosecutor's office, where charges of assault with intent to kill Mrs. Rush and of carrying concealed weapons were filed against her.

"Let Mrs. Rush tell about it," she said evenly, continuing to refuse to give any information about herself concerning the shooting.

Mrs. Stacey was arraigned before Justice Louis J. Masuch, and at the request of Mr. Graves her bonds were fixed at \$15,000 on the charge of assault with intent to kill and \$1,500 on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Preliminary hearing of the two charges was set for February 19.

Mrs. Stacey was represented at the arraignment by Ralph S. Latshaw, her attorney, and was returned to the county jail when she made no attempt to arrange bond.

#### Victim's Condition Is Critical.

Mrs. Rush remained in a critical condition today at St. Joseph hospital. In case she does not recover from the bullet wounds in the abdomen and a hand, the assault charge will be

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## WOMEN GANG LINK

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changed to first degree murder. W. W. Graves, jr., prosecutor, said. It became known at police headquarters today that detectives have linked the two women with a gang of four men they say have been organizing recently in Kansas City for a series of major crimes in the middle West, including bank holdups and possibly kidnapping.

#### Night Club Owner Questioned.

Edward Nettle, operator of the Sportsman's Club, a Southwest boulevard night club, was questioned by detectives last night after he had offered to furnish blood in case Mrs. Rush required a transfusion. Hospital attendants were told Nettle was a brother-in-law of the wounded woman.

Police were told by Nettle, however, that he was not related to Mrs. Rush and that his sole interest in her condition was because she and her friends had been good patrons of his night club, spending considerable money there.

For several weeks the police and agents of the United States department of justice, acting on information from underworld sources, have sought these men, who were named by the officers as Doyle, Spike Lane, John Langdon and Jack Rich. Lane and Langdon have been sought in connection with a bank holdup at Osawatomie, Kas., and Rich for the robbery of a Kansas bank.

#### Awaited Others Here.

Each of the four is said to be accompanied by a woman. The police have learned that the gang had been seeking at least two more members here before launching new criminal activities.

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Federal Agents Hold Man and Two Women in Kansas.

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Declining to make any announcement as to who the two women and one man held might be, or why they were sought by officers, the federal agents were questioning the three.

Another man who fled in a motor car when officers approached was pursued through residential streets in the south part of the city and momentarily was "bottled up" on a blind street, but swung his machine around the heavier police car and escaped as three officers leaped out and fired with machine gun and high-powered rifle.

Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg police chief, said he used a rifle and one of the federal operatives fired a machine gun until the fleeing automobile disappeared around a corner block away. He expressed the relief that the fleeing man was wounded, declaring he was positive many bullets struck the car.

After the three had been held for more than two hours at police headquarters, the two federal agents and Tom Stowers, desk sergeant, left on an unannounced mission, declining to discuss the case at all.

The chief of police here notified T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives in Kansas City, that the Chevrolet coupe used by the captives bore Missouri license 193-380, the tag number broadcast yesterday by Kansas City police for the car known to have been used by Jess Doyle, the Bremer kidnapping fugitive.

This definitely lined the prisoners here with the Bremer case and with the shooting in Kansas City of Frances Taylor by Vinita Stacey, the women companions of Doyle and John Langdon.

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## JESSE DOYLE, BREMER — CASE DEFENDANT, FLEES

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as one in which the prisoner, after an acrobatic dive through a window, made good his escape.

Unable to find the municipal airport at Chicago, the pilot, Joseph Jacobson, made a forced landing on the farm of E. L. Matlock, near Yorkville, 50 miles southwest of Chicago.

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### DOYLE WAS SWEETHEART OF BULLET VICTIM.

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Higgins said Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32, who was charged with assault with intent to kill today in the shooting of Mrs. Rush, were believed to have been the companions of members of a recently-organized criminal gang.

As charges were being filed against Mrs. Stacey, a report was received from Yorkville, Ill., that her sweetheart, Jesse Doyle, sought in the Bremer kidnaping, had escaped from Federal agents there.

Mrs. Rush was known as the companion of John Langdon who is being sought as a suspect in the

robbery of an Osawatimie, Kan., bank, Higgins said.

Mrs. Stacey remained silent on the cause of the shooting.

"Let Mrs. Rush tell about it," she said.

Mrs. Rush also known as Frances Taylor, was arrested here in October, 1933, on a charge of attempted extortion. She jumped bond and was a fugitive at the time she was shot.

# INDICTED SUSPECT SLUGS U. S. OFFICER AND FLEES WHEN 'CUFFS' ARE REMOVED

## Escapes



JESSE DOYLE.

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Suspect, Indicted in St. Paul, Slugs U. S. Officer, After Being Freed From Handcuffs to Drink Beer.

## FLEES FROM TOWN IN GROCER'S AUTO

### DOYLE HELD IN KANSAS?

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 7.—(P)—A man tentatively identified by officers as Jesse Doyle, wanted in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, was lodged in the Crawford county jail at Girard, Kan., today. Frank Heston, jailer at Girard, said the man was brought to the jail about noon by officers, who left at once without giving him details of the capture. Heston said the man's name was given to him as Doyle.

Aurora, Ill., Feb. 7.—(P)—Slugging a Federal agent as he lifted a stein of beer, Jesse Doyle was at liberty today a few hours after his arrest in the Bremer kidnaping case.

He escaped, it was disclosed today, from the bar of the Nading

### INDICTED HERE

Jesse Doyle was one of 22 persons indicted by a St. Paul federal grand jury January 24, last. He is charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

hotel at Yorkville, Ill. The agent and a companion had made a forced landing in Yorkville as they were returning Doyle from Kansas City Wednesday night. The identity of the prisoner was guarded by the Chicago office of the division of investigation, but police of northern Illinois were asked today to hunt for Doyle in a car, bearing the same license

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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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## Karpis Seen In Placer

### RAID FEARED

#### Special Armed Deputies Guard Gold Plant

Search for Alvin Karpis, newest Public Enemy No. 1, swung sharply to Placer County yesterday with indications that the desperado is planning a raid on gold dredges in the area.

Sheriff Elmer Gum placed armed guards around the plant of the Virginia Dredging Company, near Lincoln, after an investigation convinced him that Karpis was in the vicinity on Saturday.

#### IDENTIFIED BY THREE.

Davis Barrett, miner; Lloyd Geraldson, dredge employe, and a third man all identified photographs of Karpis as a man they talked to over the week-end, according to dispatches. Barrett declared Karpis, driving an automobile, asked for directions to the Virginia dredge. With Karpis, he said, were two men and a woman.

Sheriff Gum also learned that the man identified as Karpis had sought information pertaining to cleanup operations on the dredge.

#### REPORTED HERE.

Federal officers and representatives of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification joined in the Sheriff's investigation, Gum said.

Karpis, who shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City two weeks ago, has been reported in both Oakland and San Francisco. A machine gun and 200 pounds of ammunition, found hidden in the Truckee river, have been traced to him.

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# CUBA REFUSES WRIT TO FREE AMERICAN

*Police Urge the Deportation of  
Hotel Man Who Is Under  
Inquiry in Karpis Case.*

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—The Court of Appeals refused today to grant a writ of habeas corpus presented in favor of Nathaniel Heller, American hotel manager here, who was arrested on Jan. 31 on suspicion of having harbored Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," of the United States, alleged to have been in Cuba from last September to December.

Heller was arrested on the request of two United States Department of Justice agents and has been placed at the disposition of the Secretary of the Interior. The Cuban police recommended deportation of Heller as an undesirable alien, although they were unable to prefer definite charges in a report rendered to the Department of the Interior.

The writ was denied today on the ground that constitutional guarantees were now suspended in Cuba.

Ahora asserts that if Heller should be deported on this "flimsy pretext" Cuba should request the extradition from the United States of all hotel keepers who gave lodging to former President Gerardo Machado and of Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles "for preparing and covering up the flight of the overthrown dictator, Machado, Cuba's public enemy No. 1."

The newspaper Ahora today attacked the United States Ambassador, Jefferson Caffery, in connection with the Heller case. It asserted that Heller had committed no crime in Cuba and that the attempt was being made to deport him solely on account of undue influence from the American Ambassador on the Cuban Government.

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## BREMER CASE SUSPECT TAKEN AFTER BATTLE

Jess Doyle Fights Way Out of  
Trap, But Is Caught Later;  
2d Man and 2 Women Held

PITTSBURG, Kan., Feb. 7  
(AP).—Jess Doyle, 34, Bremer kid-  
naping suspect, was captured today  
in a mired motor car, Federal  
agents said, after fighting his way  
to freedom from a net that trapped  
three of his companions.

He was held incommunicado to-  
night in jail at nearby Girard, his  
arsenal of two rifles and an auto-  
matic sawed-off shotgun confis-  
cated.

Police and Department of Justice  
operatives have trailed Doyle for  
a month since his indictment in  
the \$200,000 ransom abduction of  
Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St.  
Paul banker, and to question him  
concerning the rise of a new liquor  
running gang in Kansas City.

Held at Pittsburg were a man  
and two women identified as H. C.  
Stanley, his wife and Edna Mur-  
ray, of Kansas City, whom Doyle  
had been visiting.

Doyle swung a rifle into action  
when officers called on him to  
surrender. Machine gun fire rat-  
tled out as his car sped away. He  
was uninjured, though a bullet  
scarred his rifle. The mud halted  
him near Cherokee.

In Kansas City Doyle must an-  
swer police queries concerning the  
shooting Tuesday night of Mrs.  
Helen Rush, 27, for which her  
apartment neighbor, Mrs. Vinita  
Stacey, 32, is held on a charge of  
assault with intent to kill.

Mrs. Stacey, police said, was  
Doyle's sweetheart.

Chief of Detectives Higgins  
thorized Mrs. Rush had been  
shot in a quarrel over division of  
money from gang activities.

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# Karpis Reported Seen in California

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Three men identified Karpis from pictures as the person who sought information from them Saturday concerning nearby gold dredging operations.

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## BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT BELIEVED HEADING FOR HERE

Fleeing from Kansas City after the arrest of his sweetheart, Jesse Doyle, one of 10 indicted in the Bremer kidnaping case, was believed by federal authorities to be heading for Chicago today.

Local police were asked to be on the watch for him as the government men broadcast the description of a Chevrolet sedan he is understood to be driving.

Mrs. Vanita Stacey, Doyle's sweetheart, was arrested at Kansas City Tuesday when she shot a woman there.

Department of justice men were planning another warm reception today for a man whose identity they did not divulge. He is driving a gray Ford sedan, according to word given the local police force, and is well armed with weapons he won't mind using.

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# SLUGS GUARD DRINKING BEER; FLEES IN AUTO

Jesse Doyle, indicted in the Bremer kidnaping, is free today because a thirsty federal guard ordered two glasses of beer in an Aurora saloon.

Instead of being grateful and quaffing the liquid like a gentleman, Doyle slugged his guard into insensibility, dived through a window, stole a car and made plenty of work for county, state and federal police who are man-hunting him.

Doyle was arrested in Kansas City and started for Chicago by airplane, manacled and guarded by two federal agents. At Yorkville, 50 miles from Chicago, the plane was forced to land. The three went to Aurora by automobile.

At Aurora the federal men stopped to phone the Chicago office of the department of justice. While one agent phoned the other took Doyle to the bar and ordered two beers.

To make the drinking fully enjoyable for the prisoner the agent removed his handcuffs. As the agent reached for his glass Doyle knocked him out with a straight right to the chin.

Doyle used the auto the federal men had borrowed from a Yorkville farmer to make his getaway.

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# BREMER SUSPECT

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# **"CARE FOR MY BABY." KARPIS' "WIFE" ASKS KIN IN CHICAGO**

St. Paul, Feb. 7 (AP).—Dolores Delaney, common law wife of Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, today appealed to her mother and sister to take care of her week-old baby boy whom she has named Raymond after the much-sought outlaw.

From her hospital bed in Philadelphia, where she is recovering from a bullet wound received when Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of a police trap, the mother pleaded in a letter received by her sister here, Mrs. Helen Reilly, "if anything should happen to me, you'll take it, won't you?"

Mrs. Reilly is the wife of Albert (Pat) Reilly, now serving a term in a federal prison for harboring the late John Dillinger.

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# Bremer Kidnap Gangster Slugs U. S. Agent, Flees

**BULLETIN.**  
Pittsburg, Kas., Feb. 7.—(AP)—A man tentatively identified by officers as Jess Doyle, wanted in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, was lodged in the Crawford county jail at Girard, Kas., today. Frank Heston, jailer at Girard, said the man was brought to the jail about noon by officers, who left at once without giving him details of the capture. Heston said the man's name was given to him as Doyle.

Jesse Doyle, a member of the Barker-Karpis kidnap gang, slugged department of justice agent and escaped from a Yorkville (Ill.) saloon last night, it developed today when orders went out to police of Chicago and the middle west to join in a hunt for him.

Doyle is under indictment with Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker and others at St. Paul in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Doyle was being taken by airplane from Kansas City to Chicago. He was shackled to one of two federal agents. Over Yorkville the airplane developed engine trouble and Joseph Jacobson, the pilot, was forced to land on the farm of E. Matlock. The agents hired Wil-

liam Ford, a farmer, to drive them and their prisoner to a Yorkville hotel.

## Shackles Were Removed.

At the hotel the agents removed Doyle's shackles and while one agent was making a long-distance report of the forced landing to Chicago headquarters, the other agent took Doyle to the grill, where the two ordered beer.

As the beer was being served Doyle struck the agent savagely,

knocking him to the floor. Doyle leaped through a window and into the automobile of H. W. Brethauer of Yorkville and drove north. The agent jumped to his feet and fired several shots at the departing car.

Although the two operatives immediately set out in pursuit in borrowed cars, they could find no trace of the elusive Doyle. Word was sent to Chicago police to be on the lookout for the fugitive, with the added warning that Doyle was a dangerous man, and that caution should be exercised in making his arrest.

## Doyle's Sweetheart Shot.

Doyle's sweetheart, Mrs. Helen Rush, 27 years old, was in a critical condition in a Kansas City hospital today, the result of gunshot wounds. She had been a fugitive since October, 1933, when she jumped bail on an extortion charge, according to Kansas City dispatches, and was believed to have been shot as a result of gang activities.

Although federal agents both here and in Kansas City refused to disclose Doyle's supposed connection with a newly-organized criminal gang in the latter city, it was known he was captured there shortly before Mrs. Rush was shot. Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 22 years old, another alleged associate of the gang, is being held in Kansas City charged with shooting Doyle's sweetheart.

## Sought by Squads.

This morning squads of department of justice officers, many of them armed with machine guns, began the search for Doyle.

The identity of the two agents through whose hands Doyle slipped could not be learned. Daniel M. Ladd, acting chief of the local office of the bureau of investigation, declared that he had nothing to say and that any statement would come from Washington, D. C.

Doyle is under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping.

Doyle was revealed in St. Paul today as the "money changer" of the alleged kidnaping gang, according to police of that city. His job, detectives said, was to exchange the marked small bills paid for Bremer's release for other currency.

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# KARPIS GANGSTER SOUGHT IN FOX RIVER VALLEY

Bremer Case Suspect  
Flees After Plane Is  
Forced to Land.

WAS ON WAY, HERE

A supposed member of the once powerful Karpis-Barker gang of kidnapers slugged a department of justice agent while seated in an Aurora barroom last night and escaped, it was learned today when a small army of federal operatives combed the Fox river valley region for the missing prisoner.

The alleged kidnaper was reported to be Jess Doyle, wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker and heir to brewery millions. Doyle was seized in Kansas City, Mo.

Shackled to one of two government men, Doyle was flown from Kansas City toward Chicago yesterday afternoon, and after dark the plane was seen hovering over Yorkville, forty-five miles southwest of Chicago. The pilot, Joseph Jacobson, appeared lost.

## Plane in Forced Landing.

Finally Jacobson made a forced landing on the farm of E. L. Matlock, three miles from Yorkville. Several farmers hurried to the pilot's assistance, and found that he had made a perfect landing in a field.

From the plane stepped the two department of justice agents and their prisoner. They were driven to Aurora by William Ford, a farmer, Doyle still handcuffed to one of the officers.

Ford drove the party to the Nading hotel and the three entered. One of the agents went into a telephone booth to notify the Chicago office of the department of justice bureau of investigations in the Bankers building. The other and the prisoner went into the taproom and ordered a glass of beer each. The shackles were removed from the prisoner.

## Escapes in Auto.

Doyle, according to spectators, did not waste this opportunity. He suddenly slugged the agent, knocking him off the stool, and dived through a window. The government man, staggering to his feet, jumped after him, only to see Doyle leap into an automobile and escape.

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**ALVIN KARPIS HUNTED  
IN CALIFORNIA HILLS**

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 7.—(P)—Rough California hinterlands became the hunting grounds today by federal, state and county officers seeking Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1.

Recent finding of a cached machine gun and identification of a man as the outlaw led officers to believe Karpis was hiding out below the snow line in the Sierra Nevada. Search was ordered concentrated around the gold operations near here.

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# BREMER CASE

## PRISONER FLEES

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### SLUGS AGENT IN HOTEL BAR, STEALS AUTO

Machine guns and rifles barred the roads from Aurora to Chicago today as a widespread search was organized for Jesse Doyle, accused Bremer kidnaper, who slugged his way from federal custody in the village of Yorkville near Aurora, last night.

Every available federal operative in the Chicago district was ordered on the hunt and sheriff's posse from Kane and Kendall Counties joined in as well as Chicago and suburban police.

Doyle, one of the ten under indictment for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, made his escape in a stolen car from Yorkville, about twelve miles southwest of Aurora and fifty miles from Chicago.

#### FIND CAR ABANDONED.

Eight hours later the car was found abandoned ten miles east of Wheaton and the search was hurriedly concentrated there.

The prisoner's daring break for freedom was made in the bar of the Hotel Nading at Yorkville.

Captured in Kansas City, he was being brought back to the Chicago headquarters of the Department of Justice division of investigation in a plane.

He was shackled and in the custody of two agents. The prisoner became lost while near Aurora and made a forced landing in a field near Yorkville. The agents borrowed a car, removed some of the shackles and took their prisoner to the town.

#### ONE PHONES, OTHER DRINKS.

One of the agents, neither of whose names were disclosed, went to a telephone to call headquarters and explain their delay. With Doyle in tow, the other repaired to the bar, and ordered beer for himself and the prisoner.

Instead of drinking, Doyle sloshed the beer in his captor's face, slugged him, and as the agent sprawled on the floor dived through a window.

The agent whipped out his revolver and fired through the window. Half a block away, Doyle leaped on the running board of a gray sedan bearing the license 104-140 and pushed out the driver. Before pursuit could be organized he sped out of town.

#### GUN FIGHT ON WEST SIDE.

It was considered possible Doyle might have slipped through to Chicago after abandoning his car, and joined two accomplices in another machine, eluding police after a running gun fight on the West Side early today.

There were three men in the car which sped away when detectives attempted to question them at Oak road and California av. The pursuit ended at Flournoy st. and Ashland av. when the two police cars lost sight of their quarry.

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Two men and a woman were said to have been in an automobile with ~~him on one occasion.~~

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**YORKVILLE, ILL.--A DARING ESCAPE FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGENTS EXECUTED BY AN ALLEGED MEMBER OF THE KARPIS-BARKER KIDNAP GANG, WAS REVEALED TODAY AS FEDERAL FORCES WERE MOBILIZED TO APPREHEND THE PRISONER.**

HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS JESSE DOYLE, 34 YEARS OLD AND WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER. HE WAS BEING TAKEN TO CHICAGO IN AN AIRPLANE WHICH WAS FORCED DOWN HERE LAST NIGHT.

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HAVANA--EXTRADITION OF SUMNER WELLES, AMERICAN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, IF FEDERAL AGENTS TRY TO EXTRADITE NATHAN HELLER, AMERICAN HOTEL MAN OF HAVANA, TO FLORIDA ON SUSPICION THAT HE SHELTERED GANGSTER ALVIN KARPIS, WAS SUGGESTED TODAY BY THE NEWSPAPER AHORA.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT WELLES, WHEN HERE, AIDED THE FLIGHT OF FORMER PRESIDENT GERARDO MACHADO, "CUBA'S PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1."

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# Police Capture Sixth Suspect In Bremer Case

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A woman put officers on the trail of the 34-year-old ex-convict, hunted for months on a charge that he was a money changer in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

## Feud Over Women Blamed.

"We have developed a theory of enmity among a group of gangsters and their women," Higgins said. "Doyle was the leader."

Doyle, H. C. Stanley, his Pittsburg host, and these women are in custody.

Mrs. Frances Taylor, alias Mrs. Helen Rush, 27, who is near death from bullet wounds in the abdomen suffered on a Kansas City street late Tuesday.

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Mrs. Edna Murray, 34, "the kissing bandit," sister of Mrs. Stacey. She has been a fugitive since November 5, 1931, when she went over a fence at the Missouri women's prison farm for the second time to escape serving a 25-year term for robbery.

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## Shooting Forces Doyle Out.

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## U. S. AGENTS ON KARPIS TRAIL

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 8 (I.N.S.). A force of 30 Federal agents today combed Northern Illinois for a mysterious fugitive, described only as "a desperate character," who flung a stein of beer in the face of a Government operative in a Yorkville (Ill.) barroom and escaped.

Although Department of Justice men refused to disclose the fugitive's identity witnesses said he answered the description of Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1 and indicted leader of the gang that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom. Federal officials denied he was Karpis.

The thoroughness with which the Government spread its dragnet here and in surrounding towns gave evidence of the fugitive's importance.

Justice Department operatives at first said the man was Jess Doyle, member of the Karpis gang wanted in the Bremer kidnaping. It was later ascertained Doyle was captured yesterday at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Unlaced aboard an airplane at Kansas City, Mo., the mysterious prisoner was being returned to Chicago in custody of two agents late yesterday. The plane made a forced landing near Yorkville.

The two agents unmanacled their prisoner and took him to a hotel where the barroom escape occurred while one agent was telephoning.

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**Bremer Kidnap Suspect  
Reported Held in Kansas**

By United Press

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A man believed to be Doyle escaped from Federal agents at Yorkville, Ill., Wednesday night. Brought to Yorkville in a plane, the man was reported to have slugged a Federal agent who was treating him to bear. He leaped thru the window of the room of an inn.

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# KARPIS SLUGS U. S. AGENT TO ESCAPE AGAIN

Public Enemy No. 1 Hurls  
Glass of Beer in Face of Offi-  
cer, Hits Him, Flees in Auto

YORKVILLE, Ill., Feb. 7 (U.S.). Alvin Karpis, accused Bremer kidnap-er and present Public Enemy No. 1, was believed by witnesses here today to be the prisoner who tossed a glass of beer into the face of a too-trusting Federal agent, followed it with a clip to the jaw that sent the Federal agent sprawling and drove off in a stolen car toward Chicago.

Two Federal agents, whose names are unrevealed, were bringing a prisoner by plane yesterday from Kansas City to Chicago. The plane was forced down near here.

## TAKING A DRINK

The agents brought their shackled prisoner into the village and while one went to telephone Chicago, the other accompanied his prisoner into the bar for a drink. The shackles are reported to have been removed.

As the two were about to satisfy their thirst, the supposed Karpis hurled his drink into the Government man's face, slugged him, jumped through a window and leaped into the parked car of a grocer and drove away. The abandoned car later was found near Wheaton.

## SURE HE WAS KARPIS

Charles Leech, the bartender who served the agent and his prisoner here, said he was sure the man was Karpis. He declared:

"I heard the agents call him Alvin and I recognized him from the pictures that have been published."

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 7 (U.P.).—Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader and public enemy No. 1, was seen driving through Salt Lake City late this afternoon. Police confirmed the report which came to them from Department of Justice agents.

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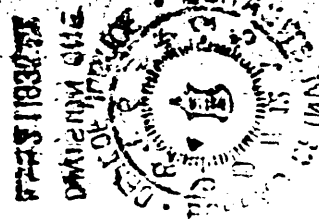
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## PRISONER HITS U. S. AGENT AND ESCAPES

Federal 'Takes It on Chin'  
While Drinking Beer

*Associated Press.*

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## SALT LAKE POLICE ON TRAIL OF KARPIS

### Public Enemy No. 1 Report- ed Sighted in City

United Press.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 7.—  
An intensive search for Alvin Karpis,  
kidnap gang leader and public enemy  
No. 1 on department of justice lists,  
was under way here late today.

It was reported that Karpis had  
been seen driving thru Salt Lake  
City late this afternoon.

Police confirmed the report to the  
United Press, intimating it had come  
to them from the local department  
of justice, and said they had sent  
out a number of prowl cars.

The local department of justice  
bureau was deserted when an  
attempt to confirm the report there  
was made.

It was known, however, that Mel-  
vin J. Purvis, chief from Chicago,  
had been in Salt Lake City this  
week and it was believed he was  
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"Doyle was coming and going from the Stanley home," Armstrong said.

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U. S. Refuses to Disclose  
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Bremer Suspect Caught

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It was no secret, however, that a tough-knuckled fellow had been brought as far as Yorkville, Ill., from Kansas City last night in a chartered plane. Forced down there, the two government custodians took their prisoner to the Nading Hotel in the little county seat fifty miles southwest of Chicago and prepared to telephone the Department of Justice here about the delay.

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the officer's head. The sudden blow sent the man spinning to the floor. With a quick twist, the outlaw leaped through a window of the barroom, raced across the street to an automobile and roared away while the government man, recovering, sent pistol bullets sputtering after him in futile chase.

The telephone alarm put county officers on the roads with machine guns, but the fugitive slipped through the cordon. The stolen automobile was found today in Wheaton, a neighboring county seat, thirty miles from Chicago.

The division of investigation refused to name the two agents involved in the airplane trip or even to give a description of the prisoner who got away.

Doyle, Bremer Suspect, Caught

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Held at Pittsburg were a man and two women whom Police Chief Ross Armstrong identified as H. C. Stanley, his wife and Edna Murray, of Kansas City.

"Doyle was coming and going from the Stanley home," Armstrong said. "The Stanleys have lived here since before Christmas."

Doyle swung a rifle into action when officers called upon him to surrender. Machine-gun fire rattled as his car sped away. He was uninjured, though a bullet scarred his rifle. The mud

halted him near Cherokee. Stanley and the woman surrendered without resistance at the home.

In Kansas City Doyle must answer police queries concerning the shooting Tuesday night of Mrs. Helen Rush, twenty-seven, for which her apartment neighbor, Mrs. Vinita Stacey, thirty-two, is held on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Mrs. Stacey, police said, was the sweetheart of Doyle.

Mrs. Rush, fugitive in an attempted extortion case, suffered bullet wounds in the abdomen and one hand as she fled from a woman who pursued her along a sidewalk. She is in a critical condition.

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## U. S. INTENSIFIES HUNT FOR ESCAPED SUSPECT

Federal Men Refuse to Reveal  
Identity of Fugitive

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 8 (AP).—An intensive search was under way throughout Northern Illinois today for the Federal prisoner, his identity still veiled in mystery, who staged a daring escape from a Federal agent in a Yorkville hotel bar.

Sheriff William Maier of Kendall County denied reports that the fugitive was Alvin Karpis, No. 1 Public Enemy, hunted since he shot his way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

The sheriff quoted the bartender who served them as saying the prisoner was not Karpis.

Federal authorities remained silent on the identity of the man who cracked an agent on the chin as they stood before the hotel bar, and escaped. Belief that he was an important prisoner was strengthened by the fact E. J. Connelly, Federal investigator who led the Florida attack on "Ma" and Fred Barker, appeared at the Chicago bureau of identification.

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## U. S. Agents Hunting Mysterious Fugitive

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 8 (By International News Service).—Federal agents today combed northern Illinois for a mysterious fugitive

who flung a stein of beer in the face of a Government operative in a barroom and escaped.

Witnesses said he answered the description of Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1 and indicted leader of the gang that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom. Federal officials denied he was Karpis.

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# GUNMOLL FEUD TRAPS BREMER THUG AND FIVE

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 7 (AP).—Jesse Doyle, swarthy Bremer kidnaping suspect, was captured to-



Mrs. Edna Murray

day, capping a roundup of criminals which netted five others as well because of a feminine feud.

Doyle gave up when his car bogged down after he had gunned his way out of one trap set by police and Federal agents at Pitts-

burg, Kan.

A pistol woman put officers on the trail of Doyle, an ex-convict and safe cracker.

"We have developed a theory of enmity among a group of gangsters and their women," Detective Chief Higgins said.

Doyle, H. C. Stanley, of Pittsburg, Kan., and these women are in custody:

Mrs. Frances Taylor, alias Mrs. Helen Rush, 27, who is near death from bullet wounds in the hand and abdomen suffered on a Kansas City street late Tuesday.

Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32, sweetheart of Doyle, held on a charge of assault with intent to kill as the gunwoman who shot Mrs. Taylor, her apartment neighbor.

Mrs. Edna Murray, 34, "the kissing bandit," sister of Mrs. Stacey. She has been a fugitive since Nov. 5, 1931, when she escaped from the Missouri Women's Prison Farm, where she was serving a 25-year term for robbery.

Mrs. H. C. Stanley, unknown to Kansas City police.

(Picture on page 32)



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

**LINKED WITH KIDNAP SUSPECT.**—Mrs. Vinita Stacey, shown in Wirephoto, who is held at Kansas City, Mo., for shooting Mrs. Helen Rush. Vinita is sweetheart of Jess Doyle, Bremer kidnap suspect who was captured yesterday.

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# BREMER CASE SUSPECT TAKEN AFTER BATTLE

Feud Between Women Leads  
to Arrest of Jess Doyle; Five  
Others Are Rounded Up

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a roundup that netted five others  
as well—because of a feminine  
feud. In the arrests, including four  
women, Detective Chief Higgins of  
Kansas City saw the smashing of  
a newly-organized bootlegging and  
bank robbery mob.

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bogged down in mud after he had  
turned his way out of one trap  
set by police and Federal agents at  
Pittsburg.

## Woman Gives Tip

A pistol-woman put officers on  
the trail of the 34-year-old ex-  
convict hunted for months on a  
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changer in the \$200,000 abduc-  
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MRS. VINITA STACEY, 32,  
sweetheart of Doyle, held as the  
gunwoman who shot Mrs. Taylor.

MRS. EDNA MURRAY, sister  
of Mrs. Stacey. She fled from the  
Missouri women's prison farm in  
1931 for a second time to escape  
serving a 25-year term for rob-  
bery.

MRS. H. C. STANLEY, un-  
known to Kansas City police.

## Shooting Starts Quest

The shooting of Mrs. Taylor  
and the arrest of Mrs. Stacy  
forced Doyle to quit a Kansas  
City hideout Wednesday, police  
said. With both the wounded  
woman and Mrs. Stacey under  
questioning, officers were soon on  
his trail.

Higgins said the shooting ap-  
parently was over division of  
bootleg money or funds from the  
Bremer kidnaping, in a gang of  
eight, four men and four women.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218; et al  
Edward George Bremer-Victim  
KIDNAPING.

**ACCUSED KIDNAPER  
CAUGHT IN KANSAS**

**Bremer Snatch Suspect Taken  
After Getting Away in  
Earlier Battle.**

PITTSBURGH, Kans., Feb. 7—  
(AP)—Jesse Doyle, 34-year-old  
Bremer kidnaping suspect, was  
captured today in a hired motor  
car, federal agents said, after  
fighting his way to freedom from  
a net which trapped three of his  
companions.

He was held incommunicado to-  
night on the third floor of the  
Crawford county jail at nearby  
Girard, his arsenal of two rifles  
and an automatic sawed-off shot-  
gun confiscated.

Police and department of justice  
operatives have trailed Doyle for  
a month to answer his indictment  
in the \$200,000 ransom abduction of  
Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St.  
Paul banker, and questions con-  
cerning the rise of a new liquor  
running ring in Kansas City.

Held at Pittsburgh were a man  
Chief Ross Armstrong identified  
as H. C. Stanley, his wife and Edna  
Murray of Kansas City.

Doyle swung a rifle into action  
when officers called upon him to  
surrender today. Machine gun fire  
rattled out as his car sped away.  
He was uninjured, though a bullet  
scarred his rifle.

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## DOYLE A PRISONER

Jail at Girard, Kas., Holds a Man Identified as the Bremer Case Fugitive.

### VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

His Car Mired in Flight After Battle, He Asks Farmer to Call Sheriff.

### APARTMENT HERE IS FOUND

Mrs. Stacey's Key Fits Lock at 23 Warner Plaza, but Place Yields Nothing.

A man who has been identified as Jess Doyle was held last night in the county jail at Girard, Kas.

The 34-year-old gangster had been sought since he was indicted in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker. He was captured when mud halted his flight, following a battle with Pittsburg, Kas., officers earlier in the afternoon, near Cherokee, Kas.

Doyle surrendered without resistance, after escaping from a police trap at Pittsburg at the risk of his life. Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg police chief, said Doyle had been "coming and going" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stanley for some time. Police and federal agents laid the trap for him Wednesday night, after it was reported Doyle had eluded six federal men "somewhere in the south part of Kansas City," Wednesday.

#### Showing Doyle the Way.

As the officers prepared to raid the Stanley home early yesterday, Doyle and Stanley appeared and drove away. The officers followed. Stanley, apparently showing Doyle the way out of town, soon turned back. The officers closed in and exchanged shots with Doyle. He escaped, and the officers returned and arrested the Stanleys and Edna Murray, who it was said had gone to Pittsburg with Doyle.

After his car became hopelessly mired twelve miles southwest of Pittsburg, Doyle walked to a farm house and told the farmer to call the sheriff

## DOYLE A PRISONER

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tain, was occupied by Mrs. Stacey and Doyle after they moved from the apartment at 4112 Locust street.

Police also have learned that the name of the man who turned in the Conley's keys at the Locust street apartment was Hanson. He told the apartment manager that he lived in Belton, Mo.

A Belton family named Hanson disclaimed any knowledge of such a person. Authorities there said a Belton city license sticker had been purchased there November 26, 1934, in the name of Grace H. Hanson. They also said the man who bought it had been in Belton on several occasions, ostensibly to look at property.

### ILLINOIS SEARCH GOES ON.

Cummings Says Only That Man Who Fled Was Not Karpis.

(By The Star's Leased Wire Service.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Police within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago were searching tonight for the man who escaped from two federal agents Wednesday night at Yorkville, Ill., by slugging one and plunging through a closed window. The department of justice declined to reveal his name.

About the time of the Yorkville escape, the agents asked the police to be on the lookout for Jess Doyle, who has been indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. At 9:35 p. m., they notified the police to watch for a desperate man in the car taken by the Yorkville fugitive, and added the warning that one coming upon him should shoot to kill. It was assumed first that the man was Doyle. But a dispatch from Girard, Kas., tonight stated Doyle was in jail there with federal agents guarding him.

E. J. Connelly, in charge of the bureau of investigation here, said all inquiries must be sent to Washington. Homer Cummings, attorney general, said his information in the matter was fragmentary. He would state positively only that the man who fled was not Alvin Karpis, the latest nominee for America's public enemy No. 1.



"kissing bandit" of Kansas City, and is a sister of Mrs. Vinita Stacey, held in the county jail after the shooting of Frances Taylor, las Mrs. Helen Rush, late Tuesday.

Mrs. Murray has a long police record since the state of Arkansas electrocuted her first husband, "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, at Little Rock in 1924.

Doyle served five years in the Oklahoma penitentiary for motor car larceny, from 1921 to 1926, and five years in the Kansas penitentiary for robbing a safe in a Parsons jewelry store in October, 1926, according to Associated Press dispatches. In his trial at Parsons, he protested that he was at a small health resort in Northern Oklahoma at the time of the robbery. That resort was a hangout of the notorious Barker brothers, one of whom, Arthur, is held at St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping. Another, Fred, was killed with his mother, Kate Barker, at Oklawaha, Fla., in resisting arrest last month.

#### Victim's Condition Still Critical.

Mrs. Rush still remains at the St. Joseph hospital in a critical condition. In an unsigned statement made yesterday to county officers, she threw no light upon the mysterious assault upon her. She denied knowing Mrs. Stacey, although authorities here have found that the two lived in the same apartment building at one time.

The arrest of Mrs. Stacey reopened the hunt for Doyle when it was discovered he had been living with her in an apartment at 4112 Locust street.

Police last night were still at a standstill in their search for a motive for the shooting of Mrs. Rush. T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, believed it was the result of a quarrel in a gang headed by Doyle. The shooting might have been over division of gang spoils, perhaps from the Bremer kidnaping, he said. The theory of personal jealousy between the two women was discounted. It might even have been a case of one woman putting another woman "on the spot."

#### Gang Accused in Kansas.

Chief Higgins named the men members of Doyle's gang in Kansas City as "Spike" Lane, John Langdon and Jack Rich. He said the wounded Mrs. Rush was Langdon's friend. Lane, Langdon and Rich are sought for Kansas bank holdups.

Last night R. E. Cole and Thomas Clarkin, detectives, found an apartment at 23 Warner plaza which a key taken from Mrs. Stacey's purse opened. The name "Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stacey" was written on the mailbox for apartment No. 7. Unable to find the manager, the detectives cautiously entered.

The apartment was strewn with orange peels, newspapers and cartons, and chairs were overturned. In the kitchen were several oranges, potatoes, a piece of ham and a cake with one slice gone. The cake was fresh, and the detectives ate it as they searched the apartment for letters or papers that might furnish some information. They found none, they said.

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# THE KANSAS CITY STAR, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1935

## RAGE BRINGS GANG WOE

VINITA STACEY HINTS AT CAUSE OF SHOOTING.

She Lost Her Head, the Woman Remarks, and Police Believe Shots Began Series of Trouble for Hoodlums.

A woman in a rage apparently precipitated the chain of sensational events the last few days that resulted in shootings, gun battles with federal agents and finally the capture of Jess Doyle, indicted in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and Edna Murray, an escaped convict since 1931.

Close-mouthed with information, as gangdom is, Mrs. Vinita Stacey dropped a remark today at the county jail in a conversation with T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, that made many of the events stand out clearly. Mrs. Stacey is held in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Helen Rush, also known as Frances Taylor, at Thirty-fourth street and Robert Gillham road Tuesday night.

### SHE LOST HER HEAD.

"You're pretty wise, aren't you?" asked Higgins, almost in exasperation at the deft parrying of the prisoner.

"No, I'm not wise," she replied, smiling cryptically. "Look what I caused by losing my head."

Although Vinita Stacey did not elaborate, Higgins believes she meant by shooting Helen Rush she had "stirred up a hornet's nest." A gang of six men was being formed, police believe, with Doyle, John Langdon, Jack Rich and others planning to make Kansas City its headquarters for depredations in this territory.

After the shooting Doyle fled and gave himself up near Girard, Kas., yesterday afternoon; Vinita Stacey's sister, Edna Murray, an escaped convict from the Missouri penitentiary in 1931, who has been in hiding since, was arrested at Pittsburg, Kas.; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stanley were arrested and the bureau of investigation seems to be close on the trail of others.

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#### THE MOTIVE STILL MISSING.

The police still are trying to learn a motive for the shooting here and are trying to find John Langdon and Jack Rich. They prefer to ascribe the shooting to anger over a division of gang loot rather than jealousy, but they admit they do not know for sure.

Langdon is said to be the companion of Helen Rich, while Jess Doyle was reported to have been living with Vinita Stacey. In Doyle's apartment at 23 Warner plaza late yesterday the police found evidences of a hasty retreat. After the shooting of Helen Rush, Doyle is presumed to have packed his clothing and that of Vinita Stacey and departed for Kansas in a motor car. No women's clothing was found. Police raided the apartment yesterday after they were told Doyle had been recognized leaving the building.

Higgins does not know the name of the prisoner who escaped from department of justice agents in Illinois. R. B. Nathan, head of the division of investigation of the department of justice here, did not say who the prisoner was or whether Doyle would be returned here. Such information will have to come from Homer S. Cummings, attorney general, he said.

#### HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

After the licking the government took in allowing a prisoner to escape, its agents are more reticent than ever. The prisoner was quaffing beer with one agent while another telephoned, after a forced landing of the airplane in which they were traveling to Chicago. The prisoner slugged the agent, plunged through a window and escaped.

The police here have not been taken into the government's confidence. Only twice recently have the agents asked for assistance, the first time requesting the police to broadcast a pick-up order for Doyle Wednesday, following the shooting Tuesday night, and yesterday afternoon asking again that the license number of Doyle's car be broadcast, some time before he surrendered.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1935. KANSAS

## DOYLE ARREST MAY LIFT K. C. SHOOTING VEIL

U. S. Officials Admit That  
Bremer Suspect Is in  
Custody.

KEEP DETAILS SECRET

Gangster Believed to Have  
Been With Woman Just  
Before Assault.

Jess Doyle, 34-years-old gangster, under indictment in connection with the 1934 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, is under arrest, Kansas City authorities were advised Friday by the department of justice in Washington.

While the announcement of Doyle's arrest contained no other detail concerning the place of detention, it was believed to be verification of the identity of the man held in the Crawford county jail at Girard, Kas., since noon Thursday as the much sought gangster.

A mixup in identities resulted from the escape of a prisoner from federal custody Wednesday night in

## ARREST OF DOYLE EXPECT TO LIFT VEIL ON SHOOTING

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raised his glass and said, according to Leech:

"Here's to you."  
"And here's to you," responded the prisoner, and with those words he threw the contents of the glass into the agent's face and then crashed over a hard right to the agent's jaw and leaped through a closed window.

Motor Car Found Later.

The fugitive escaped in a Ford car which he found outside the hotel with motor running. Both federal agents fired at him with revolvers as he fled. The car later was found abandoned near Wheaton, Chicago suburb.

Leech said the agents were not certain of the identity of the man because they brought him a number of rogues' gallery pictures later and asked him to try to pick out one resembling the fugitive.

"I thought the man looked like Alvin Karpis a little," Leech said, "but it might just as well have been Doyle." Karpis, now labeled No. 1

p' enemy, also is sought in connection with the Bremer abduction.

While the Yorkville fugitive was in flight toward Chicago, authorities at Pittsburg received information Doyle was at the home of H. C. Stanley in that city. They went to the Stanley home with two department of justice agents early Thursday morning, and just as they arrived, two cars sped out of the Stanley driveway, the first driven by a man now believed to be Doyle and the second by Stanley.

Stanley Was Captured.

Stanley was captured without resistance. The other suspect escaped as the officers fired at him. In the house, they found Mrs. Stanley and Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit."

Several hours later police received a telephone call from the suspect, whose car was mired in the mud near Cherokee, Kas. He didn't reveal his identity at the time, merely stating that he was "badly wanted" and that he wished to surrender.

The officers drove to the spot designated by the suspect in his telephone conversation and found him waiting for them. They searched his car which contained two suit cases, a sawed-off shotgun and two rifles, one of them an automatic. The federal agents took charge of the suit cases.

Officers at the Girard jail said the prisoner was delivered there about noon Thursday and booked as "Doyle." No other information was forthcoming.

Bullet Holes in Car.

An inspection of the mired car revealed seven bullet holes in the back. The prisoner, according to the jailer at Girard, appeared frightened at his narrow escape

from the bullets fired at him as he fled from the Stanley home.

Federal agents refused Friday to discuss anything concerning the man held at Girard or the man who escaped at Yorkville. It was considered likely, in view of their attempt to have Leech identify photographs, that they were doubtful concerning the identity of the man who escaped in Illinois.

In Kansas City, the police were investigating the local activities of the gang. They discovered that Doyle had as members of his gang here Langdon, Jack Rich and "Spike" Lane, who still are fugitives. The last three are suspected of a number of bank holdups in Kansas.

Tom Clarking and R. K. Cole, city detectives, searched Thursday night for the apartment occupied by Mrs. Stacey and Doyle. They finally located one at 23 Warner plaza which a key taken from Mrs. Stacey's pocketbook opened. The name "Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stacey" was on the mailbox for apartment 7.

No Letters in Apartment.

No letters or papers to identify the occupants were found in the apartment. The floor was littered with orange peel, newspapers and empty cartons. Everything indicated a recent and hurried departure of the occupants.

Police believe Doyle and Mrs. Stacey occupied the Warner plaza apartment after they left the one at 4112 Locust street, which was

located soon after the shooting Tuesday.

While the search for the remnants of the Doyle gang continued over a 600-mile area, police still were endeavoring Friday to obtain some information to explain the shooting of Frances Taylor. Although informed that she was in a critical condition because of an abdominal wound, the woman refused to make a statement. Mrs. Stacey likewise would not tell why she attempted to kill Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Stacey is held in the county jail in default of bonds totaling \$16,500. She is charged with assault

with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons.

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while the announcement of Doyle's arrest contained no other detail concern. The place of detention, it was believed to be verification of the identity of the man held in the Crawford county jail at Girard, Kas., since noon Thursday as the much sought gangster.

A mixup in identities resulted from the escape of a prisoner from federal agents Wednesday night in Yorkville, Ill., after the plane, in which the agents and their prisoner was being transported to Chicago from Kansas City, was grounded there because of engine trouble. At the time it was believed that the man was Doyle, who was reported to have been in Kansas City for several weeks recruiting a gang for bank robberies and other crimes in the Southwest.

#### Shooting Launched Hunt

An attempted killing, in which one woman associate of the gangsters allegedly attempted to put another woman associate "on the spot" Tuesday night in Kansas City, launched the widespread hunt, which now has spread to Chicago and southern Kansas.

Vinita Stacey, sister of Edna Murray, notorious "kissing bandit" of Kansas City, was captured Tuesday night after she had dangerously wounded Frances Taylor, companion of a suspected gangster, at Thirty-fourth street and Gillham plaza. Police questioned the two women and discovered that the Stacey woman had been living with Doyle at various addresses in Kansas City. It also was discovered that Frances Taylor had been living with John Langdon at 3415 Gillham road as Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rush.

Witnesses told police that Vinita Stacey left a car near Thirty-fourth street and Gillham plaza just a few minutes before the shooting Tuesday afternoon. They saw a man in the car, which was driven away during the shooting.

#### Doyle Believed in Car

From that information, police believe that the gangsters wanted to kill Frances Taylor for some reason and the job was delegated to Vinita Stacey. They believe Doyle was the occupant of the car and that he fled from Kansas City to Pittsburg immediately after he learned of the arrest of the Stacey woman.

Federal agents became active in the Kansas City angle of the Bremer investigation as soon as the real identities of "Mrs. Rush" and Mrs. Stacey were established. Then the arrest of a man believed to be Doyle was announced Wednesday afternoon.

Two agents of the division of investigation, department of justice, left the Kansas City airport at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with their prisoner in a Chicago bound airplane. When it was grounded near Yorkville the agents and their prisoner went to a Yorkville hotel.

#### One Went to Telephone

Charles Leech, owner of the hotel, said one agent took the prisoner into the barroom and bought him a glass of beer while the second agent went to telephone his superiors in Chicago.

When the beer was served to the agent and prisoner, the former

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## ROADS BARRICADED TO TRAP FUGITIVE

Mystery Injected in Hunt for  
Kidnap Suspect.

*By United Press*

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[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

**IN ESCAPE CASE**  
 James Doyle, indicted Bremer  
 kidnaper, in jail at Girard,  
 Kas. (Story on page 4.)



J. W. Bretthauer, Yorkville gro-  
 cer, in whose car the desperado fled.  
 [TRIBUNE Photo.]

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**Window Through Which Captive Leaped**



Mrs. Charles Leech, wife of bar proprietor at Nading hotel in Yorkville, Ill., pointing to window through which desperado leaped after slugging federal agent.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

*Chicago Tribune*

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# OUTLAW ESCAPES MYSTEROUSLY FROM U.S. AGENTS

**Flees as One Buys Drink;  
Identity Shielded.**

(Pictures on back page.)

Police within a radius of a hundred miles of Chicago were searching last night for a man—name carefully suppressed by federal department of justice agents here but described as “a desperate character”—who escaped from two agents Wednesday night at Yorkville, 58 miles southwest of Chicago, by slugging one agent and plunging through a closed window of a hotel bar room.

A short distance from the scene of the slugging and his escape the fugitive found an automobile, its engine running, standing unguarded. In this car he fled toward Chicago. The car was discovered near Wheaton shortly after dawn yesterday.

## “Prison” Plane Forced Down.

The mysterious prisoner had been placed aboard an airplane in Kansas City, Mo., about mid-afternoon Wednesday. Those in the plane with him were the two agents, whose names are believed to be Garrity and Trainor, and the pilot, Joseph Jacobson of Kansas City. He was heavily manacled, hand and foot.

Shortly before 7 p. m. Pilot Jacobson made a forced landing in a field on the farm of E. L. Matlock, near Yorkville, in Kendall county. Matlock and a neighbor, William Ford, who had heard the plane circling overhead, went over to the field and found the occupants uninjured.

They were just climbing out of the cabin. As soon as the prisoner was on the ground the agents removed his handcuffs and leg irons, according to the witnesses. This is another element of mystery in the affair—why the irons should have been kept on while the captive had no chance to run and removed as soon as the opportunity developed.

## Goes to Hotel Unmanacled.

In a Ford car, accompanied by the owner, the two agents and their prisoner went to the Nading hotel in Yorkville. One agent, supposedly Trainor, went into a telephone booth and put in a call for the offices of the department of justice in Chicago. The other, Garrity, took his desperate but unbound prisoner into the bar.

“What’ll you have?”

“I’ll take beer,” replied the prisoner.

Looking on were the proprietor of the hotel, Charles Leech; his wife, Elsie; Grace Larrison, a barmaid, and Russell Campbell and Quentin Blair, residents of Yorkville.

“Here’s to you,” said the agent, raising his glass.

“And here’s to you,” said the prisoner.

With a swift motion he tossed the contents of the glass into the face of the agent, struck his captor a staggering blow on the jaw, and plunged through the glass window. As the desperado went through the glass, the sprawling agent got to his feet, drew his pistol, and fired three times.

## Escapes Bullets; Flees in Car.

Apparently the shots were all misses. The other agent at the telephone dropped the receiver and, with his companion accompanying, ran out into the street. More shots were fired, but the fugitive eluded them. A block away he found the car, the property of J. W. Bretthauer, a Yorkville grocer. In this he drove away, a fact of which the agents were seemingly not aware for nearly an hour.

They called the Joliet police, giving the license number of the car, at 7:58 p. m. They called the Elgin police at 8:08 p. m., and the department of justice office here at 8:04.

The apparent importance to the department of justice of the man who fled was evidenced by the sending of about 30 federal agents to Aurora and to other towns.

The actions of the department of justice agents in Chicago during the late afternoon and early evening Wednesday had about them the mysterious air of “large things afoot.”

Four armed men went to the airport about 6 p. m. and met a large plane in which, it was reported, six men arrived.

## Send Out Police Warning.

At 7 p. m., about the time of the Yorkville escape, the agents asked the police to be on the lookout for Jesse Doyle, desperado who has been indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. At 9:35 p. m. they again notified the police to be on the lookout for a “desperate character” in the stolen Yorkville car.

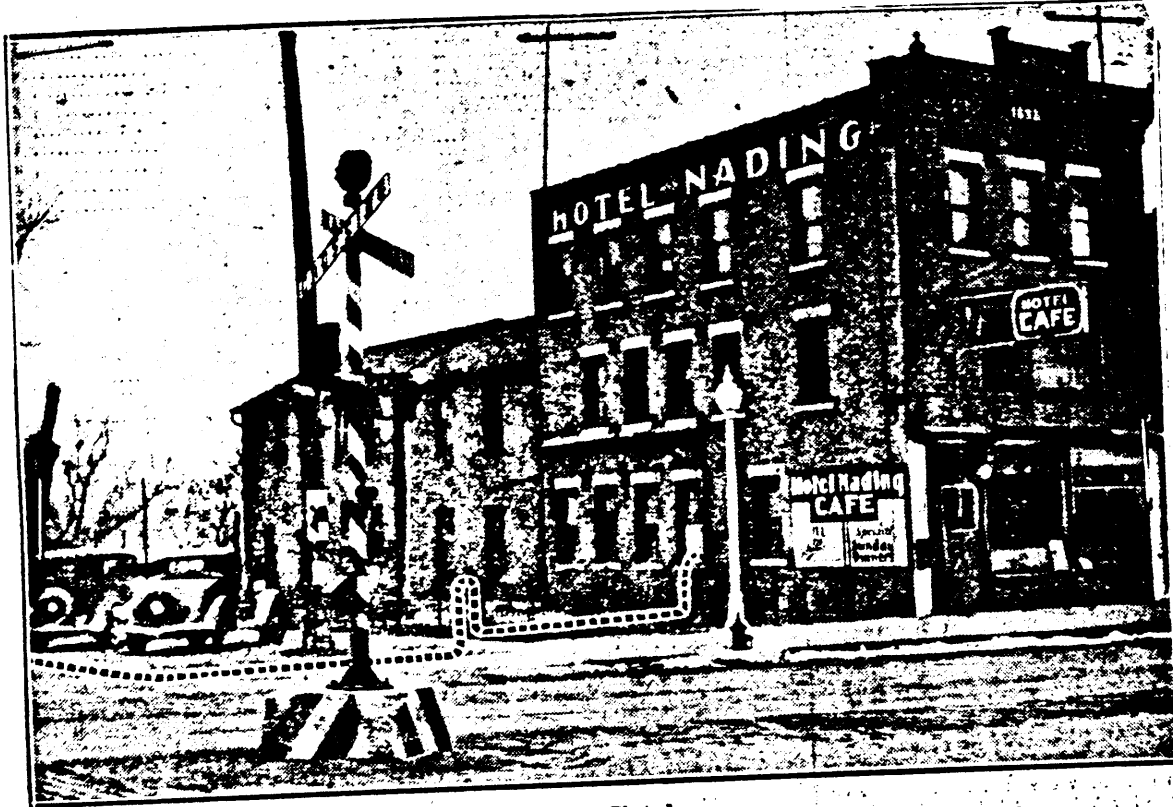
Naturally speculation as to the identity of the man who made the sensational escape from the armed agents grew throughout the day. It was assumed first that the man was Doyle. But a dispatch from Girard, Kas., last night stated positively that Doyle had been captured near that place, which is approximately 500 miles from Chicago, and was safely lodged in the Crawford county jail.

With Doyle the police in Kansas were reported to have under arrest his sweetheart, Vinita Stacey; W. C. Stanley, Stanley’s wife, and Edna Murray of Kansas City. Mrs. Stacey is held on a charge of shooting another woman.

The escaped prisoner was described as 35 years old, of dark complexion, with blue gray eyes, and speaking with a slight Lithuanian accent.

Attorney General Homer Cummings in Washington said last night that his information on the Yorkville escape was fragmentary. The only positive statement he would make was that the escaped prisoner was not Alvin Karpis, latest nominee for the criminal rating of “America’s Public Enemy No. 1.”

*Chicago Tribune*



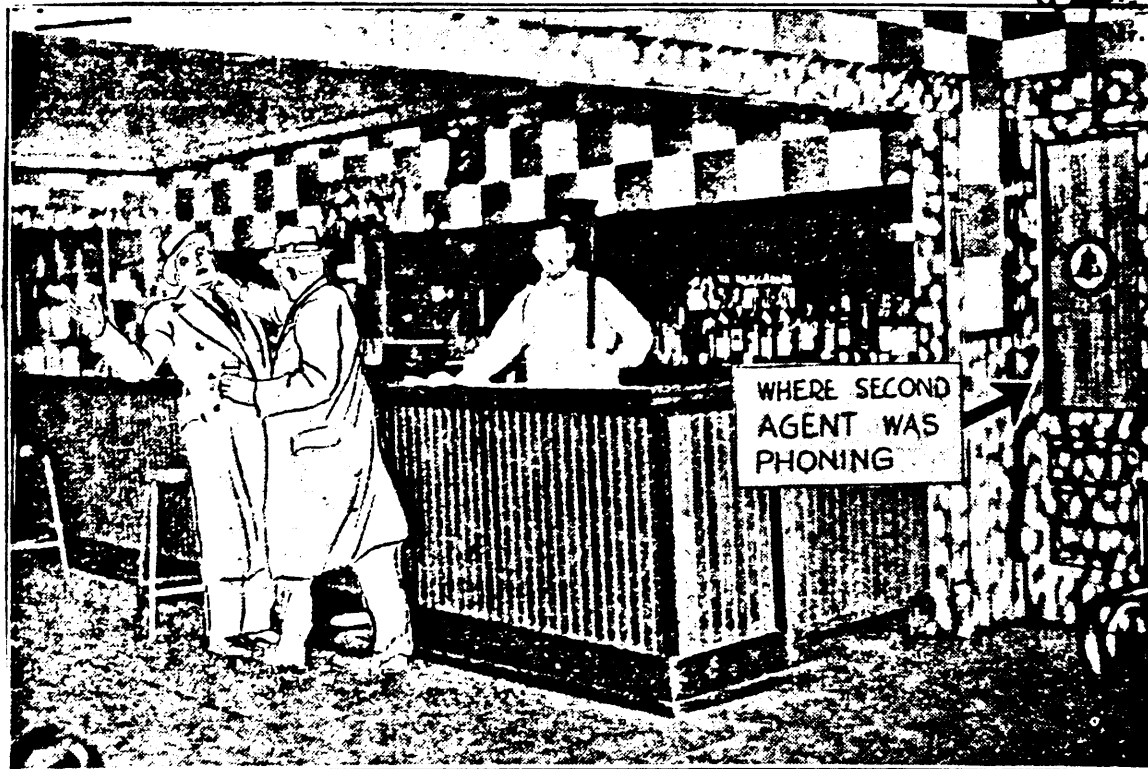
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**WHERE DESPERADO SLUGGED FEDERAL AGENT AND ESCAPED IN AUTO.**  
Exterior of the Nading hotel in Yorkville, Ill., with line indicating the window through which captive leaped after slugging agent at bar. The desperado and his captors had landed from a plane a short time before.  
(Story on page 4.)

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**HOW DESPERADO MADE HIS ESCAPE BY SLUGGING AGENT IN BARROOM.**  
 Interior of the Nading hotel in Yorkville, with figures indicating the captive as he slugged the agent before leaping through window. A second agent was in the phone booth at right. Charles Leech is behind the bar. (Story on page 4.)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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## CUBA DENIES WRIT FOR AMERICAN IN KARPIS GANG CASE

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

HAVANA, Feb. 7.—Nathan Heller, American manager of a hotel here, who is being held for having given aid to the American gangster, Alvin Karpis, was denied a writ of habeas corpus in the Appeals court today. Heller has been held incommunicado for nearly a week pending extradition negotiations.

Heller said today that he knew Karpis and had made purchases for him. He also asserted he knew "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, who were slain by United States agents recently in a Florida gun battle. The Barkers were and Karpis is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

Heller indicated that he may know the whereabouts of Karpis, who eluded police in Atlantic City two weeks ago and headed for the middle west.

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# NET SPREAD FOR FUGITIVE CALLED KARPIS

Escapes Guards in Yorkville  
After Plane Is Forced Down;  
Witnesses Identify Him

Half a hundred federal agents and scores of police last night set a vast net throughout northern Illinois to trap a mysterious fugitive, identified by witnesses as Alvin Karpis, who early yesterday slugged a government agent and escaped at Yorkville, Ill.

Identification of the fugitive as Karpis persisted despite denials by federal officials. They at first said he was Jess Doyle, member of the Karpis gang, wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

## DOYLE CAPTURED.

But Doyle was captured yesterday in Pittsburg, Kan., the victim of a quarrel between two of his girl friends that flared into a shooting. After that identification of the fugitive was refuted, dispatches from New York last night quoted an assistant of J. Edgar Hoover head of the bureau of investigation, as saying the man was Volney ("Balmy") Davis, a member of the Karpis gang, indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

The prisoner escaped after a plane in which two federal agents were brining him to Chicago from Kansas City was forced down by poor visibility. Heavily manacled while in the air, his bonds were removed on landing.

## DIVES THROUGH WINDOW.

The two agents, whose names were not revealed, took him to a hotel. While one phoned Chicago, the second took the prisoner to a bar.

There the man suddenly flung a stein of beer in the agent's face plunged through a glass window and escaped apparently unharmed by shots from the astonished agent's gun.

## Doyle Captured After Girl Friends Duel.

Because two of his girl friends quarreled—and said it with bullets—Jess Doyle, who aspired to be the leader, with Alvin Karpis, of a new terror gang, was captured by federal agents yesterday at Pittsburg, Kan.

Doyle, indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was captured when his automobile was mired after he had fought his way out of a trap in which three of his companions were seized.

Federal agents found his trail Wednesday when Mrs. Helen Rush, fugitive in an attempted extortion case, was shot and critically wounded in Kansas City by Mrs. Vinita Stacey, Doyle's sweetheart. Police said the women had apparently quarreled over division of the gang's loot.

At Pittsburg the federal officers caught up with Doyle, H. C. Stanley, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Edna Murray, Mrs. Stacey's sister, fugitive from the Missouri women's prison.

Doyle shot his way clear in a gun battle with the agents as the others were seized.

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**MYSTERY.**—  
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Ill., where an  
unidentified  
prisoner escaped  
after slugging a  
federal agent.

—Story on page 7.

(TIMES Photo)

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# IS IT KARPIS? AGENT SLUGGER MYSTERY

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## IDENTITY MYSTERY

A Yorkville hotel owner, Charles Leech, in whose inn the escaped man slugged a federal agent who was treating him to beer, indicated the department of justice men themselves were uncertain who they had captured and lost.

"After that man slapped the agent with a beer bottle and dived through the barroom window," Leech said, "some other federal men brought me a lot of rogue's gallery pictures and asked me to identify the fugitive."

"I thought the man looked like Karpis, a little bit, but it might just as well have been Doyle."

Leech said, however, that he

heard one department of justice agent assuring another that their lost captive "certainly was Doyle."

## BUT DOYLE'S IN JAIL

In Girard, 600 miles distant in southeastern Kansas, police were just as positive that the captive

there was the man wanted in St. Paul. They said federal agents told them so. Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings said in Washington that his information was fragmentary.

The man who escaped in Yorkville was being transported in an airplane from Kansas City, Mo., to Chicago.

The federal agents refused to identify themselves, but Leech said they called each other Garrity and Trainor.

(Picture on page 44)

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## Gangster and Mother Slain by Federals



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The bodies of Fred Barker and his mother are shown above in a morgue in Ocala, Fla., after they were slain by federal agents. Barker, long wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, barricaded himself and his family in a house and shot it out with the feds.

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*Bismarck (N.D.)  
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### JESS DOYLE CAPTURED.

KANSAS CITY, February 8 (P).—Jess Doyle, swarthy Bremer kidnaping suspect, was captured yesterday, capping a round-up which netted five others as well—because of a feminine feud.

Police pluralized the watchword "find the woman" for the bullet-punctuated Doyle hunt, ended when mud halted the 34-year-old gangster's flight near Pittsburg, Kans.

In the arrests, including four women, Detective Chief T. J. Higgins of Kansas City saw the smashing of a newly-organized bootlegging and bank robbery mob.

A pistol woman put officers on the trail of the 34-year-old ex-convict hunted for months on a charge that he was a money changer in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

## U. S. AGENTS ON KARPIS TRAIL

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 8 (U.S.).—A force of 30 Federal agents today combed Northern Illinois for a mysterious fugitive, described only as "a desperate character," who flung a stein of beer in the face of a Government operative in a Yorkville (Ill.) barroom and escaped.

Although Department of Justice men refused to disclose the fugitive's identity witnesses said he answered the description of Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1 and indicted leader of the gang that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom. Federal officials denied he was Karpis.

The thoroughness with which the Government spread its dragnet here and in surrounding towns gave evidence of the fugitive's importance.

Justice Department operatives at first said the man was Jess Doyle, member of the Karpis gang wanted in the Bremer kidnaping. It was later ascertained Doyle was captured yesterday at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Unlaced aboard an airplane at Kansas City, Mo., the mysterious prisoner was being returned to Chicago in custody of two agents late yesterday. The plane made a forced landing near Yorkville.

The two agents unmanacled their prisoner and took him to a hotel where the barroom escape occurred while one agent was telephoning.

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## WHERE GUNMAN ESCAPED



It was Volney Davis, and not Jess Doyle as first reported, who slugged a Department of Justice agent, jumped through a window and fled in a hail of bullets at Yorkville, Ill. Mrs. Charles S. Leech is pointing at the window. Doyle was captured near Pittsburg, Kan., when his auto became mired while trying to escape from a police trap. Inset is a photo of Volney Davis. Both are Edward Bremer kidnap suspects.

## DAVIS IDENTIFIED AS MAN WHO ESCAPED

Tavern Owner Says Bremer Case Suspect Asked for \$10 and Gun.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—(P)—The man who escaped from a Department of Justice agent at Yorkville, Ill., by throwing a glassful of beer in his captor's face, was identified by residents there today as Volney Davis, under indictment as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The residents identified Davis from a photograph in a Department of Justice bulletin. Davis, they said, had spent much of last spring and summer in the vicinity and was known to them as "Curly" Hansen.

Ted Smith, proprietor of Ted's tavern, said he knew Hansen well and that he was positive, after looking at the photograph that Davis and Hansen were the same man.

Smith disclosed that ten minutes after the escape Davis had burst into the tavern, coatless and bleeding from one hand, and had pleaded for \$10 and a gun.

"This fellow used to hang around my tavern a great deal," Smith said. "He said he was a follower of the

horses and seemed always to have a lot of money.

"Wednesday night he came into the tavern, greatly excited. He had no overcoat and one of his hands was cut. He asked me to lend him \$10. I let him have 50 cents. Then he asked me to let him have a revolver. I told him I didn't have one. I gave him a sandwich and a cup of coffee and then he went outside and drove off in an automobile."

The automobile in which Davis escaped was found abandoned near Wheaton, Ill., Thursday. Residents of Aurora, site of the Exposition Park race track, said Department of Justice agents were there last fall seeking Davis.

## 16 KARPIS INDICTMENTS FILED IN MIAMI

Miami, Fla., Feb. 8.—(P)—Sixteen federal indictments naming four men and two women accused of harboring the fugitive gangster Alvin Karpis, in Miami and Havana, were filed with the United States district court clerk here late today. They name Joe H. Adams, part owner of the Biscayne Kennel club, dog track operators, and of a Commodore hotel; Harry Stern, known here as Henry (Duke) Randall, an employee of the kennel club; Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Parkview hotel, Havana; Cuba; E. G. alias Cassius or Cass McDonald, under arrest at West Palm Beach; Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, left behind in a Atlantic City hotel when the companions, Karpis and Harry Campbell, shot their way through a police trap.

The accused were reported under arrest or under bond.

All are accused of conspiring to hide Karpis while knowing he was hunted as the suspected leader of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker.

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## 10 Held, 12 Hunted In Bremer Case

Early Roundup Of Fugitives Predicted; Will Bring Doyle And Edna Murray Here.

With 10 of the 22 men and women indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer now under arrest, early roundup of a majority of the fugitives was unofficially forecast today by agents of the United States department of justice.

To be brought to St. Paul for arraignment on kidnap conspiracy charges are Jesse Doyle, "money changer" in the \$200,000 snatching, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit." Both were named in federal indictments returned in St. Paul Jan. 22.

Of the 12 named for the actual kidnaping four are in Ramsey county jail in St. Paul: Arthur (Doc) Barker, coleader with the fugitive Alvin Karpis of the bandit gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alfordton, who allegedly provided the Bensenville (Ill.) three-week hiding place of the St. Paul bank president, and Byron Bolton, Chicago mobster.

**10 Called Conspirators.**

Of the 10 charged with conspiracy one is in Ramsey county jail; James J. Wilson; three are at liberty in Chicago on \$5,000 bonds each; John J. McLaughlin, Democratic ward boss and alleged gambling overlord; William E. Vidler and Paul J. Delaney, gamblers, all of whom are said to have handled small amounts of the ransom money; Doyle, whose job it was to exchange the "hot" bills for "cool" money in the Reno (Nev.) gambling houses, and Edna Murray, believed to have been in on the latter deal.

Doyle, with federal agents and local police hot on his trail in Kansas earlier this week, surrendered by telephone rather than face the sharpshooting "G" men, a few hours after Edna Murray and two others were captured in a running gunfight near Pittsburgh, Kan.

**11 Still Sought.**

Still sought for the actual kidnaping are Karpis, Volney Davis, who made a daring escape from two federal captors at Yorkville, Ill., Wednesday night; Harry Campbell, William Weaver alias Donald Phoenix, Harry Sawyer, alleged St. Paul "finger man," and two unidentified men.

Wanted on conspiracy charges are Oliver A. Berg, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Myrtle Eaton and a man known as "Whitey."

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**Most of Bremer Ransom  
 Passed, Agents Assert**

**RANSOM IN  
 CIRCULATION**

(Continued From Page 1)

**How Money Got Into Circulation Is Problem They Seek to Solve.**

Miami, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The question of how the marked money which ransomed wealthy Edward G. Bremer got back into circulation confronted Department of Justice agents today following the indictment of six persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, suspected co-leader of the Bremer kidnap gang.

Virtually all of the \$200,000 ransom money has been passed, it was said here. While the agents followed that phase of the case in the United States and Cuba, a nation-wide search for Karpis also was under way.

The indictments returned by the Federal grand jury in Jacksonville Thursday and docketed here late Friday accuse:

Joe Adams, part owner of a dog track and El Commodore hotel here; Henry Stern, who worked at Adams' track at "Duke" Randall; Nathaniel Heller, American manager of the Parkview hotel at Havana; E. G. (alias Cassius or Cass) McDonald, and Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, caught when

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Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

All were reported under arrest or bond. Federal agents said McDonald is a wealthy Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, and that he is alleged to have flown from Miami last November to aid Karpis in his hideout there. His bond was set at \$25,000.

**DOYLE THOUGHT FEDS UNDERWORLD FOES.**

Pittsburgh, Kan., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Jess Doyle, alleged money changer in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul a year ago, surrendered to officers Thursday because he thought they were underworld enemies, it was learned today.

Although Federal agents continued silence regarding all phases of Doyle's flight and later voluntary surrender, the new explanation of why he gave himself up after having evaded their trap was not denied by police sources.

Doyle was still in the Crawford county jail at Girard today and no announcement was forthcoming as to when he would be removed or to what city.

Doyle was laboring under great fear when Sheriff Leon Delmaide, in response to a telephone call Thursday from near Cherokee, twelve miles southwest of here, met Doyle on a highway about a mile from where he abandoned his mud-mired car.

The kidnap suspect, according to an account of his conversation with officers soon after his incarceration, burst out: "hose—ride o ge me." Asked who he meant, Doyle is reported to have answered that he referred to some gangsters who chased him and took shots at him. He was informed that Federal agents and police were his pursuers.

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## U. S. Indicts Six As Aides of Karpis

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## CHARGES FILED IN KARPIS CASE

### Six Held on Counts Al- leging Aid Given Fugitive Bandit

Latest salvo in the federal government's war on "go-betweens" who enable gangsters to evade the penalty of United States laws, was fired in Miami yesterday with the docketing of 16 indictments against four men and two women charged with extending to Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy, "shelter, refuge and protection."

E. G. McDonald, wealthy Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, was arrested here late last night by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jack McParland to complete the roundup of the sextet. McDonald is charged in one of the indictments with flying from Miami to Havana last November to aid Karpis in his hide-out there. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Charged with accepting \$1,000 from Karpis for several acts of hospitality, defined by the indictments as "unlawfully conspiring to prevent his discovery and arrest," Joe Adams, manager of Biscayne Kennel club, was re-arrested and posted an additional \$5,000 bond last night before U. S. Commissioner Lloyd C. Hecks. His arrest and release on the first \$5,000 bail came Jan. 29.

Adams, Henry "Duke" Randall,

an employee of Adams; McDonald, Nathan Heller, manager of the Parkview hotel, Havana; Delfores Delaney, companion of Karpis, and Winona Burdett, companion of Harry Campbell, his henchman, were all in custody or on bond in the Karpis case today. The two women are in Philadelphia. W. Sanders Gramling, assistant U. S. district attorney, was expected to return to Miami today from Jacksonville where the 84 federal grand jury indictments were released Thursday, to begin proceedings to bring the women back to face trial.

Others accused by the federal grand jury included the following charged with possession, sale or manufacture of untaxed liquor: Sue D. Kaux, Shelley R. Lee, Dewey T. Kirkland, James Miller, A. H. Miller, W. H. Baldwin, Sam Odom, Robert E. Riley, John D. Griffin, Alvin Neil, Pink Puggie, Julian O. Parrish, Troy Parrish, Lester E. Swinson, Edward Marshall, Nelson Ritch, Elan B. Wood, Remus Washington Wilkinson, W. Lee Smith, Ernest E. Arrington, Walter Dent, Thomas Joseph Bullard, Henry J. Cobb, Gary Cameron, Genarie Connor, Coral J. Glisson, Howard Hill, Matthew King and Alfred R. Sawyer.

Charged with violation of narcotic laws were: Peggy Bennett, Nan Brooks, George F. Gordon and John Hess.

Indicted for violation of the tariff laws were: Felix Frank Glasa, Gerald Momand and George Lewis Gardner.

Possession and passing counterfeit money: Harry Van Gries and Edward D. Kill.

Transporting a stolen automobile in violation of the Dyer act: William Swanwick.

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### Gangster at Liberty



—Acme.

Volney Davis, described as one of the Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers, is at liberty as a result of an escape from federal agents Wednesday night in Yorkville, Ill. Davis was being taken from Kansas City to Chicago by airplane. The plane was forced down near Yorkville, and Davis, after being taken into a restaurant, slugged an agent and escaped in a motor car.

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# DESPERADO WHO ESCAPED AGENTS IS VOLNEY DAVIS

Witnesses Identify Photo  
of Fugitive Convict.

(Picture on back page.)

The "desperate character" whom police of the central west have been seeking with orders to shoot to kill since his escape from two federal department of justice agents at Yorkville, Ill., on Wednesday night, was finally identified yesterday as Volney Davis, fugitive convict, a suspect in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Until witnesses to the escape at Yorkville identified pictures of Davis yesterday, the police had nothing to work on except the request of government agents to arrest a dangerous character driving a car which was found Thursday morning near Wheaton and a circular describing Davis as one of the Alvin Karpis gang indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

Yorkville Escape Not Mentioned.

The circular on Davis did not mention the escape at Yorkville, although copies were mailed to police of northern Illinois cities at 10 p. m. Wednesday, three hours after Davis flung a sign of beer into the face of one of his captors and fled from a Yorkville tavern.



**FLED FROM AGENTS**  
Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, identified in Yorkville escape.

Davis and his two captors were flying from Kansas City to Chicago when their plane was forced down on a farm near Yorkville. William Ford, a farmer, who drove them to the town in his car, identified the circular picture of Davis as that of the agents' prisoner.

The party went to the Hotel Nading in Yorkville, and Davis leaped through a window of the taproom while one of the agents was telephoning his Chicago office for instructions. Norman Peasley, who was standing in the taproom at the time, also identified the picture of Davis as the man who fled.

Seen Later in Aurora Tavern.

Ten minutes after his escape from the agents at Yorkville Davis was seen in the tavern of Ted Smith at Aurora. Davis, who was known to Smith as "Curly" Hansen, wore no overcoat and had a cut on his hand. The fugitive had dropped his overcoat after diving through the window.

"Hansen asked me for \$10," Smith said. "I gave him 50 cents and some sandwiches. He asked me for a gun, but I didn't have one. Then he ran out and drove away. Hansen was in here from time to time last summer. He is the man called Davis in the circular."

Davis was 34 years old and of slight build, weighing only 125 pounds. He was sentenced to the Oklahoma state prison in 1923 for murder and escaped

two years later, only to be recaptured. On Nov. 3, 1932, he was granted a "leave of absence" until July 1, 1933. This was extended an additional year and since that time he has been listed as a fugitive.

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## DAVIS STEALS AUTO IN BOLD FLIGHT AFTER BREAK FROM PLANE

Convicted Killer Believed Here  
Now; Fugitive Recognized in  
Tavern; Seeks Cash and Gun

Volney Davis, convicted murderer and named as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul a year ago, was disclosed yesterday to have escaped capture by half an hour in Aurora.

Davis was identified positively in Aurora as the man who slugged a federal agent at nearby Yorkville and escaped in a stolen car early Thursday after an airplane in which he was being brought to Chicago from Kansas City was forced down.

### Demand for Money and Gun Refused.

He appeared at Ted Smith's tavern in Aurora, asked for money, an overcoat and a gun, and left when Smith refused. A few hours later the car he had stolen at Yorkville was found abandoned near Wheaton. It was believed he had reached Chicago.

Davis, who lived in Aurora last Summer as "Cufley Hansen," had scarcely left Smith's tavern when heavily armed federal agents swarmed about the place.

Kendall County authorities had been convinced for a time that the escaped prisoner was Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," wanted for planning the \$200,000 Bremer kidnapping.

### Dives Through Window to Gain Freedom.

Davis, fugitive from a life sentence for murder at Oklahoma City, was suffering from a lacerated finger, apparently incurred when he dived through a window at Yorkville. Smith said:

"Everybody around this section knows him. He posed as a horse race player and had lots of money. I always suspected there was something wrong."

In Kansas City Davis was named as a member of a new gang being recruited by Jess Doyle, also indicted in the Bremer kidnaping.

Doyle and five others were seized there after his woman friend, Mrs. Anita Stacey, shot another gang woman, Mrs. Frances Taylor. Three more members of the gang are sought.



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# Bremer Kidnaper Escapes

U. S. Agents

by Scant Half Hour at Aurora

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## EACING COURT



International News Photograph Service  
**SPOT BOSS** — Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., is pictured as she was taken to court to face a charge of attempting to murder Mrs. Helen Bush. Police claim that Mrs. Stacey put her victim on the spot.

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# DETROIT POLICE SEEK IDENTITY OF KARPIS SUSPECT

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9.—(P)—Police officials here tonight were attempting to "identify" E. G. McDonald, one of six men indicted at Miami, Fla., by a federal grand jury on a charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, suspected co-leader of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer.

Police records were brought out to compare a description of the man held in Florida with Elmer [Big Mac] McDonald, who, police say, served sentences for violation of the federal and state liquor laws. He was once arrested in connection with a counterfeit-

feiting investigation, but was later released.

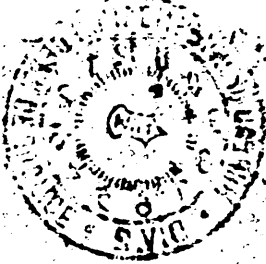
Detectives also found records of E. G. [Cass or Cassius] McDonald, who, they say, was once taken into custody on a charge of extortion. No disposition of the charge is recorded at police headquarters.

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## Chumming With Crooks.

The prisoner who escaped from his Federal guard at Yorkville, Illinois, took advantage of what might easily have been and very likely was a purely accidental chain of circumstances but which none the less presented a most remarkable series of favorable breaks. An airplane pilot who couldn't find the desired Chicago airport happened to land in just the right place. A benevolent agent removed the prisoner's handcuffs and ordered the fateful beer which was served in a mug that made an excellent weapon of attack. Having disposed of his guard, the fugitive leaped from a window and, by a special stroke of luck, there stood an empty brand new sedan a few steps away with its motor already running. His rabbit's foot was surely working full time. It might be thought that Dillinger's escape from the Crown Point jail would have sufficiently emphasized the risk in getting chummy with prisoners. This second episode is an added demonstration which should have been superfluous.



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# **JESS DOYLE MOVED FROM KANSAS JAIL**

*St Paul Dispatch*  
Three Alleged Associates Also  
Taken to Unnamed  
Places.

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Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 11.—(P)—  
Jess Doyle, suspected money chang-  
er in the Edward G. Bremer kid-  
naping case in St. Paul, and three  
alleged associates, including Mrs.  
Edna Murray, "kissing bandit,"  
wanted as a fugitive from the Mis-  
souri penitentiary at Jefferson City,  
were removed from Crawford county  
jails to unannounced destina-  
tions Sunday by Department of  
Justice agents.

Doyle and Mrs. Murray were taken  
in one car by a group of agents who  
left Girard, where Doyle had been  
held. Later in the day H. C. Stan-  
ley, a brother of Mrs. Murray, and  
his wife were taken from the city  
jail here.

It was believed Mr. and Mrs.  
Stanley will face charges of harbor-  
ing criminals. Mrs. Murray, it was  
assumed, would be turned over to  
Missouri authorities to complete her  
prison term for robbery.

Jess Doyle, alleged "money  
changer" in the Bremer kidnaping  
ultimately will be brought to St.  
Paul," Department of Justice op-  
eratives here said this afternoon.

Whether Doyle and three associ-  
ates now are en route to St. Paul  
under guard from Pittsburgh has  
not been determined. It is possible  
that the quartet may be taken to  
Chicago or Kansas City before be-  
ing brought to St. Paul.

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## DATA ON KARPIS GANG SUSPECT ASKED HERE

Copy of Indictment Requested  
by Miami Lawyer; Man Held  
Believed Sawyer.

Federal agents intensified the Karpis-Barker manhunt today in Florida, following receipt of a letter by government officials in St. Paul from a Miami attorney requesting a certified copy of a secret indictment against one suspect.

Authorities refused to divulge the names of the attorney and of the person involved in the true bill, but the suspect was reported to be Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger.

Officials of the United States district attorney's office and the Department of Justice conferred on the request and decided to turn it down.

The Karpis-Barker gang is under indictment in St. Paul for the \$200,000 kidnaping a year ago of Edward G. Bremer, banker. Recently Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker were shot and killed by agents at a hideout in Oklawaha, Fla., while a few days later Alvin Karpis escaped through a police bullet fusillade at Atlantic City. Some members of the mob are at large, others are in jail, including Arthur (Doc) Barker in Ramsey county jail.

Agents are said to have accumulated sufficient evidence to indict Sawyer in Cleveland on a charge of harboring Karpis there.

Meanwhile it was reported that the "mystery" prisoner who escaped from federal agents in Yorkville, Ill., may be Volney Davis, under indictment as one of the kidnapers of Bremer.

In support of this belief, it was pointed out that Davis was the sweetheart of Mrs. Edna Murray, 34-year-old "kissing bandit" arrested Thursday in Pittsburg, Kan.; that the pair recently were seen together in Kansas City; and that the "mystery" prisoner escaped while being taken by Department of Justice agents from Kansas City to Chicago.

According to reports, he was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang which staged the Bremer kidnaping in January, 1934, but broke away from it about six months ago to join a bootlegging and robbery gang headed by Jess Doyle, who was arrested Thursday near Pittsburg, Kan.

Federal agents were reported to be conducting an intensive search for their missing "mystery man," who slipped from their clutches after hitting an agent with a beer bottle in a Yorkville bar, where they had stopped for refreshment after the plane in which they were traveling had been forced down. But Federal authorities still refused to reveal his identity.

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**CUBA FREES HELLER  
FOR TRIAL IN FLORIDA**

**Havana Hotel Man Says He Will  
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Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
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Mr. Heller said he would go to Miami tomorrow or Wednesday for trial in the Federal court at Jacksonville on a charge of conspiring to harbor Karpis.

Mr. Heller for several years has found it necessary to commute between Havana and Miami in the interest of his hotel business so he desires to clear up the Federal charges quickly, he said.

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## DELANEY GIRL ASKS AID FOR KARPIS' SON

Urges Mother and Sister Here  
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The mother of Desperado Alvin Karpis' 2-weeks-old son has appealed to her mother and sister in St. Paul to care for the child if she is imprisoned for harboring America's No. 1 Public Enemy.

A letter was sent by the 19-year-old mother, Dolores Delaney, from Philadelphia, January 28. The common law wife of Karpis, she is recovering from a leg wound, received when police attempted to arrest the outlaw in Atlantic City a month ago.

Mrs. Helen Delaney, 365 Maria avenue, mother of Dolores, said today she "will see the baby is provided for" in event her daughter is sent to prison.

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"I am not physically able to take the baby myself," she said, "but it will be taken care of. I am sorry Dolores cannot have him with her. She would make a wonderful mother."

The letter was addressed to Mrs. Helen Reilly, 365 Maria avenue, sister of Dolores and wife of Albert (Pat) Reilly, who is serving a prison term for harboring the late John Dillinger. She was not available for comment.

The infant has been named Raymond—the true name of Karpis, who is under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

"You know how I love that name," Dolores wrote.

"My leg is getting along pretty good," the letter said, "although I can't walk on it as yet. The bullet went clear through the leg, right in the middle between the knee and the ankle. It will be all right soon."

Asking "Can you picture me as a proud mother," Dolores pleaded: "Listen, Babe, if I'm sent up, will you and Mom take care of the baby. It's not going to be any fun leaving it while it's so tiny, but you'll take good care of it, won't you?"

The young mother said she had \$100 which she wanted her sister and mother to receive.

Concluding, she wrote: "I'll say good-by now and please let me know if you will take care of the baby."

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## **\$200,000 Suit Filed as Bremer Ransom Echo**

Writ of Garnishment Against  
 Arthur (Doc) Barker Asked

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 Suit for \$200,000, the ransom paid for the return of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was filed today in Ramsey County District court.

The suit was filed by Samuel Lipschultz, attorney for the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and Adolph Bremer and with it was a writ of garnishment against Arthur (Doc) Barker, now under custody of the United States officers in the Ramsey county jail. Barker is accused of being one of the Bremer kidnapers.

Those named in the suit are Alvin Karpavics, alias Alvin Karpis; Arthur (Doc) Barker, alias F. K. Gordon, Volney Davis; Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield; William Weaver and William J. Harrison.

"The immediate purpose of the suit is to tie up such funds as may be in possession of any and all the gangsters when they are captured," Lipschultz said. "It is my understanding the U. S. marshal turned over to the Ramsey county sheriff about \$500 Barker had in his possession when arrested."

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## U. S. Agents Hold Prisoner for Week Without Warrant

(Picture on back page.)

Matthew Gleason, 49 years old, an Aurora tavernkeeper, appeared before United States Commissioner Walker in the federal courthouse here yesterday with two black eyes. He was in the custody of department of justice agents, who had been holding him for a week, in violation of federal statutes.

The statutes provide that in case the agents take a prisoner without a warrant, they must return him before a committing officer at the earliest opportunity. Not until Attorney Emil Schlan, who was retained by Gleason's wife on Wednesday, visited the Chicago headquarters of the agents yesterday and threatened to seek a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the prisoner did the agents get a warrant from Commissioner Walker.

Charged with Aiding Davis.

The warrant charges Gleason with harboring Volney Davis, ex-convict, who is among a score of persons charged with complicity in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Davis escaped from two department of justice agents on Feb. 6 at Yorkville. A plane in which the agents were bringing Davis to Chicago from Kansas City was forced down there. The agents took the manacles which Davis had worn in the air from his limbs, and when one of the agents took the prisoner into a Yorkville bar and bought him a glass of beer, Davis threw the beer in the

agent's face, knocked him down, and leaped through a window to freedom.

Gleason was taken before Commissioner Walker yesterday a short time after the warrant was issued. When Attorney Schlan said that he had had no opportunity to talk to his client, the case was continued to Feb. 21 and a bond of \$3,000 set for Gleason. K. R. McIntyre, in charge of the agents who took Gleason to the courthouse, gave deputy United States marshals instructions to prevent Gleason from telling his story to newspaper men.

Before this action was taken, however, Gleason had managed to whisper to a newspaper man who asked about the condition of his eyes: "They gave me hell."

Denies Appointment.

Gleason also said that Davis came to his tavern at 102 North 4th street, Aurora, on Feb. 7, the day after his escape. Davis stayed there for three or four hours, Gleason said, and told Davis during that time that he was dodging "the law," but Gleason denied that he knew that Davis was wanted by the federal government, or that he had had any appointment with Davis.

Gleason was arrested, without a warrant, the same day that Davis had visited him. Attorney Schlan said that he expects to effect his client's release on bond today.

"If I find that he was mistreated by the agents, I shall institute proceedings against them," Attorney Schlan added.

## SUSPECTED AID OF NELSON HELD IN THEFT QUIZ

Freed in \$2,500 bonds only last week on a charge of having conspired to harbor Baby Face Nelson, Clarence Lieder, 28 years old, 2556 Division street, was rearrested by the Chicago avenue police yesterday.

Lieder is part owner of the Oakley Construction company, 2800 Division street. Capt. Andrew Barry said he would question Lieder in connection with the discovery of \$7,000 worth of stolen sponges and chamois skins in a warehouse near the construction company. The merchandise was taken in a burglary last Sept. 3 at the Nassau Sponge company, 124 West Kinzie street.

Lieder's arrest was on information from New York, where George Bates, alias Kaby, of Chicago, and Max Postal were arrested a week ago as members of an interstate theft ring.

Lieder is under indictment in San Francisco on a charge of harboring Nelson. The proceeding here to send him west has been continued until March 12.



**PRISONER OF U. S.**  
Matthew Gleason, Aurora tavernkeeper, going to hearing with black eyes.

## AUDIT REVEALS IRREGULARITIES IN MALOY UNION

### National Group Will Fight Gang Rule.

An audit of the books of the Chicago Moving Picture Operators' union, for years controlled by the slain Thomas Maloy, is being made and many apparent irregularities have been uncovered, it was learned yesterday at the state's attorney's office.

George M. Browne, president of the International Union of Moving Picture Operators, who has taken charge of the union since Maloy was shot to death on Feb. 4, made the revelation to Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Dougherty.

No details of what has been found so far will be made public until the audit is complete. Mr. Browne said, but he declared that a number of the books and financial records of Maloy's transactions are missing.

Fights Capone Control.

At the same time Mr. Browne denied to Assistant State's Attorney Dougherty that there was any possibility of the remnants of the Capone gang taking control of the union.

These rumors spread after seven former Capone hoodlums were arrested Wednesday on the theory that Maloy's murder might have been the first step in a plot of gangsters to take control of the union.

"Reports that I have Capone men as bodyguards are plain lies," Browne told the prosecutor. "I have nothing to do with any of them, and I have no bodyguards."

Arraign Hoodlums Today.

Mr. Dougherty ordered charges of disorderly conduct placed against the seven hoodlums arrested, and they will be arraigned today. They are Sam [Golfbag] Hunt, Claude Maddox, Nicholas Trimarco, Lester Crane, Ralph Pierce, John Russo, and Michael Sprans. All were released last night on individual bonds of \$100.

Mr. Browne also made it known that all special permits issued by the Maloy union have been rescinded. These are permits allowing non-members to work as operators on payment of a fee. It is from this source that Maloy is believed to have gained much of his large income.

## TOUHY AND PALS GET HIGH COURT HEARING TODAY

First Assistant State's Attorney Wilbert F. Crowley and Assistant State's Attorney Marshall V. Kearney left last night for Springfield, where they will argue today before the Illinois supreme court in the appeal hearing of three men sentenced to 99 years in prison for the kidnaping of John Factor. Attorney William Scott Stewart will argue that his clients, Roger Touhy, Albert Kator, and Gus Schaefer, should be granted a new trial because of error in the trial record. Basil Banghart was found guilty of the same crime at a subsequent trial and received the same sentence, but did not appeal because he is under a 25 year sentence for mail robbery in Charlotte, N. C.

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## DECRY LAWLESS ACTS OF U. S. IN FIGHTING CRIME

Loesch and Fisher Argue for Ancient Safeguards.

BY JOSEPH ATOR.

Lawless methods of law enforcement, particularly as they have appeared in the federal department of justice drive against "public enemies," met denunciation yesterday by two Chicago authorities on crime fighting, Frank J. Loesch, veteran president of the Chicago Crime commission, and Circuit Judge Harry M. Fisher.

Neither of the commentators sought to minimize the accomplishments of the department of justice agents in ridding the nation of a number of dangerous criminals. The question which they raised and answered in the negative, was whether the precedents of infringement on civil rights set by the agents will not in the long run prove more damaging to social security than the depredations of their criminal quarry.

### Other Methods Win Objective.

Nor did their comment ignore the possibility that the agents might have accomplished the same ends without violation of the law. In this connection it has been pointed out that other crime fighting agencies, both federal and local, have rid the community of dangerous criminals by strictly legal procedure.

Mr. Loesch and Judge Fisher spoke from the viewpoint of legal philosophy. Centuries of experience, they say, have shown that certain limits are necessary on the powers of law enforcement officials.

Occasionally a law officer may step beyond these legal bounds in dealing with a criminal, and a slight transgression of this kind often is condoned or even praised by the public on the ground that the end justifies the means. But as officers wander farther beyond the limit of their legal powers they are likely to infringe on the rights not of criminal alone but of honest citizens.

### Powers of Justice Agents.

Department of justice agents have certain powers, fixed by federal statutes. The limits of these powers were extended by an act passed by congress last June. It gave the agents the power to serve warrants and subpoenas previously reserved in federal cases to the United States marshal and his deputies, to carry firearms, and to make arrests without warrants for felonious violations of those federal statutes with whose enforcement the department of justice is charged.

Two limits are placed by the statute on the last power. The arresting agent must have reasonable cause to believe that the prisoner would escape if time were taken to obtain a warrant, and the prisoner, once arrested, must be taken immediately before a committing officer—that is, a federal judge or United States commissioner.

### Restrictions on Operatives.

There is one power which the agents do not possess legally. That is the right to remove a prisoner from one federal court district to another. This can be done only by a United States marshal, upon the order of a United States commissioner or judge. Such removals are roughly equivalent to the extradition of prisoners between states and are surrounded by law with safeguards comparable to those which govern extradition.

Nevertheless, in a number of cases, agents of the department of justice operating in Chicago have made arrests and held prisoners for as long as two weeks without taking them before a committing officer. They have on several occasions taken prisoners to other states without the formality of removal procedure.

They have, as a rule, operated in Chicago without giving any notice to Chicago police, a matter on which Mr. Loesch has commented caustically in the past.

### Basic Right of Free Men.

"I have no reference to any particular case," commented Judge Fisher, "but in an abstract way I feel that the utter disregard and disrespect for the great institutions guarding human liberty, which have grown up during centuries of struggle for emancipation, is a more serious threat to social security than the depredations of the criminal element."

Mr. Loesch pointed out that while the right to a writ of habeas corpus as protection against illegal detention has become so commonplace that most comment today is directed at its abuse rather than its use, Americans should never forget that if the right be destroyed, no citizen, however honest or innocent, would be safe. He referred also to his recent annual report as president of the crime commission, in which he said:

"There has been, I think, some justifiable public criticism—and more of it in private—against the federal government's officers coming into the local jurisdiction to capture notorious gangsters, without taking Commissioner Allman into their confidence in ambushing and shooting down criminals."

### Present Way too Costly.

"No pity need be expended upon criminals so killed; but the price paid in seeking to kill those outlaws was too high, as in the unsuccessful ambush near Mercer, W. Va. [where John Dillinger and his friends shot their

way out of the Little Bohemia resort, killing a federal operative and an innocent CCC worker], and the fight to death at Barrington with Lester Gillis [Baby Face Nelson], in which two splendid men's lives were sacrificed."

"From my standpoint as a lawyer, I doubt whether that is the effective way to end criminals' careers. I think that the state's sovereign rights should be recognized by federal officials; that the local police, who can be held responsible for any leakage of information, ought to be taken into confidence before such a raid is attempted. If this is not done, the present course may result in the loss of innocent lives and the escape of gangsters."

"In my opinion, this practice belittles the government and shows a lack of confidence in the laws to curb crime and criminals. Let the law carry the criminal to the electric chair or to the penitentiary, rather than make a hero of him."

### How U. S. Handles Cases.

Brief details of some of the arrests by department of justice agents, principally in Chicago, within the last year, follow:

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former politician charged with handling some of the Bremer ransom money, was arrested on the morning of April 27 and was not arraigned before a committing officer until the afternoon of the following day. He charged that agents knocked out one of his teeth and threatened to drop him out of a 19th story window in the Bankers' building.

James Probasco, who harbored Dillinger, plunged to his death from a window in the same suite of offices on July 26. He had been arrested twelve hours before. A verdict of suicide was returned when the agents testified that he had not been questioned and had been left alone in the room. In the room in which the agents said they left Probasco unguarded were two shotguns.

### Instances of Long Detention.

Several associates who testified against Attorney Louis Piquett when he was tried and acquitted of the charge of harboring Dillinger were held for several days following their arrest last August, without being taken before a committing officer as the law requires.

On Sept. 26 department of justice agents disclosed at Cleveland that they had had Mrs. Ethel March, associate of the Karpis-Barker gang, in custody for two weeks. She had never been taken before a committing officer, and at Cleveland was found to be in a state of nervous collapse which necessitated her treatment in the jail hospital. During her detention she had been taken to Akron and Chicago, although records available to the public show none of the removal proceedings required by law for such movements.

On Jan. 17 agents killed Russell Gibson, alleged member of the Karpis-Barker gang, in a north side apartment. They fired shots and tear gas into a neighboring apartment by mistake, and narrowly escaped a gun fight with police, who were unaware of their identity. Another fight with police was narrowly averted the night John Dillinger was killed.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Hoover:

Attached is picture given to you by the  
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Also attached is picture of Gleason which  
does not show black eyes, from paper dated  
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JOPLIN, MO.--GEORGE BARKER, WHO ELECTED TO STAY HOME AND LEAD AN HONEST LIFE WHEN HIS WIFE AND FOUR SONS EMBARKED UPON CAREERS IN CRIME, TODAY HOPED HE COULD COLLECT THE \$18,000 ESTATE OF HIS SON, FRED BARKER, SLAIN RECENTLY IN FLORIDA.

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# **BREMER LAWYER SUES FOR RETURN OF RANSOM CASH**

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15. — (AP) — Samuel Lipschultz, attorney for the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and Adolph Bremer today filed suit in District court here for the return of \$200,000 ransom paid a year ago for the release of Edward G. Bremer, banker here, held three weeks by kidnapers.

With the suit was filed a garnishment against Arthur [Doc] Barker, held in jail here awaiting trial for the abduction. Those named defendants in the suit are Alvin Karpis, Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, and William J. Harrison, all under indictment in connection with the kidnaping.

Lipschultz said the purpose of the suit was "to tie up such funds as may be in the possession of any of the gangsters when they are captured."

Two bags of clothing and \$350 allegedly found on Barker when he was arrested in Chicago five weeks ago were turned over to the United States marshal here today.

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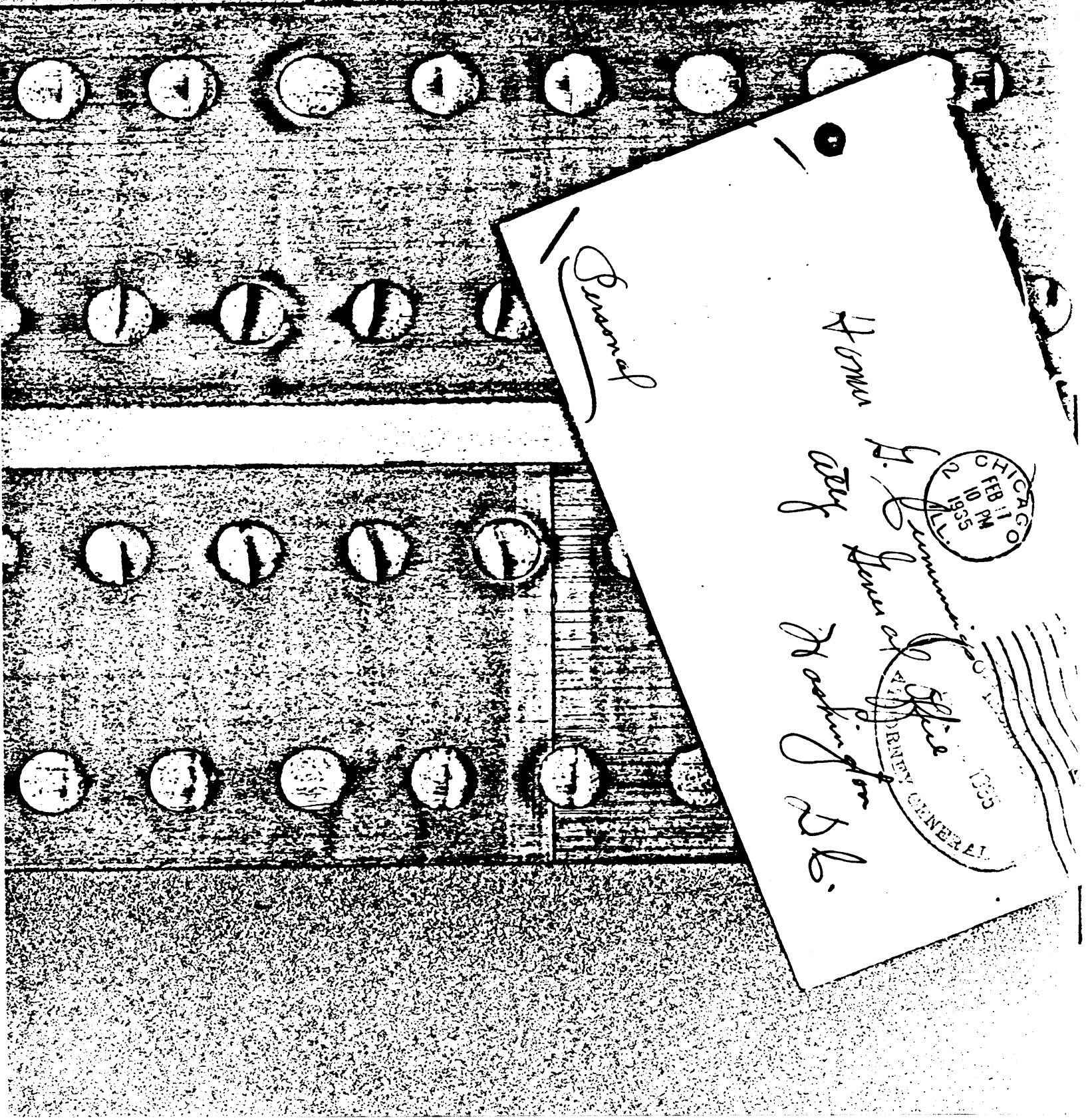
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## CHARGES BEATING BY U. S. AGENTS; PLANS PROTEST

### Ex-Tavern Owner Lists Injuries.

Matthew Gleason, former Aurora tavern owner, who charged that United States department of justice agents blackened both his eyes and beat him severely while he was in their custody for a week without a warrant, in violation of federal statutes, will make a protest to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, it was announced yesterday by his attorney, Emil Schlan.

"I am sure the government will not countenance any such treatment of its prisoners," Attorney Schlan said. "Although the agents are subject to being tried for common assault the same as any other citizen, I don't believe Mr. Gleason will want to get out any such warrants for the men."

#### Holds Physician's Report.

"Justice should better be served by reporting the assaults to their superior."

Gleason was examined by Dr. Walter Venn of Chicago, and Attorney Schlan said a copy of the report will accompany his complaint to Washington. This report, according to the attorney, showed that Gleason's eyes were bruised and blackened, that he had numerous bruises and abrasions about the body, his hands were contused, that there was evidence of Gleason having received blows about the abdomen and that his mental and nervous reflexes had been dulled as a result.

Gleason, who was released Friday evening on a \$3,000 bond, had been charged with having harbored Volney Davis, alleged participant in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

#### Escape of Prisoner.

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justice agents at Yorkville on Feb. 4 when one of them took him into a bar and bought him a glass of beer which the prisoner threw in his face and then leaped through a window.

After his release Gleason explained he formerly had known Davis under another name and that on Feb. 7 Davis visited him at his home, 102 North 4th street, Aurora, and borrowed \$5. He said he did not know Davis was an escaped federal prisoner.

Gleason said he could identify the department of justice agents who beat him.

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By the Associated Press.

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George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the Bremer defendants would be tried together at the April term of court.

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## Doyle, Bandit Kisser In Jail

Join 5 Other Bremer  
Suspects Held Here.

St. Paul's colony of alleged kidnapers and conspirators now housed in Ramsey county jail stands at seven today.

Jess Doyle, alleged money changer, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit" (and by the way quite a kissable person), were brought to St. Paul Sunday morning to face charges in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, here last winter.

The other five now held at the jail are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Allerton and James J. Wilson. The seven along with John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William E. Vidler, all of Chicago, and now free under \$5,000 bond each, are scheduled to go to trial in federal court here during the first week of April as either actual kidnapers or on conspiracy to kidnap.

There are 12 others now rated as fugitives who were indicted along with the 10 mentioned here as having something or other to do with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Doyle and the Murray woman were brought to St. Paul from Topeka, Kan., after they had been caught about 10 days ago at Pittsburg, Kan., following a running gun battle with federal officers.

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## Girls Accused of Hiding Karpis Taken to Miami

### Two Face Trial in Harboring of Fugitive Gangster

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They were in custody of United States Marshal Joseph B. Reing, of Philadelphia, and his deputy, Peart Kington, and were met by a delegation of Department of Justice agents, who took them from the station platform to the county courthouse. There they were held incommunicado in default of \$15,000 bond each.

Dolores Delaney was still wearing a bandage over a leg wound suffered in the Atlantic City hotel shooting in which the women were caught, but Karpis and his companion, Harry Campbell, escaped. They were recently named by the Federal grand jury in Jacksonville in seven indictments charging them with hiding and conspiring with four men defendants to hide Karpis.

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With Jess Doyle, She Is Held in  
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### CALLED 'MONEY CHANGER'

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"I had nothing to do with the Bremer kidnaping," said the comely blonde, who was dressed in the height of fashion.

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### FIVE OTHERS IN JAIL

Held in jail here, in addition to Mrs. Murray and Doyle, are Arthur (Doc) Barker, formerly of St. Paul; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper; Byron Bolton, Chicago, and Harold Alderton, in whose home the government charges Bremer was kept prisoner 23 days, all under indictment as the actual kidnapers, and James J. Wilson, Chicago, indicted for conspiracy.

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# GIBBONS ADDS SIX MORE GUARDS TO PRE- VENT RAMSEY JAIL DELIVERY

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## Fears Convict Gang On Way Here To Free Barker-Karpis Mob

Armed with submachine guns, tear gas bombs and with orders to "shoot to kill" federal government and Ramsey county authorities today prepared to block any attempt to liberate Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oklahoma outlaw, held at Ramsey county jail under indictment as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Six additional guards were put on duty Monday night.

Anticipation that an attempted jail delivery may be attempted here followed tracing of three convicts who escaped from Oklahoma reformatory Sunday to Mankato, 85 miles south of St. Paul, Monday.

The three men were reported to have purchased three complete suits of clothing, discarded their prison garments and fled towards St. Paul in a stolen automobile, police reported.

### Discard Clothing

The discarded clothing has been turned over to state criminal authorities in St. Paul.

Recalling that the infamous Karpis-Barker gang originated in the Dookston hills of Oklahoma, authorities felt that the fugitive might be coming here either in attempt to liberate Barker or to join other members of the gang, believed to be here.

Barker and six others, including Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit" and widow of "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, executed at Little Rock, Ark., in 1924, are held here in connection with the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker in January, 1934.

### Shoot To Kill

The jail guards are under specific orders to "shoot the prisoners" if a jail delivery is attempted.

Although Barker is believed to be the "bait" the other prisoners are just as carefully guarded. Besides Barker and the Murray woman the others held are: Jess Doyle, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Alderton and James J. Wilson.

### Escaped Convicts

### Leave Robbery Trail

By International News Service. GRANT, Okla., Feb. 19.—Their trail marked by robberies and car thefts, 18 escaped prisoners of the Oklahoma state reformatory were still at large today in spite of searching parties that scoured western Oklahoma.

A recapitulation of Sunday's break when 31 convicts shot their way out of the institution came "With Gov. W. Marland's announcement that 18 of them were still at large."

ST. Paul Daily News 2-19-35

Waters would be removed as warden of the reformatory.

On the job as warden for eight years, Mrs. Waters' administration of the reformatory was under investigation for alleged brutality and laxity. She charged that the investigation had created serious unrest in the prison, resulting in the escape plot. Peter Jones, tower guard, was shot and killed by the felons.

Gov. Marland announced that a state board of affairs would select a man for the warden's position. Chairman L. M. Nichols added explanation:

"It is no place for a woman." Two smuggled pistols made Sunday's break possible, it was determined.

Posses were hunting the fugitives desperadoes in an ever-widening circle. Three of the convicts stole deputy sheriff's automobile in S. Paul, 20 miles from here, and were unharmed. Robberies and thefts occurred at Geary, Carleton, Long Wolf and Elk C.

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ST. PAUL--ADDITIONAL GUARDS WERE PLACED AROUND ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER IN THE COUNTY JAIL TODAY AS AUTHORITIES RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THREE MEN BELIEVED TO BE FUGITIVES FROM THE OKLAHOMA STATE REFORMATORY WERE HEADING TOWARD THE TWIN CITIES.

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**6 Extra Guards  
Added to Force  
At Ramsey Jail**

**Armed With Machine Guns  
and Under "Shoot to Kill"  
Orders.**

Six extra guards armed with machine guns have been added to the force of the Ramsey county jail, N. L. Risedorph, chief jailer, announced today.

He added that all the jail guards have orders to "shoot to kill" in the event of any attempted prison deliveries. The additional guards were placed on duty because of the presence in the jail of Arthur (Doc) Barker and others charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Risedorph asserted. They started on their tours of duty Sunday following the arrival at the jail of Jess Doyle and ~~Bone~~ Murray, two of the abduction defendants, he said.

*St. Paul Dispatch  
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Jesse Doyle (right) en route to trial with deputy.

## On Way to Jail

(International)  
**THE LAST ROUNDUP—**  
 The year-old kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer seems near solution. Ten have been arrested, and will face trial in St. Paul. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," and Jesse Doyle are the latest. Bremer paid \$200,000 for release.

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# GIRLS HELD IN KARPIS CASE



## TWO DELIVERED MIAMI

Unable to Get  
Women Are  
to Prison

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 19.—The Department of Justice has finished today delivering to the Federal Bureau of Investigation here the two women accused of being fugitive desperadoes Karpis and Harry Campbell. Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were brought to Miami yesterday from Philadelphia and lodged in the jail in default of \$25,000 each. They joined in the "Duke" Randall, and "Cassius" McDonald, who were brought to Miami from Detroit and Palm Beach. Free under bond were the keepers, Joe H. Adams and Nathan Heller of the court.

### Seized in Hotel

The young Atlantic City couple, who were seized in an attempt to escape from which they fled Miami. The party posing as a fugitive—Karpis and Dolores Delaney as "Mr. and Mrs. Wagner," Campbell and Burdette as "Mr. and Mrs. Summers"—to assist in the escape.

Dolores Delaney had been separated from the son of a wealthy family during imprisonment in Philadelphia and still wears a wound received over a wound received in Atlantic City shooting.

Karpis and Campbell were seized in Miami in an automobile. They heard Fred Barker had been killed. Mother, Kate, had been killed. Federal agents in Oklahoma.

### Hidden in Havana

The indictments charge the men and the women had lived temporarily in Adams' hotel from Nov. 14 and that Karpis in time concealed Karpis in Havana hotel he managed.

McDonald is charged with running Karpis' Cuban colouring Randall with purchasing in which the gangsters in with directing the women. by train to the Atlantic

### TO BE TRIED

Wynona Burdette (left) and Dolores Delaney (next) the girls Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. It behind as they shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City, arrive in Miami with a matron and detectives.

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## U. S. Agents Got Their Man— Didn't Know It!

It was learned yesterday that when federal agents captured Arthur ("Doc") Barker last month, they asked him:

"Have you seen 'Doc' Barker?"

Barker, by face-lifting and obliteration of fingerprints, was successful for a day in passing himself off as "Mr. Ascher," but he finally admitted who he was.

Through markings on a map found in the North Side apartment of Barker, now under indictment at St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, agents traced his mother and brother, Fred, to Oklawaha, Fla., where they were killed.

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*Chicago Herald & Examiner*

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## Ohio Hunts Karpis In Tourist Camps

MANSFIELD, O., Feb. 19 (AP). —Loyal Hartman, 22, reported to police that a man resembling pictures of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, stopped at a filling station today and inquired about tourist camps.

Police unsuccessfully searched all camps for the man who is sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

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## BREMER CASE 'CATCH' AIRED

### Volney Davis Nabbed Here in Auto Shop.

Details of the capture here of Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, who escaped from federal agents at Yorkville, Ill., February 7 after being taken from here the same day, were revealed Thursday to the Journal-Post by witnesses to the capture.

At the same time the question arose whether Alvin Karpis, St. Paul gangster, also wanted in connection with the Bremer case, is in Kansas City to wreak vengeance on those responsible for the apprehension of Davis.

Three months ago Mrs. Vinita Stacey, now held for the shooting February 6 of Mrs. Frances Taylor in front of 3413 Gillham road, purchased a Pontiac coach from a Kansas City dealer. She gave the name of "Mrs. Harper" at the time.

#### Agents Hear of Purchase.

Federal agents learned of the purchase two months later, but were unable to locate Mrs. Stacey or her companions in Kansas City.

February 4 a man drove the car into the United Motors Service shops at Twenty-fifth street and McGee trafficway. He ordered the car washed and said he would call for it the following day.

On the same day an employee of the dealer which sold the car to Mrs. Stacey saw it in the United Motors shops. Federal agents were notified and they immediately took up a

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## DETAILS BARED IN CAPTURE HERE OF BREMER SUSPECT

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vigil, waiting for the man to reappear.

The following day Mrs. Taylor was shot and the man did not call for the car. At 11:30 o'clock the next morning he appeared for the machine.

As he walked into the plant a federal agent, who had donned white overalls to appear as an employe, walked up to him. He commanded the man to stick up his hands. Seven other agents, three armed with machine guns, closed in on the suspect, who was Davis.

#### Gesture Toward Gun.

Employees of the United Motors Service company said Thursday that Davis started to reach for a gun in a shoulder holster. An agent leveled a machine gun at Davis and repeated the command to "stick 'em up."

The same employes who saw the capture picked out a picture of Davis Thursday to verify the story. The agents searched Davis and found two guns, one in a shoulder holster and another in his right hip pocket.

They placed him in a car and hurried him to the municipal airport, where a plane was chartered and piloted by Joseph Jacobson. The first statement by government agents announced that Jess Doyle was the suspect captured. However, after the suspect escaped at Yorkville when agents took off his handcuffs to permit him to drink a glass of beer it was revealed it was Davis and not Doyle.

Doyle was subsequently captured the next day near Girard, Kas., with Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit," and sister of Mrs. Stacey.

#### "Man Looked Like Karpis."

At the time employes of the United Motors Service company selected a photograph of Davis as the man captured by federal agents, a photograph of Alvin Karpis was selected by two employes as resembling a man seen near the agency last Monday morning.

"We noticed this man park a coupe about one hundred yards south of the plant," said one employe, who would not permit the use of his name. "He walked down in front and looked in and then walked back to the car again." This employe said the man "certainly looked a lot like Karpis."

The man has not been seen near the agency since. It is believed Karpis might have been in Kansas City with Doyle and Davis at the time and was preparing to avenge the capture of Davis by an assault on someone employed at the United Motors Service company.

It was reported by federal agents here that Karpis still is at large.

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**KIDNAPPING  
 BREMER**  
 A true bill of  
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 ing Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping  
 suspect, was returned today before  
 Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan,  
 just a few hours before Gleason  
 was to be arraigned before United  
 States Commissioner Edwin K.  
 Walker.

Gleason was arrested after Davis  
 had eluded two department of jus-  
 tice agents at Yorkville, Ill. Davis  
 came to Aurora and borrowed some  
 money from Gleason, who contend-  
 ed that he knew him under another  
 name as a hanger-on at the Aurora  
 race track. Gleason was held by  
 department of justice agents for  
 eight days, finally being booked  
 when his attorney threatened  
 habeas corpus proceedings.

When turned over to the United  
 States marshal he had two black  
 eyes and numerous bruises, and as-  
 serted he had been beaten-up by  
 the federal agents.

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CHICAGO--NOW THAT HE'S COOLED DOWN A BIT, MATTHEW GLEASON REALLY DOESN'T BLAME THE UNIDENTIFIED FEDERAL AGENT WHO PLANTED A BLACK RING AROUND HIS RIGHT EYE.

GLEASON IS ACCUSED OF HARBORING VOLNEY DAVIS, SUSPECT IN THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER OF ST. PAUL: FEDERAL AGENTS ARRESTED HIM TWO WEEKS AGO IN AURORA.

"THEY SAID I HID DAVIS AND I MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS," GLEASON EXPLAINED AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT. "ONE OF THEM SAID 'WE AGENTS ARE LIKE THE CANADIAN MOUNTIES, WE ALWAYS GET OUR MAN'."

"I SAID 'YES, AND THE MOUNTIES ALWAYS KEEP THEM.'"

"AND THEN THEY CLOUTED ME. IT WAS A GOOD WISECRACK, THOUGH, AND I FIGURE IT WAS WORTH A SHINER."

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*a lot of truth in this.*

*Recd to S.A.C. Conference  
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## Held in Bremer Kidnaping



Associated Press Wirephoto—Today's Pictures Today  
James Doyle, known as the "money changer," and Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," are shown as they waited Friday in jail at Kansas City, Kan., for action to be taken on the Federal charge that they conspired in the kidnaping of wealthy Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

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**Indicted Woman Hunted  
In Bremer's Kidnaping**

New York, Feb. 24 (P).—New York police tonight pressed a search for Myrtle Eaton, 32, who is under indictment in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, for \$200,000. The search was requested by the Federal Department of Justice.

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## Karpis Woman Aid Hunted on East Side

While New York police searched the underworld dives of the Ghetto yesterday for Myrtle Eaton, 32, pretty St. Paul brunette, a confederate of Alvin Karpis, notorious fugitive kidnaper, Omaha authorities believed they had eliminated two members of the Clyde Barrow gang, which has terrorized Central States for the last two years.

### Trail Gets Hotter



ALVIN KARPIS  
Police comb Ghetto for his alleged girl-accomplice.

In a running gun battle which cost the life of one policeman and the serious wounding of another, one of the gangsters, still unidentified, was shot and killed, while the other, James Smith, an ex-convict pal of Barrow, was captured.

### HAD MACHINE GUNS.

Both carried a large supply of weapons, including sub-machine guns.

The slain policeman, Raymond Wolf, and his wounded partner, Clarence Doehsen, picked up the trail of the two gunmen when they received a telephone call from a grocery store which had been robbed.

New York police were tipped off to the presence here of the Eaton girl by J. Edgar Hoover, head of

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## Killer Karpis's 'Moll' Hunted On East Side

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the Department of Justice, Washington. Karpis is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, paid \$200,000 ransom.

Like two other girls, Dolores Delaney, 22, who recently birth to a son, and Winona Dette, 23, former radio singer, were captured after Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell, had shot their way out of an Atlantic City police trap several weeks ago, the Eaton woman faces a Federal charge of harboring a fugitive.

In a Department of Justice "flyer," distributed all over the country, she is described as a notorious shoplifter, with aliases of Ruth Martin, Alice Martin, Sue Bond, Sue Hubble and Myrtle King. She has been arrested many times.

A native of Iowa, her closest relative is said to be Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones, a sister, living at 1113 S. E. Kirkwood Ave., Des Moines.

With 22 others, including Karpis and Arthur and Fred Barker, the Eaton woman was indicted by the St. Paul Federal Grand Jury on last Jan. 22.

A few days prior to Karpis' sensational escape in a hail of police bullets, Fred Barker and his mother, "Ma" Barker, were slain by Federal agents in their hideaway in Florida. And it subsequently was disclosed that Arthur Barker had been arrested in Chicago a few days earlier and had disclosed their whereabouts.

### KIDNAPED PHYSICIAN.

After fleeing from their Atlantic City hideout, leaving their two girl friends behind, Karpis and Campbell kidnaped Dr. Horace Hunsicker, Pennsylvania physician, and tossed him out of his own car several hundred miles westward, continuing on in his car in their mad flight.

Since then the car, badly damaged, was recovered where the pair had abandoned it in a lonely gully draining into the Truckee River, near Reno, Nevada. Karpis and Campbell are believed to be hidden out in the vicinity of San Francisco.

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## U. S. Hunts Woman With 6 Aliases in Bremer Kidnaping

If you know the whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton—also known as Ruth Martin, Ruth Hubbard, Sue Bond, Sue Hubble, Alice Martin and Myrtle King—notify the nearest office of the Department of Justice.

The Federal authorities broadcast a circular yesterday announcing that the woman, 32, weighing 126 pounds, and with black hair and gray eyes, is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker.

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1935.

**But Edna Murray Denies Part in Bremer Abduction.**

ST. PAUL, MINN., Feb. 25.—(UP)—Mrs. Edna Murray, known as Kansas City's "kissing bandit," admitted Monday that she and Volney Davis were in St. Paul on the day Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped and held for \$200,000 ransom. She denied, however, that she or Davis had any part in the abduction.

"I don't know this man Bremer from a load of coal," said the comely blond whose attractiveness belies her 35 years.

Both she and Davis, who escaped by dashing a stein of beer in a federal agent's face at Yorkville, Ill., three weeks ago while being transported from Kansas City, are under indictment in the kidnaping of the wealthy banker.

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**BREMER KIDNAP  
 CASE WOMAN IS  
 SOUGHT IN EAST**

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—New York police tonight, at the request of federal agents, pressed a search for Myrtle Eaton, also known as Ruth Martin, 32. She was indicted Jan. 22 this year in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. New York police records show she was arrested "for investigation" in Des Moines on Dec. 9, 1931, under the name of Ruth Martin, but later released.

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*Chicago Tribune*

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# U. S. Lays Kidnaping Of Bremer to Three

By the Associated Press.  
St. Paul, Feb. 25.—Assigning roles in kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, the Government will charge the actual abduction of the St. Paul banker to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and a third hoodlum, it was learned today. Campbell and Karpis recently shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel.  
The Government also will charge that Fred C. Goetz, university-trained bandit found dead in Chicago a month after Bremer's abduction, helped the late Fred Barker in "advance work" for the \$200,000 abduction. Wash Post 2-26-35

Washington Post  
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# Love Justified Aiding Barrow Mother State

## Bonnie Parker's Parents Offers Same Defense to Federal Jury

By the Associated Press.  
Dallas, Tex., Feb. 25.—The love of their mothers for Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker was held before Federal jury today as justification for harboring the slain bank couple when every law enforcement agency of the Southwest was seeking them.

Attorneys for the two women, Mrs. Cumbie Barrow, mother of Clyde, and Mrs. Emma Parker, mother of Bonnie, pleaded with the jury that mother love would not allow them to betray their children. "I loved my boy; I loved him," Mrs. Barrow testified in her own defense Saturday. Mrs. Parker did not take the stand.

The case against Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Parker and 18 other defendants was given to the jury late in the day. The jury began its deliberations, but Federal Judge W. H. McWell announced court would convene again until tomorrow morning.

## 18 Others Accused

For the 18 other persons accused of harboring the fugitives, killed in Louisiana last May by a group of officers headed by a former Texas Ranger, their attorneys pleaded lack of knowledge of formal charges pending against them as the case ended and legal arguments began. The Government alleges the defendants aided and harbored Barrow and Bonnie with full knowledge that they were wanted on Federal charges.

The fifth defendant to change his plea, John Basden, today entered a plea of guilty to the charge. Others who have changed their pleas at various stages of the trial are Mary O'Dare, former companion of Raymond Hamilton, fugitive; James Mullen; Joe Francis; and Mrs. Blanche Barrow, widow of the slain Buck Barrow, a brother of Clyde.

Judge William H. Atwell, at the opening of today's session, overruled motions for instructed verdicts acquitting Mrs. Emma Parker, Mrs. Mildred Hamilton, wife of Floyd Hamilton, Raymond's brother; Mrs. Steve Davis, mother of Raymond Hamilton; Marie Francis, sister of Clyde Barrow, and Andrew Ray Barrow.

## Bonnie's Sister Testifies

Billie Mace, sister of Bonnie Parker, the only witness presented today before the Federal jury, told how the families and associates of the slain couple were notified of planned meetings in the

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## REPORT KARPIS IN INDIANA

DETROIT, March 1.—(By International News Service.)—Michigan state police broadcast a bulletin early today that Alvin Karpis and three companions were reported driving between Elkhart and Mishawaka, Ind.

The bulletin said Karpis was in a Packard sedan bearing Indiana license No. M-1557. Karpis was said to have left Elkhart shortly after 7 o'clock.

All officers were warned to shoot to kill if they met the desperadoes.

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# 40 Are Indicted In Mail Robbery

CHICAGO, March 1 (U.P.). Forty persons were indicted on conspiracy charges by a Federal grand jury today in connection with the \$237,000 robbery of a bank messenger in December, 1931. Included was John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago politician, under indictment on charges of participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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# BOSS McLAUGHLIN, 39 REINDICTED IN U. S. MAIL HOLDUP

Outgrowth of \$237,000  
Robbery in Loop.

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, gambler and politician, and thirty-nine others were named yesterday in a blanket indictment charging them with conspiracy to dispose of bonds and securities stolen in the \$237,000 mail robbery which took place at Clark and Adams street on Dec. 9, 1932. The indictment was returned by the federal grand jury before Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

A second indictment charged twenty-two of the 40 defendants with actual possession of the bonds. All of those named have been indicted previously in groups of three and four in various parts of the United States. The present action, according to Assistant United States Attorney Edward A. Fisher, was taken in order to bring all the defendants together for trial in Chicago.

## Most of Bonds Recovered.

The indictments yesterday concluded an investigation which began when five gunmen leaped from their car at Clark and Adams streets, overpowered a mail carrier and his guard, and escaped with the securities. All of the \$100,000 in Liberty bonds taken have been recovered by postoffice inspectors, and most of the other stolen bonds also have been regained.

McLaughlin and Louis Wolfe, identified by investigators as a salesman who specialized in stolen bonds, were named as the ringleaders of the plot to sell the securities. Also named in the indictment was Attorney Clarke B. Richie, in whose office, according to the government, the conspirators met.

Murder and suicide marked the two year investigation of the theft and the disposal of the bonds. Edgar Lebensberger, once owner of the 225 club, Chicago night spot at 225 East Superior street; Gus Winkler, north side gang leader, and Ted Vergilio, Chicago labor racketeer and robber, met death as postal inspectors rounded up the gang.

## Trail of Suicide and Murder.

Lebensberger shot and killed himself when news leaked out that he was to be named in an indictment in October, 1932. Winkler was riddled by gangland guns in front of Charles Weber's beer distributing company, 1414 Roscoe street, on Oct. 9, 1932.

The conspiracy indictment charged that the 40 conspirators met in groups of three and four throughout the United States to make plans to dispose of the bonds. In Chicago, Attorney Richie's office, the 225 club, and a basement rendezvous at 20 West Lake street were used for planning sales and splitting profits, government agents said.

Besides McLaughlin, Wolfe, and Richie, the defendants named in both indictments include Sam [Baby Doll] Levick, Chicago professional bondsman; Sam Labow, Chicago druggist now serving a term in Leavenworth prison for another stolen bond case; Mocco F. De Grasse and his brother, Vincent, New York and Chicago gamblers.

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## List of Other Defendants.

Also named in the two indictments are Louis Fratto, former Capone aid; Bud Gentry, said to be a former Chicago night club owner and friend of Al Capone; Gus Anders, once a follower of the late Thomas Maloy, head of the movie operators' union, and Ralph Berger, Chicago restaurant owner. Others are James Weinberg, Chicago; Louis C. Parrott, Chicago; Charles [Cherry Nose Charlie] Joye, John M. Minnec, Al Miller, Chicago bond salesman; Harry A. Sodini, St. Paul Jeweler; Ernest C. Henning, Chicago importer; Joseph L. Vodak, Byron Carey, a man named only as "Joe," and Robert Polhamus, all of Chicago.

The following eighteen defendants are named only in the conspiracy indictment: Dave and Murice Fishman, Julius Riseman, and Attorney Thaddeus S. Stevens, all of Springfield, Ill.; Edgar Bagaroz, New York attorney; Dominick Gentile and Robert Roberts, New York; Doddridge Farrell, St. Louis; F. M. Colvin of Kansas City, Mo.; Clem Ehringer, Leon H. Winter, William H. Schultz, Louis Krlov, Bernard F. Spangler, Thomas H. Baird, William Graves, Joe Levin, and Edna Lovig.

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# U.S. RE-INDICTS M'LAUGHLIN IN LOOP-MAIL COUP

Thirty-Nine Others Accused;  
Speeding of Stolen Bonds  
by Airplanes Is Disclosed

With amazing disclosures about a huge stolen bond syndicate, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and thirty-nine others yesterday were re-indicted for the daring \$237,000 loop postal robbery of December 6, 1932.

The indictment revealed that the band operated from New York City to Dallas, Tex., often by airplane, disposing of bonds, stocks, currency and mortgages taken in the daylight raid on two postal clerks in front of the Commonwealth Edison Building.

All of the forty defendants have been indicted in various sections of the country, and the new indictment returned before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan is intended to bring all of them here for trial.

They are charged with conspiracy and possession of stolen securities.

Named with McLaughlin as leaders are Louis Wolfe, reputed salesman of stolen securities; Gus Anders, gunman for the late Thomas E. Maloy; Louis Fratto, former Capone lieutenant; Attorney Clarke B. Richie, in whose office sale of the stolen securities is alleged to have been arranged; Sam Levick, bondsman; Rocco F. and Vincent McGrasse, Chicago gamblers.

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## NEW INDICTMENT BARES SCOPE OF 'HOT-BOND' RING

The nationwide proportions on which a gang of dealers in stolen securities operated were revealed today following the reindictment of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and thirty-nine others for conspiracy to dispose of \$237,000 in bonds taken in a mail robbery at Clark and Adams street on Dec. 6, 1932.

All of the men named in the indictment had been indicted before in widespread sections of the United States and were named in a blanket charge by the federal grand jury here to bring them together for trial in Chicago.

Suicide and murder marked the investigation of the conspiracy. Edgar Lebensberger, owner of the 225 Club, night club and gambling joint, killed himself. Gus Winkler, former north side gang boss, and Ted Vergilio, a lesser light in the conspiracy, have since been murdered.

The indictment charges that the conspirators had rendezvous in Chicago, where plans were made for the distribution and sale of the stolen securities. It alleges that they gathered in the office of Attorney Clarke B. Richie, who was named in the indictment; at the 225 Club, 225 East Superior street, and in a basement spot at 20 West Lake street.

Postal inspectors spent two years in rounding up the gang and accounting for all of the securities stolen.

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### JOLIET CONVICT TO STAND TRIAL IN BREMER CASE

Oliver A. Berg, one of those indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, now is serving a sentence of ten years to life in Joliet penitentiary for another crime, it was learned yesterday. Berg is charged in the indictment with having handled some of the \$200,000 ransom money.

Berg, with Harry Linard and George Brown was sentenced in December, 1926, for the robbery of three jewelry salesmen of half a million dollars worth of diamonds on an Illinois Central passenger train near Urbana. All pleaded guilty. Berg and Linard originally were sentenced to life imprisonment, but these terms were changed by the Supreme court. They were granted liberty pending habeas corpus proceedings and Berg was a fugitive until he was captured last August.

It was reported yesterday that Berg will be taken to St. Paul to stand trial in April with the other defendants in the kidnaping case.

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**SUSPECT IN MAIL-  
LOOT PLOT HERE  
IS SEIZED IN N. Y.**

Louis Wolfe, 44 years old, who was one of forty persons indicted in federal court here Friday for conspiracy to dispose of securities taken in the \$237,000 mail robbery at Clark and Adams streets on Dec. 6, 1932, was arrested at his home in New York last night. Wolfe told the New York police that he had been in Chicago the day of the holdup. He denied, however, that he had anything to do with it.

Federal investigators have described John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and Wolfe as the leaders of the conspiracy. With twenty others, they were also indicted Friday for having possession of the bonds.

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# WOLFE, NAMED IN M'LAUGHLIN PLOT, SEIZED

Arrested as Fugitive in N. Y.;  
Admits His Friendship With  
'Boss,' but Denies Robbery

NEW YORK, March 2.—(U.S.)—  
Louis Wolfe, 44, accused of being  
the most successful disposer of  
stolen merchandise in New York,  
was locked up tonight as a fugitive  
from justice.

He was named in Chicago Friday  
in an indictment with James J.  
("Boss") McLaughlin and others in  
a conspiracy to dispose of bonds  
and securities stolen in a \$237,000  
mail robbery in Chicago in 1932.

Wolfe was seized on his way to  
a movie with his wife and her sis-  
ter.

Wolfe readily admitted that Mc-  
Laughlin is a good friend of his  
and that he was in Chicago De-  
cember 6, 1932, the day of the rob-  
bery, and left for New York by  
plane the following day. But he  
insisted he was innocent.

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**Facing Trial Here**



**LOUIS WOLFE.**  
[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

New York, March 4.—[Special].—  
Louis Wolfe, who is under indictment  
in Chicago in connection with a \$237-  
000 robbery of securities from the mail,  
and who was captured here yesterday,  
was arraigned today before United  
States Commissioner Isaac Platt.  
Wolfe's bond was fixed at \$5,000, and  
he is held pending removal to Chicago  
for trial. Indicted with Wolfe for con-  
spiracy to dispose of the stolen securi-  
ties are John J. [Boss] McLaughlin,  
Chicago politician, and thirty-eight  
others.

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## Release Asked In Karpis Case

MIAMI, Fla., March 6 (U.P.).  
A Detroit attorney indicated to-  
night that an attempt will be  
made to secure release on bond of  
Cassius McDonald, of Detroit, un-  
der six indictments charging har-  
boring and conspiracy to harbor  
Alvin Karpis, desperado. T. F.  
Kennedy, Detroit attorney, tele-  
graphed local officials here for in-  
formation regarding conditions  
under which the prisoner would be  
released.

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**VOTE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
 KIDNAPING OF BREMER SUBJECT**

A true bill charging Matt Gleason, Aurora tavern keeper, with harboring Volney Davis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, was returned today before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, just a few hours before Gleason was to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

Gleason was arrested after Davis had eluded two department of justice agents at Yorkville, Ill. Davis came to Aurora and borrowed some money from Gleason, who contended that he knew him under another name as a hanger-on at the Aurora race track. Gleason was held by department of justice agents for eight days, finally being booked when his attorney threatened habeas corpus proceedings.

When turned over to the United States marshal he had two black eyes and numerous bruises, and asserted he had been beaten up by the federal agents.

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## Buffalo Sightseer Jailed For Talking to Prisoners



AL MURRELL

**Al Murrell Has Hard Time  
Convincing Miami Po-  
lice He Isn't Linked  
With Karpis Gang After  
Chatting With Women.**

Special to the Buffalo Evening News.  
MIAMI, March 7.—It'll probably  
be a long time before Al Murrell, 27,  
Buffalo hotel employe, goes on an-  
other sightseeing tour around  
county jails.

At least, if he does, he won't be so  
quick about talking with the prison-  
ers.

Al was released from the tower of  
the Dade County courthouse Wed-  
nesday, 48 hours after he had gone  
there to see Miami from its lofty  
heights. The county jail is in the  
tower.

An observation platform is located  
on the 24th floor, and one floor  
above are prisoners' cells. Until  
Monday, when Mr. Murrell visited  
the tower, two notorious women  
prisoners occupied a cell overlook-  
ing the observation platform.

They were Delores Delaney and  
Wynona Burdette, who were await-  
ing trial on charges of concealing  
Alvin Karpis, fugitive gangster, in  
and near Miami.

But Mr. Murrell, who came here  
from Buffalo last December with a  
motoring party, didn't know that,  
so when the women addressed him  
from the window above, he cheer-  
fully conversed with them.

The next thing he knew was he  
was bundled into jail and it took  
two days for him to convince the  
authorities that he didn't know the  
women and certainly had no inten-  
tion of aiding them to escape.

The two women were arrested in  
Atlantic City Jan. 20, when police  
set a trap for Karpis and Harry  
Campbell, last of the Bremer kid-  
nap gang. The men escaped but the  
women, their alleged sweethearts,  
were captured and brought back to  
Florida.

Mr. Murrell is a former employe  
of Buffalo hotels. His uncle, O. L.  
Murrell, resides at 423 Baynes  
street, Buffalo.

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Held in Bremer Kidnap.  
CHICAGO, March 7 (US)—  
Charged with harboring Volney  
Davis, a suspect in the Bremer  
kidnaping in St. Paul, Matt Gleason,  
Aurora, Ill., tavern owner, today  
was indicted by a Federal grand jury.

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# **INDICT GLEASON IN DAVIS ESCAPE; LOSES HEARING**

An indictment charging Matthew Gleason of Aurora with having harbored Volney Davis after Davis had escaped on Feb. 6 from two government agents, was returned yesterday before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan. Davis escaped from the agents at Yorkville as one of them bought him a glass of beer. He had been taken to Yorkville after a plane in

which the party had flown from Kansas City was forced down nearby.

The voting and return of the indictment prevented a hearing which had been set for yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, when Gleason's attorney, Gerald Wiley, planned to bring out charges that Gleason had been beaten while he was held for seven days by federal agents without a warrant.

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The indictment charged Gleason with having harbored and concealed Davis in his home at 102 North 4th street, Aurora, a few hours after Davis escaped. Gleason said he told the agents Davis came to his home on that date, but that he did not know Davis was a fugitive.

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## FRIEND OF KARPIS PAL FALLS FLAT ON SQUEAL

Matthew Gleason, the Aurora tavern keeper whose eyes changed color during a week with federal agents, today was in the frustrated position of having a lot to say and no opportunity to do it.

Through his attorney, Gleason demanded an early trial on the government's charges of harboring Volney Davis, fugitive Karpis-Barker gangster. Gleason was all set to speak his piece on brutal treatment before U. S. Comr. Walker, but two hours earlier the grand jury had indicted him and the hearing was dismissed.

A new bond of \$3,000 was posted, and Gleason went away still

anxious to complain about having been severely beaten during questioning.

In his first public appearance after being in custody of department of justice men for a week, the tavern keeper displayed two black eyes and assorted bruises. The "shiners" were gone in his latest court appearance, but Gleason's intention to complain hadn't changed.

Gleason is charged with harboring Davis after the gangster eluded two federal agents in Taylorville. En route to Chicago from Missouri where Davis was seized, the agents stopped at a bar in Taylorville. Davis slugged the one guarding him and escaped.

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Chief Clerk's Office

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Statistical Section  
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## BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD IN CHICAGO

Word reached the Department of Justice late today of the arrest in Chicago of Bruno "Whitey" Austin, Minneapolis gangster, wanted for many months for complicity in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul more than a year ago.

Taken into custody for a local offense, he was jailed in Chicago and it is understood will be turned over to Federal authorities there for prosecution under an indictment returned in May, 1934, against various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which engineered the kidnaping.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of investigation for the Department of Justice, confirmed the report of Austin's arrest.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was seized and carried to a secret hiding place on January 17, 1934.

He was released near Rochester, Minn., on February 7, 1934, following the payment of \$200,000 to the Twin Cities gang, of which Austin was a member.

Fred Barker and his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, were shot down in Florida in January of this year by Department of Justice agents. Arthur Barker, a brother of Fred, is in jail in St. Paul. Alvin Karpis, coleader of the gang, is still at large.

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**Bremer Suspect—  
Is Named by U. S.**

**Bruno Austin Indicted in  
St. Paul Kidnaping.**

*By the Associated Press.*

Justice Department officials said yesterday that Bruno Austin, under arrest in Chicago, was one of the men indicted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, said Austin, arrested on the church steps after his wedding, was indicted for the St. Paul kidnaping under the name of "White."

Bremer, banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and held until February 4, when \$200,000 ransom was paid.

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# Putis Identified in Bremer Kidnaping

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 The Department of Justice yesterday confirmed reports that Bruno Putis, arrested in Chicago, has been identified as a member of the Bremer kidnaping ring. He was arrested January 20 charged with jumping bail and robbery.

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## Bremer Kidnaping Suspect Held

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation in the Justice Department, said today Bruno Austin, under arrest in Chicago, was one of the men indicted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn.

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## BREMER SUSPECT Newlywed Called 'Whitey'

### Arrested Leaving the Altar

Bruno Putas, the handsome youth arrested January 21 on the steps of Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral as he was leaving with his bride following the wedding ceremony, yesterday was revealed as an alleged member of the gang which obtained \$200,000 from Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, after holding him prisoner for three weeks.

Putas has been held since his wedding day arrest by Chicago police, ostensibly as a bond jumper in an automobile theft case.

But according to a statement made yesterday

in Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, Bureau of Investigation chief, this was done at direction of the federal government, which hoped to trap Putas' alleged accomplices, among them Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Hoover declared that Putas is the mysterious "Whitey," indicted in the Bremer case along with twenty-two others, twelve of whom are now accounted for.

Seven of those indicted, including

**MRS. MARIE PUTAS—Her bridegroom linked to kidnapers.**



Arthur ("Doc") Barker, co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, and three others said to be concerned in the actual kidnaping, are being held in St. Paul.

Three Chicagoans, "Boss" John McLaughlin, William Vidler, and Paul J. Delaney are free on bond. Oliver Berg is in prison in Joliet.

Putas and his pretty 18-year-old bride were coming down the church steps and pausing for the congratulations of friends and relatives when police dashed among the guests and grabbed the bridegroom. At that time he gave his name as Bruno Austin.

Since then Mrs. Putas has made half a dozen efforts to have him freed.

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# INDICT CAPTIVE HERE IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

## Bruno Austin Is Groom Arrested at Church.

### CRIMINAL COURT.

William Francis and John Avents, robbery, sentenced to 1 year to life, each, in the penitentiary.

Casimir Worth and Joseph Dreyer, larceny, sentenced to 1 to 10 years each in the penitentiary.

Eugene Davis and Houston Collins, robbery, sentenced to 1 to 20 years each in the penitentiary by Judge Harry B. Miller.

(Picture on back page.)

Bruno Austin, held in the Cook county jail since he was arrested almost two months ago on the steps of the Russian Holy Trinity cathedral as he was departing with his bride after their wedding ceremony, is under indictment in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy brewer. Department of justice officials revealed yesterday that Austin, under the name of Whitey, was one of twenty-two persons indicted for the ransom kidnaping. A detainer for his arrest is now in the hands of jail authorities.

He will be arraigned in Criminal court Thursday on a robbery charge before Judge Donald S. McKinlay. The federal government is expected not to move against Austin until the state is finished with him, although his arrest on the robbery charge was brought about by federal agents. Other captives named in the Bremer indictment will be tried in the April term of federal court in St. Paul.

Account for 12 of 22 in Gang.

Identification of Austin as one of the kidnapers now accounts for the whereabouts of twelve of the twenty-two persons named in the indictments. Seven of those indicted, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, are in jail in St. Paul. Three, John [Boss] McLaughlin, William Vidler and Paul J. Delaney, all of Chicago, are free on bond. One, Oliver H. Berg, is in Joliet prison, and Austin is in the Cook county jail on automobile theft charges. Among those still sought is Alvin Karpis, associat-

leader with Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Bremer was kidnaped on Jan. 17, 1934, and was released on Feb. 7 after payment of a \$200,000 ransom. Some of the ransom money has since been recovered, chiefly through the arrest of McLaughlin.

### New Family Remains Loyal.

Austin was arrested by state's attorney's police, acting on information from federal agents, just as the wedding party was leaving the church. Federal agents explained that the government preferred to have Austin in state custody.

His bride, the former Marie Benko, 18 years old, and scores of wedding guests almost precipitated a riot at the church, but were assured by Austin that it all was a big mistake. The bride and members of her family have reiterated their belief in Austin.

Department of justice agents in Chicago refused to reveal what part Austin is alleged to have played in the kidnaping, although St. Paul dispatches stated that Austin was in the conspiracy to kidnap, but probably not in the actual abduction.

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**BRIDEGROOM NAMED AS BREMER KIDNAPER.**  
 Bruno Austin, Chicago captive indicted in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, and his bride, Marie. Austin was seized recently as he left church after wedding.

(TRIBUNE Photos.)

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# LINK BARKER GANG TO HOLDUP HERE

The murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham, mowed down with a machine gun in the sensational Federal Reserve bank holdup on Sept. 22, 1933, was definitely linked to the Barker-Karpis gang today.

The announcement came from Harold E. Stassen, attorney for Dakota county in Minnesota, according to an Associated Press dispatch from South St. Paul.

## GUN IDENTIFIED

Stassen declared that he had received information from Washington also that the same machine gun used to kill Cunningham had been identified as the one the gang used in the \$30,000 payroll robbery in South St. Paul on Aug. 30, 1933, in which Officer John Yeaman was seriously wounded.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the notorious gang with Alvin Karpis, was captured here by department of justice agents early in January in a raid on his apartment at 432 Surf st. The machine gun was found in the apartment.

Barker is under indictment and awaiting trial in the \$200,000 kid-

napping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

## TESTS PROVE IT GUN

The machine gun used in the slaying of Cunningham and in the South St. Paul pay roll holdup, was stolen from the car of Officer Yeaman prior to the robbery. Stassen said he was notified that laboratory tests made on the gun in Chicago, showed it fired the bullets which laid low Cunningham and wounded Yeaman.

Cunningham was killed when he unwittingly stepped over to one of the two getaway cars the gang used, which had overturned. The bandits held up four federal reserve employees taking registered mail from the main postoffice to the bank. Five men carrying three machine guns engineered the robbery.

Scheduled to face trial in April with Barker are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, ex-Chicago politician; William Vidler and Phillip Delaney. Karpis is still at liberty and has been sought in Florida.

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# SEIZED GROOM NAMED BY U. S. IN KIDNAP GANG

At first, Bruno Austin was just a happy young man being married.

All that was changed on the steps of the Russian Holy Trinity cathedral as he was departing with his bride of two minutes. State's attorney's police seized him on a larceny charge.

But even so, he hoped for leniency. His bride, pretty Marie Brenko Austin, 18, pleaded for him. She promised to keep him "straight."

Today, though, Bruno was in serious trouble, named by federal agents as a reputed member of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, who paid \$200,000 for freedom.

## 11 OTHERS FACE TRIAL

With revelation of the real reason Bruno has been detained in the



Mrs. Marie Austin Bruno Austin

county jail since his arrest Jan. 21 two minutes after he became Marie Brenko's husband, came the information today that he is under indictment at St. Paul as one of the 22 men charged with the Bremer abduction.

Eleven others in the Bremer case face trial during the April term of the U. S. Dist. court in St. Paul.

Austin is to be arraigned in Criminal court here Thursday before Judge McKinlay. He is charged with stealing an auto and jumping bond.

## U. S. DELAYS ACTION

The statement that Bruno Austin is not just a young man who wishes he could go back to his pretty bride, nor even a young man who stole an automobile, was made from Washington by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice. Hoover said Bruno was linked with Alvin Karpis, current contender for the title of Public Enemy No. 1.

Department of justice agents here declined to say how Austin is connected with the kidnaping. It was understood, however, that he is not suspected of the abduction itself.

The government men said they will make no effort to prosecute him until the auto larceny case is settled in Cook county.

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**BARKER GUN IN**

**CHICAGO SLAYING**

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# BULLET TESTS LINK CITIES IN RAIDS

Bremer Kidnap Case  
Retakes Its Place  
in Law's Record.

The notorious Arthur ("Doc") Barker-Alvin Karpis gang of outlaws today was linked with two sensational holdups, one of them staged in Chicago September 22, 1933, when Policeman Miles Cunningham was slain.

In a copyrighted dispatch The Associated Press revealed that Harold E. Stassen, Dakota County attorney at South St. Paul, had received information from Washington definitely associating the hoodlum with the two crimes.

The arrest in Chicago of Barker, now held in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was first disclosed in an exclusive story in The Chicago American.

## GUN IS IDENTIFIED.

Stassen announced today that the machine gun found in Barker's Chicago apartment during the raid which brought his arrest has been identified after laboratory tests here, as the weapon which was stolen from the car of Officer John Yeaman in a \$30,000 payroll holdup at South St. Paul August 20, 1933.

The county attorney explained:

"Through ballistic tests we also have established that the bullet which dropped Officer Cunningham in Chicago came from one of the machine guns used in the South St. Paul holdup.

"A machine gun bullet taken from a telephone post near the South St. Paul office matched up perfectly with those used in the Federal Reserve holdup in Chicago."

In the Chicago crime four employees of the Federal Reserve Bank were taking a consignment of registered mail from the main post-office to the bank.

## OFFICER SHOT DOWN.

Five men carrying three machine guns shot down Cunningham at Adams and Halsted sts. when he unwittingly stepped over to one of the two getaway cars that overturned.

Though serial numbers of the machine gun stolen at South St. Paul were obliterated, tests at Washington, Stassen learned today, showed it belonged to the South St.

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# Bullets Link Barker to Holdups in 2 Cities

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Paul police department. This weapon was found by Department of Justice agents in the Barker apartment at 432 Surf st. when he was arrested January 8.

Karpis and Harry Campbell, who shot their way out of a trap in Atlantic City a few months ago, were known to be associating with Barker and his brother Fred, since killed by federal men in Florida, at the time of the two outstanding holdups in 1933.

## SAME AUTO USED.

Both Karpis and Campbell are under indictment as kidnapers of Bremer.

County Attorney Stassen revealed that a seven-passenger Hudson sedan was used in both the South St. Paul and Chicago stick-ups. License plates stolen from Mrs. Nellie B. Condict of Duluth, which were on the Hudson in the South

St. Paul crime, were found in a car, abandoned after the Chicago holdup.

Inside the sedan authorities found Illinois, Kansas, Georgia, New York, Florida and Minnesota licensed plates.

Two policemen, Yeaman and Plak, were shot down in the day South St. Paul holdup, wherein Swift & Co. pay roll was seen from two young messengers.

It was also revealed by Department of Justice agents in Washington that Bruno Putis, alias Whid alias Austin, had been identified as a member of the Bremer kidnap ring.

Austin was arrested several months ago as he was leaving church following his marriage. He had been charged with robbery before he was linked with the Bremer case.

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## LEFT AT THE CHURCH *Bridegroom Held*



**MRS. BRUNO AUSTIN**  
JUST AS SHE and her husband were leaving a church in Chicago after having been married, the bridegroom was arrested on a charge of robbery. It is now revealed that he is involved in the receipt of the \$200,000 ransom in the Bremer kidnaping. International Photo.

## JAIL NEWLYWED AS KIDNAPER

CHICAGO, March 13.—Strange romances are not new to Chicago, and it is axiomatic that any kind of a story can break in the Loop or outside of it.

But even blasé Chicago wondered a bit when Bruno Austin, Minneapolis gangster, was picked up by police as he was leaving church with his bride.

Austin is wanted by Federal authorities as a member of the Karpis-Barker gang which kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and held him in a secret hideout until they collected \$200,000 in ransom money.

Did his bride know when she married him that he belonged to the underworld, or was she dazzled by his apparent wealth, assuming it to have been acquired legitimately?

Her own story is yet to be told. Meanwhile the honeymoon is off.

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### BANK ROBBERY

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#### Shown by Ballistics.

The connecting links between the crimes were brought out by ballistic tests of machine gun bullets, Attorney Stassen said. Barker, now awaiting trial for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was arrested in an apartment at 432 Surf street on Jan. 8.

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#### Surround Bank Guards.

The Chicago robbery occurred when four employees of the federal reserve bank were taking two sacks of first class mail to the bank from the post-office. The robber gang, riding in two cars, leaped to the street, surrounded the bank employees, and threatened them with shotguns. One of the cars was abandoned at the scene.

At Adams and Halsted streets the bandit car collided with another automobile and overturned. Policeman Cunningham was shot to death as he approached to investigate the accident. The bandits then commandeered the automobile of a passing motorist and escaped.

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**Police Killers**  
**Machine Gun Links**  
**Barker and Karpis**  
**in 2 Deaths**

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**KIDNAP CASE 'KISSING BANDIT'  
SOUGHT AS ESCAPED CONVICT**



Edna Murray . . . more weas.

St. Paul, Minn., March 15 (AP).—A detainer to hold Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," for the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., has been received by the U. S. marshal's office here.

The woman is in the county jail here awaiting trial on a charge of participating in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. She is wanted to serve out an unexpired term for robbery in Missouri, where she escaped from prison.

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The nation-wide drive on criminals was directed by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau against all those whose lawlessness is the concern of the Treasury Department. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of narcotics, liquor and property of the criminals, including a cabin cruiser and many cars, was taken.

From those arrested here the government hopes to learn the source of the dope supply for which, it is estimated, 15,000 to 25,000 Chicago addicts pay five million dollars a year.

### **Mrs. Bass Busy**

Mrs. Elizabeth Bass, head of the federal narcotics bureau here, will return today from Washington to make plans for another series of raids in Chicago tomorrow.

Because she had gone to Washington to confer with her superiors in the Treasury Department, yesterday's raids were carried out on her orders by her assistant, Thomas Cummings, and Lieut. William Cusack of the police narcotics squad.

The raids were made in the early morning hours and the government agents and police who co-operated acted so swiftly and secretly that news of their activities did not leak out until all their prisoners had been locked up.

The Chicago drive followed a two-week survey by federal undercover men who had made purchases and located most of the dealers. Similar surveys had been made throughout the country, many of

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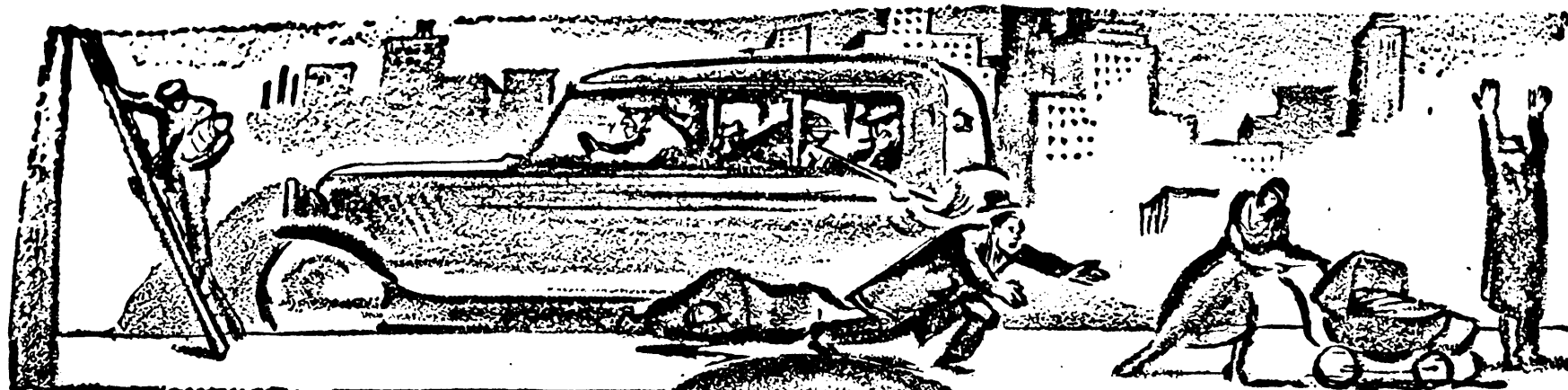
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Continuing the Exclusive Story of Her Bloody Career and Inevitable End.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

SIX hours of constant bombardment had passed, during which 1,500 rounds of ammunition had been poured into the upper windows of the Barker citadel, where "Ma" Barker, the "brains" of the ruthless band of bandits of that name, crouched with her son Fred, weakling spawn of the outlaw breed, firing back between choking spells as tear gas bombs spread their acrid stench. Then came a lull in the firing.

"Come out, Ma; nobody'll get hurt," shouted a G-man.

Derisive laughter, and a salvo of shots, was the answer—a fusillade that almost tore away the cover behind which the Federal officer crouched.

And when, moments later, another appealed to Fred to give his mother a chance, the old crone croaked:

"He ain't giving himself up and I don't want a chance from the likes of you. Come and get me."

Hours later, they came and got her—all that was left to get. In one corner lay this pampered, psychopathic son, eleven slugs in one shoulder and three in his head. By the window was all that was left of Arrie Kate Barker, the inevitable machine gun cradled in her blousy old bosom.

One shot had finished her. She never knew that another of the clan, Arthur "Doc" Barker, had given her the finger when arrested in Chicago.

She was his mother and he loved her, as apparently all the Barkers loved. She also was reputedly The Brain that planned, executed and successfully carried through the \$200,000 Bremer "snatch," perhaps even the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, perhaps the William Hamm job and innumerable bank and payroll coups that brought Doc and his brothers at least a half million dollars in less than a year.

But police pressure must have been heavy or else Doc elected to forget

# MA BARKER

## Deadly Spider Woman

The Exclusive Story of the Amazing Double Life of America's Most Notorious Feminine Criminal

the old hag's teachings, for he hardly lived up to the Barker tradition. Neither did another brother, Lloyd, now in Leavenworth. But, at least, they lived.

That's more than can be said for the rest of the family, unless you want to include the father, George, who quite pointedly doesn't wish to be included. He quit them cold a dozen years ago when he saw where they were headed and now is a humble but honest auto camp attendant near Joplin, Mo. Herman, another son, either was killed or committed suicide while resisting arrest.

Yes, old George lives. But another of Ma's husbands doesn't. Benign as a deacon in appearance, his name was George W. Dunlop, the father of a St. Louis policeman. And one morning, the cops found old Dunlop, nude to the neckband and "shot through and through," as the reports of the Burns men so aptly put it, on the shore of a Minnesota lake. The tracks of two men and a woman were found by the body.

The Burns men, who had followed the bloody trail of the Barkers through Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and a good part of the North American continent, seemed to entertain few doubts as to who the woman was who made these tracks.

After all, they knew their woman!

Hadn't they spent patient, tedious months trying to catch up with this withered, unseen hand that pulled the strings and made the puppets dance? Hadn't the G-men gone after Fred and "Doc" and the elusive Alvin Karpis largely with the idea that, if they got these murderous errand boys, they must inevitably get The Brain?

The Feds and the Burns men quite obviously operated together on this premise, as J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, practically admitted after the Oklawaha executions:

"They were the most dangerous and intelligent gang we had to cope with. No individual was safe as long as they operated. And Ma Barker was the directing genius. We had to get her—and we did!"

Ironically, the combination Female Fagin and Calamity Jane had to die to hit the headlines. Before that, nobody knew her—so wily was she—except the G-men, the Burns men and the trigger men of the underworld.

Dillinger, it seems, knew her quite well. So apparently did Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly, the Urschel snatchers. Her manifold

implicated in the St. Valentine massacre at Chicago and another, now a fugitive from charges of having harbored Dillinger, being hooked up with the purchase of the gun that shot Arnold Rothstein!

In the same way as befell the associates of that legendary gunwoman, Calamity Jane, whose weird Wild West career strangely parallels that of her modern prototype, so did many of the Barkers under Ma come to an unfortunate finish. Fred, her pet killer and light of her filial eye, lay with her on the floor of that Florida hideaway. Herman died apparently by his own hand, Arthur "Doc," the only conspirator available, probably will do life or worse for the Bremer business and other things—many other things. Old Man Dunlop, his receptively mild features long since composed in death, met his finish when the gang decided he was an encumbrance—probably a too garrulous encumbrance. And Son Lloyd is in Leavenworth.

Dressed in buckskin and with a face that might cause horses to climb telegraph poles, Calamity stares forth from the pages of history upon a now decadent age of lawsuits and pink teas and a total disregard of a person's liberty. And when they picked up Ma in that room down there in Florida, she was seamed and bloated and ugly, with a face as hard as a stove lid.

It apparently had not always been so. Once in those dead, old days back there in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, she seemingly had been small, even a little petite. They say she was blonde, weighed about a hundred pounds and had small features. Her devotion to her sons, even then headed toward lawlessness, was the only thing about her that seemed to impress the neighbors.

She minded her own business, went to church regularly—and never tangled with the law. Indeed, she spent much of her time trying to get her boys out of its clutches.

Some say she followed them across the dead line just to be with them. Others insist that, in spite of her fair hair, she had Indian blood in her

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## Guidance of Their Frenzied Mother

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veins and that she was motivated by a spirit of rancorous vengeance, a sense of injustice that might very well inspire one of Indian blood to run amuck.

Anyhow, they put the collar on Lloyd for a mail-pouch job he claimed was the work of another. And they once sent "Doc" up for life in connection with the murder of a night watchman. He always maintained that he was framed.

Be that as it might, Ma Barker soon was launched upon a career of crime that has known few parallels in history. They say she wasn't a bad looking dame at the start but when they picked her up in a dust pan down in Florida, the guesses on her age ranged anywhere from 55 to 67.

She looked more like 80 in her red checkered house dress, her seamed countenance and her fat, blousy middle. Beyond a doubt, said the God-dle, fearing neighbors before the shooting, this mysterious woman from the North was badly in need of a beauty parlor and beyond any further doubt, she had traveled far down the ladder of even outward respectability with her bad-boy sons. Why, she hadn't even been able to make good her boast of dying with her boots on.

When G-men finally moved "in on" Ma's dead body, they found it bare footed.

The long arm of coincidence—or was it the pointing finger of fate, as it grew upon the horny hand of the smug-faced, squealing Arthur "Doc" Barker—figured dramatically in this bloody denouement, for it was a year almost to the day and hour since Edward G. Bremer had been lifted from the bosom of his family by Ma's gang when the G-men cautiously closed in on the smoking and now silent cottage at Oklawaha, Fla., to mop up what was left of the cross kidnapping combination.

Gazing on Ma's remains at that time, it would have been difficult to persuade the distressed Bremer that the most perfect "snatch" plot of modern times had been hatched in

that acute but distorted mind.

Dillinger certainly didn't think that he was placing himself in jeopardy when he sought sanctuary in her organization when the minions of the law became "unreasonable"—he had no idea that Ma was the mastermind and that her vicinity was a "hot-spot" in which to seek security.

"Shoot to kill," was Ma's dictum to her four sons, when once she entered actively into their schemes. Later, it was only two sons because Herman, the eldest, was snuffed out in an affray with peace officers and Lloyd wound up doing a 20-year stretch at Leavenworth prison.

"Shoot 'em," she usually added, "and if they want to ask questions after that, make a date with them in the morgue. Never be taken alive."

Down in Oklawaha, she and Fred obeyed the Barker tradition to the last shuddering breath, and even in death, her black eyes were vindictive.

Why? They saw Ma, in spite of her blond hair, was of Indian blood. She was born Arizona (that sounds Indian, doesn't it?) Clark in the Ozark foothills of Missouri. They also say that once, when small and petite and more than passable pretty, she had been a devoted housewife and mother. She went to church regularly, minded her own business (even when the "boys" didn't mind their's) and, in the words of the family physician in the old days around Joplin, Mo.:

"She was an honest, hard-working woman."

All that time, the "boys" were in jail and out—Fred for unexplained possession of a "shot" car; Doc for bumping an aged, harmless night watchman; Herman for almost anything.

At the age of fourteen, Herman



"Ma Barker" Looking a Little More Gentle Than She Did When Federal Agents Closed in on the Barker Citadel and Met a Salvo of Hot Lead From Her Guns.

school, where their marks were above the average, and she had cooked and scrubbed and kept house for the lot. And now she was through!

So was old George. He was through paying fines and cringing every time the door bell rang. He jumped out on his own and finally wound up as the poor but honest caretaker of an auto camp outside Joplin.

"Keep me out of it," he now says, rather bitterly, and there isn't much difficulty about doing that. Old George undoubtedly has been out of it for more than ten years.

Old Ma, meantime, was very much in. Her sons were adjudged guilty, even when innocent, she insisted. All right; she was a guilty outlaw, too.

They say it was the Indian blood. An Indian, you know, is never so dangerous as when he feels a sense of injustice. While this is a theory, there must be something to account for this woman of amazing contradictions.

They killed and gloated over it; yet Ma remained somewhat religious, with a particular complex for the teachings of Raymond T. Richey, the Texas evangelist.

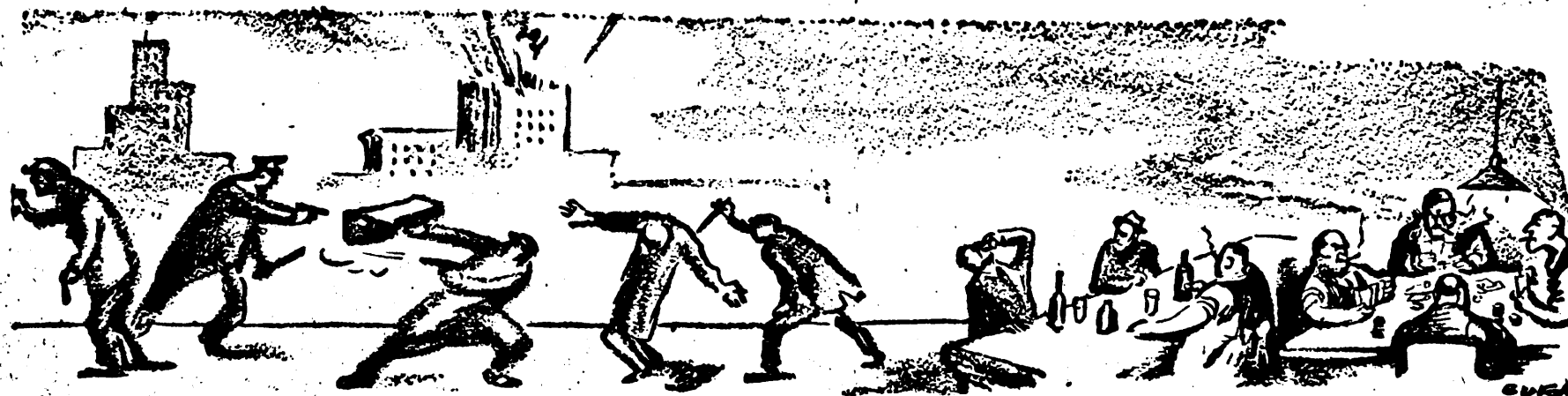
Maybe she was consistent enough with this not to order any killings on Sunday! We doubt it. Apparently, the Barkers, with Alvin Karpis, killed who and where they pleased—and it usually pleased them no end.

Yet, with each other, they were an almost unwholesomely devoted clan. "To my darling little pal," writes Lloyd from jail, and then winds up with the conventional x's the lover sends to his sweetheart—and these words:

"Love and kisses to my darling little pal."

His darling little pal was then not less than 55 and looked 80, with a paunch that only an ex-brewer could love.

**NEXT WEEK:** How Ma's innate hatred of the police led her to urge her sons on to some of the most brutal and unnecessary killings in the history of crime, and how she incurred the eternal enmity of one woman because of one cold blooded murder.



Artist Burck's Conception of the Deadly Spider Woman and the Murderous Activities of Her Sons Which She Directed. Three of the Boys Are Shown at Left—Herman, Arthur "Doc" and Freddy, Two Dead, the Other in Jail.



**More New  
Facts About the  
"Spider Woman" and Her  
Boys Who—Weaned on Revolvers—  
Graduated to Machine-Guns Under**

lifted a diamond ring of his mother's and the Burns records show that Ma had to wrestle for it. He didn't last long but, from the standpoint of the Barker boys, he had the right idea. And from the standpoint of Ma at that time, her boys were perfect. "My boys would be good boys if the police would let them alone," she used to say, a little plaintively and with misguided optimism.

She was busy at that time, trying to keep the boys in order and her real husband, George Barker, appeased. The blow-off came about ten years ago. George drifted away, seeking only peace and quiet. Ma, on the other hand, boldly cast her lot with her pampered sons.

She turned against law

and, in doing so, made a complete right-about-face. Instead of becoming a passive accessory, she went all the way and became the "brain," the ring-leader of the most desperate band of criminals that America in all probability has yet known.

"Neither an individual nor his property was safe while they lasted," says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice. "In many ways they were the smartest outlaws we've encountered. And Ma was the mind behind their operations. She was so smart that we never got anything on her—although we know plenty. We had to kill her to catch up with her."

And, again we ask, why this abrupt transition from respectability to dishonor, from trig young womanhood to a steamy, hard-faced, vindictive old war horse?

Down in the Ozark country and through Oklahoma, Kansas and neighboring States (note the parallel to the James Boys), they say that Ma made her decision after "Doc" was convicted of the night watchman murder and Lloyd went up for unseemly familiarity with a Government mail pouch.

From that moment, Ma is said to have given up the unequal struggle. She had dressed her boys well in Missouri, where Husband George was an ore-handler. She had sent them to school where their marks were above





## PAPER REVEALS KIDNAP PLOT

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Breaking up of the Barker-Karpis mob by Federal agents may have prevented the actual carrying out of the plans, the newspaper said.

As originally outlined, the plans called for the "grabbing" of Mr. Lilly, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, on the eighth fairway of the Somerset golf course, just south of St. Paul. Mr. Hill was to be seized, according to the proposal, at his chalet at North Oaks Farm, vast estate just north of St. Paul established by James J. Hill, his father, the "Empire Builder."

Each was to be held for \$500,000 ransom, the newspaper said.

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## Reveal Plot to Kidnap Two for \$1,000,000 Ransom

(Copyright, 1935, by The United Press.)  
 St. Paul, Minn., March 20.—A plot to kidnap two St. Paul men for \$1,000,000 ransom—the greatest in the nation's history—was discussed by the Barker-Karpis gang while Edward G. Bremer was held captive at Bensenville, Ill., early last year, the United Press learned today. Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934. He was freed on payment of \$200,000.

The victims were to be Louis W. Hill, son of the famous empire builder, and Richard C. Lilly, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, the largest financial institution in the northwest.

Smashing of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang in recent months by department of justice operatives undoubtedly prevented carrying out of the plot.

### 'Finger Man' Named.

Information regarding the plot has been turned over to the division of investigation of the department of justice.

The alleged "finger man" in the plot was to be a St. Paul man who would receive \$200,000 as his share of the \$1,000,000, federal operatives

were told. He was prepared to furnish the gang with a detailed sketch of the intended victims' daily routine. He would name the exact moment when they could be most easily seized.

Hill was to be kidnaped, according to the proposal placed before the gang and reported to federal agents, from his chalet at North Oaks farm, vast estate north of St. Paul established by James J. Hill, his father and pioneer railroad baron of the northwest.

### Links Chosen as Scene.

Lilly was to be seized from the eighth fairway of the Somerset golf course, just south of St. Paul. The fairway parallels Dodd road, a paved state trunk highway.

Each would have been held for \$500,000.

Agents to whom this information was given were told, also, that the alleged "finger man" informed the gangsters that he was well connected in St. Paul. He told them, agents learned, that he had disposed of a major portion of the \$200,000 loot of the Denver mint robbery of 1933. He also had aided in disposition of negotiable bonds stolen in various bank robberies since that time.

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**ST. PAUL--A PLOT TO KIDNAP TWO ST. PAUL MEN FOR A MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM WAS DISCUSSED BY THE BARKER-KARPIS GANG WHILE EDWARD G. BREMER WAS HELD CAPTIVE IN BENSENVILLE, ILL., EARLY LAST YEAR, THE UNITED PRESS LEARNED TODAY.**

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE PLOT HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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## KARPIS KIDNAP PLOT FOILED

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Federal agents have been informed Hill and Lilly were to have been held for \$500,000 ransom each. An alleged "finger man" in the plot was said to be a St. Paul man who asked \$200,000 as his cut of the total ransom "take."

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Relatives said Chief Wagner, who was 36, had been moody since the Bremer hiding place was exposed.

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# MA BARKER

## Deadly Spider Woman

*The Gruesome Slaughter of an Officer, Adding a Doubly Bloody Fillip to the Triple Murder That Marked a St. Paul Payroll Snatch.—Another Chapter in the Life-Story of This Gun-Mad Mother and Her Breed of Assassins.*

**I**T was the old Jesse James trail all over again—for Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and their gang—before that final blow-off at Oklawaha, Fla., which wiped out a viper's nest and its evil spawn. There were bank and post office jobs in Shamrock, Tyrone, Ripley, Boley, Inola and Bixby—Oklahoma towns; also Concordia, Benton and Oxford, Kansas, with a broad and bloody trail leading through Missouri.

And all this time the withered fingers of spidery, crafty Ma Barker, like satanic tentacles, controlled the skeins on which dangled the fate of desperadoes whose activities hit the headlines on an average of once a week.

One of Ma's minor satellites, Harry Sawyer, hid out Dillinger. Ma may even have done so herself, down there by the railroad tracks in Tulsa, for she was the "roundhouse" of all criminal information. But from Ma nothing could be learned. Any time there was a stick-up or a killing the cops always arrived too late.

"Yeh, I know," she used to greet them at the door, "Willie's been knocked off. Now, beat it. There's nobody here."

There never was. Ma was always

tipped—sometimes ahead of the press association reports—and any outlaws she was harboring had a chance to "lam."

They were all living up in St. Paul with Dunlop. Old Man Barker's successor, renting a residence under an assumed name—Karpis, Fred Barker, Ma and Old Arthur. Then, one morning, they found Old Arthur's body on the shores of a Minnesota lake, surrounded by the tracks of two men and a woman. The latter were never traced. Neither—for some years to come—were Ma and Fred and Alvin. It was said at the time that Dunlop was in the way. He was too old to get around when they had to jump town, for one reason or another—and mostly both. Lucky, perhaps, that his predecessor, Old Arthur Dunlop, Hubby No. 1—now an honest and harmless auto attendant near Joplin, Mo.—had left Ma when he did.

Another of Ma's men, Eddy Hogan, carelessly stepped on his auto starter one day in St. Paul and was blown to perdition. Before this encouraging development, however, Hogan was understood to have had some part in the St. Valentine Day massacre of the "Bugs" Moran mob in Chicago. More than that, Hogan and Sawyer, according to the relentless Burns pursuers, were even in on one of the biggest underworld murders of the generation—they were with the unidentified men who bought the gun that killed Arnold Rothstein!

Yes, Ma and the boys were riding high and even going higher. A little more than a year ago Edward Bremer was picked out of the routine of his life at Rochester, Mich., and not returned until the sum of \$200,000 was duly paid and posted. William Hamm, a St. Paul brewer, was also "lifted"



*Her Itching Trigger-Fingers Worked So Fast That She Fairly Ran to Meet Her Fate.*

were suspected on general principles, nothing definite was ever proved against them. Ma liked to do her jobs clean!

They even claim—that is, Ma and Fred and the rest—they had no connection with the Union Station massacre in Kansas City, although the Barkers were in town that day and the prisoner the assassins attempted to "deliver" was Frank Nash, a member of their old Central Park gang back in Tulsa!

But quite the most malicious job was the way Ma's darlings finished that cop in St. Paul three years ago. They shot, both of them, without giv-

ing the man a chance for his life. They could have avoided actual murder. But apparently they didn't want to. They quite obviously wanted the man dead.

It all grew out of a payroll snatch, one policeman having accompanied the messengers into the bank, where all three were knocked off without ceremony. Meantime, there was a cop at the curb in his automobile and he was potted by a man at a hamburger stand—these Burns accounts are so vivid—15 feet up the street.

The hamburger fancier hadn't waited for developments. He shot while all was tranquil and serene. More than that, having scored his bull's-eye, he went over to the officer on the floor of the car and drilled him again.

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In other words, he didn't want to incapacitate this gent. He desired to have him completely ever with.

Nor was that all. The payroll boys, stepping out of the cowed bank a minute later with their arms full of heavily-laden canvas sacks and an impulsive machine gun or two, were ready to spray the street, but, seeing no need, they did the next best thing. They went over to that already dead policeman on the floor of his car and gave it to him again, just by way of emphasis and for good measure.

Such was the Barker-Karpis gang, with old Ma, inspired by an innate hate of cops, who, she believed, had convicted two sons without benefit of

We wouldn't care to stop a career of highly successful to an end because Ma made one mistake. Rather, we would say that she made three. She thought too little of her son, Doc, who squealed. She

**When Gallant Sheriff Kelly Fell, His Wife Swore to Avenge His Murder and She Stalked Ma Barker to Her Appalling Finish.**



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## MA BARKER--Deadly Spider Woman

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thought too little of the United States Government.

But, worse than that, she had these trigger-fingers working so fast that two of them went off and killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly down in West Plains, Mo.,—without warning or reason.

"Only a hick peace officer," must have been the thought as Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis mowed him down, disdainfully. "Served him right for asking questions." And then they gave it no further thought—because

their thought was all concentrated upon a getaway from the scene.

These trivial interruptions were a fly in their ointment—just a fly. They had just stuck up a store—just a little \$2,000 jest between-times, with the really important jobs ahead, and already fermenting in that master-minding brain of Ma Barker. But the mere fly must have been a dragon-fly. They had such scant time to get out of town, with the news of the most cold-blooded murder of the territory spreading like wildfire, that one leaped from the car and dodged through the streets and alleys of the town to effect his escape from the gathering mob while the other threw his car in second or high and started with a jerk that would shake off anyone who might have jumped the running-board.

They both got away—that is, they got away from the usual type of pursuit. It was a snap, so these arrogant "big shot" executioners told each other, to give the slip to these country mobs who were so imbued with a sense of fearlessness that they thought it necessary to advertise their advent by sticking out their chests—and making excellent targets of themselves.

But there was one, the most interested of them all, among the outraged citizens they had left behind, who, later developments proved, was not playing the game that way. She—for it was a she—matched their skill, and outmatched it. If Ma Barker was partly an Indian, as is claimed, this woman, although 100 per cent Caucasian, might have been a full-blooded savage, for she stalked her prey as only a full-blooded redskin could. And, with that same all-consuming passion for vengeance, hounded and worried Ma as a mastiff might please to prolong the life of a rat.

That woman was Mrs. C. R. (Lulu) Kelly, wife of the slain sheriff. And it was now woman against woman. At last Ma Barker had overmatched herself.

**NEXT WEEK:** The graphic fact-story, in all its amazing details, of how Ma Barker, she-devil of America's most brutal outlaw band, sicked the remnants of her blood-mad murderers on their last job.

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## KARPIS GIRL AIDES GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Two Sentenced After Secret Hearing for Harboring Public Enemy.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., March 25.—Winona Burdette and Delores Delaney, the girls Alvin Karpis left behind, unexpectedly were brought into Federal court today and at a secret hearing before Judge Halsted L. Ritter were sentenced to five years' imprisonment on charges of harboring the public enemy No. 1.

A cordon of Federal agents, heavily armed with machine guns and revolvers, suddenly rushed the two girls into the chambers of Judge Ritter and 40 minutes later sped away from the Federal Building to an unannounced destination.

United States District Attorney John Holland revealed that the prisoners were brought here last night from a jail at Jacksonville, but other than that neither he nor any other Government agents would discuss the case.

It is possible the place of their confinement will be at the Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, W. Va.

The women were brought to Miami February 17, following their arrest in Atlantic City when Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, shot their way out of a police trap.

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## 5 YEARS!



Winona Burdette, 21, who, with Dolores Delaney, 19, was sentenced today in Miami, Fla., to serve five years in the penitentiary. The two, friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, desperadoes, were arrested at Atlantic City when Karpis and Campbell shot their way through a police trap. The girls pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Ritter to harboring the criminals. (International News photo.)

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## 2 KARPIS GIRLS GET 5 YEARS

Two young gang "molls" left behind when Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of a trap at Atlantic City were sentenced to prison today at Miami, Fla.

They are Dolores Delaney, 19, and Winona Burdette, 21, and their sentences were five years each for harboring the murderous pair of gangsters.

So much secrecy surrounded their trial that the judge would not reveal the prison to which they were taken immediately afterward.

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## Two Girl Friends Of Karpis Jailed

Plead Guilty to Harboring  
Bremer Suspects.

*By the Associated Press.*

Miami, Fla., March 25.—Two "girl friends" of fugitive Alvin Karpis, wanted in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, today were sentenced to five years in Federal prison.

Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, brought before Federal Judge H. L. Ritter, pleaded guilty to five indictments charging them with harboring and concealing Karpis.

Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell, abandoned the women last January in Atlantic City, N. J., after police routed them out of their hotel with gunfire.

District Attorney John E. Holland said they would be assigned to some Federal women's institution by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings.

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# JAIL TWO GIRLS LEFT BEHIND IN KARPIS' ESCAPE

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Winona Burdette  
Five years for aiding Public  
Enemy No. 1.

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two girls into the chamber of Judge Ritter, and forty minutes later sped away from the Federal Building to an unannounced destination. Armed guards stood outside the locked chambers door while the hearing was in progress.

Each of the two women was named in five Federal indictments charging them with concealing Karpis in Miami while Federal agents were hunting for him in the kidnaping of E. G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and brewer.

The girls, who lived with Karpis

and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, during a short sojourn here, were captured in Atlantic City after the two gunmen shot their way out of a police trap.

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**GETS FIVE YEARS.**  
Winona Burdette, one of  
'Alvin Karpis' girls, sen-  
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*(Story on page 4.)*

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**TWO GIRLS KARPIS  
LEFT BEHIND HIM  
GET 5 YEARS EACH**

(Picture on back page.)

Miami, Fla., March 25.—[Special.]—At a brief secret hearing Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter today imposed sentences of five years' imprisonment on Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdette. They are the girls Public Enemy, Alvin Karpis left behind him when he and a companion machine-gunned their way out of Atlantic City, N. J., on Jan. 21.

They were named in five indictments charging them with concealing and conspiring to conceal Karpis and to conceal the fact that he was in Miami while federal agents were hunting him in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Their hearing previously unannounced, the women were hurried before Judge Ritter. A cordon of federal agents, armed with machine guns and revolvers, guarded them. Forty minutes later the convicted women were taken away from the federal building to an undisclosed destination.

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# **Karpis' Girl**

## **Wynona and Dolores, Aids of Gunman, Get 5 Years**

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## BREMER KIDNAPING TRIAL DATE FIXED

11 Defendants Slated for Arraignment in Court Here Tuesday.

Defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case will be arraigned in Federal court here Tuesday, the opening day of the spring court term, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, announced today.

Sullivan also stated that, when the defendants are arraigned, he will move that the trial of those who plead not guilty be set for April 15.

Those to be arraigned include seven defendants now being held in Ramsey county jail, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, James Wilson and Edna Murray. Others scheduled for arraignment are John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, now at liberty under bond but due to report to Federal authorities here Tuesday. Another defendant, Bruno (Whitey) Austin, also will be arraigned if he arrives here in time from Chicago, where he is under arrest.

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## DOGGED SEARCH FOR AL KARPIS PROCEEDS

**Government Unrelenting in  
Hunt for Bremer Kidnap-  
ing Suspect.**

Chicago, March 29.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's most-hunted criminal, has done the most complete fadeout midwestern law officials can remember, but they haven't given up hope.

Last of the big-shot public enemies, Karpis will turn up sooner or later, police say, and they expect an early reappearance of the gangster who machine-gunned his way from an Atlantic City hotel January 21 and went into hiding. No trace of him has been found since.

Wanted by the Federal government for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, January 17, 1934, Karpis has evaded capture for more than thirteen months.

Although Karpis and Harry Campbell, an accomplice, shot their way from the Atlantic City police trap, authorities arrested two gang "molls" who were left behind. The two women, Winona Burdette, 21 years old, and Dolores Delaney, 19, have been sentenced to prison for harboring the criminals.

The hunt for Karpis, regarded as the nation's No. 1 public enemy, never ceases. During the recent Federal nationwide raids a big part of what the raiders were seeking was a tip to Karpis' hideaway.

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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM

## RENO IS SUSPECTED AS CAPITAL OF CRIME

U. S. Inquiry Points to City as  
Gangsters' Hangout.

By the United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—

Reno may contain the switchboard from which much of the nation's crimes are directed, it appeared today, as evidence presented by the Department of Justice against nine persons accused of shielding George (Baby Face) Nelson appeared to show that the divorce capital, where "anything goes," was the center of a ring directing, or at least connected closely with, many outlaws.

Nelson found employment, ammunition, transportation and shelter there when he was being most hunted, and Alvin Karpis, the only big time gangster surviving, fled

there after shooting his way out of a trap in Atlantic City.  
At a trial in New York last year it was testified the greatest bunch ring in national history used Reno as its headquarters.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN  
 Nashville, Tennessee,  
 March 29, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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### BANDIT IDENTIFIED

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 bound and gagged by the trio.

John Evans, Tulsa county deputy  
 sheriff, announced the identifica-  
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# THE APPALLING FINISH OF MA BARKER

*How Fate Finally Trapped and Crushed the Amazon Crime Queen in the Shambles of a Machine Gun Battle.*

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*—Deadly Spider Woman*

*The Story of Sheriff Lulu, the Relentless—Ma's Nemesis; of the Finger-Pointing Episode of Squealer "Doc" Barker; of the Trapping of the Tarantula Tribe, and the Epithet That Machine Guns Wrote—Told Comprehensively for the First Time in This Thrilling Conclusion of the Epic Phase in America's Crime Crusade.*

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

**M**A BARKER, the strangely contradictory character who could—and did—cherish pamphlets from Raymond T. Richey, Texas evangelist; sing psalms with the best of churchgoers, exchange love letters with her sons and kill without conscience, finally over-matched herself. She took on too many opponents.

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port making the better program. In fact, the man in the car further than miles out of town, where he bogged down, in a mud hole.

Fate here interposed, producing an innocent farmer driving into town for a big day at the horse trough. He detached his team, hauled the bandit out of the ditch, accepted his thanks and continued on into a suddenly insane town.

By that time, in fact, the entire county was aroused, with the result that the female spider who lurked within the recesses of the web was routed out for the first time. Ma Barker was definitely on the "lam," with the law in full cry.

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usual opponents.

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Probably Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis thought little of the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. Just another incident, perhaps, in the trail of blood they left from one end of the Ozarks to the other.

But actually this was the blowoff for the Barkers. From that moment, they were always on the defensive. They never recovered. Why?

There were several reasons but probably the most impelling was that the successor to Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo., was Mrs. Lulu Kelly, his wife. Ma Barker, indeed, had outmatched herself. She wasn't playing around with a lot of dolts now. It was female against female!

Letters, posters, descriptions and antecedents flooded the mails from Mrs. Lulu Kelly's office.

"We want the murderers of Sheriff C. R. Kelly," was her insistent message to all sources of surveillance. "They are Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis."

From that moment, Barker and Karpis were more than wanted men. They were hunted everywhere they went, followed, often preceded, by graphic and revealing descriptions. Mrs. Lulu Kelly was very much on the job. She still is. In fact, the lady sheriff of West Plains will stay on the job up to and including one development. She has promised to resign the moment the killers of Sheriff C. R. Kelly are accounted for.

She must have loved this man with rare devotion and, in truth, it would seem from the record that this gallant officer did not die in vain.

It was a particularly brutal—not a journeyman job but just such a one as might be conceived in the brain of Ma Barker, engaged in an eternal vendetta with the police.

Mrs. Lulu Kelly undoubtedly was just like any other housewife in West Plains, Mo., until the day a couple of outlaws happened into town and stuck up a store. It was a small, trivial job—a stick-up for \$2,000.

Somebody told the sheriff that



Drawing by Barker.

### The Guiding Hands Behind a Series of Merciless Crimes.

there were a couple of strangers having a job done at the town garage and he ambled down to see what it was all about.

"What are you fellows doing in town?" he asked, approaching Barker and Karpis, both sitting tight in the front of the car. Without parley, they opened fire, shooting Kelly down

as though he was a stuffed shirt.

With that, the killers separated, one of them—identity not developed—jumped from the car and took it on the run up the street. The other murderer stuck with the car, heading the other way.

Both ultimately got back to their hideaway at Thayer, Mo., the one on



Ma Barker's Last Stand—the House at Oklawaha Where She Was Machine-Gunned with Her Son.

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Karpis was known in Thayer as George Dunn. Fred Barker called himself Ray Hamilton, which is worth talking about, in view of the fact that Ray Hamilton, Southwest bandit, sometimes was known as Fred Barker.

Anyhow, the West Plains incident, apparently unimportant except to a certain Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, was an abiding factor in the ultimate fate of the Barkers.

Ma Arizon Clark Barker, had sponsored the killers of a woman's husband—and Mrs. Lulu Kelly, it was a cinch, wouldn't rest until one and all were brought to book.

From that moment began the great battle, the enraged female against the untidely, unwholesome mother who thought up evil ideas faster than the underworld could use them. Ma never knew, of course.

All she was able to grasp was that, every time they moved into a new town, they had to jump. The cops, strangely, were onto them. They had no resting place—and little wonder!

Lulu, the lady sheriff, had them billed in advance!

Every post office, police station and government agent had a likeness of the man who had wantonly killed her husband. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had the red mark of Cain upon them and Lulu, once on the trail, never stopped riding it.

She rode it finally into Chicago where, with the aid of Federal agents and the Burns men, she finally began to close in on this female spider.

The first thing they did was to collar Arthur ("Doc") Barker and put the screws on him so hard that the lives of Fred and Ma seemed trivial. In any case, the police have yet to deny that Doc pointed the fatal finger toward Oklawaha, Fla.

All we know, in fact, is that six hours of machine-gun and tear gas attack finally turned up two grim and grisly exhibits, the final and ultimate word from the all-too-conclusive dictum of the law:

"You can't get away with it!"

(THE END.)



## Girl Friends Who Aided Bandits Sent to "Alcatraz for Women"

By the Associated Press.

The gangster girl friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, much-sought outlaws, were disclosed yesterday to have been rushed in secret from Miami, Fla., to the Government's "Alcatraz for women" at Milan, Mich.

Sanford Bates, director of Federal prisons, made known that Wyona Burdette and Delores Delancey, erstwhile companions of the gangsters, had been transferred secretly for fear that Karpis and Campbell might seek to rescue them.

Both were sentenced to five years each after entering pleas of guilty on Monday to charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.

Karpis and Campbell were forced to abandon the women last January at Atlantic City, N. J., after a gun duel with police.

At Milan the women will find several others who were sentenced because of association with gangsters. They include Evelyn Frechette, friend of the late John Dillinger; Kathryn Kelly, wife of George "Machine Gun"

Kelly, and her mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon.

Kathryn, under life sentence, and her mother were placed in Milan after threats by "Machine Gun" that he would break jail and free them.

Director Bates said yesterday there are 18 woman convicts segregated at the Milan prison farm "under more secure detention than possible at Alderson, W. Va., the regular Federal reformatory, where 400 women are housed."

The women are on the top-floor tier inside the Milan prison block, which has been walled off from the adjacent cells of men prisoners.

"The only man outside the superintendent they see is the prison doctor as he makes his regular calls," Bates said.

Opaque glass has been installed to shut out any view of the men prisoners. On the roof above is a yard guarded by steel barriers where the women may exercise. Their attendants are four woman matrons, three of them formerly at Alderson Reformatory.

## AGENTS GUARD 3 WOMEN FROM RAY HAMILTON

One Tells Police Desperado  
Quit Trio When Chase in  
Flight From Bank Was Hot

JACKSON, Miss., March 30 (U.P.).—Federal agents and county officers guarded the Hinds county jail tonight against any possible effort by Raymond Hamilton, notorious desperado, to rescue three women who are being held in connection with his holdup of a bank in Prentiss, Miss.

Two of the women, Dorothy and Estelle Davis, are reported to have had other bandit connections before they became associated with Hamilton, who gave a score of Mississippi posse the slip in a daring flight across the State Friday.

The third woman, Mrs. Virgie Johnson, a native of Jeff Davis county, and a fellow prisoner with the Davis women in the Shreveport jail, was brought to the Hinds county prison Saturday morning.

Federal agents questioned the women in an effort to learn more about Hamilton and to obtain a clue as to his destination. The Davis woman claims Mrs. Johnson had nothing to do with planning the bank robbery.

All three women, each in separate cells, are held incommunicado on Federal orders. Police quoted them as saying Hamilton led the raid on the bank and "forced" them to take part. When the chase for Hamilton became too hot, the women said he deserted them. Hamilton escaped into Arkansas with a companion.

### Hot Springs Joins Search

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 30 (U.P.).—Hot Springs officers joined the search tonight for Raymond Hamilton, Texas bad man who has terrorized the South for three days.

Hamilton may have come here from Memphis where two Mississippi hostages escaped from his abandoned coupe yesterday, local officers believe. The Texas desperado knows the town well, the officers said, and may be hiding here.

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# BREMER KIDNAP GANG IS LINKED WITH DILLINGER

Karpis Assisted Killer, Says  
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S., Baring Bandit Secrets

By STEVE RICHARDS

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### U. S. Gets Solution of Great- est List of Crimes in Modern History.

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Federal agents disclosed that Jess Doyle, one of the twelve persons under arrest in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, has "done plenty of talking."

Doyle, Edna Murray, Kansas City "kissing bandit," her sister and brother-in-law, were surprised by Crawford county authorities in Pittsburg, Kas., several weeks ago. After a gun battle, Doyle escaped, only to surrender a few hours later when his car became mired in the mud south of Girard, Kas.

#### Solution of Crimes.

Agents said that from information obtained from Doyle they had obtained the solution to the greatest number of major crimes ever charged to one gang in modern police history.

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Probably four of the Bremer kidnaping suspects will plead guilty when they are arraigned in United States district court here next Tuesday, the United Press learned. Arthur (Doc) Barker, captured in Chicago shortly before his brother and mother, Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker were ambushed and slain in Florida, will not be among those pleading guilty.

#### Another Confession.

One other member of the gang, his name not revealed, likewise has made a full confession and given agents complete corroboration of the startling story revealed by Doyle.

Agents said the confessions probably were without parallel. They will clear up, in addition to minor crimes:

The \$25,000 robbery December 16,

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## JESS DOYLE TURNS STATE'S EVIDENCE, TELLING 'PLENTY'

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1932, of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis.

Murder of Ira Evans and Leo Gorskias, Minneapolis patrolmen. They responded to the bank robbery alarm.

Brutal slaying in Como park, St. Paul, on the same day, of Oscar Erickson, as he chanced upon the bandits as they transferred the loot from one car to another.

Slaying of Theodore Kidder, Minneapolis, shortly after Dillinger escaped from Crown Point, Ind., jail.

#### Score of Bank Robberies.

Fully a score of bank robberies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Kansas, in which the loot totaled more than \$1,000,000.

The shooting of Roy McCord, Northwest airlines operator, by gangsters who feared he had recognized them.

The information was said to prove that Leonard Hankins, serving a life term in the state prison for the Northwestern bank robbery and subsequent murders, was wrongly convicted. Larry Devol, who pleaded guilty to the same charge and also is serving a life term, apparently did so in preference to being returned to Missouri to face trial and a possible death in connection with the murder of John Rose, Kirksville, Mo., policeman, November 17, 1930.

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## BANDIT TALKS; MAN IN PRISON MAY BE FREED

Confession Blames Slayings  
On Barker-Karpis Gang  
In Minnesota.

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Jess Doyle, indicted as the money-changer in the Bremer abduction, is said to have admitted he drove the bandit car and imputed to the notorious Barker-Karpis band the spectacular holdup of the First National bank at Fairbury, Neb., two years ago in which seven persons were wounded.

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Eugene Rerat, Minneapolis attorney representing Hankins, said he would ask Hennepin county officers to reopen the case and seek an indictment against Doyle for the murder, and that he would make an application for pardon, in view of the newly-found evidence, to the state pardon board.



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### Informed of Confession.

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It was not known whether Doyle will be turned over to Minneapolis authorities or brought to trial first on the Bremer charge. Arraignment of Bremer defendants is slated for next Tuesday, with trial expected to get under way April 15.

A month ago the Minnesota Supreme court denied a review of an appeal in Hankins' case. The appeal was turned down Nov. 16, 1934.

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## Lifer Exonerated by Confession



Leonard Hankins, above, serving a life term for the murder of two policemen and a St. Paul motorist, has been absolved of guilt in a confession by a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. — Associated Press Photo

## GANGSTER'S CONFESSION SOLVES THREE MURDERS

Life term exonerated as Barker-Karpis henchman talks

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According to the authoritative source Doyle's statements describe how he wore a regulation uniform and drove the big car to the bank, with Karpis sitting next to him. He then related how Devol, who pleaded guilty to the murder charge rather than face hanging for a killing in Missouri, turned his machine gun on the two policemen as they responded to a radio alarm—trouble at the bank."



# MA BARKER

## Deadly Spider Woman

The Exclusive Story of the Amazing Double Life of America's Most Notorious Feminine Criminal

A Terrific Gun Battle with Besieging G-Men Spelled the Finish of the Incredible Machine-Gun Mother—Continuing the Exclusive Story of Her Bloody Career and Inevitable End.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

SIX hours of constant bombardment had passed, during which 1,500 rounds of ammunition had been poured into the upper windows of the Barker citadel, where "Ma" Barker, the "brains" of the ruthless band of bandits of that name, crouched with her son Fred, weakling spawn of the outlaw breed, firing back between choking spells as tear gas bombs spread their acrid stench.

Then came a lull in the firing.

"Come out, Ma; nobody'll get hurt," shouted a G-man.

Derisive laughter, and a salvo of shots, was the answer—a fusillade that almost tore away the cover behind which the Federal officer crouched.

And when, moments later, another appealed to Fred to give his mother a chance, the old crone croaked:

"He ain't giving himself up and I don't want a chance from the likes of you. Come and get me."

Hours later, they came and got her—all that was left to get. In one corner lay this pampered, psychopathic son, eleven slugs in one shoulder and three in his head. By the window was all that was left of Arrie Kate Barker, the inevitable machine gun cradled in her blousy old bosom.

One shot had finished her. She never knew that another of the clan, Arthur "Doc" Barker, had given her the finger when arrested in Chicago.

She was his mother and he loved her, as apparently all the Barkers loved. She also was reputedly The Brain that planned, executed and successfully carried through the \$200,000 Bremer "snatch," perhaps even the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, perhaps the William Hamm job and innumerable bank and payroll coups that brought Doc and his brothers at least a half million dollars in less than a year.

But police pressure must have been heavy or else Doc elected to forget

the old hag's teachings, for he hardly lived up to the Barker tradition. Neither did another brother, Lloyd, now in Leavenworth. But, at least, they lived.

That's more than can be said for the rest of the family, unless you want to include the father, George, who quite pointedly doesn't wish to be included. He quit them cold a dozen years ago when he saw where they were headed and now is a humble but honest auto camp attendant near Joplin, Mo. Herman, another son, either was killed or committed suicide while resisting arrest.

Yes, old George lives. But another of Ma's husbands doesn't. Benign as a deacon in appearance, his name was George W. Dunlop, the father of a St. Louis policeman. And one morning, the cops found old Dunlop, nude to the neckband and "shot through and through," as the reports of the Burns men so aptly put it, on the shore of a Minnesota lake. The tracks of two men and a woman were found by the body.

The Burns men, who had followed the bloody trail of the Barkers through Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and a good part of the North American continent, seemed to entertain few doubts as to who the woman was who made these tracks.

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After all, they knew their woman!

Hadn't they spent patient, tedious months trying to catch up with this withered, unseen hand that pulled the strings and made the puppets dance? Hadn't the G-men gone after Fred and "Doc" and the elusive Alvin Karpis largely with the idea that, if they got these murderous errand boys, they must inevitably get The Brain?

The Feds and the Burns men quite obviously operated together on this premise, as J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, practically admitted after the Oklawaha executions:

"They were the most dangerous and intelligent gang we had to cope with. No individual was safe as long as they operated. And Ma Barker was the directing genius. We had to get her—and we did!"

Ironically, the combination Female Fagin and Calamity Jane had to die to hit the headlines. Before that, nobody knew her—so wily was she—except the G-men, the Burns men and the trigger men of the underworld.

Dillinger, it seems, knew her quite well. So apparently did Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly, the Urschel snatchers. Her manifold activities caused her to cross paths with theirs, one of her men being implicated in the St. Valentine massacre at Chicago and another, now a fugitive from charges of having harbored Dillinger, being hooked up with the purchase of the gun that shot Arnold Rothstein!

In the same way as befell the associates of that legendary gun-woman, Calamity Jane, whose weird Wild West career strangely parallels that of her modern prototype, so did many of the Barkers under Ma come to an unfortunate finish. Fred, her pet killer and light of her filial eye, lay with her on the floor of that Florida hideaway. Herman died apparently by his own hand, Arthur "Doc," the only conspirator available, probably will do life or worse for the Bremer business and other things—many other things. Old Man Dunlop, his receptively mild features long since composed in death, met his finish when the gang decided he was an encumbrance—probably a too garrulous encumbrance. And Son Lloyd is in Leavenworth.

Dressed in buckskin and with a face that might cause horses to climb telegraph poles, Calamity stares forth from the pages of history upon a now decadent age of lawsuits and pink teas and a total disregard of a person's liberty. And when they picked up Ma in that room down there in Florida, she was seamed and bloated and ugly, with a face as hard as a stove lid.

It apparently had not always been so. Once in these dead, old days back there in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, she seemingly had been small, even a little petite. They say she was blonde, weighed about a hundred pounds and had small features. Her devotion to her sons, even then headed toward lawlessness, was the only thing about her that seemed to impress the neighbors.

She minded her own business, went to church regularly—and never tangled with the law. Indeed, she spent much of her time trying to get her boys out of its clutches.

Some say she followed them across the dead line just to be with them. Others insist that, in spite of her fair hair, she had Indian blood in her

veins and that she was motivated by a spirit of rancorous vengeance, a sense of injustice that might very well inspire one of Indian blood to run amuck.

Anyhow, they put the collar on Lloyd for a mail-pouch job he claimed was the work of another. And they once sent "Doc" up for life in connection with the murder of a night watchman. He always maintained that he was framed.

Be that as it might, Ma Barker soon was launched upon a career of crime that has known few parallels in history. They say she wasn't a bad looking dame at the start but when they picked her up in a dust pan down in Florida, the guesses on her age ranged anywhere from 55 to 67.

She looked more like 80 in her red checkered house dress, her seamed countenance and her fat, blousy middle. Beyond a doubt, said the God-fearing neighbors before the shooting, this mysterious woman from the North was badly in need of a beauty parlor and beyond any further doubt, she had traveled far down the ladder of even outward respectability with her bad-boy sons. Why, she hadn't even been able to make good her boast of dying with her boots on.

When G-men finally moved "in on" Ma's dead body, they found it bare footed.

The long arm of coincidence—or was it the pointing finger of fate, as it grew upon the horny hand of the smug-faced, squealing Arthur "Doc" Barker—figured dramatically in this bloody denouement, for it was a year almost to the day and hour since Edward G. Bremer had been lifted from the bosom of his family by Ma's gang when the G-men cautiously closed in on the smoking and now silent sottage at Oklawaha, Fla., to mop up what was left of the crass kidnaping combination.

Gazing on Ma's remains at that time, it would have been difficult to persuade the distressed Bremer that the most perfect "snatch" plot of modern times had been hatched in

that acute but started mind. Dillinger certainly didn't think that he was placing himself in jeopardy when he sought sanctuary in her organization when the minions of the law became "unreasonable"—he had no idea that Ma was the mastermind and that her vicinity was a "hot-spot" in which to seek security.

"Shoot to kill," was Ma's dictum to her four sons, when once she entered actively into their schemes. Later, it was only two sons because Herman, the eldest, was snuffed out in an affray with peace officers and Lloyd wound up doing a 20-year stretch at Leavenworth prison.

"Shoot 'em," she usually added, "and if they want to ask questions after that, make a date with them in the morgue. Never be taken alive."

Down in Oklawaha, she and Fred obeyed the Barker tradition to the last shuddering breath, and even in death, her black eyes were vindictive.

Why?

They saw Ma, in spite of her blond hair, was of Indian blood. She was born Arizona (that sounds Indian, doesn't it?) Clark in the Ozark foothills of Missouri. They also say that once, when small and petite and more than passable pretty, she had been a devoted housewife and mother. She went to church regularly, minded her own business (even when the "boys" didn't mind their's) and, in the words of the family physician in the old days around Joplin, Mo.:

"She was an honest, hard-working woman."

All that time, the "boys" were in jail and out—Fred for unexplained possession of a "shot" car; Doc for bumping an aged, harmless night watchman; Herman for almost anything.

At the age of fourteen, Herman

lifted a diamond ring of his mother's and the Burns records show that Ma had to wrestle for it. He didn't last long but, from the standpoint of the Barker boys, he had the right idea. And from the standpoint of Ma at that time, her boys were perfect.

"My boys would be good boys if the police would let them alone," she used to say, a little plaintively and with misguided optimism.

She was busy at that time, trying to keep the boys in order and her real husband, George Barker appeased. The blow-off came about ten years ago. George drifted away, seeking only peace and quiet. Ma, on the other hand, boldly cast her lot with her pampered sons.

She turned against law

and, as usual, so. A complete right-about-face. And of becoming a passive accessory, she went all the way and became the "brain," the ring-leader of the most desperate band of criminals that America in all probability has yet known.

"Neither an individual nor his property was safe while they lasted," says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice. "In many ways they were the smartest outlaws we've encountered. And Ma was the mind behind their operations. She was so smart that we never got anything on her—although we know plenty. We had to kill her to catch up with her."

And, again we ask, why this abrupt transition from respectability to dishonor, from trig young womanhood to a steamy, hard-faced, vindictive old war horse?

Down in the Ozark country and through Oklahoma, Kansas and neighboring States (note the parallel to the James Boys), they say that Ma made her decision after "Doc" was convicted of the night watchman murder and Lloyd went up for unseemly familiarity with a Government mail pouch.

From that moment, Ma is said to have given up the unequal struggle. She had dressed her boys well in Missouri, where Husband George was an ore-handler. She had sent them to school, where their marks were above the average, and she had cooked and scrubbed and kept house for the lot. And now she was through!

So was old George. He was through paying fines and cringing every time the door bell rang. He jumped out on his own and finally wound up as the poor but honest caretaker of an auto camp outside Joplin.

"Keep me out of it," he now says, rather bitterly, and there isn't much difficulty about doing that. Old George undoubtedly has been out of it for more than ten years.

Old Ma, meantime, was very much in. Her sons were adjudged guilty, even when innocent, she insisted. All right; she was a guilty outlaw, too.

They say it was the Indian blood. An Indian, you know, is never so dangerous as when he feels a sense of injustice. While this is a theory, there must be something to account for this woman of amazing contradictions.

They killed and gloated over it; yet Ma remained somewhat religious, with a particular complex for the teachings of Raymond T. Richey, the Texas evangelist.

Maybe she was consistent enough with this not to order any killings on Sunday! We doubt it. Apparently, the Barkers, with Alvin Karpis, killed who and where they pleased—and it usually pleased them no end.

Yet, with each other, they were an almost unwholesomely devoted clan.

"To my darling little pal," writes Lloyd from jail, and then winds up with the conventional x's the lover sends to his sweetheart—and these words:

"Love and kisses to my darling little pal."

His darling little pal was then not less than 55 and looked 80, with a paunch that only an ex-brewer could



Artist Burck's Conception of the Deadly Spider Woman and the Murderous Activities of Her Sons Which She Directed. Three of the Boys Are Shown at Left—Herman, Arthur "Doc" and Freddy, Two Dead, the Other in Jail.





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# WILSON ONLY BREMER SUSPECT TO ADMIT GUILT; NINE OTHERS LIKELY TO ASK FOR SEPARATE TRIALS

## BARKER PALES WITH READING OF CHARGES; COURT REMANDS PRISONERS TO COUNTY JAIL

Counsel For Edna Murray Asks Bill Of Particulars; Bonds of McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney Raised To \$25,000 Each; Prisoners Under Heavy Guard.

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J. J. Wilson, chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, Chicago, pleaded guilty to kidnaping conspiracy when 18 of the 23 Edward G. Bremer "snatching" defendants were arraigned today in United States district court.

All others pleaded not guilty, including Arthur (Doc) Barker co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, Byron Bolton, one of the gang "heavies," and Jess Doyle, alleged "money-changer," who was earlier reported to have "talked plenty" about activities of both the Barker-Karpis and Dillinger gangs.

Despite the strong rumors that at least two members of the gang were ready to offer guilty pleas and possibly to turn state's evidence, all other defendants turned amazed looks at Wilson when, after being the only one to insist that the indictment be read, he started to tell Judge M. M. Joyce that he was guilty of certain of the allegations in the indictment.

### Barker Pales.

As the indictment was read, Barker, who has from time to time while in jail exhibited signs of extreme nervousness, chewed his gum rapidly. His face paled noticeably even through his jail pallor.

Accepting the guilty plea, Judge Joyce advised Wilson to obtain and confer with an attorney, and told him that he had the privilege of later changing his plea.

Through their joint attorneys, the defendants offered motions, the nature of which was not revealed. It was expected they were for separate trials. Hearing on these motions was set for 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Judge Joyce set trial for 10 a. m. Monday, April 15.

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Judge Joyce ordered all of the defendants remanded to Ramsey county jail in lack of bonds. Bonds of J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicago, alleged "money changers," were ordered increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. They drove up here in McLaughlin's car for the arraignment.

#### "Case Looks Different."

Attorneys immediately protested. "The case looks different now than it did when their bonds were fixed at \$5,000," Judge Joyce returned, refusing the request.

A bill of particulars against Edna Murray, Kansas City, "kissing bandit" and girl friend of the fugitive Volney Davis, was asked by John DeCourcy, her attorney. Action on this will also be had at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Four of the prisoners had no counsel: Bolton, Wilson, Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton. Bolton allegedly took an active part in the abduction and later \$200,000 ransom collecting; Doyle is named as a "money changer," and Alderton as one of two men who arranged for the Bensenville, Ill., house where Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks following his kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934.

#### All Defendants Nervous.

Elmer Farmer, Alderton's alleged partner, and Delaney were represented by Thomas W. McMeekin. McLaughlin was represented by L. I. Drill, former United States district attorney in St. Paul. Barker and the Murray woman were represented by

Mr. DeCourcy. Vidler's lawyer is A. J. Hoffman.

All of the defendants were nervous during the reading of the indictments. Four were charged with kidnaping: Barker, Bolton, Alderton and Farmer; and the rest with conspiracy.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the federal men in the transporting of the prisoners to the federal courts building at 5th and Market sts. from the Ramsey county jail at 4th and St. Peter sts.

Barker occupied one car, surrounded by deputy United States marshals to whom he was handcuffed and manacled. Edna Murray likewise had a car to herself—except for a strong guard of officers.

The other prisoners rode in a third car. Submachine gun-armed federal agents and county deputies were on guard.

## Bremer Case Defendant Furnished Lawyer After Entering Plea Of Guilty

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Rather surprised were federal government officials when **BYRON BOLTON** (left) pleaded "not guilty." **ELMER FARMER** is on the right of Bolton as they are leaving Ramsey county jail.

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Waiting the arrival of other defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case EDNA MURRAY, charged with conspiracy, is pictured as she stepped from the automobile in front of the federal courts building.

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## TEN FACE COURT AS KIDNAP GANG

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It was reported that some of those held would plead guilty. United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan has indicated that he would ask that trials for the rest be set for April 15.

Scheduled to appear in court today are Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the alleged leaders of the kidnap gang; Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, alleged members of the mob; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer is reported to have been kept prisoner, and James Wilson, Chicago, all of whom are held in the county jail here.

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It was reported some of those held will plead guilty. U. S. Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan has indicated he would ask trials for the rest be set for April 15.

## BARKER NAMED LEADER

Scheduled to appear in court are Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the leaders of the gang; Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer is said to have been kept prisoner, and James Wilson, of Chicago.

Others to be arraigned are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the ransom money.

## FIGHTS EXTRADITION

Among others indicted are Bruno (Whitney) Austin, now held in Chicago, fighting removal to St. Paul, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago, alleged to have treated Bremer while



John J. McLaughlin

he was held captive. Dr. Moran is a fugitive.

No definite time was announced for the arraignments, nor for the transportation of the prisoners from the county jail to the federal building, three blocks away. It was learned, however, department of justice agents would take every precaution against possible attempts at escape or delivery.

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## NINE-PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

**James Wilson, Tenth De-  
fendant, Enters Plea  
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Wilson, indicted as the chauffeur  
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Judge M. M. Joyce set April 15  
for the trial, as requested by the  
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ST. PAUL--ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER, LEADER OF THE GANG THAT ALLEGEDLY  
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IN DISTRICT COURT.

HE WAS ONE OF 10 DEFENDANTS. THERE WERE NINE NOT GUILTY PLEAS AND  
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## KILLING OF BANKER LINKED TO GANG

### Baby Face Nelson's Aids May Be Accused.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (A. P.).—The Examiner says the Federal Government will attempt to prove that the Baby Face Nelson gang kidnaped and murdered Roy J. Frisch, missing Reno banker. The trial will follow the present prosecution of seven persons accused of harboring the slain gangster, says the report.

Government officials were said by the paper to have asserted Frisch was kidnaped as he left Reno to testify in a New York bunco case against William Graham and James McKay, Reno gamblers, and killed in the vicinity of Vallejo, Cal.

The Examiner says evidence held by the Government indicated that Nelson and John Paul Chase, a companion who is serving a life term at Alcatraz for the murder of one of the two Federal agents killed in Nelson's last battle, killed Frisch in an automobile and disposed of the body; that they sent the car to Anthony Moreno, a defendant in the present trial here, who had no previous connection with the Frisch case, and that Nelson later sent Joseph (Fatso) Negri, who turned Government witness in the harboring case to collect \$15,000.

The paper says officials reported that the automobile used had been recovered.

In testimony in the harboring trial Nelson and Chase were linked by inference to Frisch's disappearance. An asserted statement by Frank Cochran, Reno aviator and garageman, introduced by the prosecution, said the two men were in Reno just before and after Frisch vanished on March 22, 1934.

Cochran, who took the stand yesterday in his own defense, said he knew Nelson only as Jimmy Surnell.

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NEW YORK POST, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1935

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**Trial of 7 for Hiding Gangster  
Uncovers Murder Clues in  
Disappearance**

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## Nine Plead Not Guilty As Bremer Kidnapers

### U. S. Seeks 12 Others in Abduction of St. Paul Banker

ST. PAUL, April 2 (AP).—Nine of the twenty-two persons charged with exacting the nation's biggest kidnap ransom—\$200,000 from Edward G. Bremer, banker—entered pleas of not guilty in Federal court today in preparation for their trial in two weeks.

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Federal Judge M. M. Joyce set the trial for April 18.

One other of the indicted is in custody—Bruno (Whitey) Austin, still held in Chicago. Government agents still are seeking Karpis and the rest of the twenty-two indicted.

Counsel representing six of the defendants late today filed demurrers attacking the Lindbergh kidnaping law, under which all will be tried, as unconstitutional because "transportation of human beings cannot be determined to be in interstate commerce."

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# TEN ARRAIGNED AS KIDNAPERS OF E. J. BREMER

Chauffeur Wilson Pleads Guilty;  
 St. Paul Judge Sets Trial  
 of Others; Hears Motions

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 2.—(U.S.)  
 —Nine persons indicted for the  
 \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.  
 Bremer pleaded not guilty today  
 before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce,  
 as a tenth entered an optional plea  
 of guilty. Judge Joyce set their  
 trial for April 15.

James Wilson pleaded guilty with  
 an option of changing his plea aft-  
 er he engaged a lawyer.

Those who pleaded not guilty  
 are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Elmer  
 Farmer of Bensenville, Ill.; Harold  
 Alderton, Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle,  
 Mrs. Edna Murray, John J. ("Boss")  
 McLaughlin of Chicago, Philip  
 Delaney and Edward Vidler.

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## Police Killer Escapes Bremer Charge

ST. PAUL, April 8.—(AP)—Jess Doyle, who pleaded not guilty in federal court here yesterday to an indictment charging conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, will not be tried on that indictment, the Associated Press learned from an authoritative source today. Doyle, who confessed participation in the holdup of a Minneapolis bank in which two policemen and another man were killed, exonerated Leonard Hankins, serving a life term in the Minnesota prison for the crime.

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# Believe Outlaw Karpis May Have Had

## Gangster Is Hunted in Far West After Woman Aide Is Seen

Doctor to Be Questioned About Bremer Kidnap, Pal; May Have Undergone Operation

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO—The Federal agency that wiped out John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd intensified its search in the Far West today for Alvin Karpis, last "big shot" gangster remaining at large.

Justice Department agents, proud of their record in previous outlaw hunts, were scattered between Reno, Nev., and San Francisco with orders to get the man who figured in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn., and who late last year shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J.

There was evidence that Karpis might have had his face "lifted" to prevent identification. Agents were checking the records of a Vallejo, Calif., hospital to determine whether Karpis or Arthur (Doc) Barker, his companion in many desperate crimes, had submitted to a face-lifting operation at the hospital where George (Baby Face) Nelson and his wife at one time found shelter.

### DOCTOR TO BE QUIZZED

A physician was to be questioned about such an operation, said to have been performed just before the outlaw pair returned to the Mid West to kidnap Edward Bremer, scion of a prominent banking family.

Searchers believed that Karpis had contacts in Reno where Baby Face Nelson found assistance, funds, and ammunition before he returned to the Mid West to fall before the guns of Justice Department agents.

### WOMAN HUNTED

A red-headed woman, believed to be the consort of Volney Davis, minor figure in the Karpis-Barker gang, was seen in Reno Sunday. She fled in an auto believed driven by Davis.

The car fled toward the California state line but did not reach it, according to highway police checking at the border.

Karpis' trail led straight across the country from Atlantic City to the Pacific Coast. Several weeks ago a machine identified as his was found in the Truckee River near here. Employees of a gold dredge near Auburn, Calif., reported seeing a man answering his description. Several raids on cabins smuggled in the remote high Sierras were made fruitlessly.

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# Karpis May Have Had Face Lifted

ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

April 4, 1935

## Identify Doyle As Bank Raider

OKMULGEE, Okla., April 4.—(UP)—Jess Doyle has been identified tentatively, from photographs, as one of the gang of six which robbed two banks at Okemah last Dec. 22, Olean A. Summers, United States district attorney, said today. Doyle, now held as one of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, has been charged with a part in the robbery and probably will be returned to Oklahoma for trial at Muskogee, Summers said.



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## Girl To Give Evidence In Bremer Case

**Winona Burdette To Be  
Brought Here From  
Michigan Cell.**

Winona Burdette, "lady-friend" of Harry Campbell, fugitive and one of the alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, will be brought from a Michigan prison cell to testify against her former associates at the trial of 10 Bremer kidnap defendants.

This was learned today when Federal Judge M. M. Joyce signed a writ of habeas corpus requiring authorities at the Milan, Mich., women's reformatory to bring Miss Burdette to St. Paul for the trial.

Miss Burdette with Delores Delaney, former St. Paul girl and "moll" of the fugitive Alvin Karpis, is serving five years in the Milan institution for harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang in southern Florida.

The two were captured when Karpis and Campbell blasted their way out of an Atlantic City ambush several months ago. Miss Delaney has since given birth to a child.

With five members of the gang losing their legal skirmish with the government Wednesday when Judge Joyce denied demurrers and refused bills of particulars, three others will hear their attorneys' plea for demurrers and bills Friday.

The three are James Wilson, who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy but who will change his plea; Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton.

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## CALLED AGAINST PALS



WINONA BURDETTE

Miss Burdette, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, will be taken to St. Paul from a Michigan prison to testify against her former associates at the trial of 10 suspects in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer of St. Paul.

She now is a prisoner in the Milan, Mich., Women's Reformatory.

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## Bremer Captives— Lose Court Plea

ST. PAUL, April 3.—(AP)—Federal Judge Joyce today denied demurrers to indictments in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case after hearing arguments for five defendants. He also denied a request for a bill of particulars.

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## JOYCE TO PRESIDE IN BREMER CASE HERE

Kidnaping Trial of 11 De-  
fendants to Start Some Time  
After April 8.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce drew the assignment today to preside at the trial of eleven defendants under indictment for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The trial will be held in the Federal Courts building here during the April term of court. The term opens April 2, but the trial will not begin until some time after April 8, the date when the jurors are to report for duty.

The names of the 125 persons who will make up the jury panel were drawn today in the office of Margaret Mullane, clerk of Federal court, but will be kept secret until the jurors are called.

Of the defendants to go on trial, seven now are being held in the Ramsey county jail. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the alleged leaders of the kidnap mob; Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, alleged members of the gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; and James Wilson, chauffeur of a physician said to have attended Bremer during his captivity. The physician, Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, also is under indictment in connection with the case, but has not been apprehended.

Other defendants will be John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Phillip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the kidnap ransom money now at liberty under bond. The eleventh defendant is Bruno (Whitey) Austin, recently arrested in Chicago and expected to be brought here.

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# BREMER SUSPECT TELLS

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# TELLS OF KILLINGS

UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED?



Leonard Hankins, shown here, serving a life sentence in Stillwater penitentiary for conviction on a charge of robbing the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis, may again see the light of day without the shadow of iron bars. According to confession by Jess Doyle, in the Ramsey county jail under accusation in the Bremer kidnaping, the holdup and killing was the work of the Barker-Karpis gang, several other members of which also face kidnaping charges here.

## Barker-Karpis Mob Named in Murder Here

Jess Doyle Confession Clears Leonard Hankins, Stillwater Lifer, of Blame in Slaying of Oscar Erickson in Como Park After Mob Shot Two Policemen in Third Northwestern National Bank Holdup.

THANK GOD; MY FAMILY KNOWS I WAS FRAMED," CONVICT SAYS OF STATEMENT

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A lifer in Stillwater prison was exonerated and the Barker-Karpis mob named as the murderous raiders in the Minneapolis Third Northwestern National bank holdup in which two policemen and a St. Paul motorist were slain, in a written confession by a Bremer kidnaping defendant, the Associated Press learned Saturday night from an unimpeachable source.

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Leonard Hankins, shown here, serving a life sentence in Stillwater penitentiary for conviction on a charge of robbing the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis, may again see the light of day without the shadow of iron bars. According to confession by Jess Doyle, in the Ramsey county jail under suspicion in the Bremer kidnaping, the holdup and killing was work of the Barker-Karpis gang, several other members of which also face kidnaping charges here.

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William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, a paroled lifer who is sought as one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer.

Verne Miller, notorious outlaw found shot to death in Detroit, November 29, 1933, and one of the ringleaders in the Kansas City depot massacre in June, 1933.

Fred Barker, a brother of "Doc" Barker, who with his mother, "Ma" Kate Barker, were slain last January by Federal agents in Florida.

The confession, it was learned, was obtained by Federal agents in Kansas City after Doyle surrendered voluntarily at Girard, Kan., after successfully eluding a Federal trap at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Hankins, a tall and strapping Kentuckian from Dawson Springs, was summoned from the prison porter Saturday and informed.

Visibly affected by the new few moments.

### "THANK GOD

Embracing his informer with

"Thank God—I knew the truth—innocent—God in heaven knows Doyle, nor do I know members if he admits he was the drive

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# **Chicagoan Changes Bremer Kidnap Plea**

ST. PAUL, April 5.—(AP)—James  
 J. Wilson of Chicago, the only one  
 of ten defendants in the \$200,000  
 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case  
 who pleaded guilty, today changed  
 his plea to not guilty in Federal  
 Court.

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*Chicago American*  
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Sat., April 6, 1935.

## DOYLE'S CONFESSION FALSE, BARKER SAYS

**Bremer Kidnap Suspect Sees  
'Duress or Bodily Harm'  
Behind Document.**

Denial that he participated in the Third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis December 18, 1932, as alleged in a reported confession of Jess Doyle, was made by Arthur (Doc) Barker, defendant in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, who branded publication of the story as "solely for the purpose of influencing prospective jurors."

In a written statement obtained by the Associated Press, Barker challenged victims of the bank holdup, in which two policemen were killed to "come down to the jail" and identify him.

Doyle, who reportedly confessed he was the driver of the bandit car, said the Barker-Karpis mob staged the Minneapolis bank raid and absolved Leonard Hankins, Stillwater lifer convicted for the killing of the patrolmen, of connection with the crime.

Barker also said he has "nothing to fear" if he receives a trial by twelve "unprejudiced citizens" on a charge of kidnaping Bremer.

"With reference to the charge that

I participated in the Northwestern National Bank robbery some years ago where two policemen were killed and which Jess Doyle was supposed to have stated that I was a member of that gang," Barker continued, "that is false, and to support my denial I will be more than glad to have the bank employees who were present at that time come down to the jail, and if they will identify me I am satisfied, because I know I was not there and consequently it will be impossible to make such identification."

"I cannot understand why Doyle states that I was present at that holdup unless this confession was obtained under duress or fear of bodily punishment such as I received at the time of my arrest."

"Since I have been arrested in this Bremer case, I have become convinced that a defendant charged with an offense has very few actual legal rights, regardless of the many that there may be in the lawbooks for his protection, and I have also found that the officers in their treatment of prisoners are guilty of serious assaults."

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# **CHICAGO BREMER SUSPECT ALTERS HIS GUILTY PLEA**

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 —James J. Wilson of Chicago, the  
 only one of ten defendants who last  
 Tuesday pleaded guilty to federal  
 charges in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap-  
 ing case, today changed his plea to  
 not guilty.

Wilson had pleaded guilty condition-  
 ally and without advice of counsel.  
 After talking with Thomas J. New-  
 man, attorney appointed by the court,  
 he decided to change his stand. Ac-  
 cording to federal authorities Wilson  
 was chauffeur for Dr. Joseph P. Moran,  
 Chicago physician accused of having  
 treated Bremer during his captivity.  
 Moran has been indicted on the con-  
 spiracy but is still at large.

Wilson's demurrer to the indictment  
 as well as his motion for a bill of par-  
 ticulars were overruled today by Judge  
 M. M. Joyce. The court similarly over-  
 ruled motions on behalf of Harold Al-  
 bertson, in whose home at Bensenville  
 Ill., the government charges Bremer  
 was kept prisoner for 23 days.

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# CALL ILLINOIS CONVICT BEFORE ST. PAUL COURT

Joliet, Ill., April 6.—(UP)—Warden Frank H. Whipp of the Illinois state penitentiary today received a writ from the United States District court at St. Paul ordering him to present Otto Berg, a prisoner, at the April term of the court.

Berg is under indictment in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He was originally sentenced for ten years to life on a charge of armed robbery at Champaign, Ill., in 1920, and served time in Menard and Joliet prisons until August, 1927, when he was freed by Superior Judge James Kelly of Cook county.

The Supreme court later reversed Kelly's decision, but prison officials were unable to find Berg. He was apprehended in August, 1934, and returned to Joliet. He was free from prison at the time of the Bremer kidnaping.

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# **JOLIET PRISONER WILL FACE TRIAL IN BREMER CASE**

Otto Berg, a prisoner in the Joliet penitentiary, who is charged with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, will be tried with the other Bremer suspects in St. Paul this month. A writ for Berg's appearance in federal court there was served on Warden Frank Whipp yesterday.

Berg is alleged to have been involved in the kidnaping in January, 1934, while he was at liberty from the penitentiary on a writ issued here by Judge James J. Kelly. This writ was dissolved soon afterward by the Supreme court which ordered Berg remanded to the prison, but he was not rearrested until last August.

**CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE**

**APR 7 1935**

# Believe Outlaw Karpis

Gangster Is Hunted  
in Far West After  
Woman Aide Is Seen

May Have Had  
Face Lifted

Doctor to Be Questioned About  
Bremer Kidnap, Pal; May  
Have Undergone Operation

By United Press  
SAN FRANCISCO—The Federal agency that wiped out John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd intensified its search in the Far West today for Alvin Karpis, last "big shot" gangster remaining at large.

Justice Department agents, proud of their record in previous outlaw hunts, were scattered between Reno, Nev., and San Francisco with orders to get the man who figured in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn., and who late last year shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J.

There was evidence that Karpis might have had his face "lifted" to prevent identification. Agents were checking the records of a Vallejo, Calif., hospital to determine whether Karpis or Arthur (Doc) Barker, his companion in many desperate crimes, had submitted to a face-lifting operation at the hospital where George (Baby Face) Nelson and his wife at one time found shelter.

#### DOCTOR TO BE QUIZZED

A physician was to be questioned about such an operation, said to have been performed just before the outlaw pair returned to the Mid West to kidnap Edward Bremer, scion of a prominent banking family.

Searchers believed that Karpis had contacts in Reno where Baby Face Nelson found assistance, funds, and ammunition before he returned to the Mid West to fall before the guns of Justice Department agents.

#### WOMAN HUNTED

A red-headed woman believed to be the consort of Volney Davis, minor figure in the Karpis-Barker gang, was seen in Reno Sunday. She fled in an auto believed driven by Davis.

The car fled toward the California state line but did not reach it, according to highway police checking at the border.

Karpis' trail led straight across the country from Atlantic City to the Pacific Coast. Several weeks ago a machine identified as his was found in the Truckee River near here. Employees of a gold dredge near Auburn, Calif., reported seeing a man answering his description. Several raids on cabins snuggled in the remote high Sierras were made fruitlessly.

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*Herald 4/8/35*  
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# **KARPIS, GANGSTER, SOUGHT IN RENO.**

Reno, Monday, April 8.—(United News.)—Search for Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 public enemy, was underway here last night. Authorities also sought a red-headed woman, believed to be the consort of Volney Davis, member of the Barker-Karpis gang of bank robbers and kidnapers.

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## TRIAL DATE SET FOR MIAMI MEN IN KARPIS CASE

### Four Plead Not Guilty to Charge of Harboring Public Enemy

Attorneys for Joe Adams, manager of the Biscayne Kennel club; E. G. McDonald, Nathan Heller and Henry Randall, charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, in Miami, pleaded "not guilty" today in U. S. district court. Only defendant to appear in the court room was McDonald.

Walter L. Barlow, special assistant to U. S. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, appeared in the case today and asked Judge Halsted L. Ritter to set trials for the four during the week of June 17. This was granted. Barlow will have charge of their prosecution.

Judge Ritter allowed Bart Riley, attorney for Adams and Heller; J. Walter Kehoe, sr., for McDonald, and William E. Walsh, jr., for Randall, 10 days to file demurrers to the 11 indictments.

A separate trial for McDonald, Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, may be sought, Kehoe said in court.

Barlow, who has been in Miami for a week, consulting with W. Sanders Gramling, assistant U. S. district attorney, came here from Louisiana where he successfully completed prosecution of "bucket shop" operators under federal security laws. He plans to leave Miami Wednesday to return to Washington until May.

Adams is at liberty under \$5,000 bond; McDonald, under \$15,000; Heller, under \$1,000. Randall is in Dade county jail in default of \$10,000 bail.

*Miami Daily News*  
4-8-35

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## Woman's Call Steers Karpis Hunt to Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8 (By International News Service).—Search for Alvin Karpis, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang, and his chief lieutenant, Arthur "Doc" Barker, switched to the Pacific Coast today after a red-headed woman made a mysterious telephone call in a Reno garage to a "Bob Barker."

The woman asked where the county jail was, and, on being informed it was next door, uttered an oath and fled.

Anyone can own a home—find out how in announcements of the Evening Journal Model Home in Saturday's Evening Journal.

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## Karpis Hunt Grows Warm In Far West

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The search started tonight, after a woman, acting in a nervous manner, entered a local garage, dialed a telephone number, using her coat to conceal the number from the attendant, and asked the person answering the call for "Bob Barker."

She told "Barker" to meet her at the garage within 30 minutes and later at a local gambling establishment.

The attendant notified Sheriff Ray Root, who went to the gambling hall as an automobile bearing a man resembling Davis and the woman drove away from the car.

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# ALVIN KARPIS NOW HUNTED IN CALIFORNIA

## Recently Had Face Lifted at Vallejo; Barker Trailed

San Francisco, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Search for Alvin Karpis, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang, and his chief lieutenant, Arthur (Doc) Barker, switched to the Pacific coast Monday.

It was revealed that a red-headed woman made a mysterious telephone call in a Reno garage to a "Bob Barker."

Robert Nason, a Reno garage attendant, told police the woman used his phone, hid the dial from his sight, but spoke to a "Bob Barker," and made an engagement.

A moment later, said Nason, the woman asked where the county jail was and on being informed it was next door, uttered an oath and fled.

Following this disclosure, it was also revealed by United States District Attorney Henry H. McPike that evidence has been uncovered that Karpis underwent a secret operation in a Vallejo hospital last October to have his face lifted.

The operation was performed in the hospital managed by Thomas C. (Tobe) Williams, who with three other men, were convicted last week of harboring from justice "Baby Face" Nelson.

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# FOUND IN PRISON



Oliver A. Berg, hunted on conspiracy charge in kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, has been found in Joliet penitentiary, serving sentence for robbery. Berg is alleged to have been involved in kidnaping while free on writ issued in Chicago by Judge James J. Kelly.

Chicago Tribune

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

Weds., Apr. 10,  
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**Moll To Testify**



In Ramsey county jail, brought here from Milan, Mich., women's prison, is **WINONA BURDETTE**, gangster moll, who will be a government witness in the trial of alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

**Winona Burdette  
Here To Testify  
In Bremer Case**

Ramsey county jail's "colony" of alleged kidnapers and their "molls" increased by one today.

Winona Burdette, Harry Campbell's sweetheart, was brought to St. Paul from Milan, Mich., where she is serving a five-year term on charges of harboring Karpis-Barker gangsters in Florida last January. She is to appear as a witness next week when gang members go on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

With Dolores Delaney, St. Paul, she was left behind when Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of an Atlantic City apartment hotel.

Bruno (Whitey) Austin, indicted here in connection with the kidnaping, will know Thursday whether he has to come to St. Paul. Austin is held in Chicago. Tuesday the federal government asked for his removal to St. Paul. A decision will be given Thursday.

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SEEK KARPIS IN CUBA

Government Agents Search for Gunmen Who Eluded Police Trap.

By the United Press.

HAVANA, April 10.—United States government agents have been working in Cuba on the trail of Alvin Karpis, the United Press learned today.

Five Department of Justice men have been assigned to Havana to run down the fugitive gunman, who escaped from a police trap at Atlantic City over a month ago.

Karpis, according to the information, has been in Cuba, receiving medical treatment.

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## FEDERAL AGENTS SEEK TO SNARE KARPIS IN CUBA

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## Cuba Rounds Up 20 Suspects In \$300,000 Kidnaping Case

By the United Press.

Havana, Cuba, April 10.—Havana police tonight had seized 20 suspects in connection with the kidnaping of Eutimo Falla Bonnet, Cuban capitalist, who was released after the payment of a \$300,000 ransom.

Since Falla's release, his family has received two anonymous letters threatening them with death unless police withdraw the case. Police guards have been assigned to the family.

Last Wednesday night a group of men seized Falla in his automobile in the suburb of Vedado and rushed him to a house where he was held until the ransom money was paid. It represents one of the largest ransom payments on record.

Among the suspects arrested by police today was a woman, Isolina Castro. She was seized when she

allegedly attempted to deposit six \$100 bills bearing serial numbers of the ransom bills at a local branch of the National City Bank. The ransom was paid in United States \$100 bills, serial numbers of which had been recorded. Two other persons were released following investigation, but police still held 20 suspects in custody.

Police also found eight of the \$100 ransom bills in a branch of the Nova Scotia Bank, making a total of \$1,400 already recovered of the huge ransom sum.

President Carlos Mendieta ordered federal secret service men to co-operate with police in search for the kidnapers. Presidential palace attaches intimated that the oppositionist organization known as

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## Cuba Arrests 20 In Kidnapers Hunt

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"Young Cubans" might be connected with the kidnaping.

Another theory involved a gang headed by Alvin Karpis, American gangster, although police maintained that a group of Cubans were the real abductors. The Karpis theory arose from a police raid on the Hotel Park View in an unsuccessful search for arms. The management attributed the search to "the malicious complaint of a discharged employee."

The manager of the Hotel Park View is Nathan Heller, now at liberty on \$1,000 bail from the Florida Federal court, awaiting trial on a charge of harboring Karpis. Heller revealed that Falla had lived in the hotel until recently.

Heller said that Falla during his stay in the hotel almost never left his room. Falla's secretary gave up the room yesterday.

Falla is the son of one of the heirs of Laureano Falla Gutierrez, who died a few years ago, leaving one of the largest estates in Cuba. The heirs recently collected \$600,000 as insurance payment for losses incurred in a paper mill fire.

Miami, Fla., April 10 U.S.—Reports that Eutimo Falla Bonnet, ransomed for \$300,000, came to Miami from Havana after being released by kidnapers were confirmed tonight by Cuban political refugees. They said they did not know his whereabouts now. The immigration office said it had not issued a visa but suspected Falla Bonnet might be an American citizen.

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## \$300,000 PAID CUBA KIDNAPERS

Universal Service Special Cable

HAVANA, April 10.—Details of a sensational kidnap plot were revealed by Cuban police today when it was learned that Eutimio Falla Bonet, Havana multimillionaire, was released by a kidnap gang after payment of \$300,000 ransom.

Bonet, sugar magnate, was reported to have departed for the United States by plane after the record ransom. Police said the capitalist was held captive a week, until his associates paid the ransom, after threats of death.

Lieut. Juan Francisco Padron, of the department of investigation, said at least 20 persons, including one woman, have been arrested through ransom bills which were seized when passed. The kidnapers, said police, were paid in \$100 bills, six of which have been recovered.

It was rumored that Alvin Karpis, notorious American gangster recently believed in Havana, was implicated.

Police today raided the Hotel Parkview, where Karpis was believed to have stayed. No trace of the gangster was found, although the hotel manager, Nathaniel Heller, is now under a \$1,000 bond charged with harboring Karpis.

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**Bruno Austin Ordered  
 to Trial in Bremer Case**

Federal Judge John P. Barnes yesterday ordered the removal of Bruno Austin, 26 years old, 1630 South Kedzie avenue, to St. Paul, where he must stand trial April 15 with Arthur [Doc] Barker and others on charges of complicity in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer. Austin, who was arrested here Jan. 20 as he left church after his wedding, recently was acquitted by a jury in state court on charges of robbery.

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## Dozen to Face Trial This Week In Bremer Case

U. S. Opens Prosecution of Alleged Kidnapers of Banker Tomorrow.

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 13.—A dozen persons charged by the Government with a hand in the kidnaping in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will go on trial in United States District Court here Monday. George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the Government will take two to three weeks to present its case, calling on nearly 100 witnesses in its effort to convict the defendants.

Bremer was seized on a street here January 17, 1934, and released February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Four of the defendants are charged with the actual kidnaping. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged leader of the abduction gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was reported to have been held captive, and Byron Bolton.

Facing conspiracy charges are Edna Murray, known to police as the "kissing bandit;" John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the ransom money; Jess Doyle, James Wilson, Chicago, and Bruno Austin.

Oliver Berg, serving a life term in the Illinois penitentiary, also will be brought into court for trial on a conspiracy count.

The case against almost all of the 22 persons named in the indictment will be fully presented during the trial, Sullivan said, in order to outline clearly the alleged participation of those on trial. Defendants still at large include Alvin Karpis.

Under Federal court rules, Judge M. M. Joyce will conduct the entire examination of prospective jurors. Attorneys may not examine the jurors directly, but must submit questions to them through the court.

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# NEW ARRESTS REPORTED IN BREMER CASE

One or Two More Suspects

Reported Held—Federal  
Men Refuse Comment.

12 to Face Charges in St.  
Paul Court Monday in  
Kidnaping.

Department of justice agents in St. Paul Saturday night were reported to have made either one or two additional arrests in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. Federal men were silent concerning the matter, and J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the justice department in Washington, also declined to give any information.

It was reported that a man who sought to get in touch with a St. Paul resident in connection with the case had been placed under arrest, and that the St. Paul resident, too, had been placed in custody. At the federal building, however, it was intimated that only one man was held.

The prisoner or prisoners were said to be held in the department of justice offices on the second floor of the federal courts building in St. Paul. Such a procedure has been followed by the department elsewhere in the country when arrests have been made in the past.

Dozen to Go on Trial.

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Oliver Berg, who is serving a term of 10 years to life in the state prison at Joliet, Ill., was brought to St. Paul Saturday to stand trial also in connection with the Bremer case. He pleaded not guilty to the conspiracy charge when arraigned, said he was penniless and without friends. The court appointed an attorney, Eugene Matthews, to defend him. Matthews said he would file a demurrer in Berg's behalf Monday morning and also ask for a bill of particulars.

It is the contention of the government that Berg became involved in the Bremer case while he was at liberty pending an appeal of his case in Illinois.

**Judge to Qualify Jurors.**

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Under federal court rules, Judge M. M. Joyce will conduct the entire examination of prospective

jurors. Attorneys may not examine the jurors directly but must submit questions to them through the court.

Twenty eight prospective jurors will be qualified by Judge Joyce, who then will allow attorneys for the defense and government to strike 10 and six names, respectively, leaving 12 to try the case.

Then five prospective alternate jurors will be selected, with the defense allowed to strike two and the government one, leaving two who will hear the entire case with the first 12.

An armored money express car is to be used to transport the defendants between the Ramsey county jail and the scene of the trial, the federal courts building. Guards will include eight deputy United States marshals, six specially deputized guards, six policemen, a number of detectives, a force of uniformed and plain clothes deputy sheriffs and approximately 40 agents of the department of justice.

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## BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY TO KIDNAPING BREMER

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—Byron Bolton,  
Chicago, charged as one of the kid-  
napers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul  
banker, pleaded guilty today as he and  
11 others were brought into Federal  
Court for trial.

Bolton and three others were charg-  
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## 12 on Trial Today In Bremer Case

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 14 (U.S.)—The remnant of the Barker-Karpis gang shattered by the long arm of the Government, will stand trial tomorrow in Federal Court here on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Of the 26 persons indicted a few months ago in connection with the sensational abduction in which \$200,000 ransom money was paid, 12 will face the charges in court.

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## 12 TENTATIVE BREMER CASE JURORS PICKED; 3 ARE WOMEN

Four additional members of the Bremer kidnaping trial jury were selected this afternoon by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, bringing the total tentative selections to twelve.

The additions are Earl Bateman, Plainview truck operator; Mrs. William Root of Medford, wife of a mailman; Lee M. Sparks, Kasson farmer; and F. C. Wagner, 1032 Linwood place, 72 years old and a former police lieutenant under the late Chief John O'Connor.

Selection of Mrs. Root brought the number of women in the panel to three.

The questioning of Wagner brought smiles to the faces of spectators. Judge Joyce asked him if he knew anything about the case.

"Only what I read in the newspapers," the former policeman replied, "but of course I know that, because the newspapers always are right."

At which Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, leaned in the direction of the reporters covering the trial and said out of the side of his mouth: Oh, SURE!

Following tentative selection of the twelve jurors, counsel for both sides conferred as to which would be acceptable. The prosecution may exercise six peremptory challenges and the defense ten.

The jurors are being chosen to try ten defendants for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Originally, twelve defendants were scheduled to be tried, but one, Byron Bolton, pleaded guilty earlier in the day, and the government has decided not to try another, Bruno (Whitey) Austin, at the present session.

Besides Farmer, the ten to be tried are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton, Jess Doyle, Edna (Rabbits) Murray, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler, Philip Delaney, Oliver Berg and James Wilson.

## TAKES PRISONERS RIDING



Half an inch of chilled steel separates the accused in the Bremer kidnap trial from freedom or possibility of rescue as they are transported to and from the court room in the Federal Court building. The picture shows the "money car" of a local detective agency which is used as a means of transportation for the prisoners. Armed guards also protect the car.



BYRON BOLTON.

## KARPIS HARBORERS WILL BE INDICTED.

San Francisco, April 15.—(AP)—Federal indictments will be sought against about a dozen persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, Midwest desperado. United States Attorney Henry H. McPike disclosed here.

Hideouts in Marin and Sonoma counties, reportedly used by Karpis, were said by McPike to be under investigation, although he declared the indictments would not be pressed until capture of Karpis.

None of those under suspicion was involved in the "Baby Face" Nelson harboring case, in which four men were convicted last week, the United States attorney indicated.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH  
Monday, April 15, 1935

## BOLTON ADMITS CONSPIRACY IN KIDNAPING

Sentencing of Alleged Barker-Karpis Machine Gunner Deferred.

### ELEVEN OTHERS ON TRIAL

Armored Car Transports Defendants From County Jail.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine-gunner of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty in Federal court here today to conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

He made the plea just as he and eleven other defendants were about to go on trial for the abduction before Judge M. M. Joyce.

The court called the names of the defendants, then said to Bolton: "Mr. Bolton, you are not represented by counsel?"

Bolton, who previously had entered a plea of not guilty, arose in his seat.

"I desire to plead guilty," he said.

#### Sentence Deferred.

He then stepped before the bench and entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy indictment. He also is under indictment for the actual kidnaping, but his plea of not guilty to this charge remained unchanged. Both charges carry maximum penalties of life imprisonment.

At the suggestion of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Judge Joyce deferred sentence until after the trial and ordered Bolton returned to the county jail.

Of youthful appearance, with dark hair and eyes and somewhat dark complexion, Bolton had entered the courtroom a few minutes before, handcuffed to Jess Doyle, another defendant. The alleged machine gunner was wearing a dark overcoat with the collar turned up, which he kept on all the time he was in court. He was chewing gum and showed no signs of apprehension except for a habit of rubbing one side of his face with his hand.

Besides Bolton and Doyle, the latter a Kansas City mobster, the defendants taken into court today include Arthur (Doc) Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis mob, which is accused of the abduction; Oliver Berg, life-term convict from Illinois; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, James Wilson and Bruno (Whitney) Austin, all of Chicago.

#### Moved in Armored Car.

The defendants were taken from the county jail to the Federal Courts building in an armored money car, which made two trips about ten minutes apart. The first six arrived at 10:30 A. M., handcuffed in pairs.

First to enter the courtroom were Barker and Berg, then Alderton and Farmer, followed by Doyle and Bolton.

The Murray woman and McLaughlin were the first of the next batch to arrive and were the only ones not handcuffed. They were followed by Delaney and Wilson, then by Vidler and Austin.

Arriving in the courtroom, their handcuffs were removed and they were seated in two rows behind their counsel.

The proceedings opened with a roll of the prospective jurors called by Joseph Lynch, deputy clerk of court, to which about 60 talesmen responded. Judge Joyce excused seven who offered miscellaneous reasons why they should not serve.

The court then called the roll of the defendants, and Bolton's name followed.

As the trial opened, a large crowd milled about the main building and filled the main floor, apparently anxious to catch a glimpse of the defendants. On the third floor, however, where the courtroom is situated, a strong guard of Federal agents and city police was stationed, and admittance was granted only to those connected with the trial.

While the holstered pistols of the city police were the only weapons to be seen, an arsenal of machine guns and sawed-off shotguns was available to the officers.

When the roll of defendants was called, Austin's name was omitted. He has not been arraigned previously and it was announced with the others that he will be tried with the others. He remained in the court room only a short time today, being taken back to the county jail with Bolton.

In questioning prospective jurors, Judge Joyce queried each as to whether he were acquainted with the Bremer family and whether he ever had been involved in a kidnaping or extortion case. The court also warned that "this trial may take several weeks."

Eight jurors were selected tentatively at the morning session. They are Hubert Frank, retired; Caldonia Grocer; Bert Earl, packing company employe from Austin; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, 681 East Wheelock parkway, wife of a University of Minnesota dental college faculty member; Robert Barkhuff, Austin barber; Mrs. L. E. Oberg, wife of a Lake City newspaper owner; E. P. Egan, 1343 Thomas street, clerk at the Minnesota Transfer; Ole Olson of Blooming Prairie, inspector for the Production Credit corporation, and Homer Blanchard, 71-year-old retired Lake City business man.

Egan said he had been in a St. Thomas college cadet company with Bremer but was accepted tentatively when he explained it was 24 years ago.

F. J. Adams, St. Paul insurance man, was excused when he said his offices were in the Bremer arcade and that he was a friend of the Bremer family. C. Edwin Johnson, insurance man from Center City, was excused when he admitted having formed an opinion in the case.

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# BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY

ADMISSION SPREADS TERROR  
TO 11 OTHERS FACING CHARGE  
OF EDWARD BREMER 'SNATCH'

Arrested Karpis Mobster  
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Guilty!



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His plea, while not entirely unex-  
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the mobster into the ranks of the  
defendants.  
Expected to turn state's  
witness, one of the  
mobster's pals.

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Doctor's Sift Of  
Suspect Ordered  
Trial Is Delayed  
Forfeited.

Because of the reported  
one of the principal defendants  
of two men and a woman  
of keeping a house of  
scheduled for 10 a. m. today  
postponed in Ramsey county  
court until 2 p. m. pending  
al examination.  
Reported ill and confined to his  
home at 123 W. Summit ave.,  
P. McCabe, co-owner of the Pe-  
wick cafe, 250 W. Kellogg boulevard,  
who, with Leonard Feldman, ex-  
posed a raid on an alleged  
following a raid on an alleged  
Feldman and the woman  
present in court when the

Dredging Of 9-Foot River Basin  
Here Expected To Be Started Soon

Will Provide Turning  
Space, Clearance For  
Boats And Barges.

Early start on the work of  
dredging a basin nine feet deep and  
from 40 to 1,100 feet wide in the  
Mississippi river here was seen to-  
day. Maj. D. F. Johns, district  
engineer, upon  
Edward M. Marn, chief of  
engineers, had recommended  
the project, which would extend  
the Robert st. bridge to slight-  
ly above the Eye Island barge  
canal, a distance of 2.7 miles.  
The project also includes the cost of  
dredging the river to be used  
for a proposed highway  
from the Robert st. bridge to the

3-Hour Boiler Crew Strike  
Gives Solons And Capitol  
Employees Chilly Morning

Quick Action  
On Omnibus  
Tax Blocked

Hot Senate Debate  
Marks Move To Put  
Bill On Special Order.

In a turbulent senate session to-

A chilling 30-mile-an-hour north-  
west wind and Gov. Olson today aid-  
ed eight state capitol boiler room  
employees a partial victory in their  
demand for union wages.  
The victory came following a confer-  
ence after a three-hour strike of  
the employees had left the capitol  
and state office building cold and  
dark.  
The strike was called off at 12:40  
p. m., after Gov. Olson, John Eng-  
land, business representative for the  
strikers; Sen. A. J. Rockne, finance  
committee chairman, and Rep. J. R.  
Switzer, appropriations committee  
head, had conferred in the gover-  
nor's office. Result of the conference  
was a promise by the governor to  
urge the legislature to restore the

Scandinavia  
Asks Milder  
Nazi Rebuke

Norwegian Minister Urges  
French Resolutions  
Be Toned Down To  
Soothe Germany.

GENEVA, April 14.—(UP)—The  
Scandinavian nations started a  
strong movement at the council ses-  
sion of the league of nations today  
to placate Germany and head off  
a strong French resolution against  
the reich.  
Peter Munch, Norwegian foreign  
minister, on behalf of the Scan-  
davian nations, conferred with  
John Simon, British foreign sec-  
retary, and urged a vague  
not condemning Germany.  
The council, after a session  
lasting only an hour, adjourned  
until Tuesday.





**MONDAY, APRIL 13.**  
**HOUSE—74TH DAY.**  
**SENATE—69TH DAY.**

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## Red Security

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WASHINGTON, April 15.—(UP)—The government today distributed the first jobs under the \$4,880,000,000 program when the civilian conservation corps began enrolling 100 recruits.

The recruits, being enrolled throughout the country, will replace men who left the CCC early in the month.

The 110,000 additions will raise the CCC to its recent average strength of 353,000. Later, when camps are built, the organization is expected to be increased to more than 600,000.

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A few scenes today BYRON BOLTON, the prisoner, pleaded guilty to a part in the actual kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. He is shown handcuffed to another prisoner and surrounded by federal agents and marshal's deputies.

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## Byron Bolton Admits Bremer Kidnap Plot

allowed six of the 10 to leave courtroom.

Efforts to select a jury ran into difficulties when of the first veniremen, three were excused for cause: Because they were acquainted with the Bremer family.

A few minutes later the defendants started to arrive.

From their cells in the Ramsey County Jail six of the recognized "heavyweights" of the mob were marched to an armored car of the state detective agency.

Barker and Oliver Hunt were handcuffed together. Hunt had his wrist coupled with Ed Alderton's. Jess Doyle and Byron Bolton were joined. They were wheeled to the federal building loaded and the car started back for the remaining defendants.

J. J. McLaughlin, Chicago police boss, and Edna Murray, only woman defendant on trial, were the last to emerge from the jail for the second load and enter the armored car handcuffed; James Delaney and William and William Vidler. Bruno Austin followed.

Once in court handcuffs were removed from all defendants.

United States Marshall J. J. Reilly, apparently taking no chances, losing the prize of the gang, Barker, immediately ordered him handcuffed to a deputy marshal.

and that way Barker remained all morning chewing vigorously on a pad of gum.

The defendants were smartly and neatly dressed. Their eyes roamed over the courtroom as they entered and were seated, all but Mrs. Murphy, who was deeply interested in the proceedings. The woman immediately took out a letter and for several minutes was absorbed in it. The principal of the entire case, J. Bremer, was not to be seen in the room.


While the courtroom was admittedly well guarded not a machine gun and a few other arms were visible.

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| Hamburger,<br>Short Ribs           | 8 <sup>c</sup>                                  | Spareribs, Short Cuts,<br>Veal Shoulder Steak               |
| Ring<br>Bologna                    | 11 <sup>c</sup>   Peanut<br>Butter              | 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>   Skin.<br>Hams |
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## Push Bremer Case Before Bar



Conducting the prosecution in the Bremer kidnaping trial will be GEORGE F. SULLIVAN (left) United States district attorney and GEORGE A. HEISEY (right) his chief assistant.

## Gives Trial Oath



Swearing of witnesses in the Bremer kidnaping trial and picking out the names for the jury box are the duties of MARGARET L. MULLANE, clerk of the United States district court.

*W. D. Sullivan*

## "Snatch" Defendants' Legal Battery



*SP Daily news*

A small army of legal talent is representing the 12 defendants on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Byron Bolton and Bruno Austin are the only defendants without counsel. The defense attorneys are: Upper, left to right—EUGENE F. MATTHEWS, representing Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and Harold Alderton; LEWIS L. DRILL, former United States district attorney, for John McLaughlin; THOMAS McMEEKIN for Philip Delaney and Elmer Farmer. Lower, left to right—THOMAS J. NEWMAN for James Wilson; A. JEROME HOFFMAN for William E. Vidler, and JOHN DeCOURCY for Edna Murray and Arthur (Doc) Barker.

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## Bruno Austin Not In Court; May Be Tried Separately

Bruno Austin, under conspiracy indictment in connection with the Bremer kidnaping was not in court this afternoon when selection of the jury to try the alleged kidnapers was resumed in Federal Court building.

Austin had not been arraigned and unless he is brought before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce to enter a plea he will not be tried with the other 10 defendants. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said today that Austin may be arraigned after the jury is selected.

Eleven tentative jurors were seated in the jury box at 2 p. m. Five of the 16 questioned by Judge Joyce were excused for cause. Those tentatively selected are Hubert Frank, Caledonia; Bert Earl, Austin; Mrs. L. E. O'Berg, Lake City; E. P. Egan, St. Paul; Ole Olson, Blooming Prairie; Homer Blanchard, Lake City; Mrs. William Root, Medford; Lee M. Sparks, Kasson; Michael C. McGaheran, Owatonna; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, St. Paul; Robert Garkhuff, Austin, and Earl Bateman, Plainview.

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# ADMITS BREMER KIDNAPING

Bolton, One of the Defendants,  
Pleads Guilty as Trial Nears.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—Byron Bolton, one of twelve defendants going on trial in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, pleaded guilty as court convened today. It was anticipated he would turn State's evidence.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, reputed leader of the gang, was carried in an armored car from jail to the Federal Building. The others, including Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," were escorted to the courtroom under the guns of federal agents and a corps of police.

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## BREMER KIDNAPER ADMITS HIS GUILT

Chicagoan Pleads as 10 Other  
Men and Women Go on  
Trial in St. Paul

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—Byron Bolton, Chicago, charged as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, pleaded guilty today as he and eleven others were brought into Federal Court for trial.

When the eleven men and one woman were marched before Judge M. M. Joyce, the judge, calling the roll of prisoners, said: "Mr. Bolton, you are not represented by counsel?"

Bolton, youthful looking, arose and said in a clear voice, "I desire to plead guilty."

Bolton and three others were charged in the indictment with seizing Bremer on a St. Paul street on January 17, 1934. As the three others in the actual abduction, the Government named Arthur (Doc) Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang and Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held for twenty-three days, before his release on \$200,000 ransom.

Judge Joyce said he would sentence Bolton at the conclusion of the trial. Bolton's sudden action left eleven awaiting trial, with the prospect that the Government might

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| Mr. Egan.....     |

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## Acts at Court Opening— Eleven Others on Trial.

ST. PAUL, April 15 (A. P.).—Byron Bolton of Chicago, charged with being one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, pleaded guilty today as he and eleven others were brought into the Federal Court for trial.

When the twelve were marched before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today, the judge, calling the long roll of prisoners, said:

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Judge Joyce said that he would sentence Bolton at the conclusion of the trial. Bolton's sudden action left the eleven awaiting trial with the prospect that the Government might put him on the stand to tell the inside story of the sensational abduction.

Mr. Bremer was released on the payment of \$200,000 in ransom.

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NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL

## BREMER CASE CONFESSION

ST. PAUL, April 15 (By International News Service).—Myron Bolton, one of the leaders of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer and collected \$200,000 ransom, today pleaded guilty to a charge of kidnaping.

Bolton made his plea just as trial of him and 11 others for the Bremer kidnaping got underway before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

His guilty plea was a surprise and it was thought that he will be the Government's chief witness against the others.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
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DAILY MIRROR

## Karpis Mob Trial Today For Kidnap

ST. PAUL, April 14.—(U. P.).  
Shattered by Federal machine  
gun bullets, worn down by the  
months' long hunt, 12 members of  
the Barker-Karpis gang, including  
Dapper Little Arthur (Doc) Bar-

ker himself, will go on trial here  
Monday, accused of the \$200,000  
Edward G. Bremer abduction.  
A few months ago a Federal  
grand jury indicted 26 persons as  
participants in the kidnaping, an  
abduction which drew the greatest  
ransom of recent years.

The victim's father, Adolf  
Bremer, is a personal friend of  
President Roosevelt.  
Of the 26 persons originally in-  
dicted, four have been killed by  
the straight-shooting Federal De-  
partment of Justice agents, ten  
are still at large, and 12 face  
trial.

The defendants are:  
Arthur (Doc) Barker, Byron  
Bolton, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray,  
Oliver Berg, Bruno (Whitey) Aus-  
tin, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farm-  
er, James Wilson, John J. Mc-  
Laughlin, William E. Vidler and  
Philip Delaney.  
Berg, pleaded "not guilty" at  
his arraignment. He was brought  
from Joliet, Ill., penitentiary,  
where he was serving a sentence  
on another charge.

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## BREMER TRIAL ON TODAY

TWELVE ACCUSED PERSONS FACE COURT IN ST. PAUL

The Government Terms Doc Barker as the Leader in the \$200,000 Abduction of the Banker.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, April 14.—Snared in the crime net spread by the department of justice, a dozen persons—eleven men and one woman—will appear in federal court here tomorrow to stand trial in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, January 17, 1934.

Various walks of life will be represented in those twelve defendants, who include a former Illinois legislator, tavern keeper, prison lifer, escaped convicts, confessed bank robber, "bookie" and woman bandit.

Regarded by the government as the No. 1 man is Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged coleader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, whose surrender on a North Side Chicago street without a gunfight surprised federal agents. His friend, Alvin Karpis, still is sought as one of the principal kidnapers.

Three others in the group, charged with the actual kidnaping, are Harold E. Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the banker allegedly was held prisoner for twenty-three days; Elmer Farmer, who operated a tavern a few blocks away from the Bremer "hide-out," and Byron Bolton, Chicago. Bolton was seized by the law, alive, because he didn't put up a struggle, while his partner, Russell Gibson, was mowed down by federal machine gun bullets a short distance away.

The eight others are accused of having furthered the conspiracy of the kidnaping, either by helping dispose of the ransom money or by assisting certain persons in making "contacts."

Alleged conspirators who will face trial include Jess Doyle, Kansas City hoodlum who has confessed several

bank robberies; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit" who escaped from a Missouri prison while serving a 25-year term for robbery; Oliver A. Berg, serving a life term in Joliet, Ill., prison; Bruno (Whitie) Austin, Edward E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago.

Doyle surrendered voluntarily at Girard, Kas., several weeks ago after eluding gunfire of federal agents at Pittsburg, Kas. His car stuck in the mud twenty miles away, he walked to a farmhouse, telephoned a sheriff and said "Come and get me—I'm a much wanted man." While held in Kansas City he made a written confession naming the Barker-Karpis gang as the perpetrators of the third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, when two policemen were slain and claimed Leonard Hankins, serving a life term in state prison for the killings, was "innocent."

Ten others indicted for the kidnaping still are at large.

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## 12 on Trial Today in Bremer Case

### Four Charged With Actual Kidnaping of Banker

ST. PAUL, April 14.—(AP)—A dozen persons charged by the government with a hand in the kidnaping in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will go on trial in United States District Court here tomorrow.

George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the government will take two to three weeks to present its case, calling on nearly 100 witnesses.

Bremer was seized on a street here January 17, 1934, and released February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Four of the defendants are charged with the actual kidnaping. They are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, alleged leader of the abduction gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was reported to have been held captive, and Byron Bolton.

Facing conspiracy charges are Edna Murray, known to police as the "kissing bandit," John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the ransom money; Jess Doyle, James Wilson, Chicago, and Bruno Austin.

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# BREMER CASE TRIAL TODAY

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# BREMER KIDNAP GANG ON TRIAL TODAY IN ST. PAUL

(Pictures on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 14.—(P)—In the crime net spread by the department of justice a dozen persons—eleven men and one woman—will appear in the federal court here tomorrow to stand trial in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934.

The prisoners include:

Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis mob. Alvin Karpis has not been seized.

Harold E. Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, all charged with the actual kidnaping and hiding of Bremer at Bensenville, near Chicago.

Jess Doyle, Kansas City hoodlum

Kana (Rabbits) Marry, known as "the kissing bandit"; Oliver A. Berg, serving a life term in Joliet, Ill., prison; Bruno (Whitie) Austin, Edward E. Vilder, Phillip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago. They are accused of various roles in the plot and handling of the ransom.

Vilder, a "bookie," was arrested in Chicago last summer and more than \$3,000 identified as the ransom money found in his possession. Soon afterward McLaughlin, one time political power and former state legislator, was arrested, the government charging he was responsible for "changing" considerable part of the ransom cash.

Those indicted for the kidnaping plot but still at large, besides Karpis, are Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Harry Smawyer, William J. Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and two others, names unknown.

Bremer was kidnaped after he drove his daughter to school. The kidnaper blocked his car at a street intersection and slugged him because he struggled. Walter W. Magee, his close friend, delivered the ransom money.

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**SEEKS CONVICTION.**  
U. S. Attorney George Sullivan heads prosecution of 12 in Bremer trial.



**KIDNAP TRIAL JUDGE**  
M. M. Joyce, who will preside over Bremer case trial starting today.

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# BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY AT START OF BREMER TRIAL

Sentence Is Deferred; 11  
Others Face Court in  
Kidnaping.

St. Paul, April 15.—(P)—Byron Bolton, Chicago, one of the defendants charged with actual participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, pleaded guilty as trial of a dozen defendants opened in federal court here today.

Immediately after Judge M. M. Joyce called the names of the defendants for trial, he said to Bolton, "Mr. Bolton, you are, not represented by counsel?"

Bolton, youthful looking, arose from his chair and in a clear voice said:

"I desire to plead guilty."

Delays Sentencing Bolton.

Judge Joyce, before suggesting that Bolton be taken back to the county jail, said he would pronounce sentence at the termination of the trial of the other defendants.

A demand for a bill of particulars and demurrer to the indictment then was filed by Eugene Matthews, attorney, on behalf of Oliver Berg, alleged conspirator brought here from Joliet (Ill.) prison, where he is serving a life term.

Before the defendants were brought in, Judge Joyce questioned talesmen, excusing seven.

Unusual precautions were taken to guard against any possibility of escape by the eleven men and one woman charged with kidnaping or conspiracy in the abduction. The government also had an armored car to transport the defendants, whose fate will be left to a jury.

## Four Called Actual Kidnapers.

Four men are charged with the actual kidnaping of Bremer on a street here Jan. 17, 1934, and releasing him twenty-three days later after payment of \$200,000 ransom. They are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Missouri outlaw; Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both of Bensenville, Ill., and Bolton.

Those accused of conspiracy are Mrs. Edna Murray, the "kissing" bandit; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; Oliver A. Berg, convict at the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary, and Bruno ("Whitie") Austin, Edward A. Vidler, Phillip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago.

Ten of the twenty-two persons indicted for the crime still are at large, including Alvin Karpis, United States public enemy No. 1 and alleged co-leader with Barker in the actual kidnaping.

Nearly 100 U. S. Witnesses.

The government was expected to present nearly 100 witnesses in the trial, which probably will last a month.

Killings, bank raids and kidnapings—the monetary loot estimated in excess of \$500,000—are charged by federal authorities to the Barker-Karpis gang.

The government has information linking the mob with at least six killings, in addition to data reportedly connecting the mobsters with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, for which the Touhy combination was tried here and acquitted.

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## BOLTON ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

ST. PAUL, April 15.—(By International News Service.)—Myron Bolton, one of the leaders of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer and collected \$200,000 ransom, today pleaded guilty to a charge of kidnaping.

Bolton made his plea just as trial of him and eleven others for the Bremer kidnaping got under way before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

### PLEA IS SURPRISE

His guilty plea was a surprise and it is thought that he will be the government's chief witness against the others.

Among the ten other co-defendants on trial with Bolton are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and four other Chicagoans.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan will direct the prosecution.

### KARPIS STILL SOUGHT

Barker and his pal, Alvin Karpis, are charged with the actual engineering of the abduction. Karpis is at large, having shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City several months ago.

Barker's mother, "Ma" Barker, and another son, Fred, also indicted in connection with the kidnaping, chose to shoot it out with federal officers in Florida, and were shot to death.

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St. Paul Banker Saved by  
Captors Who Refused Deal  
With Gang Seeking Cash

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 16 (I.N.S.).—The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, saved him from a second snatching at the hands of another mob by refusing to turn their prisoner over after collecting \$200,000 ransom.

This was the testimony of Mr. Bremer late today in Federal Court, just before adjournment until tomorrow.

The deal was proposed after the Barker-Karpis gangsters had collected the \$200,000 in small bills from Walter W. Magee, close friend of Mr. Bremer, the banker testified.

"Several men whose voices I had not heard before came to the house (at Bensenville, Ill.) and tried to make a deal to have my abductors turn me over to them so they could demand another ransom payment."

Mr. Bremer declared his captors told him:

"You've played square with us, and we're going to play square with you."

The banker described how he had been loaded into a coupe and driven back to Rochester, Minn., where he was freed late at night.

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# Bremer, on Stand, Describes Kidnap Fight, Death Threat

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Bremer, the first of approximately 100 government witnesses, related how he was first slugged, as he was driving to his bank after taking his daughter to school, then transferred to another car a short distance away, and driven from morning to night as he lay on the floor in the back of his kidnapers car. He stopped the flow of blood, temporarily with a handkerchief, he related, but later was given what felt like a muffler to put over his head.

## Tells of Death Threat

In answer to questions of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Bremer disclosed that he was threatened with death if he did not obey orders.

Bremer told how he endeavored to fight off his kidnapers by sticking his foot in the open door, in an effort to stall until some one might arrive, but that he was then clubbed with the pistol butt and weakened from loss of blood, forced to carry out the commands.

"What did the man on the right side with the gun say to you?"

"Don't move or I'll kill you," Bremer replied.

Speaking softly, his eyes blinking constantly as if from nervousness, the 37-year-old banker presented a graphic picture of how he was led into a bedroom, seated on a chair, his wounds treated and then his eyes, ears and head bandaged.

Barker, scowling, fixed his eyes steadily on the witness, in contrast to his attitude during the questioning of the jurors. Harold Alderson, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Bremer was kept prisoner, also stared constantly at Bremer.

"The first thing I heard when I was taken from the car as I was brought to the hideout was some dog's barking," Bremer recalled.



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"I was led into a house and then into another room. I was placed on a chair. My hat was removed and after a while they washed my head with hot water.

"I asked them if the cuts looked bad. They said if I had not put up a fuss I wouldn't have been hurt. I was washed, I believe, with some mercurochrome. I asked them to shave the hair around the cuts so no infection would set in. I heard many voices. The lights were turned off, my goggles taken off and I was told to wash my face and hands after my head was cleaned up.

"My head was bandaged and eyes were bandaged. Then my trousers were removed and I was put in bed. My ears were clotted with wet cotton and a large pad of cotton put over my ears and head. After the bandages were put on—about three or four rolls—adhesive tape was placed over the bandages."

The district attorney then asked Bremer how many men were in the hideout.

"Perhaps four, five, six, seven or eight. I heard many voices."

## BARKER, KARPIS AND AIDS CITED BY SULLIVAN

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PROMISES FULL DETAILS

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The names of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and several of their henchmen today were linked with the actual kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, made his opening statement to the jury in Federal court.

The jury was completed shortly after the opening of court this morning.

Mr. Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection January 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

### Co-defendants Listed.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer allegedly was kept prisoner for 21 days; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; and Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago. Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty to conspiracy when the trial opened Monday.

In his opening statement, Mr. Sullivan disclosed for the first time since the kidnaping that \$57,000 of the ransom money was "peddled" in Chicago, mostly to banks, within four days by "money changers." In the statement he made no mention of Jess Doyle or Edna Murray, and also gave no indication of the evidence the government holds against two St. Paul defendants, Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton, both of whom are fugitives.

### Bremer Story Repeated.

More than half of his statement was a repetition of the story told by Mr. Bremer on his return by the kidnapers. Mr. Sullivan inserted in this story the names of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler and Byron Bolton as the men who took part in the actual kidnaping, negotiations for ransom, collection of the ransom and release of Bremer.

Sullivan promised the jurors detailed statements of the actual proceedings during the captivity of the St. Paul banker. He said that all of the persons actively engaged in carrying out the kidnaping had been fugitives, with one exception. He said that the kidnap mobsters went to Elmer Farmer, a tavern keeper in Bensenville, Ill., to obtain a hideout, and that Farmer arranged with Harold Alderton for use of the latter's home.

In his discussion of the "money changers" in the case, Sullivan enumerated Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, fugitive defendant, Jim-

my Wilson, Moran's employe who is now on trial, Oliver Berg, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, as principals in disposing of the ransom funds.

### One of Group Dead.

"This combination," he said, "including one Slim Gibson, now dead, passed in Chicago in four or five days about \$57,000 of the ransom money."

"The evidence will show that Berg, Moran and Gibson sat in a room in the Irving hotel in Chicago and passed out this money, three blocks of \$10,000 each and two blocks of \$15,000 each, to McLaughlin. It will show that McLaughlin, with Vidler and Delaney, would go up and down the street and change this money at banks and other places. It will show that Vidler, for example, would go into a bank with, say, \$1,500 and change it into \$100 bills. It will show that Delaney changed \$24,000 at one bank."

Sullivan said it was determined that Vidler would go to Louisville to change \$3,000 of the ransom money, that he was about to take a train when apprehended with \$2,500 of the money.

During the recitation of the case by Sullivan, the defendants, with the exception of Barker, seemed entirely indifferent and little interested. Barker sat and scowled continuously at Sullivan throughout. For the first time during the trial, Barker's sharp black eyes did not roll continuously over the court room, but stared steadily at Sullivan.

### List of Jurors.

The jurors are:

Hubert Frank, 55 years old, Caledonia, former grocer.  
Homer Blanchard, 71, Lake City, retired liveryman.

Earl Bateman, Plainview, trucking business operator.  
Mrs. Alice Hall, 681 East Wheelock parkway, St. Paul, housewife.

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George Gutter, Racine, farmer.

Ben Buckminster, Lake City, retired boat builder.

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The two alternate jurors chosen are:

Francis McCrady, Waseca, county highway worker.

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As court was resumed, Judge M. Joyce addressed the jurors. "Has any one sought to communicate with them?" he asked. "No," they answered. "Has any one sought to communicate with them?" he asked. "No," they answered. "Has any one sought to communicate with them?" he asked. "No," they answered.

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(Doc) Barker and his associates for the conspiracy.

Selection of Francis McGrady, Waseca, highway department employe, and Frank Bolstrof, Lansing, farmer, to serve as alternates followed, and after a brief recess United States District Attorney George Sullivan started his opening address.

As trial opened today, Mr. Sullivan and George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, were joined by John Y. Brown, deputy attorney general from Washington, who will assist in presentation of the government's case.

#### Machine Gun In Court.

Edgar McAlpine, South St. Paul chief of police, also was in court today with the machine gun federal agents are said to have taken from Barker when he was captured in Chicago and which is said to have been stolen from South St. Paul police during a payroll robbery in which one patrolman was killed.

Walter Magee, contact man for the Bremer family and who paid over the \$200,000 ransom on instructions from the kidnapers, was in court for the first time. He will be one of the principal government witnesses.

#### Sullivan Opens U. S. Plea.

Mr. Bremer appeared at the United States marshal's office at 11:20 a. m., five minutes before Mr. Sullivan started to spin the web of evidence by which the government hopes to send the defendants to prison for long terms. The young banker remained in the marshal's office for word that he was wanted in the courtroom.

After the jury was selected Judge M. M. Joyce warned them to take every precaution against overhearing anything that might prejudice their opinions in the case. He ordered them locked up the duration of the trial in custody of Mrs. Katherine Reiger and E. C. Sinclair, bailiffs.

#### Jury To Stay At Hotel.

They will stay at the Hotel St. Paul. The 12 persons chosen for jury service are:

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How he was viciously beaten by kidnapers when he resisted their efforts was told to a United States district court jury today by Edward B. Bremer.

Taking the stand as the government's principal witness against 10 members of the Alvin Karpis-Doc Barker gang who are on trial for conspiracy to kidnap, Mr. Bremer in a calm, even voice narrated the details of his snatching.

His eyes glinting with determination, Mr. Bremer looked straight at George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and answered questions put by Mr. Sullivan in a voice that could be heard plainly throughout the courtroom.

#### BARKER GLARES.

While Mr. Bremer gave his testimony, Arthur (Doc) Barker, glared icily at him. The youthful banker never turned his eyes slightly to view the defendants but centered them upon Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Bremer was garbed in a neatly English oxford gray suit, a white shirt, polka dot tie and tan shoes. He smiled several times at Mr. Sullivan when the attorney asked questions that Mr. Bremer felt he was unable to answer.

He told of the attack at Goodrich and Lexington aves. and of the trip that followed.

At the kidnap lair, Mr. Bremer testified he asked the men how badly he had been cut by blows from the gun. The men told him the cuts were bad but they could be worse. Mr. Bremer testified they washed his head in hot water and at his request shaved around the wounds to prevent an infection. Examination of Mr. Bremer follows:

#### Bremer Takes Stand.

Mr. Bremer took the stand at 2:03 p. m., with Mr. Sullivan questioning. After the usual preliminary inquiries, Mr. Bremer said he was 37 years old, married, and has one daughter, age 9. He said he had been with the Commercial State bank for 16 years.

He said that on the day of the kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934, he left his home at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard. About 8:15 a. m., with his daughter, Betty, and took her to the Summit school at Goodrich ave. near Lexington ave.

"After leaving the school, did you make any stops?" "Yes, near Lexington ave., because it is a 'stop' street."

"How long were you in the car?"

"Ten minutes."

"Then what?"

"I was taken out of my car and placed in another, on the floor."

"Was anything said?"

"I'm not positive. They might have told me to get out."

"What was the approximate time you were at Goodrich and Lexington aves?"

"8:25."

After he was transferred to another car, he was asked to name a contact man, Mr. Bremer said.

"Who did you name?"

"Walter Magee."

"Anybody else?"

#### Forced To Sign Name.

"I gave them names of Walter Arnold, Mike Curley and Ed Lauer."

They gave me pen and paper and asked me to sign my name three or four times."

"Anything said to you about the contents of the papers?"

"They told me, and then my goggles were pulled forward and I could see three lines of type. They took watch and chain and told me they were for identification."

"What happened after you signed the note?"

"We drove off. Two men were in the back seat and two were in front and I was on the floor blindfolded."

#### Snow On Ground.

"What was the condition of the road?"

"There was snow on the ground."

"How long did you drive?"

"Until sometime in the afternoon. I can't tell exactly. When we did stop another car drove up and it sounded like they were refilling the car with gas. It felt as though we pulled off the main road. I heard the noise of cans in back of the car. It sounded like refueling."

"When the car started again, did you get back on the good road?"

"It felt that way."

"Then what happened?"

"After that stop I was given a sandwich—it tasted like chicken. I ate it while lying down."

"Then what happened?"

"They told me that as soon as it was dark they would let me sit up."

#### Cruising For Contact.

"Yes. Then what?"

"They told me they were merely cruising around until they got a contact. They let me sit up. One man was in the back seat. After a while they told me to get down again. While on the floor I heard street car wheels. After 15 minutes or so I was told to sit up again. After four or five hours the car was turned off again. I was told to get out and the car drove off leaving me with two men. I was cold and asked them to walk about with me, which they did. After a time the car returned and I got in. We drove another few hours."

"You say, 'They told me...'"

#### Arrive At Hideout.

"Well, all three talked to me at different times. They told me we were at the hideout."

"What happened then?"

"First I heard some dogs barking. I was led into a house."

"On entering the house what observation did you make?"

"I walked into the house, walked a short distance, turned to the right and sat down."

**Gun Thrust In Door.**

"Now tell what happened."

"As I stopped, the right door was opened, and a gun was stuck in and a man told me to start up or I would be killed. I put the car in low gear but I noticed another car in front of my car."

"Did you see the man with the gun?" "No, all I saw was an arm."

"What else occurred?" "When I saw I was blocked I tried to get out on the left side of the car. When I opened the door, I felt blows on my head, probably from the man who got on the right side of the car."

"When did you feel the blows on the head?"

"When I started to open the left door of the car."

"What direction did the blows come?"

"I don't know, I was hit on top of the head."

"What then?"

"I had my foot outside the car trying to draw attention, but I was losing too much blood and was getting dizzy, so I thought it would be best to obey."

"Then what?"

"Some one said something about starting the car. I don't know whether I started it for them or not. The man on the right got in the car and I was pushed into the center of the seat."

"Were you sitting up?"

"No."

"Where were you?"

"The driver was at the left, another man on the right, and I was lying between them."

"Could you see?"

"No, my head was down below under shelter."

"Were you injured?"

"I was bleeding, and put my handkerchief over my head. The man on my right gave me a muffler."

"Were goggles placed over your eyes?"

"Yes, within a few minutes."



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(Doc) Barker and his associates for the conspiracy.

Selection of Francis McCrady, Waseca, highway department employe, and Frank Bolstrof, Lansing, farmer, to serve as alternates followed, and after a brief recess United States District Attorney George Sullivan started his opening address.

As trial opened today, Mr. Sullivan and George Helsey, assistant United States district attorney, were joined by John Y. Brown, deputy attorney general from Washington, who will assist in presentation of the government's case.

#### Machine Gun In Court.

Edgar McAlpine, South St. Paul chief of police, also was in court today with the machine gun federal agents are said to have taken from Barker when he was captured in Chicago and which is said to have been stolen from South St. Paul police during a payroll robbery in which one patrolman was killed.

Walter Magee, contact man for the Bremer family and who paid over the \$200,000 ransom on instructions from the kidnapers, was in court for the first time. He will be one of the principal government witnesses.

#### Sullivan Opens U. S. Plea.

Mr. Bremer appeared at the United States marshal's office at 11:20 a. m., five minutes before Mr. Sullivan started to spin the web of evidence by which the government hopes to send the defendants to prison for long terms. The young banker remained in the marshal's office for word that he was wanted in the courtroom.

After the jury was selected Judge M. M. Joyce warned them to take every precaution against overhearing anything that might prejudice their opinions in the case. He ordered them locked up the duration of the trial in custody of Mrs. Katherine Reiger and E. C. Sinclair, bailiffs.

#### Jury To Stay At Hotel.

They will stay at the Hotel St. Paul. The 12 persons chosen for jury service are:

Hubert Frank, 55, Caledonia, retired grocer; Homer Blanchard, 71, Lake City, retired liveryman; Earl Bateman, Plainview, trucking business operator; Mrs. Alice Hall, 681 E. Wheelock parkway, wife of University of Minnesota dental school faculty member; Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber; J. Maud Brown, St. Paul, seamstress; Miss Mary McQuade, 505 Selby ave., St. Paul, former pattern department manager; Frank Beaty, Lake City, electrical worker; Ben Buckminster, Lake City, retired boat builder; George Guiter, Racine, farmer; William Sherf, Frontenac, farmer, and Harry Jones, Austin, apartment house operator.

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How he was viciously beaten by kidnapers when he resisted their efforts was told to a United States district court jury today by Edward B. Bremer.

Taking the stand as the government's principal witness against 10 members of the Alvin Karpis-Doc Barker gang who are on trial for conspiracy to kidnap, Mr. Bremer in a calm, even voice narrated the details of his snatching.

His eyes glinting with determination, Mr. Bremer looked straight at George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and answered questions put by Mr. Sullivan in a voice that could be heard plainly throughout the courtroom.

#### BARKER GLARES.

While Mr. Bremer gave his testimony, Arthur (Doc) Barker, glared icily at him. The youthful banker never turned his eyes slightly to view the defendants but centered them upon Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Bremer was garbed in a natty English oxford gray suit, a white shirt, polka dot tie and tan shoes. He smiled several times at Mr. Sullivan when the attorney asked questions that Mr. Bremer felt he was unable to answer.

He told of the attack at Goodrich and Lexington aves. and of the trip that followed.

At the kidnap lair, Mr. Bremer testified he asked the men how badly he had been cut by blows from the gun. The men told him the cuts were bad but they could be worse. Mr. Bremer testified they washed his head in hot water and at his request shaved around the wounds to prevent an infection. Examination of Mr. Bremer follows:

#### Bremer Takes Stand.

Mr. Bremer took the stand at 2:03 p. m., with Mr. Sullivan questioning. After the usual preliminary inquiries, Mr. Bremer said he was 37 years old, married, and has one daughter, age 9. He said he had been with the Commercial State bank for 16 years.

He said that on the day of the kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934, he left his home at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard. About 8:15 a. m., with his daughter, Betty, and took her to the Summit school at Goodrich ave. near Lexington ave.

"After leaving the school, did you make any stops?" "Yes, near Lexington ave., because it is a 'stop' street."

#### Gun Thrust In Door.

"Now tell what happened."

"As I stopped, the right door was opened, and a gun was stuck in and a man told me to start up or I would be killed. I put the car in low gear but I noticed another car in front of my car."

"Did you see the man with the gun?" "No, all I saw was an arm."

"What else occurred?" "When I saw I was blocked I tried to get out on the left side of the car. When I opened the door, I felt blows on my head, probably from the man who got on the right side of the car."

"When did you feel the blows on the head?"

"When I started to open the left door of the car."

"What direction did the blows come?"

"I don't know, I was hit on top of the head."

"What then?"

"I had my foot outside the car, was trying to draw attention, but I was losing too much blood and was getting dizzy, so I thought it would be best to obey."

"Then what?"

"Some one said something about starting the car. I don't know whether I started it for them or not. The man on the right got in the car and I was pushed into the center of the seat."

"Were you sitting up?"

"No."

"Where were you?"

"The driver was at the left, another man on the right, and I was lying between them."

"Could you see?"

"No, my head was down below under shelter."

"Were you injured?"

"I was bleeding, and put my handkerchief over my head. The man on my right gave me a muffler."

"Were goggles placed over your eyes?"

"Yes, within a few minutes."

"How long were you in the car?"

"Ten minutes."

"Then what?"

"I was taken out of my car and placed in another, on the floor."

"Was anything said?"

"I'm not positive. They might have told me to get out."

"What was the approximate time you were at Goodrich and Lexington aves?"

"8:25."

"After he was transferred to another car, he was asked to name a contact man, Mr. Bremer said."

"Who did you name?"

"Walter Magee."

"Anything else?"

#### Forced To Sign Names.

"I gave them names of Walter Arnold, Mike Curley and Ed Lester. They gave me pen and paper and asked me to sign my name three or four times."

"Anything said to you about the contents of the papers?"

"They told me, and then my goggles were pulled forward and I could see three lines of type. They took watch and chain and told me they were for identification."

"What happened after you signed the note?"

"We drove off. Two men were in the back seat and two were in front and I was on the floor blindfolded."

#### Snow On Ground.

"What was the condition of the road?"

"There was snow on the ground."

"How long did you drive?"

"Until sometime in the afternoon. I can't tell exactly. When we did stop another car drove up and it sounded like they were refilling the car with gas. It felt as though we were pulled off the main road. I heard the noise of cans in back of the car. It sounded like refueling."

"When the car started again, did you get back on the good road?"

"It felt that way."

"Then what happened?"

"After that stop I was given a sandwich—it tasted like chicken. I ate it while lying down."

"Then what happened?"

"They told me that as soon as it was dark they would let me sit up."

#### Cruising For Contact.

"Yes. Then what?"

"They told me they were merely cruising around until they got a contact. They let me sit up. One man was in the back seat. After a while they told me to get down again. While on the floor I heard street car wheels. After 15 minutes or so I was told to sit up again. After four or five hours the car was turned off again. I was told to get out and the car drove off leaving me with two men. I was cold and asked them to talk about with me, which they did. After a time the car returned and I got in. We drove another few hours."

"You say, 'They told me.'"

"Well, all three talked to me at different times. They told me we were at the hideout."

"What happened then?"

"First I heard was some dogs barking. I was led into a house."

"On entering the house what observation did you make?"

"I walked into the house, walked

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a short distance, turned to the right and sat down.

"How were you led?"

"I don't know."

"What kind of a room were you placed in?"

"Just a room. I felt I passed a stove because I could feel heat."

Washed Head.

"What was done in the room where you were placed?"

"I had my head washed. They told me the cuts could be worse. They told me if I hadn't put up a fight, I wouldn't have got hurt. I think they put mercurochrome on. They shaved the hair from the cuts."

"How many men were there?"

"I think seven or eight."

"Did you still have on the goggles?"

"Yes. Later they let me take them off to wash, and then my head was bandaged and I was put to bed."

"How many men were in the room?"

Eyes Bandaged.

"The room was dark so I don't know how many were there. They bandaged my eyes with gauze and plugged my ears with cotton and taped it down with adhesive."

The judge interrupted to ask "How was the bandage placed on the eyes?"

"Can you tell the jury what you did in the morning?"

"I got up and went to the bathroom. I could feel the heat in one room. Then I went through a door and could feel a rise in the floor in the doorway."

"On Jan. 18, the first day you were there, what happened?"

"I was taken to the bathroom, and there I waited. The bandages were still on."

Felt Sorry For Him.

"When did they remove the bandages for any length of time?"

"After four or five days."

"How did it come about?"

"A man came to see me and said it looked like a drawn-out affair, and that he felt sorry for me. He said he'd remove the bandages if I promised not to move my head and to look straight ahead. I did, and they kept their promise."

"When did they put the bandages back on you?"

"Every time I wanted to go to the bathroom or to bed."

"What happened to you on the night of Jan. 18?"

"I wrote the ransom notes."

Addressed To Three.

"Who did you address them to?"

"Walter Magee and Dr. Nippert and my wife." He referred to Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln ave.

"How did you address your wife?"

"Patz. It's a nickname I have for my wife. I forgot to mention although I wrote these notes on Thursday, they were dated Friday."

"Were you told what to write?"

"Yes, the man who directed me was rather gruff."

Letters Offered.

Mr. Sullivan then offered as evidence letters written by Mr. Bremer. Mr. Bremer identified them as those he had written on Thursday and dated for Friday.

"Were there any special suggestions about this letter?" Mr. Sullivan continued.

"None, except to say the enclosed letter was to be delivered to my father."

Mr. Sullivan then brought out more letters for identification. Mr. Bremer identified his own handwriting and said that he has told to tell Magee to be sure not to work with the police.

"After the first four days were your eyes bandaged more often?"

"Yes—but I could never elave my chair without the bandages. When they brought meals, or when I went to the bathroom I had a towel placed over my head."

Identifies Exhibit.

Sullivan then brought out more papers labeled exhibits No. 7 to 13.

"Mr. Bremer identified exhibit No. 7, as being the one he signed when first kidnaped in St. Paul."

"Did you type the letter?"

"No, I just signed it."

Court recessed at 3:15 p. m.

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# ONE PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPPING

Chicagoan Admits Conspiracy—  
St. Paul Trial Opens With  
Ten Defendants Left.

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—A plea of guilty by one defendant and failure to arraign another apparently reduced the list of defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping trial to ten as the case opened in Federal court here today.

Byron Bolton of Chicago, alleged to be one of the actual kidnapers and charged with conspiracy in the case, pleaded guilty to the latter charge. He faces a possible sentence, deferred by the court until completion of the trial, of from one year to life, at the discretion of the court. Kidnapping carries the same penalty.

After Eugene Matthews, attorney for Oliver Berg, alleged conspirator brought here from the Joliet, Ill., prison, had demanded a bill of particulars, Judge Joyce proceeded to question prospective jurors. Eleven were accepted, subject to government and defense challenge.

Other defendants are: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold E. Alderman and Elmer Farmer, all charged with actual kidnapping as well as conspiracy; Mrs. Edna Murray, Jean Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, accused of conspiracy.

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# BREMER KIDNAPING JURY IS COMPLETED

Will Try Ten Defendants In  
\$200,000 Ransom Case

ST. PAUL, April 16 (P).—A jury to try ten defendants, charged with complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was completed today.

Both the Government and defense counsel waived four remaining peremptory challenges and announced the jury, including three women, was acceptable. Selection of two alternate jurors was expected to follow.

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# PLEADS GUILTY IN KIDNAPING OF BREMER

St. Paul, April 15 U.P.—  
Trial of twelve of twenty-two  
persons indicted in the na-  
tion's richest kidnaping, that  
of Edward G. Bremer, St.  
Paul banker, opened today  
with a dramatic plea of guilty  
by one of the defendants.

Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster,  
stepped up to the Federal Court  
bench of Judge M. M. Joyce and  
announced he wished to plead  
guilty to a charge of kidnaping  
conspiracy. The plea was accepted  
and sentence deferred.

Bolton, it was expected, will turn  
State's evidence in the effort to  
link Arthur (Doc) Barker and his  
companions, including Edna Mur-  
ray, the Kissing Bandit, with ab-  
duction of Bremer for \$200,000  
early last year. Barker and the  
others face a penalty of life im-  
prisonment.

Twelve tentative jurors were  
seated when court adjourned. It  
was expected that most of tomor-  
row would be needed to complete  
the panel.

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# 10 on Trial in Kidnaping Of Bremer; 1 Guilty Plea

12th Defendant Not Arraigned;  
May Be U. S. Witness

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—A plea of guilty by one defendant and failure to arraign another apparently reduced the list of defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial to ten as the case opened in Federal Court here today.

Byron Bolton, of Chicago, alleged to be one of the actual kidnapers and charged with conspiracy in the case, pleaded guilty to the latter charge. He faces a possible sentence, deferred by the court until completion of the trial, of from one year to life, at the discretion of the court. Kidnaping carries the same penalty.

His plea occasioned no surprise either among fellow defendants or among court attaches, some of whom had expected him to plead guilty when he was arraigned two weeks ago.

Bruno ("Whitie") Austin, under a conspiracy indictment in the case, who was removed here from Chicago last week, was brought into the courtroom from the county jail under heavy guard with others held in the case. When Judge M. M. Joyce read the names of the defendants, Austin was not among them. Since he has not been arraigned, it was indicated he might be used as a government witness.

Other defendants are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, all charged with actual kidnaping as well as conspiracy; Mrs. Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson, John J. McLaughlin, Oliver A. Berg and Phillip J. Delaney, accused of conspiracy.

Eleven jurors had been selected tentatively when court adjourned for the day.

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## 1 ADMITS GUILT IN BREMER CASE

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—A plea of guilty by one defendant and failure to arraign another reduced the list of defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial to 10 as the case opened in Federal Court today.

Byron Bolton, Chicago, alleged to be one of the actual kidnapers and charged with conspiracy in the case, pleaded guilty to the latter charge. He faces a possible sentence of from one year to life. Bruno (Whitie) Austin, under conspiracy indictment, was brought into court under heavy guard with the others. When Judge Joyce read the names of the defendants Austin was not among them. Since he has not been arraigned, it was indicated he may be used as a Government witness.

Judge Joyce then proceeded to question prospective jurors. Twelve were accepted, subject to Government and defense challenge. Two alternates will be chosen tomorrow.

The defendants are: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold E. Anderson, Elmer Farmer, Mrs. Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson, John J. McLaughlin, Oliver Berg and Philip J. Delaney.

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# FACE BREMER

## Victim to Take Stand



**COVERING UP!**—Arthur ("Doc") Barker, wearing a light hat and no overcoat, and Byron Bolton, behind him, also wearing a light hat, are shown as they went into the St. Paul federal court yesterday for trial in the Bremer kidnaping case. Bremer is to take the stand today.—International News photo.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 15.—(U.S.)—Edward G. Bremer, who the government charges was kidnaped by the Barker-Karpis gang last year, will testify in federal court here tomorrow against eleven defendants on trial before Judge M. M. Joyce.

Byron Bolton, one of the defendants, today pleaded guilty, surprising the defense and government attorneys. It was indicated the government might use him as a witness against Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Almer Farmer, Harold Alder-

ton, charged with the actual kidnaping, and others including Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, James Wilson, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, William Vidler, Oliver Berg and Phillip Delaney.

In the latter group, McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator and political boss, Vidler and Delaney are said by the government to have passed the ransom money in Chicago. The jury is expected to be completed tomorrow afternoon.

Alvin Karpis, also named as an actual kidnaper is sought by the government.

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# START TRIAL OF 12 IN KIDNAPING OF EDW. BREMER

## One Pleads Guilty as Court Opens.

St. Paul, Minn., April 15.—[Special.]—A plea of guilty by one opened the trial today of eleven accused in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago last January. Close of the first day in the heavily guarded court of Federal Judge M. M. Joyce saw the jury still incomplete.

Pleading guilty as the trial was opened was Byron Bolton of Chicago, alleged machine gunner of the Barker-Karpis gang. He was not represented by counsel and stepped before the bench to enter a plea of guilty to an indictment of conspiracy to kidnap. He also is under indictment for the actual kidnaping, but his previous plea of not guilty to this count stands unchanged. Both charges carry maximum penalties of life imprisonment.

**McLaughlin in Dock.**

Others on trial are Jess Doyle, Kan-

sas City mobster; Arthur [Red] Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis mob; Oliver Berg, life term convict from Illinois; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; Edna [Rabbits] Murray, known as the kissing bandit; John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, and James Wilson of Chicago.

Bruno [Whitey] Austin was brought in with the rest, but he was not listed as a defendant by the judge. It was indicated he may be a government witness.

Barker, Farmer and Alderton, in addition to Bolton, are charged with the actual kidnaping. The others face conspiracy charges growing out of the disposition of the ransom money.

At the morning session of the court 11 jurors were temporarily chosen. Late in the afternoon this number had been increased to 18 and reduced to 13 when three challenges were exercised by the defense and two by government attorneys.

**Expect Jury Today Noon.**

Completion of the jury is expected to take at least until noon tomorrow.

Two women were among the 13 left in the jury box this afternoon.

Armed men guarded the three blocks from the jail to the federal building as the defendants were transferred in an armored truck. All were handcuffed except the Murray woman and McLaughlin. Once inside the courtroom the manacles were removed from all but Barker, who, according to the guards, will be kept cuffed throughout the trial.

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# **KARPIS BOBS UP IN A BOTTLE AND JAIL CLAIMS 'PAL**

There was magic in the whisky that James Burke, 26 years old, 1354 West 79th street, drank Sunday evening. He went to the phone and called the detective bureau.

"If you want to catch Alvin Karpis," he said, "go to a saloon at 916 West 63rd street. He's 'lapping 'em up there.'"

Then at 11 p. m. a stranger walked into the bureau and asked to see Karpis.

"I'm the fellow who told you where to get him," he said.

It was James Burke—identifying himself as one James Radcliffe of Bishop street, and adding: "Karpis was down in Michigan City with me and Dillinger; we're old pals."

Karpis' record was looked up and failed to show he ever had been in Michigan City prison. There was no record of James Radcliffe. But Mr. Radcliffe-Burke was locked up for the night.

Yesterday he had forgotten that he was "Karpis' old pal" and couldn't figure out why he was in a cell. His mother eventually gave him and police the explanation.

"He is a good boy," she said, "but when he drinks that stuff he thinks up wild stories."

Chief of Detectives Sullivan let Burke go home.

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# BREMER KIDNAPING

## JURY COMPLETED

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# **\$200,000 PLOT VICTIM READY TO TELL ALL**

St. Paul, April 16 (P).—A jury in the trial of 10 defendants charged with complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was completed a few minutes after court opened this morning.



**Edward Bremer**

Surprising the crowded courtroom, both the government and defense counsel waived for remaining peremptory challenges and announced the jury, including three women, was acceptable to them.

Selection of two alternate jurors was expected to follow.

John Y. Brown, assistant attorney general from Washington, arrived here today to assist George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, and George Heisey, assistant U. S. district attorney, in the prosecution.

## **FATE IN THEIR HANDS**

The 12 jurors accepted are: Hubert Frank, Caledonia, retired grocer; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, St. Paul, dentist's wife; Homer Blanchard, Lake City, retired livery operator; Earl Bateman, Plainview, truckman; Harry Jones, Austin, apartment house owner; Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber; William Scherf, Frontenac, painter; Miss J. Maude Brown, St. Paul, seamstress; Miss Mary McQuade, St. Paul, former business woman; Frank Beaty, Lake City, unemployed electrical worker; George Guiter, Racine, farmer; Ben Bucminister, Lake City, retired boat builder.

## **ADMONISHES JURORS**

As court was resumed, Judge M. M. Joyce asked the jurors:

"Has anyone sought to communicate with you?" All the jurors shook their heads.

The court admonished the tentative jurors, as he permitted them to go to their homes at the conclusion of yesterday's court session, to talk to one another about the case and that it was their obligation to report to the court if anyone attempted to communicate with them.

Evron Bolton, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a conspiracy charge, was brought to the federal building this morning with the other defendants. Department of justice officials talked to him in the marshal's office. George L. Sullivan would not say why he was brought to the federal building.

Bremer was under summons to take the witness stand and unfold publicly for the first time the "inside story" of the \$200,000 kidnaping and slugging in January, 1934.

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**KEEPING A DATE IN COURT**



(A. P. Wirephoto)

An official auto unloading Edna (Kissing Bandit) Murray and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin (center) at court in St. Paul, where both are on trial as participants in the Bremer kidnaping.

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## U. S. Outlines Bremer Case; Jury Chosen

St. Paul, Minn., April 16.—(AP)—The names of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and several of their henchmen today were linked with the actual kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, delivered his opening statement to the jury in the trial of ten charged in the abduction.

Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection here Jan. 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home Feb. 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer is alleged to have been kept prisoner; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; Mrs. Edna ("Rabbits") Murray, known as "the kissing bandit"; Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago.

Byron Bolton, Chicago, pleaded guilty when the trial opened Monday.

"The evidence will show," Mr. Sullivan said, "that when this gang arrived in Bensenville, George Ziegler, now dead, Karpis and Bolton, through the agency of the defendant Farmer and the occupant of the house [the hideout—that is, Alderton—were there."

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# **Pick Jury in Bremer Kidnaping Trial**

ST. PAUL, April 16.—(P)—Selection of a jury was completed this morning in the trial of eleven persons in Federal Court here for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934. The chief defendant is Arthur (Doc) Barker, chief aid of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The banker was expected to take the stand and tell the inside story of his abduction.

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### Doc Barker Named

ST. PAUL—Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, was described by one of his henchmen, Harold Alderton, as the guiding hand behind the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, John Brennan, a Federal agent testified today.

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## 2 of 10 Defendants Admitted Kidnaping to Him, Says Bremer

Banker Identifies Wallpaper as Pieces From House in Which He Was Held Captive

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, walked across a tensely silent Federal courtroom today and pointed out two of 10 persons on trial for his \$200,000 kidnaping as having confessed to participation in the crime.

The banker's identification came near the close of his testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

### IDENTIFIES WALLPAPER

He identified a piece of cheap, gaudy wallpaper from a house at Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room where he was held captive for 21 days.

Early this year, he said, he went to the house with several Federal agents and met two men. He stepped from the witness stand to identify Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer as the men.

Following Bremer on the stand, Leon Rose, Chicago, photographer for the Federal division of investigation, identified five photographers and pencil sketches of the Bensenville house. Raymond Suran, Justice Department agent, testified to visiting the hideout last Jan. 1. He likewise identified photographs and floor sketches.

Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to kidnaping conspiracy charges Monday, may reverse his plea, it was learned today. Such a move, it was seen, would impair the Government's case, inasmuch as Bolton had been expected to turn state's evidence and be a star witness against Barker and his companions.

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## BREMER HANDS DEFENSE BLOW

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17 (I.N.S.)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Bank president for whose release kidnapers were paid \$200,000 in February, 1934, today completed his testimony in the trial of the Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the "snatching."

A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Mr. Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensenville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping. The witness said:

"Alderton asked me why I didn't like the fish he had cooked for me. I said I had no objection to it, and that I thought it was perch. He said it was bullhead. Farmer told me that when he received information it was me being held that he almost fell over."

Cross-examination of Mr. Bremer was brief, and he was excused at 10:50 a. m.

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## Bremer Reveals Second Gang Offer

Sought to 'Buy' Him From  
Kidnapers, Testimony.

By the Associated Press

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The testimony was given in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others for conspiracy in connection with Bremer's abduction January 7, 1934. Bremer, relating the horror of 21 days of captivity,

said that as he was freed at Rochester, Minn., after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," Bremer said, "I was told that they had kept their promise. (To release him after ransom payment). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

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Minnesota Weather.

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# Ship Reaches in Record Time

## SAVES RAT FROM FIRE



When fire broke out in a large box factory at Hammond, La., recently, Dorothy Round, 8 years old, thought first of her pet rat. She saved it in the midst of the havoc. The fire caused \$173,000 damage to Hammond, strawberry center of Louisiana.

## Buddy of Ray Hamilton Trapped, Seized in Texas

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"Farmer told me," Bremer testified, "that when he found out I was the one being held that he was behind the bar in his tavern and that he just about fell over."

"Alderton told me I usually got up around 11:30 in the morning in answer to an inquiry from me while I visited him at the jail," Bremer said.

### Answers in Affirmative

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## BREMER SINGLES OUT TWO IN JAIL TALKS

"Why Didn't You Like Fish I Cooked?" Query Laid to Alleged Captor.

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Mr. Bremer said Alderton told him that first news of the actual identity of the prisoner came from a newspaper the day after Bremer's arrival at the hideout.

On cross-examination, Eugene F. Matthews attorney for Alderton, had read into the records a statement from Bremer that Alderton, in his conversation with the banker, had said: "I didn't know it was a kidnaping. They told me they were just bringing in some one who was hot."

### Tells of Alderton's Fear.

Bremer also testified on cross-examination that Alderton said he believed he was watched all the time he went out to purchase groceries and was in fear of the kidnap gang constantly.

Bremer then was dismissed and Leon G. Rose, Chicago photographer, was the next witness. He identified photographs he took of the interior of the Alderton home in Bensenville January 16, 1935.

All the defendants, with the exception of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago political leader, appeared intensely interested in the proceedings as Bremer testified.

All eyes were turned on the banker as he told of his conversations with Alderton and Farmer but McLaughlin, demonstrating lesser interest, dozed off in his swivel chair several times. Barker chewed gum constantly.

Alderton and Farmer, contrary to their previous sullen attitude, perked up their heads and listened intently. Several times they leaned over and talked to each other.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce indicated that court would be in session Good Friday.

Raymond C. Suran, department of justice agent of Chicago, identified sketches he made of the interior of the hideout and the exhibits were accepted as evidence.

### Court Excuses Jury.

Near the close of the forenoon session the court excused the jury while John J. Brennan, Department of Justice agent, was cross-examined by Eugene Matthews, attorney for Alderton.

When Mr. Sullivan asked Brennan to recall the conversation he and Bremer had with Alderton at the county jail, Matthews objected.

The jury subsequently was excused and Matthews permitted to cross-examine Brennan. Matthews apparently was attempting to lay the foundation that certain admissions obtained from Alderton were made under duress.

"When you went to the jail, Mr. Brennan," asked Matthews, "did you apprise Alderton of the fact that he was going to be questioned by either you or Mr. Bremer relative to the crime charged?"

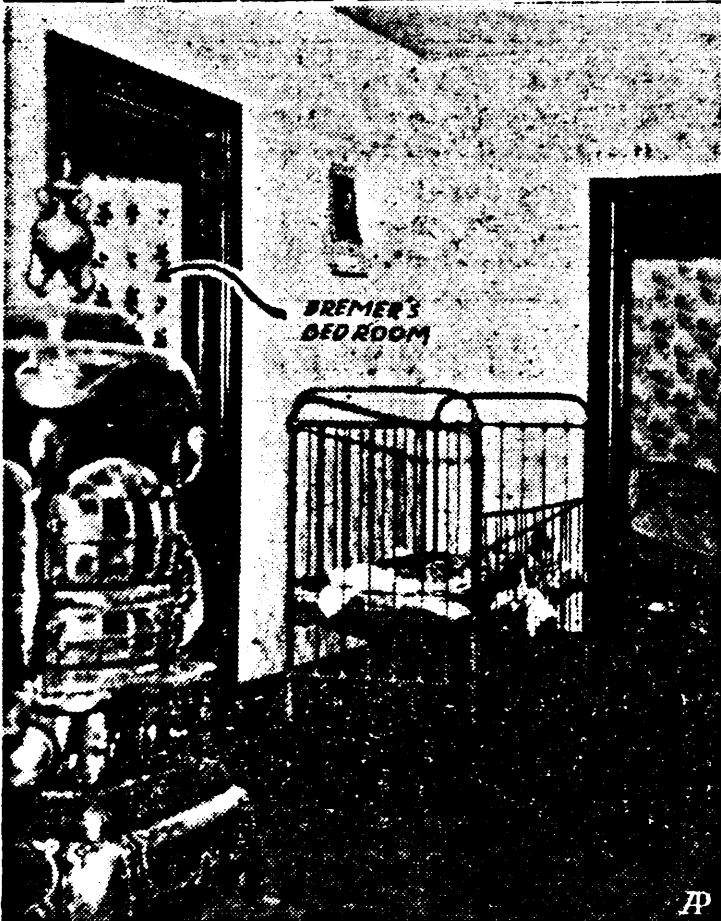
### Helsey Objects.

At this point George Helsey, assistant district attorney, objected to the line of questioning by Matthews. Permitted to continue, and before Mr. Brennan had answered the previous question, Alderton's attorney charged that "it was a pre-arranged plan by the Department of Justice to go to Alderton and obtain certain admissions."

Matthews questioned Brennan.

Q. Did you introduce Brennan to Alderton?

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## CLIPPER SHIP BEATS PACIFIC HOP RECORD

Reaches Honolulu From U. S. 7 Hours Ahead of Best Previous Mark.

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the moonlight as it skimmed through the clouds.

Majestic in its flight, the clipper dipped a greeting to the thousands of residents who gathered early to await its arrival.

### Appears Through Mists.

Through the gray mists the huge silver wings and large hull of the clipper suddenly appeared near the islands.

Exactly on schedule, Captain Edwin C. Musick and Pilot R. O. Sullivan pointed its nose direct

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**SPATCH.**



## **\$100,000 OF HUGE RANSOM 'PEDDLED' IN CUBAN CAPITAL**

Of the \$200,000 ransom paid kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, \$100,000 was "peddled" in Havana, Cuba, the Dispatch learned today.

The information was gained while ten defendants were on trial for the abduction before Judge M. M. Joyce in Federal court. Whether it will be brought out at the trial is not known.

The information in question accounts for disposal of all but about \$40,000 of the ransom money. In his address at the opening of the trial, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, asserted that \$57,000 of the money was "peddled" in Chicago and about \$2,500 more was found in the possession of William Vidler, one of the defendants, when he was arrested there.



## Kidnaper Foe



JOHN YOUNG BROWN.

Recently a member of Congress, Joe Young Brown now is in St. Paul in his new capacity of assistant United States attorney general to assist in the prosecution of ten defendants on trial in Federal court here for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. He hails from Kentucky and served in the Kentucky House from 1930 to 1932, being speaker the latter year. He was elected to Congress as a representative from Kentucky for the term starting in 1933.

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# ALDERTON TOLD OF COOKING FOR KIDNAP VICTIM, AGENT SAYS

Amid shouts of "it's a lie" from one of the defendants, a Department of Justice agent repeated today a conversation he had with the alleged occupant of the home in which Edward G. Bremer was held prisoner as the kidnaping trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates took on a lively aspect this afternoon.

John Brennan, Federal agent, claimed today that Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, told him that Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler (alias Fred Goetz), who was slain by members of his own gang in Chicago, and a man named "Tubby" participated in the kidnaping of the 37-year-old banker.

A few minutes after Brennan ascended the stand he told how Alderton informed him he "got more heat about that fish I cooked for you (Bremer) than anything else."

At this point, Alderton, his black eyes flashing and his yellow complexion flushing, said in a clear voice, "It's a lie."

Before Brennan began his recitation, Judge M. M. Joyce admonished the jury that it was not to consider as evidence any statements involving any of the defendants in the case with the exception of Alderton and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper who also was interviewed by Brennan and Bremer the same day they visited Alderton.

Disregarding the interruption by Alderton, Brennan continued with his story as follows:

"Mr. Bremer and I went over to the Ramsey county jail to talk to Alderton and Farmer. I told Alderton we had a new cellmate for him. He said, 'What are you trying to do, kid me?'"

"Farmer then said: 'Why, that looks like Mr. Bremer. I saw a picture of him in the newspaper.'"

"Alderton then said to Mr. Bremer: 'What the hell is the matter with that fish I cooked for you? I got more heat about that fish than about anything else.'"

"Bremer then asked Alderton if it was perch. Alderton said it was bullheads. He said he procured some fish and ordered bullheads but that there might have been some perch."

"Bremer then asked who was the tough guy. Alderton asked if he meant that fellow with the raspy voice and a lot of volume. When Bremer said yes, Alderton said, 'That might be George Ziegler.'"

"Bremer then asked who was one of the fellows who brought him there. Alderton said, 'That must have been Doc Barker.' Bremer then asked what time of day he arrived and Alderton replied it was around 11 o'clock that same night as he immediately went to Farmer's place and Farmer already had closed up."

"Alderton said he had driven up to Farmer's place in Doc Barker's coupe. Bremer asked what time he got up in the morning and Alderton said it was around 10 or 11 o'clock."

"There was a discussion as to some steps Bremer walked down at the hideout. Alderton said he did not know of any steps unless it was a concrete slab in the alley. They (Bremer and Alderton) laughed about it and decided maybe they were trying to make him believe he was held in a basement."

"Alderton said it was about 10 o'clock in the morning when they left with Bremer the day he was released. Karpis, Campbell and

Ziegler left about the same time. Alderton said. He also said that Doc Barker and Ziegler left in a coupe and that later Ziegler came back without Doc or Bremer."

"Alderton said the first he knew of the identity of the man held there was the morning after he arrived when he secured a copy of the Chicago Tribune. He said when he began reading that Bremer had been kidnaped, the mob grabbed the paper away. He said he asked Doc if it was Bremer that was being held in the next room. Doc told him to look for himself. Alderton said. He did look for himself and he said he saw Bremer seated in a corner of the bedroom and that he had a bandage of some kind over his head."

"Bremer asked who dressed his wound and Alderton said a man named 'Heavy.' 'Heavy' is the name by which William Weaver, still uncaptured as a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping, is known."

"He said the morning Bremer arrived some one told him to buy some food. He went to Farmer's place and talked to Farmer. He

said he asked him if he knew anything about the Bremer kidnaping. Farmer said the only thing he knew was that Ziegler asked him for some place for some 'hots to cool off.'"

"Alderton said when the thing was over with he got tangled up with these people and there was no way to get out. Alderton said he noticed Bremer was pretty wobbly the day I brought to the jail."

When Brennan had finished his story, Judge Joyce again admonished the jurors that they were not to consider any evidence against any other defendants outside of Farmer and Alderton."

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## Banker Fails To Identify Defendants

U. S. Attorneys Don't Indicate Whether He Will Return To Testify Again.

Without definitely identifying any of the 10 defendants on trial in United States district court for his kidnaping, but linking two of the men to the crime through a conversation early this year, Edward G. Bremer left the witness stand after brief cross-examination today.

Government attorneys did not indicate whether the St. Paul banker would be recalled to the witness stand later to make identifications.

The defendants linked to the crime by Mr. Bremer were Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Bremer was held captive for 21 days until his family paid \$200,000 ransom.

### Admitted Cooking Meal

According to Mr. Bremer's testimony, Alderton admitted in a conversation with him in Ramsey county jail in January this year that he cooked meals while the kidnap victim was a captive.

In the conversation Alderton also admitted being present when Mr. Bremer was released and was said to have told Mr. Bremer that he was taken away in a Chevrolet coupe. "Did you have any other conversation?" Mr. George Sullivan, United States attorney, asked.

"Mr. Farmer said he had never seen my face, but recognized me from pictures in the paper," Mr. Bremer replied. "He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

Other developments today were: Possibility of Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty Monday after his original plea of not guilty, again changing his mind and pleading not guilty. Under the law he must do this today or Thursday.

Announcement of federal officials that Joseph B. Keenan, special assistant attorney general, will arrive in St. Paul tonight to confer with prosecutors but will not take part in the trial.

Revelation by Mr. Bremer that abductors told him before his release that another "gang" had offered to "buy" him after payment of the \$200,000 ransom for the purpose of collecting additional ransom money.

### Identifies Wallpaper.

As Mr. Bremer resumed the witness stand at 10 a. m. today Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan continued the questioning by which he is identifying a Bensenville, Ill., house as the place where the kidnaping victim was held prisoner for three weeks.

Two pieces of wallpaper were positively identified by the witness as having come from the wall of the Bensenville house. Mr. Bremer was asked to identify the handle of a watercloset, and said "It feels like it."

In answer to further questions, he stated there were boards covering the windows when he was held there in January and February, 1934, and that he saw the holes where the boards had been nailed when he visited the place in January of this year in company of a federal agent.

"When you were held in 1934 did you observe anything about the bedroom floor?" he was asked.

"The floor squeaked," he answered. "And when you went back in 1935?"

"The floor still squeaked." "Did you call at the county jail there?"

"Yes, I did."

"Who did you see there?"

"Two men. I was told one was Mr. Alderton and the other Mr. Farmer." (Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both among the 10 now on trial.)

"Can you identify them in this courtroom?"

Mr. Bremer stepped down and pointed to Alderton and Farmer.

### Defense Attorneys Object.

"What conversation did you have?" Here Eugene Matthews and Thomas J. Newman, defense counsel, entered the first objection of the trial. Judge M. M. Joyce overruled it.

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"Mr. Farmer said he had never seen my face, but recognized me from pictures in the papers. He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

"What was the nature of the conversation?"

"Just general."

"Was anything said about a newspaper?"

"Mr. Alderton said that the morning after I was taken, a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the paper."

### Got Groceries At Night.

"Was there anything said in his talk with Alderton as to the way you were brought to Alderton's house?"

"Not that I recall."

"Was there anything said about the way you left the hideout?"

"Yes, Mr. Alderton said I was driven away in a Chevrolet coupe."

"Did you have any talk about getting groceries to the use?"

"Yes, Alderton said he made trips at night. He said he usually took his time because he liked to get away from the place a while. He said they kidded about making believe that I was held in the basement."

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the ones which his kidnapers had taped to his head.

Mr. Matthews, counsel for Jess Doyle and Alderton, took up the cross examination as the government concluded its direct questioning.

#### Alderton Denied Complicity.

"What newspaper was exhibited?" "I don't know."

"Did Alderton indicate that he was being watched?"

"I believed he said he was watched every time he went out for groceries."

"Did he say he was more glad to get me out than you were to go?"

"I believe he did."

"Did he try to tell you he wasn't connected with the gang?"

"He stated he did not know he had anything to do with any kidnaping until I arrived on the scene. He thought the arrangements were made to hide someone there who was 'hot.'"

"Did he state he was unacquainted with the abductors?"

"I don't believe he made a statement like that. He indicated he was unacquainted with some of them."

Leon G. Rose, a Chicago photographer for the federal division of investigation, identified five photographs and pencil sketches of the house at 180 May st., Bensenville.

There was no cross examination of Mr. Rose.

Raymond C. Suran, department of justice agent since 1930, testified to visiting the Bensenville house Jan. 16, this year. He identified photographs and floor sketches.

#### Tells Of Kidnap Home.

Under cross-examination by Matthews, Suran told of having seen the alleged kidnap house at Bensenville prior to Jan. 16 but that he could not testify whether the house was in the same condition as when Bremer is alleged to have been held there.

Last witness heard before recess was called at 12:30 p. m. was John C. Brennan, special agent for 16 years and in St. Paul since January, 1934. He told of viewing the house Jan. 19 with Bremer and, in answer to questions by Sullivan, described the location and construction of the house. Objections by the defense that the descriptions of the house as of the date of Brennan's visit were too remote to have bearing in the case were overruled by Judge Joyce.

Brennan also told of his visit to the county jail last January in company with Bremer while Alderton and Farmer were in custody there. The agent, in answer to defense questions, stated that both Bremer and the prisoners knew each other's identity. Purpose of the visit, the agent said, was to discuss the case.

The jurors had been excused during Brennan's testimony relative to the jail visit and when questioning lagged, Judge Joyce declared a recess.

#### Bolton May Change Plea.

That Bolton may change his plea to not guilty and ask that he be put on trial with the other defendants was learned authoritatively by The Daily News today.

Bolton was one of the 12 defendants brought into federal court Monday to face charges of conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker. When asked by Judge M. M. Joyce if he had an attorney, Bolton said he did not and wished to enter a plea of guilty. He was removed from the courtroom as was Bruno (Whitey) Austin, who had not been arraigned and therefore could not stand trial.

Mr. Bremer returned to the stand when court was resumed to day to continue his story of the abduction. At the conclusion of Tuesday's testimony Mr. Bremer had given the handful of spectators a thrill when he said that his abductors had told him that another gang had "offered them a pile of money" if they would turn Bremer over to them after the \$200,000 demanded ransom had been paid. Mr. Bremer told the court that the gangsters told him the reason they did not turn him over to the other gang was that "that because you kept your word with us we will do the same by you."

#### The Identical Wallpaper.

As Mr. Bremer resumes his testimony today under direct examination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, he is expected to identify a piece of wallpaper as similar to the wallpaper in the bedroom of the Bensenville (Ill.) residence where he was held captive for 22 days. The pattern of that wallpaper consisted of numerous little trees and what appeared to him as a number of fence posts.

On the stand Tuesday Mr. Bremer identified photographs of the house where he was alleged to have been held captive. The photograph of the bedroom in which he was held was identified by the wallpaper pattern, the height of the window and a crack in the wall on the left side of the window. He was also able to identify the room from an electric light cord which hung directly over the chair he was permitted to occupy a few hours daily during which time the handgags were removed

from his eyes—providing he looked straight ahead and did not try to steal a look at his captors. He said that there were always two or three men sitting directly behind him to make sure that he was not disobeying their orders.

#### Recognizes Letters.

He also identified a number of letters he was forced to sign as well as write during the time he was a captive. Several of the typewritten letters he said he signed while in St. Paul but those written in long hand were written while he was at the house.

In the courtroom while Mr. Bremer was testifying were Mrs. Bremer and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Magee. It was Mr. Magee who was named as contact man and delivered the ransom money to the kidnapers.

Mr. Bremer made an excellent witness. Bothered with a bad head cold he had to stop during the course of his story to clear his throat but otherwise his voice carried well. He could be heard all through the court room.

#### Cool On Stand.

He was cool and collected on the stand and not once did he look at the 10 defendants, who were seated at a slight angle in front of him.

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The defendants, however, showed a great deal of interest. Oliver Berg was nervously chewing gum. Barker never took his eyes off the witness and Alderton was another one who seemed greatly interested. Farmer was leaning forward during the greater part of the testimony as if anxious not to miss a single word. The others at times permitted their eyes to roam about the court room but as a rule Mr. Bremer was their chief object.

#### No Defense Objections.

One of the features of Tuesday's day in the court was that not a single objection was voiced by the defense counsel. So carefully and cleverly did Mr. Sullivan lead his witness through the direct examination that he did not leave a single loophole for the defense to take advantage of.

Only once was Mr. Sullivan checked and that was by the court itself. That was when he asked the witness to point out to the jury what he meant by "fence posts" in the photograph of the wall paper in the bed room. The court reminded the attorney that the photographs had not been accepted as evidence and therefore could not be shown to the jury. They already had been offered as exhibits.

The jury of 11 men and three women, including two alternates, is quartered at Hotel St. Paul.

### Driver Of Armored Car



Personally in charge of his firm's armored car used to transport Bremer kidnap defendants from the Ramsey county jail to the federal building is JOHN SWEENEY, vice president of the Sweeney Detective Agency. The armored car, usually employed to haul money about the city between banking institutions, has become a familiar sight since it assumed its new role. Mr. Sweeney does all the driving.

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## BREMER PICKS 2 AS KIDNAPERS

Also Identifies Some Wallpaper  
Taken from Where He Was  
Held Captive.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 17.—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, today pointed out two of ten persons on trial for his \$200,000 kidnaping as having confessed to participation in the crime.

The banker's identification came near the close of his testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

He identified a piece of cheap, gaudy wallpaper from a house in Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room where he was held captive for twenty-one days. He also identified other features of the house, including bathroom equipment and certain floor boards that squeaked as he walked over them.

Throughout the twenty-one days of his imprisonment he was blindfolded, he said.

Early this year, he said, he went to the house with several federal agents and met two men. Then he stepped from the witness stand and walked to where Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer sat in the tow of manacled defendants.

"Mr. Farmer and I discussed the kidnaping," said Mr. Bremer. "He said he recognized me from pictures in the paper."

"I also talked with Mr. Alderton and he said that the morning after I was taken to the house a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the kidnaping articles."

Mr. Bremer said Alderton admitted getting food for him, making trips to a grocery store at night.

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## ANOTHER GANG BID TO HOLD BREMER

His Kidnappers Had Offer to  
Turn Him Over to Second  
'Mob,' He Testifies.

### HIDE-OUT IS IDENTIFIED

St. Paul Banker Links Room  
Where He Was Prisoner to Home  
of Barker Band Member.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, April 16.—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, testified today that, while cold, hungry and almost sightless, he sat through twenty-two days of captivity, a rival gang of extortionists tried to buy him from the gang who kidnapped him and collected \$200,000 ransom.

The gangsters who held him, however, proud of their boast that they would keep their word, refused to sell their captive, and released him, as safe as possible after his ordeal, at Rochester, Minn., after twenty-two days of captivity.

Through the twenty-two days, Mr. Bremer testified, he wrote or signed thirteen notes which were delivered by the kidnappers to various persons.

The days of horror, starting with vicious blows on the head with a gun, when he was kidnapped were described by Mr. Bremer as he took the witness stand in Federal court in the conspiracy trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

Mr. Bremer related how he was first slugged as he was driving to his bank after taking his daughter to school, then transferred to another car a short distance away and driven from morning to night as he lay on the floor in the back of his kidnappers' car.

He stopped the flow of blood temporarily with a handkerchief, he said, but later was given what felt like a muffler to put over his head.

In answer to questions of George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, Mr. Bremer disclosed that he was threatened with death if he did not obey orders.

The 37-year-old banker presented a graphic picture of how he was led into a bedroom, seated on a chair, his wounds treated and then his eyes, ears and head bandaged.

Barker, scowling, fixed his eyes steadily on the witness. Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Mr. Bremer was kept prisoner, also stared constantly at the witness.

Alderton's home was identified as the kidnappers' hide-out by Mr. Bremer. He had visited the place with Federal agents and recognized the room in which he was a prisoner.

"The first thing I heard when I was taken from the car as I was brought to the hide-out, was some dogs barking," he testified.

"I was led into a house and then into another room. I was placed on a chair. My hat was removed and after a while they washed my head with hot water.

"I asked them if the cuts looked bad. They said if I had not put up a fuss I would not have been hurt. It was washed, I believe, with some mercurochrome. I asked them to shave the hair around the cuts so no infection would set in. I heard many voices. The lights were turned off, my goggles taken off and I was told to wash my face and hands after my head was cleaned up.

"My head was bandaged and eyes were bandaged. Then my trousers were removed and I was put in bed. My ears were clotted with wet cotton and a large pad of cotton put over my ears and head.

"After the bandages were put on—about three or four rolls—adhesive tape was placed over the bandages."

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## TWO IDENTIFIED BY BREMER

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17 (By International News Service).—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Bank President for whose release kidnapers were paid \$200,000 in February, 1934, today completed his testimony in the trial of the aBrker-Karpis mobsters charged with the "snatching."

A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensonville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping.

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## Bremer Says Kidnapers Had Gang Offer for Him

St. Paul, April 16 (AP).—Edward G. Bremer publicly related for the first time today his own vivid account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death and held captive for twenty-one horror-filled days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told the graphic inside story of his grueling experience from the witness stand in Federal Court.

Bremer's testimony reached a high point when he related that his kidnapers had told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another mob. He did not identify the bargaining gang but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the record ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," the witness stated, "I was told that they had kept their promise (to release Bremer). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur (Doc) Barker, scion of a notorious family and co-leader with the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis of the underworld group accused of engineering the Bremer snatch, scowled at the banker.

Speaking softly, the 37-year-old banker said he had taken his daughter to school Jan. 17, 1934, and was on his way back when



Arthur Barker

his car was stopped at a traffic light. There he was slugged with a pistol butt and, despite his frantic struggles, transferred to another machine by his armed abductors. He was driven from morning to night through several States as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to staunch it with his

handkerchief. Despite the painful wound, Bremer said he continued his attempts to escape but finally ceased his futile efforts when one of the thugs pointed a revolver at him and ordered:

"Don't move or I'll kill you."

The journey ended, the Government charges, in the Barker-Karpis gang hideout at Bensenville, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

United State Attorney George Sullivan asked the banker how many men were in the hideout. Bremer replied:

"Perhaps four, five, six, seven or eight. I heard many voices."

Bremer identified photographs of the hideout room by the wallpaper, fixtures and a crack in the wall.

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# BREMER BARES 20 KIDNAP PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 16 (AP).

—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, testified in Federal Court today his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" if they would turn him over to another gang.

The testimony was given in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others on charges of conspiracy in connection with Bremer's abduction January 7, 1934. Bremer, relating the horror of 21 days of captivity and his liberation at Rochester, Minn., after payment of \$200,000 ransom testified:

"I was told they had kept their promise. (To release him after ransom payment.) They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Bremer related how he was slugged, after he had driven his daughter to school, then transferred to another car, and driven from morning to night through several States as he lay on the floor of the kidnapers' car.

Bremer disclosed he was threatened with death if he did not obey orders.

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## TELLS HOW HE WAS BEATEN BY ABDUCTORS

'Doc' Barker Squirms in  
Chair as Photos Are  
Identified.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—  
(I. N. S.)—Edward G. Bremer,  
wealthy banker, Wednesday con-  
cluded the dramatic account of  
his \$200,000 abduction for which  
Arthur (Doc) Barker and ten others  
are on trial in federal court here.

In a calm voice Bremer told of be-  
ing seized on Jan. 17, 1934, brutally  
beaten by the abductors and carried  
off to a Bensenville, Ill., hideout,  
where he was held captive for three  
weeks.

The banker for the first time dis-  
closed that his kidnapers, before re-  
leasing him at Rochester, Minn., had  
warned that another gang was bid-  
ding for his custody and that his ab-  
ductors had been offered a sum of  
money to surrender him to the other  
outlaws after the ransom was paid.

The manacled defendant, Barker,  
accused with the fugitive outlaw, Al-  
vin Karpis, as the "brains" of the  
kidnaping, wriggled in his chair as  
Bremer identified photographs of the  
room in which he was held prisoner.

This was in the Bensenville, Ill.,  
home occupied by Harold Alderton,  
one of the defendants, Prosecutor  
George F. Sullivan charged.

Bremer said he was seized in his  
automobile after taking his daughter  
to school. In fighting to escape his  
kidnapers the banker said he was  
beaten savagely over the head with  
a pistol and threatened with death  
unless he submitted.

Not until the kidnapers had taken  
him, by a circuitous route thru sev-  
eral states, to the hideout in Illinois  
were the bleeding wounds on his  
head given treatment.

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# SECOND GANG BID FOR HIM, SAYS BREMER

**Court Hears Banker's Own  
Amazing Story of 21-Day  
Horror; Life Threatened**

ST. PAUL, April 16.—(A.P.)—Edward G. Bremer related for the first time today his own vivid account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death and held captive for twenty-one horror-filled days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told the graphic inside story of his grueling experience from the witness stand in a federal courtroom.

## TELLS OF OTHER 'MOB.'

Bremer's testimony reached a high point when he related his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another mob. He did not identify the bargaining gang, but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the record ransom. Bremer testified:

"After giving me instructions to count fifteen slowly before removing my goggles, I was told they had kept their promise (to release Bremer). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, notorious outlaw and co-leader with the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis of the underworld group accused of engineering the Bremer snatch, scowled at the banker and fixed a steady eye upon him.

## HIS CAR STOPPED.

The banker testified he had taken his daughter to school January 17, 1934, and was on his way back when his car was stopped at a traffic light.

He was driven from morning to night through several states as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to stanch it with his handkerchief.

The journey ended, according to the government's story, in the Barker-Karpis gang hideout at Bensenville, Ill., a Chicago suburb. It was not until he was led into the bedroom there, Bremer said, that his wounds were treated.

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## RIVAL GANG'S OFFER TO "BUY" BREMER TOLD

### Victim Reveals Story at Abduction Trial.

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 16.—(AP)—Edward G. Bremer related for the first time today his own account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death, and held captive 21 days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told of the kidnaping from the witness stand in a federal courtroom.

His testimony reached a high point when he related his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another "mob."

#### Captors Tell of Offer.

He did not identify the bargaining gang but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," he testified, "I was told they had kept their promise [to release Bremer]. They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur [Doc] Barker, co-leader with the fugitive Alvin Karpis accused of engineering the kidnaping, scoffed at Bremer as the testimony was given.

#### Bremer Describes Abduction.

Speaking softly, the 37 year old banker said he had taken his daughter to school Jan. 17, 1934, and was on his way back when his car was stopped at a traffic light. There he was slugged with a pistol butt and despite his frantic struggles transferred to another car by his abductors. He was driven from morning to night through several states as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.



#### LINKED BY PROSECUTOR IN BREMER PLOT

John J. "Boss" McLaughlin (center), mentioned in Bremer kidnaping trial at St. Paul yesterday, with Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," and guard. Both are defendants.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to staunch it with his handkerchief. Despite the painful wound, Bremer said he continued his attempts to escape but ceased when one of the kidnapers pointed a revolver at him and ordered:

"Don't move or I'll kill you!"

#### Banker Identifies "Hideout."

The journey ended, according to the government's story in the Barker-Karpis gang "hideout" at Bensenville, Ill. It was not until he was led into the bedroom there, Bremer said, that his wounds were treated. He was seated on a chair and his eyes, ears, and head were bandaged.

Bremer identified photographs of the "hideout" room by the wall paper, fixtures, and a crack in the wall. The room is the bedroom of a home occupied by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

Bremer said the kidnapers dropped plans for his immediate release when they became suspicious that Walter Kagee, St. Paul contractor and close friend of the banker, was working with the police.

#### Ransom Notes Introduced.

The banker was the first of 20 listed government witnesses. He testified after a jury of nine men and three women had been completed and United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan had outlined his case.

A series of ransom notes, giving directions for payment of the \$200,000, was introduced into evidence.

In his opening statement Sullivan asserted evidence will be offered placing Karpis, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, and Alderton at the "hideout" when Bremer was brought there. Bolton, a Chicagoan, pleaded guilty when the trial opened yesterday.

#### Chicagoans on Trial.

Linked with the plot in Sullivan's statement as "peddlers" of \$57,000 of the ransom money were James J. Wilson, William Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, and John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, all of Chicago, and Oliver Berg, now an inmate of the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary, defendants in the trial.

The prosecutor also said that Harry Campbell, a fugitive since he and Karpis shot their way out of an Atlantic City, N. J., trap, was at the hideout the day Bremer was freed.

Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, other defendants, were not mentioned in Sullivan's statement.

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# WALL PAPER LINKS TEN TO KIDNAPING

St. Paul, April 17 (UP).—A bit of cheap flowered wall paper became evidence of major importance today in the trial of 10 persons accused of conspiring to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker whose father is a close friend of President Roosevelt.

Bremer, returning to the witness stand to complete the story of his seizure on a St. Paul street and 21 days of negotiation for a \$200,000 ransom, was prepared to use the scrap of paper to connect the defendants with the crime.

The paper is from the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, in Bensenville, Ill. Bremer will be asked to identify it as coming from the room where he was held, almost continuously blindfolded, for three weeks.

## TESTIMONY HITS GANG

The 37-year-old financier attacked his accused abductors yesterday with almost a full day of detailed narration of his ordeal. Erect in the witness chair and seemingly enjoying the climax of his adventure, he laid the groundwork for evidence which may ultimately send 20 or more persons to penitentiaries for life. Twenty-one men and one woman have been indicted for conspiracy in the kidnaping.

He revealed for the first time that his kidnapers "saved" him from another gang by refusing to "sell" him after ransom was collected.

When he was released in Rochester, Minn., he said one of his captors told him they had been offered "a certain amount of money" to turn him over to a second gang which would collect another ransom.

"We're playing fair," the man said.

## CAN'T IDENTIFY SUSPECTS

Bremer probably will be asked to say to identify some of the accused persons, but has indicated he will be unable to do so.

He was blinded with goggles immediately after being slugged in his motor car and kept blindfolded except at rare intervals, until his release.

Defense attorneys planned to subject Bremer to an exhaustive cross-examination which may keep him on the stand all day. They will attempt to break down his identification of photographs of Alderton's home and show that he could not have made the minute observations he claimed.

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## BREMER SWEARS TWO CONFESSED KIDNAPING ROLE

Springs Surprise by Citing  
Two of 10 Defendants  
at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—(UP)—Two of the ten defendants on trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping admitted to Bremer early this year that they had participated in his abduction, the St. Paul banker testified today.

Bremer, on the witness stand in the trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine associates, made this startling revelation shortly after he had identified wallpaper from a house at Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room in which he was held captive twenty-one days.

Early this year, Bremer said, he went to the Bensenville house in the company of a federal operative. There he saw two men.

Stepping down from the witness chair, he identified the men as Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, two of the defendants.

"Mr. Farmer and I discussed my kidnaping," Bremer said.

"He said he had never seen my face but recognized me from pictures in the paper. He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

Traces Newspaper Clerk  
United States District Attorney George H. Sullivan, conducting examination of Bremer, asked:  
"Was anything said about a newspaper?"

"Mr. Alderton said that the morning after I was taken a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the paper," Bremer answered.

Q.—Was there anything said about the way you left the house?

A.—Yes. Mr. Alderton said I was driven away in a Chevrolet coupe.

Q.—Did you have any talk about getting groceries to the house?

A.—Yes. Alderton said he himself got the groceries, making the trips at night.

Goggles Felt Like Pair Used.

Sullivan handed Bremer a pair of goggles. Bremer said they felt like the pair kept over his eyes from the moment he was kidnaped in St. Paul until he arrived at the hideout.

Bremer said that on his trip to the house early this year he found nail holes in the windows of the room in which he was captive. These corresponded with nails used to board the windows, he testified. He also identified bathroom equipment from the house and again found that certain boards in the floor of the room still squeaked.

During that visit, he said, Alderton told him that he was acquainted with some members of the gang but that others were unknown to him.

"Did Alderton talk freely?" Sullivan asked.

He did. He answered all my questions regarding my captivity," Bremer answered.

Bremer was turned over to the defense for cross-examination.

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## Bremer Identifies Paper from Wall of His 'Prison'

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—(UP) —Two soiled sections of flowered wallpaper were identified by Edward G. Bremer today as pieces taken from the room in a house at Bensenville, Ill., where he was held captive for twenty-one days while his kidnapers negotiated for ransom.

The identification, made by Bremer in the trial of his accused kidnapers, was one of the major links in the government's case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine confederates.

Lying in the darkened room with his head bandaged and his eyes taped much of the time, Bremer

said that nevertheless he was able to make studied observation of the cheap, poorly designed wallpaper.

### Identifies Both Fixtures.

Strips of the paper were placed before Bremer by United States District Attorney George H. Sullivan.

"Is this the wallpaper that was in that room?" Sullivan asked.

"That's it," the youthful banker replied.

Sullivan then placed before Bremer bathroom equipment taken from the house. Bremer also identified these.

Describing the room, Bremer said that boards covered the windows when he was held there in January and February of last year. When he returned there early this year, in the company of a federal agent, he saw holes of the nails that held the boards in place, he testified.

### Recalls Floor Squeaked.

"Did you observe anything about the bedroom floor?" Sullivan asked. "The floor squeaked," Bremer replied.

Q.—And when you went back there in 1935? A.—The floor still squeaked.

Q.—Whom did you see there at that time? A.—Two men. I was told one was Mr. Alderton and the other Mr. Farmer. (Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both defendants.)

Q.—Can you identify these men in this courtroom?

Bremer stepped down from the witness chair, walked a few paces where the ten defendants were clustered and pointed out Alderton and Farmer.

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## BREMER TELLS KIDNAP TALE

ST. PAUL, April 17.—(By International News Service.)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president for whose release kidnapers were paid \$200,000 in February, 1934, today completed his testimony in the trial of the Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the "snatching."

A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year, conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensenville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping. Bremer said:

"Alderton asked me why I didn't like the fish he had cooked for me. I said I had no objection to it, and that I thought it was perch. He said it was bullhead. Farmer told me that when he received information it was me being held that he almost fell over."

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# Father of Bremer Will Testify Today at Kidnaping Trial

Millionaire, Friend of F. D., to Aid in Attempt to Link Gang to Abduction in 1934

By United Press  
ST. PAUL — Federal prosecutors planned today to summon Adolf Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and head of a millionaire family, to relive before a jury the 21 agonizing days when his son was held by kidnapers demanding \$200,000.

The white-haired banker and Brewer will collaborate on the witness stand with Walter Magee, "contact" agent in ransom negotiations, to make several important points against nine men and a woman accused of abducting Edward G. Bremer in January, 1934.

Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan, convinced he has proved a case of interstate kidnaping and linked at least three of the defendants with the crime, called Bremer and Magee to complete groundwork of proof of payment of the richest ransom in American history.

## IDENTIFIES TWO

The victim himself completed the trial's important testimony yesterday, identifying two residents of Bensenville, Ill., as among the men who held him captive three weeks.

He pointed out Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, defendants, and said both discussed the kidnaping with him after their arrest. He identified soiled scraps of wall paper from Alderton's Bensenville home as from the bedroom where he was confined, blindfolded except at rare intervals.

From photographs he identified a crack in the room's wall and he testified that when he visited the house early this year he found the same boards squeaking as when he was a prisoner.

## LINKS BARKER

The major sensation of the trial was testimony of John Brennan, agent of the Federal Justice Department, connecting Arthur (Doc) Barker with the crime.

Barker is the diminutive machine gunner who shared leadership of a notorious gang of Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas with Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1.

Brennan recounted a conversation with Alderton in the St. Paul jail last January.

"He told me then," the agent said, "that the guy who talked enough to

Bremer must have been Barker himself." Bremer testified yesterday that one of his captors was noticeably more abrupt and gruff than the others.

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# Wipes Tears Away as He Recalls Crime

**Weeps on Stand**



ADOLF BREMER.

**Son Looked Like Wild Man  
on Return Home, Could  
Not Stand Up, He Informs  
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## TELLS OF FINDING BLOOD-STAINED CAR

Adolf Bremer, 66-year-old St. Paul brewer, wept in Federal court today as he relived the harrowing period when his son, Edward, was held captive by kidnapers.

Called as a witness in the trial of ten defendants charged with the abduction, he fought for self-control as he recounted the experiences of those trying days. Time after time he halted in the course of his testimony, wiped tears from his eyes, then continued in low and shaking tones.

Entering the courtroom, he walked slowly toward the bench with the aid of a cane, said "good morning" to Judge M. M. Joyce, then continued on to the stand, where he was questioned by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

"Are you the father of Edward Bremer?" Sullivan asked.

### Replies Falling.

Mr. Bremer seemed to falter, answered "yes," and then wept.

The prosecutor waited a moment, then asked the witness to identify Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who acted as intermediary in the kidnap ransom negotiations.

With handkerchief to his eyes and speaking again in a halting manner, the brewer said Mr. Magee was "a close friend."

In the course of his testimony, Mr. Bremer told of finding the automobile which his banker son was driving at the time of his abduction, January 17, 1934. He said that he and Magee went to get the car, which was discovered at a point on Edgumbe road.

As they approached the car, Magee noticed blood on the front seat, Mr. Bremer said. He added that the contractor would not let him get into the car, apparently because of the blood-soaked cushions.

### Identifies Ransom Notes.

Mr. Bremer also identified several of the ransom notes sent by the kidnapers to various persons in the course of the abduction. Among those receiving the notes whom he identified were Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician; Miss Lillian Dickman, Edward Bremer's secretary; John Miller, recreation company head who found a note in a coffee can on his porch; and Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake.

Mr. Bremer also identified a note left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, for which Magee received the check.

Mr. Bremer wept again, after answering questions for nearly an hour without a break, when Mr. Sullivan asked him how his son looked when he saw him the night of his return.

### "Looked Like Wild Man."

In broken tones, between sobs, the aged man said, "he looked like a wild man. He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad. His face was drawn."

"What other things did you observe about your son outside of his

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usual appearance," asked the district attorney.

"He was talking—I thought he was out of his head," the father testified. "He said he promised that no one would be told about his return so that it would not appear in the morning paper. We wanted him to go to bed, he was so nervous. But he said that he would not go to bed because he could not sleep. He finally went to bed several hours later. He looked terrible. I never saw a man look so bad."

Tracing the course of the \$200,000 ransom paid for his son's release, Mr. Bremer said he obtained the money from the American National bank at the direction of his brother, Otto Bremer. He said the money was ready February 4, 1934, and was taken from the bank to his home at 855 West Seventh street, about midnight the following day by his brother and a Mr. Smith, who carried it in two suitcases.

The witness said the money was kept in his bedroom until February 6, when his youngest son, Adolf Jr., took it away and transferred it to Magee about 7:45 P. M. that day. Magee then drove out University avenue, in accordance with instructions from the kidnapers, Mr. Bremer said. He explained that the contractor had been instructed to carry the money in a small coupe, later discovered to have been stolen, in which was a note containing further directions.

The testimony of the first witness called at today's court session indicated that there had been a "hitch" in the ransom negotiations. The witness was Arthur B. Murray, son of a Faribault hotel and bus depot operator, who told of a ransom note which was never delivered.

The youth said that the note and a package to which it was attached by a string were handed him by a stranger with orders to deliver them to "a gentleman due on the 10:30 bus." About an hour later, however, the stranger returned and said the "gentleman" had missed the bus.

Murray said the package and letter remained unclaimed at the hotel until after Bremer's return, when they were opened. The package, he said, contained nothing but corn meal. He did not testify as to the contents of the letter, which he said was sent to postal authorities at St. Paul.

The youth's father, George W. Murray, then took the stand and corroborated his son's testimony.

Another witness this morning was Lillian Dickman, who told of receiving three ransom notes. She said they were given her by a man who appeared at her back door the night of February 5, 1934, who handed them to her with the admonition that they were "important and should be taken care of immediately." One of the notes was addressed to Adolf Bremer, a second to Magee and the third to herself, she testified. She identified Edward Bremer's signature on all three letters.

# SPARE NO TIME, FRANTIC APPEAL FOR AID ADDED

Contents of Ransom Notes Re-  
vealed for First Time at  
Kidnap Trial.

## AVOID POLICE, HE PLEADED

Missives to Others Seeking His  
Release Throw New Light  
on Ordeal.

A letter from Edward G. Bremer to his father, Adolf, in which the son described his incarceration while he was kidnaped as a "living hell" was introduced with the ransom notes today in Federal court here.

It was the first time that the contents of the ransom notes and letters in the \$200,000 kidnaping has been disclosed.

Edward Bremer's frantic appeal for relief from his "living hell" is given in the accompanying letter, which was introduced as evidence in the trial of ten men as the kidnapers.

### Text of Letter.

My Dear Father: I've seen the newspaper in which it states that you have made arrangements for every one to lay off for three days so that this letter can reach you and contact be made to pay off. I am sure that your word is good and that it will be as the paper stated, namely the boys can get this letter to you and make arrangements to receive the money and also get the money without any one but you and the man that is to pay off knowing anything about it. That means that no police or government officers will know anything about it and it can all be done on the quiet. Even though the police and government officers know nothing of these pay-off arrangements they will not be active in any way whatever during this three-day period so that there will not be any slip-up.

I told the boys that you were a man of your word when you said that there would not be any prosecution on your part and they are absolutely relying on that.

They also told me that they have tried to deal with you right along but that the government men have made it impossible. They said the government told you that they were

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# CAPTIVITY "LIVING HELL," BREMER SAID IN LETTER

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not working but all the time they were working behind your back. Now Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected and am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

Pa, please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power to rush it through and relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to and don't lose any time. The sooner the better.

Pa, I am relying on you. This is most unbearable. It's just a living hell. I'm trying the best that's in me to fight this thing so I can see you and the family and Hertz again. Your

EDWARD.

Other ransom correspondence follows:

FRIDAY EVENING.

Dearest Patz—Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out all right. Tell Hertz to be a good little girl. Her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you and her again is all that I want. and her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bled a lot but it has been dressed and is all right now. Tell Pa not to worry. I'm treated nice and the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely. Yours

ED.  
This letter was written in the hideout the first night of Bremer's captivity and enclosed in the Nippert communication.

Friday evening.

Dear Walter: I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old stand by. Assure Emily and Pa that I'm all right. I knew you would use your head and work on this ALL ALONE—no police. The people that have me have given the impression that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone and I'm sure everything will come out all right. Be sure now—no strings attached. You and you alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions

—and again I say—alone. No police—just you.  
(signed) Edward E. G. Bremer.

Friday evening.

Dr. H. T. Nippert,  
Lowry Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Dear Doctor—I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house—855 West Seventh street—or at the office wherever he may be. It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means all to me. Be sure however not to say a word to any one else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.  
(Signed) EDWARD G. BREMER.  
This note was tossed through the front door of the Nippert home two days after the kidnaping.

"Has You to Thank."

Charles McGee—You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance—the LAST.

FIRST OF ALL, ALL COPPERS MUST BE PULLED OFF.

Second, THE DOUGH MUST BE READY.

Third, we must have a new signal. When YOU are READY to meet OUR terms PLACE a NRA STICKER in the CENTER of EACH of YOUR OFFICE WINDOWS. Well KNOW if the coppers are pulled off or NOT.

REMAIN at YOUR office daily from noon until 8:00 P. M.

Have the dough READY and WHERE YOU CAN GET IT WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES. You will be instructed how to deliver it.

The MONEY MUST NOT BE HOT as it WILL BE EXAMINED before Bremer is released. If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough. We'll try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DON'T duck it.  
MR. CHAS. MCGEE  
I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.  
E. BREMER.

Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)—  
We now CANCEL previous instruction.

FOLLOW THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

TAKE THE MONEY and GET OFF THIS BUS at the next town called Owatonna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe. The car is black and has a black tire cover WITH A ROUND WHITE SPOT PAINTED IN THE CENTER OF THE COVER.

PLACE THE MONEY IN THIS CAR and GET INTO IT AT ONCE. Your next instructions are on the STEERING POST OF THE CAR.

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National planning of labor in Germany is believed to be an early possibility.

#### Work Full Day Friday.

Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit" who is one of the 10 defendants now on trial, showed up in a new seal skin jacket.

The jury, given the option by Trial Judge M. M. Joyce of "working" either a full day or half day Friday, chose the full session.

Many photographs introduced as government exhibits Wednesday were accepted as evidence today and were passed around among the jurors. The photographs are of both interior and exterior of the house at Bensenville, Ill., where Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks in January and February, 1934.

#### Package Left In Hotel.

First witness as court resumed at 10 a. m. today was Arthur G. Murray, Faribault, whose parents operate a hotel in which a bus station is located in that southern Minnesota city.

"Did your hotel ever receive a package during the time Mr. Bremer was kidnaped?" asked District Attorney George F. Sullivan.

"Yes, it was a package 10 by 8 inches. It was delivered to me by a man," Murray answered.

"What instructions did you get?"

"I was told to deliver the package to a man to arrive on the bus. The man didn't show up, so the man who gave it to me told me to hold it until called for."

The package was not called for, so it was opened about three weeks after Mr. Bremer was released, he said.

"In the box there was just some cornmeal," Murray said. "There was a letter tied on the outside."

He identified the letter, government exhibit No. 40, and stated that his parents had opened it.

#### Find Note To Bremer.

George W. Murray, father of the preceding witness, was called to the stand when the defense did not cross-examine him.

He testified that Mrs. Murray had opened the letter concerned during the time Mr. Bremer was held captive and that he sent it to the de-

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### Bremer's Father Sobs Telling Kidnap Story

Department of Justice. There was no cross-examination.

Mrs. Grace Miller, 1209 Hague ave., St. Paul, and her husband, John Miller, secretary-treasurer of the St. Paul Recreation club, testified to finding a letter addressed to Adolf Bremer in a coffee can on the porch of their home Jan. 17, 1934, after Mr. Miller had received a mysterious telephone call telling him to find it "before some kids playing around there got hold of it." There was no cross-examination.

Lillian A. Dickman, secretary to Mr. Bremer at the Commercial State bank, testified that at 7:45 p. m. Feb. 5 a man rapped at the back door of her home at 1085 Portland ave. and handed her a letter.

"In the letter were two envelopes, one addressed to Adolf Bremer and the other to Mr. Magee," she testified. She said she delivered all letters to Adolf Bremer. There was no cross-examination.

#### Adolf Bremer Testifies.

Adolf Bremer revealed obvious signs of emotion as he took the witness stand. He testified he had been in business here since 1877.

"When did you learn of the kidnaping?"

"When Walter Magee told me the car was near Highland park—but we couldn't find it."

"Who is Mr. Magee?"

"An old friend."

"What did you do then?"

"We went to my daughter's home, and later continued our search for the car. We found it about a half mile from Thornton's home on Edgumbe road."

"When did Dr. Nippert call?"

"Jan. 20, early in the morning—about 8 a. m.—He delivered a letter."

Mr. Bremer's eyes filled with tears.

#### Identifies Letters.

Mr. Bremer identified a series of letters he had received from Dr. H. T. Nippert, family physician.

"Do you call Jan. 22?" he was asked.

"Yes, I received a letter sent to Mr. Behrens on that day."

"When did you next get a letter?"

"Jan. 25, at home, from John Miller of the St. Paul Recreation."

"When did you next hear?"

"Walter Magee found a letter in a satchel he was told to call for at the bus depot."

"When did you receive the next one?"

"On Feb. 5, from Miss Dickman, after supper."

"When next did you hear?"

"From Father Deere (Prior Lake), Feb. 6, an old, old friend of our family. He called about 5:30 in the evening and handed me some letters."

Here Mr. Bremer broke down.

"What preparations did you make as to getting any money?" Adolf Bremer was asked as he resumed the witness stand after the recess.

"My brother (Otto Bremer, he of the American National bank) and I made out a note to the American National bank," he answered.

"When was the money moved from the bank to your house?"

"Feb. 5, 1934, about midnight."

"How was it moved out?"

"In my own automobile."

"It was in two packages?"

"Yes."

"What was done with it?"

"It was put in my bedroom."

"When was it taken from your house?"

"Feb. 6, at 8:15 p. m., by my younger son, Adolf, Jr."

"Where did you meet your son?"

"On my front porch at midnight."

"Will you describe the appearance of Edward on his return?"

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**KANSAS CITY COPS  
WATCH FOR KARPIS**

**Heavily Armed Pair Headed  
That Way, Broadcast  
Announces.**

Kansas City, April 18.—(P)—Police broadcasting stations here and in Kansas City, Kan., have ordered officers to be on the lookout for Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1" reported to be nearing this vicinity.

The officers were instructed to watch for a dark sedan, carrying two occupants, and to exert caution as the men were heavily armed.

The broadcast was based on reports received from Topeka, Kan., that a motor car headed east from there carrying two men, one resembling descriptions of Karpis.

**TAXIMAN SAYS "FARE"  
RESEMBLED KARPIS.**

Topeka, Kan., April 18.—(P)—Police and state highway patrolmen today were investigating activities of a man who chartered a taxicab and ordered the driver to take him south of the city where he entered an automobile in which a second man was waiting.

After broadcasting a warning for authorities to be on the lookout for the car, officers said William Gaynor, the cab driver, had said the man resembled Alvin Karpis.

Frank Stone, Sr., chief of police, and Wayne Horning, chief of detectives, were skeptical, however, saying Gaynor pictured his passenger as a much older man than Karpis.

Karpis is well known here, many of the police officers having been acquainted with him while he was a pupil at the Branner school a decade ago.

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Called as a witness in the trial of ten defendants charged with the abduction, he fought for self-control as he recounted the experiences of those trying days. Time after time he halted in the course of his testimony, wiped tears from his eyes, then continued in low and shaking tones.

Entering the courtroom, he walked slowly toward the bench with the aid of a cane, said "good morning" to Judge M. M. Joyce, then continued on to the stand, where he was questioned by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

"Are you the father of Edward Bremer?" Sullivan asked.

### Replies Haltingly.

Mr. Bremer seemed to falter, answered "yes," and then wept.

The prosecutor waited a moment, then asked the witness to identify Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who acted as intermediary in the kidnap ransom negotiations.

With handkerchief to his eyes and speaking again in a halting manner, the brewer said Mr. Magee was "a close friend."

In the course of his testimony, Mr. Bremer told of finding the automobile which his banker son was driving at the time of his abduction, January 17, 1934. He said that he and Magee went to get the car, which was discovered at a point on Edgumbe road.

As they approached the car, Magee noticed blood on the front seat, Mr. Bremer said. He added that the contractor would not let him get into the car, apparently because of the blood-soaked cushions.

### Identifies Ransom Notes.

Mr. Bremer also identified several of the ransom notes sent by the kidnapers to various persons in the course of the abduction. Among those receiving the notes whom he identified were Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician; Miss Lillian Dickman, Edward Bremer's secretary; John Miller, recreation company head who found a note in a coffee can on his porch; and Rev. John Deern, Catholic priest at Prior Lake.

Mr. Bremer also identified a note left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, for which Magee received the check.

Mr. Bremer wept again, after answering questions for nearly an hour without a break, when Mr. Sullivan asked him how his son looked when he saw him the night of his return.

### "Looked Like Wild Man."

In broken tones, between sobs, the aged man said "he looked like a wild man. He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad. His face was drawn."

"What other things did you observe about your son outside of his

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usual appearance?" asked the district attorney.

"He was talking—I thought he was out of his head," the father testified. "He said he promised that no one would be told about his return so that it would not appear in the morning paper. We wanted him to go to bed, he was so nervous. But he said that he would not go to bed because he could not sleep. He finally went to bed several hours later. He looked terrible. I never saw a man look so bad."

Tracing the course of the \$200,000 ransom paid for his son's release, Mr. Bremer said he obtained the money from the American National bank at the direction of his brother, Otto Bremer. He said the money was ready February 4, 1934, and was taken from the bank to his home at 855 West Seventh street, about midnight the following day by his brother and a Mr. Smith, who carried it in two suitcases.

The witness said the money was kept in his bedroom until February 6, when his youngest son, Adolf Jr., took it away and transferred it to Magee about 7:45 P. M. that day. Magee then drove out University avenue, in accordance with instructions from the kidnapers. Mr. Bremer said. He explained that the contractor had been instructed to carry the money in a small coupe, later discovered to have been stolen, in which was a note containing further directions.

The testimony of the first witness called at today's court session indicated that there had been a "hitch" in the ransom negotiations. The witness was Arthur B. Murray, son of a Faribault hotel and bus depot operator, who told of a ransom note which was never delivered.

The youth said that the note and a package to which it was attached by a string were handed him by a stranger with orders to deliver them to "a gentleman due on the 10:30 bus." About an hour later, however, the stranger returned and said the "gentleman" had missed the bus.

Murray said the package and letter remained unclaimed at the hotel until after Bremer's return, when they were opened. The package, he said, contained nothing but corn meal. He did not testify as to the contents of the letter, which he said was sent to postal authorities at St. Paul.

The youth's father, George W. Murray, then took the stand and corroborated his son's testimony.

Another witness this morning was Lillian Dickman, who told of receiving three ransom notes. She said they were given her by a man who appeared at her back door the night of February 3, 1934, who handed them to her with the admonition that they were "important and should be taken care of immediately." One of the notes was addressed to Adolf Bremer, a second to Magee and the third to herself, she testified. She identified Edward Bremer's signature on all three letters.

not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

Now Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected and am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

Pa, please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power to rush it through and relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to and don't lose any time. The sooner the better.

Pa, I am relying on you. This is most unbearable. I am a living hell. I'm trying the best that's in me to fight this thing so I can see you and the family and Hertz again. Your

EDWARD.

Other ransom correspondence follows:

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

Dearest Patz—Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out all right. Tell Hertz to be a good little girl. Her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you and her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bled a lot but it has been dressed and is all right now. Tell Pa not to worry. I'm treated nice and the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely. Yours ED.

This letter was written in the hideout the first night of Bremer's captivity and enclosed in the Nippert communication.

#### Friday evening.

Dear Walter: I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old stand by. Assume Emily and Pa that I'm all right. I know you would use your head and work on this ALL ALONE—no police. The people that have me have given the impression that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for and I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone and I'm sure everything will come out all right. Be sure now—no strings attached. You and you alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their direction.

—and again I say—alone. No police—just you.

(Signed) Edward E. G. Bremer.

#### Friday evening.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, Lowry Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor—I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house—855 West Seventh street—or at the office wherever he may be. It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means all to me. Be sure however not to say a word to any one else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

(Signed) EDWARD G. BREMER.

This note was tossed through the front door of the Nippert home two days after the kidnaping.

#### "Has You to Thank."

Charles McGee—You must be prouder of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You're made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance—the LAST.

FIRST OF ALL, ALL COPPERS MUST BE PULLED OFF. Second, THE DOUGH MUST BE READY.

Third, we must have a new signal. When YOU are READY to meet OUR terms PLACE a NRA STICKER in the CENTER of EACH of YOUR OFFICE WINDOWS. Well KNOW if the coppers ARE pulled off or NOT.

REMAIN at YOUR office daily from noon until 8:00 P. M.

Have the dough READY and WHERE YOU CAN GET IT WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES. You will be instructed how to deliver it.

The MONEY MUST NOT BE HOT as it WILL BE EXAMINED before bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

We'll try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DON'T duck it.

MR. CHAS. MCGEE

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. BREMER.

Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)—

We now CANCEL previous instruction.

FOLLOW THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

TAKE THE MONEY and GET OFF THIS BUS at the next town called Owatunna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe.

The car is black and has a black tire cover WITH A ROUND WHITE SPOT PAINTED IN THE CENTER OF THE COVER.

PLACE THE MONEY IN THIS CAR and GET INTO IT AT ONCE.

Your next instructions are on the STEERING POST OF THE CAR.

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E. BREMER.

ST PAUL DISPATCH

Thurs., Apr. 19, 1935

# FINAL RANSOM NOTE BARES THREAT OF DEATH TO VICTIM

The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, gave their victim's father a "last chance" to pay \$200,000 ransom if he wanted to see his son alive and threatened to boost the ransom figure to half a million dollars if directions were not followed.

This was revealed when the final ransom note, giving directions for ransom payment, was read this afternoon in Federal court at the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine other defendants charged with the abduction.

It also was revealed at the afternoon session how original plans to carry the ransom money to a hotel in Des Moines were thwarted by a time lock. This testimony was given by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man in the ransom negotiations.

The final ransom note was received by Rev. John Deere, Prior Lake priest, accompanied by a note from the kidnap victim asking that it be delivered secretly to his father, Adolf Bremer. "I am calling on you as a man of God to do something for me," Edward Bremer wrote. "It must be secret."

The ransom note was delivered to the elder Bremer during the 72-hour period in which he had promised to have no contacts with the authorities in order to give the kidnapers an opportunity to contact him some time following the abduction, January 17, 1934.

"We don't care nothing about your 72 hours grace," the note said. "Tonight is your last chance." After threatening that Edward Bremer would be "brought back stiff," the note added that "\$200,000 is the price if you don't follow directions immediately."

The instructions were that the "pay-off man," who in this case was Magee, go to 963 University avenue at 8 P. M., February 6. There he would find a small coupe, in the pocket of which there would be a note containing further instructions, the note said. Magee followed these instructions and found the car, which later proved to have been stolen.

The first witness called at this afternoon's session, Magee, told of a

telephone call he received shortly after the kidnaping was staged the morning of January 17. The unidentified caller told him Bremer's automobile, which the banker was driving at the time of the abduction, would be found in Highland park south of the water tower. Magee also was directed to look for a note behind the stairs back of his office.

The witness then told of finding the blood-soaked car, in company with the victim's father, and the note demanding \$200,000.

In a subsequent note, left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, Magee said he was directed to take a bus to Des Moines at 8 P. M. the same day and register at the Fort Des Moines hotel under the name of "John Brakeham," taking the ransom money with him.

"The instructions were not fulfilled," he explained, "because at that time the money was in the American National bank and the time lock was on."

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

Thurs., Apr. 18, 1936

## KANSAS CITY COPS WATCH FOR KARPIS

Heavily Armed Pair Headed  
That Way, Broadcast  
Announces.

Kansas City, April 18.—(P)—Police broadcasting stations here and in Kansas City, Kan., have ordered officers to be on the lookout for Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1" reported to be nearing this vicinity.

The officers were instructed to watch for a dark sedan, carrying two occupants, and to exert caution as the men were heavily armed.

The broadcast was based on reports received from Topeka, Kan., that a motor car headed east from there carrying two men, one resembling descriptions of Karpis.

### TAXIMAN SAYS "FARE" RESEMBLED KARPIS.

Topeka, Kan., April 18.—(P)—Police and state highway patrolmen today were investigating activities of a man who chartered a taxicab and ordered the driver to take him south of the city where he entered an automobile in which a second man was waiting.

After broadcasting a warning for authorities to be on the lookout for the car, officers said William Gaynor, the cab driver, had said the man resembled Alvin Karpis.

Frank Stone, Sr., chief of police, and Wayne Hording, chief of detectives, were skeptical, however, saying Gaynor pictured his passenger as a much older man than Karpis.

Karpis is well known here, many of the police officers having been acquainted with him while he was a pupil at the Branner school a decade ago.

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

Thurs., Apr. 18, 1935

## Describes Contact With Kidnapers

Walter Magee, contact and pay-off man in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, took the stand in United States district court today to describe receipt of the first kidnap note which demanded \$200,000 ransom.

The St. Paul contractor, one of the government's principal witnesses at the trial of 10 persons charged with kidnap conspiracy, told of receiving a telephone call at 10:30 a. m. Jan. 17, 1934, the day Mr. Bremer was snatched.

"I got a telephone call saying that I was in a tough spot," Mr. Magee testified. "I was told about the kidnaping and that I would find a note under the steps at the rear of my office, 118 W. Central ave."

George Sullivan, United States district attorney, showed Mr. Magee a note and asked him if it was the one he found when he followed instructions.

Mr. Magee said it was and the note was offered in evidence.

The note follows:

"Mr. Charles McGee: Your it. Your friend is in a tough spot. You follow directions and don't communicate with police or your friend will be in a worse condition than he is now. We want \$200,000 in 5's and 10's. Don't try to stall. Don't try to communicate with us. We will do the directing. Don't plead poverty because we know how much money they've got in the bank. Don't get in touch with the cops because you are being watched. Insert ad in the personal column of the Minneapolis Tribune to read 'We are ready. Alice! You will hear further from us.'"

At the bottom were two lines written by Mr. Bremer:

"Dear Charles McGee," they read, "please follow instructions because I am responsible for the full payment of the money. Edward G. Bremer."

Went To Ryan Hotel.

"After receiving the note, did you go to the Ryan hotel?" Mr. Sullivan asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Magee. "Charles Tierney, Thomas Brown, Otto and Adolf Bremer were there." (Tierney and Brown are police detectives.)

"What else was told you in the telephone conversation?"

"I was told we would find Mr. Bremer's car south of the water tower in Highland park. We found it, after much difficulty, between Hamline and Snelling aves., on Edgumbe road."

"At the conference at the Ryan hotel did you exhibit the letter?"

"Yes."

"What did you do with Ed's car?"

Blood On Car.

"I saw it was all spattered with blood. I couldn't get it started, and Adolf Bremer was going to help me. I got him away without his seeing the blood. I had the car started by a man from a garage."

"Did you receive any other communications?"

"Yes, on Jan. 20. Mr. Bremer (Adolf) gave me a note addressed to me and delivered to him by Dr. Nippert, when I called at his home."

"Did you place NRA stickers on your windows as directed on this letter?"

"Yes."

"Did you get any more letters?"

"Yes, on Jan. 22. I got one delivered by Behrens."

"When next?"

"When Mr. Bremer called me to come to his home immediately. Mr. John Miller was there, delivering another letter. There was a claim check in the letter, which I took to the bus depot, receiving in return a bag in which was placed a letter. This was on the evening of Jan. 25. It was a black grip."

Couldn't Get Money.

"Why didn't you follow instructions?"

"We couldn't because the money was in the bank and the time lock was on."

"When was the money prepared?"

"I don't know. I wasn't present."

"Do you recall the note Father

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John Deare delivered to Mr. Bremer?"

"Yes, about 5 p. m. Feb. 6, 1934."

"Did you follow those instructions?"

"Yes, I did."

"What was done the evening of Feb. 6?"

**Get Instructions.**

"I went out to Mr. Bremer's house and got the instructions. We talked over how to get the money out of the house without being seen. We decided Adolf, Jr., would drive out Pleasant ave. to the Jefferson ave. intersection. There the money was to be handed to me. I then went to 969 University ave., got into the Chevrolet coupe. I placed the money packages and after getting keys and instructions from the right hand pocket of the car I drove to Farmington and followed the 9:15 Rochester bus until I came to four red lights. I turned to the left on the first cross road."

"When you got out on the highway where the red lights were which way did you turn?"

"To the left."

"What hour did you get to Farmington?"

"About 9 p. m. I waited for the bus."

"Did you follow the bus?"

"Yes."

"Then what?"

"When I passed out of Zumbrota, I saw the red lights on the east side of the road."

**Left Cash On Ground.**

"What did you do when you left the highway?"

"When I swung to the left down the road, a car swung in behind me, flashed its lights five times and so I got out, deposited the money on the ground and drove to Zumbrota where I called Adolf Bremer. I then returned to St. Paul and turned the car over to the department of justice."

"Did you notice any notices in the public press?"

"Yes, two notices."

**Hanni Called.**

Upon objection of the defense attorneys the description of the notices

was interrupted and Magee was excused without cross-examination.

Warner Hanni, special agent of the department of justice, Omaha, Neb., and formerly in charge in St. Paul in January, 1934, was the next witness. Questioning of Mr. Hanni started.

"Did you accompany Mr. Magee to Zumbrota?"

"Yes, on Feb. 8, 1934."

"What results?"

"We searched the grounds along the road and found three large flashlight (tube type) and one flashlight (box type)."

"Are these the ones (showing the exhibits)?"

**Had Red Lens.**

"Yes, though all had red lights when we found them." (One of the exhibits did not have a red lens.)

"Where did you find them?"

"Facing the main road in a straight line on the crest of the hill just before the small road on which Magee turned off."

"What did you do with the flashlights?"

"I sent them to Washington."

"Were you in charge of the St. Paul office, division of investigation?"

"Yes."

Defense claimed the flashlights have not been properly identified.

## ELDER BREMER SOBS STORY OF KIDNAPING

Tells of the Family's Anguish  
While Son Was Gone.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 18.—Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, broke down with sobs on the witness stand today as he told of his family's anguish while his son was held by a kidnap gang for three weeks for \$200,000 ransom. The witness is president of a brewing company and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

He was called to identify ransom letters in the kidnaping trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

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## SENIOR BREMER TO TESTIFY

ST. PAUL, April 18.—Adolf Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, kidnap victim, and Walter Magee, contact man for the Bremers who met agents of the Karpis-Barker gang to pay \$200,000 ransom money, were to testify here in Federal Court today against the ten defendants charged with kidnaping, and conspiracy.

The Government established the fact that Bremer was transported from Minnesota to Illinois, being held in a house at Bensenville, near Chicago, where Harold Alderton, a defendant, lived.

Bremer himself, completed his testimony yesterday, declaring that both Alderton and Elmer Farmer had admitted the kidnaping. He told of being held a prisoner at Bensenville, and of conversations the kidnapers had with him.

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## Bremer's Accusing Finger

### He Identifies 2 in Court



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**BENSENVILLE, ILL.**

## PAIR IDENTIFIED IN BREMER CASE

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#### House Is Identified.

Bremer, who completed his testimony in the morning session, also identified pieces of wall paper taken from the room where the government says he was held.

Leon G. Rose, Chicago photographer, identified pictures of the interior of the Alderton house, and Raymond C. Suran, Chicago department of justice agent, identified sketches he made.

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## BREMER'S DAD SOBS ON STAND IN KIDNAP CASE

St. Paul, April 18 (AP).—Sobbing repeatedly, Adolph Brewer Sr., father of Edward Bremer, victim in a \$200,000 kidnaping, broke down on the witness stand today in the trial of 10 persons charged with complicity in the crime.

Indications of a "hitch" in negotiations that followed the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, were revealed in testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

Arthur B. Murray, whose parents operate a bus depot at Fairbault, Minn., told of a package, with a letter tied to it, which he received from a stranger who informed him "a man on the 10:30 o'clock bus will call for it." This occurred while Bremer was a captive.

The letter was undelivered and not opened until after Bremer's release, several days later, at Rochester, south of Fairbault.

Eugene F. Matthews, attorney for Harold Alderton, Jess Doyle and Oliver A. Berg, and Thomas W. McMeekin, counsel for Philip Delaney, objected to the line of questioning by George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, on the grounds that they were not familiar with the contents of the letter, but both were overruled by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Under further questioning by Sullivan, Murray testified that the package, opened after the St. Paul banker's release, was found to contain cornmeal.

It was shown to opposing attorneys. Before Murray was called, photographs of the alleged kidnap hideout at Bensenville, Ill., were distributed among the jurors.

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## Father of Bremer Sobs as He Tells of Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn., April 18.—(UP)—Adolf Bremer, elderly, white-haired father of Edward G. Bremer, broke down on the witness stand today as he related in a voice shaken with sobs the days of anguish the family suffered while young Bremer was in the hands of a kidnap mob.

Tears welled into the eyes of the aged man, president of a brewing company and personal friend of President Roosevelt, as he told of the family's suffering while kidnapers held his son for \$200,000 ransom. His testimony was stopped for minutes at a time as he struggled to regain his composure.

The elder Bremer was called to the witness stand by United States District Attorney George Sullivan while a hush gripped the courtroom. Young Bremer waited in an ante-room while his father testified.

Under the low-voiced questioning of Sullivan Bremer led up to the day of Jan. 17, 1934, when his son was seized and viciously beaten a

few moments after he had taken his daughter to school.

"When did you first learn of the kidnaping," Sullivan asked.

"When Walter Magee told me the car was near Highland Park—but we couldn't find it," Bremer answered.

Q.—What did you do then? A.—We went to my daughter's house. We continued the search for the car. We found it on Edgemoor road.

Q.—When did Dr. Nippert call? (Dr. H. T. Nippert, a friend of the family and one of the persons who received letters to be delivered to Bremer). A.—Jan. 20, early in the morning. He had been waiting for word. He delivered a letter.

Here Bremer's eyes filled with tears. He leaned forward in the witness chair and shook with emotion.

Sullivan held a letter before him.

Q.—Is this the letter? A.—Yes.

The answer was barely audible. Sullivan paused a moment then

showed Bremer a series of letters he had received from Dr. Nippert.

Q.—Do you recall Jan. 22?

A.—Yes, I received a letter from Mr. Behrens that day.

Q.—When did you next get a letter? A.—Jan. 25, at home, from John Miller a St. Paul business man.

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—Walter Magee found a letter in a satchel he was told to call for at a bus depot.

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—On Feb. 5, from Miss Dickman (secretary to young Bremer).

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—From Father Deere (of Prior Lake) Feb. 6, an old, old friend of our family. He called one evening and handed me some letters.

Bremer's voice broke. He wiped his eyes with his hand.

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## BREMER FATHER SOBS ON STAND

ST. PAUL, April 18.—(AP)—Adolph Bremer Sr., father of Edward Bremer, victim in a \$200,000 kidnaping, broke down on the witness stand today in the trial of ten persons charged with complicity in the crime, sobbing repeatedly.

The 66-year-old man, head of a brewery firm, was being questioned by District Attorney George F. Sullivan.

At Sullivan's second question, "Are you the father of Edward Bremer?" the elder Bremer faltered, "Yes," and began sobbing.

He identified Walter Magee, kidnap contact man, who aided in ransom negotiations, as "a close friend."

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# BARKER, KARPIS AND AIDS CITED BY SULLIVAN

Prosecutor Reveals \$57,000  
of Ransom Was Peddled in  
First Four Days.

## PROMISES FULL DETAILS

Charges That McLaughlin and  
Others Changed Blocks of  
Bills in Chicago.

The names of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and several of their henchmen today were linked with the actual kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, made his opening statement to the jury in Federal court.

The jury was completed shortly after the opening of court this morning.

Mr. Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection January 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

### Co-defendants Listed.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer allegedly was kept prisoner for 21 days; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; and Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago. Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty to conspiracy when the trial opened Monday.

In his opening statement, Mr. Sullivan disclosed for the first time since the kidnaping that \$57,000 of the ransom money was "peddled" in Chicago, mostly to banks, within four days by "money changers." In the statement he made no mention of Jess Doyle or Edna Murray, and also gave no indication of the evidence the government holds against two St. Paul defendants, Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton, both of whom are fugitives.

More than half of his statement was a repetition of the story told by Mr. Bremer on his return by the kidnapers. Mr. Sullivan inserted in this story the names of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler and Byron Bolton as the men who took part in the actual kidnaping, negotiations for ransom, collection of the ransom and release of Bremer.

Sullivan promised the jurors detailed statements of the actual proceedings during the captivity of the St. Paul banker. He said that all of the persons actively engaged in carrying out the kidnaping had been fugitives, with one exception. He said that the kidnap mobsters went to Elmer Farmer, a tavern keeper in Bensenville, Ill., to obtain a hideout, and that Farmer arranged with Harold Alderton for use of the latter's home.

In his discussion of the "money changers" in the case, Sullivan enumerated Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, fugitive defendant, first.

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## Barker, Karpis and Aids Named in Prosecutor's Opening Statement.

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my Wilson, Moran's employe who is now on trial, Oliver Berg, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, as principals in disposing of the ransom funds.

### One of Group Dead.

"This combination," he said, "including one Slim Gibson, now dead, passed in Chicago in four or five days about \$57,000 of the ransom money."

"The evidence will show that Berg, Moran and Gibson sat in a room in the Irving hotel in Chicago and passed out this money, three blocks of \$10,000 each and two blocks of \$15,000 each, to McLaughlin. It will show that McLaughlin, with Vidler and Delaney, would go up and down the street and change this money at banks and other places. It will show that Vidler, for example, would go into a bank with, say, \$1,500 and change it into \$100 bills. It will show that Delaney changed \$24,000 at one bank."

Sullivan said it was determined that Vidler would go to Louisville to change \$3,000 of the ransom money, that he was about to take a train when apprehended with \$2,500 of the money.

During the recitation of the case by Sullivan, the defendants, with the exception of Barker, seemed entirely indifferent and little interested. Barker sat and scowled continuously at Sullivan throughout. For the first time during the trial, Barker's sharp black eyes did not roll continuously over the court room, but stared steadily at Sullivan.

### List of Jurors.

The jurors are:  
Hubert P. ... 44 years old, Caledonia, former grocer.  
Homer Blanchard, 71, Lake City, retired liveryman.  
Earl Bateman, Plainview, trucking business operator.  
Mrs. Alice Hall, 681 East Wheelock parkway, St. Paul, housewife.  
Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber.  
Miss J. Maud Brown, 1633 Laurel avenue, St. Paul, seamstress.  
Miss Mary McQuade, 505 Selby avenue, St. Paul, former pattern department manager.  
Frank Beaty, Lake City, electrical worker.  
George Guiter, Racine, farmer.  
Ben Buckminster, Lake City, retired boat builder.  
William Schert, Frontenac, painter and farmer.  
Harry Jones, Austin, apartment and rooming house operator.  
The two alternate jurors chosen are:  
Francis McCrady, Waseca, county highway worker.  
Frank Bolstorff, Lansing, Minn., farmer.  
As court was resumed, Judge M. M. Joyce addressed the jurors.  
"Has any one sought to communicate with you?" All the jurors shook their heads in the negative.  
The court admonished the tentative jurors, as he permitted them to go to their homes at the conclusion of court Monday, to talk to no one about the case and that it was their obligation to report to the court if any one attempted to communicate with them.  
John Y. Brown, assistant attorney general from Washington, arrived here today to assist George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, and George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, in the prosecution.

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# ELDER BREMER TELLS OF PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 19 (U.S.)—Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan yesterday scored a decisive point in the prosecution of 10 defendants charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, when Judge M. M. Joyce admitted as evidence four flashlights, which the Government contends were purchased by Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang boss.

The final contact instructions sent by the kidnapers to Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, and Walter W. Magee to arrange the \$200,000 ransom also were described. Mr. Magee is business manager for the Bremer interests.

The aged father of Bremer testified, his voice choking and tears streaming down his face as he relived the moments when he feared for his son's life.

Karpis, pal of Arthur "Doc" Barker and other defendants, has never been caught. Late yesterday he was reported to have escaped another ambush at a California mountain resort.

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# Fingerprint Men Face Bremer Suspect Today

## Experts Called to Identify Suspects in Trial for Bremer Kidnaping

By United Press  
ST. PAUL—Fingerprint experts of the Justice Department were called today to identify Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker as directors of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Dist. Atty. George Sullivan said the experts would testify that finger prints of both Barker and Karpis were found on three large flashlights used to signal a "contact" man when the richest ransom in American history was paid.

Bremer, 37-year-old banker, son of Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer, was slugged and kidnaped on a St. Paul street in January of 1934 and held captive 21 days before being released. Twenty-two persons have been indicted for the crime, but only 10 are on trial. Barker is chief of the defendants. Karpis is a fugitive.

Prosecutors won a major victory in closing minutes of yesterday's court session when Judge M. M. Joyce admitted into evidence the three flashlights.

They were found, each with a red bulb, at the roadside spot near Rochester, Minn., where Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who acted as "contact" man, was signaled by red lights. Defense attorneys argued that their connection with the case was not demonstrable and demanded their exclusion.

The finger print experts also will testify, Sullivan said, that prints on an empty gasoline can found near the same spot were made by Barker and Karpis.

## ROW OPENS BREMER KIDNAP TRIAL OF 10

### Attorneys Argue as Oklahoman Identifies Barker as Man He Photographed.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, April 19.—Prosecution and defense counsel argued heatedly over the admissibility of a photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker at the opening today of the trial of 10 defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

John G. Duncan, formerly employed in the Oklahoma prison at McAlester, where the photograph was taken, was on the stand as the first Government witness. Questioning of him by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, brought objections by defense attorneys.

The Oklahoma official stepped down to point out Barker, one of the defendants. John C. Decourcy ordered his client to "stand up" before Duncan could get close enough. Defense attorneys charged that the maneuver of the Government was "prejudicial."

"Do you recognize Doc Barker as the man you photographed in this court room?" asked Sullivan.

"Yes," Duncan replied.

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## Elder Bremer Sobs Son's Kidnap Story

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 18.—The death-threatening ransom notes which demanded payment of as much as twice the \$200,000 finally yielded for his release were introduced today in the trial of ten alleged conspirators in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Just before their introduction, Adolph Bremer, sr., father of the victim, had told of receiving them and in broken tones of his anguish on his son's return from his 21-day captivity.

"He looked like a wild man," the 66-year-old brewery head described his son. "He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad."

The elder Bremer wept freely and on several occasions the court ordered a delay until he had regained his composure.

Running through the ransom notes were repeated demands that "the coppers must be pulled off."

An apparent attempt at trickery in connection with ransom negotiations was related by the day's first witness, Arthur Murray, whose parents operate a bus depot at Faribault, Minn. He said a package and a letter were left at the depot to be called for. This was while Bremer was held. After his release, the package, still uncalled for, was opened and found to contain corn meal. Contents of the letter were not brought out in court.

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# St. Paul Girl's Story Unshaken Under Severe Grilling

A terrific bombardment of questions by defense attorneys late today failed to shatter the damaging story told by a government witness, a young St. Paul woman, at the trial in United States district court of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

When Florence Humphrey, 529 Holly ave., left the witness stand her story that she sold flashlights the government contends were used to signal the payoff man in the kidnaping to Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, was unshaken.

Further weight to her story was added when a federal agent and a former agent testified that a cap similar to the one Miss Humphrey said Karpis wore was found in the Chevrolet coupe which Walter Magee contact man, used to drive to the spot where the \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Miss Humphrey identified a picture of Karpis as the man she sold the flashlights to.

Cross-examination by John De Courcy, Eugene Matthews, A. Jerome Hoffman and Thomas Newman failed to alter her story an iota. he was one of the best government witnesses to date. Miss Humphrey is a clerk at the Grand-Silver store, 7th and Cedar sts.

In response to questions of prosecuting attorneys, and with no sign of stress or emotion as she faced the 10 alleged gangsters and aids who are on trial on kidnaping conspiracy charges, she testified that on Jan. 27, 1934, she sold three flashlights to a man whom she later identified from a photograph as Alvin Karpis, gunmen and coleader of the now broken kidnap mob.

## Accuses Karpis



To the witness stand in United States district court today the government called FLORENCE HUMPHREY, 529 Holly ave., clerk in the Grand-Silver department store in an effort to show that she sold flashlights used to signal the payoff man in the Bremer kidnaping to Alvin Karpis, member of the Karpis-Barker gang.



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These flashlights, the government contends, were the ones used by the kidnapers to signal Walter W. Magee, "payoff man," on the night he turned over \$200,000 in small bills to effect the release of Mr. Bremer.

#### Identifies Photo.

Miss Humphrey was neatly dressed in black, with a yellow lace collar, a fox choker and tan coat.

She was first shown government exhibit 58, a picture of Alvin Karpis.

"Have you ever seen this man before?"

"Yes, on Jan. 27, in the electric department of the store," she said. "I waited on him and he said he wanted three flashlights."

"How was he dressed?"

"He had a dark uniform, high lace boots, and a dark blue cap."

A cap answering that description was introduced in evidence.

"Is this the same cap?"

"It is the same kind."

"What else did he say?"

#### Was Nervous.

"He was nervous and said he was in a hurry. He said he was going into the woods with them. There were two dark flashlights and one nickel-plated one."

"Are these the flashlights?" she was asked, as the three flashlights which already have been introduced in evidence were shown her.

"They are the same kind."

"What else did he buy?"

"He had a red lens in his hand and asked me if we had any of them. I told him no."

"Did he pay for the flashlights?"

"Yes, with a \$5 bill."

"Did they have plain glass lenses?"

"Yes."

"What batteries?"

"Two Everready, and one had Arrow batteries."

"What next?"

"He went out."

#### Barber Called.

Edward Bishop, former Bensenville barber, was the first afternoon

witness. He said that since June, 1934, he has lived in Wisconsin. He said he knew Alderton for some time having met him in his barber shop. He identified Alderton when the latter was requested to stand up. He also identified Alderton's home from a photograph.

"What was on the west side of Alderton's home in January, 1934?"

"A garage and alley."

"Where was your home in reference to the alley?"

"About 150 feet away."

"Did you rent your garage?"

"Yes, I rented it in the middle of January, 1934."

"To who did you rent this garage?"

"To Harold Alderton."

"Did you and Alderton have a talk about it?"

"In the middle part of December, 1933."

"Put Locks On Doors."

"Where did you have this talk?"

"In Bensenville."

"Did you make terms?"

"\$5 a month."

"Did he pay you?"

"I think that same day and in the middle part of January, 1934."

"After he rented the garage did he do anything to it?"

"He put locks on the back door and the screen door leading to the other half of the double garage."

"That's all."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"How long had you known Alderton?"

"Since 1920."

"When he paid you, was it cash or checks?"

"Cash."

"Who lived with Alderton?"

"His mother, an elderly woman."

"How soon after he rented did he put on the locks?"

"I don't know."

"Were they ordinary locks?"

"Yes. Cheap padlocks."

Is Cross-Examined.

Cross examination by DeCourcy:

"When did you make the sale?"

"Jan. 7, 1934."

"Who after that date talked to you about the lights?"

"Mr Hanni about six weeks later."

"You wait on a lot of customers?"

"How many batteries go into a light?"

"Three."

"How many in the lantern type?"

"Four."

"In your department do you carry red bulbs?"

"No."

"You sent him to Western Auto Supply?"

"Yes. Because we try to please customers."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"Did he show you the photo?"

(Karpis). "I picked it out myself."

"Do you see the man you identified in this courtroom?"

"No."

"Did you ever see him since or before?"

"No."

Was Unusual Sale.

"Can you remember the dress of every person and the change given on every purchase?"

"It was unusual to buy three flashlights at one time."

"Do you remember the conversation of every customer?"

"No. But this one was so unusual."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"When he came in to buy flashlights did he ask for three?"

"Yes."

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# UNDERWORLD FIGURE CALLED 'FINGER MAN'

Oklahoma Prison Attache  
Leaves Stand and Points  
Out Barker.

## OTHER PICTURES OFFERED

Likenesses of Men Listed as  
Fugitives Identified by  
Police Officers.

The name of Harry Sawyer, former lieutenant of "Dapper Dan" Hogan, slain underworld kingpin, was brought today into the Federal court trial of ten defendants for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.



Sawyer, now a fugitive from justice, Harry Sawyer, is named by the government as the "finger man" in the abduction—that is, the man who pointed out Bremer to the actual kidnapers.

His picture was introduced as evidence in the trial today, with enough other photographs of others accused of the abduction to stock a fair sized rogues' gallery.

The picture of Sawyer was identified by Hans J. Nielsen, for six years superintendent of the Omaha police bureau of identification, who

## MISSOURI WANTS EDNA

If Edna Murray, who escaped from the Missouri penitentiary, is released by the Federal court here as an accomplice in the Bremer kidnaping, she will be returned to that institution.

Telegraphic orders for the return were received today by Sheriff Thomas Gibbons.

said he had taken it at Omaha police headquarters. Nielsen said he knew Sawyer also as "Harry J. Porche," "Harry Sandlovich" and "Harry Sandovich."

## Fight Over Barker Photo.

Strenuous objection by the defense greeted efforts to introduce a picture and fingerprints of Arthur (Doc) Barker, defendant in the trial and alleged leader of the kidnap gang, which were taken when he was a convict in the Oklahoma state penitentiary.

Identification of the picture and prints was made by Dr. J. G. Duncan, formerly connected with the prison and now with the Oklahoma state penitentiary, started to comply with the amination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney. Asked if he recognized Barker as the man he photographed, Duncan answered in the affirmative.

"Will you step down and point him out?" Sullivan asked the witness.

Duncan left the stand and pointed in Barker's direction. "He is the third man down," the Oklahoma official said.

Sullivan then asked Duncan to step around the guard rail and point out Barker. As the Oklahoma crime bureau, under request, a storm of objections arose from defense counsel. One of the counsel, A. J. Hoffman, made his objection as Judge M. M. Joyce started to speak.

## Judge Warns Lawyer.

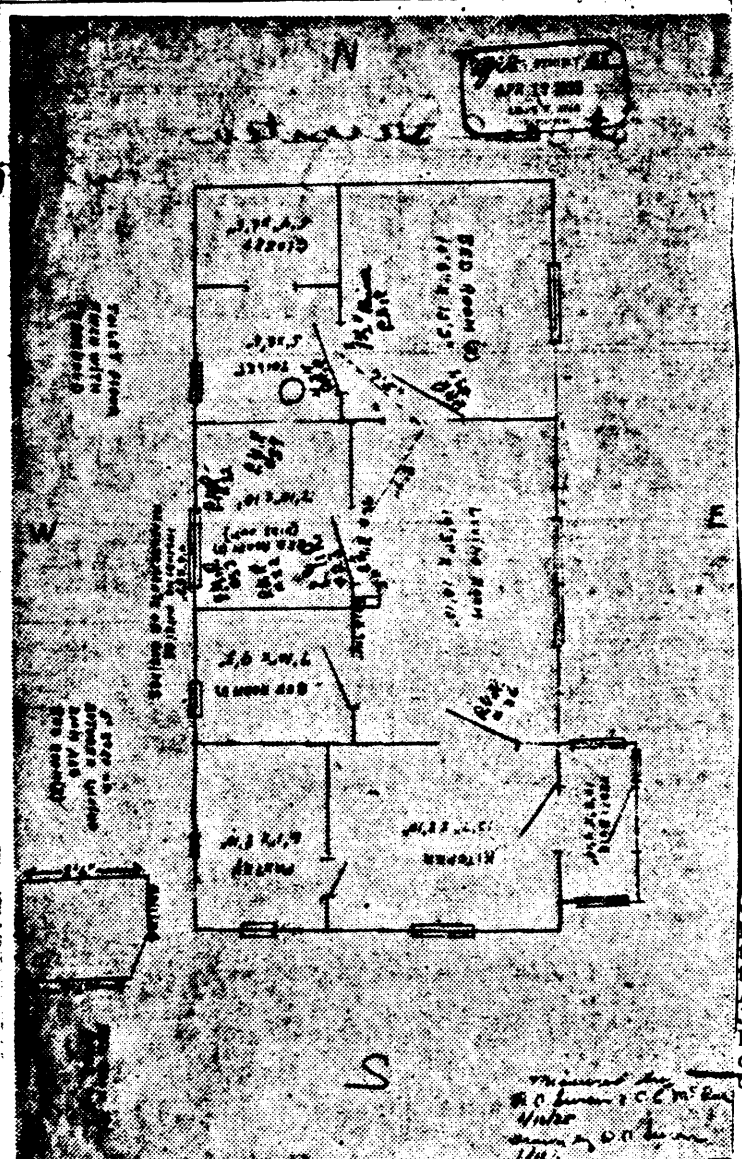
"Just a moment, Mr. Hoffman, I don't want any interruption," the judge admonished.

As Duncan approached Barker, the gangster's attorney, John DeCourcy, ordered his client to stand

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# FIGURE IN BREMER CASE



Introduced as evidence in the trial of ten defendants for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, is the floor plan shown above, prepared by Department of Justice agents. The plan is of the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, at Bensenville, Ill., where the government charges Bremer was held captive. The bedroom marked with several initials is the room in which the prosecution alleges the banker was kept. Below at the left is Alvin Karpis, fugitive gangster, alleged to have purchased the flashlights used to mark the place south of Zumbrota where the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money was to be left for the kidnaper. At the right is Werner Hanni, former chief of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation here, whose failure to mark the lights permanently for identification led to a court battle Thursday over their admissibility as evidence. They finally were admitted over defense objections.

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## U. S. EXPERTS CALLED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Fingerprints of Karpis and Barker  
Found on "Contact" Flashlight,  
Says Prosecutor.

By the United Press.

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## DEATH NOTES READ AT BREMER TRIAL

**Kidnappers Demanded Double  
Ransom if Payment Was  
Not Made at Once.**

**FATHER WEEPS ON STAND**

**Tells in St. Paul Court That Son  
Looked Like Wild Man When  
Captivity Ended.**

ST. PAUL, April 18 (AP).—The death-threatening ransom notes which demanded payment of as much as twice the \$200,000 finally yielded for his release were introduced today in the trial of ten alleged conspirators in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Just before their introduction Adolph Bremer Sr., father of the victim, had told of receiving them and, in broken tones, of his anguish on his son's return from his twenty-one day captivity.

"He looked like a wild man," the 67-year-old brewery head said. "He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad."

The elder Bremer wept freely and

on several occasions the court ordered a delay until he had regained his composure. It was recalled that he was near collapse during his son's detention.

Running through the ransom notes were repeated demands that "the coppers must be pulled off." One, delivered after Adolph Bremer had requested a seventy-two-hour period to negotiate with the abductors without police interference, asserted that the kidnapped man would be returned "stiff" if police did not withdraw.

The same note said the "price" would be raised to \$500,000 if demands for \$200,000 ransom were not met immediately. Earlier testimony had also told that the younger Bremer was threatened with death when he was abducted.

In notes to his wife and daugh-

ter, Edward Bremer was reassuring, but in another, to his father, the captive pleaded "please hurry, as this is a matter of living years every day. It's just a living hell."

Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family, who acted as intermediary and pay-off man, followed. Adolph Bremer to the stand.

He testified that a time lock blocked one plan for payment of the ransom. He had been instructed to bring the money to a Des Moines, Iowa, hotel, traveling by bus, he told the jury. But the money was in a bank under time lock at the time set and the plan had to be abandoned.

The ransom finally was paid on a road near Zumbrota, Minn.

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# Father of Bremer Weeps As He Tells of Kidnaping

## Jury Told Gang Asked More Than Twice \$200,000 Paid

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Just before their introduction, Adolph Bremer sr., father of the victim, told of receiving them and of his son's alarming appearance on his return from his twenty-one-day captivity. "He looked like a wild man," the sixty-six-year-old brewery head said.

The elder Bremer wept and on several occasions the court ordered a delay until he had regained his composure.

Running through the ransom notes were repeated demands that "the cops must be pulled off." One, delivered after Adolph Bremer had requested a 72-hour period to negotiate with the abductors without police interference, warned that the kidnaped man would be returned "stiff" if police did not withdraw. The same note said the "price" would be raised to \$500,000 if demands for \$200,000 ransom were not met immediately.

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# BREMER DEATH PLOT CHARGED

ST. PAUL, April 19 (By International News Service).—Threats to put Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, "on the spot," were reported today as the trial of Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with kidnaping the banker, was resumed in Federal Court.

The death plans were formulated, it was disclosed, by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitive members of the gang.

Federal agents are reported investigating a tip on the plan which called for the shooting of Bremer as he walked to or from his daily lunch at a restaurant.

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**SOBS DURING TRIAL**  
Adolph Bremer, father of kidnap victim, who testified yesterday in St. Paul.

**BREMER RANSOM  
NOTES REVEALED  
AT KIDNAP TRIAL**

*(Picture on back page.)*  
St. Paul, Minn., April 18.—[Special.]  
—Adolph Bremer, 66, millionaire St. Paul brewer, and father of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, sobbed repeatedly today as he told a jury trying Arthur [Redacted] Barker and nine other defend-

ants of the kidnaping of his son, negotiations for \$200,000 ransom, and his subsequent release 21 days later.  
The elder Bremer identified the notes which were sent to him, Bremer's wife, and to Walter Magee, contractor and friend of the family, who served as go-between payoff man for the family.  
Magee followed Bremer to the stand and told of ransom negotiations with the kidnapers, among whom have been named besides Barker, Alvin, Karpis,

and Harry Campbell, fugitives, and George Zeigler, now dead.  
Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., farmer, in whose home Bremer was held captive; Elmer Farmer, tavern keeper, accused of having transmitted information for the gang, and John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago, accused of having passed part of the ransom money, also are on trial.

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# BREMER'S LIFE THREATENED BY GANG FUGITIVES

## U. S. Agents Reveal Effort to Halt Kidnaping Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—(UP)—The remnants of the Barker-Karpis gang, ten members of which are on trial her for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, have made recent threats to kill the wealthy banker, it was revealed today.

The threats to put Bremer "on the spot" were made by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitive members of the gang, according to department of justice investigators.

As a result, special guards have been assigned to Bremer, who is in daily attendance at the federal court trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine others on the kidnaping charges.

### Followed Talk with Two.

The death warnings were received by Bremer, member of a family of wealthy brewers, after he had "talked things over" with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, two of the accused kidnapers. The banker testified that Alderton and Farmer confessed their part of the kidnaping to him.

The plans of Karpis and Davis called for the shooting of Bremer on his way to a St. Paul restaurant, the government agents said. The plot was believed to have been hatched when the fugitive gunman learned of Bremer's talk with Alderton and Farmer and feared the two confederates may have named Barker and Karpis as leaders of the gang.

In his testimony Bremer did not mention the name of either Karpis or Barker. This information was given to the jury later, however, by John Brennan, a federal agent.

### Barker Identified.

The start of Barker's criminal career a decade ago in the wild Cookston hills of Oklahoma was injected into the trial.

The government called John Duncan of the Oklahoma state division of investigation to tell the jury of nine men and three women of Barker's first criminal record.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan if he could identify Barker, the western peace officer stepped down from the witness stand and strode to the cluster of defendants near the rail.

### Stands Up Red-Faced.

There was a flurry of excitement as the court instructed Barker to stand up. The little gangster's face was livid red as he rose to his feet.

Duncan identified him as the man whose picture and fingerprints he had taken on Feb. 10, 1922, the date of Barker's first encounter with the law. Over vigorous objection of counsel the court ruled that the fingerprints should be admitted as evidence.

By them it was anticipated the government later planned to show that they corresponded to fingerprints on equipment alleged to have been used by the Bremer kidnapers and thus definitely link Barker with the abduction.

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## FINGERPRINTS ACCUSE TWO IN KIDNAPING

St. Paul, April 19 (AP).—Finger-print experts of the federal justice department were called today to identify Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, successors to John Dillinger as the nation's first public enemies, as directors of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Their entrance into the trial of 10 persons accused of an international conspiracy in the crime inaugurated a new phase of testimony, in which government attorneys will attempt to show the part played by each defendant.

Dist. Atty. Sullivan said the experts would testify that fingerprints of both Barker and Karpis were found on three large flashlights used to signal a "contact" man when the richest ransom in American history was paid.

Bremer, 37-year-old banker son of Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer, democratic party leader and friend of President Roosevelt, was slugged and kidnaped on a St. Paul street in January of 1934 and held captive 21 days before being released. Twenty-two persons have been indicted for the crime, but only 10 are on trial. Barker is chief of the defendants. Karpis is a fugitive.

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By the Associated Press.  
 St. Paul, April 19.—From a woman department store employe the Government today drew testimony linking Alvin Karpis, hunted public enemy No. 1, with the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping for which 10 others—among them Arthur (Doc) Barker, named as Karpis' partner—are on trial.  
 Her testimony came near the end of a session given over chiefly to introduction of exhibits as the Gov-

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## Bremer Witness Identifies Karpis

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20 (U.S.).—Alvin Karpis was identified in Federal Court as the man who bought three flashlights which the Government contends later were used to signal the spot where the \$200,000 ransom money was to be thrown for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, kidnaped the morning of January 17, 1934.

Karpis is not on trial, being at large, but the testimony served to link his gang, 10 of whom are being tried here, with the kidnaping.

Florence Humphrey, department store clerk, made the identification.

## Police Guard Bremer From Gang Bullets; Fear Revenge Move

Banker Received Threat Note  
Three Months Ago Signed by  
Alvin Karpis, Agents Reveal

By United Press

ST. PAUL.—Federal agents and police guarded every movement of Edward G. Bremer against a threatened death today while the trial of 10 persons accused of kidnaping him for \$200,000 ransom was recessed over the week-end.

Justice Department agents revealed yesterday that the wealthy banker is in constant danger of gang bullets, threatened with vengeance by hunted members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang.

### WARNED BY KARPIS

The Government manhunters said warnings of retribution reached Bremer three months ago. They named Alvin Karpis, the Nation's Public Enemy No. 1, and Volney Davis, Kansas City gangster, as authors.

Both are fugitives, indicted with 20 others for a part in Bremer's abduction in January 1934. The banker was held 21 days in a Bensenville, Ill., house, blindfolded and suffering from head wounds inflicted when he resisted seizure.

Karpis and Davis planned to shoot Bremer two months ago on a St. Paul street, the agents said. He has been guarded since that time. Precautions were doubled today to protect him in his week-end movements.

### FLASHLIGHTS IDENTIFIED

An attractive St. Paul salesgirl, Miss Florence Humphrey, concluded the week's testimony yesterday with identification of three red-lensed flashlights used by the kidnapers in signaling Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who acted as "contact" man, when he paid the ransom.

She said positively, despite determined cross examination, that she sold three such lamps to Alvin Karpis. She identified Karpis from photos.

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Florence Humphrey, department store clerk, made the identification. She was shown a photograph of the outlaw and District Attorney George F. Sullivan asked:

"Did you ever see this man?"

She answered quietly:

"Yes, on January 27, I waited on him and he said he wanted three flashlights."

Shown the flashlights, she identified them. The Government asserts they bore Karpis' fingerprints.

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# CANS TO BE EVIDENCE

*Offered to Prove Bremer  
Was Taken From State.*

ST. PAUL, April 20 (A. P.).—Gasoline cans allegedly bearing finger prints of Arthur (Doc) Barker will be offered in evidence Monday in the trial of ten defendants charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The District Attorney will call witnesses who found the gasoline cans near Portage, Wis., and will attempt to prove that they bore the prints of the reputed coleader with Alvin Karpis in the \$200,000 abduction.

The cans, the Government will charge, were discarded by the Barker-Karpis mob as they were transporting Bremer from St. Paul

on January 17, 1934, to the hide-out in Bensenville, Ill. Through this evidence the prosecution hopes to bring out that Bremer was carried across the State line and thus establish the Federal Government's jurisdiction in the case under the Lindbergh law.

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# REVEAL PLOT TO KILL BREMER AFTER RELEASE

**Witness Tells Plan in Court;  
Karpis Chief Factor; Identif-  
fied as Flashlight Buyer**

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 19.—Threats to put Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, "on the spot" were reported today as the trial of ten Barker-Karpis mobsters, charged with kidnaping the banker, was resumed in federal court.

The death plans were formulated by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitive members of the gang, after Bremer, in company with federal agents, revisited the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where he was held captive in January and February, 1934.

The plot was hatched, it was believed, when the fugitive gunmen learned that during their conversation with Bremer, Alderton and Farmer mentioned the names of both Arthur (Doc) Barker, now on trial, and Karpis, as well as several others.

Mrs. Florence Humphry, saleswoman in a department store here, today identified a photograph of Karpis as that of the man to whom she sold three flashlights. The flashlights, already in evidence, were found on the lonely road near Humbrota, Minn., where the ransom was paid. The government contends they were used for signaling.

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## LIFE OF BREMER THREATENED BY GANG, JURY TOLD

### Karpis Named Buyer of Signal Lights.

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, fugitive leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, today was identified definitely as the man who purchased flashlights used as the payoff signal in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, for which ten persons are on trial in United States District court here.

A picture of Karpis was identified by Mrs. Florence Humphrey, employé in a St. Paul department store, as that of the man who bought the signal lights and red lenses from her last Jan. 27, when Bremer was a captive. The lights, put in evidence yesterday by the government, were found near Mazeppa, Minn., where the payoff was made by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family.

#### Bremer Again Threatened.

Other developments of the fifth day of the trial in which Arthur ["Doc"] Barker, and nine others, including John J. ["Boss"] McLaughlin of Chicago are charged with kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap included:

Revelation that threats to put Bremer "on the spot" have been made by remnants of the Barker-Karpis gang within the last three months.

Identification of a number of photographs of fugitives who are sought in connection with the kidnaping, including Dr. Joseph P. Moran of Chicago, former intimate of McLaughlin, who is reported to have treated Bremer's wounds during his stay at Bensenville and William Harrison, former Chicago golf professional.

Introduction of fingerprints of Barker as matching prints on gasoline cans found along the route driven by Bremer's abductors from Bensenville, Ill., to Rochester, Minn., when they released him.

#### Rented Garage to Alderton.

Testimony by Edward R. Blahop of Tomahawk, Wis., formerly of Bensenville, that he had rented a garage to Harold Alderton, Bensenville farmer and one of the defendants.

Coincident with the revelation that Bremer's life has been threatened, it was learned that the wealthy young banker is guarded constantly.

Plans to kill Bremer, reported made by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitives, were started after he visited Bensenville early this year and identified the house where he had been held for 21 days after his kidnaping on Jan. 17, 1934. The plan, department of justice agents learned, was to shoot Bremer on a St. Paul street.

#### Describes Career of Crime.

The start of Barker's criminal career a decade ago in Oklahoma was injected into the trial today as the government put John Duncan of the Oklahoma state division of investigation on the stand.

Duncan also identified a photograph of Volney Davis, who was known as the boy friend of Edna Murray, another of the defendants. Davis escaped from federal agents at Yorkville, Ill.

Davis was taken by airplane from Kansas City and the ship was forced down at Yorkville. While a federal agent was phoning Chicago headquarters another agent stood drinking beer with Davis. Suddenly Davis dashed the beer in the agent's face, leaped through a window, and fled.

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# GUARD BREMER AGAINST DEATH THREAT OF GANG

U. S. Agents Reveal Life Is  
in Danger from Fugitive Kidnapers.

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# **Bremer Jury to Go To Church Easter**

St. Paul, April 20 (AP).—Jurors hearing evidence against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others in the Bremer kidnap trial will get a reprieve from hotel-room confinement Sunday to attend Easter services at St. Paul churches. Escorted by bailiffs, the jurors will go to churches of their choice. The jurors will return to court Monday, start of the second week of the trial, to get the "gasoline can" evidence. Court was in recess today.

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KIDNAPING  
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**BREMER KIDNAP  
 PROSECUTION IS  
 DEALT HARD BLOW**

**Confession in Plot Is  
 Withdrawn.**

St. Paul, Minn., April 20.—[Special.]  
 —Chances for a successful prosecution of ten alleged members of the Barker-Karpis gang for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer today were struck a smashing blow when it was reported that Byron Bolton, confessed member of the gang, had recanted his confession and asked to take his place beside the other defendants with a plea of not guilty.  
 Bolton pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to kidnap when the trial started Monday.  
 According to the report, federal

agents have withdrawn Bolton all week in an attempt to bolster his desire to be a witness against other members of the gang.  
**Fear Gangland Penalty.**  
 Evidence of fear of the gangland law of "death for the squealer" has been indicated by the vigilance of guards at the Ramsey county jail where Bolton is lodged and over every movement of the principals in the trial before Judge M. M. Joyce in United States District court.  
 George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney who heads the prosecution, while refusing all week to state definitely whether he intends to put Bolton on the stand as a government witness, apparently had been expecting to do so.  
**Guard Against Karpis Move.**  
 Review of testimony during the first week of the trial to a certain extent bore out the belief that witnesses were in fear of Alvin Karpis, fugitive lead-

er, and other leaders of the gang still at large.  
 Bremer passed two days on the stand telling about the year old kidnaping. Testimony of John E. Brennan, special agent, as to statements made by Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, added to testimony of Bremer, showed that members of the gang came and went during most of the 21 day period during which the young St. Paul banker was held.  
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Gas Cans Offered As  
Bremer Case Evidence

## Fingerprints Expected To Link Karpis

**Drouth-Hit Farmer, Who  
Couldn't See Why  
Cans Were Thrown  
Away, Testifies.**

The inherited trait of economy of a drouth-hit Wisconsin farmer, and his inability to understand why anyone should discard four perfectly good five-gallon gasoline cans and an equally good funnel, today was aiding the federal government's efforts to identify Barker-Karpis mobsters as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

When he found the cans and the funnel in the snow alongside the side road near Portage, Wis., where his farm is located, he carefully picked them up, took them home and placed them on a shelf in his garage, Reuben F. Grossman testified as the second week of the trial of gangsters and alleged aids got under way in federal district court.

After several days the mystery still bothered him, he said, so he telephoned the sheriff's office at Portage—and today the cans and funnel, said to contain the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, fugitive co-leader of the indicted kidnap gang, and maybe others, were introduced as evidence against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

The kidnapers used the cans to refuel the car which was carrying the kidnap victim from the Bensenville, Ill., house where he had been held prisoner for three weeks, to Rochester, Minn., where he was turned loose after relatives and friends had paid \$200,000 ransom, the government intends to show.

Court was delayed beyond the  
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usual opening time of 10 a. m. by the tardiness of John De Courcy, attorney for "Doc" Barker and Edna Murray. Judge M. M. Joyce cautioned him to arrange his affairs in other courts so as not to interfere with the Bremer trial.

Ernest J. Malasch, farmer near Portage, Wis., was the first witness as the government began the testimony which it expects will make possible identification of some of those on trial through fingerprints found on gasoline cans. Malasch's farm is on a side road north of United States highway 16.

He testified, under questioning by District Attorney George F. Sullivan, that on Feb. 7, 1934, about 4 p. m., he saw a car pull into the side road, two men standing in back of it, but said he could not see what they were doing.

After locating the scene on a map, he was excused without cross-examination.

Malasch's neighbor Reuben F. Grossman, was the next witness.

Returning home from fishing, late in the day of Feb. 7, he found four gasoline cans, "two near wheel tracks in the snow and two just off the road about three-quarters of a mile off the main road," he testified.

"Anything besides the gasoline cans?"

"A small funnel."

He testified that he smelled the cans, looked for and found the screw caps, and took them all home. Four five-gallon cans and a funnel were introduced in evidence and identified by Grossman.

"Did you talk to anyone about them?"

"Yes, a deputy sheriff, about four days later."

"What did you do?"

He took the gasoline cans and funnel to Portage.

Two or three days later a federal agent named McKee visited the farm, questioned Grossman, and was shown where the cans were found.

**Sheriff's Deputy Testifies.**

Grossman was cross-examined by Mr. De Courcy. He said that no member of the family had handled the cans, so far as he knew.

Harry N. Hibner, sheriff's deputy, testified to getting the cans from Grossman and taking them to Portage. He said he had viewed the place where the cans were found.

"What about car tracks?"

"There was nothing distinct, but marks did show a car had turned around there."

The funnel was mailed to the department of justice at St. Paul Feb. 13 after telegraphic communication regarding the finding of the cans and the funnel, Hibner said.

Sam M. McKee, agent of the di-

vision of investigation, corroborated the testimony of Grossman and Hibner, and told of bringing the cans to St. Paul, and turning them, together with funnel which he had received by parcels post, over to Werner Hanni, then in charge of the department of justice offices.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, I.O.  
1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim-KIDNAPING.

### **BOLTON ON STAND IN BREMER TRIAL**

**Expected to Give Evidence  
Climbing Conviction  
Of Kidnapers.**

ST. PAUL, April 21—(P)—With the hitherto untold inside story of the captivity of Edward G. Bremer, victim of the record \$200,000 abduction plot, federal prosecutors today announced they would pursue efforts to convict the ten defendants on trial for his kidnaping.

At the opening of the trial's second week tomorrow, Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in the case, is slated to take the stand as a government witness.

Bolton has signed statements outlining roles many of the defendants carried out in the actual abduction and in Bremer's 21 days of captivity, federal authorities asserted.

Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan indicated the prosecution depended heavily on Bolton to clinch its case.

Identification of finger prints, federal agents assert are those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader of the kidnap mob, on two five-gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wis., will constitute another government thrust in its effort to show he had a part in the kidnaping.

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## BOLTON TO TELL BREMER STORY

ST. PAUL, April 21.—(AP)—The inside story of the kidnaping of Edward Bremer and will bring the trial of ten alleged abductors to a new climax this week.

Byron Bolton is to testify tomorrow for the government revealing the details of the \$200,000 ransom job and name the members of the criminal band.

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Earnest J. Malasch, a young farmer, testified he saw a car stop near his farm, six miles from Portage, Feb. 7, 1934, the day the 37-year-old bank president returned home, and observed one man "crouching" near the car while the second was standing erect near him.

A neighbor of Malasch, Ruben Grossman, was the second witness. He said he found the four cans the night of Feb. 7 near his farm as he was returning home.

The cans then were identified by Grossman as similar to those he found.

Court opening was delayed about five minutes by absence of John D. De Courcy, counsel for Barker.

The court warned De Courcy to be "ready to proceed" when court opens daily.

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The cans were found on a road near Portage, Wis., by a farmer.

The cans, the government contends, bore the fingerprints of Arthur ("Doc") Barker, alleged co-leader with Alvin Karpis in the kidnaping of Bremer here in January, 1934. Barker is on trial, but Karpis has not been apprehended.

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## Barker Link Offered In Bremer Plot Trial

By the Associated Press.

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The tin can was one of two introduced in evidence following testimony by Ruben Grossman, a Wisconsin farmer, who said he found four cans and funnel near his home February 7. Following that and the testimony of various officers to show how the tins were handled, marked and sent to Washington for

examination Barker's fingerprints, taken in Chicago at the time of his arrest, January 8, 1935, also were presented as evidence.

Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty as the trial started a week ago, had not been called to the stand late today. Government attorneys have indicated he will give important testimony.

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# Barker Mutilated Own Finger Tips

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Arthur (Doc) Barker faced a vital battle today in the seventh day of his trial with nine other persons on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom.

Yesterday a Justice Department expert, Aaron Kohn of Washington, identified fingerprints offered in evidence as those of Barker and Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1. In cross-examination today Barker's counsel must discredit the expert to the jury.

The prints were on four gasoline cans picked up at the spot where 16 months ago three red lights signaled Bremer's contact man to drop \$200,000 in the dust of a road.

Another Justice Department agent disclosed, incidentally, that Barker

had mutilated his finger tips in a painful operation to alter his finger markings. The mutilation was not sufficient, however, to conceal the distinguishing whorls and loops.

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# NAB YOUTHFUL EMBEZZLER IN A CHICAGO HIDEOUT

Kansas State Police Arrest  
Charles O'Brien in Big  
City Apartment After  
Chase in Several States.

## BIG RAID IN TOPEKA FOLLOWS

Andy Yocum Arrested, Large  
Stock of Liquor Seized by  
Sheriff Rogers and Chief  
Frank Stone, sr.

Trailing Karpis gangsters, Topeka officers came into possession of information that resulted last night in the arrest of Andy Yocum, Topeka bootlegger, and Charles O'Brien, admitted embezzler from the National Bank of Topeka.

A sketchy web of circumstances leads a weird trail between Yocum's bootlegging activities; the kidnaping of Don Hassebrook, National Bank of Topeka teller, and the attempted robbery of the bank; influential liquor racketeers in Galesburg, Ill., Peoria, Ill., and Chicago, and the ultimate arrest of O'Brien who admitted the embezzlement of \$6,000 from the bank.

### Arrest Kept Secret.

O'Brien's arrest in a North Side Chicago apartment last Friday by Kansas highway patrolmen directed by Maj. Wint Smith, was kept a secret until last night when a raid on Yocum's cafe, the Green Nook at 1016 1/2 East Sixth, and his liquor "plant" in a garage at 917 Huntoon, netted 18 cases of whisky and alcohol along with Yocum's arrest and the arrest of Myrtle McPeck, associated with Yocum in his ventures here for several years.

The raids last night were conducted by Sheriff Dean Rogers and Chief of Police Frank Stone, sr. Information concerning Yocum has been gathered for weeks. It was learned that he provided money to send O'Brien to Galesburg and that he suggested O'Brien contact the Waner brothers, liquor dealers. From there he went to Chicago and he received money from Yocum at various times.

### Met at Yocum's.

In a statement given to the officers, O'Brien told how he and a group of clerks and tellers from the bank congregated at Yocum's Green Nook and became well acquainted with the widely known bootlegger. He told of trips to the Century of Progress, the Ozarks and elsewhere with Yocum, Mrs. McPeak and his girl.

In his statement, O'Brien recounted the details of how he started going down to Yocum's Green Nook along with other employees of the bank. He recited how he started "catching checks" during the bank moratorium and that along with other employees he embezzled the \$6,000 with this process.

### Written for Large Sums.

"Catching" checks consist of writing checks for large sums of money to some merchant and having a fellow employee "catch" the check until it was charged against the account of some large firm that did not keep a close tally upon its bank statement. The checks

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were usually written for \$110 or \$120.

O'Brien said Yocum probably learned of this practice by listening to the boys talk while they were at the Green Nook. Shortly after this Yocum and O'Brien became very friendly and the acquaintanceship resulted in the trips and finally to Yocum's giving O'Brien money with which to get to Galesburg and the Waner brothers.

During O'Brien's absence from Topeka he corresponded with Yocum.

### Bought Boyd Farm.

In his statement, O'Brien told of Yocum's purchase of the former Tom B. Boyd farm. He related that he had accompanied Yocum on liquor deliveries in Topeka, but he asserted that Yocum did not talk about his affairs much and that he did not know much about Yocum's activities.

A swarm of officers swooped down on Yocum's "plant" and captured him and Mrs. McPeak in a car in front of the Green Nook shortly before midnight. Five half pints of alcohol were taken from the car at that time. No liquor was found in the Green Nook, but the officers indicated they would make further search today. Likewise an examination of the Yocum farm is to be made for further information.

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CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE

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# PROSECUTION SEEKS TO IDENTIFY 7 AS 'MONEY CHANGERS'

Through testimony of several Department of Justice agents the government this afternoon began laying the ground work for identifying seven of ten defendants as "money changers" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Werner Hanni, former Department of Justice district chief here, was the first witness this afternoon. Questioned by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, Hanni disclosed that he received 25 pages containing serial numbers of the \$200,000 ransom money from the American National bank here. Next on the stand was Rolf T. Harbo, special agent in charge of the statistical section, Department of Justice, who testified concerning receipt of the typewritten sheets containing numbers of 25,000 bills from the Bureau of Investigation office in St. Paul.

Charged by the government with being the money-passers are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Phillip Delaney, all of Chicago; Oliver Berg, life term in Joliet prison; Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster; Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," said James J. Wilson of Chicago.

These defendants are facing trial on a conspiracy charge but the other three also are indicted for the actual kidnaping. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer.

Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence.

Two other government agents, Lee A. Beckstead, formerly of Washington but now in the Chi-

cago investigation bureau, and Harry E. Wild of Chicago testified concerning the printing and distribution of the lists containing the serial numbers of the ransom bills.

Beckstead said that two batches of the ransom lists, 1,000 copies each time, were printed in Washington under his supervision when he was stationed there, while Wild, a clerk in the Department of Justice, testified that he received the copies printed in Washington and distributed them in the mails to the various banks in the Chicago district. Among the banks he said he mailed a copy to was the Lake View Trust and Savings bank in Chicago.

The government, it is believed, proposes to show that some of the ransom money was found in that bank.

While the testimony concerning the ransom lists was being given the jurors perceptibly appeared disinterested in the proceedings. One of the jurors seemed to have a difficult time staying awake while the others leaned back in their chairs and assumed an indifferent attitude.

The lists were admitted in evidence over the objections of Robert Rensch, attorney for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, and Eugene Matthews, attorney for three of the other defendants.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

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# MAN WHO MADE MARK EXCITED, EXPERT ASSERTS

Bremer Witness Shows Court  
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## JUDGE REBUKES LAWYER

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Testimony indicating that a fingerprint found on a gasoline can, allegedly that of Arthur (Doc) Barker, was made by a person under stress of nervous excitement, "like a criminal during the commission of a crime," was given today in the Federal court trial of Barker and nine others accused of kidnaping

### NOT A CHANCE

If two fingerprints have six similar points the chances are "48 times the population of the earth" to one that they were made by the same finger.

If they have eight similar points, the chances are "two million times the population of the earth" to one that they were left by the same digit.

The answers were furnished today by Aaron Kohn, government fingerprint expert, testifying in the Bremer kidnaping trial. He left it for mathematical wizards to figure out the chances for fourteen similar points—the number he claims are shared by a print found on a gasoline can allegedly used by the kidnapers and a fingerprint of Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the defendants.

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The can is said to have been left by the kidnapers beside a road near Portage, Wis., as they were taking Bremer from their hideout in Bensenville, Ill., to Rochester, Minn., where he was released. Three other gas cans and a funnel also were found beside the road on February 7, 1934, the day of the release.

The print was identified as having been made by Barker's right index finger by Aaron Kohn, government fingerprint expert from Washington, who explained the effect weather has on such impressions.

"In cold weather, outdoors, a normal person leaves very little in the way of fingerprints," the expert said. "The cold causes the skin to contract and the pores to close, so there is not much oily or fatty matter to make a print. But a person under stress of nervous excitement, like a criminal during the commission of a crime, would perspire more, even in cold weather, and leave a distinct latent print, rather than one which was smudged and indistinct."

Previously, Kohn showed the jury two transparent films, one showing the print on the can and the other a print of Barker's right index finger. Superimposing one print on the other, he pointed out how they tallied.

Kohn's testimony was given over a barrage of defense objections, featured by a rebuke administered by Judge M. M. Joyce to A. J. Hoffman of defense counsel. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, had asked the witness a question to which the defense objected on grounds that it was unintelligible.

"Do you understand the question?" Hoffman demanded of Kohn.

The witness started to reply, when Hoffman demanded again:

"I want to know whether you understand the question."

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Werner Hannel, department of justice agent formerly in charge of the St. Paul office, was recalled to the stand to identify a list of the serial numbers of \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills.

He was followed on the stand by Rolf Harbo, Washington, special agent of the federal bureau of in-

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Ernest J. Malasch, a farmer near Portage, testified to seeing a car stop near his farm the afternoon of the day that Mr. Bremer was returned home. Later Reuben F. Grossman, who also testified, said he saw the cans and took them some where they remained until seized by a deputy sheriff four days later.

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Portions of the fingerprint markings remained clear, he declared, and this permitted their identification as his. The Government contends the prints were on three flashlights used in the kidnaping and on a gasoline can from which the kidnap car's fuel was replenished.

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The identification was one of the Government's principal points in its effort to convict Barker and nine others in the \$200,000 abduction of the banker.

Simultaneously it was revealed that Barker made painful but futile efforts to so mar his fingertips that prints of them would be impossible.

Bringing out the first positive link between Barker and the Bremer kidnaping, Aaron Kohn, fingerprint expert for the Department of Justice, testified that prints he found on the gasoline cans were identical with those taken from Barker when he was arrested in Chicago early this year.

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## U. S. Witnesses Trace Ransom In Bremer Trial

*Wash Post 4-24-35*  
**Prosecution Seeks to Link  
7 Suspects With  
Kidnap Cash.**

*By the Associated Press.*

St. Paul, April 23.—The Government today finished its fingerprint testimony and began its effort to convict seven defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case of handling part of the \$200,000 ransom money.

George Heisey, assistant district attorney, offered in evidence serial numbers of the ransom bills. Several Federal agents testified the numbers were obtained from the American National Bank, where the ransom was prepared, sent to Washington and then distributed to various banks in the Chicago district.

Of the seven accused of passing ransom bills, John J. McLaughlin, is a former Chicago politician, and William Vidler, Philip Delany and James J. Wilson are from that city. The other three the Government has accused in this particular phase of the kidnap plot are Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill., prison convict; Jess Doyle, Kansas City, and Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit."

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Banker Points Out  
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## Say Vidler Brought In Ransom Cash

Chicago Tellers Deliver  
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Three Chicago bank tellers today left the witness stand in the Bremer kidnaping trial in federal court to point out William Vidler, one of 10 now on trial for conspiracy, as one of the "money changers" who exchanged part of the \$200,000 ransom money for "cool dough."

Defense attorneys, fighting in vain to block the introduction of testimony extremely damaging to the Barker-Karpis mobsters and alleged aids, wrangled among themselves as the federal government drove home blow after blow in its efforts to send the defendants to Alcatraz prison.

Vidler, Chicago gambler, is one of three charged by the federal government with being "money changers." The other two are John J. McLaughlin, Democratic political boss and gambling overlord, and Phil Delaney, bartender.

### 31 Identified Bills

There were 31 \$5 bills from the \$200,000 paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, after he had been held prisoner for three weeks in January and February, 1934, among \$2,000 given by Vidler in exchange for one \$1,000 and 10 \$100 bills at the Lakeview Trust & Savings bank, William Bieschke, bank employe, testified.

### Lawyers Wrangle

The half dozen defense attorneys earlier had fired blast after blast at St. Paul Police Lieut. John T. Tierney, fingerprint expert, as he continued the testimony which apparently is linking Arthur (Doc) Barker inextricably with the snatching.

When John DeCourcy, one of the defense crew, was offering to concede some of the government testimony, Eugene Matthews, another attorney, shouted an interruption and told DeCourcy that his opinion might not be the opinion of the entire defense legal staff.

The name of Har / Sawyer, once king of St. Paul's gangland, and other St. Paul mobsters and satellites, was brought into the case late Tuesday when the government introduced testimony to reveal that this city was the favorite hangout of a dozen notorious kidnapers, murderers and bandits.

### Lieut. Tierney Testifies

The government resumed its fingerprint testimony as court opened today, calling Lieut. John T. Tierney, St. Paul police fingerprint expert. The defense, as during previous sessions, fired round after round of objections and questions at the witness in an effort to trip him.

Lieut. Tierney identified prints of "Doc" Barker taken when under arrest in January of this year, and when in prison in Oklahoma in 1922, as identical with those taken from one of four gasoline cans the government contends were used to refuel the automobile in which Barker-Karpis gangsters returned Mr. Bremer to Minnesota from the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where he was held prisoner for three weeks in 1934.

"Is there any difference in the prints?" Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan asked.

"On exhibit 76 (the prints taken this year) the cores have been mutilated," Lieut. Tierney said.

Examining transparencies of prints taken from justice department records and from the gasoline

can Lieut. Tierney said there is "but one chance in 64,000,000 that they could belong to any but the same man when even one point is identical." He said 14 points are identical.

A. J. Hoffman, attorney for William Vidler, led the crew of six defense attorneys in throwing in objections and in closely cross-questioning the witness.

John DeCourcy, counsel for Barker and Edna Murray, took up the cudgel, then Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for Elmer Farmer and Phil J. Delaney, fired a barrage.

Showing Lieut. Tierney government exhibit 76, the fingerprints taken of Barker when he was arrested in Chicago this year, he asked whether the apparent mutilation of the print had wiped out any points of dissimilarity.

"It wiped out the center portion," Tierney said.

"You mean one of those 14 points?"

Tierney showed four of the points which had been wiped out.

The defense attorneys were interrupting each other in their eagerness to question the witness, and George Heisey, assistant district attorney, objected. He said the defense should "get together" on its examination. Judge M. M. Joyce overruled the objection.

"We are perfectly willing to concede to the government..." began Mr. DeCourcy, when Eugene Mat-

thews, counsel for Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton, interrupted him.

"Just a minute," he said. "What you are willing to concede and what we are willing to concede are two different things."

Mr. DeCourcy did not finish his statement.

The cross-examination continued, with Lieut. Tierney standing up under a veritable barrage of questions.

### Banker Points Out Vidler

When Lieut. Tierney stepped from the stand, the jury was shown a printed list containing the numbers of the \$200,000 ransom money bills.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Backus  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
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William H. Bleschke, 3849 N. Whipple st., Chicago, teller at the Lakeview Trust & Savings bank, was called.

"Do you recall any ransom money transactions?" he was asked.

"Yes, on April 23, 1934."

"What happened?"

"A party changed \$1,000 in fives and \$1,000 in tens and asked for larger bills, which I gave him. I noticed some were from the Minneapolis federal reserve bank."

"Did you have this list at the time?"

"Yes."

"What time of the day did the man appear at the bank?"

About 11 a. m. He had the money in two packages."

"What did he say?"

"He said he was a bootlegger, was paid with that money, and wanted larger bills as he was going to Wisconsin. I gave him one \$1,000 bill and 10 \$100 bills."

"Do you see that man in this room?" Step down, please."

"As far as I can recall this is the man," Bleschke said, pointing to William Vidler. At Mr. Hoffman's request, Vidler stood up.

"Yes, to my knowledge, he is the man," said Bleschke.

Vidler did not change expression.

#### Checked Cash With Ransom.

"On April 23, how much money passed out of your bank?"

"Our average is \$150,000 a day."

"At any time April 23 did you check the money in your bank with the numbers of the Bremer ransom bills?"

"Yes, in the afternoon, about 3:15 or 3:30."

"Did you personally engage in the check?"

"Yes."

Looking through the list of bills, he said, he found 31 of the ransom bills among those given him by Vidler—all \$5 bills.

"Is the bank with which you are connected a large bank?" Mr. Hoffman asked.

"Yes."

"Do you work alone in a so-called cage?"

"Yes."

#### Teller Corroborates Story.

"A good portion of those who come to your window are strangers to you?"

"We don't cash checks for strangers."

"Is this man, (Vidler), the one you saw in the Bankers' building shortly after April 23?"

"He resembles him very much."

"You say he resembles him?"

"Yes."

When the cross-examination ended Bruno Althaus, another teller at the bank, was called and corroborated Mr. Bleschke's testimony and identified Vidler.

There was no cross-examination.

#### Changed Ransom Bills.

John Jeskewich of the Uptown State Bank, Chicago, was the next witness. He told of making change for a man he identified as Vidler.

"Do you recall any transaction?" Jeskewich was asked. He replied that "about a year ago this time" a "party came in and asked for \$100 bills for some fives and twenties. He wanted 10 \$100 bills."

Jeskewich, in answer to questions, replied that he noticed "this fact that practically all of the bills were from the Minneapolis reserve bank."

The witness then told of checking the money numbers with the ransom bills list after the transaction was completed, after which he called the department of justice.

"Is the man in the room who handed you the money?" Jeskewich was asked.

In answer the witness stepped from the stand and pointed to Vidler.

Laying the foundation to prove

that Harry Sawyer, St. Paul fugitive, was the finger man in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, was started Tuesday.

The surprise switch in the testimony by government witnesses came during the afternoon session after an hour of dull testimony by department of justice agents as to the manner in which the serial numbers of the ransom money was circulated throughout the country.

Betty I. Baerwald, maid at Hotel St. Paul, who was employed at the Sawyer farm on Rice st., 10 miles north of St. Paul from July, 1933, until May, 1934, identified pictures of Fred Barker and William Weaver as frequent visitors to the Sawyer farm and told of the two bringing two girls to the farm for a Christmas dinner in 1933. She was positive the women remained there for dinner but was not so sure that

## Saw Gang Visits



As a maid at the Harry Sawyer farm 10 miles north of St. Paul from July 1933 to May 1934, BETTY I. BAERWALD Tuesday testified in federal court that she saw Fred Barker and William Weaver visit the place several times during the late fall of 1933. The men, she said, brought out two women for a Christmas dinner in 1933.

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Barker and Weaver did. Barker was killed a few months ago in Florida when federal agents raided a cottage. Ma Barker also was slain. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, other gang members, escaped. William Weaver, also indicted for the kidnaping, is a fugitive.

#### Link Woman With Gang.

Having laid the foundation for the "finger man," the government then proceeded to link Myrtle Eaton, another fugitive, with the gang. This the government did by placing Dr. Henry H. Hall and Rosena Kaether on the stand. The latter is a registered nurse.

Dr. Hall testified that he gave Myrtle Eaton medical attention at her apartment, 565 Portland ave. During this testimony Roy McCord, St. Paul radio operator, seriously wounded a few days prior to the kidnaping, was one of the most interested spectators in the court room. Mr. McCord, it will be recalled, went with a friend, H. W. Cowin, to the latter's apartment at 562 Holly ave., to frighten away a prowler. The windows of the Cowin apartment living room faced directly across the alley from the living room windows of the Eaton apartment. McCord was shot at St. Albans st., near Portland ave., after a chase of an automobile from the back of Cowin's and Eaton's apartments.

Dr. Hall also testified that he treated a man known as "Doc" Eaton while taking care of Myrtle Eaton. He later identified a picture of William Weaver as the man he knew as "Doc Eaton."

Rosena Kaether stated that she treated a woman, whom she identified from a photograph as Kate (Ma) Barker, and said she saw Weaver at the Eaton apartment several times during the six days she

was there. She identified Weaver from a photograph.

#### Government Halts Case.

The government's case was suddenly halted for the day when Martin Bader, caretaker of an apartment building at 7162 Sea Shore drive, Chicago, took the stand. The witness had just identified the picture of Kate Barker as the "Mrs. Anderson" who had apartment A1 in his building and identified the photograph of Fred Barker as the man who lived at the apartment with "Mrs. Anderson" and was asked by Mr. Sullivan if he recalled anything unusual happening outside of the apartment one night in October, 1934, when the defense objected.

Sullivan, John De Courcy, counsel for Barker, and Rober V. Rensch, counsel for John J. McLaughlin, went into a conference with Judge Joyce and after a few minutes Judge Joyce adjourned court until today.



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# **U. S. TRAINS GUNS ON M'LAUGHLIN AND SIX IN KIDNAPING TRIAL**

Minneapolis, Minn., April 23.—[Special.]—After further connecting Arthur [Doc] Barker to the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping through more fingerprint testimony, the government late today shifted its attack in an effort to implicate seven of the ten defendants as handlers of the \$200,000 ransom money.

The seven alleged to have been "money changers" are John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago politician; William Vidler, James Wilson, and Philip Delaney also of Chicago; Oliver Berg, life term in Joliet prison; Jess Doyle, Kansas City, and Mrs. Edna Murray.

In the course of this attack, government witnesses disclosed that 60,000 copies of serial numbers on the 25,000 bills making up the ransom money, were distributed through department of justice bureaus. These went to banks, police departments, sheriffs and other organizations throughout the country.

Werner Hanni, former chief of the St. Paul department of justice office, testified to getting from the American National bank of St. Paul, the original list of the serial numbers. These had been copied by clerks from the ransom bills before the money was withdrawn from the bank.

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# CHICAGO BANKER NAMES BREMER MONEY PASSER

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—(P)—A Chicago banker today stepped down from the witness stand in the kidnap trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine codefendants and partially identified William Vidler of Chicago as a man who passed \$2,000 of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money in his bank last April.

Shifting from fingerprint evidence to phases of the case involving seven "money changers," the government called William H. Bleschke, Chicago, a teller in the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, to the witness stand.

Asked by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, to "look across this table and tell us whether there is a man there who passed this money on April 23, 1934," Bleschke walked over to the table where Vidler sat and said:

"The gentleman sitting there looks like the man. As far as I can recall, he is the man."

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# U. S. TO START ROUNDUP OF 500 CRIME LEADERS

50 Federal Agents Ready at  
St. Paul; Karpis and Entire  
Gang To Be Caught Soon

By RAY BRENNAN

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 24 (U.S.).—With 50 of the Government's best agents gathered here for instructions, Uncle Sam tonight was poised to begin the most crushing crusade on crime in the nation's history—seizure of 500 underworld kingpins.

Evidence for raids that will extend into the crime circles of every city it was learned, has been gathered during the investigation that has placed Arthur "Doc" Barker, notorious "public enemy," and eight others on trial for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnapping of 13 months ago.

Directing the drive against kidnapers, bank robbers and gunmen, will be Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, who left for Washington last night after mapping out plans with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan of St. Paul, prosecutor in the Bremer case.

## DRIVE ADMITTED

Ostensibly, the crack Government sleuths are here to testify and to guard witnesses in the kidnap trial, but Federal authorities admitted the impending coast-to-coast war on crime is the real reason for their presence.

Mr. Sullivan acknowledged the Government has 100 key underworld figures under surveillance as a result of the Bremer investigation. In addition, four times that many suspects will be seized for having given refuge, provided weapons and otherwise aided fugitive outlaws. Mr. Sullivan said:

## WORKINGS SHOWN

"Solution of the Bremer case has shown us the inner workings of the Arthur Barker-Alvin Karpis mob, and how the gang spread its operations like a cancerous growth—robbing banks, kidnaping, and murdering—from Ohio to Missouri, and formed alliances with other gangs.

"It took lots of help to keep an outfit like that operating, and before many days the Government will have every person in any way connected with it in jail, including Alvin Karpis."

The prosecutor estimated the Barker-Karpis gang took "at least a million dollars, conservatively speaking."

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Backus ✓  
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Washington Herald  
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# The Governor Speaks

This is Gov. Floyd B. Olson's own column. In it he has been invited to write freely on any subject he chooses, whether or not his ideas conflict with the editorial ideas of The Daily News. No words will be changed, no censorship permitted. —Editor.

By Floyd B. Olson

## Declares Session Lobbyists More Dangerous Than Reds

THE most conspicuous feature of this legislative session has been the presence in the capitol, throughout the session, of an army of lobbyists.



Gov. Olson.

Legislative observers who have attended many sessions inform me that this session attracted not only the largest army of lobbyists within their experience, but also the best organized and best equipped army of lobbyists.

The steel trust had a battalion of its own. Large and sumptuous

quarters were maintained in downtown hotels, where the weary legislator might recline at ease and reflect upon the problems confronting the state, and incidentally those confronting the steel trust.

As usual, the railroads were well represented, as was the power trust. The barons of Marquette ave. in Minneapolis, better known as the financial and industrial interests of the city, actually run the steel trust, a close second in numbers, although its army was not so well equipped.

### GANGED UP TOGETHER.

The remarkable thing about this session was that whenever necessary, they all ganged up together.

Of course, the people who would have been obliged to pay a sales tax out of their meager incomes, had no lobbyists to represent them. Fortunately, however, a liberal group in the legislature kept their interests at heart without the influence of lobbyists.

These lobbyists not only frequent the corridors of the capitol, but they maintained their offices in the committee rooms of the legislature. Every opportunity was given them to transact their business. From the committee-room base of operations they could, whenever fancy or necessity moved them, order the various conservative leaders to withdraw from the legislative chamber and appear before them in the committee rooms in which they held forth. In view of their remarkable equipment for transacting business, it seems to me that it would be an act of generosity on their part if they would donate a considerable sum to the state as rent for the use of space occupied by them in the committee rooms.

### MOVE DANGEROUS THAN REDS.

All of this brings the reflection that it is not the Reds who are the danger to democratic government, but rather, the lobbyists who use more insidious methods than vocal denunciation. It also brings the reflection that the investigating spirit of the session might well be carried out by an investigation of the activities of the lobbyists. Of course, that investigation could not be carried on by a conservative committee of the legislature. (A family does not investigate the skeletons in its own closet. But it could well be carried on by a person or group of persons who are under no obligation to the lobbyists. Perhaps it will.

## Minnesotans Will Be Capital Dinner Guests

A dinner for all Minnesota men in Washington is being arranged as a side attraction of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States next week. St. Paul will be represented by eight men, Minneapolis by twice that number and other cities in the state also will send delegates. The tentative list of St. Paul delegates includes Leo E. Owens, president, Dispatch-Pioneer Press Co.; N. F. Helmers, of Siems, Helmers, Inc.; Aas G. Briggs, attorney; B. W. Scandrett, executive vice president, Northern Pacific; W. P. Kenney, president, Great Northern; Charles Donnelly, president, Northern Pacific; Frank H. Delaney, First National bank; and Fred P. Fellows, secretary, St. Paul Association.

## Defense Fails To Prove Any Third Degree

Currency Used To Release Banker Introduced In Evidence By U. S., Shown To Jury.

William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," had \$2,625 in Bremer ransom bills in his pockets when seized by "G-men" April 26, 1934, the government revealed in federal court today as defense efforts to show that the defendant had been "third degree" failed.

The money, Vidler told federal agents when they nabbed him in a Chicago "bookie joint," had been thrown into the open window of his automobile as he drove across a viaduct.

The evidence given by the agents under a rapid-fire of objections and rigid cross-examination by defense attorneys, followed Wednesday's testimony that Vidler had exchanged many thousands of dollars of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom \$5 and \$10 bills at Chicago banks for bills of larger denomination.

### Visited "Bookie Joint."

Absent from the court room today was Mildred Kuhlman, "girl friend" of Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis mob and principal of the 10 defendants now on trial for the \$200,000 "snatching" of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, Jan. 17, 1934.

Miss Kuhlman, attractive brunette, has been in court for a few moments almost every day since the trial began and she and Barker have frequently exchanged smiles during recesses. She will not be called as a government witness, and defense attorneys indicated they would not call her.

Miss Kuhlman was reported to have been taken into custody when Barker was arrested in Chicago early this year, but was not held.

First witness of the morning was Harold L. Scott, Chicago special agent of the justice department. He testified that on April 26, 1934, he went to the City National Bank & Trust Co. and interviewed Carl Zoch, teller, relative to Bremer ransom money which had been exchanged at the bank for bills of large denomination.

### Seeks To Prove "Third Degree."

In company with two other agents and Mr. Zoch he then went to a second floor "bookie joint" (horse race gambling office) at 226 S. Wells st., where Mr. Zoch identified Vidler as the man who had changed the bills.

"Vidler walked around the room and then headed for the elevator, but was told to come back," Mr. Scott testified under questioning by (Continued On Page 2, Col. 1.)

## Charles Strong Leaves \$59,372 To Widow, Kin

Charles D. Strong, a former superintendent of the West Publishing Co., left an estate of \$59,372.66, mostly in stocks and bonds, when he died Jan. 24, 1935, it was revealed when an inventory was filed in Ramsey county probate court today. The widow, Mrs. Julie Strong, 2129 Sargent ave., was left a trust fund providing \$250 monthly. After bequeathing \$2,000 to Mildred A. Yost, 565 Portland ave., a niece, the balance of the estate is left to two children, Mrs. Dorothy Clure, Bald Eagle, and George F. Strong, Vancouver, B. C.

## F. R. Appoints Edison's Son To Recovery Board

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(UP)—President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of Charles Edison, son of the late Thomas A. Edison, West Orange, N. J., as a member of the national industrial recovery board.

## Judge And Wife Slain By Callous Student-Son, 21

AUSTIN, Tex., April 25.—(INS)—While all Texas mourned the shocking double murder of W. P. Pierson, associate justice of the supreme court, and Mrs. Pierson, the confessed parricide demanded a comb and mirror from his jailer today before posing for photographers. Howard Pierson, student, 21, confessed today that he killed his mother and father for their property, including \$17,000 insurance. He confessed that he took them into the rugged hill country west of Austin, lured them from the car, shot them down with a second hand five-shooter pistol he bought for \$3.50 in Galveston, Saturday.



## Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round

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which a 5-inch image of a living and talking nude woman was made to appear sitting in a fishbowl. When the exhibit was first put on, an inspector from the police censorship bureau looked it over, though a little dubious, he let pass.

But the day after the daughter arrived, police headquarters was deluged with indignant complaints.

The theater manager finally was notified he would have to do something about the matter. He did.

He clothed the blond model in strawberry-colored bathing suit.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Members of the California congressional delegation report the Upton Sinclair's EPIC followers are busy preparing for a recall movement against Gov. Merriam this summer. . . . Texas' scrappy Rep. Maury Maverick continues to score in his duel of wits with Tammany Rep. Sam Dickstein. Maverick's latest victory was frightening Dickstein into shepherding a bill which would give the army and navy police power to arrest civilians. Rep. Emanuel Celler thinks the country's invention genius is deteriorating. He has introduced a bill giving inventors a \$50,000 income tax exemption on royalties derived from their own creations.

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### Bremer Ransom Cash Was Found On Vidler

George Halsey, assistant district attorney, said Vidler was taken to the justice department office for questioning.

"We asked him . . . about the cash but was interrupted by an objection from A. J. Hoffman, one of the defense counsel crew. Trial Judge M. M. Joyce permitted the answer.

"We asked him if he wasn't the man who changed the \$5 and \$10 bills a short time ago. He said he was. Then he pulled out two or three packages of money and said 'Here's the rest of the money.' He said he didn't know it was counterfeit, and said someone threw it into his car as he was crossing a viaduct.

Apparently in an effort to show that Vidler had been subjected to "third degree" methods of questioning immediately following his apprehension, Atty. Hoffman cross-examined the witness closely as to events which took place in the department of justice offices.

"Did you tell him he was under arrest?"

"No, I didn't consider him under arrest."

"In what office did you first put Vidler?"

"On the west side of the building; the office faces the alley."

"How many windows in that office?"

"I think there is one window."

"Who went with you when you took him into this office?"

"Mr. Rice, Mr. Nichols and myself."

"Where was Mr. Billings?"

"I guess he was in the office."

"Was Harold Nathan (ace agent of the justice forces at Washington) there?"

"I don't know. He was in Chicago that morning."

"What time did you take Vidler into the room?"

"About 12:30 p. m."

**Fails To Remember.**

"Who was in charge of the questioning?"

"It was general."

"It was thrown at him by all four of you?"

"Oh, no; just general."

"How long did you keep him in that room?"

"I don't know. He was there when I left about 5 p. m."

"Did you return to the office that night?"

"I don't know."

"When did you next see Vidler?"

"I don't recall."

**Agents Searched Vidler.**

"When did you next see Vidler?"

## Call Vidler Money Changer



Two of these four Chicago bank tellers identified William E. Vidler, one of the 10 defendants in the Bremer kidnap trial, as the man who changed money in their banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934. Left to right—CHESTER E. BOONER, Howard Ave. Trust & Savings bank, who could not identify the defendant; CARL A. ZOCH, City National Bank & Trust Co., who led federal agents to the "bookie" place where Vidler was arrested; VINCENT W. BECKING, Howard Ave. bank, who with Booner shared over the lot of serial numbers. Right is of JOHN DISCHWITZ, Uptown State bank, who said he gave Vidler 10 \$100 bills for \$5 and \$20 bills.

packages of bills. He said he didn't think they were counterfeit, and that they had been thrown through his own car window as he was crossing a bridge that morning.

"Was Vidler searched?"

"Yes. A yellow piece of memorandum paper was found." This was produced and entered as government exhibit 96.

Defense attorneys went into a huddle, examining the paper closely. Robert V. Rensch objected, and Mr. Halsey withdrew the paper as evidence.

#### Questioned About Office.

Cross-examining Agent Rice, Mr. Hoffman again touched upon the question of the treatment accorded Vidler after his apprehension.

"What type of glass is there in Billings' office?" he asked.

"It is not transparent."

"How many desks are there?"

"Two."

"It is your recollection that as soon as Vidler came in he took the money out of his pocket and put it on the desk?"

"No, he hesitated a bit."

The witness testified that he had no conversation with Vidler in an outer office, where he was held for about ten minutes before entering Agent Billings' office, except to tell him to sit down and to ask him his name.

#### Saw Vidler Later.

The agent was subjected to a grilling cross examination by Mr. Hoffman, which was interrupted when Mr. Halsey jumped to his feet and objected to some of the questions as improper. Judge Joyce upheld the objection.

"Did you see Vidler later that day?" pursued Hoffman.

"Yes, in the evening around 8 or 9 o'clock. He was in the bureau office, next to Mr. Purvis' office."

"Was he alone?"

"No. I don't recall who was with him, but they were agents. There might have been only one."

Robert A. Knittle, Pittsburgh special agent, was called. He identified Vidler as the man he saw in the Chicago office April 26.

"Was Scott 'there?' asked Mr. Halsey.

**\$2,500 Were Bremer Bills.**

"Yes. He gave me some packages

Grady L. Boatwright, St. Paul chief of the federal secret service, examined the bills and declared that they were good money.

Signed statements of defendants in the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer were expected to be introduced today in federal district court.

The statements, if they gain admission as evidence, will link several of the present defendants with the conspiracy, it was rumored at the close of Wednesday's session.

Vidler, John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and James Wilson are charged by the federal government with being the passers of part of \$200,000 ransom paid by the Bremer family Feb. 6, 1934, for the release of the St. Paul banker after he had been kidnaped at Lexington parkway and Goodrich ave., on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

#### Name Vidler Money Changer.

Several Chicago bank tellers and cashiers were called to the stand by the government Wednesday, and five of them pointed out Vidler as the man who visited their respective "cages" in the banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934, and changed ransom money into other cash.

Carl Zoch, teller at the City National Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, brought the day of identifications to a climax when told of the capture of Vidler in a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts., Chicago, on the afternoon of April 26.

Zoch told the court that earlier in the day a man resembling Vidler entered his bank and asked for 100 \$1 bills in exchange for 10 \$10 bills. Zoch said he asked the man where he was from and the latter mumbled "bookie" at Wells and Jackson sts.

#### Checked With Ransom List.

After the money had changed hands Zoch checked the ransom list and found that nine of the 10 \$10 bills corresponded with the serial numbers on the ransom list. He said that he notified federal department of justice agents and along with three agents and the bank detective went to a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts. (near Jackson st.) There, he said they found Vidler



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"No, I didn't consider him under arrest."

"In what office did you first put Vidler?"

"On the west side of the building; the office faces the alley."

"How many windows in that office?"

"I think there is one window."

"Who went with you when you took him into this office?"

"Mr. Rice, Mr. Nichols and myself."

"Where was Mr. Billings?"

"I guess he was in the office."

"Was Harold Nathan (ace agent of the justice forces at Washington) there?"

"I don't know. He was in Chicago that morning."

"What time did you take Vidler into the room?"

"About 12:30 p. m."

**Falls To Remember.**

"Who was in charge of the questioning?"

"It was general."

"It was thrown at him by all four of you?"

"Oh, no; just general."

"How long did you keep him in that room?"

"I don't know. He was there when I left about 5 p. m."

"Did you return to the office that night?"

"I don't know."

"When did you next see Vidler?"

"I don't recall."

**Agents Searched Vidler.**

"When did you next see Vidler?"

"I had no further business with him, and so I didn't pay any further attention to him."

"At the time you asked Vidler about the money did he say 'What's the matter with it?'"

"I don't recall."

Julius H. Rice, special agent from Oklahoma City, testified that he accompanied Agents Scott and Nichols when Vidler was taken into custody.

"Did he have any money with him?"

"Well, when he was standing by Billings' desk he pulled out three

that they had been thrown through his open car window as he was crossing a bridge that morning."

"Was Vidler searched?"

"Yes. A yellow piece of memorandum paper was found. This was produced and entered as government exhibit 96."

Defense attorneys went into a huddle, examining the paper closely. Robert V. Rensch objected, and Mr. Heisey withdrew the paper as evidence.

**Questioned About Office.**

Cross-examining Agent Rice, Mr. Hoffman again touched upon the question of the treatment accorded Vidler after his apprehension.

"What type of glass is there in Billings' office?" he asked.

"It is not transparent."

"How many desks are there?"

"Two."

"It is your recollection that as soon as Vidler came in he took the money out of his pocket and put it on the desk?"

"No, he hesitated a bit."

The witness testified that he had no conversation with Vidler in an outer office, where he was held for about ten minutes before entering Agent Billings' office, except to tell him to sit down and to ask him his name.

**Saw Vidler Later.**

The agent was subjected to a grilling cross examination by Mr. Hoffman, which was interrupted when Mr. Heisey jumped to his feet and objected to some of the questions as improper. Judge Joyce upheld the objection.

"Did you see Vidler later that day?" pursued Hoffman.

"Yes, in the evening around 8 or 9 o'clock. He was in the bureau office, next to Mr. Purvis' office."

"Was he alone?"

"No. I don't recall who was with him, but they were agents. There might have been only one."

Robert A. Knittle, Pittsburgh special agent, was called. He identified Vidler as the man he saw in the Chicago office April 26.

"Was Scott there?" asked Mr. Heisey.

**\$2,000 Were Bremer Bills.**

"Yes. He gave me some packages of money taken from Vidler, to be checked against the list of serial numbers of the ransom money. I sorted out the \$5 and \$10 bills."

"Then what was done?"

"We checked the numbers on the list. There was \$3,185. Of this we found that \$75 in \$5 and \$2,550 in \$10 bills checked with the list of Bremer ransom bills."

**Money Put In Evidence.**

The bills were introduced in evidence.

The jury fingered the packages of currency curiously, but satisfied

them against the list of Bremer ransom bills.

Grady L. Boatwright, St. Paul chief of the federal secret service, examined the bills and declared that they were good money.

**Signed Statements of Defendants.**

In the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer were expected to be introduced today in federal district court.

The statements, if they gain admission as evidence, will link several of the present defendants with the conspiracy. It was rumored at the close of Wednesday's session.

Vidler, John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and James Wilson are charged by the federal government with being the passers of part of \$200,000 ransom paid by the Bremer family Feb. 6, 1934, for the release of the St. Paul banker after he had been kidnaped at Lexington parkway and Goodrich ave., on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

**Name Vidler Money Changer.**

Several Chicago bank tellers and cashiers were called to the stand by the government Wednesday, and five of them pointed out Vidler as the man who visited their respective "cages" in the banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934, and changed ransom money into other cash.

Carl Zoch, teller at the City National Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, brought the day of identifications to a climax when told of the capture of Vidler in a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts., Chicago, on the afternoon of April 26.

Zoch told the court that earlier in the day a man resembling Vidler entered his bank and asked for 100 \$1 bills in exchange for 10 \$10 bills. Zoch said he asked the man where he was from and the latter mumbled "bookie" at Wells and Jackson sts.

**Checked With Ransom List.**

After the money had changed hands Zoch checked the ransom list and found that nine of the 10 \$10 bills corresponded with the serial numbers on the ransom list. He said that he notified federal department of justice agents and along with three agents and the bank detective went to a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts. (near Jackson st.)

There, he said they found Vidler with three, four or five other men. He said that Vidler denied that he had been to the bank earlier in the day and changed any bills. He said that Vidler started to walk away toward the door and was grabbed by two federal agents. He said the last he saw of Vidler was with the three federal agents on their way out of the bookie place.

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## U. S. Begins Gangster Roundup

International News Service.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.—An outcome of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, for which 10 persons are now on trial, more than two-score federal agents were gathered here today for the reported purpose of launching a far-reaching offensive against organized crime in the United States.

Plans for the crusade were reported completed with the departure of Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Kennan after lengthy conferences with United States Attorney George S. Sullivan.

Sullivan, in charge of the Bremer kidnaping trial prosecution, was given charge of the criminal roundup. Evidence gathered against the Arthur Barker-Alvin Karpis gang, which is accused of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, has singled out 100 important figures of the underworld for close scrutiny, Prosecutor Sullivan admitted.

Sullivan said that Karpis and "every person in any way connected with the gang and its operations" will be in jail within a short time.

Barker is one of the 10 defendants on trial here charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker. Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is still at large.

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## U. S. AGENT ACCUSES RANSOM CHANGERS

Suspect Says Someone Threw  
Bremer Cash Into His Car

By The United Press

ST. PAUL, April 25 — William Vidler, suspected "money changer" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, admitted shortly after his arrest in Chicago that he had ransom bills in his possession, a Federal agent testified today.

Vidler insisted, however, that he did not know the money was a portion of the \$200,000 ransom and said that "someone threw the bills into my car as I was going over a viaduct," the agent, Harold Scott, testified.

Scott was one of the Chicago Department of Justice operatives who arrested Vidler, who with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and Philip Delaney is on trial with Arthur (Doc) Barker and six others.

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# BREMER KIDNAP CASH TRACED BY BANK TELLER

**Bills Exchanged by Alleged  
Agent of 'Boss' McLaughlin;  
\$100 Slip Betrayed Gang**

ST. PAUL, April 24.—How thousands of dollars in "hot money" from the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap ransom was exchanged on Chicago banks, and how the plot was foiled by a \$100 slipup was told today at the federal District Court trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine others in the kidnaping.

In each transaction the handler of the ransom money was William E. Vidler, Chicago bookmaker and alleged agent for John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, political power and a defendant in the case, in handling the dangerous cash, the witness said.

## IDENTIFIED BY TELLER.

Leonard Rabin, teller of the Main State Bank at 1965 Milwaukee av., testified Vidler came three times to his window and exchanged a total of \$8,600 in \$5 and \$10 bills for currency of larger denominations.

He pointed out Vidler, who posed as a bootlegger or gambler in changing the ransom money at half a dozen banks during April of 1934, as the man in the transaction. So did employees of the Uptown State, Lake View Trust & Savings and Howard Street Trust & Savings Bank.

## BILLS IN RANSOM LIST.

It remained for Carl A. Zoch, teller at the City National Bank, to trip Vidler, the testimony revealed.

Vidler exchanged ten \$10 bills at his window for one hundred \$1 notes, Zoch testified, and a second later he became suspicious, checked a list in the bank and found the serial numbers on the bills he had accepted coincided with the numbers of the ransom bills.

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# U. S. TO SEIZE CRIME CHIEFS IN BIG DRIVE

Record Roundup of 500 Aimed  
at Smashing Last Gangs;  
Evidence From Bremer Case

By Ray Brennan,  
Herald and Examiner-Universal Staff  
Correspondent.  
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ST. PAUL, April 24.—  
With fifty of the govern-  
ment's best agents gathered  
here for instructions, Uncle  
Sam tonight was poised to  
begin the most crushing cru-  
sade on crime in the nation's  
history—seizure of 500 un-  
derworld kingpins.

Evidence for raids that will  
extend into the crime circles of  
every city has been gathered  
during the Bremer kidnaping  
trial.

## Keenan Leader

Assistant Attorney General Jo-  
seph B. Keenan, who left for Wash-  
ington last night after mapping out  
the plans with United States Atto-  
ney George S. Sullivan of St. Paul,  
prosecutor in the Bremer case, will  
direct the roundup.

Sullivan acknowledged that the  
government has 100 key underworld  
figures under surveillance as a re-  
sult of the Bremer investigation.  
In addition, four times that many  
suspects will be seized for having  
given refuge to, provided weapons  
for and otherwise aided outlaws.

## Quick Action

Sullivan said:

"Solution of the Bremer case  
has shown us the inner workings  
of the Arthur Barker-Alvin Kar-  
pis mob, and how the gang spread  
its operations like a cancerous  
growth, kidnaping, murdering, and  
robbing banks from Ohio to Mis-  
souri, and formed alliances with  
other gangs.

"It took lots of help to keep an  
outfit like that operating, and  
before many days the government  
will have every person in any  
way connected with it in jail, in-  
cluding Alvin Karpis."

The prosecutor estimated the  
Barker-Karpis gang took "at least  
a million dollars, conservatively  
speaking," in bank holdups over the  
last three years, in addition to hun-  
dreds of thousands of dollars in  
ransom money for kidnapings.

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# **TELLERS NAME VIDLER AS PASSER OF BREMER CASH**

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—(AP)—Four Chicago bank employes pointed out William Vidler of Chicago today as the man who exchanged \$11,650 of the \$200,000 turned over to a kidnaping gang to ransom Edward G. Bremer.

They made their identifications from the witness stand in federal court as the government swung into the prosecution of the alleged money changers among the ten defendants on trial for complicity in the sensational abduction.

John Jeskewich, paying teller of the Uptown State bank, identified Vidler as the passer of \$1,000 in ransom bills.

William H. Bleschke, teller in the Lake View Trust and Savings bank, told the court "as far as I can recall," Vidler was the man who, on April 23, 1934, exchanged \$2,000 in ransom bills for currency of larger denominations.

Bruno Althouse, teller at the same bank, said Vidler "resembled" a man who had exchanged \$2,000 three days earlier.

Leonard Rabin, teller for the Main State bank, pointed out Vidler as the man who exchanged \$2,000 of ransom money on April 21, 1934, and \$4,650 two days later. Among other defendants the government charges aided in exchanging ransom bills are John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago.



**IDENTIFIED**—William Vidler, Chicago, named as passer of part of Bremer ransom, in trial at St. Paul yesterday. (Story on page 11.)

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# U.S. FIRES ON 'BOSS,' TWO

ST. PAUL, April 25.—(AP)—The government today pointed an accusing finger at John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, as it continued its attack against the money "peddlers" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case.

The government presented testimony designed to link Delaney as the man who exchanged \$24,000 of the ransom bills in one Chicago bank after McLaughlin, former legislator and political power, reputedly "fixed" the arrangements.

The government thus far has accounted for \$12,000 allegedly passed by Vidler, but proposed to show that the "bookie" succeeded in exchanging \$33,000 of the \$57,000 distributed in Chicago. It is known that \$107,000 ransom money was traded in Havana, Cuba, but the government, it was learned, does not intend to bring this into the case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

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Robert E. Couter, manager of the cash custody vault of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank, testified that this institution had received \$2,740 of the ransom money from five Chicago banks and that this money had been cancelled and ordered destroyed, the banks being given drafts in exchange for it. Christian J. Cassleman, head of the Reserve banks cancellation department, then outlined the process by which the money was destroyed, the bills being split lengthwise and sent to Washington with other cancelled currency.

## ADDRESS LIST IS OFFERED IN TRIAL

William Vidler, Chicago bookmaker, admitted having made elaborate plans for passing a quantity of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money, his preparations including a trip from Chicago to Louisville and visits to numerous listed addresses on his return, a Department of Justice agent testified this afternoon in the Federal court trial of Vidler and nine other defendants charged with the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping.

The witness was Kenneth McIntire, who told of an interview which he and another Department of Justice agent, Ralph D. Brown, had with Vidler, May 11, 1934, in the Cook county (Chicago) jail.

In the course of the conversation McIntire said, Vidler was questioned regarding a yellow slip containing several addresses found in the defendant's possession at the time of his arrest. The slip, an exhibit in the trial was offered in evidence at this afternoon's session.

"Vidler explained that he had experienced difficulty in passing the ransom money in Chicago," McIntire testified, "and said he had planned on going to Louisville, where he knew a bank where he thought he could pass some more of it."

"He said that when he returned to Chicago, he thought he could pass what remained at the address listed on the slip. When I questioned Vidler further about the addresses on the slip, he said: 'That's just some more evidence against me.'"

Previous witnesses testified that Vidler, when arrested, had \$2,625 of the ransom money in his possession.

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# BREMER JURORS HEAR HINT OF '3D DEGREE'

## BUT U. S. MAN SAYS DELANEY SLEPT ON COUCH

Denies He Saw Confessed  
Ransom Peddler Using Phone  
Book for Pillow.

## BILL DESTRUCTION TOLD

Bank Manager Describes How  
Money Was Split and Sent  
to Washington.

Philip Delaney, one of ten defendants on trial in Federal court for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was held for three days in the Department of Justice offices in Chicago and forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book as a pillow," the defense charged today.

The charge that Delaney was kept in the Bankers building, where the Department of Justice maintains its headquarters in Chicago for four days and was forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book as a cushion" was injected into the cross-examination of Ralph D. Brown, Justice Department agent, by Thomas W. McMeekin, defense counsel.

Brown denied that he ever observed Delaney in such a position and asserted that there are leather couches in the Department of Justice offices in the Bankers building.

### Why He Was Kept.

"What was the purpose of keeping him there for four days?" McMeekin asked.

"He was to be arraigned the following Monday and we thought it best to hold him at the office rather than at the county jail," Brown replied.

The accusation was made in an effort to break down a confession by Delaney, introduced in court Wednesday, telling how he "peddled" \$24,000 on the ransom money in Chicago and also implicating John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and a man named "Bill," contended by the prosecution to have been William Vidler, in the money passing

transactions. McLaughlin, former Chicago ward boss, and Vidler, a bookmaker, are other defendants in the trial.

The U. S. agent admitted on the stand today that Delaney had been held in the department's offices three days but explained that "we thought it best to hold him there rather than in the Cook county jail."

### Tells of Conversation.

Questioned by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, Brown told of a conversation he had with Delaney in the Department of Justice offices on April 20, 1934, in which Delaney said Vidler was the man called "Bill" in the confession.

"We also talked about McLaughlin," Brown testified. "We discussed his rise in politics until he became a millionaire—and also his decline and fall. We also talked about McLaughlin's personality and agreed that it was very affable, ideal for a politician."

"Ideal for hand-shaking?" Heisey asked, but the question was ruled out on a defense objection.

Another Department of Justice agent, Michael F. Glynn, told of a conversation he had with Delaney relative to passing the \$24,000, which the defendant said he had accomplished through six trips to the Mutual National bank of Chicago, passing \$4,000 on each trip.

"I asked him what he thought this money was, and he said he thought it was counterfeit," the agent testified. "Then I told him the bank teller would have recognized it as such, and he said he figured it was not counterfeit, but that the money was 'wrong'."

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## Barker "Moll" Off For Home



Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, will be looking up and down the corridors of the federal courts building today in vain. His sweetheart, MILDRED CLARK, alias KUHLMAN, who has made it a point to be in the corridor during the morning and afternoon recesses to get a glimpse of her boy friend, is on her way back to Toledo. Brought here as a government witness after she had been taken into custody when Barker was arrested in Chicago, and later released, she was freed from her subpoena Thursday and given transportation back to Toledo.

In an effort to link John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, in the handling of Bremer ransom money, government attorneys late today started to lay the foundation for introduction in evidence of a statement made by McLaughlin in which he is alleged to have admitted giving his son, John R. McLaughlin, Jr., \$380 in ransom bills.

Previously over the vehement protests of defense attorneys, government prosecutors succeeded in getting into evidence a memorandum linking William Vidler more securely in the exchange of ransom money.

The government introduced the note which bore several Chicago addresses after Kenneth McIntyre, special agent of the department of justice, had identified it.

"What did he say about the Chicago addresses on the memorandum slip?" Mr. McIntyre was asked by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney.

"He said that is some more evidence against me. He said he was having some difficulty changing the money in Chicago and was going to make a trip to Louisville where a friend might help him change the money."

A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney, took over cross-examination.

"When you went to the Cook county jail you had this slip?"

"Yes."

"You checked these addresses?"

"No."

"You consider this slip important?"

"Yes, so far as Mr. Vidler is concerned."

"You familiarized yourself with

Vidler's statement?"

"I have read it."

"Did you ask all the questions?"

"No, Mr. Brown did also."

"Some reference was made to Louisville?"

"Yes. He said he was having

trouble with some banks in Chicago

and was going to Louisville where

he had a friend."

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# FEDERAL AGENT DENIES DELANEY "THIRD DEGREE"

## Ruling Hits Strong Blow At Defense

Judge Refuses Motion  
To Exclude Chicago  
Bank Teller's Testi-  
mony From Records.

A blistering cross-examination of department of justice agents testifying at the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer today failed to bring admissions that they had resorted to third degree methods to wring a confession from Philip Delaney, alleged money-changer.

Another blow was dealt the defense when Judge M. M. Joyce denied a defense motion to exclude testimony of all Chicago bankers from the record on the grounds that it was secondary and that a proper foundation had not been laid. The motion was made on behalf of Delaney, William Vidler and John J. McLaughlin.

Robert Rensch, A. J. Hoffman and Thomas McMeekin of defense counsel, fired questions at Ralph Brown, department of justice agent, but were unable to shake his story that the confession of Delaney was without coercion or trickery.

The confession, introduced at the trial in United States district court Thursday, involved John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and a man known as "Bill" in the exchange of thousands of the \$5 and \$10 bills given for the release of Mr. Bremer for bills of larger denominations.

Mr. Brown admitted that he had omitted certain statements made to him by Delaney but said this was done because the statements had no bearing on the case.

### No Ulterior Motive.

"You had no ulterior motive in questioning Delaney or tried to trick him in any way in your wording of the written statement," the witness was asked by George Heisly, assistant United States district attorney. "I did not."

The witness admitted under cross-examination that certain words in the statement may not have been those used by Delaney when he made his oral confession but they had the same meaning.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Brown testified that Delaney identified the "Bill" who was referred to in the confession as the man who exchanged a great deal of the ransom money as William Vidler, another of the defendants.

### Bank Employees Called.

After Mr. Brown left the stand employees of the Federal Reserve bank in Chicago were called to testify about receipts of ransom money at the bank and its subsequent cancellation.

Michael F. Glynn, another department of justice agent, was given the oath and questioned about a conversation he had with Delaney concerning the confession. He testified that he talked with Delaney April 30, 1934, and that Delaney repeated to him how he exchanged \$24,000 of the ransom money.

### Questioned On Confession.

As court convened today Ralph D. Brown, federal agent, returned to the stand for cross examination on the confession alleged to have been made by Philip Delaney. Thomas McMeekin, one of the defense attorneys, sought to learn from the witness why certain answers made by Delaney were left out of the statement. Mr. McMeekin also queried the witness about words used in the statement.

"This statement has the word 'appreciative' in it. Did Delaney use it?" the attorney questioned.

"He might have."

"Then the words 'instructed me,' 'assume' and 'prior arrangements'—did Delaney use them?"

"Either those words or to that effect."

"Did he not tell you that McLaughlin was a contractor?"

"Yes."

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#### Left Something Out.

"Why didn't you put it in the statement?"  
 "It wasn't necessary."  
 "You were leaving out some and not putting in other statements Mr. Delaney gave you?"  
 "Facts that had to do with this case."  
 "You didn't feel it was important that McLaughlin was a contractor for a number of years?"  
 "That's right."

#### Once State Senator.

"Then did he tell you how McLaughlin was making his living?"  
 "What he said was he didn't know what he did during the three years or so prior to the confession."  
 "He also told you that McLaughlin was a state senator at one time?"  
 "Yes."  
 "Yet you didn't put that in the statement?"  
 "That's right."  
 "Was Delaney tired from the interview when he signed the statement?"  
 "Not any more than anyone else, at 11 p. m."

#### Conversation Details Asked.

Robert Rensch, another member of the defense, took up the cross-examination and demanded of the witness if he omitted from the statement Delaney's answer that McLaughlin had been a contractor because it would react unfavorably with the jury.

"I did not," responded Brown.

George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, then started redirect examination and questioned Brown as to what he and Delaney did during the several hours they were together. Following an objection from one of defense counsel, Mr. Heisey explained to the court that the purpose of his questioning was to show how a conference of several hours could be

boiled down to a statement two and one-half pages long.

The witness testified that he and Delaney talked of Mr. McLaughlin's life history, discussed his friends and smoked together during the discussions.

"You had no ulterior motive in questioning Delaney or tried to trick him in any way in your wording of the written statements?" Mr. Heisey asked.

"I did not," Mr. Brown replied.

#### Discussed St. Paul Crime.

"What else did you talk about?"  
 "We discussed crime in the mid-west especially in St. Paul and Chicago."

"Did he know 'Bill' (referred to in the Delaney confession as one of the men who exchanged the ransom money?)"

"Yes. When I pointed out Vidler to him three days later he said that it was Bill."

"In connection with the word 'hot' tell carefully how it was used?"

"It was first used by Mr. Delaney while we were discussing money."

"In connection with the word 'hot' what did Mr. Delaney say?"

"That McLaughlin told him it was good money but it was hot."

A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney, cross-examined the witness.

"You say Delaney pointed Vidler out April 30 at the department of justice offices?"

"That's my best recollection."

#### Objection Sustained.

"Is there any doubt about it?"  
 "There is now in my mind as to the exact date."

"There was no doubt about it when you answered Mr. Heisey?"

"No."

"You know you never saw Vidler at the Banker's building (department of justice offices) after April 28?"

"I don't know."

"Then why didn't you tell Mr. Heisey?"

"I didn't think it was necessary."

"Then you use whatever you think is necessary?"

An objection to the question was sustained.

#### Slept On Desk.

Mr. McMeekin took up cross-examination.

"Delaney was at the department of justice April 30?"

"Yes."

"At what time?"

"Before noon."

"Don't you know that from April 27 to April 30, Delaney slept on a desk with a telephone book for a pillow while kept at the department of justice?"

"I never saw him in that position."

"Why did you keep him there?"

Mr. Heisey asked on redirect examination.

"Because he was to be arraigned Monday."

"Why was he kept at the office instead of the county jail?"

Objections from Mr. McMeekin were bluntly overruled by Judge Joyce.

#### Wanted To Question Him.

"You were most emphatic in showing that he was kept there," Judge Joyce said to Mr. McMeekin.

"Now it is only fair that the government be permitted to show why."

"Because we wished to question him from time to time," Mr. Brown finally replied to the question.

He was excused from the stand and Robert E. Coulter, manager of the cash custody department of the Federal Reserve bank, Chicago, was the next witness.

Mr. Coulter testified to receiving a memorandum calling attention to receipt of ransom money at the bank and the memorandum was offered and received in evidence over objections of two defense attorneys.

The memorandum, read to the jury, informed Mr. Coulter that \$2,740 in \$5 and \$10 bills were to be turned in to him from five Chicago banks and inclosed with the memorandum was a list of the serial numbers of the bills.

#### Cancelled Ransom Bills.

The witness explained to the jury how the ransom bills were cancelled and later sent to Washington. He then was excused.

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Next witness was C. J. Casselman, also from the federal reserve bank, Chicago. He has been an employe of the cancellation department of the bank for 12 years. He testified to destroying ransom bills received at the bank by cutting the money into lengthwise and

of sending the upper halves of the bills to Washington.

#### Identify Delaney Confession.

Michael F. Glynn, another federal agent from Chicago, was called to tell of a conversation he had with Delaney in Chicago.

He identified the confession made by Delaney and testified he talked with Delaney in Chicago at noon April 30, 1934.

"Did you say anything to him?" "I asked him if his name was Delaney and introduced myself. I showed him a copy of the statement and said it indicated he had passed considerable money at the Mutual bank and asked him to explain it to me."

"Did he?" "Following an objection, Judge Joyce explained that Mr. Glynn's testimony would apply only to Delaney."

"Then what did he say?" Mr. Halsey said in another question.

"I asked how many times he had got money from McLaughlin, what means of transportation he had to get to the bank. He told me they parked about a block away from the bank. He said he got out of the car and proceeded to the Mutual bank, 7844 Halstead st., went to the teller and took from his pocket an envelope which he had received from McLaughlin. The teller opened the envelope, counted the money and then gave him (Delaney) money of larger denominations. Delaney said he went back to the car and handed the money to McLaughlin. I saw him later in the county jail at Chicago May 2, 1934, at 10 a. m., where I went to request Delaney to go to the bank to identify the teller."

"What did he say to that?" "He didn't want to involve anyone else in the case."

#### Back To Same Teller.

"What else did he say?" "He said that the first time he went to the bank, the teller who changed the money was the only one not busy and so as he was easy, 'I went back to him every time.'"

"Did Delaney say anything about what he thought the money was?" "He said at first he thought it was counterfeit, but when the bank took it so easily he thought it must be from some mob."

"You say he didn't want to go out to the Mutual Trust and Savings bank and identify the teller as he didn't want to get anyone else in trouble?"

"Yes." Cross-examination by Mr. McMeekin followed.

"Did he tell you he saw a number of tellers there and so couldn't identify any one teller?"

"He did not."

"Did he tell you that he did not know the teller?"

"I don't believe he did."

"Did he tell you it was his impression the bank was 'fixed.'"

"He did."

"Didn't he tell you that he didn't know anything about a bank being fixed and that you suggested it to him in your questions?"

"He never made such a statement."

"He said he thought it was fixed."

(McLaughlin has been following

the testimony intently, his face flushing slightly on occasions and showing more evidence of strain than any of the other defendants.)

"At one time then, he told you he thought it was counterfeit and later he told you he knew all along he knew it wasn't counterfeit?"

"Yes."

"But he did know something was wrong with it?"

"Yes."

#### Refused To View Teller.

"When you went to see him May 2 he refused to go to the bank with you?"

"That's right."

"Did you ask him if he could identify the teller?"

"No."

"He was in custody at the time, why didn't you take him?"

"I never use force on anyone."

"Did you ask him where the teller is located at the bank?"

"Yes. He told me he was in the second cage on the left hand side of the bank."

Delaney and McLaughlin were implicated for the first time Thursday by introduction of an oral confession transcribed by Ralph Brown, Chicago federal agent.

Agent Brown said Delaney told him that he drove McLaughlin and a man he knew only as "Bill" to several Chicago banks in April, 1934, and that "Bill" changed many thousand dollars which McLaughlin gave him, for other currency.

In his alleged confession Delaney admitted driving McLaughlin's automobile while a man known to

him as "Bill" (the government contends that "Bill" is William E. Vidler) visited various banks in Chicago and changed the "hot" money into good cash.

Delaney also admitted that on six different days he cashed \$4,000 each for a total of \$24,000 at the Mutual bank, "in the 7800 block on S. Hal-

stead st., Chicago, and in each case he turned the money over to McLaughlin."

#### Tour Banks For Week.

The tour of banks, the confession read, started April 17, 1934, and continued through April 27. Delaney said that he was of the opinion that the money was "hot" because he was under the impression that it was coming from some man who had robbed a bank. At first, he thought, Delaney said in his confession, the money "counted" but when the banks accepted it, he realized it must be genuine.

Delaney, in his confession, said that he felt he was under obligation to McLaughlin for past favors.

Under cross-examination Brown admitted to Thomas McMeekin, Delaney's attorney, the "confession" was obtained after a three-hour "question and answer" conference. Brown said that he had destroyed the penciled notes and dictated the answers. Brown said that Delaney was with him when he was dictating and that occasionally he would suggest a change in the language when he could not understand certain criminal terms. The witness said Delaney read every page before signing.



# Report U. S. Has CAUGHT KARPIS

## Bremer Kidnaping Trial Hears a Rumor

By Ray Brennan.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.

Alvin Karpis, "public enemy  
No. 1," has been captured in  
the East, it was rumored today  
at the trial for conspiracy in  
the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping  
of ten of Karpis' alleged ac-  
complices.

Although federal officials denied  
they had been informed that Kar-  
pis, ally of Arthur ("Doc") Barker  
in \$1,000,000 worth of bank robber-  
ies and kidnaping, was secretly  
held, it was recalled that federal  
officials always maintain a policy  
of secrecy after important arrests.

### DEFENSE NOTIFIED.

Defense attorneys for Barker and  
the nine others on trial admitted  
they had heard the report. They  
would not comment.

It was believed the information  
came from some of the St. Paul po-  
lice officers assigned to aid federal  
agents in guarding witnesses at the  
trial.

Linking two of the defendants on  
trial as "money changers" of the  
Bremer ransom, prosecutors today  
introduced a purported confession  
from Philip Delaney of Chicago,  
chauffeur for John J. ("Boss") Mc-  
Laughlin, that he changed \$24,000  
of the ransom \$5 and \$10 bills for  
larger currency in the Mutual Na-  
tional Bank on S. Halsted st., Chi-  
cago.

### "BOSS" ACCUSED.

In the statement, obtained by  
Federal Agent R. A. Brown, who  
led a machine gun raid some weeks  
ago that ended in the killing of  
Barker's mother and brother in  
Florida, Delaney admitted making  
six trips to the bank, changing  
\$4,000 each time. The statement  
said:

"McLaughlin gave me the  
money and instructed me what  
to do with it."

The statement added that De-  
laney had driven William E. Vidler,  
Chicago racing bookmaker, to half  
a dozen banks when Vidler was  
acting as McLaughlin's agent a few  
days earlier. It said that he saw  
Vidler accept bundles of cash from  
McLaughlin and return it in bills  
of larger denomination a few days  
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## Bremer Gang's Money Is Tied to M'Laughlin

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Delaney's written statement named John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago legislator, as the man who gave him the money and related how McLaughlin would "disappear" for twenty minutes "at the end of each day's work."

The confession, identified by Ralph D. Brown, department of justice agent, as the one he obtained from Delaney, frequently mentioned a man named "Bill" who disposed of additional ransom money in other banks while the bartender and McLaughlin waited in a car.

### Bremer Cash in Court.

Previously, \$2,625 of Bremer ransom currency, found in the possession of William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," was introduced as evidence. The government charges that "Bill" is Vidler.

After relating how he made six trips on as many different days to the bank, each time exchanging a block of \$4,000 ransom bills, Delaney asserted in the written statement:

"At first I thought the money to be counterfeit, but when the banks accepted it I realized it must have been genuine. I had an idea in my own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank."

### Knew McLaughlin 25 Years.

Reciting how he knew "Boss" McLaughlin for a quarter century, during which period the politician assisted him in obtaining various positions and extending financial help at times, Delaney's written statement said in part:

"Previous to April 17, 1934, for approximately two months, I would call at John McLaughlin's house in the 3400 block on West Jackson boulevard and drive him downtown to whatever places he desired to visit.

"On or about April 17, 1934, I called for him and we drove to approximately Lawrence and Ashland avenues, where a man McLaughlin called Bill got into the car. I do not know his last name and have never been introduced to him.

### "Bill" Changes Money.

"McLaughlin then instructed me to drive back on the north side of Chicago near a bank. 'Bill' proceeded to the bank and returned in a few minutes and said, 'The money is all right.' 'Bill' stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of \$5 and \$10 bills into larger denominations.

"About noon of that date McLaughlin

gave me a package containing \$4,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills and I took this money to the Mutual National bank and I was successful in changing it into larger denominations. I then turned this money over to McLaughlin."

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# **MISTREATED BY AGENTS, BREMER DEFENDANT SAYS**

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—(P)—Thomas McMeekin, counsel for Philip Delaney, Chicago, today charged his client was forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book for a cushion" while he was held at department of justice headquarters in Chicago.

Delaney's alleged confession to a part in passing a portion of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was introduced in evidence yesterday at the trial of Delaney and nine others charged with complicity in the abduction.

Ralph D. Brown, department of justice agent, who was on the witness stand, denied he had ever seen Delaney in such a position. He also testified that the "Bill" mentioned in Delaney's statement was William Vidler, also accused as a money changer.

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Mr. Brown was unfolding an astounding story of how John L. "Boss" McLaughlin, as he charged, flooded Chicago banks with money from the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping when the Hamm case cropped out in his testimony.

The agent first told of questioning McLaughlin, former Chicago politician.

Brown said McLaughlin told him of getting ransom money from Russell Gibson, killed recently in Chicago when he resisted arrest, and Oliver Berg, on trial here, and changing it for a 5 per cent commission at Chicago banks, with help from William Vidler, bookmaker, and Philip Deane, chauffeur.

Brown testified: "McLaughlin told me he asked how much of the money there was and one of the men replied: 'Two hundred grand.' He asked if it was Bremer money and one of them mumbled something. Then the other said: 'We've got another \$100,000.' McLaughlin said he asked if it was Hamm money and the man nodded."

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**U. S. WITNESSES**—Charles Hooker (left), teller in the Howard Avenue Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago; Carl Zoo (center); teller in the City National Bank, and Vincent W. Becking, cashier of the Howard av. institution, who identified William Vidler as the "hot" money changer for the Bremer kidnap gang. International News photo.

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Brown was telling how John J. "Boss" McLaughlin flooded Chicago banks with money from the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping when

the Hamm evidence cropped out. The agent, who some weeks ago led a raid that resulted in the killing of Barker's brother and mother in Florida, first told of questioning McLaughlin in the Cook County prison. He said:

"McLaughlin told me he would tell the real story of the ransom money if I would agree to release his son, John J. Jr., 18, who had been arrested with \$397 in Bremer bills."

McLaughlin told Brown of getting ransom money from Russell Gibson and Oliver Berg and exchanging it for a 5 per cent commission. Brown continues:

McLaughlin told me he asked how much of the money there was, and one of the men replied: 'Two hundred grand.' He asked if any was Hamm money and one of them mumbled something. Then the other said: 'We've got another \$100,000.'

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# BREMER RANSOM BILLS POINT WON BY GOVERNMENT

## Kidnap Jury Is Allowed to Hear Testimony.

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—[Special.]  
The government, prosecuting ten persons on a charge of having plotted the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, late today rebuffed an attack by the defense that would have destroyed important evidence against the group accused of handling the \$200,000 ransom money.

The attack came when Robert Rensch of defense counsel moved that testimony of Chicago bank employees telling of ransom money turned in at their banks be stricken. Rensch argued that the government had failed to produce the ransom bills.

Many of these bills, government witnesses had testified, were retired from circulation and burned.

### Rules Bills Identified.

George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, argued that the bills had been identified and that witnesses had traced them up to the time they were destroyed. Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, after hearing the arguments, ruled that the showing of the government had been sufficient to allow the evidence to go to the jury.

The government then continued with testimony to involve John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago politician, and others. A statement purported to have been given to department of justice agents in St. Paul by McLaughlin was introduced. McLaughlin was reported as saying that he had given his son the money which was taken from the latter when he was arrested in Chicago. The government contends this money was part of the Bremer ransom.

### Passed \$24,000 "Hot" Money.

In an early attack on the government's case today the defense brought out—in an effort to prove a confession from Philip J. Delaney, Chicago bartender, implicating McLaughlin and others had been obtained under duress—that Delaney had been kept prisoner in the department of justice offices in Chicago four days. Delaney in a signed statement offered by Ralph D. Brown, federal agent, said he had passed \$24,000 of "hot" money given to him by McLaughlin. This, the government was to show, was part of the ransom money.

The confession disclosed that in six visits to the Mutual National bank in Chicago Delaney exchanged the money in six blocks of \$4,000 each, that on some of the tours to the bank he was accompanied by another man known to him as "Bill" and previously identified as William Vidler, who exchanged other amounts at other banks; that Delaney thought the money came from bank robbers.

In answer to another question, Brown said, he asked Delaney why he always went to the Mutual bank and that Delaney replied he "thought the bank was fixed."

### Tells of Burning Bills.

After Brown had his testimony Robert E. Coulter of La Grange, Ill., manager of the cash custody vault of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, was called to tell about the withdrawal and subsequent burning of some of the ransom bills that were recovered in Chicago banks. Previously federal operatives had explained that all of the recovered bills, with the exception of \$2,625 found on Vidler and offered in evidence at the trial, had been withdrawn and destroyed.

The government proposes to introduce testimony. It was learned today that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician alleged to have treated Bremer during his 21 day captivity at Bensenville, Ill., was the man assigned by Arthur [Doc] Barker to the handling of the ransom money.

This testimony is expected to show Moran turned the money over to one of the defendants for distribution. Then, becoming suspicious of Moran, Barker was reported to have had Oliver Berg, another defendant, and Russell Gibson, killed in Chicago at the time of Barker's arrest last January, keep a close watch over the physician.

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# U.S. MAPS PLAN TO JAIL GANGS

*Wash. Herald*  
*Sunday 4/28/35*  
 ST. PAUL, Minn., April 27 (U.S.)—Details of the Government's preparations to jail outlaws and their aides from the underworlds of every major American city were revealed today as the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial recessed for the week-end.

Already during the trial has been disclosed solution of the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, in July of 1933.

Other major crimes are expected to be explained next week, when Byron "Squealer" Bolton testifies in the Federal Court trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bolton is said to have told Federal agents secrets of the St. Valentines Day massacre of seven George "Bugs" Moran gangsters in Chicago, admitting himself to have been a machine gunner in the slaughter.

Identification of ransom notes written in the abduction a year ago of little June Robles at Tucson, Ariz., already has resulted from the drive and arrests are expected momentarily, it was indicated.

The first aim of the Government will be to round up every one of several hundred persons known to have aided the Barker and Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," kidnapings and bank robberies that netted them \$1,000,000 in two years.

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## 'Confession' Given Bremer Plot Jury

### U. S. Offers Evidence on Fund Disposal.

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 29.—The Government today presented the statement of a Chicago "bookie," William Vidler, that he exchanged \$25,000 of alleged ransom money for other currency as it sought to convict seven men in a plot to dispose of \$200,000 ransom obtained in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Three others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, are on trial in Federal Court as the abductors.

Vidler's statement and Government-branded "confession" was the third such exhibit in the trial, statements by John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and Philip Delaney, both accused as money changers in the kidnaping, having been presented last week.

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## Bremer Suspects Will Go on Stand

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 29 (I.N.S.)—Presentation of more "confessions" and questioning of a dozen Government witnesses was scheduled for today as the trial of 10 defendants accused of complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer entered its third week.

It was believed, however, the Government would swiftly wind up its case, and the defendants would soon have their "day." At least five of the defendants, it was learned, will take the stand to testify in their own behalf.

## Barker Kidnap Trial Nears Its Climax

By United Press

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**'Confession' Given  
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**U. S. Offers Evidence on  
Fund Disposal.**

*By the Associated Press.*  
St. Paul, April 29.—The Government today presented the statement of a Chicago "bookie," William Vidler, that he exchanged \$25,000 of alleged ransom money for other currency as it sought to convict seven men in a plot to dispose of \$200,000 ransom obtained in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.  
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## 'Doc' Barker Trial Set to End Friday

ST. PAUL, April 28 (U.P.).—The trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others charged with participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, enters its third week tomorrow with prosecutors confident they would complete their case by Friday. Defense counsel said at least five defendants would testify.

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## BREMER TRIAL AT CLIMAX FOR FIVE

ST. PAUL, April 28.—(AP)—At least five of the ten defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, are expected to testify in their own behalf in federal court here.

The trial tomorrow enters its third week. The defendants include Arthur ("Doc") Barker.

Those who will testify in their behalf are John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged "money changers"; Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held twenty-two days; and James J. Wilson.

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## WITNESS



**BETTY BAERWALD**  
MAID at the farm of Frank Sawyer, underworld character, proved an able witness for the Government in its case against the kidnapers of Edward Bremer in St. Paul. Photo by International.

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# 2 POINTED OUT IN TRIAL HERE

Two Bremer kidnap defendants were pointed out this afternoon by a Negro bellhop as the men who visited Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago physician, in the Irving hotel, Chicago, where the government claim John J. (Boss) McLaughlin maintained headquarters for distribution of ransom money.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Moran, and Oliver Berg, lifer in the Illinois state prison, both among the ten defendants on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, were named by James R. Franklin, bellboy, as guests of Dr. Moran in the Irving hotel, 4849 Irving Park boulevard, Chicago.

Franklin also identified a photograph of Russell (Slim) Gibson, slain by Federal agents the night Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured, as another visitor in Dr. Moran's room. He said "Slim," as he knew him, called at the physician's room approximately three times a week during April, 1934, when, the government alleges, a portion of the \$200,000 ransom was flooding Chicago banks.

Asked if he could point out the man known as "Izzy" who visited Dr. Moran's room occasionally, the bellboy stood up from the witness chair and said:

"He's the man sitting next to Jimmy Wilson."

A few minutes later, on direct examination of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Franklin stepped down from the stand, walked over to Berg, placed his finger on him and said, "This is the man I referred to."

Franklin said Berg was the man who was with "Slim" in the Irving hotel, and testified also that he saw both with Dr. Moran and Wilson in the physician's room.

At this point McLaughlin was brought into the testimony of Franklin. The bellboy said he saw the former political leader talking to Gibson in the hotel lobby and subsequently saw McLaughlin, the latter part of April, 1934, going up the stairway to the second floor of the Irving hotel.

Franklin, asked if he could point out McLaughlin, stepped down from the witness chair and said he couldn't see McLaughlin. Then, quickly, he said "yes, sir," whereupon he went over and touched McLaughlin, 66-year-old former Illinois legislator.

The government proposed to summon Ralph Brown and John Falkner, Department of Justice agents to the witness stand late today preliminary to the presentation of a written statement in which McLaughlin reputedly recits his part in the distribution of the ransom money.

## PASSED \$29,000 IN BREMER BILLS, DOCUMENT SAYS

Chicago Bookmaker Gave Federal Man Written Statement, Is Testimony.

### U. S. AGENT GRILLED

Defense Lawyer Announces Step to Impeach Ralph D. Brown's Testimony.

A written confession by William Vidler, Chicago bookmaker, telling how he "shoved" \$29,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was introduced today in the trial of Vidler and nine other defendants charged with the abduction.

In his confession, Vidler said he had passed the money within four days at various Chicago banks in April, 1934. For this work, he received a commission of 1 per cent, the confession said.

The bookmaker's confession said he obtained the money from John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, another defendant.

"He told me it was good money but 'hot,' and I didn't have to be afraid of it," Vidler's statement read.

The confession went on to say that McLaughlin and a man named "Phil," later identified as Philip Delaney, likewise a defendant charged with ransom money "shoving," accompanied Vidler on his rounds.

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## U. S. Claims Cash Changer Knew Source

### Vidler Signed Statement Tells Of McLaughlin Supplying Money To Be Exchanged.

Defense efforts to impeach a government witness failed today at the federal court trial of 10 Barker-Karpis gangsters and aides for the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy as a signed statement by one of the defendants was introduced to show that he knew he was handling "hot money," and implicating two others now facing trial.

The statement, by William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," revealed that he admitted exchanging \$28,500 in the \$5 and \$10 bills which made up the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of the abducted bank president last year, receiving 1 per cent of the face value for his services.

He received the money, the statement showed, from John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago political figure and alleged gambling overlord, and exchanged it in company with Phil Delaney, bartender.

"I asked McLaughlin whether it was counterfeit money," the statement read. "He told me it was good money, but that it was 'hot' money, but that I need not be afraid of it. At one time during the days I was changing money for McLaughlin I asked him how much of this he had and he stated it was about \$30,000 or \$40,000 more."

McLaughlin and nine others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the gang which is charged with kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, Jan. 17, 1934, are on trial in federal court on charges of kidnaping conspiracy.

Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks at a house in Bensenville, Ill., government testimony has shown, and was freed after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Others facing the court are Harold Algron and Elmer Farmer, Mr. Bremer's alleged guards at Bensenville; Phil Delaney and William Vidler, money changers; Oliver Berg, Jess Doyle, James Wilson and Edna Murray.

#### Defense Attacks Testimony.

The defense launched a bitter but vain attack on the testimony of Ralph D. Brown, special agent of the department of justice, as he resumed the witness stand today for cross examination.

With Robert Rensch of the defense crew pulling the trigger, a barrage of questions was fired designed to trip up the witness, but his story that McLaughlin had made admissions which indicated he had a guilty knowledge of the source of thousands of dollars of ransom money remained unshaken.

#### Questioned About Automobile.

"You said McLaughlin told you Delaney (Phil Delaney, alleged money changer, also on trial), had an automobile?"

"Yes."

"Isn't it a fact that he told you that Delaney did not own an automobile?"

"He indicated he did. I'll testify that he said he rode in an automobile with Delaney."

"Isn't it a fact that he said Delaney drove his (McLaughlin's) auto?"

"I don't recall."

#### Thought It Hamm Money.

"You said McLaughlin told you the men were to meet him a block and a half from the hotel?"

"Yes."

"You said that McLaughlin after three or four days asked the men where the money came from, and

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said he thought it was Hamm money?"

"Yes."

"Was that before you made any mention of the Hamm money?"

"I don't recall."

"Was that before or after any mention was made of the Bremer case?"

"I don't recall."

"You said that when McLaughlin mentioned Hamm money to the men one said, 'Yes,' or some such affirmative answer?" (The men referred to were apparently "Slim" and "Izzy," from whom McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney are alleged to have received the ransom money to exchange. Federal agents charge that "Slim" was Russell Gibson, since slain, and that "Izzy" was Oliver J. Berg, on trial.)

#### Didn't Ask Amount.

"It was my own language."

"You didn't ask McLaughlin how much money he changed?"

"No."

"When you first talked to McLaughlin did he say this to you: 'If my son (arrested but later freed) had any ransom money on him it must have been put on him, because I certainly wouldn't give it to him?'"

"No."

"Didn't McLaughlin say that Frankie Wright was a race track follower?"

"I recall something about the race track."

#### McLaughlin Was Sick.

"Is it a fact that 'Boss' said he was sick in bed all winter?"

"Yes, something to that effect?"

"Sick during February, March and April?"

"He did not."

"When 'Boss' went to the hotel, the men he met there were called Smith and Jones, and also Izzy and Slim?"

"Yes."

"Had you interviewed Delaney prior to McLaughlin?"

"Yes."

Here Thomas W. McMeekin of defense counsel took up the questioning.

"Did you make these notes (on a page from the agent's note book, introduced in evidence) as you interviewed McLaughlin?"

"Most of them."

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#### Wouldn't Sign Statement.

"You did not know that McLaughlin would refuse to make a statement?"

"Not at that time. He was tired, and I did not think he would sign a statement that day."

"You say you finished with him at 6:30 p. m. Then what did you do?"

"Went back to the office to get help in locating the hotel." (Where "Slim" and "Izzy" were staying.)

"You asked him if he would sign a statement?"

"I did. He said he would rather not."

"How long did you talk with him?"

"A short time—about two hours."

"Was this map (on the note book page) prepared during or after the interview?"

#### Would Impeach Witness.

"I am not sure. Probably during the interview."

McMeekin made a great to-do about the maps. On one side of the notebook page the map showed the location of the hotel, and on the other side, the hotel interior apparently as described to Agent Brown by McLaughlin.

George Helsey, assistant to George F. Sullivan, district attorney, objected to the defense attorneys asking the same questions, one af-

ter the other, on the same subject. Rensch jumped to his feet.

"There is no duplication of questions," he shouted. "It is our purpose to impeach this witness."

"Did you prepare this chart at the time your notes contain the word 'drawing' in parentheses?" asked McMeekin.

"It might have been prepared before, and the word inserted to call attention to it."

The notebook containing the agent's memorandums and maps was admitted to evidence.

"Isn't it a fact that you wrote those notes some time after you had the talk with McLaughlin, and that is why you referred to his son as Jimmy?"

"McLaughlin called him Jimmy."

"Is all the conversation you had with McLaughlin regarding Delaney and Vidler in your notes?"

"No."

"Do you recall McLaughlin saying Vidler and Delaney were a couple of fools?"

"I may have."

On re-direct examination by Mr. Helsey Agent Brown explained a dollar sign (\$) on the notes meant money, and that the words "hot dough" were put in quotation marks because he felt they were important.

#### Wanted Son Released.

"What did McLaughlin say when you told him you would come back next day?"

"He said he would have more information for me. He said he wanted his son released that day."

When Rensch announced that recess examination might take some time, a recess was ordered by Trial Judge M. M. Joyce.

#### Purvis Didn't Read Notes.

After recess, the cross-examination proved brief.

"Did Mr. Purvis (Melvin Purvis, Chicago agent in charge) read the notes?"

"No?"

"This story you are testifying to—is it yours or McLaughlin's?"

"It is the story of my interview with him."

"When was the first examination of him?"

"I assume before the boy (John J. McLaughlin, Jr.) was picked up."

"You are sure as you left McLaughlin April 28 that he said he wanted his boy 'Jimmy' back home?"

"Yes."

"You are sure he used the word 'Jimmy'?"

"Yes."

As Brown stepped from the witness stand he looked weary. He had been testifying more than four hours Friday and today.

#### "Cash Thrown In Car."

L. T. Nichols, former special agent of the federal justice department in Chicago, was called, pointed out Vidler in the courtroom and said he had first met him April 28, 1934, at the Wells st. "boogie joint" where he was arrested.

"Where you at the federal offices when Vidler told where he got the money?"

"Yes. He said someone tossed it into his car crossing the Michigan ave. bridge."

"Did you get a statement from Vidler?"

"Yes. On April 27 Agent Hollis (since slain) dictated the statement to a stenographer, in the presence of Vidler. Vidler then read it over and signed it."

#### Knew McLaughlin 7 Years.

A three page statement, signed by Vidler on every page, became government exhibit 106.

Highlights in the statement were that Vidler had known McLaughlin for seven years, that McLaughlin had told him he had some money to change and didn't want to do it himself. In company with "a fellow named Phil" the three drove to the Continental Bank & Trust Co. and cashed \$2,500 in \$5 and \$10 bills. He was to get 1 percent commission.

He cashed \$5,500 on April 19, \$6,000 on April 20, \$6,000 on April 21, and \$11,000 on April 23—a total of \$28,500, the statement read.

In another statement by Delaney, brought out in court last week, Delaney cited \$24,000 he had changed, bringing the total listed to date to \$52,500, or more than one-fourth of the ransom total.

#### Thought Cash Counterfeit.

"Wasn't this statement signed Saturday?" the witness was asked.

"No."

"You got the impression that Vidler thought it was counterfeit money?"

"Yes."

"How much money did he have on him?"

"A lot. He pulled it out from every pocket."

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Disclosure of the face-lifting will come from several purported confessions made to department of justice agents, prosecutors said. Fifteen more government witnesses remain in the group.

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#### Went to Hotel Daily.

After each day's work, the trio would go to the Irving hotel, where McLaughlin is alleged to have received the money from "Slim" Gibson, slain gangster, and Oliver Berg, a defendant in the case here, the confession asserted. Vidler stated in his confession, however, that he did not go inside the hotel and did not know what transpired there.

The confession was read to the jury after Lew D. Nichols of San Francisco, a former Department of Justice agent, testified that he and Herman E. Hollis, Department of Justice operative, later slain by "Baby Face" Nelson, had obtained it from Vidler April 27, 1934, in the Cook county jail.

The confession brought the amount of ransom money accounted for by the prosecution to between \$55,000 and \$58,000. Besides the \$29,000 which the confession said he "peddled," about \$2,600 of the ransom was found in Vidler's possession when he was arrested. In a confession previously introduced, Delaney told of passing about \$24,000 of the ransom amount.

Besides introduction of Vidler's confession, highlights of the trial today included an announced intention by the defense of impeaching a government witness.

The announcement was made by R. V. Rensch of defense counsel in the course of the cross-examination of Ralph D. Brown, Department of Justice agent.

#### Gave Details of Transaction.

Previously, Brown had testified regarding a conversation which he had in the Cook county jail with McLaughlin. According to the agent, the defendant had told him of obtaining the money and given many details of the "passing" transactions.

In an effort to break down the agent's story, Rensch subjected him to long and detailed cross-examination. When Rensch finished, the cross-examination was taken up by Thomas W. McMeekin, also of defense counsel. An objection then was made by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, who asserted that McMeekin's cross-examination was merely repetition and served no purpose.

At this point Rensch stood up and said:

"This cross-examination is for the purpose of impeaching the witness and I think it's being done."

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# Were At Gang's Hotel, Former Bellhop Says

A jovial Chicago Negro late today became one of the government's principal witnesses at the prosecution of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer when he linked three more persons in the snatching.

Called soon after court convened after the noon recess, James R. Franklin, former bellhop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, which the government contends was used as headquarters by certain members of the Karpis-Barker gang during disposition of the \$200,000 ransom money, linked the names of Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive; Russell Gibson, now dead; and Owen Berg and J. J. Wilson, on trial.

He testified that Dr. Moran and Wilson lived at the hotel from April, 1933, until April, 1934, and that frequent visitors at the place were Berg and Gibson, who previously had been mentioned in the case as the persons who gave ransom money to J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin to exchange for cool money.

The Negro also identified McLaughlin as a visitor at the hotel and testified that McLaughlin was seen there in company of "Slim" Gibson.

Asked if he saw McLaughlin in the courtroom, Franklin stepped down from the stand and with a wide grin on his face shouted, "Yes, suh, there he is." He pointed to McLaughlin.

## Nichols Returns.

When court resumed after the noon recess, Agent Nichols went back on the stand. He was cross-examined by A. J. Hoffman. He was asked if Vidler hadn't said something about banks refusing to change the money because the banks lost money on such changes or because they thought he was hoarding money.

"I don't recall his saying that," the witness responded.

"Then there are a lot of things you can't recall in this conversation?"

"Yes."

"What did Vidler say about Phil?"

"I understood he said he and 'Phil' were changing money together."

## Bellhop Called.

Next witness was Mr. Franklin. Franklin testified he was a bellhop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, from January, 1932, until April, this

year. He identified a picture of Dr. Joseph Moran as a resident of the hotel from April, 1933, until April, 1934, and said that he lived there with J. J. Wilson one of the defendants on trial.

He also identified a picture of Russell Gibson, dead, as the "Slim" previously mentioned in the case and said he visited Dr. Moran from the latter part of December, 1933, until April, 1934. He also pointed out Oliver Berg as another visitor to the hotel.

"Did you ever see Slim and Berg in Moran's room?"

"Yes, Jimmy Wilson was there," saw McLaughlin.

"Did you ever see McLaughlin at the hotel?"

"About two weeks before Moran left."

"Where?"

"In the lobby talking to Slim."

"How many times did you see McLaughlin there?"

"Twice, both the same day. Slim and he were going upstairs."

"Do you see McLaughlin in this room?"

Franklin stepped down, hesitated for a moment and with a broad grin in his face shouted, "Yes, suh, there he is" and pointed to McLaughlin.

"Who occupied room 206 in the hotel?"

"I don't know. He was a dark complected man to whom I brought food and drink as he ordered."

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# DEFENSE PLANS DENIALS FOR U. S. BREMER CHARGES

## At Least 5 Prisoners Will Take Stand.

St. Paul, Minn., April 28.—[Special.]—Five or more of the ten defendants in the Edward G. Bremer case will testify to deny complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping. First, however, the government will present more "confessions" and question about 15 more witnesses. The trial enters its third week tomorrow.

The five defendants to talk include John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago, accused as "money changers." It seems they will deny they knew money they handled was part of the Bremer ransom.

The other two defendants, expected to testify are James J. Wilson and Harold Alderton. At Alderton's home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept for 21 days following his kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934. He is believed to intend to deny knowledge of the purpose for which his home was engaged until after Bremer had been brought there. After that fear for his life will be urged as reason for his silence.

### To Talk of Operations.

Wilson worked in the office of a distant relative, Dr. Joseph P. Moran of Chicago. Moran is a fugitive in the case. The government will attempt to show Wilson was aware of operations performed by Dr. Moran to mutilate and change fingerprints of various members of the gang and also to alter their faces. Efforts also will be made to connect Dr. Moran with the ransom.

Wilson is expected to tell that Moran befriended him after lack of cash stopped his college career.

Other defendants who may take the

stand are Oliver Berg, life term Illinois convict brought here from Joliet; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Jess Doyle, of Pittsburg, Kan., and Mrs. Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit."

### Finger Prints Link Barker.

In addition to testimony offered thus far which has definitely linked Arthur "Doc" Barker with the crime through fingerprints, the defendants will attempt to refute evidence expected likely to be offered by Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty as the trial started and by Wynona Burdette, brought here from a penitentiary at Milan, Mich. Miss Burdette, alleged sweetheart of Harry Campbell, also a fugitive in the case, was arrested at Atlantic City when Campbell and Alvin Karpis shot their way out of a trap.

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# U. S. REVEALS PLAN FOR HUGE DRIVE ON CRIME

Fifty Picked Agents Deployed  
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quiry Brings Data on Gangs

By Ray Brennan,  
Herald and Examiner Staff Correspondent.  
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tails of the government's prepara-  
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from the underworld of every ma-  
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day as the Bremer kidnaping trial  
recessed for the week-end.

Already during the trial has been  
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kidnaping of William Hamm Jr.,  
St. Paul brewer in July of 1933.  
Other major crimes are expected to  
be explained next week when  
Byron ("Squealer") Bolton testifies  
in the Federal Court trial of Arthur  
("Doc") Barker and nine others  
for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, St. Paul million-  
aire.

## TELLS OF MASSACRE

Bolton is said to have told fed-  
eral secrets of the St. Valentine's  
Day massacre of seven George  
("Bugs") Moran gangsters in Chi-  
cago, admitting himself to have  
been a machine gunner in the  
slaughter.

Fifty picked government men  
summoned here for secret instruc-  
tions were reported being deployed  
today over the nation for the start  
of a criminal roundup unpreceden-  
ted in the country's history, based  
on information gleaned in bring-  
ing the Bremer case to trial.

## LADD IN CHARGE

D. M. Ladd, head of the United  
States division of investigation  
here, will be in charge of the anti-  
crime campaign under the direct  
supervision of Assistant U. S. At-  
torney General Joseph E. Keenan.

The first aim of the government  
will be to round up every one of  
several hundred persons known to  
have aided the Barker and Alvin  
Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," in  
kidnapings and bank robberies that  
netted them a million dollars in  
two years. Persistent reports here  
are that Karpis has been arrested  
in the East and is held secretly.

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## AIM TO CLINCH BREMER CASE BY ADMISSIONS

St. Paul, April 29 (AP).—Embarking on the third week of testimony, the government today set itself for the "knockout punch" in an effort to send Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates to prison for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Several confessions allegedly relating the parts played by the seven alleged "money changers" and three actual kidnapers, all of whom are being tried for conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are in the possession of the government, George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, announced.

A written confession of Philip Delaney, Chicago bartender, already has been admitted in evidence.

The prosecution has written statements of James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Joseph P. Moran, also a fugitive in the case; Harold Alpert and Elmer Farmer, both of Bensenville, Ill.; Mrs. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit"; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; McLaughlin, and Victor.

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## Confessions Name Bremer Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 30 (I.N.S.)—Three purported confessions today were in evidence against John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Illinois politician, and others of the seven on trial in Federal Court charged with disposing of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom.

Last of the three signed statements, that of William Vidler, a Chicago bookmaker, said he received commission of \$300 from McLaughlin for changing \$30,000 in Bremer kidnap money at Chicago banks. His confession said that Philip Delaney, another defendant, also worked with him in passing the money.

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## Caught



HARRY SAWYER.

## BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT CAPTURED

Justice Department An-  
nounces Arrest of Harry  
Sawyer in Mississippi.

BY REX COLLIER.

The Department of Justice today crossed another "public enemy" off its wanted list with the arrest in Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, ex-convict, declared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be one of the ringleaders in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul last year.

Sawyer was captured by special agents of the bureau's New Orleans office as he rode in an automobile with his wife along the fashionable Gulf Coast water front. Taken entirely by surprise, he surrendered meekly and agreed to return to St. Paul for trial.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, Sawyer had a "key" role in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and is one of the five members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang for whom the Government has been conducting a Nation-wide manhunt.

Fred Barker and his mother, members of the gang, recently were slain by agents in a gun battle near Miami. Eight others, including Arthur "Doc" Barker and John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, St. Paul politician, are on trial in St. Paul for the kidnaping.

Hoover said Sawyer had been traced to the Gulf resort recently and found to be operating a bar room and lottery in a disreputable section of the community. A deputy sheriff and State highway officer co-operated with the Federal agents.

He was taken last night to New Orleans and questioned for hours about the kidnaping, which occurred January 17, 1934. Bremer was held prisoner for 21 days in a hideout only recently located by Justice agents. He was released after a bundle of \$200,000 in currency had been tossed into a ditch in response to the flashing of signal lights by the kidnapers.

Sawyer was to be arraigned today before a United States commissioner preparatory to his return to St. Paul. He has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

There are now only four other alleged members of the Karpis-Barker kidnap syndicate at large, Hoover said. They are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel several months ago when police tried to arrest them, and Volney Davis and Willie Weaver. All are wanted for conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker.

Karpis and Campbell fled from the Miami fortress in which Fred and "Ma" Barker died a few hours before the place was raided by Federal men. It is possible that Sawyer also had been at the Miami hideout.

In Pass Christian Sawyer was using the name "Wright." He had not attempted to disguise himself otherwise.

Sawyer has a long criminal record, dating back to 1914, when he pleaded guilty to robbing offices of the Standard Oil Co. at Lincoln, Nebr. He was paroled immediately under a 3-year sentence. Subsequently he was convicted of grand larceny and has been arrested from time to time on charges ranging from robbery to bond jumping.

The bureau declares he fled from St. Paul about February 7, 1934, the date of Bremer's release by his captors. When arrested in Mississippi he was driving a car with a Nebraska tag.

## Master Mind Bremer Kidnaper Harry Sawyer

Police Believe Captive  
Man Was Connected  
Recent Wave of

ST. PAUL—Capture

yer yesterday at Pass Christian brings into custody the man termed as "master mind" in the wave of crimes that have been the "poison spot" of the city to be arraigned in New Orleans. Sawyer has been termed "finger man" behind Bremer kidnaping.

Special agents say, who plotted the abduction, singled out Bremer to be the actual kidnapers and named the ransom figure—\$200,000—the richest in United States criminal history.

As successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan in the St. Paul underworld, Sawyer, whose true name is Harry Sandoz, long has been a mysterious figure.

### ALLY OF GANGSTERS

Authorities have known him as an ally of Homer Van Meter, the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, George (Baby Face) Nelson and other gang characters.

He disappeared from St. Paul last year shortly after Bremer was kidnaped on Jan. 17. He has been revealed as the guiding hand behind at least two kidnapings, bank robberies in which the loot totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars, and in many other major crimes.

Sawyer had been Hogan's chief lieutenant. When Hogan was slain, Sawyer moved up. He was reputed to have handled loot from dozens of bank robberies, including virtually all of the more notorious ones for which Barker and Karpis or Dillinger henchmen were responsible.

### HELD LOOT

Sawyer, it was understood, was holding for Van Meter his share of the loot in the Sioux Falls, S. D., bank robbery of last year while the gang prepared for a raid on a Mason City, Ia., bank. After the second robbery Van Meter returned here to get his money.

Failing to find Sawyer, he pressed his claim with several of Sawyer's henchmen. Either Sawyer himself, according to authorities, or one of his lieutenants, gave police the tip that resulted in the slaying of Van Meter last September.

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# STAR BREMER WITNESS TO TESTIFY TODAY

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—(AP)—The government today planned to call to the stand one of its leading witnesses, Byron Bolton of Chicago, in the federal court trial of ten persons charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy at the opening of the trial April 15, was the reputed machine-gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, which is accused of abducting Bremer.

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## Death Threats to Aids Told in Bremer Trial

ST. PAUL, May 3.—(AP)—Evidence designed to show that the Barker-Karpis gang threatened death to the mother, brother and two nephews of Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., in whose home Edward G. Bremer was held twenty-one days, "if anything goes wrong" was brought out in cross examination of William C. Ryan, Department of Justice agent, today in the Bremer kidnap trial.

Alderton has in his statement positively identified Arthur (Doc) Barker, Karpis, Fred Goetz, dead gangster, and Harry Campbell and William Weaver, both fugitives, as

members of the gang which participated in the kidnaping. Alderton said he received \$1,000 for using his home as the "hideout."

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## SAWYER'S BOND SET AT \$100,000

Suspect in Bremer Kidnap-  
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By the Associated Press.

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### UNITED STATES PRESSES CASE.

13 Suspects in Bremer Abduction Cap-  
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## KIDNAP-SUSPECT CAPTURED

Sawyer Arrested in  
Abduction of  
Bremer

NEW ORLEANS, May 4 (U.S.). Harry Sawyer, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., was held under \$100,000 bond here today while Government authorities moved rapidly to transfer him to Minnesota for trial.

Sawyer, object of a nationwide search for several months, was taken without a struggle by four Department of Justice men in Pass Christian, Miss., last night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr.

Sawyer was captured on a tip given Federal agents by two Pass Christian officers, according to D. W. McGee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here and leader of the raiding squad.

The two officers who furnished the tip were named by McGee as Bill Simpson, a deputy sheriff, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle officer. Mr. McGee refused to name the Government agents who accompanied him.

The officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and last night while cruising through the streets of Pass Christian they discovered his car, which bore a Nebraska license plate, parked in front of a gambling house. They entered the building and identified Sawyer.

One of the agents placed a hand on Sawyer's shoulder and said:

"We want to talk to you."  
Sawyer offered no resistance as he was led from the room. He was not armed. However, a search of his house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed a small automatic, Mr. McGee said.

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The arrest was made on information given Department of Justice agents by two Harrison County, Miss., peace officers. They said Sawyer had appeared on the Mississippi Gulf Coast last November and established a home for his wife and himself. He attracted attention by his lavish spending.

He was sitting in his automobile, which was parked in front of a Gulf Coast gambling house when the agents approached, and offered no resistance.

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## Gangsters Await Bolton's Squeal

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5 (I.N.S.) The story the entire underworld has been fearing is expected to be told tomorrow in Federal court by Byron Bolton when the Government reaches the climax of its case in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Bolton, machine-gunner, said by the Government to have explained the mystery of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, will accuse not only 10 persons on trial in the Bremer case, but gangland leaders much higher up.

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## MACHINE GUNNER TO DISCLOSE HERETOFORE UNTOLD DETAILS, CONCLUDE GOVERNMENT CASE

Star U. S. Witness

Byron Bolton Will Take  
Stand Late Today To  
Testify Against Old  
Gang Pals.



Testimony of BYRON BOLTON, machine-gunner member of the Barker-Karpis gang, is expected to conclude the government's case against the alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, and probably will be the most damaging evidence against the 10 defendants now on trial.

With the calling of a self-admitted kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer as a witness, the government late today planned to complete the final link in the chain of evidence which it has forged against 10 persons on trial in federal district court for the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Byron Bolton, only one of the persons arrested by the government in its investigation of the case to plead guilty, will take the witness stand this afternoon. He is expected to disclose heretofore unrevealed details of the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

### Bolton Admits Conspiracy.

According to reports, Mr. Bolton was one of the gang members who accosted Mr. Bremer at Goodrich and Lexington aves., beat him and took him from his car, releasing him only after 22 frantic days for relatives and payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Bolton has admitted conspiracy in the case but sentence has been deferred pending completion of the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates.

As court opened today, defense attorneys sought to break down the story of William C. Ryan, federal agent, concerning the statement of the case said to have been given him by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

### Admit Excluding Statements.

Except for an admission by Mr. Ryan that he did not include certain statements made by Mr. Alderton because they were not made at the time of the original "confession," the defense failed to make much headway. Mr. Ryan denied that he had left a great many things out of the statement signed by the defendant.

Some statements also were excluded, the witness admitted, because they had no bearing on the case and because he (Ryan) did not want to go into Alderton's family history.

### Agent Cross-Examined.

William C. Ryan, federal agent, was on the witness stand when court resumed today and he was cross-examined by Thomas McMeekin concerning the statement given to him by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

The witness testified that the defendant read each page of the statement before he signed them.

"Alderton said in his statement he went out every day to purchase groceries, going to Elmhurst as well as Bensenville?"

"Yes."

"Were you familiar with Farmer's statement when Alderton told you about the groceries?"

"Yes."

"Alderton insisted he himself bought the groceries?"

"Yes. That is what is in his statement."

"Did Alderton use the word 'snatch'?"

"Probably not."

"When you describe the bandage being in turban fashion, was that Alderton's word?"

"No, I don't think so."

The witness said he left out of the statement Alderton's remark that he felt he was being watched because he did not make it at the time the statement was taken. The witness denied that a great many things had been left out of the statement.

### Afraid Of Gunmen?

"Didn't he tell you he was afraid of the men, with all their guns and machine guns?"

"He said he wasn't afraid of the

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### Confessed Kidnaper To Tell Of Abduction

men, but that they had threatened him by saying that if he didn't behave it would be hard on his brother and family, and he didn't want anything to happen to them."

"Why didn't you put that in the statement?"

"I only put down what had a bearing on the case. This was to be a statement, and we didn't want to go wandering on into his family history."

"Didn't Alderton say to you that he was not afraid for himself because he didn't have long to live, as he was very sick?"

"He didn't mention his health to me."

On questioning by Mr. Sullivan, the witness said that when Farmer was brought in, Alderton accused him of having told the mob where his brother lived, and said that Farmer denied it.

"Then what?"

"Farmer was taken away, and then we told Alderton to take his time, think it over, and see if he didn't want to tell us all about it."

"Did you ask him if he wanted to sign a statement?"

"We did, and he said he would."

#### Identifies Alderton Statement.

R. S. Suran, Chicago agent of the federal investigation division, was called and testified that he also had talked with Alderton while Agent Ryan was there. He corroborated Ryan's testimony, and identified the Alderton statement.

On cross-examination by Mr. Matthews he testified they talked to Alderton "from 9 a. m. until 2 a. m. the next day."

"That means you talked to him more than 14 hours?"

"Not steadily. We had rests, and stopped to eat or drink coffee."

"Was the coffee to keep Alderton awake?"

"No, we just asked him if he wanted some."

#### Said He Was Afraid.

"Did you go into his financial status—his income?"

"Yes, he said he was broke, but drawing compensation."

"At that time didn't you tell him his government checks would stop?"

"Absolutely not."

"When you showed him Karpis' picture didn't he jump in his chair?"

"No. The only time he jumped was when Farmer came into the room."

"Didn't he ask the men if it was Bremer who was in the room?"

"My recollection is that he did."

"Did he tell you he was afraid?"

"Yes, he did say something about being afraid. I told him he had 22 days in which to get away, and he said 'I guess I was just a damn fool.'"

Thomas W. McEekin of defense counsel asked him whether he read over Alderton's statement and remembered any instances where Alderton disagreed with some of the statement.

"Yes, we changed several sentences at his suggestion before any writing was done."

"Why didn't you have Alderton write the statement?" inquired A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney.

"We always write them ourselves."

"Then why did you have Alderton sign each page?"

"To protect himself."

Kenneth McIntire, special agent and a previous witness, was recalled by the government.

"You assisted in taking Mr. Farmer in custody?"

"Yes, on Jan. 16, 1935, at Bensenville."

"You questioned him?"

"Yes, in the department of justice offices, Chicago, with Agent Suran."

"Did you prepare a written statement?"

"Yes, shortly after Mr. Suran left the office, Farmer said he would make a statement."

He was shown government's exhibit No. 114 and identified it as the statement made by Farmer, with certain deletions. Farmer signed all pages including corrections made, the witness said.

#### Read To Farmer.

"When did you start writing?"

"About 10 a. m. and finished by 2 p. m. It was then read to Farmer in the presence of Agent Zimmer and signed by Farmer."

The statement was introduced and accepted as evidence, the judge admonishing the jury that it applied only to the defendant Farmer and not to anyone else on trial.

#### The statement follows:

"I was born in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and am 42 years old. I was raised in Chicago and have an 8th grade education. Have been associated with my brother in a Bensenville tavern. Known George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, for six or seven years. Met him through a rum runner friend. About two and one-half years ago, Goetz brought Monty Carter to visit me and I arranged a golf membership for them at the Mohawk Country club."

#### Introduced Alderton.

"I know Alderton. He was a switchman for the Milwaukee road. He was a disabled vet. I don't know Alderton's house but do know that Bremer was held there. Shortly before Christmas, 1933, Ziegler and Fred Barker came to my saloon. Barker and Ziegler said they wanted to keep some 'hot' people. I didn't know a place and they asked me how about Alderton. I went and got Alderton. Alvin Karpis was around several times before Bremer was kidnaped as I saw him. I was in Alderton's house several times before Bremer came. Alderton had five rooms. I didn't see any guns until after the middle of January. I saw Karpis, Fred Barker and Goetz around several times."

"In the middle of January I got a list of groceries from Alderton and bought them. Alderton told me a man was at his house whose head was hurt. When I took the beer, groceries and whisky after dark, I saw Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Doc Barker and Fred Barker there. There were two others I can't identify. I had previously met Doc Barker. I only stayed a few minutes but sensed they didn't want me to go into the next room."

#### Knew Man Was Bremer.

"Ziegler and Fred Barker came to see me a couple of days later taking me back to Alderton's but didn't do anything. This was repeated again a few nights later. I knew from newspapers that the man held was Bremer."

#### About a Week Later I Was at Alderton's House and Saw a Lot of Machine Guns. Almost Always I Saw Doc Barker there and Harry Campbell, Karpis and Fred Barker. I purchased groceries for them several times and visited the place three or four times a week while Bremer was there. The men used Bishop's garage."

"Several times Karpis told me they were going to take him back any day. Once I heard them say they had to hit Bremer on the head, splitting it open, because he wouldn't get out of the car. "I got a \$1,000 bill from Ziegler after they left, which was about three weeks after they came. Ziegler told me it was to buy slot machines but I sensed it was meant for payment for my services."

**Gave Alderton \$1,000.**

By Mr. Sullivan:  
"Did Farmer say he thought \$1,000 was a lot of money?"

"No. He said that was a small part of \$200,000."

"Did you talk to Farmer after he came to St. Paul?"

"Yes, after he came out of the grand jury. He said, 'I didn't tell you about the money I gave to Alderton. I got \$1,000 from Goetz to give to Alderton and I gave it to him.'"

"Did Farmer talk to you about seeing Doc Barker and Karpis?"

"Yes, on Jan. 16, 1935 after I had received the signed statement. He said he had seen Karpis, Doc, Ma and Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Russell Gibson and Willie Harrison in his tavern after Bremer had been released. Karpis had his fingers bandaged. Farmer told about scars on Barker's jaws where he had tried to have his faced lifted. Farmer also said he thought he could catch Volney Davis because he visited the tavern often. Davis had been in just after Christmas, 1934."

Mr. McMeekin started cross-examination.

**Saw Him Later.**

"I am going to try to clear up dates. The first time you saw him was Jan. 16, when you arrested him in Bensenville and took him to the Bankers' building? He was arrested at 7 a. m.?"

"Yes."

"When next did you talk to him?"

"I talked to him the first time until 3 p. m. and then went back and talked about 15 minutes more later in the day."

"You did not see him again in Chicago?"

"No."

"When did you see him in St. Paul?"

"I think it was Jan. 20 or 21, 1935 about four days after I saw him in Chicago. I saw him in this building as he left the courtroom. I only talked a couple of minutes."

The noon recess was ordered.

Some of the most damaging evidence of the trial was given Thurs-

day when Wynona Burdette, pretty former member of the gang, placed almost every member of the Karpis-Barker mob in St. Paul Jan. 17, 1934, the day Mr. Bremer was kidnapped.

The sweetheart of Harry Campbell, fugitive member of the gang, told about the mob moving into St. Paul in the latter part of 1933 and remaining until the afternoon of the snatching.

She told the court and jury:

Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, "Doc" Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, herself, George Goetz, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney came to St. Paul during the latter part of 1933.

On the first day of the mob's arrival in St. Paul a visit was paid to the home of Harry Sawyer, fugitive, and St. Paul's erstwhile gang lord.

She placed the mob within the shadows of the near-fatal shooting of Roy McCord, airplane radio operator on the early morning of Jan. 13, a few hours prior to a birthday celebration in her home.

Various couples in the mob scattered throughout the city, renting furnished apartments.

She received sudden orders to move on the afternoon of Jan. 17, a few hours after Mr. Bremer had been snatched.

**Points Out Barker.**

As her story was unfolded, one by one she linked various members of the mob including Jimmy Wilson and Ollie Berg, two of the defendants.

Her hand shaking, she timidly pointed to Arthur Barker, Wilson and Berg, three of the defendants in the courtroom, as gang members who at one time or other she saw in her apartment at St. Paul, Chicago, Toledo, Cleveland or Sandusky, O.

She identified pictures of Harry

Sawyer, William Weaver, Willie Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as others who at different times had dealings with other gang members.

**Not Cross-Examined.**

Her testimony was so convincing the defense took no chances with her on cross-examination. Not a single question was asked by defense attorneys.

The government then placed William C. Ryan, a G-man on the stand. From him a statement, allegedly given by Harold Alderton, another defendant, the government continued its march with evidence of the 22 days Bremer was held at Alderton's home in Bensenville, Ill.

Tense, her eyes filled with tears, Mrs. Edward G. Bremer sat in the courtroom and listened to George Sullivan, United States district attorney, read the statement to the jury.

Here the government linked Elmer Farmer as well as Alderton with other members in the gang. Thus in the three weeks of trial every defendant but Jess Doyle has been named as participants in the conspiracy to kidnap. Edna Murray's name entered for the first time Thursday in testimony of Miss Burdette.



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# BREMER JURY HEARS GIRL

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(AP)—The confession of a defendant positively identifying Alvin Karpis and Arthur



Wynona Burdette.

("Doc") Barker a kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer and the testimony of a 21-year-old girl imprisoned for her associations with members of

the Karpis-Barker gang shared the spotlight today in the trial of ten persons charged with conspiracy in the abduction.

The confession, read to the jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, was that of Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home the St. Paul banker was held captive twenty-one days for \$200,000 ransom.

The girl, Wynona Burdette, former associate of Harry Campbell, a fugitive in the case, told of her acquaintance with virtually all the twenty-three persons indicted for the kidnaping, and said that she and several of them left St. Paul January 17, 1934, the day of the kidnaping. She was brought here to testify from Milan, Mich., where she is serving a five-year term in a federal prison for harboring gang members.

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## U. S. TO DISMISS ITS CHARGE AGAINST 2 BREMER DEFENDANTS

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP)—The federal government will ask dismissal of charges against two of ten defendants on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, it was learned from a reliable source tonight as the prosecution neared completion of its case.

Mrs. Edna [Rabbits] Murray, the "kissing bandit" who escaped from the Missouri prison while serving a 25 year term for robbery, and Jess



WYNONA  
 BURDETTE.

Doyle, Kansas City mobster and self confessed bank robber, will be absolved of connection with the \$200,000 Bremer abduction, it was learned.

The government's only hope of linking Doyle and Mrs. Murray with the conspiracy was through the testimony of Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of the fugitive Harry Campbell, but failing when she was on the stand today, it was reported.

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## KIDNAP SUSPECT CAPTURED

*Wash Herald 5/5*  
**Sawyer Arrested in  
Abduction of  
Bremer**

NEW ORLEANS, May 4 (U.S.). Harry Sawyer, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., was held under \$100,000 bond here today while Government authorities moved rapidly to transfer him to Minnesota for trial.

Sawyer, object of a nationwide search for several months, was taken without a struggle by four Department of Justice men in Pass Christian, Miss., last night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter, jr.

Sawyer was captured on a tip given Federal agents by two Pass Christian officers, according to D. W. McGee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here and leader of the raiding squad.

The two officers who furnished the tip were named by McGee as Bill Simpson, a deputy sheriff, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle officer. Mr. McGee refused to name the Government agents who accompanied him.

The officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and last night while cruising through the streets of Pass Christian they discovered his car, which bore a Nebraska license plate, parked in front of a gambling house. They entered the building and identified Sawyer.

One of the agents placed a hand on Sawyer's shoulder and said:

"We want to talk to you."

Sawyer offered no resistance as he was led from the room. He was not armed. However, a search of his house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed a small automatic, Mr. McGee said.

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# BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT CAPTURED BY U. S. AGENTS

Justice Department An-  
nounces Arrest of Harry  
Sawyer in Mississippi.

TAKEN WHILE RIDING  
IN AUTO WITH WIFE

Had Key Role in St. Paul Abduc-  
tion and Is One of Five Mem-  
bers of Karpis Gang.

BY REX COLLIER.

The Department of Justice today crossed another "public enemy" off its wanted list with the arrest in Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, ex-convict, declared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be one of the ringleaders in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul last year.

Sawyer was captured by special agents of the bureau's New Orleans office as he rode in an automobile with his wife along the fashionable Gulf Coast water front. Taken entirely by surprise, he surrendered meekly and agreed to return to St. Paul for trial.

In Bremer Kidnaping.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, Sawyer had a "key" role in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and is one of the five members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang for whom the Government has been conducting a Nation-wide manhunt.

Fred Barker and his mother, member of the gang, recently were slain by agents in a gun battle near Miami. Eight others, including Arthur "Doc" Barker and John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, St. Paul politician, are on trial in St. Paul for the kidnaping.

Hoover said Sawyer had been traced to the Gulf resort recently and found to be operating a bar room and lottery in a disreputable section of the community. A deputy sheriff and State highway officer co-operated with the Federal agents.

Questioned on Kidnaping.

He was taken last night to New Orleans and questioned for hours about the kidnaping, which occurred January 17, 1934. Bremer was held prisoner for 21 days in a hideout only recently located by Justice agents. He was released after a bundle of \$200,000 in currency had been taken from a ditch in response to the ransom demand.

Sawyer was taken to the Mississippi State Penitentiary to his return to St. Paul. He has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

There are now only four other alleged members of the Karpis-Barker kidnap syndicate at large, Hoover said. They are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel several months ago when police tried to arrest them, and Volney Davis and Willie Weaver. All are wanted for conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker.

Karpis and Campbell fled from the Miami fortress in which Fred and "Ma" Barker died a few hours before the place was raided by Federal men. It is possible that Sawyer also had been at the Miami hideout.

In Pass Christian Sawyer was using the name "Wright." He had not attempted to disguise himself otherwise.

Long Criminal Record.

Sawyer has a long criminal record, dating back to 1914, when he pleaded guilty to robbing offices of the Standard Oil Co. at Lincoln, Nebr. He was paroled immediately under a 3-year-sentence. Subsequently he was convicted of grand larceny and has been arrested from time to time on charges ranging from robbery to bond jumping.

The bureau declares he fled from St. Paul about February 7, 1934, the date of Bremer's release by his captors. When arrested in Mississippi he was driving a car with a Nebraska tag.

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## Relates Tale Of Traveling With Gunmen

**Brunet Testifies She  
Visited St. Paul Few  
Weeks Before Bremer  
Crime.**

How leaders of the Karpis-Barker gang moved about in St. Paul with impunity a short time before the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was described in United States district court by a pretty, 21-year-old brunet, a former member of the gang, who appeared to testify against 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

The witness was Wynona Burdette, girl friend of the fugitive Harry Campbell. She was brought to the trial from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., where she is serving a term of up to five years for harboring Alvin Karpis and Campbell at the Florida hideout where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents.

### Is Ill At Ease.

Wearing an attractive blue-weaved dress, white hat, white shoes and white gloves, the pretty brunet mounted the stand after cross-examination of John L. Madala, 25-year-old federal agent who was recalled to tell of the statement given by James Wilson, one of the defendants, was completed.

Ill at ease and speaking in a voice barely audible to attorneys only a few feet away, Miss Burdette fingered a handkerchief nervously as she testified. Not once did she turn her eyes toward the defendants.

### Visited Underworld Boss.

She stared impassively at the floor and frequently the court reporter was called upon to read her answers when the attorneys did not catch them. She told a vivid story of the travels of the gang members, how they moved about St. Paul, how they paid a visit to Harry Sawyer, another fugitive and former underworld boss of the city.

With George Sullivan, United States district attorney, putting the questions, the witness testified she first came to the city in September of 1933 with Fred and Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. They went immediately to the apartment of William Weaver.

### Returned To St. Paul.

Soon after the arrival in the city, she testified, the gang left for Reno and there they met other members of the mob. Later all returned to St. Paul.

Members of the gang who returned to the city from Reno included Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, his girl friend; Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, a defendant; Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, girl friend of Alvin Karpis; Karpis, Doc Barker, and a fellow named George, identified as George Ziegler, alias George Goetz, killed in Chicago.

The very night they returned, Miss Burdette said, she, Harry, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon paid a 30-minute visit to the house of Harry Sawyer.

She traced various movements of the gang and told of seeing Volney Davis with a Chevrolet coupe the day Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Such a car was used in delivering the ransom money to the gang.

### Madala Resumes Stand.

J. L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the stand for redirect examination. George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, put the questions.

"You said you talked to Wilson at Spring Valley, Nov. 26, 1934?"

"I told him I had talked to Mr. Berg and L. (Berg) had given me a

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## Tells Gang Moves



Avoiding the eyes of her former friends, now on trial for the Bremer kidnaping, WYNONA BURDETTE, gangster "moll," today whispered a blasting story of their activities from the witness stand in federal district court.

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## Girl Says Gang Went About With Impunity

lot of information that he (Wilson) had not."

"Did you say anything Berg told you about McLaughlin?"

The defense objected to the question on the grounds the answer would be hearsay. Mr. Halsey explained he was not trying to connect McLaughlin and that the question was material in connection with the defendant Wilson. The objection then was overruled.

"I told Mr. Wilson that Mr. Berg had told me that Dr. Moran told him (Berg) that Wilson had given Dr. Moran the lead as to McLaughlin and Wilson admitted he did as he knew McLaughlin had been in the racket before. I asked Wilson if he had received a split of Dr. Moran's commission but Wilson said he did not receive a cent but Dr. Moran had promised he would send him to school as soon as the deal was completed."

"Did Wilson indicate to you that he was present when commissions were split?"

### Barker Was In Hotel

"Yes. He said he was in the hotel room on two or three occasions and saw Slim, Berg and Moran split the money. Wilson understood that Moran got 12 per cent commission. Moran got six to split three ways. McLaughlin got the other six. I told him Berg told me it was 12 1/2 per cent but Wilson said he understood it to be 12 per cent."

"Now with regard to Fred Barker and Karpis being in a hotel room at the Irving hotel. Did Wilson say he had anything to do with it?"

"He said when Barker and Karpis were in room 234, Irving hotel, he went in several times with medical supplies. The bell hop never was permitted to enter the room."

"At anytime before Nov. 26 did you make a trip with Wilson to Aurora, Ill.?"

"Sept. 27, 1934. He was to point out the two houses he visited with Slim Evans (Russell Gibson). He pointed out 'Bill's' home (William Weaver), 411 Claim st. It was a two-story, large frame house. He pointed out Curley's (Volney Davis') four address but wasn't sure at which one he lived. One of the addresses was 415 Fox st., also in Aurora."

### Federal Agents Slain

Thomas Newman started to cross-examine the witness.

The witness admitted under questioning that Wilson talked freely and did not appear to evade questions.

"You had a talk with Jimmie's mother before and told her that you owed Jimmie \$20 and that you were a patient of Dr. Moran's?"

"Yes. I was under cover at the time looking for Jimmie."

"Didn't you feel that you had a load on your mind what with all you knew of the case, all Berg had told you and all Jimmie told you? Didn't you feel it important to put it in writing?"

"I intended to go back and question him the next day."

"Why didn't you?"

"Hollis and Cowley (agents) were killed (by Baby Face Nelson) and I worked on that case for a month."

### Didn't Believe Him

"Why didn't you write down what he said at the time?"

"To be frank with you, I didn't believe him."

"You don't believe him now, do you?"

"No, I don't."

Eugene Matthews started to cross-examine the witness.

"Ollie (Berg) was just a guard, according to Jimmie? Is that right?"

"Yes. Jimmie called him a protector."

"How long after you saw Berg in Joliet did you see Jimmie?"

"I saw Berg Nov. 22 and Jimmie Nov. 26."

### Thought Berg Told Truth

Mr. Halsey resumed redirect examination.

"You say you saw Jimmy's mother?"

"Yes. I told her I was a friend of his and wanted to pay him \$25."

"Did she tell you where he was?"

"No, it didn't work."

"You say you don't believe Jimmy?"

"I believed Berg was telling me the truth but Jimmy wasn't."

The answer was stricken after a defense objection.

Mr. Newman again started cross-examination.

"I understood you were afraid Jimmy was going to rush away and that is why you didn't tell his mother who you were?"

"He wasn't home and he was supposed to report to us every week and he had failed then. I asked his mother where he was and she said he was out of town."

"Jimmie never tried to run away did he?"

"I don't know. I think he did."

"Now, let's see after he had made a statement and was released and he was in Denver, Colo., he called the agents there and told them he would either come over or to send a man over to the hotel?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he tell you this school arrangement was made long before the kidnaping?"

"That's right."

"He didn't say he expected the kidnap money?"

"No."

Mr. Halsey resumed redirect examination.

### Released By Purvis

"When did Purvis (Chicago chief agent) release Jimmy?"

"Sept. 7. He reported once. After that we had to find him. We finally located him Sept. 22 in Tabernack, Colo. He was brought back by an agent from Chicago and was released about a week later after he had made a statement."

More cross-examination by Mr. Newman followed.

"He told you he was going to Spring Valley from Chicago?"

"Yes."

"He did, didn't he?"

"I guess so."

"You found him there two months later?"

"Yes."

"By what authority did your office ask Jimmy to report? He was under arrest or subpoena?"

"I don't know what arrangements Jimmy had made with Mr. Hollis."

"He didn't have to report did he?"

"I told you I don't know what arrangements he had made."

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#### Aurora Man Testifies.

"He went to Colorado to get a job as a chemist, didn't he?"  
"I believe he did say something like that."

"Then why did you think it was suspicious that he should get a job in Colorado?"

"Because he was supposed to report in Chicago every week and he didn't."

This concluded examination of Mr. Madala and he was excused.

Frank J. Burkel, Aurora, Ill., who owns property at 415 Fox st. and 411 Claim st., was the next witness. He identified a picture of William Weaver as the man who lived at 50 S. 4th st., under the name of William Thornton from March 16 to March 30.

Later Weaver moved to 411 Claim st. and left there unexpectedly April 29. A defense objection prevented the witness telling what he found in the place after Weaver had departed. He also identified a picture of Volney Davis as the man who lived at 415 Fox st., under the name of Curley Hanson. He also left the residence April 29.

#### "Moll" Goes On Stand.

Burkel was excused without cross-examination.

Wynona Burdette, moll of Harry Campbell, was called to the stand. She was questioned by George Sullivan.

"In the latter part of 1933, were you in St. Paul?"

"Yes, with Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. We stopped at Bill Weaver's flat."

"What was the date you arrived in St. Paul?"

"Some time in September. We left here and went to Reno."

"When did you come back?"

"In November."

"Who was with you then?"

"Fred Barker, Poula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker."

"Where did you go?"

"Harry went to Weaver's flat."

"Did you visit Harry Sawyer?"

#### Identifies Picture.

"Harry, Fred, Poula and myself went out and stayed about 30 minutes. We stayed with Weaver two days and then went to the Capitol apartments with Harry Campbell."

She was shown government's exhibit No. 112 and was asked if she recognized it.

"That's George." (George Ziegler, or Goetz, killed in Chicago.)

"Who all did you go with in St. Paul?"

"Fred Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Delores Delaney and George."

#### Davis Lived Here.

"Volney Davis arrived in St. Paul in December shortly after you did?"

"Yes. He lived with Edna Murray at the Edgemoor apartments."

"Poula and Fred Barker came then too. Where did they live?"

"On Grand ave., 628 I think, at the Dale apartments."

"Bill Weaver, where did he live?"

"He lived with Myrtle Easton. I don't know where."

"And Doc Barker?"

"He was here for sometime but I don't know where."

"On Christmas, 1933 did you see any of your friends?"

"Edna Murray and Volney Davis at their home."

"New Year's day, where were you?"

"At the Davis and Murray apartment."

"Was anyone else there?"

"No."

"Jan. 13, 1934, what happened then? State how you recall it."

"It's my birthday and Poula and Freddie gave me a party. Doc Barker, George, Harry Campbell and I were there."

"In the evening?"

"Yes. I stayed there all night with Harry, Freddie and Poula."

"Did any one leave the apartment that day?"

"Freddie and Harry. They said they would see us in a couple of days. They left about 9 a. m."

"Where did you spend the night?"

"Checked Out At Midnight."

"With Poula at the Grand ave. apartment."

"When did you leave?"

"On the 15th I checked out of the Capitol and went back to Poula's."

"Why did you check out of the Capitol?"

"Poula told me to. I checked out about midnight of the 15th, driving Harry Campbell's car there alone."

"You returned to Poula's and stayed the rest of the night there?"

"Yes. I brought three grips of Harry's and my clothes back with me."

"What did you do?"

"I took a cab first from the Capitol, about a block and then waited till it was out of sight before going back to my car."

"When next did you see Freddie?"

"I saw him the day he left St. Paul on the 16th but I didn't see Harry again."

"Did he talk to you?"

"Yes. He asked me to bake a chicken and I said I would and did."

#### Started For Chicago.

"When Fred asked you to make the chicken where were you?"

"In the kitchen. I made the chicken."

"When did you next see Fred?"

"Later that day."

"What did Fred do when he came?"

"He took the chicken and went away."

"Going back to the time when Harry Campbell and Freddie left the apartment, was there anyone else with them?"

"No."

"After Fred got the chicken what did you do?"

"We stayed there."

"When did Fred come back?"

"About 10 or 11 a. m. Jan. 17."

"Did you talk with him?"

"He said we were moving to Chicago."

"This talk with Freddie was about noon?"

"Yes, he stayed long enough to drink a cup of coffee."

"Then what did you do?"

"Poula and I got our things ready and started for Chicago."

"Did you see Volney Davis Jan. 17?"

#### Met Edna Murray.

"Yes, at Poula's apartment."

"Did you have a talk with Volney?"

"No."

"What auto did you use when you left?"

"Chevrolet coupe in the afternoon of Jan. 17."

"What then?"

"We were to get in touch with Willie Harrison."

"Did you meet anyone on your way to Chicago?"

"We met Edna Murray and this fellow I knew as George."

"What did you talk about when you met them?"

"Nothing, we just took a drink to warm up."

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"When you got to Chicago, what did you do?"

"Paula and I checked in a hotel for overnight. The next day we telephoned Willie Harrison and we met him and went to Edna Murray's flat. We lived there until we left."

"Other than Edna Murray, what other friends did you see at her flat?"

"Volney Davis about a week after we got there. He stayed overnight only but I didn't hear any conversation. Harry Campbell was with him and left the next morning with Volney. He told me he would see me in a couple days. Fred Barker and George also paid for the apartment a few days after Harry and Volney left. They only stayed a few minutes."

"Did you see Doc Barker there?"

"Yes, about four days before we left. He came alone. I talked to him but we didn't say anything about business."

"Was there any other visitors?"

"I don't recall any others."

"How long did you and Paula stay there?"

**Went To Toledo.**

"I lived there until I went to Toledo about the middle of February. In February sometime anyhow."

"When did Paula leave?"

"She left about a week and a half before I did."

"And Edna Murray?"

"She stayed there."

"When did Harry rejoin you?"

"About three days before we went to Toledo. They (Volney and Harry) came back and stayed with Edna and I."

"Who did Paula leave with?"

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## TELLS OF VISITS BEFORE BREMER WAS KIDNAPED

Says Karpis, Barkers, Camp-  
bell and Davis Were Here  
Late in 1933.

### WOMEN ALSO IN PARTY

Wynona Burdette, on Stand in  
Trial, Says Group Called  
on Harry Sawyer.

A gangster's young sweetheart  
took the witness stand in Federal  
court here today and told how St.  
Paul was invaded  
by a small army  
of the country's  
toughest mobsters  
prior to the kid-  
naping of Edward  
G. Bremer.

The witness was  
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21-year-old native  
of Oklahoma, for-  
mer radio singer  
and sweetheart of  
Harry Campbell,  
one of the gang-  
sters now being  
sought for the  
Bremer abduction.

She also told of the gangster  
activities here—both social and  
otherwise—leading up to and fol-  
lowing the crime.

The "big shot" gangsters and their  
women she named as coming here  
the latter part of 1933 included  
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Edna (Rabbits) Murray, Paula Har-  
mon and Dolores Delaney. She said  
William Weaver, "another mob  
heavy," was here when they ar-  
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#### Five Are Fugitives

Of those she mentioned, Karpis, Campbell, Davis, Weaver and Sawyer still are fugitives; Fred Barker was slain later by Federal agents, and Paula Harmon, his sweetheart, is at liberty; Ziegler, said to be one of the killers in the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago, has been "rubbed out" by gangster guns; and Doc Barker and Mrs. Murray, the latter known as "the Kissing Bandit," are among ten defendants in the Bremer kidnaping trial, in which Miss Burdette testified.

The Burdette girl and Miss Delaney are serving sentences in Federal women's reformatories for harboring Campbell and Karpis in Florida, having been arrested when the gangsters shot their way from a Federal trap in January in Atlantic City.

Of dark complexion and with a dimple in her chin, Miss Burdette wore a green knitted dress and white felt hat, tipped to one side. Questioned by George A. Hickey, assistant United States District attorney, she spoke in tones so low they were scarcely heard by the spectators.

#### Tells of First Visit

After answering routine questions regarding her age and place of birth, the girl said she first came to St. Paul in September, 1933, with Campbell and the two Barkers and that they stayed at Weaver's apartment here, the address of which she did not know.

The party remained here a short time, she said, and then went to Reno, Nev., but returned to St. Paul the following November.

This was the gang "invasion" before the Bremer kidnaping, which was staged January 17, 1934. It was during the preceding November and December that the prosecution contends members of the Barker-Karpis mob gathered here and laid their plans.

On the return journey, the Burdette girl said, she rode in an automobile with Campbell, while Fred Barker and his sweetheart, Paula Harmon, to whom she referred merely as "Paula," rode in another. Other members of the invading party included Karpis, Davis, Doc Barker, the Delaney girl and Mrs.

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## Relates Tale Of Traveling With Gunmen

**Brunet Testifies She  
Visited St. Paul Few  
Weeks Before Bremer  
Crime.**

How leaders of the Karpis-Barker gang moved about in St. Paul with impunity a short time before the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was described in United States district court by a pretty, 21-year-old brunet, a former member of the gang, who appeared to testify against 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

The witness was Wynona Burdette, girl friend of the fugitive Harry Campbell. She was brought to the trial from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., where she is serving a term of up to five years for harboring Alvin Karpis and Campbell at the Florida hideout where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents.

### Is Ill At Ease?

Wearing an attractive blue-weaved dress, white hat, white shoes and white gloves, the pretty brunet mounted the stand after cross-examination of John L. Madala, 26-year-old federal agent who was recalled to tell of the statement given by James Wilson, one of the defendants, was completed.

Ill at ease and speaking in a voice barely audible to attorneys only a few feet away, Miss Burdette fingered a handkerchief nervously as she testified. Not once did she turn her eyes toward the defendants.

### Visited Underworld Boss.

She stared impassively at the floor and frequently the court reporter was called upon to read her answers when the attorneys did not catch them. She told a vivid story of the travels of the gang members, how they moved about St. Paul, how they paid a visit to Harry Sawyer, another fugitive and former underworld boss of the city.

With George Sullivan, United States district attorney, putting the questions, the witness testified she first came to the city in September of 1933 with Fred and Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. They went immediately to the apartment of William Weaver.

### Returned To St. Paul.

Soon after the arrival in the city, she testified, the gang left for Reno and there they met other members of the mob. Later all returned to St. Paul.

Members of the gang who returned to the city from Reno included Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, his girl friend; Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, a defendant; Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, girl friend of Alvin Karpis; Karpis, Doc Barker, and a fellow named George, identified as George Ziegler, alias George Goetz, killed in Chicago.

The very night they returned, Miss Burdette said, she, Harry, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon paid a 30-minute visit to the house of Harry Sawyer.

She traced various movements of the gang and told of seeing Volney Davis with a Chevrolet coupe the day Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Such a car was used in delivering the ransom money to the gang.

### Madala Resumes Stand.

J. L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the stand for redirect examination. George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney put the questions.

"You said you talked to Wilson at Spring Valley, Nov. 26, 1934?"

"I told him I had talked to Mr. Berg and he (Berg) had given me a

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## Tells Gang Moves



Avoiding the eyes of her former friends, now on trial for the Bremer kidnaping, WYNONA BURDETTE, gangster "moll," today whispered a blasting story of their activities from the witness stand in federal district court.

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## Girl Says Gang Went About With Impunity

lot of information that he (Wilson) had not."

"Did you say anything Berg told you about McLaughlin?"

The defense objected to the question on the grounds the answer would be hearsay. Mr. Heisey explained he was not trying to connect McLaughlin and that the question was material in connection with the defendant Wilson. The objection then was overruled.

"I told Mr. Wilson that Mr. Berg had told me that Dr. Moran told him (Berg) that Wilson had given Dr. Moran the lead as to McLaughlin and Wilson admitted he did as he knew McLaughlin had been in the racket before. I asked Wilson if he had received a split of Dr. Moran's commission but Wilson said he did not receive a cent but Dr. Moran had promised he would send him to school as soon as the deal was completed."

"Did Wilson indicate to you that he was present when commissions were split?"

### Barker Was In Hotel

"Yes. He said he was in the hotel room on two or three occasions and saw Slim, Berg and Moran split the money. Wilson understood that Moran got 12 per cent commission. Moran got six to split three ways. McLaughlin got the other six. I told him Berg told me it was 12 per cent but Wilson said he understood it to be 12 per cent."

"Now with regard to Fred Barker and Karpis being in a hotel room at the Irving hotel. Did Wilson say he had anything to do with it?"

"He said when Barker and Karpis were in room 234, Irving hotel, he went in several times with medical supplies. The bell hop never was permitted to enter the room."

"At anytime before Nov. 26 did you make a trip with Wilson to Aurora, Ill.?"

"Sept. 27, 1934. He was to point out the two houses he visited with Slim Evans (Russell Gibson). He pointed out 'Bill's' home (William Weaver), 411 Claim st. It was a two-story, large frame house. He pointed out Curley's (Volney Davis) four address but wasn't sure at which one he lived. One of the addresses was 415 Fox st., also in Aurora."

### Federal Agents Slain

Thomas Newman started to cross-examine the witness.

The witness admitted under questioning that Wilson talked freely and did not appear to evade questions.

"You had a talk with Jimmie's mother before and told her that you owed Jimmie \$20 and that you were a patient of Dr. Moran's?"

"Yes. I was under cover at the time looking for Jimmie."

"Didn't you feel that you had a load on your mind what with all you knew of the case, all Berg had told you and all Jimmie told you? Didn't you feel it important to put it in writing?"

"I intended to go back and question him the next day."

"Why didn't you?"

"Hollis and Cowley (agents) were killed (by Baby Face Nelson) and I worked on that case for a month."

### "Didn't Believe Him"

"Why didn't you write down what he said at the time?"

"To be frank with you, I didn't believe him."

"You don't believe him now, do you?"

"No, I don't."

Eugene Matthews started to cross-examine the witness.

"Ollie (Berg) was just a guard, according to Jimmie? Is that right?"

"Yes. Jimmie called him a protector."

"How long after you saw Berg in Joliet did you see Jimmie?"

"I saw Berg Nov. 22 and Jimmie Nov. 26."

### Thought Berg Told Truth

Mr. Heisey resumed redirect examination.

"You say you saw Jimmy's mother?"

"Yes. I told her I was a friend of his and wanted to pay him \$25."

"Did she tell you where he was?"

"No, it didn't work."

"You say you don't believe Jimmie?"

"I believed Berg was telling me the truth but Jimmie wasn't."

The answer was stricken after a defense objection.

Mr. Newman again started cross-examination.

"I understood you were afraid Jimmy was going to rush away and that is why you didn't tell his mother who you were?"

"He wasn't home and he was supposed to report to us every week and he had failed then. I asked his mother where he was and she said he was out of town."

"Jimmie never tried to run away did he?"

"I don't know. I think he did."

"Now, let's see after he had made a statement and was released and he was in Denver, Colo., he called the agents there and told them he would either come over or to send a man over to the hotel?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he tell you this school arrangement was made long before the kidnaping?"

"That's right."

"He didn't say he expected the kidnap money?"

"No."

Mr. Heisey resumed redirect examination.

### Released By Purvis

"When did Purvis (Chicago chief agent) release Jimmie?"

"Sept. 7. He reported once. After that we had to find him. We finally located him Sept. 22 in Tabernack, Colo. He was brought back by an agent from Chicago and was released about a week later after he had made a statement."

More cross-examination by Mr. Newman followed.

"He told you he was going to Spring Valley from Chicago?"

"Yes."

"He did, didn't he?"

"I guess so."

"You found him there two months later?"

"Yes."

"By what authority did your office ask Jimmie to report? He was under arrest or subpoena?"

"I don't know what arrangements Jimmie had made with Mr. Hollis."

"He didn't have to report did he?"

"I told you I don't know what arrangements he had made."

### Aurora Man Testifies

"He went to Colorado to get a job as a chemist, didn't he?"

"I believe he did say something like that."

"Then why did you think it was suspicious that he should get a job in Colorado?"

"Because he was supposed to report in Chicago every week and he didn't."

This concluded examination of Mr. Madala and he was excused.

Frank J. Burk, Aurora, Ill., who owns property at 415 Fox st. and 411 Claim st., was the next witness. He identified a picture of William Weaver as the man who lived at 80 S. 4th st., under the name of William Thornton from March 16 to March 20.

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Later Weaver moved to 411 Claim st. and left there unexpectedly April 29. A defense objection prevented the witness telling what he found in the place after Weaver had departed. He also identified a picture of Volney Davis as the man who lived at 415 Fox st., under the name of Curley Hanson. He also left the residence April 29.

#### "Moll" Goes On Stand.

Burkel was excused without cross-examination.

Wynona Burdette, moll of Harry Campbell, was called to the stand. She was questioned by George Sullivan.

"In the latter part of 1933, were you in St. Paul?"

"Yes, with Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. We stopped at Bill Weaver's flat."

"What was the date you arrived in St. Paul?"

"Some time in September. We left here and went to Reno."

"When did you come back?"

"In November."

"Who was with you then?"

"Fred Barker, Poula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker."

"Where did you go?"

"Harry went to Weaver's flat."

"Did you visit Harry Sawyer?"

#### Identifies Picture.

"Harry, Fred, Poula and myself went out and stayed about 30 minutes. We stayed with Weaver two days and then went to the Capitol apartments with Harry Campbell."

She was shown government's exhibit No. 112 and was asked if she recognized it.

"That's George." (George Ziegler, or Goetz, killed in Chicago.)

"Who all did you go with in St. Paul?"

"Fred Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Delores Delaney and George."

#### Davis Lived Here.

"Volney Davis arrived in St. Paul in December shortly after you did?"

"Yes. He lived with Edna Murray at the Edgecumbe apartments."

"Poula and Fred Barker came then too. Where did they live?"

"On Grand ave., 628 I think, at the Dale apartments."

"Bill Weaver, where did he live?"

"He lived with Myrtle Eaton. I don't know where."

"And Doc Barker?"

"He was here for sometime but I don't know where."

"On Christmas, 1933 did you see any of your friends?"

"Edna Murray and Volney Davis at their home."

"New Year's day, where were you?"

"At the Davis and Murray apartment."

"Was anyone else there?"

"No."

"Jan. 13, 1934, what happened then? State how you recall it."

"It's my birthday and Poula and Freddie gave me a party. Doc Barker, George, Harry Campbell and I were there."

"In the evening?"

"Yes. I stayed there all night with Harry, Freddie and Poula."

"Did any one leave the apartment that day?"

"Freddie and Harry. They said they would see us in a couple of days. They left about 9 a. m."

"Where did you spend the night?"

Checked Out At Midnight.

"With Poula at the Grand ave. apartment."

"When did you leave?"

"On the 15th I checked out of the Capitol and went back to Poula's."

"Why did you check out at the Capitol?"

"Poula told me to. I checked out about midnight of the 15th, driving Harry Campbell's car there alone."

"You returned to Poula's and stayed the rest of the night there?"

"Yes. I brought three grips of Harry's and my clothes back with me."

"What did you do?"

"I took a cab first from the Capitol for about a block and then waited till it was out of sight before going back to my car."

"When next did you see Freddie?"

"I saw him the day he left St. Paul on the 16th but I didn't see Harry again."

"Did he talk to you?"

"Yes. He asked me to bake a chicken and I said I would and did."

#### Started For Chicago.

"When Fred asked you to make the chicken where were you?"

"In the kitchen. I made the chicken."

"When did you next see Fred?"

"Later that day."

"What did Fred do when he came?"

"He took the chicken and went away."

"Going back to the time when Harry Campbell and Freddie left the apartment, was there anyone else with them?"

"No."

"After Fred got the chicken what did you do?"

"We stayed there."

"When did Fred come back?"

"About 10 or 11 a. m. Jan. 17."

"Did you talk with him?"

"He said we were moving to Chicago."

"This talk with Freddie was about noon?"

"Yes, he stayed long enough to drink a cup of coffee."

"Then what did you do?"

"Poula and I got our things ready and started for Chicago."

"Did you see Volney Davis Jan. 17?"

#### Met Edna Murray.

"Yes, at Poula's apartment."

"Did you have a talk with Volney?"

"No."

"What auto did you use when you left?"

"Chevrolet coupe in the afternoon of Jan. 17."

"What then?"

"We were told to get in touch with Willie Harrison."

"Did you meet anyone on your way to Chicago?"

"We met Edna Murray and this fellow I knew as George."

"What did you talk about when you met them?"

"Nothing, we just took a drink to warm up."

"When you got to Chicago, what did you do?"

"Poula and I checked in a hotel for overnight. The next day we telephoned Willie Harrison and we met him and went to Edna Murray's flat. We lived there until we left."

"Other than Edna Murray, what other friends did you see at her flat?"

"Volney Davis about a week after we got there. He stayed overnight only but I didn't hear any conversation. Harry Campbell was with him and left the next morning with Volney. He told me he would see me in a couple days. Fred Barker and George also paid for the apartment a few days after Harry and Volney left. They only stayed a few minutes."

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"Did you see Doc Barker there?"  
"Yes, about four days before we left. He came alone. I talked to him but we didn't say anything about business."  
"Was there any other visitors?"  
"I don't recall any others."  
"How long did you and Paula stay there?"

#### Went To Toledo.

"I lived there until I went to Toledo about the middle of February. In February sometime anyhow."  
"When did Paula leave?"  
"She left about a week and a half before I did."  
"And Edna Murray?"  
"She stayed there."  
"When did Harry rejoin you?"  
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