

Flights of members of the Karpis-Barker gang as they sought to escape department of justice agents after the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping were described in United States district court late today.

The witness was pretty Wynona Burdette, former member of the gang as the sweetheart of Harry Campbell who was brought from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., to testify for the government at the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates for conspiracy to kidnap.

In a voice barely audible the 21-year-old beauty told how the gang fled from Chicago to Toledo, from there to a lake near Sandusky, O., and thence to Cleveland where members of the mob including Harry Sawyer barely escaped capture.

Several women members of the gang were jailed.

Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and her father H. A. Esswein were in court after the noon recess. They listened intently to the testimony of the mild-mannered brunet who is serving a five-year term in the Milan institution for harboring Campbell and Karpis in Florida.

Miss Burdette identified pictures of members of the gang and then was excused after the defense, much to the surprise of courtroom observers, said there would be no cross-examination.

An argument over a statement said to have been made by Harold Alderton concerning the time Mr. Bremer was held captive then followed with attorneys and Judge M. M. Joyce in conference.

The conference followed calling of William C. Ryan, federal agent, who was ready to testify concerning a statement he had with Alderton Jan. 18, 1935 at Chicago.

**Hands Bandaged Three Months.**

Wynona Burdette resumed the stand as the afternoon session opened. She was being questioned by George Sullivan, United States district attorney.

"Can you tell us just when Jimmy came to Toledo?"

"Latter part of May."

"Did he remain in your house?"

"Yes. He stayed there until July."

"What was he doing there?"

"I don't know."

"Was the man you know as a doctor there?"

"Yes, he took care of them. He was staying at Freddie's (Barkers)."

"How long were their hands bandaged?"

"Until June."

"What did Jimmie do?"

"He helped me in the kitchen and other housework."

"After the bandages were removed from Doc Barker what did he do?"

**Moved To Lake.**

"I don't think he did anything."

"Did you move?"

"Yes, to a lake in July."

"You and Harry Campbell?"

"Yes."

"Who lived there with you?"

"Doc Barker."

"Any others around there?"

"Freddie, Paula, Weaver and Harrison, Edna, Volney and Myrtle."

"How long did you live at the lake?"

"Until the middle of August."

"What name was Harry Campbell using at the time?"

"I don't remember."

**Picked Up By U. S. C.**

"Where did you live?"

"In an apartment. We used the name of Wolcott, Harry and I. We stayed there until September. Doc Barker stayed with us the entire time."

"Where did you go next?"

"Well, I was picked up by the government then."

"Did you see Freddie Barker there then prior to your arrest?"

"Yes. He lived in Cleveland, too. I saw him almost every day. I saw Freddie Barker every day and Doc Barker every day."

"Did you see Volney Davis, Jimmie Wilson, Weaver when you were in Cleveland?"

"No."

"Did Doc Barker use any other names?"

"I never did know what names he used."

"Did you see Alvin Karpis in Cleveland?"

"Once. About a week before I was picked up. I saw him once before when we were out at the lake near Sandusky, O."

**Points Out Wilson.**

"Did you see Harry Sawyer?"

"No. I don't remember when but

I think it was two weeks before I was picked up."

"Do you know his wife?"

"Yes. Her name is Gladys. She was with him in Cleveland."

A picture of Bill Weaver was then shown to her and identified. She in turn identified pictures of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer and Harry Campbell.

"Do you see the Jimmie about whom you have testified?"

"Yes" (pointing to Wilson).

"And Doc Barker about whom you have testified. Do you see him?"

"Yes" (pointing him out).

She then identified Berg.

There was no cross-examination.

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**Names Kidnap Gang**



Pretty Winona Burdette, now a convict but formerly a radio singer, yesterday linked the entire notorious Karpis-Barker kidnap gang with the abduction of Edward G. Bremer last year. Miss Burdette was testifying at a trial of ten alleged kidnap conspirators in St. Paul, Minn.

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## GIRL BARES KARPIS LINK

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# FEDERAL AGENT'S DRAMATIC STORY UNSHAKEN

*Gives Vivid Tale*



Handsome, youthful JOHN L. MADALA, 25-year-old government sleuth, gave the most sensational testimony heard at the trial in United States district court of 10 persons, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer when he vividly narrated the confession of operations of the Karpis-Barker gang said to have been given to him orally by Oliver Berg, one of the defendants.

## Little Effort By Defense To Hit Story

Star Government Witness Excused After Brief Cross Questioning In Bremer Trial.

His amazing story of the ramifications of the Karpis-Barker gang unshaken, John L. Madala, 25-year-old federal agent, left the witness stand at the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after a very brief cross-examination today.

Courtroom observers had expected defense attorneys to fire hundreds of questions at the youthful agent in an effort to break down his sensational story linking Arthur (Doc) Barker and other "big shots" of the Karpis-Barker gang with the Bremer case.

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Madala based his narration on a confession said to have been given to him at the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet by Oliver Berg, one of the 10 or trial. It linked Doc Barker with efforts to exchange ransom money paid for the release of Mr. Bremer.

#### Move Not Explained.

Defense attorneys gave no explanation of their failure to cross-examine the witness at length. Madala was followed on the witness stand today by Murray Falkner, another agent, who previously had been on the stand. He related a conversation he had with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin in the Cook county jail, Chicago, April 29 in which the Chicago political boss is said to have admitted exchange of \$50,000 of the ransom money.

#### Madala Back On Stand.

John L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the witness stand and Eugene Matthews, defense attorney, immediately resumed his cross-examination.

The government sleuth admitted he had presented Oliver Berg with a transcript of a talk the two had concerning the Bremer case but denied that he had told the defendant he would go free if he signed it and remain in prison if he didn't.

Mr. Matthews then started to question the youthful federal agent about the story he told on direct examination and after several questions the attorney halted and with George Helsey, assistant United States attorney and the court reporter, went into conference with Judge M. M. Joyce.

#### Agent Made Notes.

After the conference ended, Robert Rensch started to cross-examine the witness but immediately turned him over to Thomas McMeekin.

Replying to questions the witness admitted he was somewhat surprised that Berg talked with him

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about the Bremer case and so made notes of the conversation. He said the notes were destroyed after they had been transcribed into a statement.

The witness said that Berg mentioned room 211 in the Irving hotel frequently but that he, Madala, never checked at the hotel to learn who did occupy the room. He admitted he had no definite knowledge of the occupant. He said the typewritten report of the conversation was not a verbatim report but a resume of the talk.

Mr. Matthews then asked the witness how many times he visited the Joliet penitentiary, where Berg was, in November, 1934 and the witness said twice. John DeCourcy, another member of the defense staff, had no questions and Mr. Helsey started his redirect examination of the witness.

#### Eyes Looked Same.

"You recall when you looked into Doc Barker's eyes yesterday?"

"Yes, they were brown."

"I mean how they looked. Do they look the same in the picture (Government's exhibit 109) as they do now?"

"Yes."

The witness was excused and Murray C. Falkner, special agent, was called to the stand. He was questioned about a talk he had with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin in the Cook county jail, Chicago, April 29, 1934.

"What did you do?"

#### Claimed Son Innocent.

"I asked him if he had any statement to make in regard to his son. Boss said his son was entirely innocent and knew nothing about the nature of the money."

"What was said about Vidler and Delaney?"

"He said they were with him on the deal."

"Was anything said about the money?"

"Boss said he had handled about \$50,000."

"Was anything said about the Irving hotel?"

"McLaughlin just said it was some hotel on Cicero and Irving Park blvd. He described Slim and Izzy, the two men from whom he got the money."

#### Thought It Ransom Cash.

"What else did he say?"

"He was of the opinion that it was either Hamm or Bremer ransom money."

"Did you ask him where the money came from?"

"He said it came from Slim and

Izzy but he thought it came from some organized job."

"Did he mention any amount of money?"

"He said these men said there was \$100,000 on hand to be changed quickly and there was \$200,000 waiting to be exchanged. He believed that part of the Hamm money and the remaining \$200,000 included Hamm and Bremer money."

Under cross-examination of Mr. Rensch, Mr. Falkner said he did not make notes of his conversation.

"Who was first to mention Hamm or Bremer?"

"Mr. McLaughlin."

"Tell us how?"

#### Made Affirmative Answer.

"He said he questioned Slim and Izzy asking them if it was Hamm money and one of them made an affirmative answer."

"Did you ask him what made him think this gang was from Toledo?"

"He said he gained that impression from the talk between Slim and Izzy."

"You say, you didn't make notes at the jail?"

"No, because I knew of statements he had made to Agent Brown the day before."

"Then Brown had already told you what Boss McLaughlin had said on April 28?"

"Yes."

"Then you thought you could refresh your memory of what Boss

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# Girl Singer Set to Bare Karpis Link

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# 'INSIDE' STORY TOLD AGAIN AT BREMER TRIAL

St. Paul, April 30 (AP).—The "inside" story of a nine-hour interview he had with Oliver Berg, one of 10 defendants charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was continued on the witness stand today by a federal agent.

On the witness stand late Monday John L. Madala, department of justice agent, quoted Berg as telling him that he was one of the guards of the \$200,000 kidnap ransom and received \$940 for his work.

Madala, who interviewed Berg when he was serving a life term in the Illinois state prison at Joliet, said he talked to him for four and one-half hours on Nov. 22, last, and for a similar period the following day.

## ACCUSE M'LAUGHLIN

Through Madala's testimony the government intends to show, George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, said that Arthur (Doc) Barker, reputed co-leader of the Barker-Karpis mob, hired Berg and Russell (Slim) Gibson, slain last January by federal agents, to guard Dr. Joseph P. Moran and the ransom money.

The prosecution further charges that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin exchanged the money through the agency of William Vidler, "bookie," and Philip Delaney, Chicago bartender.

A written confession of Vidler, detailing how he exchanged \$29,000 of the ransom at various Chicago banks during a four-day period last April, with McLaughlin and Delaney accompanying him, was introduced in evidence yesterday.

## 1 PER CENT SPLIT

Vidler, in his statement, claimed he received 1 per cent commission of the money he "peddled." When he was arrested he had \$3,000 in his possession, \$2,625 of which has been introduced in court as ransom money.

The government charges that Dr. Moran, who is a fugitive and charged with conspiracy in the case, and McLaughlin maintained quarters in a Chicago hotel for distribution of the ransom money.

Two witnesses in court yesterday pointed out James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Moran, and McLaughlin and Berg as frequent visitors to Moran's room.

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## 'Bookie's' Story of Bremer Cash

### Statement Admits Handling Ransom Money

ST. PAUL, April 29.—(AP)—The government today presented the statement of a Chicago "bookie," William Vidler, that he exchanged \$25,000 of 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 actual abductors.

The "bookie's" statement charged John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin had given him the money and said he received \$300 for changing the money at banks shortly after the Bremer kidnaping.

Vidler said he began "passing" the money on April 29, 1934, when he went to the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company and exchanged \$2,500; First National Bank, \$2,000; City National Bank, \$500; Builders National Bank, \$500; another unnamed bank, \$500.

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## Confession Lists 7 in Bremer Crime

*By the Associated Press.*

St. Paul, May 2.—A statement by a confessed associate, introduced by the Government today in the trial of Edward G. Bremer's alleged kidnapers, named Arthur (Doc) Barker and fugitive Alvin Karpis as two of the actual abductors.

The 17-word confession by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville (Ill.) home, the banker was held by the gang for 21 days, was read to the jury by Federal District Attorney George Sullivan.

It linked with the crime in addition to Barker, a defendant, and Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, Byron Bolton who pleaded guilty when the trial opened April 15; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, a defendant; William Weaver and Harry Campbell, both at large, and Fred Goetz, alias George Bremer, killed by gangsters in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping.

# 3D CONFESSION IS INTRODUCED IN BREMER TRIAL

## Defense Trains Guns on Agent's Story.

St. Paul, Minn., April 29.—[Special.]—A third confession implicating defendants in the handling of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was introduced by the government today as the trial of the ten entered its third week. All face possible life sentences.

The confession placed in evidence today was a signed statement from William Vidler, Chicago gambler, that he handled \$30,000 of the ransom money at a commission of \$300. The statement named John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and Philip Delaney, both of Chicago, as men with whom Vidler worked in disposing of the money.

Earlier in the day several hours of defense cross-examination had failed to shake a government witness' story of how a confession had been obtained from McLaughlin.

### U. S. Agent Tells Story.

Vidler's confession was introduced through the testimony of L. D. Nichols, department of justice operative. He said that it had been given to him and Herman E. Hollis, an agent who later was slain in a fight with "Baby Face" Nelson, soon after Vidler's arrest, nearly a year ago.

McLaughlin, the Vidler statement said, did not tell Vidler the source of the money beyond explaining that it was "good money," although "hot." "The arrangement was that I was to receive a 1 per cent commission on the money changed," Vidler was quoted as saying.

Vidler also was quoted as saying that the first he knew that the money was part of the Bremer ransom was when Melvin Purvis, department of justice chief in Chicago, told him. Vidler had about \$3,000 in his possession when arrested.

### Maid Identifies Three.

A former maid at the Irving Hotel, Mrs. Alvina Richman, 4041 Sheridan road, Chicago, late in the day identified McLaughlin, Oliver Berg, and James J. Wilson as three men she saw with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and "Slim" Gibson, now dead, in a room of the hotel in the middle of April, 1934.

She stepped from the stand to point out the three among the defendants.

The prosecution alleges that McLaughlin, Berg, and Gibson received the Bremer money from Moran and peddled it through Vidler and Delaney. Moran, under indictment in the case here, is now a fugitive.

Introduction of his confession followed the attempts of defense attorneys to break down testimony of Ralph D. Brown, 31 year, old special agent, who last Friday began his story of how he had taken McLaughlin's confession.

As court resumed today Brown was questioned in detail regarding the conversations with McLaughlin in Cook county jail April 27, 1934. During his testimony Friday Brown testified McLaughlin made a reference to money paid for release of St. Paul kidnaping victim, William Hamm, wealthy brewer.

"Who first mentioned the Hamm money, you or McLaughlin?" Brown was asked. He replied that it was McLaughlin.

"Isn't it entirely possible you were the first one to mention the name Hamm?"

"No, the name of Hamm," Brown as-

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serted. He probably mentioned the Bremer case but on the Hamm case.

### Came After Confession.

Brown's conversation occurred, he testified, after the department of justice had obtained a written statement from Philip Delaney asserting that Delaney, McLaughlin and Vidler had exchanged thousands of dollars of the Bremer ransom.

In cross examination Robert V. Renach, attorney for McLaughlin, unsuccessfully tried to bring out that McLaughlin did not know he was handling Bremer money.

Brown, who secured both the Delaney and McLaughlin confessions, continually wore the smile that has been on his face since he first took the stand and did not lose it even when defense attorneys attempted to confuse him by a double crossfire of questions.

Brown is said to have led the federal agents who shot it out with Kate [Ma] Barker and her son, Fred, at the Florida hideout where the two were slain.

### Defendants on Edge.

McLaughlin and the other defendants, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, sat on the edges of their chairs as the attempts to shake the young agent's testimony were made.

For Judge M. M. Joyce the eleventh day of the trial over which he is presiding had another significance. It was his fifty-eighth birthday, but activity of the trial left him little chance for celebrating. Joyce was born in Emmetsburg, Ia., and began the practice of law there, coming to Minnesota later. He has been on the federal bench since 1922.

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# Got Part Of 'Cool' Cash, Sleuth Says Berg Told Him

Arthur (Doc) Barker received a part of the money exchanged for Edward G. Bremer ransom money, John L. Madala, federal agent, testified at the trial in United States district court late today at the trial of Barker and nine others on kidnap conspiracy charges.

The testimony was given by Madala as he continued his narration of the confession said to have been given to him by Oliver Berg, another of the defendants on trial.

Quoting Berg, Madala told the jury trying the 10 persons that Doc Barker and Volney Davis, a fugitive in the case, appeared in a room at the Irving hotel, Chicago, where the gang maintained headquarters while the ransom money was being exchanged and Barker asked if there had been any trouble exchanging the money.

Upon receiving a negative answer, Berg, according to the witness, quoted Barker as remarking, "Good, there's a lot more."

## Identifies Davis' Picture

Agent Madala returned to the witness stand as court resumed at 2 p. m. today. He was shown two photographs of Volney Davis by George Helsey, assistant United States attorney, and identified them as the ones he used when questioning Berg as to the identity of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang. The photographs were accepted in evidence over defense objections after Madala had testified that Berg had identified Davis as "Curley."

The agent testified that Berg told him that after the first ransom money was passed, Doc Barker and Davis appeared at room 210 of the Irving hotel and got the good money. Doc Barker, he said, asked if there had been any trouble changing the money. Upon receiving a negative answer, Madala quoted Berg as saying that Barker remarked, "Good, there's a lot more."

"What happened then?" The agent answered continuing the narration of the story told him by Berg.

"The next day Boss McLaughlin came back with \$9,350 in good money. Of this Slim kept \$300, gave Berg \$200 and gave Moran \$250. Boss, according to Berg, then left the hotel, leaving Slim and Berg. This meeting was in room 211."

"Did McLaughlin take any money with him?"

"Yes, Slim had brought in a package from room 210. This was a package of hot money and Slim gave it to McLaughlin after getting back the good money."

## Held Secret Conference

"Slim told him and Dr. Moran that Shorty and Curley were coming up."

A defense objection to mention by the witness of Curley as Volney Davis was sustained.

"Then what?"

"About 10 minutes after the call Shorty and Curley came up to room 210 and Slim handed Shorty a package containing \$8,750. After getting the package Shorty, Slim and Curley went into room 211 for a secret conference. Later they returned to 210 and Shorty said from now on Slim will handle the transactions."

"Did Berg say whether any conversation took place?"

"Berg said that Shorty told him that he was to retain his post as guard and the commissions would be the same. Shorty gave no explanation for the change. After Shorty left, Slim explained the reason for the change was that Curley and Shorty did not want to come to the hotel and Slim was to deliver the money to them from the hideout."

"What happened the next day?"

"He said that about 10 a. m. the phone rang again. Berg and Slim were in the room. Berg answered the phone and it was Boss on the

other end. Boss said he would be up in a few minutes. Boss came in and took a bundle out of his pocket and again there was \$9,350. Boss told Slim he wanted \$15,000 by 6 p. m. that day."

## Moran Joined Parley

"Berg said Slim told the Boss the \$15,000 he requested would be delivered at the Boss' home that evening. Boss left, Slim called Moran at his office and Moran came over. Slim asked Moran if Jimmie Wilson could have the afternoon off as he wanted Jimmie to drive him to the home of Shorty and Curley because Jimmie had been there before and knew the way. He was to pick up the \$15,000 wanted by the Boss at Shorty and Curley's hideout."

John DeCourcy, defense attorney, broke in to ask if any dates were mentioned during the interview with Berg and the agent replied in the negative.

"What happened the next day?"

Mr. Helsey asked continuing the examination.

"The next day Boss brought in the \$15,000 minus his commission of 6 1/2 per cent. Boss then made arrangements to call in the afternoon for more hot money. Slim counted the good money brought in by Boss, gave \$300 to Berg, \$225 to Dr. Moran and kept \$300. Jimmie was present in the room when Boss brought in the money. Jimmie began arguing that he wanted his share as he was taking a big risk in driving Slim around with the hot money. Berg said Jimmie also said he gave Dr. Moran the tip about Boss being a good man to change the money. Berg and Slim didn't want to cut with Jimmie as they felt that as long as Jimmie worked for Dr. Moran, Moran should pay him."

## Offered To Change \$12,000

The next day the phone rang again and Boss entered room 211. This time Boss said all he could exchange was \$12,000. Boss also said that his chauffeur had a friend in Louisville and if it is okay with them he would get the \$3,000 cash."

Berg was opposed to it because he thought it was against the law to take hot money out of the state. The crowd laughed in the courtroom.

Slim and Doc Moran were for Boss' plan so Boss was given permission to take the money to Louisville. After Boss left the money was counted (good money). They split the commission. Mr. Berg got \$240 and Slim \$240, Doctor Moran getting the balance of the \$1-4 percent. The rest of the money was taken by Slim and Wilson, driving west from the hotel. Two days later McLaughlin came back to the hotel very much excited.

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# UNDERWORLD DYNASTY RULED BY MACHINE GUNS DESCRIBED TO AWED JURORS, SPECTATORS

## Federal Agent Tells Inside Story Of Harboring Notorious Gangsters In Chicago.

Rivaling the gangland fiction of Charles Francis Coe, the amazing story of an underworld dynasty ruled by machine guns—where desperate gunmen sought to have others shoot them to end the pain of fingerprint “erasing” and where the elite group numbered such characters as “Pretty Boy” Floyd, Johnny Lazia, Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers—was related from the witness stand in federal court today, where 10 mobsters are on trial for the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy.

### Berg Shouts “Liar.”

Holding jurors, spectators and even the defendants in a grip of awed interest, John L. Medala, federal agent, told the “inside story” of the harboring and shielding of notorious gangsters in Chicago while they were “cooling off” after the kidnaping and ransoming of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and attempting to dispose of the \$200,000 ransom they had collected.

He was quoting Oliver A. Berg, one of the defendants—and Berg, half rising from his chair in the courtroom, called out:

“You’re a liar!”

The interruption of the gangster, brought to St. Paul from Joliet state penitentiary in Illinois to stand trial, left the agent unmoved and he continued with his dramatic exposition—the most damning evidence yet offered by the federal government.

Fred Barker, since slain by “G-men” in Florida, and Alvin Karpis, now a fugitive in the Bremer case, had the fingerprints mutilated by the fugitive Chicago doctor, J. P. Moran, in an effort to avoid identification, Agent Medala said Berg told him—and Barker, screaming in an agony of pain, begged Berg to “shoot me, I can’t stand the pain!”

### Calls Berg Profane.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, now on trial, offered Berg 12 1-2 per cent to exchange “hot” ransom money for “cool dough,” Agent Medala said—and the deal was turned down because Berg learned from a friend, whom Barker had just met, that the latter had said the money was Bremer ransom money.

The testimony established a definite link between the mobsters the government contends “pulled the job”—“Doc” Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell—and the “money changers”: Dr. Moran, Berg, Russell Gibson, Jimmy Wilson, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

Despite defense objections Trial Judge M. M. Joyce permitted the witness to relate the story just as Berg told it to him in the Illinois prison in November of last year.

“Give your testimony using the words used by Berg,” Judge Joyce ordered.

“I can’t do that,” Medala replied. “Berg is very profane and talks in broken English.”

Among those who listened to the revelations today was Vinita Stacey, sister of Edna Murray, Kansas City’s “kissing bandit,” one of the defendants. She engaged in a spirited conversation with her “boy friend,” Jess Doyle, one of the defendants, during a recess.

### Hurt In Still Blast.

Medala resumed the stand as court opened at 10 a. m.

He testified that Oliver Berg (one

of the defendants) had told him that Russell (Slim) Gibson, since slain by “G-men,” had stayed at his home in Chicago and that Dr. J. P. Moran, now a fugitive in the Bremer case, had visited there several times to treat Gibson for some disease.

“When was Gibson treated by Dr. Moran?” asked George Heisey, assistant district attorney.

“Berg said Gibson was treated from December, 1933, until April, 1934,” Agent Medala replied.

“Berg said that Dr. Moran called his home at 5248 N. Winthrop ave., in March, 1934, and asked for room for two men who were being treated for sore hands, saying they had been hurt in a still explosion. Berg said he told Dr. Moran to send them over, and that evening Jimmy Wilson (on trial) carrying two large suitcases, arrived with two men. They were introduced as “Shorty” and “Slim.”

“I showed photographs to Berg and he selected the pictures of Alvin Karpis (fugitive) and Fred Barker (sail by federal agents), and identified them as “Slim” and “Shorty.”

“In reference to the time Wilson brought the men to Berg’s home, did Berg say anything as to the conduct of these two men, Fred Barker and Karpis?” asked Mr. Heisey.

“He noticed the men remained quiet and kept their hands in their topcoat pockets.”

“Then what did Mr. Berg say?”

### Operated On In Hotel.

“He said he showed Shorty and Slim up to their room on the second floor. The next morning a man known to him as William Doney came to him and said he was hired as a nurse to take care of the two men.

“Berg said he was told a few days later to go up to the room. Shorty was in great agony and wanted to jump out of the window. Shorty wanted Berg to shoot him as he couldn’t stand the pain any longer.

“Berg then found out that Moran had operated on their finger tips and Berg was sore because Moran had lied to him. He called Moran on it. Moran came to Berg’s house and said that the men were strangers to him.

“The operation was performed in room 234, Irving hotel, Chicago. They remained in the hotel room 10 days before going to Berg’s home.”

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**Offered "Easy Dough."**  
The agent testified that while the two men were at the hotel the maid happened to go in the room and Shorty and Slim feared they had been recognized. They then asked Dr. Moran to hide them some place else—the Berg home, where they stayed for a week or ten days.  
"Fred Barker told Berg that he was a good fellow and so he was going to give him a chance to make

some easy dough," the agent testified. "He said he would fix it up for Berg with his brother."  
"His brother (Arthur, on trial) went to Berg's home the next day, which was about six days after "Shorty" and "Slim" first went there, along with Dr. Moran."  
Agent Medala identified a picture of Arthur (Doc) Barker as the duplicate of one he had shown Berg, and said that Berg had told him that was the man he met as "Shorty." (Both Arthur and Fred Barker now have been named by Berg as "Shorty," according to Agent Medala.)  
"What did Doc Barker do when he visited Shorty and Slim at Berg's home?"  
"Doc told Berg he had talked with Freddie and said he was going to fix it up for Berg to get some easy money. Doc said they had a lot of 'hot' money and were willing to pay 12 1-2 per cent to change it."  
"Doc said it wasn't counterfeit but that it was real 'hot.'"  
"Berg said that he thought it part of a bank holdup."  
"Doc said it was in \$5 and \$10 bills."  
"Berg didn't take the offer, but said he would see him the next day. A man knocked at the door then, and said his name was Slim."  
"Barker got excited and reached for his gun, but Berg calmed him down. Berg then called Slim Evans in and introduced Barker. Slim and Doc Barker discovered they had mutual friends, including Pretty Boy Floyd and John Lutz in Kansas City."  
"Berg left Slim Evans with Barker, but later Slim told Berg to stay away from the money because it was Bremer ransom money."

**Photo Identified.**  
The agent identified a photograph of Russell (Slim) Gibson.  
"Did you ever talk to this man?"  
"Yes."  
"Did you find out his true name?"  
"He said it was Rusty Gibson."  
"Did Dr. Moran again appear at Berg's home?"  
"Yes."  
"The use of the nickname "Shorty" both by Arthur and Fred Barker now is making trouble for defense, prosecution and the witness. When the name "Shorty" is mentioned the defense interrupts to know which "Shorty," and objects constantly to the testimony."  
"Give your testimony using the words used by Berg," Judge M. M. Joyce ruled.  
"You're A Liar," Berg Shouts.  
"I can't do that," Agent Medala answered. Berg is very profane and talks in broken English."  
Berg became red in the face, and muttered to himself.  
"What conversation was there between Berg and Dr. Moran?"  
"Well, Berg said he told Dr. Moran to stay away from the money. Berg then said he knew a man who could take care of it."  
"You're a liar!" Berg called out at the agent, half rising from his chair.  
"What else did Berg say to Moran?"  
"He said he told Moran the money was ransom money."  
Berg let out a long drawn "oooh-hhhhh."  
"Did you ask Berg how long Freddie Barker stayed at his place?"  
"About 6 or 8 days."  
"And then what happened?"  
**Show Campbell Picture.**  
"Did Berg tell of a conversation with "Shorty?" asked Mr. Halsey."  
"Yes."  
"Did he indicate the "Shorty" he meant?"  
"Doc Barker."  
"What was the conversation?"  
"Berg said that Shorty said he would let Doc Moran handle the money."  
"When did he next hear from Shorty after he had taken Freddy and Slim away?"

"He said about three or four weeks later."  
"Where from?"  
"Gary, Ind."  
"What then?"  
"Berg said Shorty asked him how soon he could get hold of Dr. Moran and Slim. After the call, he called Moran's office and told him that Shorty wanted Moran and Slim at his (Berg's) home within an hour."  
"About 45 minutes after the telephone call to Moran, Shorty (Doc Barker) came to the house with a man named George. "They had a suit case with them."  
Agent Medala was shown a picture of Harry Campbell, fugitive, and identified it as the one Berg identified as "George."  
"He said that when Shorty and George arrived Slim and Doc Moran were already there. Berg asked Doc Moran how soon he could get the man to start changing the money. Doc didn't know and left the room. After he left Shorty told Berg and Slim he didn't trust Dr. Moran, as he was too anxious to get the money."  
"Shorty wanted Berg and Slim to guard Moran and the money—and they would get 2 per cent commission."  
"Berg and Slim didn't want to take the job, but Doc told them they wouldn't be breaking the law by just guarding the money."  
"What was in the suitcases?"  
"There were three packages in the suitcase, with \$10,000 in each package, Shorty told Berg."  
"Then 2 per cent commission—was that to come from Moran's commission or was Doc Barker going to have that extra?"  
"Out of the 12 1/2 per cent commission, half went to Doc Moran and half to Boss McLaughlin (on trial). From Doc Moran's commission, Berg got 2 per cent, Slim got 2 per cent and Moran got the other 2 1/2 per cent."  
"How were they to guard the money?"  
"They were to be with the money all the time it was in Moran's possession, and also to be present when good money was returned."  
"What happened after Moran returned to the room?"

"Moran said he had contacted a man to change the money, and that this party wanted \$10,000 right away. This party said he had a place where he could change \$4,000 every day, and wanted to know how much there was.

"Shorty just said there was a lot. Berg and Slim still didn't want any part of the deal. Shorty said they had better guard it while Moran had it. Moran was opposed but Shorty said if he didn't want the guards he would take the money elsewhere. Moran agreed, then, and Shorty told Slim to go with Moran to the party who was going to change the money. They went, taking \$10,000 with them."

#### Took \$20,000 To Hotel.

"Then what did Berg say?" "While Slim and Moran were away Shorty and Berg had some drinks and within 45 minutes Slim and Moran returned, saying that they had delivered the money. Shorty wanted all the money—hot and cold—to be brought to Berg's home, but Berg vetoed that, so the Irving hotel was agreed upon. The \$20,000 then was taken up to room 210 in the hotel.

"Berg stayed in Moran's room that night. Dr. Moran, the next morning, told them to go into room 211. Berg stayed in room 210 to watch the money. A few minutes later a bundle of \$10,000 was taken into room 211. There Berg met Boss McLaughlin as 'Mr. Smith.'

"After Boss left the room they checked up on the good money McLaughlin brought back. There was \$9,350, McLaughlin holding out his commission of 6 1/4 per cent. From this amount Moran gave Berg \$200, Slim \$200 and kept \$225. The phone rang. Shorty (Doc Barker) came up with a man called Curley.

"Did you show Berg any pictures?"

"Yes," Agent Medala identified picture of Volney Davis, fugitive, as the one Berg named as "Curley."

#### Watched Money Changers.

Before leaving the stand at the close of Monday's session in federal court here, Medala testified that Berg told him he received \$940 for "watching" the money changers.

During his brief stay on the witness stand the agent told of Berg asking him if "the government has anything on me."

"He asked me if he had violated any federal law," Medala said of his conversation with Berg in the visiting room at Joliet prison. "He told me that he was paid \$940 to guard the money and hoped that by doing so didn't violate any federal law as he planned to ask for a pardon from prison and with this violation hanging over him, he feared that he could not gain a pardon."

#### Chain Tightened.

Through the testimony of James Franklin, colored bell hop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, Mrs. Alvina B. Richman, chambermaid and Joseph T. Reeves, clerk at the Chicago hotel, the government tightened its chain of evidence against

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, James Wilson and Oliver Berg, three of the defendants and Dr. Moran, fugitive, as the money changers in the case. L. D. Nichols, former agent, linked William Vidler with the money changing.

In a statement alleged to have been made by Vidler to the federal agents, he was to receive one per cent of all the money he changed. Earlier in the trial it was pointed out McLaughlin was to receive five per cent as his commission, giving "Boss" a net profit of four per cent.

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**THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1935**

**VINITA STACEY AT BREMER TRIAL—(Wirephoto).**



Vinita Stacey, charged in Kansas City with the shooting of Mrs. Frances Taylor, February 6, and under a federal charge of harboring Jess Doyle, one of the defendants in the Bremer kidnaping trial, is shown as she appeared in St. Paul yesterday. She is on the right in the picture. With her is Mrs. Mott Stanley of Commerce, Ok., sister-in-law of Mrs. Edna Murray, one of the defendants with Arthur (Doc) Barker. Mrs. Stacey is a sister of Mrs. Murray. Officials in Kansas City last night said that Mrs. Stacey had been taken from the county jail to St. Paul by a federal agent, where she probably will testify for the defense in the \$200,000 ransom-kidnaping case. She had been held here on a \$3,000 bond in connection with the federal charge against her. She had furnished state bonds totalling \$16,500 on the shooting charge. Barker smiled broadly as he saw the two women in separate seats in the courtroom.

- Mr. Sessler.....
- Mr. Smith.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Mr. Quinn.....

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# QUESTIONED OFFERS TO AID KIDNAP SEARCH

Police Sift Ex-Memphian's Negotiations With Berry V. Stoll

A 24-year-old ex-Memphian was questioned today by police regarding his negotiations with Berry V. Stoll, wealthy Louisville, Ky., oil man, about plans to catch Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll.

W. O. Cook, clean-shaven, nattily dressed, conferred with Mr. Stoll at Louisville about a month ago about plans to apprehend Robinson, who is sought for kidnaping Mrs. Alice Stoll on Oct. 11, 1934.

In Cook's pocket was found a letter signed "Berry V. Stoll." Cook denied to Detective Chief Will T. Griffin that he knew anything about Robinson's whereabouts.

### Conferred With Cook

Chief Griffin said Cook admitted telling Stoll he could aid in the capture of Robinson. Mr. Stoll at Louisville said he conferred with Cook about a month ago, but his "information" was checked and found without value.

The letter, found in Cook's pocket by police, requested Cook to exchange \$100 of the Stoll ransom money for good money as proof of Cook's story.

The letter in full follows:

Progress Realty Co., Inc.  
227 West Main Street,  
Louisville, Ky.

April 19, 1935.

Mr. W. O. Cook,  
7 East Side Apts.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Cook:

Your letter came yesterday, and still thinking that you might come in today, I waited in my office to see you. I thought that you might be a newspaper reporter trying to cook up a story and knew that if you were not you could at least substantiate some of the facts that you gave me and could at least supply me with \$100 of the ransom money you said you had and get from me a subsequent amount of good money.

In the event you are able to do this you can always send it to me by special delivery, registered mail. Unless you can do so, however, you could hardly expect me to believe the story you told me and I am afraid of anything that might look like a newspaper reporter getting a story.

The Department of Justice has certain facts in this case that do not quite tie in with the story you gave me and while I do not know just what they have, I felt that they did not seem convinced of your story.

When you first came into the station, you asked me about Mrs. Robinson. I, of course, do not know what the Department of Justice has but one of the men told me that they would not need Mrs. Stoll or myself as a witness in this case and that they had enough to convict Mrs. Robinson.

The man that I talked to thought she would probably get a life sentence unless young Robinson is caught before her trial. I gather they had something that Mrs. Robinson's attorney does not know about and if you are interested in helping Mrs. Robinson, I would suggest that you do everything you can to help apprehend young Robinson before her trial and his best bet would be to come in before her trial and then plead insanity.

So if you are really in touch with young Robinson and really want to help Mrs. Robinson I would suggest your going thru with your original plan.

Yours very truly,  
"BERRY V. STOLL."

HAS HE A CLEW?



W. O. COOK

The PRESS-SCIMITAR,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
May 1, 1935.

Re: THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., WA, Et Al;  
Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

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Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scamah	.....
Mr. Sweeney	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

*E. J. [Signature]*

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"Yours very truly,

"BERRY V. STOLL."

News Men Barred

Cook was found last night in the Ambassador Hotel by Detective Inspector John Foppiano, Lieut. Lee Quinathy Sr. and Sergt. Louis Crosby.

W. T. Martin, of the federal bureau of investigation at Nashville, arrived in Memphis today and questioned Cook. He refused to permit newspaper men to interview the prisoner.

Ransom of \$50,000 was paid for the return of Mrs. Stoll, who was held prisoner by her kidnaper, Robinson, for a week at Indianapolis. Mrs. Robinson, wife of the kidnaper, was arrested in connection with the case.

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## Bares Barker Fear in Skin-Stripping

**Federal Agent Says  
Gangster Begged  
for Death**

ST. PAUL, April 30.—(L.N.S.)—  
An amazing story of gunmen who sought death rather than undergo the pain of fingerprint erasing was told today at the trial of Barker-Karpis mobsters for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

John L. Madala, federal agent, told the "inside story" of the harboring and shielding of gangsters in Chicago while they were "cooling off" after the kidnaping of Bremer, and trying to dispose of the ransom money.

He was quoting Oliver A. Berg, one of the defendants, when Berg, half rising from his chair, called out:

"You're a liar!"

But Madala, unperturbed, went on to tell how the late Fred Barker, being treated by Dr. J. P. Moran, a Chicago physician, in an effort to avoid fingerprint identification, screamed in agony and begged Berg to shoot him, crying "I can't stand the pain!"

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# TRACE RANSOM MONEY TO EIGHT IN BREMER TRIAL

## How Arrest Brought Gang Split Is Told.

St. Paul, Minn., April 30.—[Special.]—Members of the Barker-Karpis gang threatened to put Oliver Berg "on the spot" if he failed to make good a portion of \$3,000 ransom money seized when department of justice operatives arrested William Vidler, Chicago gambler. This was testified late today in the trial of ten persons charged with plotting the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

John Madala, department of justice operative at Chicago, who testified, Berg told him of this threat, said the gang also demanded that Russell [Slim] Gibson, slain by federal agents in Chicago when Arthur [Doc] Barker was captured, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago physician under indictment, also make up part of the "loss" suffered through Vidler's arrest.

Berg protested and was told to go to Aurora, Ill., and there meet members of the gang. Berg was alleged to have met Doc Barker, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, the last now public enemy No. 1.

### Trace Money Down Line.

These disclosures were in line with government testimony intended to directly trace transactions between Bremer's kidnapers and the men who handled the \$200,000 ransom money.

It was testified earlier in the day that Dr. Moran had operated on the finger tips of Karpis and Fred Barker, the latter recently slain in Florida, and that while the pair were recovering from the operations they were visited by Doc Barker.

Doc Barker, it also was testified, offered to reward Berg, who had taken care of the two men, by tendering him some "hot" money to pass on commission. It was testified that Barker had appeared one time with two suitcases, one of which contained \$5,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills.

In relating the conversation which Madala said he had with Berg in prison, he said Berg told him Gibson brought to Berg's home in Chicago in March, 1934, two men first introduced as "Slim" who was identified through photographs as Karpis, and "Shorty" or "Freddie," identified as Fred Barker.

The next day, Madala said, Willie Doney, who had been in prison while Berg was there and while Dr. Moran was serving a term for an illegal operation, came to the Berg home. He said he had been sent by Dr. Moran to nurse the two.

"Berg said the two were at his home about eight days and that when 'Freddie' learned that Berg was about broke he promised that his brother, Doc Barker, would see that he got 'break'."

### Doc Barker Shows Up.

The next day, according to the testimony, Doc Barker came to Berg's home with Dr. Moran.

It was during this visit, according to Madala's version of the conversation, that Doc Barker offered to reward him by letting him pass some "hot" money on commission of 12 1/2 per cent.

"Some time after the men left, Berg said he got a telephone call from Doc Barker at Gary, Ind., telling him to have Dr. Moran and Gibson at Berg's home in an hour," Madala continued. Barker, the witness said, appeared with another man, identified as Harry Campbell, and he was carrying two suitcases.

Continuing his version of Berg's statement, Madala testified to the following:

That Dr. Moran agreed to get a "party" to handle the money quickly and went to a telephone to call this person; that Barker told Berg and Gibson Dr. Moran was to get 6 1/2 per cent commission for handling the money, and the "party," later identified as John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, was to get 6 1/2 per cent. For guarding the money, Gibson and Berg each were to get 2 per cent of Dr. Moran's share.

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## M'LAUGHLIN ADMISSION TOLD

ST. PAUL, May 1.—(AP)—A Department of Justice agent testified today in the trial of ten persons charged with complicity in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping that John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, a defendant, told him in jail that he suspected money he was exchanging was either Hamm or Bremer ransom money.

M. C. Falkner, the agent, also said that part of the Bremer ransom money was found in the hatband of McLaughlin's son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17.

Falkner quoted the former politician as saying he had been associated with William Vidler, Chicago bookie, and Delaney, a former bartender, in the exchange of "the neighborhood of \$50,000."

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## BREMER RANSOM ADMISSIONS BY M'LAUGHLIN TOLD

### Confessed to Handling Fourth, Says Agent.

St. Paul, Minn., May 1.—[Special].—John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago politician and one of the ten on trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, admitted handling about \$50,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money, a department of justice agent who talked to him in jail testified today.

The witness declared that McLaughlin admitted his suspicion that this money was part of the Bremer ransom and that \$100,000 previously offered for exchange in Chicago was money paid in ransoming William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, from kidnapers.

This testimony came after a bombardment by defense attorneys of another prosecution witness had failed to break down the story by which Oliver Berg and James Wilson were linked to the conspiracy.

#### Girl Ready to Testify.

As the new testimony regarding McLaughlin was being given, Wynona Burdette, former radio singer and girl friend of Harry Campbell, who shot his way out of a federal trap along with Alvin Karpis at Atlantic City recently, was waiting to testify as a government witness. She was brought to the federal building from the county jail where she has been since the trial opened.

In the witness room also was Mrs. Clara Gibson, wife of "Slim" Gibson, who met death at the hands of federal agents when Arthur [Doc] Barker was captured in Chicago last January. The diminutive Mrs. Gibson was

courted to the witness room by several federal men. She was not in custody, and George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, heading the prosecution, would not disclose whether or not she would be placed on the stand.

M. C. Falkner, federal operative and a brother of the author, William Falkner, was the witness who testified that McLaughlin had made the admission about the ransom money. He said that, with Ralph Brown, another federal agent, he had talked with McLaughlin in Cook county jail April 29, 1934.

#### Found Cash in Hat Band.

Falkner said that part of the ransom money had been found in the hat band of McLaughlin's 17 year old son, John J. Jr., and that the father assumed full responsibility for it. Reference to finding the money was ordered stricken.

Falkner quoted the elder McLaughlin as saying, "My son is absolutely innocent and if any ransom money

was found on him I want to take the full responsibility."

Then, the witness continued, McLaughlin was questioned about his reputed rôle in passing part of the ransom money. The witness said McLaughlin admitted that he, William Vidler and Philip Delaney had been involved in passing about \$50,000.

#### Agent Backs Statements.

Brown, who testified Friday and Monday, returned to the stand to corroborate Falkner's statement.

"McLaughlin told me I could not expect help from him unless we would let his son go home," Brown testified.

Late this afternoon prosecution and defense attorneys were conferring over a written statement reported to have been made by James J. Wilson, chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. Joseph Moran.

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### Confession Lists 7 in Bremer Crime

*By the Associated Press.*

St. Paul, May 2.—A statement by a confessed associate, introduced by the Government today in the trial of Edward G. Bremer's alleged kidnapers, named Arthur (Doc) Barker and fugitive Alvin Karpis as two of the actual abductors.

The 17-word confession by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville (Ill.) home, the banker was held by the gang for 21 days, was read to the jury by Federal District Attorney George Sullivan.

It linked with the crime in addition to Barker, a defendant, and Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, Byron Bolton who pleaded guilty when the trial opened April 15; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, a defendant; William Weaver and Harry Campbell, both at large, and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, killed by gangsters in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping.

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## Activities of Outlaw Bark While Hiding Here Revealed

### Witness in Trial of 10 Members of Barker-Karpis Gang for Bremer Kidnaping Tells of His to Toledo and Subsequent Adventures

Activities in Toledo of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of outlaws while members were hiding out here after obtaining \$200,000 ransom for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, were outlined at the trial of 10 members of the gang in St. Paul today.

In a statement concerning his

connections with the whom are under indictment in the Bremer case, including the 30 on trial, James J. Wilson described his flight from Chicago to Toledo and his subsequent adventures here in a later part of April, 1934.

"When I arrived at Toledo I made my way to the Casino club and asked for Ted Angus, who runs it," Wilson said. "I asked Ted where to get in contact with Shorty (Fred Barker, who was slain by federal operatives in Florida recently) and he said Shorty was in town but would not say where Shorty was. I stayed at the Casino club that night in a small room and the next day I walked to the home of Shorty in Point Place.

"There I met Shorty and Paula, his wife (Paula Harmon, consort of Barker). I have been shown pictures of persons identified to me as Fred Barker and Paula Harmon and have identified those as pictures of Shorty and Paula.

"I first met Fred Barker in March, 1934, when he and Slim, whom I have identified from a picture as Alvin Karpis, had their fingerprints operated on in the Irving hotel in Chicago by Doc Moran

## KIDNAP GANG'S ACTIVITY BARED

### Witness in Bremer Trial Tells of Adventures While Hiding Here.

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(Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago physician, who performed face lifting and fingerprint mutilation operations on the gangsters here).

"Once Doc Moran asked me to drive Fred to Toledo because his fingers were banged and he was incapacitated, and I drove him there. That is how I knew him and

get ready and I drove him to Berg's home. Berg helped me take care of him and the next morning when Doc got sober we talked it all over.

"I said I had friends in Toledo. I had an aunt there and Shorty was there. Moran advised me to go to Toledo and I left by bus for there the following morning. Moran gave me \$300."

Arthur (Doc) Barker and the fugitive Karpis, now rated as Public Enemy No. 1, were named as two of the actual abductors of Bremer at the trial today in a 17-word confession by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home the banker was held for 21 days.

Before the statement was introduced, Miss Burdette, 21-year-old gun moll whose association with the gangsters resulted in a sentence to the federal prison in Milan, Mich., testified for the government that several of the accused left their usual St. Paul haunts Jan. 17, 1934, the day of the abduction.

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### KIDNAPED BREWER'S RANSOM SPENT HERE

#### Bremer Trial Evidence Reveals Facts.

Ransom money paid for release of William Hamm, St. Paul, Minn., brewer who was kidnaped in 19.3, was spent in Toledo, a press dispatch from St. Paul said today.

It was revealed during the trial of 10 persons for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, that \$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom money paid for Hamm's release had found its way into the Chicago federal reserve bank from various cities, including Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

The new evidence indicates that members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who hid in Toledo following the Bremer kidnaping, were connected with the Hamm snatch.

M. W. Meekins,  
Special Agent.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH  
May 3, 1933

## MACHINE GUNS NOTICED ON BED OF BAND'S LAIR

Statement Attributed to Bensenville, Ill., Resident Who Sits in Court.

### "DOC" BARKER IN LIST

Two Others Dead, Two Fugitives and One Has Admitted Plot.

Six gangsters of the Barker-Karpis mob and one of their associates were identified positively as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in a statement introduced today in the Federal court trial of ten defendants charged with the abduction.

The statement was alleged to have been made by Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavernkeeper, who is one of the defendants.

The gangsters named are Arthur (Doc) Barker, another of the defendants; Fred Barker, his brother, later slain by Federal agents; George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, also slain later; Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitives; and Byron Bolton, who has pleaded guilty.



to conspiracy in the kidnaping and is awaiting sentence in the Ramsey county jail, and is referred to in the statement as "Montey Carter." The seventh man named is Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville the government charges Bremer was held captive. The statement, read to the jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, reveals that Farmer heard the gangsters tell how it was necessary to slug Bremer when they kidnaped him and that he heard them say "his head was split open, but he was all right." It also asserts that, at one time, he saw five machine guns in Alderton's home.

**Statement in Part.**  
The statement reads in part: "Shortly before Christmas, 1933, George Ziegler and another man since identified as Fred Barker came to my saloon. Ziegler said he would like to get a place where he could keep some men for a week or ten days. I said I did not have a place. Then Ziegler asked: 'How about Alderton's house?'"

"I brought Alderton over to the saloon, and Ziegler made it plain that he had some 'hot' people he wanted to hide away. I saw Ziegler, Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis around Alderton's house several times before Bremer was kidnaped, and I was in the house with Karpis and Fred Barker when Bremer was there. But on these visits I was not permitted to go through the house.

**"Fellow's Head Hurt."**  
"One day Alderton came to my saloon and said the boys at his house wanted him to buy some cigarettes. He said the boys came in last night and brought a fellow with them. He said his (the fellow's) head was hurt, but they fixed him up all right. Alderton also told me to bring up a case of beer and some whiskey.

"Later I went inside the house and saw men whose photographs (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

I have identified as Harry Campbell, Doc Barker and Karpis. There were two others whom I cannot identify.

"The living room door was closed, and I learned that I was not to go in.

"I later went to the Alderton house and saw the same group. I knew in my mind that Bremer was being held there. I observed ransom notes were being sent to the Bremer family.

"A week later I saw Harry Campbell in the kitchen and noticed four or five machine guns lying on the daybed. I visited the house three or four times while Bremer was held there and saw Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and Karpis there all the time.

"Fred Barker and Ziegler were dressed in business clothes. The others were dressed in high boots, riding pants, suede jackets and wool shirts. On one occasion when they came outside, Fred Barker and Ziegler had handkerchiefs tied around their necks. Alderton told me they were holding Bremer for ransom.

"Several times during Bremer's captivity, Karpis told me they were going to take Bremer back almost any day. Several times I heard them say that, when they took him, they had to hit him over the head when he refused to get out of his car. They said his head was split open, but that he was all right.

"Several times Ziegler and Fred Barker came to me and asked if everything was all right. I always told them everything was all right, meaning that the law hadn't been around.

"The day Bremer was released, George Ziegler came to my place about 11 A. M. and said, 'they are gone.' Then he gave me a \$1,000 bill with which he told me to buy slot machines."

Farmer, 42 years old, tall and gray-haired, moved from his courtroom seat next to Doc Barker when Sullivan started reading the statement and seated himself behind his attorney, T. W. McMeekin. Both he and Doc Barker listened intently while the statement was being read.

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After Sullivan had completed his reading of the statement, Kenneth R. McIntire, a Department of Justice agent, took the stand and told of a verbal statement Farmer had made to him, in which the defendant said: "I didn't tell you in Chicago about the money that was paid me for Alderton. I let Alderton talk for himself, but I just told the grand jury (in St. Paul) that I got \$1,000 from Goetz (Ziegler) to pay Alderton for his services."

McIntire also said Farmer had told him that, following Bremer's release, Ziegler had come to Farmer's saloon with Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld figure and a fugitive in the case.

Previous to the reading of Farmer's statement, the stand was occupied by two other Department of Justice agents, W. C. Ryan and R. C. Suran, who told of various conversations they had with Alderton.

Ryan said that, when Alderton and Farmer met in the Department of Justice offices in Chicago, following their arrests, Alderton jumped up excitedly and accused Farmer of telling the mobsters about his (Alderton's) brother and his brother's family. The agent quoted Alderton as saying that his brother, who lived in Indiana, had "a nice family and a nice home and a good job, and oif anything goes wrong, something might happen to him." Alderton added that he was not warried about himself, but was concerned about the brother.

Suran said he had asked Alderton: "How did you get in wth that mob?" Alderton replied, according to the witness: "I guess I was just a damn fool." Suran then reminded Alderton that he had twenty days during Bremer's captivity to "find a way out," and asked why he didn't do so. Once more Alderton replied, "I guess I was just a damn fool," the agent said.



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ST PAUL DISPATCH  
 May 3, 1935

**"Moll" Accuses Mobsters**



From Milan, Mich., women's reformatory WFNONA BURDETTE, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, fugitive, came to federal court here Thursday to point an accusing finger at Arthur (Doc) Barker and Jimmy Wilson, two of the 10 defendants in the courtroom, as being with the gang during the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. The pretty witness, who has been camera shy on previous occasions finally consented to have her picture taken after leaving the courtroom where she told of her travels to and from St. Paul before and after the kidnaping. She and her gunmen friends lived here in perfect immunity from police interference.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1935

**EDNA MURRAY TO GO FREE**

**U. S. ALSO WILL ASK DISMISSAL OF DOYLE, IT IS LEARNED.**

**Weak Evidence Against Two of Ten Defendants in Bremer Kidnaping Case Leads to the Decision.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
**ST. PAUL, May 2.**—The federal government would 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 the completion of its case. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," who escaped from the Missouri prison while serving a 25-year term for robbery, and Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster and self-confessed bank robber, are the two that will be absolved of connection with the \$200,000 abduction.

**FAIL TO LINK THEM WITH CASE.**  
The government's only hope of linking Doyle and Edna Murray with the conspiracy was through the testimony of Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of the fugitive Harry Campbell. Failing to succeed when she was on the stand today, the government was prepared to ask the dismissal, it was reported.

Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, was expected to take the witness stand tomorrow after which the government will rest its case. Bolton, who pleaded guilty when the trial opened nearly three weeks ago, is expected to testify against Arthur (Doc) Barker and several of the other defendants.

The prosecution, it was reported, would rather ask dismissal of charges against the two than "gamble" on weakening the cases against the other eight defendants by permitting the jury to consider the weak evidence against the pair.

**ATTORNEYS MAY MAKE MOVE.**  
Should the prosecution fail to ask dismissal, it was learned, Eugene Matthews, attorney for Doyle, and John De Courcy, counsel for Edna Murray, would ask dismissal by the court.

At no time in the trial has the name of Doyle been mentioned and today for the first time, Edna Murray was named by Wynona Burdette, who is serving a 5-year term for harboring Barker-Karpis gangsters.

Edna Murray, in the event she is freed of the conspiracy charge, will be returned to Kansas City to face charges of assault with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. Doyle will go either to Minneapolis, where he is wanted for a bank robbery, or to Oklahoma for a similar offense. Doyle has given federal authorities a written statement confessing participation in the third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis in December, 1932, when two policemen were killed, and naming six members of the Barker-Karpis gang as accomplices. He also is wanted for a bank robbery at Okemah, Ok.

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# U. S. Calls Bolton in Kidnaping Trial

St. Paul, May 3 (AP).—The government today planned to call to the stand one of its leading witnesses, Byron Bolton of Chicago, in the

are dropped, Mrs. Murray will be returned to the Missouri prison from which she escaped while serving 25 years for robbery, while Doyle will be turned over to Minneapolis Okemah, Okla., authorities, who want him to face robbery charges.



Jess Doyle

Federal court trial of 10 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.

As the prosecution neared the end of its case, it was reported that the government will ask dismissal of charges against two of the 10 defendants—Mrs. Edna Murphy, the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster.

It was indicated the government believes it does not have a strong enough case against these two. In the event the charges against them

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## Bremer Kidnaping Related in Court

### Barker and Karpis Accused Again by Prisoner

By the Associated Press

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—For the second time in two days, Arthur (Doc) Barker and his hunted comrade, Alvin Karpis, were accused by a former associate of participating in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Barker and nine codefendants are on trial here for conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

A statement signed by Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, (Ill.) tavern keeper, relating the parts played by the two leaders and five others, was read to the jury, which had heard a similar recital signed by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville home Bremer was held 21 days.

Early this afternoon, as a packed courtroom waited in anticipation Bolton would be called to relate a complete "inside" story of the abduction, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce announced adjournment until Monday.

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**Kidnaping  
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*Associated Press*  
Minneapolis, May 3.—For the first time in two days, Arthur Bremer and his hunted comrade, Alvin Karpis, were accused associates of participation in the \$200,000 abduction of Ed Bremer, St. Paul banker. Bremer and nine codefendants are charged with conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.  
The indictment signed by U. S. District Judge M. M. Joyce at Bensenville (Ill.) Saturday afternoon, after hearing testimony from Bremer and five others, was returned by a jury, which had heard Bremer's testimony in a preliminary hearing signed by Harold G. Ullrich, U. S. District Judge in whose Bensenville court Bremer was held 21 days.  
Bremer was held in Bensenville Saturday afternoon, as a packer of newspapers, and waited in anticipation of Bremer's testimony. He would be called to relate an "inside" story of the abduction.  
Federal Judge M. M. Joyce set the court adjournment until Monday.

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ADD SAVYER ARRESTED  
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## GUNNER NAMES PALS IN BREMER KIDNAP

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ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6 (U.S.)—Apparently blasting the last remaining hope of most of his co-defendants to escape punishment in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Karpis Barker gang, took the stand today and named one by one those he said took part in the abduction. Bolton previously had pleaded guilty.

Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan rested the Government's case after the testimony of Bolton and a minor witness. He then, with approval of the court, dismissed charges against two of the 10 defendants, Mrs. Edna Murray and ~~Jess Deste~~.

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# IDENTIFIES SEVEN OF KARPIS GANG IN BREMER PLOT

## Elmer Farmer's Confession Heard at Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—[Special.]—The government introduced some of its strongest evidence today as it neared the end of its case against ten persons being tried in Federal District court on charges of plotting the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. At the same time, as the third week of the trial closed this afternoon, the defense was making spirited attacks on the final testimony.

In a climactic move the prosecution brought to the witness room Byron Bolton, machine gunner and member of the Barker-Karpis gang, who pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial. He was scheduled to take the stand today, but Judge M. M. Joyce ordered the trial adjourned until Monday before he had been reached.

Bolton was expected to cap all previous testimony with an outright confession in open court detailing by name the various members of the gang and telling of the part each played in the \$200,000 abduction.

### U. S. May Rest Monday.

Bolton, who, according to the confession of Harold Alderton read into the records Thursday, was a familiar figure at the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where the St. Paul banker was held 21 days, and is reported to have been in on the gang's plans from the start. With introduction of his testimony the government is expected to rest its case Monday.

Before court adjourned the government introduced a confession from Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern-keeper, telling of the captivity of Bremer and the persons who held him under guard. Farmer's statement named seven members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including Arthur [Doc] Barker and Alvin Karpis, in the kidnap plot.

The others implicated by him were Harry Campbell, a fugitive; Harold Alderton, in whose home Bremer was held; Bolton, Fred Barker, slain brother of Doc, and George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, killed by members of his own gang in Chicago after the kidnaping.

### Tells of Renting Hideout.

The confession declared that Zeigler and Fred Barker made arrangements for the hideout with Alderton through Farmer, saying they wanted a place where they could "keep some hot people for a week or ten days." Farmer said he saw several machine guns in the hideout and heard gangsters tell how they had been forced to slug Bremer when they kidnaped him.

"I heard them say his head was split open, but he was all right," the confession read.

Dismissal of charges against two of the defendants, Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster, will be asked by the government, it was learned. It was reported the government had hoped to connect the two with the conspiracy through testimony of Wynona Burdette, who was on the stand Thursday, but the witness failed to involve them.

As the government moved toward the end of its direct evidence it centered attention on the Bensenville hideout. R. F. Suran, federal operative at Chicago, testified that Alderton admitted he "had been a fool" in not notifying authorities while Bremer was held prisoner at his home.

The defense sought to show Alderton was awed by the gang's display of weapons and feared the gangsters might do harm to his mother, his brother, and the latter's two children, who were in Kokomo, Ind., during the period of Mr. Bremer's captivity.

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DETROIT SUNDAY

# U.S. Nabs Suspect in Bremer Plot

## Sawyer Held 'Finger' in Kidnaping

NEW ORLEANS, May 4—(A. P.)—The Federal Government, after long and silent search, has arrested "Omaha Harry" Sawyer, the man it says was the "finger" in the Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping.

Sawyer is being held here, awaiting arrival of a copy of his indictment from St. Paul, to which city he will probably be taken within the next few days.

The capture came as the Bremer kidnaping trial was about to enter its third week at St. Paul. On trial are 10 of a score of persons indicted by a Federal jury for complicity in the abduction.

Attributed to Sawyer by the Department of Justice is a long criminal record, dating back to an arrest at Lincoln, Neb., in 1915, on a charge of burglary with explosives. He pleaded guilty to the charge, was sentenced to three years imprisonment and paroled. Arrests followed in Minneapolis in 1918 and at Omaha and Lincoln in 1920.

# SET \$100,000 BAIL ON KIDNAP SUSPECT

International News Service Wire  
NEW ORLEANS, La., May 4—

Bond of \$100,000 was set for Harry Sawyer, arrested last night in Pass Christian, Miss., in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., when he was arraigned shortly before noon here today before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr. Sawyer informed Commissioner Carter he would not fight return to Minnesota to face trial.

Sawyer was arrested in a gambling house by four government agents, it was revealed today by D. W. McGee, in charge of the bureau of investigation here.

Sawyer was not armed when arrested about dusk Friday. He gave up without a struggle. The arrest of the fugitive followed several days of investigation by government agents after they had received a tip that a suspicious character was living in Long Beach and financing a gambling house in Pass Christian.

Sawyer told government agents he had "been in and out" of Pass Christian since last November. While cruising the agents found Sawyer's car parked in front of another gambling house. They entered and recognized him.

Sawyer's wife accompanied the officers here, but she is not under arrest, McGee said. He said she would not be held. The fugitive had "around \$200" with him when arrested. Although he does not believe the money was part of the ransom payment, McGee said the bills would be checked.

*Det. Free Press - Sun 5/5/35*

## Remnant of Karpis Gang Picked Up by U.S. Agents

WASHINGTON, May 4—(U. P.)—The Justice Department today revealed the arrest of Harry

Sawyer, member of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang which splashed the Nation with murders, kidnapings and other crimes.

Sawyer and his wife were seized in Pass Christian, Miss., last night. He was taken to New Orleans.

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### Byron Bolton To Take Stand Monday Against Former Gangster Pals

The inner works of a kidnaping gang will be unfolded to a federal court jury Monday when Byron Bolton, confessed snatcher, takes the stand to testify against his former pals, 10 of whom are on trial on conspiracy to kidnap charges.

Bolton, one of the 12 apprehended persons of the 26 indicted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was scheduled to take the stand Friday. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, heading the prosecution, decided to delay Bolton's testimony until Monday because of the short time remaining in Friday's session before court adjournment.

Pleading guilty to the conspiracy charge when the defendants were brought into court April 15, Bolton has been saved by the government as the ace witness and his testimony is

expected to deal the most damaging blows to the already battered defense.

A statement, allegedly given by Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, to Kenneth McIntire federal agent, tells of arrangements the Barker-Karpis gang is alleged to have made for the hideout at Bensenville, where Mr. Bremer was held captive for 22 days.

The statement, read to the jury by Mr. Sullivan, told of George Ziegler, alias Goetz, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell Doc Barker and other members of the gang visiting him at his tavern in Bensenville Ill., in December and arranging for a hideout.

He told of later discovering that it was Mr. Bremer who was being held and finished his statement by saying that Ziegler gave him a \$1,000 bill to "purchase slot machines." The gift was made the day Mr. Bremer's homeward journey was started after the \$200,000 ransom had been paid. "I sensed the money was given to me for my services" the statement concluded.

With the government expected to rest its case by Tuesday the defense has indicated that at least five of the defendants will take the stand on their own behalf. The case is expected to go to jury by May 15.

### Coming Back



HARRY SAWYER.

Coming back to St. Paul to stand trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer is HARRY SAWYER, one-time underworld kingpin. He was arrested by federal agents Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss.

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Testimony submitted by the federal government in the Bremer trial has revealed that Sawyer was in almost daily contact with such notorious characters as Arthur (Doc) Barker and his brother Fred, "Baby Face" Nelson, Homer Van Meter, Alvin Karpis and other gangsters when they made their headquarters in St. Paul.

A nationwide search has been in progress for Sawyer since his alleged implication in the Bremer kidnaping and, reportedly, in the disposal of loot from dozens of mid-western bank "jobs" "pulled" by both Barker-Karpis and Dillinger gangsters became known to the federal government.

**ST. PAUL GANGSTER TO BE RETURNED  
HERE AT ONCE FOR BREMER KIDNAPING;  
MAKES NO RESISTANCE; WIFE NOT HELD**

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**Financed Negro Gambling House In  
Pass Christian Since Last November  
—Master Mind of Local Crime  
Ring Taken Because He Couldn't  
Stay Out Of "Racket."**

**SAWYER**

The year-long trail followed by the federal government in its search for the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping ended Friday night in a shabby gambling house in the Negro quarter of Pass Christian, Miss., with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, one-time "big shot" kingpin of St. Paul's underworld.

Sawyer—whose real name was Sandlovich when he was born in Russia in 1890—gave up without a struggle when federal agents under direction of D. W. McGee, in charge of the New Orleans district, surrounded the place and walked in on a craps game.

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Sawyer was not armed. He had "around \$200 or \$300" in his pockets, United Press and International News Service dispatches stated. A small automatic pistol was found later when agents searched a house at Long Beach, near Pass Christian, where Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, had been living. Mrs. Sawyer was not arrested.

Today Sawyer was arraigned before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr., at New Orleans, bond of \$10,000 was ordered, and Sawyer said he would not fight his return to St. Paul. Plans were made to transfer him as soon as a copy of the indictment is received.

In St. Paul, federal agents dispatched copies of the indictments which charge him with kidnaping and kidnaping conspiracy in connection with the "snatching" and \$200,000 ransoming of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

#### Only Four At Large.

Sawyer's arrest leaves only four members of the Karpis-Barker gang at large, it was announced in Washington today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and Volney Davis.

Twenty-nine other members and aides of the gang either have been killed or captured in the nationwide drive against "big time" crime staged by the federal government.

Ten of these now are on trial in St. Paul on kidnaping conspiracy charges: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oliver Berg, William E. Vidler, Jess Doyle, Harold Alderton, Phillip Delaney, Edna Murray, John J. McLaughlin, James Wilson and Elmer Farmer.

#### Bolton Testifies Monday.

One member of the Barker-Karpis gang, Byron Bolton, has pleaded guilty in the Bremer case and is slated to take the witness stand in Judge M. M. Joyce's federal court Monday to testify for the government against his former machine-gunning comrades. His testimony is expected to conclude the government's case against the men and women it charges abducted Mr. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934, and held him prisoner for three weeks in a house at Bensenville, Ill., pending the ransom payment.

#### Was "Master Mind."

Sawyer's arrest brings into custody the "master mind" behind the wave of major crimes which led Homer B. Cummings, attorney general of the United States, to brand St. Paul as the nation's "poison spot of crime."

For many years his chief lieutenant, Sawyer ascended to the dictatorship of St. Paul's underworld when "Dapper Dan" Hogan, gangland overlord, who ruled his machine-gunning subjects from his

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"hot-dog shop" on Wabasha st., just outside the loop, was blown to death by a dynamite bomb attached to the starter of his automobile.

To and from that "hot-roq ahop" traveled scores of underworld "heavies" on both the old and the new order—pickpockets, safecrackers, alcohol runners, bank bandits, kidnapers, confidence men. Crooks of all calibers from all part of the middle west made the place their headquarters, and over its counters passed the loot from countless "jobs."

Money, stamps and other valuables taken in bank holdups, postoffice robberies, train lootings were "put on ice" there, to be disposed of when "cool" or to be exchanged outright for "cool dough" at a high commission.

#### Haven From "Heat."

Here the Dillingers, the Barkers, Van Meters, "Baby Face" Nelsons, "Killer" Burkes and others of their rapidly disappearing ilk found haven in time of "heat." Mobsters and lamsters from all parts of the nation made the "hot-dog shop" their headquarters when in the Twin Cities, there to cover up past tracks and to lay plans for future "work."

Sawyer, brought up in the old school of crime, began his known criminal career in Minneapolis in 1918, when he was fined \$100 as "Harry Sandovich alias Harry J. Porche" for attempted grand larceny.

He was arrested in Omaha in 1920 in connection with a robbery and turned over to authorities of Lincoln, Neb., for automobile theft. He jumped \$1,000 bond.

#### Paroled in 1918.

Even before his 1918 experience, however, he had been jailed and had pleaded guilty in Lincoln, Neb., for burglary with explosives. That was in 1915. He was paroled in 1918. Of heavy build, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, he wears a perpetual frown, accentuated by his dark com-

plexion. Relatives, all of whom use their family name, Sandovich, live in Lincoln, Neb.

Aliases recorded by the federal bureau of investigation include "Dutch" Sawyer, Sandovich, Porche, Harry Harry Sandovich, Jew Harry and Harry Standley.

His arrest at Pass Christian resulted from a tip given Mr. McGee by William Simpson, sheriff's deputy, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle patrolman, who told the federal officer they were "suspicious of a man."

#### Financed Rackets.

Investigation revealed that since Sawyer reached the 3,000 population town of Pass Christian last November he had financed two Mississippi men in a lottery and policy game racket. It was this "backing" that led to his arrest, arousing the curiosity of the local officers.

In addition, he opted his own gambling house, dispatches from the southern town stated.

#### Was Barker, Karpis Pal.

Since his unannounced departure from St. Paul and from time to time Sawyer had associated with "Doc" Barker, Karpis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang, Mr. Hoover stated today in Washington.

"Sawyer was most certainly one of the principal members of the gang," Mr. Hoover was quoted in United Press dispatches. "He was too smart, undoubtedly, to have any of the Bremer ransom money in his possession."

Sawyer was indicted, along with two dozen other members and aides of the Barker-Karpis mob, by a federal grand jury in St. Paul, on charges both of kidnaping and kidnaping conspiracy. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest Jan. 4 and his bond fixed at \$100,000.

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Captured

# KIDNAPER TAKEN IN MISSISSIPPI



HARRY SAWYER.

Captured at Pass Christian, Miss., according to a report from Washington today was HARRY SAWYER, indicted by a federal grand jury here in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Harry Sawyer, former kingpin of the St. Paul underworld, sought as "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, has been arrested.

Following his arrest Friday night, he was taken to New Orleans where he was to be arraigned today before a United States commissioner. It

was expected that the federal government would move at once to return him to St. Paul to stand trial.

Details of his arrest were not made public in the earliest bulletin announcing the capture.

Sawyer, whose true name is Harry Sandovich and who also was known as Harry J. Porche and Harry Sandovich, has been a fugitive for nearly a year.

He disappeared from St. Paul shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, Jan. 17, 1934. Ten members and alleged aids of the Barker-Karpis gang now are on trial in federal district court in St. Paul for the "snatching."

Sawyer was indicted both for the actual kidnaping and for conspiracy by a federal grand jury in St. Paul Jan. 22, this year.

Alky Dictator.

For many years Sawyer was chief lieutenant to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, who was widely known as a "fence" for middle west bandit gangs.

During the prohibition era the two turned to bootlegging and, with others, exercised a dictatorship over the alcohol business in the Twin Cities, combining this with other underworld activities.

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# Editorials

## BLIND POLICE?

ST. PAUL as a haven for kidnapers, murderers and gangsters generally was revealed again by the matter-of-fact testimony in the Bremer trial of Wynona Burdette, gunman's "moll."

She told how members of the Karpis-Barker gang came and went from this city, visiting each other openly and undisturbed in various furnished apartments in some of our better districts. They were open visits to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, underworld king who was blown up several years ago when he stepped on the starter of his car.

When arrangements were presumably completed and carried out here for the Bremer kidnaping the gang left and lived at various times in Illinois, Toledo and Cleveland. At the last place the federal agents caught up with the women but the gunmen escaped. The same happened in Atlantic City when stupid policing let Karpis and Campbell escape.

What interests the ordinary citizen most is how such persons could be in a community unknown to the police. The theory of policing under which St. Paul had been working since the famed days of John J. O'Connor was to let the crooks congregate and enjoy themselves, provided they behaved here. It was held that in this way the police could keep an eye, if not a finger, on them. What they did elsewhere was not a matter of local concern.

This theory of policing, presumably, was still being followed in 1933 when the Karpis-Barker gangsters and others lived openly here, but it did not prevent three large kidnapings and a number of other crimes. The system broke down, apparently, for the crooks didn't live up to their end of the bargain and the police were too feeble or venal to make them.

There can be no successful denial that the police knew they were here. A couple of them fell into their hands by accident and were promptly released through intervention of fixers or by higher police officials (i. e., William Weaver and Tommy Carrol).

Certainly the Bremer trial proves the case, if any further proof is necessary, against the police of that day. They let the crooks stay here, ply their trade, freed them when inadvertently caught and professed to have no knowledge of their presence.

How was it possible for police to be so incompetent?

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## U. S. OFFICERS ARREST BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT

### Harry Sawyer Captured In Mississippi and Taken To New Orleans.

Washington, May 4.—(A. P.)—The justice department Saturday announced the arrest Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, wanted as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934.

He was taken into custody by justice department agents in the Mississippi city and removed immediately to New Orleans, where it was said he would be arraigned Saturday before a United States commissioner.

### Gangsters to Testify On Bremer Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—(I. N. S.)—A written confession by Elmer Farmer, naming Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven others as participants in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, stood Saturday as one of the strongest links in the government's chain of evidence introduced against the Barker-Karpis gang.

With the federal court trial of the ten defendants in adjournment Saturday, United States Attorney George Sullivan planned to call as his next witness Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster who entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy charges.

Bolton was expected to amplify the identification made by Farmer, a Bensenville, Ill., saloonkeeper, of Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1, as one of the actual kidnapers. The witness also was expected to tell the jury how the gang hit upon the plan of kidnaping the wealthy St. Paul banker.

Besides Barker and Karpis, co-leaders of the gang, Farmer's confession named as the kidnapers Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville

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## Letter Identifies 7 in Bremer Gang

### *Elmer Farmer of Bensenville Links Group With Kidnaping*

ST. PAUL, May 3.—(AP)—Seven members of the Barker-Karpis mob, including Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, the latter still at large, were positively identified as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in a written confession of Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, which was read to the jury in the conspiracy trial of ten persons in federal court today.

Disclosing the activities of the gang before and during the twenty-one-day period Bremer was held prisoner, Farmer, a tavern keeper of Bensenville, Ill., definitely linked with the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping, Doc Barker, Karpis and Harry Campbell, both fugitives; Harold Alderton, in whose home Bremer was held; Byron Bolton, referred to in the confession as "Montey" Carter, who pleaded guilty the opening day of the trial, April 15; Fred Barker, dead brother of Doc Barker, and George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, also dead.

Farmer's confession also tells that after Bremer's release Goetz gave him \$1,000 and that he had no idea it was money for his part in the Bremer abduction.

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**ARREST HARRY SAWYER  
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## JAIL ANOTHER IN BREMER CASE

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### "FINGER MAN" IN CASE.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—Harry Sawyer, arrested last night in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, is a former St. Paul underworld character and formerly operated a saloon here. Department of Justice agents here said he was the "finger man" in the kidnaping.

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# HUNT YEAR TO GET GANGSTER

## Federal Men Grab Member of Karpis-Barker Band in Southern Saloon

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—The justice department today revealed the arrest of Harry Sawyer, one of the principal members of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang which splashed the nation with murders, kidnappings and other crimes.

Bureau of investigation officials disclosed only meager facts about the seizure of Sawyer and his wife in Pass Christian, Miss., last night. He was taken to New Orleans today for questioning and arraignment.

It was said that Sawyer was taken into custody specifically in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for which many other members of the gang are now being tried.

Agents had been searching the nation more than a year for Sawyer, whom after starting a career of crime in Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., became a leader of the St. Paul underworld and allegedly was the guiding hand behind many major crimes in the Northwest.

Seizure of Sawyer left at large only four members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, including the shifty leader, Alvin Karpis. Twenty-nine others have been killed or captured.

### Seized in Saloon

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 4 (UP)—Arrest of Harry Sawyer, St. Paul gangster, in a Pass Christian saloon last night was attributed by department of justice agents today to his inability to "go straight."

David McGee, chief of the New Orleans department of justice office, announced that Sawyer, alias Harry Sandowitch, under indictment in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, was captured without resistance.

He had fled to the Mississippi gulf coast, McGee said, and remained in quiet hiding for months. Then the urge to get back into "a racket" proved too much, the federal agent said. Police at Pass Christian reported "a suspicious character" there. Agents were promptly sent to the place, and found Sawyer in the saloon.

Pass Christian police revealed that Sawyer had brought big-time criminal methods into action on the gulf coast when he financed two Mississippi men in a lottery and policy racket. This caused them to become suspicious, and resulted in his arrest.

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# FEDERAL MEN CERTAIN TOUHY WAS INNOCENT

\$65,000 in Ransom Money  
Traced to Chicago  
Reserve Bank.

Government to Bring Sawyer,  
Bremer 'Finger Man' Sus-  
pect, to St. Paul.

Department of justice agents in Washington now are convinced that it was the Barker-Karpis gang, and not the Roger Touhy gang, which kidnaped William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, it was learned in St. Paul Saturday night.

Approximately \$65,000 of the \$100,000 Hamm ransom money has turned up in the Chicago Federal Reserve bank, the money coming from various cities in the Chicago district, especially from Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

A considerable portion of the ransom paid for the release of the kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, who was abducted in January of 1934, also turned up in the Chicago area, it has been brought out in the present trial in St. Paul of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

**Sawyer to Be Brought Back.**

The disclosure concerning the Hamm ransom money was coincident with the announcement Saturday night that "Omaha Harry" Sawyer, named by the federal government as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, will be brought from New Orleans to stand trial separately from the defendants now being tried.

Sawyer was indicted at the same time as were other defendants.

It was reported Saturday night that the department of justice has information that George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, who was slain in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping, had a part in the abduction of Hamm. Ziegler had been mentioned in the indictments naming 22 persons alleged to have had a part in the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy.

Ziegler, it was said, was the "brains" behind the distribution of the Hamm ransom money, but was killed after he had refused to take part of the Bremer ransom to Salt Lake City for exchange for other

the government men are certain it was said, that Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader with Alvin Karpis of the Barker-Karpis gang, personally killed Ziegler. Barker is now on trial.

Federal men have learned, it was reported, that considerable of the Hamm ransom was passed in hotels and at race tracks.

The Barker-Karpis gang also has been definitely linked with the \$30,000 South St. Paul holdup August 20, 1933, when a policeman was killed and another wounded.

The federal government prosecuted Touhy and three associates, Eddie McFadden, Gus Schaefer and Willie Sharkey, for the Hamm kidnaping. All were acquitted. At the time, there was disagreement between government counsel and government agents. Several of the department of justice agents were of the opinion that the Touhy gang had no part in the kidnaping.

**Sawyer to Be Questioned.**

When Sawyer is brought back to St. Paul he is to be questioned rigorously concerning the Hamm abduction, it was learned.

It was expected that Sawyer, who was arrested Friday night, will be started back for St. Paul as soon as a copy of the indictment reaches New Orleans, and that he will be kept in the Ramsey county jail until arrangements for his trial are completed.

**Bond Set at \$100,000.**

Associated Press dispatches from New Orleans said that Sawyer waived extradition, and will be brought to St. Paul within a few days. United States Commissioner R. G. Carter, Jr., in New Orleans fixed Sawyer's bond at \$100,000.

"I haven't a chance to make any bond," Sawyer said with a grin.

Sawyer's arrest, according to department of justice records, reduced to three the number of alleged conspirators in the Bremer abduction still at large. They are Alvin Karpis, sought as the ring-leader of the gang that kidnaped the St. Paul banker in January, 1934, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

Others indicted for the crime either have been captured or slain.

**Sawyer Called 'Brains' of Plot.**

While Karpis has been named as the man who directed the actual kidnaping of Bremer, who was held for 22 days while negotiations for the ransom payment were under way, in the opinion of investigators Sawyer was the "brains" behind the abduction and the money changing that followed.

Shortly after the kidnaping Sawyer was arrested in St. Paul, but was released when police said they were satisfied that he had no connection with the abduction. Sawyer remained in St. Paul for some time afterward, but disappeared upon learning that he had been indicted for conspiracy in the kidnaping. He lived on a farm just outside St. Paul.

**Sawyer was Identified Saturday**

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# Hamm Kidnaping

## Laid to Barkers

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**Testifies at Bremer Trial**



**Wynona Burdette, 31 year old former radio singer and former sweetheart of Harry Campbell, testified for the government in the trial of ten for \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn. She told of her association with Campbell and others in St. Paul prior to the abduction. Campbell is a fugitive member of the gang.**

(Associated Press Photo.)

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# SAWYER TO FACE TRIAL IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

## "Fingerman" Captured in Southern Resort.

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—[Special.]—Harry Sawyer, reputed "fingerman" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and identified as an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, today was in the custody of special agents of the department of justice after his arrest last night at Pass Christian, Miss., deluxe gulf watering place.

Under indictment in the kidnaping for which ten persons are on trial before federal Judge M. M. Joyce here, the prisoner was taken to New Orleans for arraignment before a United States commissioner. Sawyer, a fugitive for nearly a year, will be brought to St. Paul to await trial.

### Trial to Be Completed.

Arrest of Sawyer in the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker January 17, 1934, will cause no change in conduct of the trial here which yesterday closed its third week. But prosecutors and heads of the bureau of investigation evidenced elation at the capture.

The arrest left only four members of the Barker-Karpis gang at large. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell who recently escaped a federal trap at Atlantic City, and William Weaver and Volney Davis. Federal agents either have killed or captured 29 other members of the gang.

Sawyer alias Harry Sandlovich, who took the St. Paul underworld throne after "Dapper Danny" Hogan had been slain with a bomb, is the man who sat at the center of an alleged web of corruption which led Attorney General Homer S. Cummings to brand St. Paul a "poison spot of crime."



**HARRY SAWYER.**  
[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

Credited for "Tipoff" Mr. Schilder.....

Reports have been current here for a long time that it was Sawyer who "tipped off" authorities and caused the death of Homer Van Meter, who was shot down in St. Paul, and of Fred and Ma Barker in their hideout.

Witnesses in the present trial have testified that members of the Barker-Karpis gang prior to the kidnaping visited the home of Sawyer and told of his association with the gang afterwards. At one time, shortly after Bremer's release, a federal operative testified, Sawyer and Fred and "Ma" Barker went with others to visit the tavern of Elmer Farmer at Bensenville, Ill. It was at Bensenville, the home of Harold Alderton, that Bremer was held captive for three weeks. Farmer and Alderton are among the defendants on trial.

### Resume Testimony Tomorrow.

Trial of the ten will be resumed Monday morning with Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty as the trial started, scheduled to take the stand for the government.

Bolton, who was a member of the inner circle of the Barker-Karpis gang, will give testimony to cap a long line of witnesses called by the government. Prosecutors indicated he will tell of the gang's activities from the abduction until Bremer's release. Witnesses have told amazing stories of the gang and its money changers.

### \$50,000 Ransom Exchanged.

The money changers, allegedly headed by John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, exchanged approximately \$50,000 of ransom money, according to signed and verbal statements given the federal men by seven of the defendants.

Dr. Joseph Moran, former associate of McLaughlin in the money exchange, is said to have been slain by the gang for trying to flee with part of the money.

Only Arthur [Doc] Barker failed to reveal any information as agents of the department of justice, working out of Chicago under Melvin Purvis, pieced together the stories in which not a single important discrepancy has been found.

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# \$65,000 HAMM RANSOM CASH SHOWS UP HERE

**Ties Barker-Karpis Gang to  
Brewer's Kidnaping; Seize  
13th Prisoner in Bremer Case**

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—Approximately \$65,000 of William Hamm ransom money has come into the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, and Department of Justice officials in Washington are convinced the Barker-Karpis mob—not the Roger Touhy gang—kidnaped the millionaire St. Paul brewer June 15, 1933.

The disclosure was made coincident with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul underworld character and reputed "finger man" in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Contrary to the general belief that no Hamm ransom money had turned up heretofore, it had been established, federal officials said, that thousands of dollars, have rolled into the federal reserve bank from various cities in the Chicago district, especially from Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

**BREMER CASH HERE.**

A considerable portion of the Bremer ransom, it was brought out at the trial of ten persons for the Bremer abduction now in progress here, also has been "peddled" in Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland.

Sawyer was arrested last night near Pass Christian, Miss., and tonight waited in a New Orleans jail for the government to carry out processes necessary for his return to St. Paul and trial. Bond was set at \$100,000. He waived extradition.

Ten now are being tried here and one, Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty as the trial opened, is to take the stand Monday. He is regarded as the government's star witness.

Among the conspirators still hunted are Alvin Karpis, named by the government with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, now on trial, as co-leader in the abduction plot, and Harry Campbell, both counted among the nation's most dangerous fugitive criminals. Washington authorities said no trace had been found of them since they shot their way out of a trap several weeks ago in Atlantic City, N. J.

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## BREMER PLOTTER ACCUSES SUSPECT

Man Taken in Mississippi  
Pointed Out Victim,  
Bolton States.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, May 6.—Harry Sawyer, arrested in Mississippi Friday night by Federal agents, today was named by Byron Bolton, Bremer kidnap defendant who pleaded guilty three weeks ago, as the man who pointed out Edward G. Bremer at a St. Paul bowling alley before he was kidnaped. Bolton testified in the Federal court trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others, charged with complicity in the \$200,000 abduction.

Bolton, 37-year-old alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, took the stand as a Government witness. He pleaded guilty on April 15 to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. Sentence was withheld pending conclusion of the present trial.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan, whether Sawyer's name was mentioned at the time Bolton met George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, who now is dead, and Willie Harrison, fugitive, in Chicago the night of January 11, to discuss kidnap plans, the witness said:

"Yes. He (Ziegler) said that Sawyer had already pointed the man out to him. He said Sawyer had taken him to a bowling alley and had shown him the man there."

### Sawyer Held ALLEGED BREMER KIDNAPER IN CUSTODY.

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**HARRY SAWYER,**

Alias Sandlovitch, arrested in New Orleans in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, jr., shown after he was ordered held in \$100,000 bond.

## Prosecution Rests in Bremer Case

ST. PAUL.—The Federal Government rested its case against eight defendants accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer at noon today.

A few minutes earlier U. S. Dist. Atty. Sullivan announced that the Government's case against two of the defendants, Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, the Kansas City "kissing bandit," had been dismissed.

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**Gangsters Await**

**Bolton's Squeal**

*Wash Herald 5/6/35*  
 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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# Insisted Gang Seize Bremer, Mob Aid Says

**Confessed Conspirator Charges Underworld Kingpin Demanded Kidnaping Be Carried Out When Outlaws Changed Minds and Decided to Rob St. Paul Victim's Bank Instead.**

## CASES OF JESS DOYLE AND EDNA MURRAY DISMISSED ON MOTION OF PROSECUTOR

Charges against two defendants were dismissed and the government rested its case today as Byron Bolton, gang gunner, testified in Federal court here that Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld chieftain, was the "finger man" in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The government rested at 12:09 P. M. after charges against Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, had been dismissed on a motion by the prosecution.

Taking the stand in Federal court, where the trial is being held, Bolton testified that:

Sawyer, who was arrested Friday at Pass Christian, Miss., pointed out Bremer to the kidnapers in a St. Paul bowling alley.

Changing their minds at the last minute, the gangsters wanted to abandon their kidnap plans and rob Bremer's bank instead, but Sawyer insisted on the abduction because the bank was "too tough."

Bremer was actually seized by Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis and William Weaver, while George Ziegler, Fred Barker and Volney Davis "stood by" in an automobile a block away.

Bolton, 37-year-old father of two children, and the alleged machine-gunner of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the abduction when the current trial opened April 15. Today he took

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the stand as the government's "ace" witness in the case.

Dark, sleek-haired and dressed in a dark suit and grey shirt, he testified in a low voice, but answered without hesitation all questions put to him by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

His testimony, in substance, was this:

He was living in Phoenix, Ariz., when he received a telegram on January 10, 1934, from George Ziegler, one of the Barker-Karpis "hot shot" gangsters, summoning him to Chicago. Ziegler sent money for the trip, which Bolton made by airplane, arriving in Chicago the following day. Bolton explained at this point that Ziegler's real name was Fred Goetz, previously believed to be an alias.

Arriving in Chicago, Bolton went to Ziegler's apartment, where he found Ziegler and Willie Harrison, a Hammond, Ind., tavern keeper. Ziegler then told him that "we're going to kidnap a fellow in St. Paul" and said the gang wanted him to take charge of the house, presumably referring to the hide-out where Bremer was to be held captive.

### Sawyer Visited Flat.

Bolton said he refused to take part in the abduction, but continued to live in Ziegler's flat. While he was there, Sawyer visited the place once. Then Ziegler told him the St. Paul underworld figure, now in New Orleans awaiting removal here, had pointed out the man to be kidnaped.

"He took them (the kidnapers) to a bowling alley where the man was bowling, and pointed him out," Bolton said Ziegler informed him.

Bolton remained at Ziegler's apartment until after the kidnaping, perpetrated January 17, 1934, when Bremer was dragged out of his automobile at Lexington and Goodrich avenues.

Ziegler had left the apartment before the abduction, but returned a day or two later and told Bolton that "we kidnaped Bremer in St. Paul and have him in Alderton's house." He referred to the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, in Bensenville, Ill.

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After imparting this information, Ziegler gave Bolton further information about the abduction. He said that, arriving in St. Paul the gangsters had wanted to abandon their kidnap plans and rob the Commercial State bank, of which Bremer is president. Sawyer insisted that they go through with the abduction, however, saying he had looked over the bank and decided it was "too tough" to be robbed.

When the abduction was finally staged, Ziegler said, according to Bolton, that Ziegler and Fred Barker and Volney Davis remained in one automobile, about a block from the scene, while Bremer was seized by Arthur (Doc) Barker, William Weaver and Alvin Karpis, the latter called "Ray" by his friends.

#### Two Now Are Dead.

Of these men, all "heavies" of the Barker-Karpis gang, Ziegler and Fred Barker now are dead, the first slain by other mobsters and

the second by Federal agents; Doc Barker is a defendant in the present trial; and the others still are fugitives.

During the days following the kidnaping, Bolton testified, he went to the "hideout" as a messenger from Ziegler, who remained in Chicago, and saw there Alderton, Doc Barker, Karpis, Weaver and Harry Campbell, the latter another gangster fugitive in the case. On one occasion Bolton saw Bremer being led past him, with bandaged head, and was informed by Campbell that "he got a little rough and we had to use force."

During the period of Bremer's captivity, Ziegler made several trips between Chicago and St. Paul, being accompanied by Sawyer on at least one of the journeys, Bolton testified. But Ziegler was dissatisfied with Sawyer's activities, saying in Bolton's hearing that "he hasn't been fulfilling his part of the agreements; he hasn't got us a decent place to work from, or a decent place to stay."

Ziegler also complained of difficulty in delivering the ransom notes, saying at one time: "Volney is sure to be 'made.' He walked up to a priest and delivered a note."

The reference presumably was to a ransom note delivered to Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake and a friend of the Bremer family.

On the day of Bremer's release,

February 7, 1934, Ziegler called Bolton by telephone from Bensenville and told him to bring his (Ziegler's) automobile from Chicago. Bolton drove the car to Alderton's house, watched the gangsters load their victim into it and drive away.

Later, Bolton accompanied Ziegler, Fred Barker and Davis to an apartment which Ziegler maintained in Berwyn, Ill., a short distance from Chicago. Fred Barker and Davis then left, but returned with two big packages, which they tossed on a couch.

"Well, there's the money," Fred Barker remarked, according to Bolton. "We certainly had one hell of a time getting it!"

The following day, in Ziegler's Chicago apartment, Ziegler appeared with seven or eight smaller packages, and explained that the ransom money had been split. All the kidnapers but the two Barkers and Sawyer had given their shares to Ziegler for safekeeping, however, Ziegler explained to Bolton.

Ziegler wanted to give Bolton \$3,000 for his assistance, but Bolton said he refused to take it. The two then drove to the home of an uncle of Ziegler's wife at Wilmington, Ill., and left the money there.

Later, following the slaying of Ziegler on March 20, 1934, Bolton went to Aurora, Ill., with Volney Davis, met Weaver, Campbell and Doc Barker there, and claimed his \$3,000 share. He then turned \$2,000 of it over the Ziegler's widow.

Bolton was arrested last January in Chicago, where he was living with Russell (Slim) Gibson, another member of the mob who was slain by Federal agents.

Under cross-examination today, Bolton was asked by John De Courcy of defense counsel whether he was not known as "Machinegun Bolton." The witness nodded as though in assent, but answered "No."

Bolton was followed on the stand by Simon A. Cinotto, Wilmington carpenter, who was the last government witness.

#### Package Left in Garage.

Cinotto, uncle of Ziegler's wife, Irene Dorsey, said that a package, presumably containing the ransom money, had been left in his garage the middle of February, 1934, and that Irene and a man he did not know had called for it some time later.

The package, believed to contain more than \$100,000, was hidden under some old furniture, and part of the time the garage was not even locked.

When Cinotto left the stand, dismissal of the charges against Doyle and Mrs. Murray was asked by the government, and the motion was upheld by Judge M. M. Joyce. At the request of DeCourcy, however, they will be held here as possible defense witnesses.

On leaving here, Mrs. Murray, known as "the kissing bandit," will be returned to the Missouri state penitentiary, from which she escaped while serving a 25-year sentence for robbery.

Doyle may be tried for the robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, which he is said to have confessed, or be sent to Okechmah, Okla., where he also is wanted on bank robbery charges.



ST PAUL DISPATCH

May 8, 1935

### SAWYER IN U. S. CUSTODY



Sought for many months in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovitch, was captured at Pass Christian, Miss., Saturday. Sawyer is shown in the Federal building at New Orleans in custody of deputies as he was taken before the commissioner for arraignment. He is being held in default of \$100,000 bail. Sawyer is alleged to have been the Kingpin of St. Paul's underworld for several years.

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Motions for dismissals are expected to be made by counsel for Edna Murray and Jess Doyle and the government will not oppose the move. Thus Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang remains as the only defendant who will not take the witness stand.

The defense is expected to take about a week and this followed by pleas to the jury by six defense counsel and the prosecution as well as the court's charge will send the case into the jury room for deliberation about May 15.

# Charges Not Proved, Counsel Assert

Dismissal of kidnap conspiracy charges against the four money changers in the Edward G. Bremer case was asked by defense attorneys in United States district court late today.

Robert Rensch, attorney for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, made such a motion on behalf of his client and for Phil Delaney and William Vidler.

"The government has failed utterly by any proof to show that the defendants committed the offense charged in the indictment," Mr. Rensch told the court. "The government has failed to show that the defendants by any act assisted in the kidnaping."

"McLaughlin's name," he continued, "was not even mentioned for seven weeks after the kidnaping. Even Dr. Moran, Oliver Berg and Russell Gibson did not know that it was ransom money they were handling. How was McLaughlin to know when he was the third party?"

The evidence itself speaks for the innocence of his client, Phil Delaney, Thomas McMeekin, also of defense counsel, pleaded.

Mr. McMeekin told Trial Judge M. M. Joyce that Delaney was obligated to McLaughlin and that it had been Delaney's habit to drive McLaughlin around Chicago whenever the political boss requested.

"And so Delaney did not consider it out of the ordinary when McLaughlin called for him," McMeekin said. "And when Delaney went into a bank six times and exchanged \$4,000 on each occasion he didn't believe it was ransom money. He may of thought it was counterfeit money but not ransom money."

A. J. Hoffman, attorney for Vidler, declared that Vidler's statement, too, speaks for itself.

"Vidler's statement that the ransom money was thrown into his car as he crossed a bridge was a joke and was considered so by the agents to whom he had given the statement," Mr. Hoffman said.

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# MACHINE GUNNER TELLS ALL; BLOW TO FINAL HOPES FOR RELEASE OF BARKER AND AIDS

## Claims Ziegler Wanted To Abandon "Snatch" And Rob Bremer Bank Instead But St. Paul Under- world Czar Called Plan "Too Tough"

Government attorneys today rested their case against members of the Barker-Karpis gang who have been on trial in United States district court for three weeks for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

After dismissing the charges against Edna Murray and Jess Doyle, two alleged members of the gang, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the government had no additional evidence to present against Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven remaining defendants.

End of the government's case followed presentation of the most damaging testimony of the trial.

The testimony came from the lips of Byron Bolton, former member of the gang, who had pleaded guilty to kidnap charges. The 37-year-old former Springfield, Ill., garageman linked major members of the Karpis-Barker gang with the snatching.

Accompanied by two United States marshals, Bolton was brought into a courtroom filled to capacity to testify against the persons he once associated with. Pale from the long days in jail and visibly worried, the former gambler told of the release of Bremer and gave other startling testimony.

Put the "finger" on Harry Sawyer, captured at Pass Christian, Miss., last week as the "finger man" in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Testified to the delivery of the \$200,000 ransom money to a Berwyn, Ill., apartment by Fred Barker and Volney Davis.

Hiding of a part of the ransom money by George Ziegler, dead member of the gang, pending finding of a money-changer.

How Ziegler suggested after Mr. Bremer has been kidnaped that the snatching be abandoned and that the gang loot the Commercial State bank instead and how Sawyer had advised against this saying it was "too tough."

Bolton told of his part in the kidnaping—driving Ziegler to the kidnap house and to places where other members of the gang were hiding out—in a voice that was hardly audible. Judge M. M. Joyce instructed the witness to speak up.

### Sawyer Being Led To Cell



HARRY SAWYER, former St. Paul underworld kingpin, as he was being led to a cell after appearing before a United States commissioner at New Orleans, is shown above. Sawyer held a handkerchief over his face as photographers snapped his picture. The picture reveals, however, that he has added considerable weight, about 45 pounds, since he fled from St. Paul. Sawyer, also known as Harry Sandlovich, is to be returned to St. Paul to face charges in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934. He is alleged to have been the finger man of the gang. Sawyer was captured by federal agents at Pass Christian, Miss., last Saturday.

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While his lethal story was being told, Barker looked directly at him; Edna Murray stared at the floor; Alderton stared at the witness; William Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin appeared indifferent, and J. J. Wilson, Oliver Berg and Jesse Doyle gazed about the courtroom, apparently unmoved by the narration.

Mr. Bremer, Mrs. Bremer and Walter Magee, the contact man, were in the courtroom and listened intently to each word that fell from the lips of the witness. Mr. Bremer entered the courtroom through the marshal's office at 10:30 a. m. He sat behind Bolton and the witness could not see him.

**Bolton Flew East.**

Bolton was led into the courtroom by two United States marshals. He took the oath and then started his testimony saying he lives in Chicago, is 37 years old, married and has two children. He said he had pleaded guilty to the crime of conspiracy to kidnap and then launched into the story of events

leading up to the kidnaping and the abduction.

"Where were you the first of January, 1934?"

"Phoenix, Ariz."

"When did you leave?"

"Jan. 10. I went to Chicago."

"Why did you leave?"

"I got a telegram from George Ziegler."

"How did you travel?"

"By airplane. Ziegler paid the cost."

"When did you arrive?"

"Jan. 11, about 8 p. m. I went to Ziegler's apartment on Garfield blvd., 1800 block."

"Who did you meet there?"

"Willie Harrison and George Ziegler." He then identified pictures of Ziegler and Harrison.

**Told Of Kidnap Plot.**

"Were there any other persons there?"

"Ziegler's wife, Irene."

"Did you talk with them that night?"

"Yes. Irene was not there."

"State the conversation."

"Ziegler asked me if I would take care of a house as they wanted to kidnap a man in St. Paul. They said the man there was no good and they wanted to send him away. I told them I didn't want anything to do with it."

"Who said they were going to kidnap a St. Paul man?"

"Ziegler."

"When were they to leave?"

"The next morning."

**Sawyer Mentioned.**

"Was Sawyer mentioned?"

"Yes. He said Sawyer already had pointed the man out. The man's name was not mentioned."

"You stayed there that night?"

"Yes. On the morning of the 12th Ziegler and Harrison had gone."

"When next did you see Ziegler?"

"On the evening of Jan. 18 or 19 in his apartment. He was alone."

"How was he dressed?"

"He was dressed in business clothes?"

"What talk did you have?"

"He told me that they had kidnaped Bremer and that he was in Alderton's house in Bensenville."

**Preferred Robbing Bank.**

"Was anything said about Bremer's bank?"

"Ziegler said when he got up here he wanted to abandon the kidnaping and rob the bank but Sawyer said it was too tough and to stick to the kidnaping."

"Did you know Barker at the time?"

"Yes. I knew Doc Barker for six or eight weeks. I saw him at Ziegler's house."

"And Ray Karpis?"

"I knew him about the same time."

"How long have you known Willie Harrison?"

"About three or four years. I played golf with Harrison."

"This talk with Ziegler Jan. 18, was any mention made as to who participated in the kidnaping?"

"He said Fred Barker, Ziegler, Volney Davis were in a car a block away. Doc Barker, Karpis and Campbell did the actual snatching."

"Did you go to Bensenville after your talk with Ziegler?"

"Yes. I went to Alderton's house. I got there about 11 o'clock."

**Had "Put Up Battle."**

"What happened when you got there?"

"I rapped on the door and Karpis let me in. I told him Ziegler sent me and wanted to know if they wanted anything."

"Did you go in the house?"

"I went in the kitchen. I saw Doc Barker, Campbell, Bill Weaver, Karpis and Alderton." The witness identified photos of Weaver, Karpis, Campbell and Alderton's house.

"Did you see any other man in the house?"

"While I was there, they took a bandaged man to the bathroom.

They told me he put up a battle and they had to get rough. He described the man as six foot, 190 pounds."

**Left For St. Paul.**

"Describe the man."

"He was about six-foot tall and weighed about 195 pounds."

"What did you do then?"

"I went back to Chicago and told Ziegler they arrived all right and had had no message."

"How were the men at Alderton's dressed?"

"Hunting clothes."

"Did Ziegler stay in his apartment that night?"

"Yes. He left for St. Paul the next morning."

"When did you see him again?"

"I saw him the day Bremer was released and two or three times in between."

"Was Sawyer ever with him?"

"Yes, about Jan. 28 or 29."

Government exhibit No. 57, a picture of Harry Sawyer, was identified by the witness.

"Did you talk to him at the time?"

**There When Bremer Freed.**

"No, but I heard Ziegler tell Sawyer he had to do better in getting a place to work from, as the places he had picked so far had too much heat on them."

"Did you have any talks with Ziegler on his visits?"

"No. He was too busy. Once he said Sawyer was getting places to work from, but that he wasn't doing a good job of it. He also said they were having a lot of trouble delivering the notes. He said Volney Davis was sure it would be delivered as he had walked up to a priest and delivered a note for the Bremers."

"Were you at Alderton's when Bremer was released?"

"Yes, I drove Ziegler there in his car."

**Saw Bremer Near House.**

"How far up the alley did you drive the Ziegler car?"

"About half way up the alley."

"What kind of a car was it?"

"A 1932 Chevrolet coupe."

"When you got to the house, what happened?"

"Ziegler told me to walk up York st. and he would pick me up 15 minutes later. I saw Bremer and Doc Barker leave the house in the passageway between the shack and the house. Mr. Bremer had his handkerchief up to his face and seemed to have something tied around the back of his head like goggles. Doc Barker was salping him."

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"Did you see Parker and Ziegler after you left the house?"  
"I saw them again in York st. as they passed me in the Chevrolet coupe."

"What then?"  
"Ziegler came back and picked me up."

"Did Ziegler say anything to you?"  
**Identifies Photographs.**

"As I got in, he said 'I'm awfully glad that's over.'"

"Where did you go then?"  
"We went to Berwyn, Ill., about 16 miles from Bensenville. We met Fred Barker and Volney Davis in a Buick sedan." The witness identified photographs of Fred Barker and Volney Davis.

"When Ziegler came up to the other car, what did he do?"

"He stopped and talked to them a few minutes."

"When you got to Berwyn?"

"We went to an apartment. Davis and Barker took two large boxes out of their car and carried them upstairs. Each carried one box."

#### Hard Time Getting Money.

"How were they dressed?"

"All three, Barker, Ziegler and Davis wore hunting clothes."

"What was done with the boxes?"

"Fred Barker threw them down on the davenport and said, 'there's the money. We had a hard time to get it.'"

"What kind of boxes were they?"

"Cardboard boxes tied with cord."

"Did they change clothes then?"

"Yes. They put on business clothes. Fred and Davis then left each taking a box. Then Ziegler and I left to go to Ziegler's apartment."

"Did you see him the next day?"

"Yes, before he left which was about 9 a. m. I saw him again about 2 p. m. He told me he had several packages to deliver and wanted me to go along."

"Describe the packages."

"They were of different sizes wrapped in brown paper. They weren't big packages."

"Was anything said about division of money?"

#### Refused "Hot" \$3,000.

"He said he had all the money except Sawyer's, Doc's and Freddie Barker. He had \$3,000 taken off for me and I told him I didn't want it. He said I was going to get it anyway as soon as it was changed. He said he was keeping the money until he could get a money changer."

"What did Ziegler do with the money?"

"We went to Wilmington and there he put it all in one bundle. I told him that looked like a lot of money and he said 'yes,' as he had some of the other fellow's money there, too."

"Whose house did you go to in Wilmington?"

"Simonson Otto. He is a relative of Ziegler's. We left the package there and went back to Chicago."

"What did you do?"

"I left Chicago that night and went back to Phoenix, Ariz. I stayed there until late in March, 1934."

"When did you return to Chicago?"

"At the end of March. Ziegler's wife wired me and I went to see her. I then tried to get in touch with Volney Davis and it took me about three weeks. I also saw Willie Harrison and told him I wanted to get some money for Irene (Ziegler's wife). He told me to come back in a couple of days. This was around the middle of April and so I came back in a couple of days with Davis, whom I had found."

#### Met Davis In April.

"Do you know the date you met Volney Davis?"

"It must have been in the middle of April."

"What did you say to him?"

"I told him I wanted some money for Mrs. Ziegler and he took me to Aurora, Ill. We drove there in Davis' automobile."

"When you got at this house in Aurora, who did you see?"

"Doc Barker, Weaver and Campbell."

"What did you say to them?"

"I told them I wanted the \$3,000 they had promised me and Doc Barker gave it to me."

"What had become of Ziegler?"

"He was dead. He died March 20, 1934."

#### Kept \$1,000 For Self.

"What was the money you received?"

"\$1,000 in \$100 bills. The rest in other denominations."

"After receiving it where did you go?"

"I returned to Mrs. Ziegler and gave her \$2,000 and kept the \$1,000 for myself."

"Did you go back to Arizona?"

"Yes. I remained there until June. I then went to Appleton, Wis., remained there until November. Then I went to Bensenville, where I saw Willie Harrison. I went to Chicago and stayed with him for about three weeks."

#### Identifies Photos.

"Did you see Doc Barker there?"

"Yes, in an apartment on Surf st. in November, 1934."

"Did you see Slim Gibson?"

"Yes. He lived on Pine Grove ave. I lived with him in December and a part of January." The witness then identified a photograph of Gibson.

"That was up until the time of your arrest?"

"Yes."

#### Points Out Accomplices.

"How long had you known Slim Gibson?"

"I met him in November, 1934."

"Did you see Doc Barker during November and December, 1934, and January, 1935?"

"Yes, a number of times."

"Was Doc Barker's nose bruised during that time?"

"Yes. He wore a plaster across it. He said the doctor had done a rotten job on his nose."

"Did he mention an accident?"

"No."

"Did you go to Florida?"

"Yes, on Dec. 20, with Willie Harrison. Harrison said he was going to get a job. We came back Jan. 4."

"Did you see Dov on that trip?"

"Yes, I saw Doc Barker and Slim Gibson in Macon, Ga."

"Do you see Alderton in the room?"

"Yes, that's him." (Alderton stood up.)

"Do you see Farmer?" (Farmer stood up and at the same time Berg popped up. Berg was pulled down by Doyle.)

"And do you see Doc Barker?"

Barker rose with a swagger.

"That's him," the witness said.

#### Calls Self Gambler.

Bolton's testimony was concluded and a recess was ordered by the court. When court reconvened, John DeCourcy, attorney for Barker, started his cross-examination.

"What is your business?"

"I have no business. I am a gambler."

"You say you left Appleton, Wis., in 1934?"

"Yes. I was there all summer."

"What kind of gambling?"

"I had about 15 slot machines there."

"How did you make your money to gamble?"



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"I played golf."  
 "What is your average score?"  
 "I average 75."  
 "Did you ever work?"  
 "About six years ago."  
 "How long did you know Ziegler?"  
 "About six years. I met him in Springfield, Ill., where I had a garage."  
**Never Was Convicted.**  
 "Were you ever convicted of a crime?"  
 "No, sir."  
 "You say Ziegler kept his car in your garage?"  
 "Yes, off and on."  
 "For how long a period did he keep his car there?"  
 "Six months."  
 "When did you see him next?"  
 "I saw him in Wisconsin about five or six years ago."  
 "When you received this telegram from Ziegler in 1934, how long before you saw him?"  
 "I saw him the preceding December."  
**Used Benson As Alias.**  
 "You say you got money by telegram to get to Chicago? How much was it?"  
 "\$50."  
 "Did you ever live on Surf st. under the name of Allen?"  
 "No, as Benson."  
 "You married under what name?"  
 "Byron Bolton."  
 "What name were you under at Phoenix, Ariz.?"  
 "Carter."  
 "Was it not you and Ziegler who got Bremer out of the house that morning?"  
 "No, sir."  
**Fugitive Since Summer.**  
 "You say Mrs. Ziegler wired you to return?"  
 "Yes, I borrowed the money and came back by train."  
 "You say you requested \$2,000 for her?"  
 "Yes. She needed it."  
 "When did you first see Harry Sawyer?"  
 "I don't believe I can recall that."  
 "Then you didn't see him for the first time in Chicago?"  
 "No, I had seen him before."  
 "Are you a war veteran?"  
 "Yes."  
 "Aren't you known as Machinegun Bolton?"

"No."  
 "Are you familiar with machine guns?"  
 "No."  
 "Was your army compensation cancelled?"  
 "At one time. I didn't report for examination."  
 "You have been a fugitive for some time?"  
 "Since last summer."  
 "Have you been offered any consideration by the government for your testimony in this case?"  
 "No."  
**Never Saw Berg.**  
 Eugene Mathews, attorney for Doyle and Alderton, started cross-examination.  
 "Have you ever seen the defendant Berg before you came to court?"  
 "No."  
 "Did Alderton answer the door when you came to the house?"  
 "No."  
 "Did he usher you to the door? Did you talk to him?"  
 "No."  
 "Is there any difference in his appearance now or at his home?"  
 "None whatsoever."  
 "Did you ever talk to Alderton?"  
 "No."  
 That ended the cross-examination and Mr. Sullivan took the witness for re-direct examination.  
 "Have you seen Alderton in the jail?"  
 "Yes."  
**Lungs Affected.**  
 "Are your lungs affected?"  
 "Yes."  
 "That's all."  
 Bolton was on the stand for one hour and 35 minutes.  
 Simon A. Cinotto, Wilmington, Ill., was the next witness. He said that he knew Goetz for about six years, when he married his niece. He also said he knew him as Ziegler.  
 He testified that in the middle of February, 1934, Goetz came to his home. Cinotto was working in his carpenter shop.  
 "George came in and said 'Uncle Si, I have a package to storage here.' He had been in the habit of leaving stuff there so I didn't pay much attention to it."  
 "How was that package wrapped?"  
 "In cardboard or heavy wrapping paper with a heavy cord. He removed the other things and put this package down and he then moved the stuff back and covered it all with a tarpaulin I have in the garage."

"After Goetz's death did you see his wife Irene?"  
 "About two days later around midnight she woke me up. I then went out of the house and unlocked the garage door."  
**Doyle, Murray Cleared.**  
 "Who was with her?"  
 "There was a man with her."  
 "What did she do?"  
 "She went directly to the garage and the man with her took the package away."  
 "Was that all they took?"  
 "That's all. They left at once."  
 "Is that garage or shop locked?"  
 "Sometimes."  
 Mr. DeCourcy started cross-examination.  
 "Do you know Monty Carter?"  
 "Yes. It's been a long time. I saw him once in November."  
 The witness then was excused.  
 The government then dismissed the case against Doyle and Murray and Mr. DeCourcy asked that the Murray woman be required to remain within the jurisdiction of the court. Doyle and Miss Murray then were taken from the room, Doyle to await retainers from other places and Edna to remain in custody of the marshal as a defense witness.  
 The court then recessed until 2:30 p. m.  
**Barker Not To Testify**  
 Arthur (Doc) Barker will be the only defendant of 10 being tried here in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, not to take the stand on his own behalf when the defense has its inning in federal court here this week.  
 In the meantime federal authorities here are preparing to receive Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul underworld kingpin, arrested at Pas Christian, Miss., Friday night. Sawyer is being held in New Orleans, La., awaiting removal papers, sent there by the St. Paul office Saturday morning. Sawyers is expected in St. Paul Tuesday or Wednesday.  
 As the defense prepares to go to bat, a check-up shows that John J. McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip E. Delaney, James Wilson, Oliver Berg, Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer are reported as defendants ready to take the stand on their own behalf.



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### IMPORTANT ARREST

ARREST of Harry Sawyer by the federal agents is a noteworthy and important event.

Sawyer for many years has been the reputed underworld king of this city, having succeeded to the throne occupied by the late "Dapper Dan" Hogan, whose demise was sudden when he stepped upon the starter of his car and set off a bomb.

While he was in St. Paul Sawyer enjoyed a strange immunity from police interference. When suspected persons found with concealed weapons were arrested in and about his well-known premises, there was always some influence which succeeded in gaining them their freedom, either through the posting of small bail or the failure of the police to press charges.

It was freely charged in the days before he succeeded "Dapper Dan" that the latter maintained a sort of clearing house for criminals and was tolerated, at the least, by the police in exchange for occasional bits of information.

Sawyer is charged with being one of those involved in the Bremer kidnaping. Specifically he is alleged to be the "finger man" who pointed out the victim and handled local details. On her testimony last week Wynona Burdette, "moll" of Harry Campbell, fugitive member of the Karpis-Barker gang, told how the gangsters made for Sawyer's home upon their arrival here before the kidnaping.

What the actual facts are in this allegation will be determined by the court. Meanwhile the important development is the capture of Sawyer by the federal agents. They have done what the police were never able to accomplish.

It would be a wholesome thing for St. Paul if Sawyer would reveal all the local crime ramifications of which the kidnaping cases were only a part.

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**BOLTON INVOLVES SAWYER**

**Witness Calls Suspect "Finger Man" in Bremer Kidnaping.**

*By the United Press.*  
ST. PAUL, May 6.—Byron Bolton, former machine-gunner in the Barker-Karpis gang, told from the witness stand today a story which the federal government believed clinched its case against ten Bremer kidnaping suspects—all former allies of Bolton.

Harry Sawyer, Bolton testified, was the "finger man" in the Bremer case. Sawyer, long sought in connection with the kidnaping, was

captured in Mississippi Friday night. Sawyer pointed out Bremer to the actual kidnapers in a pool hall early last year, Bolton testified. A few days later, on January 17, 1934, the gang seized Bremer and held him for \$200,000 ransom.

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# PRISONER ACCUSED IN BREMER CRIME

## Lawyer Called 'Finger Man' by One of Plotters.

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Bolton, a thirty-seven-year-old alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, took the stand as a Government witness. He pleaded guilty on April 15 to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. Sentence was withheld pending conclusion of the present trial.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan whether Sawyer's name was mentioned at the time Bolton met George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, now dead, and Willie Harrison, a fugitive, in Chicago the night of January 11, to discuss kidnap plans, the witness said:

"Yes. He (Ziegler) said that Sawyer had already pointed the man out to him. He said Sawyer had taken him to a bowling alley and had shown him the man there."

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# GANGSTER TO TELL ALL

## Full Bremer Kidnap Gang Expose Expected

In a 'Spot'



ALVIN KARPIS

His crime activities may be revealed by 'Gunner' Bolton.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5. (US).—The story that the entire underworld has been fearing is expected to be told Monday 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, pal of the fugitive Alvin Karpis, public Enemy No. 1 of the Nation, and said by the Government to have explained the mystery of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, will accuse not only ten persons on trial in the Bremer case, but gangland leaders much higher up.

The machine gunner has pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy in the kidnaping and has given the Department of Justice a lengthy statement, it is reported.

### ACTIVITIES WITH KARPIS.

Complications leading up to the Bremer snatch go back into underworld history, several chapters of which have been successfully hidden so far from the authorities. These are expected to be brought to light for the first time when Bolton is called on the stand by the Government.

Bolton's testimony is expected to reveal his early association with Karpis and the Barker brothers, Arthur "Doc" Barker, now on trial, and Fred Barker, slain with his mother, "Ma" Barker, in a Federal raid upon their hideout in Florida.

The murder combination of which Bolton was a part included, by his asserted admission, Murray Humphreys, Capone's successor, now in prison for tax evasion; Burke, jailed for life in Michigan; Claude Maddox, head of the once dreaded "circus" gang; Gus Winkler, murdered by gangsters, and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, who was slain by gang guns.

Although the Government is expected to confine Bolton's testimony to the Bremer kidnaping, he is expected to relate how Goetz, a graduate of the University of Illinois, turned gangster and was slain because of a double-cross involving not only the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money, but the \$100,000 in cash paid for his release by William Hamm, Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer.

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### Link Barker Gang To Hamm Kidnap

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5 (AP).—  
New evidence pointing to the  
Barker-Karpis gang as kidnapers  
of William Hamm, of St. Paul, in  
1933, was revealed today, as the  
Government neared the climax in  
its case against ten persons on trial  
for the abduction of Edward G.  
Bremer, St. Paul banker.

It was learned on authority  
\$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid  
for the release of Hamm, million-  
aire brewer, had found its way into  
the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank  
from various cities, including  
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# BOLTON WILL BARE GANG'S INSIDE STORY

Involves St. Valentine Mas-  
sacre; Called as Witness  
In the Bremer Ransom Case

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#### INVOLVES SECRETS.

That, at least, is the expectation, for the complicated mosaic of his story of the Bremer snatch goes back into history that the underworld has taken great pains, successfully so far, to keep as hidden chapters in its annals.

Bolton has confessed being a participant in the Bremer case, but his testimony, it is anticipated, will relate to the beginnings of his association with Karpis and the Barker brothers: Arthur ("Doc") Barker, now on trial, and Fred Barker, slain with his mother, "Ma" Barker, in a federal assault upon their Florida hideout.

#### LEADS TO MASSACRE.

That will bring in Bolton's affiliation with Fred ("Killer") Burke and the four other gangsters he listed in his purported confession as having been enlisted by Al Capone to carry through the St. Valentine's Day massacre and exterminate the rival gang of George ("Bugs") Moran.

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killed in Cicero over a year ago by gang guns.

#### GOETZ STORY TO COME

While the government, for reasons of policy and in anticipation of later prosecutions in unsolved major crimes, may seek to limit Bolton's story to its actual application to the Bremer case, the part relating to Goetz is certain to get into the record.

Goetz, University of Illinois graduate, who turned gangster, was slain because of a double-cross involving not only the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money, but the \$100,000 cash paid for the release of William Hamm Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer.

Government forces also stated that, with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man" in the Bremer case, the thirteenth of the twenty-two persons indicted in the kidnaping to be trapped, they had additional evidence that the Hamm case was engineered by the same combination of Karpis and the Barkers which seized Bremer.

#### TOUHY GANG CLEARED

This evidence, absolving the Roger Touhy gang which was tried and acquitted for the Hamm kidnaping, is partly based on the fact that over \$65,000 of the ransom paid by Hamm was traced through the Chicago Federal Reserve district to agents of Karpis. It was passed at Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland.

Whatever the government's plans in limiting Bolton's testimony, the defense may seek to draw out his entire story to show that lesser defendants in the Bremer case were only minor figures in a pattern dominated by key figures of the underworld, past and present.

Bolton, however, will definitely name Karpis and "Doc" Barker as leaders in the Bremer case; Sawyer, captured Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss., as the finger man; and Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, fugitives, as among those who loaded the banker into the kidnap car after beating him over the

head, and then took him to the hideout at Bensenville, outside of Chicago, where he was held for twenty-one days in January and February of 1934.

#### SAWYER EXPECTED

Authorities indicated that they may not rest their three-week case with Bolton's story, but may seek to add substantially to their case by rushing Sawyer here to provide the final solution to the crime. Sawyer has waived extradition and indicated willingness to talk.

Bolton's appearance on the witness stand was foreshadowed Friday, when he was brought to ante room, ready to go on, but Federal Judge M. M. Joyce ordered the trial adjourned to Monday, deferring the dramatic recitation.

#### WOMAN FACES PRISON

While the government is reported to have decided to ask for dismissal of charges against two of the defendants in the case, Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit" and Jess Doyle, of Kansas City, the Murray woman faces return to Missouri state prison.

Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris of Missouri has issued a requisition for her return to Jefferson City, where she escaped three times, the last time in 1932, when she sawed her cell bars. She must complete a sentence of twenty-five years as an escaped convict.

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# Gangster Tells Of Bremer Plot

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# RELATES WORK IN CHICAGO OFFICE OF ACCUSED PHYSICIAN

A 27-year-old former Northwestern university medical student, James J. Wilson of Chicago, took the witness stand in his own defense today as an alleged conspirator in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Wilson, nattily attired in a light gray suit, blue tie and white shirt, was the second witness for the defense in the trial of Wilson and seven others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, in Federal court. He followed Oliver Berg, life-term prisoner in Illinois prison, who also is one of the defendants and who completed his story after being on the stand Monday afternoon and throughout the morning session.

Wilson, born and reared in Spring Valley, Ill., told how he went to Chicago in 1931 and there met Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a relative by marriage, who is a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case. Wilson said, on examination by his attorney, Thomas Newman, that Moran is a brother-in-law of his by marriage.

The curly-haired youth related how, hoping to obtain funds to continue medical school, he began working in the offices of Moran who promised to put aside a certain sum of money each week so he could return to Northwestern university.

Wilson said he specialized in chemical engineering while working in Spring Valley, Ill., where he was graduated from high school. He was employed later in a clock company at La Salle, Ill.

"I was an errand boy," Wilson said. "I told him of my financial circumstances and he told me he would try to send me to medical school and that he would put aside a certain sum for me each week."

Asked by Newman, who was appointed as Wilson's counsel by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at the time the defendant was arraigned, whether he received a salary, Wilson said:

"I received my room, board and laundry and he gave me a few extra dollars for amusement."



#### Told to Exchange Money.

Berg then told how he was told—by one of the men in bandages, believed to be "Doc" Barker, who is known to have had a face lifting operation, that he and Gibson and a woman were to "exchange some money." When Berg refused, he testified, the man in bandages said: "Why not, you are just as 'hot' as we are right now."

Berg told how he argued and finally said "If you want to know the truth, I wouldn't take the money for a gift."

The unidentified man's reply, Berg said, was:

"We will see whether or not you're going to do it."

Berg said he stayed at the home about 30 minutes and shortly afterward saw James J. Wilson, former

chauffeur for Dr. Moran, there. Wilson is one of the defendants.

Berg's rambling story that included how members of the gang went to drinking places and on one occasion, he said, he was abandoned on an island after a speedboat ride. He said he had been drinking with the others prior to taking the trip.

Cynosure of most eyes at the trial today was Richard (Dick) Arlen, former St. Paul boy and well known movie star, who came to the city with his wife to participate in the golden wedding anniversary of his parents. His wife, Jobyna Ralston, movie actress, also was expected to attend the trial this afternoon, Arlen said.

On cross-examination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Berg admitted he was armed with a gun after he was engaged by Dr. Moran to guard the money which, the witness claimed, he was unaware was kidnap money.

#### Refused to Identify Photos.

Berg refused to identify photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, William Weaver and Harry Campbell, when they were shown him by Sullivan, as men who assembled at Berg's home. Weaver, Karpis and Campbell are fugitives.

Berg, on questioning by Sullivan, admitted he received \$800 from Dr. Moran, but asserted that \$340 was a debt that the physician owed him.

Berg admitted that he guarded the ransom money but refused to say, on cross-examination, that he was "hired."

"Dr. Moran did not hire me, Mr. Sullivan," the witness insisted.

## Bolton 'Sneak,' Woman Freed in Kidnaping Says

### Karpis-Barker Gang Machine Gunner Redeemed "Ticket for Hot Seat With Lies," Blond "Kissing Bandit," Cleared in Bremer Case, Asserts

A blonde in a gingham dress described Byron Bolton, the Karpis-Barker gang gunner, today as "a sneak" who redeemed "his ticket for the hot seat with lies."

The blonde was Edna (Rabbits) Murray, who with Jess Doyle, was freed Monday of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Lounging in the matron's reception room in Ramsey county jail, both Mrs. Murray and Doyle spoke freely about the Bremer kidnaping trial in which they sat as defendants for fifteen days.

They shook hands, chatted and joked with each other, and posed for pictures.

"How would you feel if you were freed in a case like this?" asked Mrs. Murray when she was queried about the dismissal of charges.

"Well, I feel swell, of course," she added, exhaling cigarette smoke. "I expected to be exonerated, although I didn't expect the charges to be dismissed."

Doyle touched off a cigarette and grinned when asked how he felt about it.

"Boy, it's a relief," he said.

Both were in court Monday when Bolton took the stand as a government witness and named Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin as the "finger" man in the Bremer abduction. Bolton also identified Volney Davis as one of those who "stood by" as three members of the Karpis-Barker gang kidnaped the banker in January, 1934.

"Bolton's testimony," said Mrs. Murray, "was the only damaging stuff I heard at the trial. He is a sneak, who traded with the govern-

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ment. He is trying to escape the hot seat (electric chair) down in Chicago for the St. Valentine's day massacre. He traded lies for his ticket to the hot seat.

The jet-eyed Bolton's identification of Davis angered the blonde. "He named Volney and he knows that Volney wasn't mixed up in the actual kidnaping," snapped Davis. "So far as Volney's being mixed up in the money changing I do not know."

#### Went for Some Whisky.

Mrs. Murray asserted that she and Davis were occupants of a St. Paul apartment the day Bremer was kidnaped. Davis, she said, first heard about the abduction at a drug store where he had gone for some whisky to treat the woman's cold.

"Volney couldn't have been in on the kidnaping because he didn't get up early enough," she added frankly. "I heard it on the radio and when Volney came back I told him. He said that I had better get out of town, because I could not stand an arrest (Mrs. Murray was a fugitive from Missouri state prison), but that he could. I went to Chicago that day."

Mrs. Murray apparently is little perturbed about being removed to Missouri. She escaped prison in 1929 after serving 4½ years of a 25-year sentence for robbery, in which she gained the sobriquet, "the kissing bandit."

#### Says She Was Framed.

"Kansas City (where the robbery occurred) officials know I'm not guilty," she said. "I was framed and I'm going to reopen the case when I go back. I am perfectly innocent of the charge."

Just before she changed clothes for the picture, Mrs. Murray disclosed that her 18-year-old son was at the trial last week, and left St. Paul Saturday night. Her husband, Jack Murray, still is in the Missouri prison, serving a 25-year sentence for the same charge on which his wife was convicted.

#### Terms Indictment Mystery.

Doyle said the appearance of his name on the Bremer kidnap indictment "always will be a mystery to me."

"I can't figure out why it was there," he said. "My name wasn't mentioned once during the trial."

The slender, nervous Doyle, captured by Federal agents near Girard, Kan., a few weeks before the trial began, is anxious to "get going" on the two robbery charges confronting him.

"I wish that county attorney over in Minneapolis would bring his witnesses here and have 'em look me over," he said, discussing his alleged connection with the robbery, December 16, 1932, of the Third Northwestern National bank. "There isn't a witness who can truthfully say I had anything to do with that robbery."

#### Faces Robbery Charges.

Doyle also faces bank robbery charges in Oklahoma. He may be tried on charges of participating in the holdup of a bank in Okemah, Okla.

"I was on an operating table in

Kansas City the day that robbery took place," he said.

Doyle said he once lived in Minneapolis and that he was deer hunting in Minnesota in December, 1934. He asserted he "was on the way to the coast" when Bremer was kidnaped.

"What did you think of Bolton's testimony?" he was asked.

"I think he's a government agent," he replied, laughing.

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# BARKER GANG'S DEATH THREATS BARED BY BERG

### Told to Pay \$900 as Share of "Loss" in Vidler Arrest, He Says.

## SAW "2 MEN IN BANDAGES"

### One Believed to Be "Doc" Barker After Face Lifting Operation.

Oliver Berg, testifying in his own defense in the Bremer kidnap trial, asserted today he was threatened with death by the Barker-Karpis gang.

He was to be "rubbed out," he said, if he did not pay \$900 as his share of the "loss" resulting from the arrest of William Vidler with \$3,000 ransom money in his possession.

The 55-year-old convict from Illinois state prison resumed the stand in Federal district court in

## RICHARD ARLEN, WIFE SPECTATORS AT TRIAL

Interested spectators today at the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial were Richard Arlen, St. Paul motion picture star, and his wife, the former Jobyna Ralston, also of the movies.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen are here on a visit with Mr. Arlen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matimore, 1854 Goodrich avenue.

St. Paul as the first witness for the defense.

Berg unfolded a story of drunker house parties, trips to various cities and "hideouts" as they were fleeing from the law, speedboat rides on the river at night, and threats hurled at him several times when he refused to exchange part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

As the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Berg, and six others for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, was in progress, it was learned that the conspiracy charge against Bruno (White) Austin, Chicago, has been dismissed but that he is still being held in the county jail for investigation.

Federal authorities, however, have no detainer on him. Austin, named in the Bremer indictment as one of the alleged money changers, was arrested several months ago as he was leaving a Chicago church with his new bride. He was the only Bremer suspect in custody who was not brought to trial.

The name of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago political boss and one of the defendants, figured in the testimony of Berg. The witness said he saw McLaughlin in the hotel room of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician who is under indictment in the Bremer case but still at large, on several occasions.

After the "blowoff" came with the arrest of Vidler, Chicago bookie, with ransom in his pockets, Berg testified, Russell "Slim" Gibson, slain Barker-Karpis gangster, came to his home and told him he better "cough up" \$900 to Dr. Moran or that his "life wouldn't be worth a nickel."

Eugene Matthews, appointed by the Federal court to represent Berg, asked him whether he believed the death threats. Berg said: "Sure, I did."

Berg told how Gibson went to his home last May and said, "Have you got \$900 in your pockets?" I have a message to you from Dr. Moran, that you must put in \$900 toward the \$3,000 he's got to make good (referring to the ransom in Vidler's possession).

## Had \$700 in Pocket

Berg, speaking with gestures and at times incoherently, said: "I told him I am not making anything good. I said I never was responsible for any of that money and that I never got anything. He then told me I better 'cough up.' I had \$700 in my pocket and I also pulled off my diamond ring which I told him he could pawn for \$150. He did not accept the money and ring."

At this point Berg said, Gibson warned him that he better go to Toledo, but that he refused. "If you don't, you'll be found in a ditch," Berg quoted Gibson as saying.

Previously Berg testified that on one occasion Gibson came to his house and, appearing excited and in an angry mood, pulled a gun, pointed it at him and said: "You deserve to be shot right in the head. You introduced me to those men and got me in trouble."

## Ordered Dr. Moran Out

Berg related how he ordered Dr. Moran from his home when the physician became very drunk and after he (Berg) learned that two men staying at his home—Fred Barker, dead outlaw, and Alvin Karpis, fugitive—were convalescing from operations to mutilate their fingerprints. Berg said he charged Dr. Moran with deceiving him by saying the men were "small town bootleggers who burned their hands," and arranging Berg's home for their hideout.

After he received the admonition from Gibson to go to Toledo, Berg testified, he said he went to the Fort Max hotel and registered under the name of Bennett. There, he testified, he met Gibson. The witness said Gibson told him that the gang wanted him and Gibson and a woman to go to New York and "buy things," everything for \$5 and \$10 bills and return with the good money.

Berg said he refused, but that on advice of Gibson, he and Dr. Moran and Gibson went to a cottage about a half-hour ride from Toledo where they met Wynona Burdett, sweetheart of the fugitive, Harry Campbell, and two men "sitting there with their faces and hands all bandaged up."

One of the men in bandages, whom Berg said he could not identify, asked him how he was feeling. "I don't feel so good," Berg testified, he answered.

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# Sought Funds For College Medical Course, He Says

Circumstances which threw him in with one of the most murderous gangs of criminals of modern times were told to a federal court jury late today by James Wilson, former medic student at Northwestern university and one of eight defendants seeking freedom on charges of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The handsome, 27-year-old youth mounted the witness stand soon after court convened after the noon recess and with his attorney, Thomas Newman, asking questions in a fatherly fashion, told the jury how he started to work for his uncle, Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive in the Bremer case.

Wilson told of struggles to earn funds to pay his way through college. He told of a job he held at La Salle, Ill., being cut to one-half day and of quitting it to seek another in Chicago; how he was unable to find work and how his aunt placed him in college. Later he was forced to withdraw for lack of funds.

It was then, he said, that he went to work for Dr. Moran as office boy and general helper. His pay, he testified, was expenses and a few dollars spending money.

### Wilson Takes Stand.

Berg was recalled to the stand as court reconvened after the noon recess. Thomas Newman, attorney for James Wilson, asked permission to ask one question and his request was granted.

"Did you say Dr. Moran didn't want Jimmy around?"

"Yes. Moran didn't want Jimmie to know anything about it."

Berg then was dismissed and Wilson took the stand in his own behalf.

In reply to Newman's questions, Wilson said he was 27 years old and was born in Spring Valley, Ill. He attended Northwestern university where he matriculated in the college of medicine. He said his father is a mining engineer.

"In 1931, he said he went to Chicago to get a better paying job. He also said he had an aunt there who might help him through school. He was unable to find work in Chicago and so was sent to Northwestern by his aunt to prepare for medicine but was forced to drop out for lack of funds.

### Worked For Doctor.

"Is Dr. Moran a relative?"  
"Yes. He is an uncle by marriage and I have known him almost all my life."

"You saw Dr. Moran after you left school?"

"Yes. I told him about my financial condition and circumstances. He told me to come to Maywood and he would see what he could do for me. He was practicing medi-

cine there and had some connection with a teamsters' and chauffeurs' union as doctor. I went with him and became sort of office boy and assistant. I didn't get a salary, but the agreement was that he was to put me through school as soon as circumstances improved."

"How long did you remain with him at Maywood?"

"One year. Then he moved to 4861 Irving Park Blvd. I went with him."

"What did you get?"  
"No salary, but he paid my living expenses and gave me a couple of dollars spending money."

"What did you do each day?"  
"I would go to the office about 9 a. m. each day, sterilize some instruments and clean up the office."

"What were Moran's office hours?"  
"From 10 a. m. to 12 noon and 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. and sometimes from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m."

"Where did you room?"

"At Irving hotel with Dr. Moran."

"Did you ever go to the hotel room during the day?"

"No, unless I had to see Dr. Moran or anything important."

"Did Dr. Moran have a good practice?"

"Yes, he did."

"Do you recall testimony when there were two persons up in the hotel room who had their hands treated?"

"Yes, I do now. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. I knew Karpis as 'Slim' and Fred Barker as 'Shorty'."

"How did you first come to see either of these men?"

"About the middle of March, 1934, Dr. Moran got a telephone call. He said he had to go downtown. When he came back, he called me from the hotel and said that a party told him he would have two patients. Either that night or the next day, he told me he had met the two men and was going to do a job on their hands. I had occasion to go to the hotel on business to see Dr. Moran and couldn't find him. The bellhop told me he was in room 324."

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# GUNMAN DESCRIBES BREMER ABDUCTION

## Byron Bolton Nervously Testifies Gang Decided on 'Snatch' Rather Than Bank Hold-Up.

### CALLED IN CASE BY ZIEGLER

### Government Rests Case After Testimony—Charges Against 2 Defendants Dismissed.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6.—The government today rested its case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others charged with the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping after Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, nervously told the story of the conspiracy to extort \$200,000 from the St. Paul banker.

Immediately after resting the case, George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, moved to dismiss charges against Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle. Judge M. M. Joyce granted the motion, but Doyle will be held for other crimes and Mrs. Murray will await a defense call to the witness stand.

Speaking in a low voice, Bolton confirmed the government's story of the Bremer kidnapping as outlined by witnesses in the three weeks since the trial started.

He quoted George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, slain by members of his own gang, as saying that Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver did the actual kidnapping, while Ziegler, Fred Barker and Volney Davis witnessed the abduction from another car at the scene in St. Paul on Jan. 17, 1934. He also named Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld king arrested Friday in Mississippi, as leader of the ransom plot.

Bolton told of every detail of the

kidnapping from the time he was summoned from Phoenix, Ariz., early in January, 1934, to assist in the "snatch," to Bremer's release.

At one point Bolton said that when the gang came to St. Paul before the kidnapping the members considered abandoning the kidnapping in favor of holding up the "Bremer bank," but that Sawyer insisted they go through with the abduction. Bolton said \$3,000 of the ransom money was offered to him but he refused it, and he later got \$2,000 for Mrs. Irene Ziegler after Ziegler's death and \$1,000 for himself after the ransom had been exchanged.

Bolton told how Ziegler had paid his plane fare from Phoenix to Chicago and of meeting Ziegler and Willy Harrison, now a fugitive in the case.

Bolton said Ziegler told him "they" intended to kidnap "a man from St. Paul" and wanted to know if Bolton would take charge of "the house"—the kidnapers' hideout, home of Harold Alderton at Bensenville, Ill., to which Bremer was taken after the kidnapping.

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**Karpis Aid Tells Story  
Of Bremer Kidnap Plot**

**Gangster's Testimony Climaxes  
U. S. Case Against Eight**

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Government attorneys then asked dismissal of charges against Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, confessed bank robber. The court granted the request.

At the start of his testimony Bolton linked Harry Sawyer, most recently captured of the score of persons the government charges played parts

in the kidnaping, with the plot as "finger man." Sawyer was arrested last Friday in Mississippi and is held in New Orleans.

Naming George Ziegler, slain in Chicago shortly after Bremer was freed, reportedly because he "knew too much," as his informant, Bolton testified the men who actually kidnaped Bremer on January 17, 1934, were Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the trial defendants; his partner, Alvin

Karpis; Harry Campbell and William Weaver. The last three still are fugitives. Watching the abduction from a near-by automobile, Bolton testified, were Zeigler, Fred Barker, slain brother of Arthur, and Volney Davis, a fugitive.

Bolton testified he saw Doc Barker, Campbell, Weaver and Karpis in the Bensenville, Ill., house where Bremer was held twenty-one days. The witness identified in the courtroom Doc

Barker, Harold Alderton, in whose house Bremer was held, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper. Bolton also described seeing Bremer taken away from the place to a freed and of seeing Barker and Davis carrying large cardboard boxes apparently containing the ransom money.

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### INSIDER SQUEALS ON BREMER GANG

St. Paul, Minn., May 6 (AP)—An insider's story of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was told from the witness stand today by Byron Bolton, 37, who freely accused his old associates in the Barker-Karpis gang. Testifying before a crowded courtroom, Bolton, the only member of the gang now in custody who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges, named Harry Sawyer as the finger man in the \$200,000 abduction.

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## GUNMAN ACCUSES BARKER'S GANG OF KIDNAPING BREMER

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Volney Davis.

At the kidnap house in Bensenville,  
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## BREMER KIDNAPER TURNS, HELPS U. S.

Machine Gunner, Shaky and  
Nervous, Bares Details  
of Gang's "Snatch."

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Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven others are charged with the \$200,000 abduction. Bremer was in an inconspicuous rear seat today. It was the first time he had been in court in more than two weeks.

The government today dismissed charges against two defendants, reducing the total from ten. It admitted evidence had failed to involve Jess Doyle, southwestern desperado, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit." Neither will go free. Doyle is wanted in the southwest and Miss Murray will return to Missouri Reformatory.

**Bolton's Voice Low.**

The defense opened late today with Oliver Berg, a defendant, on the stand. He testified that while the Barkers and others were staying at his home, recovering from fingerprint mutilation operations, he did not know who they were. He said he attempted to persuade them to leave because he had an appeal from an Illinois prison term pending and "didn't want any more trouble."

Bolton was shaky and nervous under the piercing stare of Barker. He returned the gaze only when Barker, surly and swaggering, rose in his chair to be identified.

In a low frightened voice, Bolton told how he was summoned from Arizona to assist, related how the abduction was planned, recounted the actual seizure, the ransom negotiation, Bremer's release and difficulties within the gang itself as it sought to change ransom bills.

His testimony linked every major gang member, including the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Saw-

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# IN BREMER PLOT

U. S. CLOSES  
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## Bolton Points Out 3 as Kidnapers

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Government attorneys then asked and were granted dismissal of charges against Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, confessed bank robber, for lack of evidence.

At the very opening of his testimony Bolton named Harry Sawyer, who was captured Friday in Missouri, as "finger man" in the plot.

Naming George Ziegler, slain in Chicago shortly after Bremer was freed, as his informant, Bolton testified the men who actually kidnaped Bremer on January 17, 1934, were Arthur ("Doc") Barker, one of the defendants; his partner, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver. The three latter still are fugitives.

Watching the abduction from a nearby automobile, Bolton said, were Ziegler, Fred Barker, slain brother of Arthur, and Volney Davis, a fugitive.

Bolton himself saw "Doc" Barker, Campbell, Weaver and Karpis in the Bensenville, Ill., house where Bremer was held twenty-one days, he testified. He identified "Doc" Barker, Harold Alderton, in whose house Bremer was held, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper.

Bolton also described seeing Bremer taken away from the place to be freed and of seeing Barker and Davis carrying large cardboard boxes apparently containing the ransom money. He was told the ransom was split the next day.

Ziegler summoned him to Chicago before the kidnaping to ask him to take charge of the prison house, Bolton related, but he refused.

After Bremer's return he was



MRS. EDNA MURRAY

offered \$3,000 of the ransom money, which he at first refused, Bolton testified, later accepting \$3,000 from "Doc" Barker. Of this he gave \$2,000 to Mrs. Ziegler, whose husband then had been slain, he said.

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## WOMAN FREED IN BREMER CASE



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Mrs. Edna Murray of Kansas City, called the "kissing bandit," leaving federal court in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday with a deputy and two co-defendants, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin of Chicago and J. J. Wilson (left to right, front), after charges of conspiracy against Mrs. Murray were dismissed in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial. She faces return to Missouri to serve twenty years of a robbery sentence.

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# Story of Bremer Kidnaping Told from Stand by Bolton

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—[Special.]—The government today rested its case against Arthur [Doc] Barker and nine others charged with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, nervously told the story of the conspiracy to extort \$200,000 from the St. Paul banker.

Immediately after resting the case, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, moved to dismiss the charges against Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle. Judge M. M. Joyce granted the motion, but Doyle will be held for other crimes and Mrs. Murray will await a defense call to the witness stand.

### Bolton Names Kidnapers.

Speaking in a low voice, Bolton confirmed the government's story of the Bremer kidnaping as outlined by witnesses in the three weeks since the trial started.

He quoted George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, slain by members of his own gang, as saying that Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and William Weaver did the actual kidnaping, while Ziegler, Fred Barker, and Volney Davis witnessed the abduction from another car at the scene in St. Paul on January 17, 1934. He also named Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld king, arrested Friday in Mississippi, as a leader in the ransom plot.

Bolton told of every detail of the kidnaping from the time he was summoned from Phoenix, Ariz., early in January, 1934, to assist in the "snatch," to Bremer's release.

Bolton said he, himself, was offered \$2,000 of the ransom money, refused it, and later got \$2,000 for Mrs. Irene Ziegler after Ziegler's death and \$1,000 for himself after the ransom had been exchanged.

### Describes Gang's Plot.

Bolton told how Ziegler had paid his plane fare from Phoenix to Chicago and of meeting Ziegler and Willy Harrison, now a fugitive in the case.

Bolton said Ziegler told him "they" intended to kidnap "a man from St. Paul" and wanted to know if Bolton would take charge of "the house"—the kidnapers' hideout, home of Harold Alderton at Bensenville, Ill., to which Bremer was taken after the kidnaping. Bolton said he refused, saying he didn't want anything to do with the matter.

Bolton said he went to Alderton's home at Bensenville Jan. 18. Karpis answered his knock and wanted to know who it was. Bolton identified himself as "Monty." He said he saw Karpis, Weaver, and Campbell at the house, telling them Ziegler had sent him to learn if anything was wanted.

### Views Bremer's Bandages.

He said he saw Mr. Bremer at the house bandaged and wearing glasses. Campbell told him that "he got a little rough and we had to use force," he said.

At this point Bolton identified Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavernkeeper, and Barker. The latter stood up, glaring sullenly.

Bolton told of going to Alderton's house on the day Mr. Bremer was released. He said he saw Mr. Bremer and Doc Barker walk out of the house. They walked to a passageway between the house and a shed, getting into a car that Ziegler drove, he said.

"Bremer had his handkerchief to his face," Bolton testified. "He appeared to have something fastened to the back of his head, probably a pair of goggles."

Bolton and Ziegler drove to the latter's apartment in Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago, and that Fred Barker and Davis appeared with two large cardboard boxes which they threw on a davenport, he testified.

Fred Barker said, "There's the money. We had a hard time getting it," Bolton testified.

### Denies Promise from U. S.

Ziegler told him later that Sawyer, Doc Barker, and Fred Barker already had been given their share of the ransom money.

On cross-examination Bolton denied he had been promised anything by the government.

Anticipating the dismissal of Mrs. Murray, deputies were here today waiting to return her to the Missouri state prison from which she escaped. She still has more than 20 years to serve on a robbery sentence.

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### Sawyer Is Named 'Finger Man' in Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 7.—(AP)—An inside-  
er's story of the \$200,000 kidnaping  
of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank-  
Monday by Byron Bolton, witness stand  
has pleaded guilty. Bolton, 37, who  
Bolton, blurring out details of the  
famous case, freely accused his old  
associates in the Barker-Karpis gang.  
Testifying before a crowded court-  
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it, saying the bank was  
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Edna Murray

Her Kisses  
Lured Men  
Into  
Holdups

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 5.—Prison awaits Edna Murray, the Kissing Bandit of Minnesota although she has been eliminated from the Bremer kidnaping prosecution. Lieut. Gov. Harris has signed a requisition to bring the woman back to Missouri penitentiary from which she escaped three years ago.

She lured a score of men into hold-ups by offering kisses. Three times she escaped from jails.

20 YEARS

When Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped, she was captured with companions in a Kansas hide-out when taken to St. Paul she was exonerated of the abduction. Missouri officials recognized her as the jail-breaking fugitive who must serve 20 years to complete a quarter-century sentence for highway robbery.

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## Shot When He Tries to Grab Loot

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By United Press

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#### Slain by Gangsters

The informant said that Dr. Moran was slain by remaining members of the gang after federal agents killed or captured leaders, including the Barker brothers.

While the government prepared to wind up its case Monday with testimony of Byron Bolton, who confessed participation in the actual seizure of Bremer here on Jan. 17, 1934, it was revealed that two of the defendants will be released.

Edna Murray, the Kansas City "bandit," and Jess Davis, the

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## SUSPECT IN BREMER KIDNAP CASE TRAPPED BY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Car Spotted in Front of Gaming Place on Mississippi Coast—Harry Sawyer Held Under \$100,000 Bond.

New Orleans, La., 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 Saturday 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., Friday night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned Saturday before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter Jr.

Sawyer's capture was the result of a tip furnished the 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 officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and Friday night while cruising thru 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 the house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed one gun, a small pistol, McGee said.

### HAS MONEY, BUT IT MAY NOT BE RANSOM.

Sawyer had \$200 or \$300 on his person when arrested, but McGee does not believe it is part of the ransom money.

He said:  
 "We will check up, of course, in order to make sure, but I believe Sawyer was too smart a man to carry the ransom money around with him this long."

Sawyer's wife accompanied Sawyer.

Government agents here said he would be taken to St. Paul as soon as a copy of the indictment is received here.

### Bank Gets \$65,000 Of Hamm Ransom

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—(A. P.)—Approximately \$65,000 of William Hamm ransom money has come into the Chicago Federal Reserve bank and department of justice officials in Washington are convinced the Barker-Karpis mob—not the Roger Touhy gang—kidnaped the millionaire St. Paul brewer June 15, 1933, it was learned Saturday night from an authoritative source.

### Today's Pictures Today Bremer Suspect Is Captured

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**HARRY SAWYER**  
 Arrested Saturday near Pass Christian, Miss., is wanted as the "finger man" who helped in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

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# Barker-Karpis Surgeon Is Believed Slain

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# HAMM RANSOM MONEY IS FOUND IN CHICAGO BANK

Bremer Kidnapers Are  
Suspected of Crime.

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., May 5.—(AP)—New evidence pointing to the Barker-Karpis gang as kidnapers of William Hamm, St. Paul, in 1933, was announced today as the government neared the climax in its case against ten persons on trial for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.



It was learned authoritatively that \$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid for the release of Hamm, millionaire brewer, had found its way into the Chicago Federal Reserve bank from various cities, including Chicago, Cleveland, and Toledo. Heretofore, no inkling that any of the Hamm ransom money had turned up had been given.

BYRON BOLTON.  
[Acme Photo.]

These disclosures, with the arrest in Mississippi of Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, Saturday, came as the government prepared to weave the last strands in its net of evidence against the Bremer defendants, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, through the testimony of Byron Bolton.

Bolton, confessed member of the kidnaping gang, pleaded guilty at the opening of the current trial April 15. The prosecution expects him to complete the "inside" story of Bremer's seizure and rely on him to link at least seven of the defendants with it directly.

The defense probably will start its case late Monday or Tuesday.



CAUGHT — Harry Sawyer, seized in Mississippi, is one of Edward G. Bremer kidnapers.

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## N. U. STUDENT KARPIS' CHUM

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James ("Jimmy") Wilson, 27, of Spring Valley, Ill., told the federal court jury trying eight defendants charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, that he went to Chicago in 1931, met Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive physician, related to him by marriage, and obtained employment.

Oliver Berg, Joliet lifer, and one of the alleged conspirators, told of death threats hurled at him by the gang. He denied handling any part of the \$200,000 ransom.

Wilson said he drove Karpis and Fred Barker to the home of Berg, where Dr. Moran told him they were convalescing from operations.

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# EX-STUDENT AT N. U. IS WITNESS IN BREMER TRIAL

## Tells of Helping Dr. Moran "Fix" Fingers.

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James "Jimmy" Wilson, 27 year old youth of Spring Valley, Ill., told in the federal court trial of eight charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, how he became involved with the Barker-Karpis gang as an outgrowth of his desire to continue his medical studies in college.

He testified he went to Chicago in 1931 and there met Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive physician who is related to him by marriage, and obtained employment with the understanding that Dr. Moran would aid him financially, so he could continue at Northwestern university.

### Joliet Lifer on Stand.

Preceding Wilson was Oliver Berg, lifer at the Illinois state prison, one of the alleged Bremer conspirators. Berg told of death threats hurled at him by the Barker-Karpis gang. He denied he ever handled or exchanged any part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

Although the Bremer conspiracy charge against Bruno [White] Austin, Chicago, has been dismissed, it was learned, he was still held tonight "for investigation." He was not brought to trial with the others because of insufficient evidence linking him with the abduction.

Wilson said he drove two strangers, whom he later learned were Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, dead gangster, to the home of Berg at the request of Dr. Moran. Wilson said the physician told him they were convalescing from operations for burns on their hands, but he subsequently discovered they underwent surgical operations to obliterate their fingerprints.

### Drives Barker to Toledo.

Wilson said he drove Fred Barker to Toledo at the request of Dr. Moran, and there became acquainted with Campbell, who was introduced to him at the time as "George Winfield."

"One day Dr. Moran came to Campbell's home," Wilson testified. "Winfield, Curley, and Morley were there [Campbell, Volney Davis, and Doc Barker]. Dr. Moran asked them if they were 'all set,' because he was ready to go to work. I suspected he intended to do the same operations as he did in Chicago on Shorty and Slim [Fred Barker and Karpis]."

"At this point I called Dr. Moran into the kitchen and he told me he was going to operate on these men and wanted me to help. I asked him if it wasn't against the law. He said: 'There's no law against surgery on any part of the human body except for gunshot wounds, which must be reported.' Wynona Burdette also was there."

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**AT BREMER TRIAL**—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin (center) leaves court after a session of the Bremer kidnap trial. Mrs. Edna Murphy (at left) was released by the government. Next to her is a deputy. At right is J. J. Wilson, another-defendant. International News photo.

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# BLAME DUBIOUS IN BREMER CASE

Ex-Student Testifies. Physician's Orders Involved Him With Gangsters.

ST. PAUL, May 8.—(AP)—Government counsel in the Edward G. Bremer abduction trial primed its guns today for an attempt to tear down the testimony of James J. Wilson, 27 years old, former Northwestern University student, and one of the eight defendants.

Wilson told yesterday of how he unwittingly associated with Barker-Karpis gangsters, unfolding a story that began with his desire to obtain funds for continuation of his college studies, and ended with his arrest by Federal agents.

He said he left his home town of Spring Valley, Ill., to go to Chicago to assist Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Bremer suspect, in his office, and subsequently became involved with Alvin Karpis, the Barker brothers, Harry Campbell and other Bremer defendants as a result of obeying orders of his employer.

Wilson denied he gave Dr. Moran the "lead" to John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, also on trial, as testified by John L. Madala, Federal agent.

"It is absurd to think I gave Dr. Moran the lead," Wilson said. "I told Madala I didn't give Dr. Moran that lead, and I did not tell him McLaughlin was 'in the racket.'"

Previously Madala, as a Government witness, testified Wilson made these statements which are contained in a written confession of Wilson introduced in evidence.

Wilson admitted he drove Fred Barker, dead Barker-Karpis gangster, and Alvin Karpis to the home of Oliver Berg, another defendant, after Dr. Moran performed surgical operations to mutilate their fingerprints, but he said he had no knowledge of their real identity.

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# CONFESSION OF WILSON GOES IN COURT RECORD

## Witnesses Failed to Show Duress by Agents, Court Holds

Earlier details page one.

Judge M. M. Joyce ruled late today in St. Paul federal court that the defense had failed to show that department of justice agents used third degree methods to get James Wilson, youthful chauffeur who acted as go-between in changing of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom, to confess his part in the kidnaping crime.

The ruling, a severe blow to counsel defending Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven others on kidnap charges, admits into evidence a statement in which Wilson tells how Doctor Moran operated on the fingers of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Harry Campbell to obliterate their fingerprints.

Two character witnesses were to the stand on behalf of J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician, after Wilson's statement was admitted as evidence. They were John H. Alcock, deputy commissioner of the Chicago police department, and George Durphy, Chicago warehouse executive. Both said they had known the defendant nearly 40 years, and that his reputation as to honesty and integrity had been good.

### Knew of Kidnaping

In the confession Wilson admits, it was learned from the government's attorneys, that both he and Moran knew the four ring-leaders operated on had committed the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker and that they wished to conceal their fingerprints for that reason.

It was brought out during questioning of Brown that Lew Nichols, dismissed agent who has testified in the Barker trial, was summarily discharged from the federal service for having mishandled a suspect.

Judge Joyce's ruling followed several hours of testimony taken while the jury was absent from the court in a defense attempt to show that the Wilson confession could not be admitted because it had been obtained under duress.

### Blow at Defense

In getting the confession into the record, the government scored an additional heavy blow to chances of defendants on the stand of freeing themselves from the kidnaping conspiracy charges. Judge Joyce let the confession be read to the jury only after he had closely questioned both R. D. Brown and John Medala, the federal agents Wilson claimed beat him.

It was believed that the ruling struck a heavy blow at the chances of other defendants who, it was revealed this morning in Wilson's testimony, have planned to claim third degree methods when they take the stand in their own behalf.

Following Wilson's testimony, R. D. Brown was called to the stand by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney. He emphatically denied laying a hand on Wilson and declared that Wilson had behaved "like a perfect gentleman" while at the department's office in Chicago.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Edwards .....
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# *Third Degree Ruling*

# *Hits Kidnap Defense*

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# DR. MORAN'S NEPHEW CLAIMS AGENTS VICIOUSLY ASSAULTED HIM AT CHICAGO QUESTIONING

**Bremer Case Witness  
Tells Court "G-Men"  
Broke Tympanum In  
Ear By "3d Degree."**

Third degree methods allegedly resorted to by "G-men" of the department of justice as they sought to wring a confession from him were described in federal court today by curly-haired James Wilson, youthful defendant in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case.

The former Northwestern university medical student told of being stripped of his clothing, handcuffed to a chair, of being beaten until he bled profusely, as defense attorneys fought doggedly to block introduction of a confession given by him to government agents.

Defense attorneys charge the statement was obtained by duress and force, and therefore is not admissible.

### Afraid Of Karpis.

During the two-hour session on the witness stand, while the jury was excused by Judge M. M. Joyce, who heard Wilson's dramatic story so he could decide whether to admit the statement, Wilson was forced to answer question after question fired at him by George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, who sought to break his story and by Judge Joyce, who wanted to clear up certain points in his testimony.

Wilson was visibly confused by the relentless questioning.

The witness admitted to the court that he is afraid of members of the Karpis-Barker gang who are not on trial "not so much for myself as for my family." He fears Alvin Karpis, he said, because he has testified that the gunmen had his fingers mutilated to prevent identification.

"I'm not afraid of Doc Barker in the position he is in," Wilson said.

### Claims Beating



Severely beaten by federal agents in Chicago because he failed to identify a photograph of Oliver (Issy) Berg was JAMES WILSON (top), chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, he declared today in federal district court as defense attorneys endeavored to block admission to evidence of a statement Wilson signed. Wilson named two agents, youthful JOHN L. MADALA (below) and Ralph D. Brown, both of whom have been witnesses in the Bremer kidnaping trial of Barker-Karpis gangsters.

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The witness charged that he was assaulted once by Agents R. D. Brown and John L. Madala in the department of justice offices in Chicago and later by Agent Cowley, killed by Baby Face Nelson, in a room of the Great Northern hotel. Here, he charged, he was stripped of his clothes and handcuffed to a chair.

#### Ear Tympanum Broken.

The witness told Judge M. M. Joyce, who will decide whether the government agents used the third degree, that he was beaten so badly about the face and head that he suffered a broken tympanum in his right ear, a broken blood vessel in his head and injuries to his throat and face.

The government scored heavily when it blocked introduction of a defense exhibit, a statement of a doctor who treated Wilson after the beatings and describing the injuries.

According to the witness, the beatings occurred soon after he returned from Denver in September, 1934. He described how he was taken into an office in the department of justice headquarters and shown two pictures, one of John J. McLaughlin and the second of Berg.

He identified the picture of McLaughlin but was unable to identify Berg's because it was an old one and hazy.

"Out of a clear sky, they beat me," he said. "Blood was running from my nose and mouth."

#### Identifies Statement.

Later he testified he identified the picture to avoid another beating.

In court today was John H. Alcock, first deputy commissioner of Chicago police, who said he had been subpoenaed as a character witness for McLaughlin.

James Wilson returned to the stand as the morning session opened for cross-examination by George A. Helsey, assistant United States district attorney.

"When you came here to testify (Continued On Page 2, Col. 2.)

before the grand jury you were paid expenses?"

"Yes."

"You were perfectly willing to cooperate with the government?"

"Yes."

"You talked to Agent John Madala freely at Spring Valley, Ill.?"

"Yes."

"You merely saw Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis hands bandaged in room 234 at the Irving hotel?"

"Yes, for all I know Dr. Moran might have cut their fingers off."

"You drove Fred Barker to Berg's house?"

"I think so. Both of them might have been in there."

The witness was then shown government's exhibit 115, his first statement and he identified his signature on each page.

#### Argue Over Document.

Efforts to introduce the statement in evidence brought objections from defense attorneys. The objections were overruled and Thomas Newman, one of defense counsel, again protested.

"Your honor," Mr. Helsey addressed the court, "this witness has testified that he always has cooperated with the government. I wish to show that such is not the case."

Defense attorneys went into a huddle with Judge Joyce and after several minutes the jury was excused pending a hearing on how the statement was obtained and its authenticity.

#### Says "G. Men" Beat Him.

With the jury out of the room, Wilson was questioned concerning the statement.

By Mr. Newman.  
"What was the date you were first taken to the Chicago bureau of investigation?"

"The day after I appeared at the Denver office. That was Labor day, 1934 so it must have been around Sept. 4."

"Now when you got there what happened?"

"I was fingerprinted and photographed. I was then shown pictures of McLaughlin and Oliver Berg. I couldn't recognize Berg. Agent Brown told me they would give me another chance to recognize the picture. Madala also was there. Out of a clear sky they started to beat me, Brown on one side and Madala on the other. They did that twice and then I said I would identify any picture to avoid a beating. Blood was running from my nose, mouth and ears. Purvis was consulted and told them to take me to a doctor on Washington st. I had severe head pains but couldn't go to a doctor during my lunch hour. That evening I went to another doctor. He told me I had a broken tympanum of the ear and numerous other head injuries. I asked this doctor to write out a

statement of his findings and this was done."

#### State Fights Statement.

The statement was introduced as defendant's exhibit G.

Mr. Helsey launched a vigorous fight to block receiving of the statement and his objections were upheld by the court.

Mr. Newman continued his questioning.

"You did not know this doctor?"

"No, I asked the tavern keeper for the best doctor in the neighborhood, and he told me to go see this one. That was on the west side of Chicago."

"Why isn't he here to testify for you?"

"I haven't the money to get him here."

"When did the beating take place?"

"Almost as soon as I was taken in there. It was a continuous pounding on face and head for two or three minutes. They left the room, and came back shortly, took off their coats and started in again."

When I was bleeding, they started to question me and I told them I would identify anything to avoid a beating. They let me out in the afternoon about 2:30."

**Handcuffed To Chair.**

"How do you know Agent Brown was to see Purvis about a doctor?"  
"He told me."  
"Did you ask for a doctor?"  
"Yes, because I was getting severe head pains."  
"What then?"  
"Brown said he would see what could be done."  
"When did he say this?"  
"After I had signed the statement."  
"After you had seen the doctor, what then?"  
"I went to my home at Spring Valley."  
"I understand you were called to the Chicago office again?"  
"Sept. 22 or 23. I was stripped of my clothing and placed in my room. Agent Cowley (killed by Baby Face Nelson) came in the room and said you dirty ———, you went around telling people we busted your ear drums. He hit me in the mouth. He then told me to write a statement which I started. He took it away from me and said 'that isn't what we want. If you don't do what we want, we know how to treat you.' It was cold and I asked for my clothes and they gave me my pants and shoes. They later took me to the Great Northern hotel. There they put me under guard. Later they said they were going to take me up to the top floor of the building. I was handcuffed to the chair while they were questioning me."

**Taken To Aurora.**

After I had answered the question, Agent Madala took me to Aurora to point out the houses. While we were there, I signed a statement after they reminded me what had happened to me in the previous visit to the department.  
"Is that why you signed government exhibit 115?"  
"Yes. I told them there were several statements in there that couldn't be true, but Cowley told me to sign it and tell the grand

jury exactly what is in there if I knew what was good for me."  
**Beaten Second Time.**

Mr. Helsey started cross-examination of the witness.  
"You say you got to Chicago, Sept. 4?"

"No, I called the Denver office the day after Labor day and go to Chicago, Sept. 6?"

"That isn't what you said in direct examination."

"I said I wasn't sure. I don't know how long it would take to go from Denver to Chicago."

"What time of the day did you go to the Chicago bureau office?"

"I got in about 7 a. m. I don't know how long after I got there before Brown and Madala came in."

"And they beat you as soon as you couldn't identify Berg?"

"Yes."

"Is that the only reason they beat you?"

"Yes."

"Agent Cowley didn't beat you?"

"No, I didn't see him until Sept. 22."

"You know he was killed by Baby Face Nelson?"

"Yes."

"And they beat you a second time?"

"Yes. They came in and said, 'we don't like to do this,' and started in again. As far as I know they only used their fists."

"Did they tell you you should recognize him because you had been drinking with him?"

"Yes."

**Asked If Pals Beat Him.**

"Yes, as soon as they told me it was Berg, I said, 'Why, yes. He is a patient of Dr. Moran's.'"

"Where did they find out that you had been drinking with Berg?"

"I don't know."

"You didn't tell them that?"

"Not until afterwards."

"Were you afraid to talk?"

"In a way, yes."

"After you were released in the afternoon, did you see any friends of yours?"

"Just a tavern keeper who told me what doctor to see."

"You are sure that some of your former friends didn't beat you up after you left the bureau office?"

"Positive."

**Denies Altitude Caused Bleeding.**

"Did you make a statement that day?"

"Yes. I signed it before a notary public."

"Did you have any marks or bruises on your face?"

"I don't know whether the marks had time to show. My jaw felt swollen, but I didn't have a mirror. My ear had been bleeding but I stopped that with my handkerchief."

"The only thing you complained about was your ear?"

"Yes, and pains in my head."

"The altitude of Denver didn't cause your ears and head to pain after your sudden trip back to Chicago?"

"No."

**Purvis Recommended Doctor.**

"When you came in on the morning of Sept. 6 or 7, that was the first time you had ever been in the Chicago bureau office?"

"Yes."

"You say the picture of Berg shown you was an old one?"

"It didn't resemble him."

"Do you recognize this picture?"

"Yes, it's Oliver Berg."

"Was this shown you at that time?"

"I don't think so."

"You say after the beating, Brown went to Purvis and Purvis recommended a doctor?"

"Yes, on 55 E. Washington st."

"You didn't go to see him?"

"No. I didn't have time at noon-time."

"Why didn't you go to him when you were released at 2:30 p. m.?"

"Because I went to the other one."

"Why did you go to him?"

"The tavern keeper told me to. This tavern keeper is a relative of my wife."

#### Denies Framing Story.

"Why, I ask you again, didn't you go to Purvis' doctor?"

"Because I had to have an appointment and I wanted attention right away."

"Didn't you know other doctors in the same building that Purvis' doctor was in?"

"I know there were others there, yes."

"Isn't it the truth that you are framing this story?"

"I'm not framing this story."

"Are you afraid of Doc Barker, Campbell, Karpis and their friends?"

"I'm not afraid of Doc Barker in the position he's in."

"Afraid of any other of his friends?"

"If I were on the outside, I would be."

"But isn't it a fact that you are framing this story because you don't want it to appear to those friends of his still out that you didn't talk voluntarily?"

"No, I didn't frame this story."

#### Questioned By Judge.

Judge Joyce took up questioning of the witness.

"Why are you afraid of those not on trial?"

"Not so much for myself as for my family."

"What do you fear?"

"In view of the fact that I have testified that Karpis had his fingers mutilated."

"Who did you meet when you came into the department of justice offices?"

"Madala was in a group that met me at the train."

"Brown and Madala and you were the only ones in the room?"

"Yes."

"You realize you are under oath. Who hit you first?"

"Brown."

"Are you sure you realize what you are saying?"

"Brown was on my right side and the blow came from there."

"When you left were you worried about your condition?"

"Yes. I was worried about the condition of my head."

"You asked for a doctor and they gave you an address within a few blocks and instead you went a few blocks to a doctor?"

"When Brown gave the address, I was told by Cowley to be back at 4 p. m. I only had a half hour so could not."

"You say the men came back and"

#### COURT ADMITS CONFESSION.

Judge M. M. Joyce today admitted the confession given to department of justice agents by James Wilson. "It is my opinion," the judge said, "that the defendant Wilson was accorded no such treatment as he spoke of. Therefore I admit the statement in evidence." Wilson had charged the confession was beaten from him. The ruling was a staggering blow to the defense.

Charges that he had used third-degree methods to get a confession from James Wilson, one of the eight persons on trial in federal district court for conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, were denied late today by R. D. Brown, department of justice agent.

Called to the stand as Judge M. M. Joyce continued hearing of testimony to determine whether the confession made by Wilson was given under force and duress and thus inadmissible, Brown denied he had assaulted the 27-year-old former Northwestern university medical student.

"I ask you did you ever strike Wilson?" George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, asked Brown.

"No, never in my life," the agent replied.

The agent stated a department rule prohibits mistreatment of prisoners and that agents who resort to such tactics are subject to dismissal from the service.

While the testimony was being given, the jury still remained outside the courtroom.

The jury still was absent when court convened as Judge M. M. Joyce still was hearing testimony bearing on the admissibility of James Wilson's statement.

#### Agent Brown Called.

Agent R. D. Brown was called to the stand with George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, questioning.

"Were you present at your office when Wilson was brought in?"

"Yes. That was at a. m. Sept. 6 in my small office at the rear of the large bureau office."

"Did you talk with him that morning?"

"Yes. I talked with him on general subjects, and the country around Tabernash, Colo., with which I am familiar. I have relatives there. Jimmy told me he had a headache and his ears rang. We decided it was because of the altitude out there (Colorado)."

"Did he say anything about Dr. Moran?"

"Yes. He thought he would see Dr. Moran out there."

## HANDCUFFED TO CHAIR ALL NIGHT, WILSON CHARGE

Shackled by One Wrist as  
Agents Tried to Force State-  
ment, He States.

### 'ONE EAR DRUM BUSTED'

Eyes Flash as Former Chicago  
Student Tells of 'Bru-  
tality.'

Brutality at the hands of two  
Federal agents was charged by  
James J. Wilson, 27-year-old former  
Northwestern university student,  
testifying in his own behalf in the  
Bremer kidnap trial in Federal  
court.

He is one of eight defendants  
charged with conspiracy in the  
\$200,000 abduction of Edward G.  
Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Fighting against admission of a  
written statement signed by Wil-  
son, Thomas Newman, attorney for  
the defendant, brought from the  
lips of the witness that he was  
beaten about the head, face and  
body by John L. Madala and Ralph

Brown, two Department of Justice  
agents, when he was in custody  
last September.

#### Queried About Beating.

Asked by Mr. Newman how long  
the beating continued, Wilson testi-  
fied:

"It was a continuous pounding on  
top of the head, face and side of  
the ears. It continued for probably  
two or three minutes.

"Then the two agents stepped out,  
came back with their coats off and  
started out again. They wanted me  
to identify a photograph, (Oliver  
Berg).

"At first I told them to keep on.  
Then later I told them I would say  
it is any one to get away from this  
beating. I was bleeding."

The brutality charges were aired  
in the absence of the jury, which  
was excused by M. M. Joyce, Fed-  
eral judge, following a motion by  
Newman for a collateral inquiry to  
ascertain the circumstances under  
which the statement was obtained.  
Newman charged the statement was  
given involuntarily and thereby  
sought to prevent its admission in  
evidence.

#### Visit to Tavern Described.

The crowded court room listened  
intently as Wilson, curly-haired  
youth attired in a light gray suit  
and with eyes flashing, described

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### SAWYER MAY BE ASKED TO TALK ON 'POLITICS'

Harry Sawyer, the collapsed  
kingpin of St. Paul's under-  
world, probably will be re-  
quested to talk politics on his  
return here.

Sawyer can officials believe,  
explain the testimony of By-  
ron Bolton, Karpis-Barker  
gang gunner, a government  
witness in the Bremer kidnap  
trial.

Bolton said that Sawyer vet-  
ted a proposal to loot the Com-  
mercial State bank, of which  
Edward G. Bremer, the kidnap  
victim is president, and in-  
sisted on carrying out the ab-  
duction.

"That means just one thing,"  
observed a St. Paul police ex-  
ecutive. "It means that Sawyer  
had orders to put 'heat' on St.  
Paul.

"There obviously are political  
angles to this case," he con-  
tinued, "and Sawyer will be  
questioned about them when he  
is returned here."

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### Slugged?



JAMES WILSON.

Charges that he was beaten  
by Federal agents were made  
today by James Wilson, one  
of the eight defendants on trial  
in Federal court for the Ed-  
ward G. Bremer kidnaping, on  
the witness stand in his own  
defense. Wilson, 27-year-old  
former Northwestern university  
student, said the beating was  
administered in the course of  
efforts to obtain a confession  
from him following his arrest.

how he went to a tavern near the Department of Justice offices in Chicago after he was released and inquired for a doctor so he could get medical treatment.

Wilson also described how he was stripped and beaten by a third agent as he sat with one hand handcuffed to a chair on the nineteenth floor of the Bankers building in Chicago. He claimed he was handcuffed all night and that the Federal agents tried to get him to write a statement with the other hand. Once, when he became cold because he had on no clothes, he said he called for his trousers and shoes and they were brought to him.

Wilson also said Samuel Cowley, Federal agent who later was killed by George "Baby Face" Nelson, told him it will be "just too bad" if he didn't tell everything and that he cursed him after charging that Wilson "went out and told people you had an ear drum busted."

After cursing him, Wilson testified, Agent Cowley struck him a blow in the mouth.

Wilson also said that after he had been beaten the first time, Agents Madala and Brown came into the room, that one of them said "We don't like to do this," but immediately started to again pummel him.

#### Stripped, Put in Room.

"I was first stripped of my clothes and placed in a room with a cot in it," Wilson said.

When he previously was taken in custody, Wilson had claimed that he told persons that the agents "busted an ear drum of mine."

Cross-examined by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, the former Northwestern university student was asked "What did you do about it when they began to beat you?"

"What could I do?" Wilson asked, as if in anger. "I couldn't fight back. It was useless. There were two men."

Heisey sought admission of the statement to show that Wilson, contrary to his statement on direct examination, did know that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker had undergone operations for mutilation of their finger prints.

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#### Tells of Questioning.

Wilson said that after questioning him at the Department of Justice offices he was taken by Agent Connors to a hotel and into a room on the second floor. Shortly afterward, he said, the telephone rang and after a brief conversation the agent hung up the receiver.

"The agent said it was Melvin Purvis and he wanted to know on what floor we were," Wilson quoted Connors as saying. "He said to take you up to the top floor."

The witness said that at this time he asked Connors: "What are you going to do, pitch me out of the window?"

Wilson said Connors told him that he did not know.

Wilson said that when they were ready to release him at noon, with an admonition to come back at 5 P. M. he asked the agent for the name of a doctor from whom he could get medical treatment as a result of his beating. He said the agent left the room for a few moments and returned with a slip of paper with the name and address of a doctor, who, according to the agent, was recommended by Mr. Purvis.

Wilson said he did not go to a

doctor that afternoon but when he returned that afternoon for questioning the written statements quoting him were prepared and the agents asked for his signature.

"I told them that some things in there were not true," Wilson testified, "but one of the agents said to me, 'What do you care about them. Those things are true anyway.'"

#### Says He Affixed Signatures.

Wilson said they promised to release him if he would sign the statements and that he did affix his signature to each page.

On cross-examination Heisey failed to shake the youth's story about the brutality. At one point Heisey asked him if, since he had studied medicine, he could tell how a mastoid developed.

Wilson flashed back: "I am not qualified as a physician and surgeon. I can't answer that."

The bitter fight over the admissibility of the statement waged throughout the morning session. It was reported that Brown or Madala, or both, may be recalled as witnesses in further attempts to preclude introduction of the statement in evidence.

At one time, where Heisey pressed the witness for an answer concerning his activities, virtually all the attorneys at the defense table protesting simultaneously, asserting "that's improper questioning and unfair." Among them were Robert V. Rensch, Jerome Hoffmann, John DeCourcy and Eugene Matthews.

Heisey cross-examined the witness extensively in an effort to show that his story of the assaults was false, but Wilson replied, "Mr. Heisey, I am not framing any story."

He then was asked whether he was afraid of "Doc" Barker or any of the other gangsters. He said he had no fear of Barker because "the position he is in." Asked whether he feared "Doc's" friends, however, Wilson said, "if I were on the outside, I would say yes."

Judge M. M. Joyce then interposed to ask Wilson why he was afraid of the men in question. Wilson replied "I am not particularly afraid for myself, but for my mother and sister." Asked the reason for this, he said, "Because I have been reading in the newspapers how desperate these men are." He added: "In view of the fact that Alvin Karpis' finger prints have been mutilated and that these men are keeping away from the law, and I have testified their prints were mutilated."

#### ALCOCK EXPECTED TO BE M'LAUGHLIN WITNESS.

John H. Alcock, first deputy police commissioner of Chicago, was in the Federal court room here today where eight defendants are on trial for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

He is expected to testify as a character witness for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician, who is one of the defendants. McLaughlin is accused of supervising the transactions connected with exchanging the ransom money.

# ARGUMENT OVER INTRODUCTION OF STATEMENT WAGES

## JUDGE ACCEPTS STATEMENT.

Expressing the opinion that no such treatment had been accorded James Wilson as that to which Wilson had testified, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce ruled this afternoon that a signed statement by the defendant might be admitted as evidence. Wilson asserted previously he had signed the statement after being beaten by Department of Justice agents.

Emphatic denial that they beat or mistreated James J. Wilson, former Northwestern university medical student, was made today by two Federal agents from the witness stand in the Federal court trial of Wilson and seven others for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

The government recalled Ralph Brown and John L. Madala, Department of Justice operatives, to refute Wilson's story earlier in the day that he was beaten unmercifully about the head, face and ears before he signed a written statement.

The agents' testimony was given during a collateral inquiry hearing before Judge M. M. Joyce and a crowded courtroom, with the jury excused during the arguments, as a fight that started early in the morning over introduction of a written statement by Wilson still waged this afternoon.

Questioned by Thomas Newman, Wilson's attorney, the young defendant claimed that it was necessary for him to enlist the services of a doctor after the agents stripped him, handcuffed one hand to a chair and intermittently pummeled him about the head and face.

Brown, asked by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, whether he struck Wilson

either on September 6, 1934, or subsequent to that time, answered emphatically:

"I did not. I never struck Jimmy Wilson in my life."

"Did you take good care of him?" asked Heisey.

"Yes, I did," the agent answered.

Madala, who followed Brown on the stand, also denied that he at any time maltreated Wilson.

"In fact," Madala said, "Wilson and I were very friendly and we had a friendly discussion."

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce also questioned Brown concerning the practices of the Department of Justice with reference to the treatment of persons in custody.

"Has it been your practice to handcuff men to chairs all night?" asked the court.

"Yes, if they are dangerous," Brown replied.

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### KIDNAP TRIAL FIGURES



Life was rosier today for Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray and Jess Doyle because the Federal government dismissed charges Monday connecting them with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Mrs. Murray and Doyle appear at the top as they chatted in the county jail. At the right below is Byron Bolton, alleged Karpis Barker gang gunner, who testified for the government in the trial and whom Mrs. Murray described as "a sneak" who redeemed "his ticket for the hot seat with lies." At the left below is Bruce (Whitey) Austin, one of the kidnap defendants. Dismissal of kidnap charges against him is expected before adjournment today.

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# BREMER ABUSE TACTICS CITED

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 8 (I.N.S.)—An amazing story of third-degree methods allegedly used by Chicago Federal agents today was told by James Wilson, defendant in the trial of Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president.

The jury was excluded from the courtroom while Wilson testified and defense attorneys tried to explain to trial judge M. M. Joyce why a signed statement by Wilson should not be admitted as Government evidence.

### Shown Two Pictures

On September 4, 1934, at the Chicago office of the Federal division the youthful chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, was fingerprinted and photographed, he said; then was shown pictures of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin and Oliver "Izzy" Berg. The witness said:

"I couldn't recognize Berg. Agent Ralph D. Brown told me they would give me another chance to recognize the picture. John L. Madala, another agent, also was there.

"Out of a clear sky they started to beat me, Brown on one side and Madala on the other. They did that twice, and then I said I would identify any picture to avoid a beating. Blood was running from my nose, mouth and ears."

Wilson then said that Madala and Brown consulted with Melvin Purvis, then head of Chicago Department of Justice, and it was agreed that the agents would "take me to a doctor."

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# ALCOCK AIDS M'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, May 8.—(AP)—Deputy Commissioner of Police John H. Alcock of Chicago testified he knew John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin as a law abiding citizen, at today's session of the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial.

Alcock was the first of two witnesses for the former Chicago politician on trial as a principal money changer of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Bremer, a St. Paul banker.

He was questioned by attorneys for the government as to his knowledge concerning a mail robbery at Clark and Adams sts., Chicago, for which McLaughlin also was indicted. He replied:

"I have only a recollection of reading something about it in the newspapers."

George Durphy, Chicago, general manager of a tile manufacturing company, said he had known McLaughlin forty years and that his reputation was good.

Emphatic denial that they beat or mistreated James J. Wilson, former Northwestern medical student, was made by two federal agents from the witness stand this afternoon in the federal court trial of Wilson and seven others for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

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# FEDERAL AGENTS DENY HAMMERING BREMER SUSPECT

## Witness Tells Change in Finger Prints.

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—[Special.]—James Wilson, charged by the government with having been go-between during changing of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping ransom, today declared in the federal court of Judge M. M. Joyce he was beaten so hard "they broke one of my ears," in telling of his confession of his part of the crime.

Ralph Brown and John Madala were the two special department of justice agents whom Wilson charged "hammered a confession out of me in the nineteenth floor office of the justice department in Chicago."

### Both Deny Charges.

Brown and Madala both denied Wilson's charges and Judge Joyce declared he was of the opinion that the prisoner was not abused.

Judge Joyce had excused the jury from the courtroom where Wilson, Arthur [Doc] Barker and six others are on trial for the Edward G. Bremer abduction. Wilson was the second defendant to take the stand. Ollie Berg, a convict, testified previously that Wilson's statement was made under duress.

Wilson said he was handcuffed to a chair by one hand while he wrote a statement with the other.

Wilson began his testimony late Tuesday. He denied knowledge of the kidnaping, exchange of ransom money or complicity in mutilation of finger prints of the Barker-Karpis gang members.

### U. S. Charges "Split" Demand.

The government had contended that he was aware of what was going on, that he once demanded a "split" of the ransom money, and that in working as office assistant and chauffeur for Dr. Joseph Moran, fugitive gang physician, he cooperated with the kidnap conspirators in illegal activities.

Wilson was asked about a finger print operation performed in the Irving hotel, Chicago, by Dr. Moran and two men. He described how the operations were performed and how the men were taken to the rooming house. Later Wilson said he drove

## FACE NEW CHARGES



Although the government dismissed charges against them in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in trial now being held in St. Paul, Mrs. Edna Murray, sometimes known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle face new trials. Mrs. Murray is to be returned to Missouri, where she escaped from a penal institution, while Doyle is wanted in Minneapolis on a bank robbery charge.

[Associated Press Photo.]

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THE DETROIT NEWS, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1933.

# SAYS FEDERAL MEN BEAT HIM

Defendant in Bremer Case  
Charges Statement Was  
Obtained by Force.

ST. PAUL, May 9.—(AP)—The prosecution in the Bremer kidnap trial, armed with an alleged written confession already admitted in evidence, today hoped to wrest from James J. Wilson, former Northwestern University medical student, a verbal admission that he knew Barker-Karpis gangsters underwent operations to obliterate their fingerprints.

Cross examination of Wilson who with seven others is on trial for conspiracy in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was not completed yesterday and Government counsel indicated he would be called to the stand again today.

Portions of a written statement by Wilson admitting, contrary to previous direct testimony by the defendant, that he was aware Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive physician, operated on Alvin Karpis, now at large, and Fred Barker, dead mobster, to erase their fingerprints, was placed in the record over the strenuous protest of the defense.

Wilson asserted the statement was secured by force. He charged he was beaten about the head, face and ears by two Federal agents to force him to sign the statement. The jury was sent from the room and after a half-day hearing the written statement was entered in the record.

The defendant insisted that two agents, Ralph Brown and John L. Madala of Chicago, stripped him of his clothing, handcuffed him to a chair in the Chicago offices of the Department of Justice and beat him on the head and shoulders.

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## BREMER QUIZ AIDES ACCUSED

ST. PAUL, May 9.—James Wilson could "take it" as a tough gangster as long as he was with his pals, but when he entered the Federal Department of Justice offices in Chicago and faced the agents there he folded up like an accordion, he said, in effect, here as he testified in the Edward Bremer \$200,000 ransom-kidnap trial.

Wilson's attorneys asked that a signed statement or confession of his offered by the Government be withheld from evidence, because he made it they charged, after he was beaten by the agents.

With the jury absent, Wilson said:

"They wanted me to identify pictures of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and Oliver ("Izzy") Berg. When I couldn't identify Berg, Agents Brown and Medala, one on each side of me, suddenly gave me two clouts, both walloping me unmercifully. They beat me twice, and after that I would identify any picture to avoid a beating."

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# Took Cash To Bank As Favor To McLaughlin, Witness Tells Court

William E. Vidler, one of the alleged money changers in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case, took the witness stand in federal district court late today in an effort to clear himself of the charges.

The 35-year-old World war veteran, questioned by his attorney, A. Jerome Hoffman, told the jury how he came to exchange a part of the Bremer ransom cash.

"As a favor" for John J. McLaughlin, Vidler said he took a bundle of bills into a bank to exchange it for larger bills.

"He handed me a package rapped in paper," the witness said. "When I saw the package I asked him if it was counterfeit and he was very gruff and wanted to know what I thought he would try to pull off on me."

### Vidler Testifies.

William E. Vidler, one of the defendants, was the first afternoon witness. He was questioned by A. Jerome Hoffmann. He said he was 35 years old, born in Chicago, married, has two children. He had three years of high school education, worked for a time as a messenger, and is a World War veteran.

"Have you ever been convicted of a felony?"

"Yes, when I was 19 I used an automobile without the consent of the owner."

"Were you employed early in 1934?"

"I was in the auto business on the north side of Chicago."

"How long have you known John J. McLaughlin?"

"I have known him seven or eight years."

"When were you arrested in connection with this matter?"

"April 26, 1934, on a Thursday."

"You have heard all the testimony here?"

**Called To Ask Favor.**

"Yes."

"Early in April did you have a chance to see McLaughlin?"

"I called him regarding a friend of mine who had lost his civil service job. I saw him April 17 at my home, 5001 N. Ashland ave., Chicago. I gave him the details of my friends' predicament, and he said he would see what he could do. After we had completed our conversation regarding my friend, he asked me where I was doing my banking. I told him I wasn't doing much banking in those days. He told me had had a friend who wanted some small bills changed into larger ones. I told him I would take some to the bank my firm used to bank in. Two days later he came to my home again. It was April 19, 1934. He renewed the conversation about the bank. He said he had the money with him, and asked me if I would change the money. He had his automobile outside, and there he introduced me to Dealney. I was seated in the back seat. Dealney drove and Mr. McLaughlin was in the front seat with Dealney. When we were in the car I asked him how much money he had. He handed me a package wrapped in paper. When I saw the package I asked him if it was counterfeit, and he was very gruff and wanted to know what I thought he would try to pull off on me."

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### Editorials

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#### GETTING AT THE FACTS

**OUTSTANDING** in the Bremer kidnaping trial to date has been the absence of the usual befogging technicalities and tricks by the defense.

This is not to say that the defense attorneys have not attempted the old and tried methods but the court has refused to acquiesce. Throughout Judge M. M. Joyce has insisted that all pertinent evidence be placed before the jury and has resisted all efforts to becloud matters by purely technical objections.

A striking instance was his ruling that the confession of the defendant Jimmy Wilson be permitted and his decision that Wilson's story of being beaten up by federal agents was not credible. This old trick of charging the "third degree" in order to arouse sympathy did not work this time.

This is the kind of trial guidance we are always supposed to get under our court system but too seldom receive. It shows what can be done when there is a determination to see that pertinent evidence is presented.

No matter what the outcome, the conduct of the Bremer trial by the judge has been a refreshing exhibition. More of this kind of justice and there will be less organized crime.

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## WILSON FAILS TO TELL JURY BEATING STORY

Testimony Closes, Although  
Court Permitted Him to  
Recite Charges.

### WITNESS TRIPPED UP

Contradicts Own Assertions on  
Stand and in Signed  
Statements.

Testimony and cross-examination of James Wilson in his own defense was concluded today without presentation to the jury of testimony brought out in a collateral hearing Wednesday that Wilson was beaten by Federal agents to obtain information.

Wilson is on trial with seven others for conspiracy to commit the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer here early in 1934.

Thomas J. Newman, Wilson's attorney, permitted by Judge M. M. Joyce to present the evidence of the alleged beating to the jury if he desired, ended his client's appearance on the stand without taking advantage of Judge Joyce's ruling.

#### Tripped Repeatedly.

On cross-examination today, Wilson was tripped up repeatedly on signed statements he made to Federal agents and contradicted his own testimony or the signed and sworn statements. Time after time Wilson attempted to explain wide variance or direct opposition between statements he made on the witness stand on direct examination and those he made in writing to the Federal agents.

This followed an expression of opinion by Judge Joyce from the bench Wednesday that Wilson did not receive the beatings he swore the agents administered to him.

Resuming the stand today, Wilson was cross-examined by George A. Heisey, assistant United States attorney, in an effort to refute his previous testimony regarding his lack of knowledge of the kidnaping case. At one point Heisey made the witness read a portion of his own statement, in which he said:

"After Mr. McLaughlin took the package, he and Berg walked to the door and had a private conversation. I did not ask Berg about it, because previously I talked to Dr. Moran and from what he told me I had a conviction that 'hot' money was being exchanged or sold."

He referred to John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and Oliver Berg, defendants in the case charged with exchanging portions of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom for other money; and to Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran, Wilson's uncle, a fugitive in the case accused of taking part in the exchange transactions and of operating to obliterate the fingerprints of such gangsters as Arthur (Doc) Barker, another defendant; Fred Barker, later slain; and Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, all fugitives.

#### "Not Words I Used."

After reading the excerpt, Wilson said: "Those were not the words I used. It was the way I thought it happened."

Heisey then brought out in his examination that Moran received \$300 each for the fingerprint operations performed on Doc Barker, Campbell and Davis and gave Wilson \$100 of it.

Before Wilson took the stand, Dr. Henry J. Way of Chicago testified as a character witness for McLaughlin, saying the defendant had "an excellent reputation in Chicago."

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# SAWYER TO FACE HARD GRILLING TODAY

Harry Sawyer will be given a chance to talk today.

The former St. Paul underworld kingpin is to be asked "a lot of questions" today by G-men in the Ramsey county jail where he was taken Thursday night as he was brought to St. Paul from New Orleans, La.

Sawyer's return home was kept secret by federal government authorities but there were several friends at the union station to greet him. Handcuffed, first to a New Orleans U. S. marshal and later to a St. Paul marshal, Sawyer greeted his friends with a smile and a cheery "hello" before being hustled into a waiting automobile for his trip to the jail.

Called "Finger Man."

Sawyer is here to answer federal government charges of being the "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer for whose snatching eight defendants are now on trial in federal district court. Testimony of Wynona Burdette and Byron Bolton, two gang members, placed the former St. Paul czar "on the spot."

William E. Vidler, alleged money changer, made an impressive witness on his own behalf Thursday as he told the jury he did not know he was exchanging Bremer ransom money. He said the first knowledge he had was after his arrest when Melvin Purvis, director of the Chicago office, G-men, told him it was Bremer-money he had been peddling at the various Chicago banks.

When arrested he had nearly \$3,000 of the ransom money on his person. He said that more than \$300 of that money was returned to him as it was not ransom cash.

## Withstands Quiz

He stood up under the cross-examination sticking to his story that at no time during his money exchanging activities did he know it was ransom money. His statement given to the federal authorities carried out his contention that he did not know it was Bremer money until told so by Agent Purvis.

Vidler will be on the stand for a short time today for cross examination and he will be followed by another alleged money changer—Philip Delaney, charged by the government with having exchanged \$34,000 of the ransom cash.

## Disputed Berg Pictures



Both of these pictures are of OLIVER J. (IZZY) BERG, harboring and money-changing defendant in the Bremer kidnaping trial, but James J. Wilson, nephew of and chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, claims he didn't recognize the one on the right when federal agents showed it to him in Chicago last fall and therefore was beaten. Disbelieving his story, Trial Judge M. M. Joyce agreed with the statement of federal agents that Wilson had been shown the picture at the left and had no trouble in identifying it.

## RELEASE EDNA MURRAY AS DEFENSE WITNESS

Edna Murray, freed by the government of charges in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, today was released as a defense witness and Missouri officials planned to return her to Jefferson City, Mo., immediately to face charges of escaping from prison.

The attractive Miss was ordered released as a witness by Judge M. M. Joyce after Arthur (Doc) Barker said he had no objection to vacating of a federal court order under which she had been held. The woman escaped from prison in Missouri where she was serving a term of 25 years for robbery.

As trial of the remaining eight defendants continued late today, Philip Delaney continued on the witness stand telling of his part—unknown to him, he claims—in the exchange of the ransom cash.

### Didn't Know Money "Hot."

Mr. Delaney went back on the stand as the afternoon session opened. Delaney testified he never knew or suspected that the money he changed was ransom money. He also said the Dolores Delaney girl mentioned at the trial is not a relative of his.

The witness also said he had never met Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell. Robert Rensch, attorney for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, questioned the witness.

"Do you know that McLaughlin

in any way had 'fixed' a bank?"

"No."

"And as far as you know the money had no connection with the Bremer ransom money?"

"None at all."

Mr. Rensch then moved that all of Delaney's testimony bearing on the ransom money be stricken, as it was not shown in anyway that the money was ransom money. Asst. U. S. Atty. George Halsey interposed to say that the money all came from identified packages and so it must have been the ransom money. Judge M. M. Joyce overruled Rensch's motion.

### Didn't Know Arrest Made.

Thomas McMeekin, attorney for Delaney, resumed questioning. "At the time you signed the statement April 27, did you know you were under arrest?"

"No, sir."

"Did you know when you were questioned you were giving the government evidence?"

"No, sir. I was giving the facts." Questioned again by Mr. Halsey, the witness said he did not recall reading about the kidnaping. He also said he did not talk with McLaughlin at his home about the exchange of the ransom money. He recalled McLaughlin and Vidler talking about the money on one occasion but said he was "too busy at the time driving to pay any attention."



"What guess would you make as to how campaign funds were in McLaughlin's possession?"

"I thought they were left over and that was the reason he didn't want to be seen changing the money himself."

Mr. Helsey again questioned the witness and, after Vidler had stated he didn't think it was suspicious that he waited while McLaughlin visited the Irving hotel, he was excused.

#### Vidler Rests Case.

Mr. Hoffman then announced that his defendant, Vidler, rested his case.

Thomas McMeekin, attorney for Philip Delaney, then called William C. Crolius as a character witness for his client. . . former mayor of Joliet, Ill., Mr. Crolius said he is of the opinion that Delaney's reputation for honesty and integrity is excellent. He also said his reputation as a law abiding citizen is excellent.

Mr. Helsey asked the witness if he knew that Delaney's truck was stopped in 1927 and he was found in possession of illegal liquor.

"I don't know the charges. In fact I don't even know what he is charged with," the witness replied.

"If you knew he was convicted would that make any difference to you?"

"I know him so well, I know the boy wouldn't do anything seriously wrong."

Clarence Pfundstein, another resident of Chicago and in the wholesale and detail oil products business, was the next witness for Delaney. He said he also knows Delaney as an honest man.

Delaney then was called to the stand.

#### Delaney Was On Relief.

Delaney said he is 54 years old, is married and has a 14-year-old daughter. He testified he has known McLaughlin since 1910 and has been "very friendly" with him. McLaughlin often helped him to find a job or financially aided him, the witness said.

In March, 1934, the witness said, McLaughlin called him and "said he wasn't feeling very well and wanted me to drive him around town."

"Was he paying you for driving him?"

"From time to time."

The witness testified he was living on relief at the time. He said he did not know Vidler until he and McLaughlin picked him up April 19. He told of driving from bank to bank.

"How much money did Mr. Vidler change?"

"I haven't any idea."

"Did they question you in the bank when you changed the \$4,000?"

"No, sir."

"Then what did you do?"

"I gave McLaughlin the money."

"For how many days did this continue?"

"Until April 26, five or six days. And each day you changed \$4,000 at the bank?"

"Yes."

"Did you have some discussion with Vidler regarding the money?"

"Yes, about the third day while we were waiting for McLaughlin at Irving Park boulevard. It was shortly after the primary election. There was a good deal of money thrown into the political workers and I thought the boys were holding out on ward workers."

#### Money Source Unknown.

"Did you think that was why McLaughlin didn't want to change the money?"

"Yes."

"Did you talk to Boss McLaughlin about that at any time?"

"No. I never at any time asked him where the money came from. The first morning he told me he got it from a friend but that's all."

"Did you at any time think it was money from a bank robbery?"

"No."

"In your statement, you say you thought it might be bank robbery money. Are those your words?"

"No. I think there was a mistake there."

"Did you use the words 'hot money'?"

"No."

"Did you ever think it was counterfeit money or ransom money?"

"I did not. The first I learned of

that was in the department of justice office."

"Did you read of the Bremer kidnaping?"

"If I did, I don't remember it. I don't know anybody in St. Paul and the story would have made no more impression than a dust storm in Kansas."

#### Got No Percentage.

"Did you read the statement through which I have here?"

"Pretty well. It was dictated to me too."

"Was there any talk about your receiving a split on the money changed?"

"No. The first day he asked me if I had any money at home and when I said no he gave me \$20. That was on Thursday. On Saturday he gave me \$50 to get a suit of clothes. The next money I got was the next Wednesday. He gave me \$100 to get the car fixed. I did this and had about \$50 left which Boss said I could keep."

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**Guards Bremer**



As closely guarded as the Barker-Karpis mobsters on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are the papers and documents at which **GEORGE F. SULLIVAN**, United States district attorney, is looking. They constitute the evidence for the government—and Mr. Sullivan carries them with him constantly, from his office to the courtroom, to his hotel room, to the restaurant.

*St. Paul Dispatch*

*May 10, 1935*

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## DID NOT KNOW SOURCE OF ROLL, VIDLER INSISTS

Chicago "Bookie" Admits He  
Passed About \$30,000 of  
Bremer Ransom.

### QUESTIONED M'LAUGHLIN

Suspect Says He Asked, "John,  
Where Are You Getting All  
This Money?"

Steadfastly denying he had knowledge of the character or source of kidnap ransom money he exchanged, William (Bill) Vidler, Chicago bookmaker, resumed the witness stand in his own defense on a charge of conspiracy to abduct Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

On cross-examination by George Heisey, assistant U. S. district attorney, the 35-year-old "bookie" on trial with seven others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, readily admitted he passed approximately \$30,000 in various Chicago banks, and said he received the money from John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago political leader who is one of the defendants.

#### Says Delaney Passed \$24,000.

Vidler, the third alleged conspirator to testify in his own behalf, also related how, accompanied by Mr. McLaughlin, he and Phillip Delaney, also on trial, exchanged the five-dollar and ten-dollar bills for currency of larger denominations. He testified that Delaney passed \$24,000.

"On the third day of my money-changing work," Vidler, speaking in a clear voice and without hesitation, said, "I discussed things with Mr. McLaughlin. I said, 'John, where are you getting this money; you are not getting out of line on this, are you?' He then asked me what I was worried about. He said the money came from a friend of his and that there was nothing wrong with it, as I found out myself. I was not worried, I was curious."

#### Saw Campaign 'Cut In.'

Vidler testified he was under the impression that McLaughlin had "cut in" on campaign funds. He related, during cross-examination, that the three drove to a point near the Irving hotel, Chicago, after exchanging the money and that McLaughlin would get out, leave for a period of from 15 to 30 minutes and then return.

"Did you know where he was going," Heisey asked.

"No," the witness answered.

During the cross-examination, Jerome Hoffmann, attorney for Vidler, objected to the "insinuations" and manner of questioning by Mr. Heisey, whom he charged with being "unfair to the witness."

Immediately after the first question concerning Vidler's criminal record was asked by Mr. Heisey when court opened, Hoffmann protested, whereupon at the request of Mr. Heisey the jury was excused for a few minutes.

Then, Heisey attempted to show that Vidler was convicted twice for grand larceny instead of once as testified by the defendant Thursday. It finally was brought out, after a series of questions by both Hoffmann and Heisey directed at the witness, that he was sentenced to Joliet prison on a charge involving the theft of two automobiles but that he served one term for three and a half years.

Vidler in explaining the crime for which he was convicted brought out that he had stolen one car, taken it for a "joy ride" and abandoned it on the street. Later, he testified, he stole another car and was arrested as he was driving out of a garage, where he had a tire repaired.

He said that he admitted voluntarily when he was in custody that he stole both cars.

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**BREMER CASE SUSPECT  
DELIVERED AT ST. PAUL**

By the Associated Press.  
NEW ORLEANS, May 10.—Sidney Freudenstein, United States marshal announced today that Harry Sawyer, one of the alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Minnesota banker had been delivered to Federal authorities at St. Paul.  
Sawyer was taken to St. Paul by train secretly under instructions from Washington that no announcement should be made of his removal until he had been delivered at St. Paul.  
Sawyer, alleged "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, was arrested May 3, near Pass Christian, Miss.

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## SECOND BREMER CONSPIRATOR TO PLEAD HIS GUILT

St. Paul, Minn., May 10.—(AP)—Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper under indictment as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, will plead guilty to the conspiracy charge for which he is on trial with Arthur [Doc] Barker and six others, Thomas W. McMeekin, his attorney, announced tonight.

McMeekin said Farmer's plea will be entered as soon as the defense rests its case, probably next Monday or Tuesday.

Byron Bolton of Chicago previously had pleaded guilty, his sentence to life imprisonment being discretionary with

the court. Bolton also was indicted as an actual kidnaper.

A confession by Farmer already has been put in the trial record. He identified members of the gang as the kidnapers of Bremer, told his part in arranging for the detention of Bremer in the home of Harold Alderton at Bensenville, and said he performed contact services for the gang while Bremer was a captive there.

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Vidler and Delaney admitted handling money for the former political boss, but denied any exact knowledge of the nature of the funds they exchanged.

Vidler, completing testimony begun yesterday, admitted exchanging \$34,000 of what the government claims was ransom money. He testified Mc-

Laughlin assured him "there was nothing wrong" with the money and that he was under the impression the politician had "cut in" on campaign funds.

Delaney admitted exchanging \$24,000 given him by McLaughlin, but said he believed it was from a campaign fund and asserted that at no time were his suspicions aroused to the point where he thought it was "hot" money.

The defendant also disclaimed acquaintance with others, except McLaughlin and Vidler, charged by the government with complicity in the kidnaping.

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## TAVERN OWNER ADMITS PART IN BREMER CRIME

**Farmer Will Plead Guilty as  
Defense Rests; McLaughlin  
Tells of 'Passing' Ransom**

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1935.

**TO ADMIT BREMER GUILT**

**GUILTY PLEA WILL BE ENTERED BY ELMER FARMER.**

**Under Indictment as One of the Actual Kidnapers, He Will Confess Conspiracy for Which He Is on Trial.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*  
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## PAIR IN CHARGE OF HIS HIDEOUT TO PLEAD GUILTY

Alderton Claims He Didn't Know Captive Was St. Paul Banker

DOC BARKER WILL  
REMAIN SILENT

Sawyer to Fight Charges;  
Trial Expected to End  
by Mid-week

McLaughlin admits money changing,  
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By throwing themselves on the mercy of the court instead of sending their cases to the jury with those of six other defendants, Farmer and Alderton's pleas indicated an end to the four weeks' old trial by Wednesday or Thursday.

Thomas McMeekin, counsel for Farmer, said he had informed Judge M. M. Joyce and United States Attorney George F. Sullivan of Farmer's intention.

### Alderton to Plead Guilty

Alderton, implicated in statements given by himself and Farmer to government agents upon their arrest early this year, also will plead guilty, according to a reliable source.

Alderton testified before the grand jury which indicted 22 persons for the kidnaping, as did Farmer and James Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Joseph P. Moran, alleged chief of the ransom money changers. Alderton will base his plea for a light sentence upon the claim he did not know the identity of the captive preceding his arrival at the farmhouse.

Subsequently, Alderton was deterred from reporting the case to police, he contends, because he feared such action would jeopardize Bremer himself as well as the family of Alderton's brother at Kokomo, Ind., whom the captors mentioned to Alderton during the 22-day vigil.

### Barker to Remain Silent

Arthur (Doc) Barker, only actual member of the gang that reputedly executed the kidnaping, will maintain his silence to the end, it was believed.

Edna Murray, originally one of 10 defendants on trial, but against whom the charges were dismissed, today was released to Missouri penal authorities to complete serving a 25-year term. John DeCourcy, Barker's attorney, gave notice Friday of the Barker's acquiescence to such a release.

While the conspiracy case against eight of the 22 persons named in the federal indictment neared the end, Harry Sawyer, alleged finger man in the abduction and former St. Paul underworld character, laid plans to fight the conspiracy charges.

### Sawyer to Fight Charges

DeCourcy and Eugene O'Sullivan, Omaha criminal attorneys, have been retained by Sawyer.

Trial of Sawyer probably will be delayed until the November term of court, federal authorities indicated. By that time, they hope to have taken into custody more members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Fugitives now include Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and Moran. Opinion has been expressed that Moran may have been slain by gangsters.

*Minneapolis Star*  
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# Alderton And Farmer Are Expected To Plead Guilty In Bremer Kidnaping Case



HAROLD ALDERTON.



ELMER FARMER.

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# TIP FROM BOLTON FOILED JAIL ESCAPE

## Feared Gang Invasion To Get Revenge

### Note Asked Sheriff To Investigate; Karmell Admits He Worked 10 Days Preparing Break.

(Copyright, 1935, St. Paul Daily News.)  
It was Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaping ringleader who turned government witness against his former gangland pals in the Bremer kidnaping case, who discovered and blocked an attempted break from the Ramsey county jail.  
This was learned from an unimpeachable source by The Daily News today as Stanley Karmell, nabbed late Thursday night as he was about to clamber out a second floor window for his second escape from the jail where Barker-Karpis gangsters are housed, signed a confession in which he stated:

A length of wire obtained from a ventilator aided his efforts.  
He found saw blades apparently hidden above a window frame.  
There were loose bricks underneath the window.  
A loose iron bar from a bed, left on top of a cell cage, was used to loosen other bricks and mortar and tile.

Mortar and cement he dug out from around the bricks easily disposed of by wrapping them in newspapers and putting them in a garbage can.  
He carried on his work over a period of 10 days.  
He first ripped a bed sheet into strips, found it wasn't strong enough when tied together as a ladder, and "ducked it" where it remained unbound.  
He obtained a blanket from a cell other than his own, tied it into a ladder after splitting it into strips, and hid it until needed.

In an unsigned note to Sheriff Tommy Gibbons, delivered a few hours after the sheriff and a federal inspector had made a tour of the jail, without discovering any evidence of the forthcoming break attempt.

#### Find Bars Loosened.

This information came to light today as Sheriff Gibbons, who previously had been reported as having noticed a loose board from the window sill while making the inspection tour with J. H. Strief, federal inspector of county jails, made

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known that Karmell had first attempted to place the blame for the attempted break on Bolton.

In his first "confession" Karmell, according to Sheriff Gibbons, declared that Bolton and Isadore Tanelloff, another prisoner, had urged him to dig a tunnel through the second floor walls of the jail that all three could get out.

Karmell's later signed statement admits his first "confession" was frame-up to implicate Bolton because he suspected the latter had warned Gibbons.

When the note was received Sheriff Gibbons and several deputies rushed to the second floor block and discovered Karmell sitting on the window sill. The bricks of plaster around the bars had been loosened and could be removed with the slightest pressure. To escape all that was necessary was to push open a screen. A "ladder," made of torn blankets, was found in Karmell's cell.

Reports at the federal building today were that Bolton, whose testimony was among the most damaging against the eight Barker-Karpis gangsters and aids on trial for the \$200,000 "snatching" of Edward G. Bremer, feared that the escape attempt of Karmell might make it just as easy for someone to get in as for Karmell to get out.

Bolton has been under close guard during the trial, in the fear that an attempt to kill him might be made by fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang as a "payoff" for his turning state's evidence.

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# FARMER ADMITS BREMER PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 11 (I.N.S.)—With conclusion of the defense case next week, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville (Ill.) saloon keeper, will enter a plea of guilty to conspiracy in the sensational 200,000-dollar ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, it was announced today.

Defense counsel stated that Farmer, also under indictment as one of the actual kidnapers of the wealthy St. Louis banker, will join Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster, who earlier pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge.

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**BREMER KIDNAP  
HIDEOUT KEEPER  
TO PLEAD GUILTY**

**Mercy of Court Sought  
by Alderton.**

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—[Special.]—Harold Alderton, occupant of the Bensenville, Ill., house where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnap victim, was kept prisoner for 21 days, will join Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper who arranged for the hideout, in pleading guilty to conspiracy charges at the close of the defense testimony in the Bremer trial in federal court here, it was indicated today.

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\$200,000 kidnaping, as did Farmer and James Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Joseph Moran, alleged chief of the ransom money changers.

Alderton will base his plea for a light sentence upon the claim he did not know the identity of the captive preceding his arrival at the farm house. Fear, it is said he will contend, kept him from revealing anything afterward.

Alderton's decision, it was said, came gradually as he saw other defendants take the stand to have their stories

beaten down under cross-examination by the government.

Byron Bolton was the first to plead guilty. He entered his plea at the outset of the trial and subsequently testified against the other defendants.

Proceedings as the fourth week of the trial closed yesterday were marked by the parade of three defendants to the witness stand, William Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, all accused of having changed ransom bills. They all admitted exchange of money in operations traced by federal agents, but denied knowing that the money involved was part of the Bremer ransom.

When court opens Monday McLaughlin will again resume the stand.

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## JAIL GIVES GROOM BACK TO A BRIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Austin, four months married, started their honeymoon yesterday, a little later than most couples, but it really was Uncle Sam's fault.



BRUNO AUSTIN.

For Bruno was just leaving the Russian Holy Trinity Cathedral last January 20, his bride on his arm, when detectives arrested him.

Turned over to federal agents, Bruno was sent to St. Paul for trial with other defendants in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping conspiracy. He was charged with being a member of the gang that imprisoned the St. Paul banker for twenty-two days and collected a record ransom.

Thus torn from the arms of his tearful bride, Bruno didn't have a chance even to take her to the honeymoon apartment at 6969 Oakdale av.

Yesterday, on the heels of his exoneration by government prosecutors, he was turned out of the Ramsey County jail in St. Paul.

His bride was waiting for him.

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# Defense Ends Bremer Case One Confesses

2d Plea of Guilty Comes  
During Climax of Trial  
for Kidnaping.

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, Minn., May 13.—A second plea of guilty today climaxed four weeks of testimony in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial as the Federal Government and defense rested in the cases of seven other defendants charged with conspiracy.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, accused of helping to arrange an Illinois hideout where the St. Paul banker was held 21 days during his \$200,000 abduction, entered a guilty plea. Sentence was deferred until the end of the trial, at which time Byron Bolton, reputed trigger man for the Barker-Karpis gang, also will be sentenced on his guilty plea.

Shortly after the defense rested, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce denied a motion for directed verdicts of acquittal for the seven defendants, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, Southwestern desperado named as one of the actual kidnapers. Final arguments will start tomorrow and likely will continue two days.

Harold Alderton, in whose house Bremer reputedly was kept, decided to let the jury determine his case after his attorney, Eugene Mathews, had indicated earlier he might plead guilty.

Last defendant to take the stand was John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician charged with having participated in the exchange of a portion of the ransom. He admitted handling money, but denied he knew or suspected it was Bremer ransom. He called Government testimony "deliberate lies."

Those whose cases are expected to be given to the jury after closing arguments are Barker, McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, all of Chicago; Oliver Berg, a Joliet, Ill., convict, all accused as "money changers;" James J. Wilson, one time employe of fugitive Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician; and Alderton.

All the defendants, except Alderton, Farmer and Barker, testified.

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ST. PAUL—ASSISTANT U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE HEISEY COMPLETED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FINAL ARGUMENT AGAINST SEVEN DEFENDANTS IN THE EDWARD G. BREMER KIDNAPING TRIAL LATE TODAY. COUNSEL FOR ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER, IMMEDIATELY OPENED SUMMATION.

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PAUL ELDER FARMER, ON TRIAL WITH SEVEN OTHERS IN THE EDWARD BREMER KIDNAPING CASE, PLEADED GUILTY TODAY.

HE CHANGED HIS PLEA AFTER FOUR WEEKS OF TESTIMONY DURING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SOUGHT TO SHOW THAT HE AND HAROLD ALBERTSON WERE KEEPERS OF A HIDEOUT AT BIRNEYVILLE, ILL., WHERE THE WEALTHY ST. PAUL BANKER WAS HELD CAPTIVE PENDING PAYMENT OF \$200,000 RANSOM.

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# Bremer Case Cash Changer Charges Lies

## Says He Didn't Mention That Money Was From Hamm Ransom And Defends Aids.

Shouting angry denials to statements the prosecution charges he made to federal agents, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, returned to the witness stand in United States district court today at the trial of eight persons charged with conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case to refute that he knew he was exchanging ransom money.

"Did you mention that some of the money was Hamm money?" McLaughlin was asked by his attorney, Robert Rensch.

"That is a deliberate lie," the witness shouted. He continued to raise his voice in denying a state-

ment in which he allegedly said he asked gangsters if the money he was to exchange was Bremer ransom money.

The witness gave support to testimony of two other alleged money changers, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, that they did not know they were exchanging "hot" money.

"I told him (Agent R. D. Brown) that Delaney and Vidler should be released," McLaughlin asserted.

McLaughlin was on the stand as the trial entered its fifth week today. He was questioned by Robert Rensch, his attorney.

"How many times did you get money from Dr. Moran?"

"Five times, three times \$10,000 each and \$15,000 two times. I think I am not sure whether it was either \$60,000 or \$55,000 all told. I cashed all but \$3,000."

"What became of the \$3,000 you did not cash?"

"Vidler was to have cashed it the day he was arrested."

"Did you ever get any money from Dr. Moran other than in the hotel?"

"The second day I brought the money Dr. Moran did not have another package so I told him to meet me at Railroad st. and Northwestern highway at 8 p. m. that night and he gave me a package there."

Asked if he knew any members of the Karpis-Barker gang, McLaughlin testified the only time he ever saw any of them before this trial was in Dr. Moran's room where he saw Oliver Berg.

"When were you arrested?"  
"April 28, 1934, at 10:45 a. m. at my own home."

**Sat On Chair All Night.**

"How long were you at your home the day you were arrested?"

A government objection was entered to the question and after a 20-minute huddle between Mr. Rensch, Judge M. M. Joyce and George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, the witness was allowed to answer the question.

"I remained at home from 10:45 a. m. until 6 p. m."

"Was any money taken from you by the agents?"

"Not at home."

"Were you questioned while at home?"

"No."

### Sawyer Arraignment Here Set For June 1

Harry Sawyer, St. Paul's former underworld king, under federal indictments charging kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, will be arraigned in federal district court here June 1. This was decided today at a meeting between George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and Sawyer's three attorneys, Eugene D. O'Sullivan and C. J. Southard of Omaha and John DeCourcy, St. Paul.

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ill in November and December, 1933, and January, February and March in 1934, and that he did not leave his home until about April 1 after his prolonged illness.

At the completion of defense testimony, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, will enter a plea of guilty. Thomas W. McMeekin, his attorney, previously has informed the court. Farmer is accused of assisting in making arrangements for the "hideout" where Bremer was in prison for 21 days.

The case is expected to go to the jury Thursday, after approximately two days of arguments by the prosecution and a half-dozen attorneys representing the various defendants.

Testimony at variance with that of government witnesses was the assertion of McLaughlin this morning that he "never heard of Slim Gibson." The prosecution charges that Gibson, slain gangster, was employed by the Barker-Karpis mob to act as guard of the ransom money as it was being distributed by Dr. Moran. Testimony was given previously that McLaughlin was seen in a room at the Irving hotel with Dr. Moran and Russell (Slim) Gibson.

"Did you ever turn over any money to any other person than Dr. Moran?" Rensch asked his client.

"No, sir," he said emphatically. McLaughlin testified that, for changing the \$55,000, he received \$1,200, of which he gave about \$275 to Philip Delaney and \$300 to William Vidler, two other defendants on trial as ransom money changers. While stating that they assisted him in passing the money, McLaughlin said they had no more knowledge of its source than he, and that they were innocent of any criminal intent.

Referring to \$85 of the Bremer ransom bills found in the possession of his son, John J. Jr., McLaughlin said:

"I certainly would not give my son, Jack, any money if I thought it was not all right."

He also remarked that Brown, in his previous testimony, had quoted him as calling his son "Jimmy."

"And no one ever has called him anything but 'Jack,'" he said.

Besides the trial, a development in the Bremer case today was a conference at which it was decided to arraign Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld-figure named by the government as the "finger man" in the abduction, in Federal court here in about three weeks. Arrested after the trial of the other defendants started, Sawyer now is being held in Ramsey county jail.

#### Attorneys in Conference.

The conference was between Eugene O'Sullivan and C. J. Southard of Omaha and John DeCourcy of St. Paul, counsel for Sawyer, and George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney. All agreed on the approximate time of the arraignment, with the exact date to be set at the convenience of the presiding judge.

Another development today was the subpoenaing by the defense of Betty Baerwald, former maid in Sawyer's home, who testified in the current trial as a witness for the prosecution. In Sawyer's trial, she is expected to contradict testimony given in the present trial by Byron Bolton, confessed kidnap aid who pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence, that Sawyer was in Chicago following the kidnaping, with George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, one of the abductors. She is expected to say that during this period Sawyer was at his farm north of St. Paul.

## DENIES ALLEGED TRANSACTION IN CHICAGO HOTEL

The testimony of one of his fellow defendants was branded as untrue today by John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician on trial with seven others in Federal court here for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The testimony in question was given by James Wilson, associate of Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran, Chicago physician who is a fugitive in the case. Wilson had testified that he saw McLaughlin, Oliver Berg, another defendant in the case, and Russell (Slim) Gibson, slain gangster, counting some money spread over a bed in the Irving hotel in Chicago, where Moran maintained rooms.

McLaughlin, accused of superintending the "passing" of \$55,000 of the Bremer ransom, was questioned about this testimony by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney.

"If Wilson testified to anything like that," McLaughlin stated in reply, "he was not telling the truth."



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**EDNA MURRAY BRUISED IN CRASH ON WAY TO CELL**

Jefferson City, Mo., May 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Edna (Kissing Bandit) Murray, triple-escape queen of the Missouri state penitentiary, was returned here today after narrowly escaping serious injury while being brought back from St. Paul.

Mrs. Murray's whose "in again, out again" career began here in 1925 when she began a 25-year sentence from Kansas City for first degree robbery, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Scholten, who was returning her, suffered bruises Sunday when their automobile collided with another car near Toledo, Iowa.

She was turned over to Missouri authorities Saturday, after having been questioned in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

The widow of "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, who was electrocuted in the Arkansas penitentiary, she first escaped in May, 1927, and was gone four years. Later she got away again, but was re-captured here the next day.

She escaped December 13, 1932, with Irene McCann, slayer of a Carthage jailer, and was captured near Pittsburgh, Kan., last February. Mrs. McCann voluntarily surrendered about a year ago.

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# BOSS M'LAUGHLIN ON STAND IN OWN BREMER DEFENSE

## Taking of Testimony at Trial Completed.

St. Paul, May 13.—(AP)—Completion of defense testimony for seven persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and a plea of guilty by another brought the federal court kidnap trial to the final argument stage late today.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavernkeeper, charged with helping to arrange the house in which Bremer was held 21 days, pleaded guilty after other defendants had rested. Byron Bolton, Chicago, took similar action a month ago when the trial began. Harold Alderton, in whose house Bremer was kept, decided to let the jury decide his case after his attorney, Eugene Mathews, had indicated earlier he also might plead guilty.

### McLaughlin Takes Stand.

Last defendant to testify was John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago politician, charged with having participated in the exchange of a portion of the \$200,000 ransom. He admitted handling money, but denied he knew or suspected it was Bremer ransom. He called contradictory government testimony "deliberate lies."

Those whose cases are expected to be given to the jury after closing arguments are Arthur [Doc] Barker, named as an actual kidnaper; McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, all of Chicago; Oliver Berg, a Joliet, Ill., convict, all accused as "money changers"; James J. Wilson, one time employé of fugitive Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician, and Alderton.

Final arguments, which will begin

tomorrow, are expected to be completed, at the latest, by Thursday.

### Most of Them Testify.

All the defendants except Alderton, Farmer, and Barker, testified during the trial.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce deferred sentence on Farmer. He was withdrawn from the courtroom and remanded to the Ramsey county jail.

The prosecution summoned three witnesses in rebuttal and then rested. On the stand in rebuttal were William R. Holmes, guard at the Joliet, Ill., prison; Ralph Brown, and John Madala, department of justice agents.

Immediately after Farmer's plea of guilty, Thomas W. McMeekin began arguing a motion for dismissal of the charge against Philip Delaney, Chicago, an alleged "money changer."

No testimony was offered in Barker's defense. The case of James J. Wilson, former Northwestern university student, was rested after a short recess. Final witnesses were Father John Deere, Prior Lake Catholic priest who received some of the ransom money, and Betty Baerwold, one-time maid in the home of Harry Sawyer, alleged "fingerman," who is to be arraigned in about three weeks.

The priest said he could not identify Barker as one of the men who handed him ransom notes, and Miss Baerwold testified that in January, 1934, about the time of the kidnaping, Sawyer was confined to his home.

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**PLEADING DEFENSE RESTS**

ST. PAUL, May 13.—(AP)—Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. He was the second to plead guilty.

The defense for seven other defendants, including Arthur ("Doc") Barker of Chicago, had rested a few minutes before.

The prosecution summoned three witnesses in rebuttal and then rested its case. Final arguments were to begin tomorrow.

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### Bremer Suspect Makes Guilty Plea

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13 (AP). — A second plea of guilty today climaxed four weeks of testimony in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial as the Federal Government and defense rested in the cases of seven other defendants charged with conspiracy.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville (Ill.) tavern keeper, accused of helping to arrange an Illinois hideout where the St. Paul banker was held twenty-one days during his \$200,000 abduction, entered a guilty plea. Final arguments will start tomorrow.

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# Asks Prison For Gangmen In Kidnaping

## Says Barker Should Be Sent To Cell, Fears More Crimes If He Can Roam Streets.

Conviction of Arthur (Doc) Barker and six associates for participating in the "crime of the century"—the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer—was demanded in federal district court today by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, as trial of the seven defendants drew to a close.

In a courtroom packed to capacity, Mr. Heisey opened his final argument to the jury.

One by one he linked each of the defendants in the conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker. He gave a vivid picture of the snatching and of the 22 days of torture and suspense Mr. Bremer spent in the Bensenville, Ill. hideout as he waited for his father to pay the \$200,000 ransom demanded.

### Tells Of Crime's Horrors.

Tears came into the prosecutor's eyes as he recalled the ransom notes dispatched by Mr. Bremer to his family.

"Those ransom notes told his father, his wife, his child that he would come back 'stiff' unless the demands of the gangsters were met," Mr. Heisey said.

Mrs. Bremer was in the courtroom as the government leveled its final blast at Doc Barker and his cohorts.

While Mr. Heisey looked at the jury, Barker's eyes flashed and he watched the prosecutor. The government prosecutor turned toward the gangster on one occasion meeting the stare of the co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang.

### Stresses Bolton Testimony.

"Are we going to permit a man like Doc Barker to roam the streets and commit another kidnaping?" Mr. Heisey demanded. "Who will be responsible if Doc Barker goes mad again and commits another kidnaping or murder? It has to stop now."

Mr. Heisey stressed the testimony of Byron Bolton, who already has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges, and of Aaron Kohn, government fingerprint expert.

"I hold no brief for Byron Bolton," Mr. Heisey asserted, "but he must have a spark of manhood in his black heart. He is trying to amend the wrong he has done so he

must be given some credit for that spark of manhood that remains.

"Testimony of Mr. Kohn was attacked by defense attorneys from one to one but they couldn't shake his testimony because he was telling the truth about Doc Barker's fingerprints being found on the oil can."

### Heisey Begins Plea.

George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, opened his address to the jury at 10:10 a. m.

"In this case," Mr. Heisey said, "the government contends the original conspirators planned in advance to kidnap Mr. Bremer. They waited until the kidnaping furor died to try to enjoy the fruits of their crime.

"They had made plans for this even before the kidnaping took place. That is why we say the conspiracy did not end until after good money had been obtained for the stolen money.

"These kidnapers stole Mr. Bremer. They didn't release him from his torture when they freed him for \$200,000. He will remember those three weeks of torture forever. Somebody must pay for this and you know who it is."

In the midst of his argument, Mr. Heisey gave explanation of a conspirator. Conspirators, he said, are those who are linked to a kidnaping even though they do not know what other conspirators are doing. He named Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harry Campbell, George Goetz and Volney Davis as the men who concocted the plans for kidnaping Mr. Bremer.

### Calls Them Accessories.

"Next came Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer," he continued. "They fitted into plans by furnishing the Bensenville hideout. They assumed full responsibility for the crime. Next we find the money changers that the original kidnapers had in mind and we have Moran, Wilson, Gibson and Berg.

"We do not claim they are the kidnapers but by co-operating with the original kidnapers and they so became conspirators and accept full responsibility for the crime.

"Next we have the group comprised of McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney. They are the actual money changers.

"I'll take Doc Barker first. Even though he stands here alone as an original kidnaper he can still be convicted on the conspiracy charge. The evidence stands here undisputed.

Doc Barker put up no defense. "It was a terrible thing to call Father Deere for the defense. It was a shame to call a cleric on behalf of a kidnaper. Did he say anything on behalf of Barker. No. The evidence showed Volney Davis delivered the note."

### Urges Guilty Verdict.

The fact that Doc Barker was in St. Paul Jan. 16 and in Bensenville Jan. 17 indicates that he was one of the men who took Mr. Bremer to the hideout, Mr. Heisey said.

"I don't see how you can bring back any verdict but guilty against Doc Barker," he said.

Mr. Heisey continued outlining to the jury the part played, of the return of Mr. Bremer, how the can placed gasoline in their car at the half-way mark and of fingerprints of Doc Barker being found on the gasoline cans.

The government attorney told the jury that it must stop Doc Barker from roaming the streets again.

"Who will be responsible if Doc Barker goes mad again and commits a kidnaping or murder?" Mr. Heisey asked.

Fact that Doc Barker had his fingertips mutilated and his face lifted by Dr. Moran indicates a conscience of guilt, Mr. Heisey said.

"If I was Doc Barker I would be mad at Dr. Moran for giving me all that torture. I would do something to him—maybe he already has."

#### Guilt Pursued Barker.

"Doc Barker had such a conscience of guilt that it pursued him as late as November. Bolton tells us that when he saw Barker in November he had his nose bandaged to complete his face lifting.

"We find Doc Barker in St. Paul, Bensenville, Chicago, Toledo, Cleveland, Sandusky—in fact on the move all the time—chased by his guilty conscience.

"This conspiracy started to form in St. Paul in December, 1933. The gangsters needed a hideout so what did 'Shotgun' Goetz do. He went to Farmer first. For some reason Farmer said he hasn't a place. Who stood next to Farmer in Goetz's estimation? It was Alderton. What happens next? Fred Barker and Goetz then talk to Alderton. Karpis comes and with Alderton goes to the hideout to look it over and give it his O. K. Alderton knew these men; he knew their characters. Do you think this mob with \$200,000 at stake would take a chance on Farmer and Alderton unless they knew all about them and their past?"

Alderton knew that he was to receive \$1,000 for his share in the kidnaping, Mr. Heisey asserted. If he did not want to be a party to the plot he could have gone to Chicago and told the government where Mr. Bremer was being held.

#### Farmer Pleads Guilty.

"If he had done this we would have had all the men now."

Fact that Oliver Berg is serving a life term in Illinois should not be considered, Mr. Heisey told the jury. He recalled that Berg mentioned to John Madala, federal agent, that he (Berg) might be able to get a pardon if he was not convicted in the Bremer case.

Only seven of the 12 persons called as defendants when the trial began April 15 remained at the bar today. Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, accused of aiding the Barker-Karpis gang in finding a hideout for their kidnap victim, pleaded guilty Monday as the defense rested its case.

Charges against Jess Doyle and Edna Murray were dismissed by the government last week. Byron Bolton pleaded guilty when the trial opened and Bruno Austin, indicted and brought to court but not placed on trial, was freed by the government.

McLaughlin was the last defense witness for the remaining seven defendants. He denied knowledge of the kind of money he was exchanging—he is charged with exchanging \$57,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Mr. Bremer.

#### The Jurors.

The jurors 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; J. Maude Brown, St. Paul, seamstress; Mary McQuade, St. Paul, former business woman; Frank Beaty, Lake City, unemployed electrical worker; George Gutter, Racine, farmer; and Ben Buckminister, Lake City, retired road builder.

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## Prosecutor Also Hits Stories Told By Three Others

Jimmy Wilson, one of the seven defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap conspiracy case, lied on the witness stand, George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, charged late today as he neared the end of his argument to a federal court jury which will decide the guilt or innocence of Arthur (Doc) Barker and his associates.

"I can not help feeling sorry for him but Wilson knew what it was about," Heisey declared. "Wilson should be found guilty."

The prosecutor charged that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler—he referred to them as Sunday school boys—told a story on the witness stand that even a 12-year-old boy or girl would not believe.

"They are hiding the truth. Delaney wants us to believe that he does not know the words 'hot' and 'mob' yet his own character witness said that some years ago Delaney carried alcohol. Still he wants us to believe he does not know the meaning of the two three-letter words."

### Claims Wilson Guilty.

Jimmy Wilson may be a victim of circumstances, Mr. Heisey said, yet if he is guilty of helping the gangsters at the hotel the jury must take that into consideration.

Wilson must have known thing about the men with whom Moran was dealing, the prosecutor continued recalling that Wilson admitted driving the gangster around.

"Jimmy would have been much better off if he had never taken the stand. He did not tell the truth on the stand. He tells us about his trips to Aurora in April. For the first time since his arrest he tells about those rabies treatments of Harry Campbell.

"He had to have some excuse for the trips to Aurora so he makes this story.

### Ran To Fred Barker.

"Jimmy Wilson knew these men he knew the racket; he knew McLaughlin was in the racket, and when Dr. Moran was looking for a money changer Wilson reminded him that McLaughlin was in the racket. That's how McLaughlin stepped into the case.

"When the blowoff came, what did Wilson do? He ran away because he was guilty. He ran to Toledo into the arms of his friend, Freddie Barker. Here is a boy who must be stopped right now. Jimmy Wilson has got to be saved and there is only one way to save him.

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### KARPIS IN TOWN?

"Alvin Karpis is in town watching the removal of the prisoners" was the information telephoned today to the Dispatch by an unidentified informant who hung up the telephone immediately on giving the information.

Karpis is the No. 1 Public Enemy now being sought by the Federal government in connection with the Bremer kidnaping and said also to have been involved in many other crimes.

er, gang leader who is one of the defendants, he told the jurors they must bring in a verdict of guilty or "you will blast my faith in the jury system."

#### Defense Counsel Denounced.

Describing Barker's defense as "an unconscionable exhibition," he denounced defense counsel for "bringing a poor old priest here and trying to make a monkey of him."

Besides Barker, the defendants are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, alleged ransom money changers; Oliver Berg, alleged ransom money guard; James Wilson, also involved in the ransom changing; and Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer allegedly was held captive.

Originally, there were ten defendants. One of them, Elmer Farmer, charged with conducting negotiations for the kidnap hideout, changed his plea Monday from not guilty to guilty and now is awaiting sentence. The charges against two of the others, Edna (Rabbits) Murray and Jess Doyle, were dismissed when the prosecution closed its case.

A prospective defendant, Byron Bolton, Barker-Karpis gang machinegunner, pleaded guilty before the trial opened.

Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld figure named by the government as the "finger man" who pointed out Bremer to his abductors, is in Ramsey county jail awaiting trial at a later date.

#### Language of Address.

In opening his address Heisey said:

"The kidnaping of Edward Bremer was not the crime of the century, but the crime of the ages. For every day of anguish and torture that Bremer went through, and for every day that his wife and daughter and father suffered, somebody ought to be made to suffer. And I think you know who it is!

"We know a majority of crimes are committed for money. In this case, the original conspirators had it in mind at the start that they were committing the crime for money—\$200,000 worth of money.

"When you get back to your homes, pick up the Bible and turn to Deuteronomy, twenty-fourth chapter, seventh verse, and read it. The ancient Hebrews knew what to do with kidnapers. 'Whosoever shall steal his brother and make merchandise out of him and sell him, then that thief shall die.'

"That is what the kidnapers did

to Edward Bremer. He was human merchandise, and they stole him and sold him."

After spending considerable time on the general aspects of the case, Heisey outlined the government's theory of the crime and told of the various parts taken by the alleged participants.

Excerpts from his talk relating to the seven defendants are:

DOC BARKER—"He figured in this picture from the very first. The evidence stands uncontradicted and undisputed. His defense was the most unconscionable exhibition I have ever seen in a criminal case—calling in a preacher to defend him. (Rev. John Deere of Prior Lake, who received one of the ransom notes). Did he defend Doc Barker? No. They bring a poor old Catholic priest, but him on the stand and try to make a monkey out of him. What kind of a pretense is this?"

ALDERTON—"What did he do when he found Bremer was being held in his house? Nothing. All he had to do was drive to Chicago, give the government his information, and we would have had all these kidnapers in the court room long ago. But he was not interested in helping the government."

BERG—"Just an ordinary gunman. He had a gun and would have used it. He has been convicted of robbery with a gun and has been sentenced to life imprisonment. He said he thought the Bremer ransom money was bank robbery money. I say a man who will handle robbery money also will handle kidnap money."

He asserted that McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney, the alleged money changers, were "equally responsible" for the crime when they joined the actual kidnapers. In the same category he placed Wilson, charged with assisting in the gang operations which followed the abduction.

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# BREMER RANSOM 'MONEY CHANGERS' RAPPED BY HEISEY

A stinging denunciation of the "money changers" in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer was launched by George Heisey, assistant U. S. district attorney, as he resumed his final arguments to the jury this afternoon.

Heisey, who began his final arguments this morning when he bitterly attacked the defense of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Harold Alderton, concentrated his attack this afternoon on John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler, Philip Delaney, Oliver Berg and James J. Wilson, the other remaining defendants.

Asserting that he was going to start on the "three Sunday school boys," Heisey bitterly denounced the activities of McLaughlin, Delaney and Vidler whom he charged with being "in the racket" long before the kidnaping of Bremer.

"McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney were in that kind of a racket and had been in it for some time," Heisey told the jurors. "When Dr. Moran (Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive) was looking around for a money changer, Jimmy Wilson reminded him probably, I say undoubtedly, that McLaughlin was in that kind of a racket, and that is when McLaughlin came into the picture."

Berg, Heisey contended, received warning from Russell (Slim) Gibson, Barker-Karpis mobster who was slain by Federal agents, as to the type of money he was asked to exchange.

"You are entitled to consider the fact," the jurors were informed by Heisey, "that Alvin Karpis and Freddy Barker found asylum in Berg's home for a period of seven or eight days. Willie Doney, who cared for these men, and Berg are alumni of that famous institution at Joliet (meaning the Illinois state prison).

"Doney nursed them for several weeks prior to that time at the Irving hotel. It is safe to assume, in view of the fact that Freddy Barker and Karpis were at Berg's house, that they all had conversations with Berg.

"On the second or third day after Freddy Barker and Karpis were at Berg's home, Doc Barker, one of the original kidnapers, came there. You have Berg in actual contact with three of the original kidnapers. A little later Doc Barker with a suitcase full of money—\$30,000 worth of money—comes to Berg's house and Berg sees it there. Despite all of this warning, he would like to have you loath to believe he would not go into this sort of thing. Berg went ahead. He cooperated. He acted as guard of this money at the Irving hotel. He was there for a solid week except at night time."

## MAKE TORTURER SUFFER, IS PLEA OF PROSECUTOR

Heisey Quotes Bible Edict of Death as He Demands Recompense for Victim.

## CITES FAMILY'S ANGUISH

Summary of Case Points Out Necessity of Circumstantial Evidence.

The kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was characterized today as "the crime of the ages" by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, as he made his closing address in the trial of seven defendants charged with conspiracy in the crime.

Outlining the steps taken by the conspirators before, during and after the abduction, which took place January 17, 1934, Heisey demanded that somebody be made to suffer for "every day of torture and anguish that Edward Bremer went through."

Prior to the kidnaping, he asserted, St. Paul was the gathering place for "the most vicious and desperate outlaws in the history of the country."

In the case of Arthur (Doc) Bark-

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- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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**Bremer Kidnap Case  
May Reach Jury Today**

St. Paul, May 15 (AP).—Picturing their clients as men innocently involved, defense attorneys today made their last stand against Government efforts to convict seven persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The month-old trial was expected to reach the jury tomorrow, with each defendant facing a possible sentence of one hour to life imprisonment.

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**Bremer Jury Out**

ST. PAUL—The case of Arthur (Doc) Barker and six others accused of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was given to a Federal Court jury of nine men and three women late today.

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- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
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- Mr. Harbo
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**TRIAL OF 7 IN  
BREMER KIDNAP  
PLOT NEAR END**

St. Paul, Minn., May 15.—[Special.]  
—The long trial of seven defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case drew to a close today in federal court here. Attorneys for each of the defendants made their final pleas.

Hopes that the case would be placed in the hands of the jury tonight faded as each of the lawyers took the full hour allotted in desperate oratorical efforts to save their clients from the maximum penalty of life imprisonment. The defense pleas were scheduled to be followed by the final rebuttal for the government by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

At the conclusion of all arguments the charge to the jury will be delivered by Judge M. M. Joyce. This will take place tomorrow morning.

Then the fate of the seven men who have sat in court for five weeks and a parade of witnesses testified to their guilt in plotting the \$200,000 abduction will be in the hands of the nine men and three women jurors.

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# DENY FREEDOM TOM'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, May 16.—(AP)—Motions to dismiss charges against John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, reputed "money changers," were denied by Judge M. M. Joyce as final arguments in the Bremer kidnap case neared an end today.

Robert V. Rensch, speaking on behalf of the trio, contended that George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, made a judicial admission of innocence of the three when in his arguments he said, according to Mr. Rensch:

"The government at no time charged they were connected with the kidnaping or in any way linked with the interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer."

The three are alleged to have participated in exchange of a portion of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom.

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Brainerd, Minn.,  
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ALVIN KARPIS, WA,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

## Federal Agent Gives Testimony of Amazing Story of Inside Workings of the Gang.

St. Paul—Arthur (Doc) Barker himself received a major share of the first batch of Bremer ransom bills exchanged for other money, testimony in the trial of himself and nine others showed today.

With this testimony the federal government sought to link Barker, accused as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, with the ransom negotiations.

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SHIRLEY TEMPLE  
BRIGHT EYES  
A FOX PICTURE WITH  
JAMES DUNN

AND YOUR HEART WILL SING!  
YOUR EYES WILL BRIGHTEN

"NIGHT ALARM"  
JUDITH ALLEN  
BRUCE CAROT  
Tomorrow and There.

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**ASK PAPER MILL TO CLOSE GATES FOR**

Formerly the Burt store.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lindo company store here.  
 D. arrived here to manage the store.  
 R. A. McLaughlin of Valley City, N. D., here this week.  
 Mrs. Mabel Allen is visiting in Al-  
 Rapid.  
 Business trip to Alton and Grand  
 Summit, Peterson left on 10/10/35

After testifying that he was guarding an amazing story of the inside working of the gang, as obtained from Oliver Berg, one of those on trial, Federal Agent John Madala resumed the witness stand this afternoon.

"Berg told me that after the first ransom money was passed," Madala testified, "Doc Barker and Volney Davis appeared at their hideout in the Irving hotel (Chicago)."

"Doc Barker asked if there had been any trouble changing the money. Upon receiving a negative answer, Barker said, 'good there's plenty more.'"

"Doc Barker took most of the exchanged money. The remainder was dealt out to those who helped."

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, accused as the chief money changer, brought the money to the hotel each day, Madala quoted Berg as saying. On the second day he exchanged \$9,250. Of this Berg received \$3000, Dr. Joseph Moran received \$225 and other received similar amounts.

"Did McLaughlin take any money with him?" Madala was asked.

"Yes, \$100 (identification papers) brought in a package from another room. This was hot money. He gave it to McLaughlin after getting the good money," Madala replied quoting Berg.

An amazing inside story of the Barker-Karpis gang's wary movements to dispose of Bremer ransom money, of their painful efforts to evade capture and of suspicion and with the mob was unfolded by the jealousy that constantly existed federal government.

John Madala, an agent of the Chicago department of justice office, told the story of the gang's movements in Chicago last year after Bremer was seized here and released upon payment of \$200,000 ransom. Madala said he obtained the information from Oliver Berg, one of the defendants, following his arrest a year ago.

Berg's face was flushed a deep red as Madala testified. He muttered to himself. When Madala reached a particularly incriminating point Berg rose in his chair and called out "you're a liar!"

A moment later, when Berg heard Madala testify that Berg had admitted he knew what money he was handling was from the Bremer ransom, he let out a long drawn "Oooooohhhh."

Madala's testimony linked virtually every member of the once-powerful Barker-Karpis mob. It tied the gang in with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw recently slain by federal operatives, and involved Fred Barker, slain in Florida several months ago with his mother, and Alvin Karpis.

In April last year, Madala said quoting Berg, Dr. Joseph Moran arranged for two gangsters to stay at Berg's home in Chicago while they recovered from hand injuries "suffered in explosion of a still." Dr. Moran himself is under a Bremer indictment but has not been arrested.

Berg identified the two men from pictures as Fred Barker and Karpis, Madala said. At one time Barker was in such pain that he pleaded with Berg to shoot him.

Berg, Madala said, learned later that the men had undergone operations to mutilate their hands so that fingerprints would be impossible. The operation had been performed at a Chicago hotel.

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# Defense Fails to Break Fed's Story 'Napping'

## Heated Attack on Testimony of Federal Agents in Money Changing Phase is Launched

St. Paul—Defense attorneys in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others opened a heated attack today on government agents who testified concerning incrimination admission allegedly made by John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, accused money changer.

Robert Rensch, of the defense council, directed a barrage of questions at Ralph D. Brown, special agent of the department of justice as he resumed the witness stand for cross examination.

Brown's testimony that McLaughlin had glibly knowledge of the source of thousands of dollars in ransom bills which he exchanged for other money was unshaken under severe questioning by Rensch and others.

Rensch attempted to show that statements Brown had made in quoting a conversation with McLaughlin were from Brown's own mind, not from McLaughlin.

Thomas McMeekin, of the defense then began cross examination.

"You did not know that McLaughlin would refuse to make a statement?" he asked.

"Not at that time," Brown replied. "He was tired and I did not think he would sign a statement that day."

"You asked him if he would sign a statement?"

"I did. He said he would rather not."

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At least five of the defendants will testify in their own behalf, denying complicity in the \$200,000 abduction of Bremer. The wealthy banker, seized on Jan. 17, 1934, was held prisoner for 21 days in a house at Bensenville, Ill.

The evidence of plastic surgery and mutilated fingertips, designed to throw off pursuit, will be placed before the jury in an effort to link James J. Wilson, modest appearing youth, with the crime.

Wilson worked in the office of Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Chicago. The doctor, who is a fugitive, allegedly altered the faces and finger tips of several of the gang.

Disclosure of the face liftings will come from several purported confessions made to department of justice agents, prosecutors said. Fifteen more government witnesses remain for the jurors.

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**Bremer Kidnap Case  
May Reach Jury Today**

St. Paul, May 15 (AP).—Picturing their clients as men innocently involved, defense attorneys today made their last stand against Government efforts to convict seven persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The month-old trial was expected to reach the jury tomorrow, with each defendant facing a possible sentence of one hour to life imprisonment.

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The arguments were made by Eugene Matthews, appointed by the court to defend Alderton and Berg, and by Thomas Newman, appointed to defend Wilson.

In their pleas, both attorneys rapped methods used by the Department of Justice in the case. Matthews asserted that "it is very strange that, whenever there has been a gap in the government's case, a Department of Justice agent has taken the stand and filled it in with his own testimony."

Newman said he was "astounded to learn of the methods used by the agents, who did not put their interviews with defendants into writing until some time afterward."

At the close of the morning session, it appeared unlikely that the case would go to the jury today, as previously had been anticipated. Final arguments remain to be made for three more defendants, after which the government will present its arguments in rebuttal.

The defendants for whom arguments are yet to be made are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, alleged ransom money passers.

Final arguments were made Monday for Arthur (Doc) Barker, gang leader accused of the actual abduction, which took place January 17, 1934. Another defendant, Elmer Farmer, who admitted making arrangements for the kidnap hideout, pleaded guilty at the completion of testimony in the case and is awaiting sentence.

Alderton was described by Matthews as "the man who saved Edward Bremer's life."

Referring to a statement by the prosecution that the defendant should have notified the authorities while the banker was being held prisoner in his home, the attorney said:

"If Alderton had notified the police, it would have cost Bremer's life and his own. It would have been no less than suicide, and would have led to innumerable murders. The kidnapers had an arsenal in the house. They had four machine-guns and each one

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## ALDERTON AIDED BREMER, JURY TOLD

### Saved Victim's Life by Not Calling Police, Defense At- torney Says.

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of them carried an automatic pistol.

"Played for a Sap."

"These gangsters knew that Alderton had been played for a sap by Farmer. They knew, too, how they could intimidate him, and they did. They put the fear of God into his heart. He was just as much a victim of the kidnaping as Mr. Bremer."

Speaking in behalf of Berg, Matthews said:

"He was the underdog in this case. The gangsters told him that, if he did not do as they said, he would be found in a ditch. And when you're found in a ditch in Chicago, it isn't the result of an automobile accident."

Referring to the fact that Berg is under a life sentence for robbery in Joliet penitentiary, the attorney asserted:

"So far as the law is concerned, he is civilly dead. He is a man of sorrows, 56 years old, with nothing to look forward to except the ultimate death that will come. And yet the government has had effrontery enough to send him up here and ask you to add to his time. Send him back to Joliet, there to live out his living death."

Blames Dr. Moran.

Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran, Chicago physician who also served time in the Joliet prison, was blamed by Matthews for involving Berg in the case. Moran, now a fugitive, is accused by the government of taking part in the ransom

transactions and of performing operations to obliterate the fingerprints of several of the kidnapers.

"Berg and Moran met in the penitentiary and became friends," Matthews said. "Because Moran knew Berg and trusted him, he hired Berg to guard the ransom money. Berg did this because Moran asked him to, and never even knew it was ransom money."

Newman's argument for Wilson was based chiefly on the alleged fallibility of the government's method of taking statements from the defendants. Referring to the statement taken from Wilson by John L. Madala, Department of Justice agent, Newman said:

"A confession which has not been colored may be all right, but with Wilson's statement this was not the case. The method of taking it was entirely wrong. It was not put in writing at the time. Instead, several days elapsed and then it was reduced to narrative form. Madala seems to have a remarkable memory, but he is only human. And after all, we are entitled to know, word for word, what was really said."

Newman also blamed Wilson's connection with the case on Dr. Moran, who is the defendant's uncle, explaining that "Jimmy Wilson loved and revered Dr. Moran, the man who became involved in wrong-doing." He also denied that Wilson ever was a fugitive, saying that when Moran fled from Chicago Wilson naturally followed the man he revered.

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## Bremer Ransom Bills Destroyed, Counsel Charges

Charges that the Federal government "willfully and deliberately" destroyed Bremer ransom bills introduced in evidence, coupled with a bitter attack on the credibility of a Department of Justice agent, were made by Robert V. Rensch as he began final arguments on behalf of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago political chieftain.

Rensch, who formerly served for five years as assistant U. S. district attorney, roundly criticized the testimony of Ralph Brown, Federal

agent of Chicago, who testified concerning conversations he had with McLaughlin. Rensch began final arguments as court resumed this afternoon in the case of McLaughlin and six others on charges of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

"The government has shown that less than 10 per cent of the amount of money, \$55,000, which McLaughlin exchanged, is kidnap money. Not a single dollar—not a single bill—that any of these men exchanged has been produced in court," Rensch argued.

"Can the government give us one good reason why the money was destroyed, so we can not examine it? That money was deliberately and willfully destroyed by the government."

Referring to innuendoes by government witnesses that McLaughlin, 68 years old, was involved in a mail robbery in Chicago, Rensch told the jury as he pointed to the aged defendant leaning back in his swivel chair:

"Take a look at Mr. McLaughlin. Does he look like a mail robber? Does he look like a kidnaper? It is entirely probable, if he is in trouble in Chicago, that the same \$57,000 he is interested in here is the basis of the charge that he stole money from the mails."

## SILENCE BARRED MANY MURDERS, ATTORNEY SAYS

Matthews, in Closing Argument, Pictures Consequence of Calling Cops to Hideout.

## CALLS BERG "UNDERDOG"

Newman, Defending James Wilson, Is Astounded at U. S. Agents' Methods.

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Edward G. Bremer was held prisoner following his kidnaping, was named today as "the man who saved Edward Bremer's life."

The characterization was made by defense counsel as the trial of Alderton and six other defendants charged with conspiracy in the abduction drew toward its close in Federal court.

Final arguments for three of the defendants marked the morning court session. Besides Alderton, those for whom the pleas were made are Oliver Berg, ransom money guard, and James Wilson, accused of helping the kidnapers to escape.

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ker, one of the alleged actual kidnapers; John J. McLaughlin, the alleged money changer; Harold Alderton, at whose home in Bensenville Mr. Bremer was held for 22 days; Oliver Berg, the Joliet lifer, who is alleged to have acted as guard for the money.

Down the line he went, listing defendant after defendant as criminals who should be "checked now."

#### Pleads For Barker.

His stirring plea for conviction was followed by an hour-plea for acquittal of Doc Barker. John De Courcy opened the defense plea with a sarcastic summation of evidence presented to prove that Barker, once a co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, directed the kidnaping.

He contended that the government could not connect Barker with the crime through the hearsay testimony of Byron Bolton, "Bolton told the court that George Goetz told him of Barker's connection with the crime, but the defense could not cross-examine Bolton because it was hearsay testimony, and Goetz is dead. He belittled Aaron Kohn's testimony on the finger prints found on the gasoline can and he pointed out the "14 points of difference" in the latent finger prints on the can and the ink print of Barker's right index finger.

# The Lyons Den

LEONARD LYONS

## BROADWAY MEDLEY

### Star

**H**E WENT from his native Cincinnati nineteen years ago and sang his first song in Montana's capital. He tramped the lowly circuits with a traveling Hawaiian Village... Then he played the piano for Mae West, Nora Bayes and the Dolly Sisters.

His fame was localized to Broadway's smoke-screened cafes, when Hollywood beckoned. A publicity tie-up romance with Clara Bow placed his name on the country's front pages, and so his "Puttin' on the Ritz" was a hit in filmdom... Now he's America's greatest night club attraction and receives Christmas cards from the Prince of Wales.

Six months ago he went to Santa Barbara to see Clara Bow again. He was ushered into the living room, saw a redhead standing in the corner, and embraced her. "Clara," he elated, "you look marvelous!"... But it wasn't Clara Bow he held in his arms. Clara was standing behind a victrola stand... unrecognizable to the Harry Richman her bootstraps once had pulled to the heights...

### Song Writer

**H**E NEVER bothered with making the nation's laws but has written many of Tin Pan Alley's greatest hits. Some months ago he was assigned to write a song for a young dancer with whom he was in love. She was to be featured in a production number, and he vowed to make the song eloquent with his longing... and that she'd see, understand and acknowledge.

She did neither. That torch song became a best seller. It pushed her to stardom, to Hollywood—and away from him forever.

### Singer

**S**HE first was sprinkled with star-dust in a Brooklyn dancing school. At the school-recital she was given a singing assignment, because the instructor had no faith in her dancing abilities. A theatrical agent, sitting in the audience, heard her, and sent her to Irving Berlin. Since then Gracie Barrie has been featured in Broadway shows, was Abe Lyman's soloist, starred at the Casino de Patee, and already is signed for George White's forthcoming Scandals.

Hollywood is around the turn, and the revival of musical films makes Gracie a sure picture bet. But more than singing is necessary now. And so Miss Barrie again will return to the Dance... renewing her instruction in this art from which her singing fame was an accidental off-shoot.

Two years ago Eddie Cantor put Block and Sully on his program, and the rest is history... except...

Jesse Block had lost his vaudeville partner when she retired to marry. He sought another young lady—one who wouldn't be bothered with such trifles as matrimony. He found her—a Philadelphia miss named Eva Sully—and married her.

Two years ago, in Ohio, they were faced with salary-cuts, and three weeks' booking—\$2,250 that—nobody knew... How to get with Cantor—like Burns and Allen once had done, as a spring-board to fame...

Eddie was vacationing in Miami. Block and Sully cancelled their three weeks' booking—\$2,250 worth—and went to Miami. Cantor was at the racetrack, and so to the racetrack they went, parading in front of his box until he spied them. They started a conversation. "Say," Eddie popped. "I've got a great idea. So long as you kids are vacationing here—why don't you broadcast with me next Sunday? Waddya say? Will you do it? Waddya say?"

They had come 1,500 miles to

### Amateur

**D**OROTHY BURGESS came to Broadway from Chicago, seeking a Ziegfeld crowplet. She tried the shows and night clubs, but was rejected. Three months ago, in desperation, she applied at the Hollywood Restaurant and was hired—as a hat-check girl. That job, at least, offered steady employment...

Monday night the Hollywood sponsored an Amateur Show, to find new talent for the cafe. Dorothy quit her check-room job at midnight—chucked it all for renewed opportunity. She went on, sang two songs, and... and... Dorothy Burgess is back at the Hollywood now—checking hats.

### The Royal Family

**H**ES only twenty-six and a princeling of the theatre's most eminent family. The Drew and Barrymore traditions are his heritage—sufficient to gladden the souls of any drama aspirants. His last appearance was in Le Galliene's "L'Aiglon"...

He's depressed and unconsolated now. "I'm the last of the line," Samuel Barrymore Colt laments, "and the whole family is sore at me—because I haven't got anything on the ball..."

### Ticket Broker

**W**HEN you're lonesome and blue and don't know what to do—call up Broadway Sam, and I'll take care of you... He's a happy-go-lucky flashy carnation strutter, a flamboyant figure on the Broadway Scene. Sam's philosophy is simple—and poetic: "You get beefsteak when you're hungry, you get champagne when you're dry; you get money when you need it... and you go t' hell when you die..." His attire never is modest. "Sure I'm the best-dressed guy around here. I got the body—so why shouldn't I take advantage of it?"

Broadway Sam was born Sam Roth, on the lower East Side. When he was eight, he toted ice cakes to support his family. The stage was his first love, and his burning ambition always has been to face the footlights. Fifteen years ago he came to Broadway, and his ambition still is frustrated. Now he owns the Broadway Ticket Office... and helps the world see others in the spot where he'd give everything—including the fresh carnation he's been wearing every day for fifteen years—to be...

### Gangster

**T**HEY all come to Broadway. A synthetic outlet for the ear's laughter... This different, and...

awaiting his arrival. "I'll show them some day," was the message he sent "what a real he-man looks like."

He's hunted now, and the chase is close. G-Men are scouring the Village on the tip that he is hiding out here. He-man Kerplis finally has come to Broadway—and the rumor is that he's disguised... as swishy effeminate...

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# U.S. DEMANDS CONVICTION OF BREMER GANG

ST. PAUL, May 14.—(AP)—Government demands for conviction of seven persons charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today climaxed month long trial.

Opening final arguments for the government, George A. Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, described evidence against Arthur ("Doc") Barker, named as one of the actual abductors, as "undisputed and uncontradicted." He then took up, one by one, cases of the other defendants. Halsey said:

"Doc Barker figures in this picture from the first. The evidence here stands uncontradicted and undisputed in the case of Barker. He has interposed no defense."

Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville house Bremer was held, came next. Halsey pointed to Alderton's warning his relatives as proof that he knew the nature of the conspiracy.

The attorney attacked ignorance claims of those charged as money changers—Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill. convict; John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

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**U. S. OPENS PLEA  
FOR CONVICTIONS  
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**Expect the Jury to Get  
Case Tonight.**

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Joyce handing the case to the jury,  
before tomorrow's session ends.  
At one point, in flaying Doc Barker,  
Halsey remarked, "What a conscious-  
ness of guilt this man Barker must  
have, to go through the tortures of  
fingerprint mutilation and face lift-  
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he did to me that I would do some-  
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## PLEAD 2 ON TRIAL KNEW NOTHING OF BREMER PLOT

St. Paul, Minn., May 15 (AP).—Final arguments in behalf of Harold Alderton, tavern keeper of Bensenville, Ill., and Oliver Berg, hfer in the Illinois state prison, were started by Eugene Matthews, counsel for both defendants, in the Bremer kidnap trial today.

The jurors were told Alderton, in whose home Edward G. Bremer was held prisoner 21 days, was without knowledge as to the intentions of the gang when he consented the use of his home.

After the 37-year-old bank president was taken there, Matthews told the jury, Alderton was in fear of his life and was forced into the kidnap plot through a chain of circumstances over which he had no control.

Berg at no time suspected or had knowledge that he was handling Bremer ransom money, the attorney said.

The prosecution completed arguments in the case of Arthur (Doc) Barker and the six other defendants late yesterday. The other defendants are John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler, Philip Delaney and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago, who are accused of aiding in disposing of the \$200,000 ransom.

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# Judge Joyce Asks Wilson To Be Direct

## U. S. Forces Witness To Admit He Knew That Money McLaughlin Had Was "Hot."

Evasive answers by James Wilson, one of eight persons on trial in federal district court for conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, to questions by government attorneys brought a sharp reprimand from Judge M. M. Joyce today.

Twice the witness was cautioned about "going into a speech" in answering questions. He was told to answer the questions only.

Once George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney asked the witness if he had told John Madala, government agent, that the money he saw McLaughlin take was "hot" money.

### Forced To Answer Again.

The witness gave an evasive answer saying: "I didn't know, I gathered it was 'hot' from what I read in the newspaper."

Mr. Heisey repeated the question and the witness started to give a similar answer when Judge Joyce then interrupted to instruct the witness to answer the question. Wilson then answered, "Yes, I did."

Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, wife of one of the defendants, and John J. McLaughlin, Jr., a son, once arrested as a suspect in the case, were in the courtroom today and appeared deeply interested in the proceedings which will determine whether their husband and father will spend his final years in prison.

The statement which Wilson gave the government became a heated point of contention at the trial today with most of Mr. Heisey's questions referring to it.

### McLaughlin Doctor Testifies.

Dr. Henry J. Way, practicing in Chicago for 42 years at 4438 W. Madison st., was the first witness today. He was questioned by Robert Rensch, attorney for McLaughlin. The witness said he was the McLaughlin family doctor for 15 years and called on him in November, 1933 and found him suffering with a cold and diabetes. He ordered him to remain in bed and rest. A week later he called on McLaughlin and found him unimproved.

The witness testified that in December, McLaughlin was suffering from bronchial pneumonia and very

weak. He was sick throughout December and January, 1934. The doctor said he called on his patient three times in February and twice in March and on those occasions found him in no condition to go out. A question about McLaughlin's honesty was objected to on the grounds proper foundations had not been laid and was sustained. Rensch then laid the foundation and the witness replied, "His character was excellent and I have never heard him attacked by any one."

### Wilson Recalled.

Cross-examined by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, the witness said he had known McLaughlin for 30 years. He admitted he did not bring the original records of his calls to the defendant's home because he was in a hurry to catch a train.

Calls on the defendant in March were merely social calls, the witness said, testifying those calls were the only knowledge he had that McLaughlin was confined to his home. He testified in April, 1934, he talked with a great many people about McLaughlin and from those talks formed his opinion of McLaughlin's character.

James Wilson went back on the stand and Mr. Heisey immediately offered as evidence the statement the defendant had made to government officers in Chicago Sept. 7 and over which there had been such a bitter fight, the defense charging it had been obtained by third degree.

The defense objected to a part of the statement and so Mr. Heisey was instructed to use such parts as he needed in his cross-examination of Wilson.

"Did you see Berg, a package and Boss McLaughlin in room 210 of the Irving hotel?"

"No."

"Read this paragraph from the statement," Mr. Heisey instructed the witness.

### Denies Statement.

Wilson read: "I was sitting in Dr. Moran's office one night and Ollie (Berg) called me by phone to his room in the hotel. I went there and shortly after Boss McLaughlin came in. Ollie gave him a package and said, 'I think it is

all there.'"

"Is that true?"

"No. It's all hearsay. I told Agent Brown I supposed it could have happened like that."

"Then you didn't say that?"

"No. Madala and Brown would ask me questions and when I couldn't answer they would make their own answers or assumptions and ask me if I thought it could have happened like that."

"Did you know what kind of money it was?"

"No."

"The statement you gave Agent Madala Sept. 25, was it a true statement?"

"Here is how it happened. He had a bunch of statements from several defendants and when I started to talk to him he said: what difference does it make we know it all anyway."

"Was the statement you gave Sept. 7 the same as that of Sept. 25?"

"It was just carried over."

Wilson was told to read a few sentences of the Sept. 7 statement and in part, "after Boss McLaughlin received the package he walked to the door with Ollie Berg. They

whispered and I couldn't hear but I formed the conviction it was 'hot' money being exchanged."

"Did you tell Agent Madala it was 'hot' money?"

"I didn't know. I gathered it was 'hot' from what I read in the newspaper."

"Knew Money 'Hot.'"

"Did you tell Agent Madala it was 'hot' money?"

The court instructed the witness to answer questions without going into a speech, and the witness replied, "yes, I did" to the question.

"During the week of April 22, 1934, did McLaughlin call at your office daily?"

"He would call, not daily. He would ask where Dr. Moran was and I would say—'The court interrupted again to instruct the witness to answer the question without going into what he said."

"During the month of March or prior, did you visit Ollie Berg's home with Dr. Moran?"

"Probably, he was a friend of ours."

"Well when you saw Berg at the hotel rooms, did he have a gun on him?"

"He might have; his clothes had bulges."

"Was Berg a law-abiding citizen?"

"At that time he appeared to be. I didn't suspect him."

"In government's exhibit 118, I show you a paragraph I want you to read to the jury."

Reading: "I have the impression that Ollie Berg is a dangerous criminal. He carries a gun as I have seen the bulge in his pocket."

"Identifies Weaver Picture."

"You have testified you thought it was about April 19 Gibson came to the office to take you to Aurora to give George Winfield rabies treatment?"

"That's right."

"And you went back again two days later?"

"Yes."

He said he told that story to the grand jury and to Madala but Madala did not use it because he did not believe it was material. The witness identified pictures of Bill Weaver, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell as men he saw at Aurora and pointed out Doc Barker as the man named Morley whom he saw with the other three.

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Mr. Nathan asked Berg's husband if he had seen the money in a deposit box?"

"Yes."

"And the money I pay you for was deposit box?"

Stayed in Toledo with Barker and Paul, aliases James Brown and James Egan. After Dr. Moran's operation and Doc Barker pay him?"

"About \$1,000. It but I had to medical supplies."

"How long did after the operation?"

"Until the latter part of the month."

Returned To Chicago.

"How did you get back to Chicago?"

"With Doc Barker."

"When you got to Chicago, where did you go?"

"We went to Ollie Berg's. I got a room upstairs and Barker left."

"Did you tell Agent Madala you knew McLaughlin was in the racket?"

"I don't remember."

The witness was shown government exhibit 111 and read a paragraph of the statement he is alleged to have made to Agent Madala. The statement said he knew of McLaughlin's previous criminal activities.

"You read this statement before you signed it and swore to it before a notary?"

"I signed it after the agents said they would release me from custody."

The written "confession," alleged by Wilson to have been obtained from him by third-degree methods, was put in evidence after the court has overruled the defense objection.

Knew Of Operation.

In this "confession" one of the three alleged to have been made to Wilson, the suspect is credited with saying that he knew Dr. Joseph Moran, fugitive, performed an operation on the finger tips of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. In the previous statement read to the jury Wilson said he did not know when the operation was about.

Wilson charged the federal agents with beating him when he could not identify a photograph of Ollie Berg another defendant. He alleged that the agents showed him a photograph of a man wearing a hat and glasses and he was unable to identify the picture as that of Berg.

Agents R. D. Brown and John Madala, who are alleged to have beaten the confession out of him testified in court that the photographs shown to Wilson were those taken of Berg Aug. 22, 1934, Wilson says shown the pictures about a month later.

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**Dispute** **atures**

**KIDNAPPING BREMER**



Both of these pictures are of OLIVER J. (IZZY) BERG, harboring and money-changing defendant in the Bremer kidnaping trial, but James J. Wilson, nephew of and chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, claims he didn't recognize the one on the right when federal agents showed it to him in Chicago last fall and therefore was beaten. Disbelieving his story, Trial Judge M. M. Joyce agreed with the statement of federal agents that Wilson had been shown the picture at the left and had no trouble in identifying it.

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# Bolton Told All To Save Self From "Burning," Snarls Freed Bremer Defendant



Cleared of kidnaping charges when dismissed Monday by the federal government EDNA MURRAY and JESS DOYLE are congratulating each other. They are happy despite the fact that Edna must return to Missouri to finish a 25-year term on a robbery charge and Doyle must face bank robbery charges in Oklahoma.

BY EDNA MURRAY  
(As Told To A Daily Reporter)  
Byron Bolton is a sneak and a liar. He testified Monday to save his own neck. He already has confessed to the St. Valentine Day massacre and talked on behalf of the government to save himself from burning or going to the "island."

For three weeks I have been paying in black for something even the government had to admit I was innocent of—that is any connection with kidnaping.

I can truthfully say that Volney Davis is as innocent of the crime he is charged with as I am. Davis is a gambler and not a kidnaper. He always has been afraid of crossing the path of Uncle Sam and during the years I have been with him he always has preached to me and told me how he does not want to violate any federal law.

Davis and the Barker boys are childhood friends. They went to school together and later had the unfortunate experience of serving in prison together.

We never saw any of the Barker boys while in St. Paul and the only time we saw Wynona Burdette and Henry Campbell was Christmas eve in 1933 when we had dinner together in a night club.

I did meet Wynona and Paula on the way to Chicago, but when Wynona says that she saw Davis in my apartment in Chicago but once she is telling a lie. While in Chicago I saw Fred Barker but once and that was when he came over to my place to ask me why I had kicked Paula out of our apartment.

I told him I couldn't get along with her.

I am glad to eat the kidnaping rap but I suppose I will be received with open arms in Missouri. I am serving a term for a crime that I never did commit. (Miss Murray escaped from Missouri state prison after serving three years of a 25 year term on charges of highway robbery.) For 16 months I was in solitary confinement there.

I haven't much longer to live. I have a serious ailment that gives me but a few years of life at the most. But if I am called on the stand I am going to tell the truth and the truth is that Volney Davis is not a kidnaper.

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# BERG TELLS COURT OF GANGLAND DEATH THREAT

## Refused To Handle Any Bremer Cash

## Says Dr. Moran Cried When He Severed Friendship Over Kidnaping.

Maintaining his innocence of any part in the snatching of Edward G. Bremer, Oliver Berg, life term convict from Illinois and one of the eight defendants being tried in United States district court here for kidnap conspiracy, told a jury today how he defied gangland death threats by refusing to handle any of the Bremer ransom money.

"I never touched one bill, good money or bad," the convict told the jury emphatically and dramatically.

The witness told the jury how he broke off a life-long friendship with Dr. Joseph Moran after the latter had deceived him about two men who hid out at Berg's home in Chicago. Moran had told Berg that the men were bank robbers but the witness later said he learned they were kidnapers.

"There were tears in his eyes when I told him (Moran) our friendship ceases," the witness said.

Berg told how he went to Chicago at the insistence of Russell (Slim) Gibson, alias Grey, after first refusing.

"I said I wouldn't and he said, 'you better go or they'll find you in a ditch.'"

Berg testified he then left for Toledo. There gangsters repeated efforts to have him exchange the \$50,000 money failed. He told how the gang tried to make him so broke that he couldn't refuse by keeping his change from a \$20 bill after he purchased drinks and by other means.

The witness said it cost him \$50 per day to live while he was in Toledo.

Despite another threat from Gibson that his life "wouldn't be worth a nickel" if he returned to Chicago, Berg said he finally obtained money for railroad fare and left Toledo for Chicago where he was later arrested.

As court opened today one of the interested spectators was Richard Arlen, movie star who is in the city visiting his parents. He absorbed

## Berg Tells Court Of Gang's Death Threats

every word that came from the witness, Berg.

Release of Bruno Austin, one of the kidnap suspects brought here from Chicago, has been ordered but he is still held pending word from Chicago officials. It also was announced today that Gov. Olson and Atty. Gen. Harry H. Peterson had approved a requisition of the governor of Missouri for extradition to that state of Edna Murray, against whom kidnaping charges were dismissed Tuesday. She is wanted in Missouri for escaping from a woman's reformatory.

Oliver Berg resumed the stand as court opened today. He told of meeting Boss McLaughlin in room 211 of the Hotel Irving in Chicago and of drinking with him.

Eugene Matthews, Berg's attorney, questioned the witness.

"Did you ever touch any money?"

"I never touched one bill, good money or bad money."

Berg continued his story.

"Grey (Russell Gibson) told me from now on he was boss of the money and was going to have charge of both good and bad money. Grey wanted me to go with him to get more money but I refused. I told him I wouldn't leave the hotel. After Boss had made two or three visits to the hotel, Grey again wanted me to go with him to get more money but I refused. Grey told me he wanted me to go because Jimmie Wilson was engaged for the afternoon."

"Slim (Grey) came in one day and said they (Boss McLaughlin) didn't bring all the money back. I told him that was his hard luck not mine. About 6 p. m. that night Slim came back and we got pretty intoxicated on home made wine. Dr. Moran told me I had better come back the next day. I did and about 2 p. m. Boss McLaughlin came in. They were all excited. I said, 'well, I am young.'"

That same evening Jimmie Wilson came over with Dr. Moran. Moran was drunk. They asked me to read the paper and I seen that Mr. McLaughlin had been arrested. I got sore and told them to get out. Jimmie said he couldn't as Moran was drunk. Moran lay down on my couch and Jimmie got in my bed. The next morning I told them that was the second dirty trick they had pulled on me, once when they brought me the robbers and told me they were bootleggers and now when I find out the robbers are kidnapers."

## Threatened By Grey

"Ollie," he said I told you the God's honest truth. The money is from an Iowa bank. There were tears in his eyes when I told him our friendship ceases.

"About four days later, Grey came to my house and said 'you should be shot right in the head. You introduced me to those fellows. The government man traced him to his place and took his car. He was very angry and pulled a gun, so I said I didn't know nothing about it 'not any more than you do' so he left."

"About a week later I get a telephone call and the party said, 'you better get out of the house if you don't want to get hurt!' I asked him who he was but he hung up."

"A few days later I was called to a Chicago hotel and was told that Dr. Moran wanted \$900 to make up \$3,000 that he had to make good. I offered \$700 in cash and a diamond ring but he didn't take it. Grey told me I had to go to Toledo. I said I wouldn't and he said, 'you better go or they'll find you in a ditch.' I took the train and was told to register at Port Max hotel under the name of Bennett. I got to Toledo at 6:30 a. m., took a cab to the hotel. I cleaned up and went down for breakfast. About 10:30 a. m. I was back in my room and the phone rings."

Grey told me he was coming up. When he came up he said 'don't listen to the "croaker" (Dr. Moran). He wants us to drive a woman to New York and buy every place for \$5 and \$10 bills and then come back with the good money.' At 11:45 a. m. Grey went downstairs and told me to be ready at 12 o'clock. He pulled up with a car and Grey, Moran and myself got in the car. We drove for about a half-hour. We pulled up to a cottage. We went through the front door. It was opened by a lady she was here (Wynona Burdette). We saw some men there with their faces and hands all bandaged. One said to me, 'how are you old man?' I don't feel so good,' I answered.

Drinks Cost \$34.

"Do you know what we want with you?" Joe asked me. I think it was Joe (Doc Barker), but his head, face and hands were all bandaged up. I said no and he said he wanted me to go out and change some money. I said no, and he said, 'why not, you are just as hot as we are.' I refused and Grey backed me up. We stayed there about 30 minutes. Jimmie Wilson come downstairs. Doc Moran stayed there and Grey and I

I was going to say my life worth a nickel if I did. The next day I went to the cottage. They asked me 'Well, by now you must be pretty broke. You ready to go out with the money?' The two who asked me were the bandaged ones. I said 'I was broke but wouldn't change money.'

Moran "Drunk As Well."

"The next night Moran came to my hotel with two quarts of bourbon and all night he drank up hot bottles. He wrecked the frigidair tore it all apart. The next day Grey came and I told him I would rather be shot than hang around any longer. Moran was drunk as a wolf. At 11 a. m. I took the train back to Chicago."

"How much did you get from Moran?" Mr. Matthews asked the witness.

"I got \$300 and of that \$340 was what he owed me and \$460 is what he gave me. I thought it was bank robbery money."

"When were you arrested?"

"August 22 and I went to the pen August 30."

"How many times did Madala visit you?"

"Three times."

Denies Signing Statement.

"Mr. Madala came in and said he got from Wilson true statements. I haven't got them with me," he said. "You better come clean."

"Were statements shown to you?"

"Yes, on his second visit. I asked him to let me read them before he signed them but he wouldn't let me."

"The next time he came?"

"The last time he came to the front door office. He said, 'I have the statement ready, will you sign it.' He took a pad and pencil and though he was writing. He said to me 'who are they going to believe you a rotten convict or me, a federal agent?'"

"What did you do?"

"What could I do, I was helpless."

"Were you ever in Minnesota?"

"Never."

"In Bensenville?"

"No."

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**4 OTHERS**

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# Gang Leader and Berg Go Up for Life

**Boss McLaughlin, Chief of Money Changers; Alderton, Keeper of Hideout, and Wilson, Contact Man for Gang, Also Convicted—Vidler, Delaney, Who Passed Cash Acquitted.**

**JURY RETURNS VERDICT AFTER 20-HOUR BATTLE OVER GREAT MASS OF EVIDENCE**

**Judge Condemns Barker to Escap-proof Federal Prison on Alcatraz Island—Mob Chieftain Is Chained to Deputy Marshal as Verdict Is Given in St. Paul Court**

Arthur (Doc) Barker, dapper co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician with underworld connections, and three others today were found guilty of charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

The verdict reached after deliberation of 20 hours resulted in acquittal for William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney, associates of McLaughlin who claimed in their own defense that they did not know the ransom money they were changing came from the kidnaping.

After the jury's verdict was read Judge M. M. Joyce promptly sentenced Barker to life imprisonment, meting out to the gang leader the maximum sentence that can be imposed under the Lindbergh law.

The three associates of Barker and McLaughlin found guilty are Oliver Berg, lifer at Joliet, Ill., penitentiary; Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., and James Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Joseph T. Moran, fugitive gangland physician, who is reported to have been slain by gangsters.

**Barker, Blustering Gunman, Trembles Like Leaf as He Stands to Hear Fate**

Barker, the blustering little gang chief whose eyes never flickered as he wielded a deadly machine gun to blaze one of the most notorious records in modern criminal annals, quavered like a leaf as the verdict was announced.

His customary ruddy face, marked by scars of face-lifting operations, was pale. He shook so badly when Judge Joyce commanded him to rise to hear the verdict that the deputy United States marshal to whom he was manacled was forced to steady him.

Berg, who once before had heard himself sentenced to life imprisonment, was stolidly unshaken. Delaney and Vidler were jubilant.

The jurors immediately left the courtroom and within a half an hour were packing their bags to go back to their homes.

Even if McLaughlin had been acquitted, he would not have gone free. He faces two counts in an indictment in connection with a \$225,000 mail robbery in Chicago.

Berg was also sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the crime. Because Berg was returned a year ago to Joliet, Ill., penitentiary to finish out a life sentence already imposed, the federal court sentence changed little for him except the hope of parole. McLaughlin, Wilson and Alderton were not immediately sentenced.

Immediately after the verdicts were read, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, moved for immediate sentencing of Barker and Berg.

Judge Joyce paused a moment then ordered the two men to stand. It was here that the coolheadedness that took Barker unflinchingly through one of the most sensational kidnapings in history went to pieces.

**'People Will Not Tolerate Kidnaping,' Judge Declares as He Passes Sentence**

Turning to Barker, Judge Joyce said:

"Haven't you anything to say?"

Barker nodded in the negative.

"You have had no defense in this case," the court told Barker. "You had no way to throw doubt on your guilt. I think you had a fair trial."

"Kidnaping is a crime the people of this country will not tolerate. Since you have been found guilty I sentence you to serve the remainder of your natural life in prison."

"Your story," the court said to Berg, "the jury did not believe. It was a fantastic tale." He then sentenced Berg to a similar term.

The court then ordered that McLaughlin, Alderton and Wilson be placed in the custody of the marshal "for sentence in due course of time."

As Vidler left the courtroom he patted Berg on the back.

**Jurors Show Stress of Heavy Argument Over Their Verdict**

At 10:30 a.m. three-quarters of an hour before the jury's verdict was reached, a recess from the closely guarded jury room showed men of the jury with sleeves rolled up and collars open and evidently under the stress of a heavy argument over the guilt of minor defendants.

An hour earlier the jury had asked for ransom bills found on John J. McLaughlin, Jr., son of the Chicago political boss charged with handling the Bremer family, on a lonely road near Zumbrota, Minn.

The call for the ransom money, made for both the \$65 taken from young McLaughlin and the larger amounts taken directly from William E. Vidler, appeared to mean that the jury had already disposed of the fate of Barker, Alderton, Berg and Wilson and was dealing with the other three men.

The jury room in the St. Paul federal court building was so closely guarded that no one but guards could get within 15 feet of its door. Heavily armed deputy marshals, representatives of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, and St. Paul police formed a close ring about the panel.

Barker was handcuffed to a deputy United States marshal when the verdict was read. He was the only defendant kept handcuffed throughout the trial, which opened four weeks and five days ago.

Bremer himself was in the courtroom when the verdict was returned.

Extreme silence prevailed as the jury returned and the foreman read off each of the verdicts separately. All the jurors showed the strain of the long trial.

**Goes to Alcatraz**  
The prosecution let it be known immediately after the life sentence was imposed on Barker that he will be incarcerated in Alcatraz prison, island stronghold in San Francisco bay reserved for the nation's most desperate criminals.

John J. McLaughlin, Jr., 12-year-old son of the Chicago political boss

whose career as link between officialdom and underworld ended with the jury's verdict, and Mrs. McLaughlin were in the courtroom when the jury's verdict was read.

Kathleen Delaney, daughter of Philip Delaney, shown in the evidence to have acted as McLaughlin's chauffeur but freed by the jury, was also in court. She broke into tears as the jury's action releasing her father became clear to her. Mrs. Delaney notified at her St. Paul hotel that her husband was cleared, fainted.

**Records of Guilty 5**  
Brief records of the men four guilty and descriptions of the part they played in the \$200,000 kidnaping crime are:

Barker, connected with the crime through a single fingerprint left in a gasoline can from which \$25,000

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in which Bremer was driven back to Rochester and released was refused, took a leading part in the actual slugging and abduction of the St. Paul banker.

McLaughlin, former Illinois state senator and treasury official, got the "hot" ransom money from Joseph T. (Doctor) Moran, Chicago crime surgeon, and employed Phillip Delaney and William Vidler to change the \$5 and \$10 bills for larger denominations at Chicago banks.

#### Guarded Ransom Cash

Berg guarded the ransom money in Moran's Irving Park hotel room and saw it parceled out to McLaughlin in the presence of other members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

Alderton, renter of the hideout out house in Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held for 22 days blindfolded and guarded by gangsters armed with machine guns.

Wilson who acted as contact man between the Barker-Karpis gang and McLaughlin, chief money changer.

#### Records of 2 Acquitted

Records of the two men acquitted and descriptions of the part the government alleges they took in the crime are:

William ~~W. W.~~, Chicago gambler and ex-convict, admitted passer of the ransom money handed to him by McLaughlin. He denied knowing the source of the money he changed. His arrest "broke" the case for federal men.

Phillip J. Delaney, political henchman to Boss McLaughlin and his chauffeur and admitted passer of \$24,000 of the ransom at one south Chicago bank. He also denied knowing where the money had come from.

Twenty-two persons were indicted by the federal government early this year—almost on the first anniversary of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping—after a ceaseless hunt for one of the most vicious machine gun mobs in American history.

Federal agents already had cut down three of those named. A fourth had died in underworld ride fashion.

Arrest of others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, came rapidly. All were brought to St. Paul for the trial which opened April 15.

#### Bolton Pleads Guilty

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#### Barker and 'Ma' Shot Down

Federal agents shot down Fred Barker and his mother, the notorious Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker at their Florida hideout early in 1935. Russell (Slim) Gibson was killed by federal agents when they raided a Chicago hideout and captured Bolton. George Goetz, alias George Ziegler,

was taken for a ride in Chicago last year.

Waiting trial is Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul underworld leader, who was arrested recently at Pass Christian, Miss. He is accused as the finger man in the Bremer kidnaping.

#### Karpis a Fugitive

Fugitives are Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the gang; Volney Davis, who was captured early this year but who escaped by throwing a glass of beer into an agent's face; Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William Harrison, Myrtle Eaton and "John Doe" and "Richard Doe."

Dr. Joseph Moran, another fugitive, has been killed by remnants of the gang for attempting to flee with a portion of the ransom money, according to reports.

Bremer was seized on Jan. 17, 1934, a few moments after he had taken his daughter, Betty, to Summit school. He was struck on the head when he struggled to escape. The kidnapers drove several blocks in his car, transferred him to their own automobile and then struck out for Bensenville, 400 miles south.

#### \$200,000 Ransom Paid

Ransom letters demanding \$200,000 were delivered to several friends of the family, close personal friends of President Roosevelt. One named Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor, as the contact man. Negotiations, conducted with difficulty, finally instructed him to take the \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills to a lonely southern Minnesota road.

There, upon a signal of four flashes from red lights, Magee tossed the money into the road.

Bremer, near-complete collapse, was released the next day, Feb. 7, at Rochester, Minn.

The most startling evidence of the trial was given by Bolton and Wynona Burdette, former sweetheart of Harry Campbell. She is serving a five-year term in Milan, Mich., women's reformatory, on a charge of harboring a criminal.

Their testimony unfolded one of the most amazingly dramatic and inside stories of gangland ever heard in a courtroom. It was a tale of easy money, rackets, machine guns, plunders and kidnapings. Through it the government built one of the strongest cases on record against an outlaw gang shattered by the unrelenting workings of its department of justice agents.

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May 17, 1935

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# Convicted of Bremer Kidnaping, Barker Gets Life Sentence

Four of Six Companions Also Found Guilty; Jury Deliberates More Than 20 Hours

By United Press  
 ST. PAUL—Arthur (Doc) Barker, leader of a vicious machine gun gang, was convicted on the richest kidnaping in American history today, and immediately sentenced to life imprisonment.

Four defendants with Barker in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer abduction trial were convicted with him. A jury of nine men and three women, most of them rural folk, deliberated from 3 p. m. yesterday until noon today.

The others convicted were John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois state senator and Chicago politician; Oliver Berg, James J. Wilson and Harold Alderton.

Berg, like Barker, immediately was sentenced to life imprisonment. The verdict meant little to him, however, inasmuch as he already is serving a life term in Joliet Prison on a murder charge.

William Vidler and Philip Delaney, accused with McLaughlin as changers of ransom money, were acquitted. Sentences for Alderton, Wilson and McLaughlin were not immediately pronounced by Judge M. M. Joyce.

It was expected that Barker would be taken to Alcatraz Prison off the coast of San Francisco but the Government said it would decide definitely later.

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# BREMER-KIDNAP JURORS OUT

ST. PAUL, May 16 (U.P.)—The case of Arthur "Doc" Barker and six others, accused of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was given to a Federal court jury of nine men and three women late today.

Judge M. M. Joyce instructed that unless the jury has reached a decision during daylight, it will be locked up until 11:30 a. m. tomorrow. The court explained authorities deemed it unsafe to move the prisoners from the county jail to the court room after dark.

## Bremer Case Jurors Locked Up for Night

St. Paul, May 16 (U.P.)—The jury deliberating the case of Arthur V. (Doc) Barker and six co-defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case was locked up

Under instructions from Judge M. M. Joyce it was prevented from returning a possible verdict before 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. The jury received the case at 3:05 p. m.

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*May 17 1935*

**KIDNAP CASE VERDICT POSSIBLE AT 9:30 A. M.**

**Judge Joyce to Reach Court at That Time; Conflict of Jurors Heard.**

Judge M. M. Joyce will return to the scene of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial at 9:30 A. M. today to receive a verdict if one is reached by the jury before that time.

The nine men and three women of the jury were to resume their deliberations at 8 A. M.

Given the case at 3:05 P. M. Thursday following a charge from Federal Judge Joyce that the seven defendants may be convicted on circumstantial evidence alone, the jurors worked until 5:30 P. M., at which time they were taken to their quarters in the Hotel St. Paul for dinner. They returned to their room in the Federal courts building at 7 P. M. and worked through to 10:30 except for a five-minute recess at 9:10. They spent the night in their hotel quarters.

They will resume deliberations at 8 A. M. today, with a verdict not to be received by Judge Joyce before 9:30. The judge left the chambers at 5 P. M. Thursday with instructions that any verdict reached during the night should be sealed and presented at 9:30 A. M. today.

Shortly before the recess sharp conflict between the jurors was indicated by shouting voices that could be heard despite a blocked corridor keeping outsiders away from the room and the careful guard of two bailiffs, Earl Sinclair and Mrs. Catherine Rieger. The predomination of women's voices was taken to mean a dispute between them and the men.

Defendants, all charged with conspiracy to kidnap Bremer, are Arthur (Doc) Barker and Harold Alderton, both also accused as actual kidnapers; John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, James J. Wilson, all of Chicago, and Oliver Berg, lifer in the Illinois state prison.

Among spectators in the courtroom during instruction of the jury were Mr. and Mrs. Bremer, nearly the entire staff of the United States district attorney's office and a score or more of Department of Justice agents.

"You have had an arduous task to perform in the case," Judge Joyce said to the jury as he began his charge. "You have heard the evidence and you have heard the arguments of counsel, and it now becomes the duty of the court to instruct you as to the law of the case, and it is your duty to accept the law so given you by the court."

"Counsel have referred to this case as an important case. It is such. Every case is an important case because we are a nation of laws and those laws must be observed and respected."



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# FEDERAL TERM WOULD START IF HE GOT CLEMENCY

The life sentence imposed today on Oliver Berg for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer will start at the conclusion of a life sentence he already is serving for robbery in Illinois, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce ruled this afternoon.

As a result of the ruling, for which Berg was taken back into the court room, he is to be turned over by Federal authorities to Captain James A. Humphrey, chief guard at the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet, who now is in St. Paul. Humphrey and his prisoner are expected to leave for Joliet tonight.

Explaining the apparently incongruous situation of one life sentence following another, Judge Joyce said that his ruling was made to "clear up a little confusion" which resulted this morning after Berg and four other defendants were found guilty in the Bremer case.

Besides Berg, those convicted were Arthur (Doc) Barker, who also received a life sentence, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton and James Wilson, whose sentences were deferred.

The confusion in Berg's case arose from the fact that he was serving his sentence in the Joliet institution at the time he was brought here for trial in the Bremer case. It was while at liberty pending an appeal from the robbery that he became involved with the Bremer kidnapers as a ransom money guard.

### Judge Makes Statement

In making his ruling, Judge Joyce said:  
"In connection with the sentencing of defendant Berg this morning, my understanding is that he is to be returned to prison."

This order will preclude Berg regaining his liberty in event his Illinois sentence is commuted, or in case he is paroled or pardoned. In the court room when Judge Joyce made his ruling was William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer who was the victim of a previous kidnaping. He was there in connection with a civil court case. Berg, 36 years old, looked downcast as the court pronounced his sentence.

In the case of Barker, one of the kidnap gang leaders, federal authorities here were awaiting word from Attorney General Cummings as to the penitentiary where he will be sent. He was sentenced by Judge Joyce to "Leavenworth or any other institution the United States Attorney General may designate."

### Other Sentences Wait

In the cases of the other three convicted defendants—McLaughlin, Alderton and Wilson—Federal officials indicated that their sentences probably will not be imposed for several weeks. Meanwhile, they are being held in county jail, where Barker also is confined.

Sentences also are expected to be deferred for some time more in the cases of Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer, both of whom pleaded guilty to the kidnaping conspiracy charges on which all the defendants were tried.

Two other defendants, Philip J. Delaney and William Vidler, alleged ransom money "passers", were found not guilty.

It was learned today that the jurors who decided the fate of the seven defendants deliberated long over the case of Berg. One of the jury members disclosed that three ballots were taken on his innocence or guilt and that there was "considerable discussion" of his case in the meantime.

The juror also said that considerable difficulty was experienced in reaching a decision in the cases of Delaney and Vidler, whose ransom money passing transactions were carried on under the direction of McLaughlin, a Chicago politician. The question in these cases was whether the two men knew the money they were exchanging was from the Bremer ransom.

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**Freed Defendants Are Happy**



Free for the first time in five weeks today were William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney, acquitted by a federal court jury today in connection with the conspiracy charge growing out of the Bremer kidnaping. The happy reunion was snapped in front of the federal courts building today. Left to right, VIDLER, KATHLEEN DELANEY, 14-year-old daughter of the freed man, DELANEY and HELEN CONLIFF, niece of Elmer Farmer, who pleaded guilty to the charge.

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### Their Duty Done, Jurors Smile



Back to their homes and farms today went these nine men and three women, the graces of Federal Judge M. M. Joyce still ringing in their ears. Judge Joyce commended them for their fearlessness and "service to humanity" in convicting the Barker gang of kidnaping EDWARD G. BREMER. After turning in their guilty verdict the 12 went to lunch before being dismissed. Shown here just before they sat down to eat, they are, left to right, first row, HOMER BLANCHARD, Lake City, retired livery operator; MRS. ALICE HALL, St. Paul dentist's wife; MISS MAUDE BROWN, St. Paul seamstress; MISS MARY McQUADE, St. Paul former business woman; HARRY JONES, Austin, apartment owner, and FRANK BEATTY, Lake City, unemployed electrical worker; second row, ROBERT BARKHUFF, Austin, barber; WILLIAM SCHERF, Frontenac, painter; E. M. BUCKMINSTER, Lake City, retired boat builder; HUBERT FRENK, Caldena, retired grocer; GEORGE GUTTER, Racine, farmer, and EARL L. BATEMAN, Plainview, truckman, foreman of the jury.

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**IS JURY CONVICTED BREMER KIDNAP GANG**



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# BARKER AND BERG LEADERS GI SENTENCES

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### Judge Frames Jurors.

Judge Boyce, in commenting to the jury on their verdict, said that by verdicts such as yours the incentive to kidnap will soon pass.

When Barker and Berg stood up to be sentenced, Judge Joyce said: "Arthur Barker, you have no defense in this case. No one could doubt your guilt. You have had a fair trial. Kidnaping is one crime that the people of this country will not tolerate."

Barker's only comment after sentence was pronounced, made to his attorney, John De Courcy, was: "The jury has the last say."

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Mobile - Alabama  
May 17, 1935.

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# BARKER GETS LIFE AS BREMER KIDNAPER

## Gang Leader Sentenced Right After His Conviction

By the United Press

ST. PAUL, May 17.—Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, was convicted by a federal court jury today of violating the Lindbergh kidnaping law in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer in January, 1934. He was given a life term.

The jury deliberated for twenty hours after a five-week trial.

Four of the six defendants on trial with him likewise were found guilty. Two were acquitted.



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# FIVE KIDNAPERS OF BREMER GUILTY

## Two Defendants Acquitted at St. Paul Trial.

ST. PAUL, May 17 (A. P.).—Arthur (Doc) Barker, convicted of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul for \$200,000 ransom, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, who imposed a similar sentence on Oliver A. Berg, Illinois convict codefendant.

Sentence of the three other defendants was deferred by Federal Judge Joyce.

Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, and Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., a tavern keeper, both of whom pleaded guilty, were not in court and will be sentenced later.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped on January 17, 1934, and was returned to his home February 7, after the ransom had been paid. He is a banker in this city.

Barker and his four codefendants were convicted today and two others were acquitted.

Convicted with the gangster were:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held a prisoner for twenty-one days; Berg, John J. McLaughlin, sixty-eight-year-old former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, twenty-seven-year-old former Northwestern University medical student.

Freed were William Vidler of Chicago, a "bookie," and Philip Delaney, a former restaurant and tavern proprietor in Chicago, and intimate friend of McLaughlin's for twenty-five years.

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### Bremer Kidnaping Case Left in Hands of Jury

#### Judge Upholds Circumstantial Evidence in Hour's Charge

ST. PAUL, May 16 (AP).—A gangster's fate and the future of six associates rested with a Federal jury tonight as Arthur (Doc) Barker and his co-defendants awaited a verdict which may send them to prison cells for terms up to life on conspiracy charges in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Culminating a five-week trial, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in his hour-long charge to the nine men and three women jurors, said evidence of proof might be circumstantial. The jury was excused at 3 p. m. to begin deliberation on the guilt or innocence of:

Barker, who, the government contends, was co-leader with Alvin Karpis, of the Barker-Karpis mob in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, thirty-seven-year-old bank president, January 17, 1934.

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was imprisoned for twenty-one days.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, sixty-eight-year-old former minor political power in Chicago, accused of being the chief in the "peddling" of the ransom money.

Philip Delaney, restaurant and tavern proprietor and close friend of McLaughlin for twenty-five years.

William E. Vidler, "Bookie"; James Wilson, twenty-seven-year-old former Northwestern University student, all of Chicago, and Oliver Berg, lifer in the Illinois state prison, named as "money changers."

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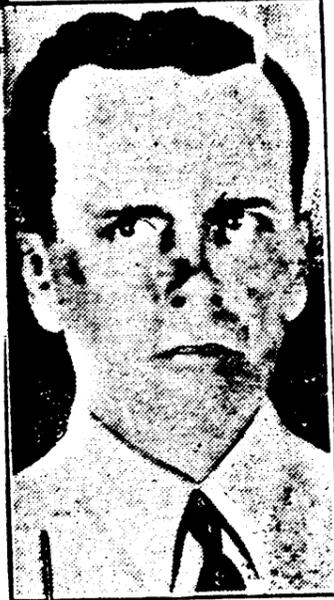
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# 5 Breiner Kidnaping Defendants Guilty; Barker and Berg Get Life Terms, 2 Freed

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**Convicted of Bremer Kidnaping**



**ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER**



**OLIVER A. BERG**



**JAMES J. WILSON**



**HAROLD ALDERTON**



**JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN**

# McLaughlin And Wilson Are Convicted

Alderton Is Fifth of Group  
Found Guilty—Vidler and  
Delaney Acquitted

JURY OUT 20 HOURS  
TO REACH VERDICT

Sullivan Asks Immediate  
Sentencing of Actual Kid-  
naper and Aid

Five defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case were convicted and two were acquitted by a jury in United States District Court, St. Paul, today. Those convicted face maximum sentences of life imprisonment.

Defendants found guilty were Arthur "Doc" Barker, Oliver A. Berg, Harold Alderton, John J. "Boss" McLaughlin and James Wilson.

Not guilty verdicts were returned in favor of William Vidler and Phil Delaney, accused by the government of having a hand in the changing of the Bremer ransom money.

#### Jury Out 20 Hours

The verdict came after 20 hours of deliberation by the jury. At 11:05 a.m. there was a knock at the jury room door and it was announced a verdict had been reached. Several hours before it had been reported the jury reached an immediate agreement on four of the defendants but that there was some argument on the other three.

As soon as it was known the jury was coming in, federal court started to buzz with activity. Court attaches and attorneys were called for. The marshal's office was told to send to Ramsey county jail for the prisoners. All was in readiness about 40 minutes later.

#### Moves for Immediate Sentence

Their verdict was delivered in a tense and hushed courtroom. Then, immediately after the reading, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney and chief prosecutor, arose and moved that sentence be imposed at once on Barker and Berg.

Judge Matthew M. Joyce sentenced them to life imprisonment in a federal penitentiary—the maximum penalty under the so-called Lindbergh kidnaping law.

It was said the government will wait until later before asking for sentences on the other three defendants convicted.

**Barker Named Actual Kidnaper**  
The verdict was given by Harold L. Bateman of Plainview, Minn., a trucking business operator who had been named foreman by his associates.

Barker, whose name was first to be read in the list of those found guilty, was charged by the govern-

ment with being one of the actual abductors of Mr. Bremer.

Berg, who is under sentence of life imprisonment in Illinois, was one of the accomplices that arranged places for the gang to hideaway.

McLaughlin, the government charged, was one of the chief money changers, and Harold Alderton kept the house at Bensenville, Ill., where Mr. Bremer was held captive.

Wilson, a medical student and associate of Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive, had a hand in the gang operations in Chicago after the payment of the ransom.

#### No Doubt of Guilt, Judge Says

When Barker was led to the bar of the court to be sentenced by Judge Joyce, the jurist remarked: "Arthur Barker, you have no defense in this case. No one could doubt your guilt. You have had a fair trial. Kidnaping is one crime that the people of this country will not tolerate."

He then ordered Barker imprisoned in Leavenworth penitentiary for the remainder of his natural life.

Before pronouncing sentence on Berg, Judge Joyce said: "The story you told here in court was not believed one bit. It was a fantastic tale which other persons of lesser intelligence than the jury might have been swayed by."

#### Jury Appears Calm

He then imposed another life sentence.

Judge Joyce was notified the verdict had been arrived at at 11:05 a.m., and it was 11:45 before the defendants could be brought from the Ramsey county jail and attorneys and court attaches assembled.

Delaney's 15-year-old daughter, Kathleen, and a niece of Elmer Farmer, defendant, who pleaded guilty as the defense reseted, were among the spectators, but they were led from the courtroom by Thomas McMeekin, attorney for Delaney, before the jury took the jury box.

The jurors were unusually calm and collected for men and women who had reached a verdict in such an important case after five weeks, lacking a day, of a strenuous and bitter trial.

#### Tears in Delaney's Eyes

Mr. Bateman, the foreman, handed a slip of paper to Joseph Lynch, veteran court clerk, when that official asked:

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, have you reached a verdict?"

The document was first passed to Judge Joyce, who scanned it to see if it was in proper form before passing it back to Lynch.

Lynch then faced the jury and in a voice that resounded through the

tense silence in the courtroom, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, hark yet to your verdict," then reading, "We, the jury, do find Arthur R. Barker guilty as charged in the indictment."

Like a tolling bell there came the verdict for the other defendants—Berg, Alderton, McLaughlin, Vidler, Delaney and Wilson, in order.

Vidler sank visibly in his seat like a deflated balloon when his acquittal was announced and tears sprang from his eyes.

He took it without a flicker of an eye and Berg paled visibly.

The other defendants made no gesture of recognition.

As Lynch concluded, newspapermen rushed for telephones and wires.

A few moments and the drama was concluded. Judge Joyce thanked the jurors heartily for their long service and complimented them on their close attentions to proceedings and sense of duty.

The jury excused, Sullivan moved for sentences for Barker and Berg. The men were led to the bar and faced the court throughout the procedure without flinching.

#### Will be Held in St. Paul

It is understood the government proposes to keep the prisoners not sentenced in St. Paul for the time being while the investigation into other phases of the abduction are continued.

Delaney fell into the arms of his daughter as he emerged from the courtroom and proceeded down the hall with his arms about her shoulders, tears still in his eyes.

Vidler became the center of a congratulating crowd of attorneys and court attaches, and newspapermen for whom he supplied many interludes of laughter by his ready wit as the trial continued.

Sullivan expressed satisfaction with the verdict of the jury.

"It was a hard fought case," he stated, "and I feel the jury did a good job. Through the verdict, notice is again served on kidnapers and others that Uncle Sam has a long arm and is relentless in his pursuit of law violators. The department of justice boys who worked on the case can't be commended too highly for their successful efforts."

One of the most complicated criminal cases on record, the trial called for the combined efforts of more than 100 persons—attorneys, department of justice men, criminal experts and witnesses. It was the first case in which the federal government has attempted to convict not only the principles themselves but everyone who had any connection with the crime.

#### Kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934

Bremer was kidnaped at Goodrich and Lexington avenues in St. Paul early Jan. 17, 1934, while returning from taking his 12-year-old daughter, the "Harty" of his ransom notes, to school.

In constant terror of his life, he was held 22 days in Bensenville, Ill., where he was kept constantly, either with his face to a blank wall or blindfolded. His release came upon payment of the \$200,000 ransom, the largest ever paid in a kidnap case in the history of the United States.

The huge sum was in \$5 and \$10 bills, 10,000 in the former and 15,000 in the latter denominations.

The first clue to the identity of the kidnapers came the day following the wealthy St. Paul banker's return home. Driving to a spot near Rosemount, Minn., where the ransom sum was paid by Walter Magee, contact man and friend of the Bremer family, federal agents found four large flashlights, used to signal Magee to turn into a side

**Flashlight of St. Paul House**  
revealed the flashlights had been purchased from a young sales woman who identified the purchaser from photographs supplied by federal agents as Alvin Karpis, one of the leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang that spread terror through the southwest for years, robbing banks and committing murder.

**McArthurville, a farmer near Port**

**tags, Wis.** discovered four five-gallon gasoline cans on a private road near his farm. Another farmer had seen them tossed aside after a large car stopped the day before.

A sheriff notified federal authorities and the cans started a trip to the laboratories of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice in Washington. There, investigators declared one can had on its surface the latent fingerprint of Arthur "Doc" Barker.

Further investigation revealed numerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang had made St. Paul headquarters from the middle of 1933 until the day Bremer was abducted.

Although the investigation continued to turn up new clues, it wasn't until late in April, 1934, that concrete results were obtained.

About this time, Chicago banks became flooded with Bremer ransom money which was being passed in the ordinary course of business in exchange for larger bills.

One day, after money changing operations had progressed about a week, a teller in the City National Bank of LaSalle street in Chicago became suspicious of ten \$10 bills handed him with a request for 100 bills of \$1 denomination.

#### Trail Leads to McLaughlin

He asked a few questions which resulted in the arrest an hour later of William Vidler, a race track follower, in a horse race booking establishment.

From Vidler, the trail led to John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, onetime state legislator of Chicago and widely known political figure. With McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, former contractor and restaurant operator, was arrested.

Between them, the three men confessed to changing approximately \$80,000 in ransom bills for bills of larger denomination in six days.

With these arrests, members of the Karpis-Barker gang fled from Chicago, going first to Toledo and then to various isolated lake resorts in the midwest.

James Wilson, the chauffeur who had worked for Dr. Joseph Moran, the doctor accused of mutilating the fingertips of "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis and being chief of the money changing operations, fled to Denver. Later the young medical student surrendered to the Denver office of the department of justice. He was returned to Chicago, released and later picked up again.

Wilson waived immunity and testified before the grand jury. He was one of those named in the indictment.

Wilson's arrest led to Oliver A.

Barker was serving a life term in the Illinois prison at Joliet. Federal agents went to Joliet and interviewed the convict.

In January, 1935, Byron Bolton and Russell "Slim" Gibson were taken by federal men at an apartment in Chicago. Gibson made a break for freedom and federal agents shot him down.

The arrest of Bolton, in turn, led to the taking of Barker. He walked into a machine gun trap as he came out of a north side apartment in Chicago. One report says the alleged "tough" gangster fainted dead away and fell on his face in a mud puddle when he saw the federal men waiting with machine guns.

Following the arrest of Barker, agents took two Bensenville men in custody—Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer. The pair was accused of having a hand in the keeping of a gang hideaway where Mr. Bremer was held prisoner. Mr. Bremer was taken to Bensenville and identified the Alderton house as the place where he was held.

#### 22 Indicted in Case

With these investigations, the case was practically completed. The government named Fred and "Doc" Barker, Karpis, Harry Campbell, Willie Weaver, Byron Bolton, Volney Davis and Fred Goetz as the actual abductors of Mr. Bremer. Fred Barker has since been killed by federal agents and Goetz was killed in a gangland fight. Bolton has pleaded guilty and the others are fugitives.

Twenty-two persons were indicted in connection with the Bremer case. Of these, 11 went to trial before Judge Matthew M. Joyce in United States District Court, April 15. As the trial went on, the list of defendants was narrowed down

through pleas of guilty and the dismissal of charges.

At the very outset of the trial, Bolton pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge. Later he testified as a government witness and pinned the kidnaping directly on the Karpis-Barker gang. He is now in Ramsey county jail awaiting sentence.

At the conclusion of the government's case, the prosecutors moved for the dismissal of charges against two of the defendants—Mrs. Edna "Rabbits" Murray and Jess Doyle. Mrs. Murray was taken back to the Missouri reformatory for women, from which she escaped, to complete serving a term for robbery, and Jess Doyle was returned to Oklahoma to face trial for bank robbery.

The next defendant to be eliminated from the jury's consideration was Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, who entered a plea of guilty at the end of the defense's case.

This left seven defendants—Barker, Berg, McLaughlin, Alderton, Delaney, Vidler and Wilson.

The government, in presenting its case to the jury, called to the witness stand a parade of witnesses—department of justice men, fingerprint experts, principals in the case, farmers, gangsters and their associates and a score of others. Department of justice officials and the chief prosecutors, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney for Minnesota, and his chief assistant, George Helsey, worked months preparing the case for trial.

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### Bremer Kidnaping Jury Locked Up for Night

By United Press  
ST. PAUL—The jury deliberating the case of Arthur (Doc) Barker and six co-defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case was locked up for the night at 5 p. m. Thursday.  
Under instructions from Judge M. M. Joyce, it was prevented from returning a possible verdict before 9:30 a. m. Friday.  
Judge Joyce explained that a verdict would not be received at night because authorities deemed it unsafe to transport the prisoners from the county jail to the courtroom after dark.

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# Pickert Pickets the P. O. to Stop Illegal Parking

Chain letter fans and Federal officials were united on one thing today—they were the victims of Police Commissioner Pickert's personally-conducted drive against illegal parking in the vicinity of the Federal Building.

Incidentally, this will explain to several perplexed drivers just who the portly gentleman with the black eye-glass ribbon was who stepped up in friendly fashion Thursday afternoon and began to discuss no-parking signs and Safety Education Week.

Most of the drivers, including two Federal alcohol tax unit agents, appeared to be entirely in the dark as to the identity of their interrogator, but they all took the safe course and nodded in agreement.

It was just as well that they did, for Commissioner Pickert had along with him Supt. John P. Smith and John A. Fry, deputy commissioner in charge of safety. Their first attack was on the Wayne side of the building, where signs announce that angle parking is reserved for "U. S. Mail."

### NO TRUCKS IN SIGHT.

Not a mail truck was in sight, Pickert pointed out. The block was filled with passenger and commercial vehicles, the windshields of the former in several instances bearing neatly painted signs, "U. S. Marshal" or "U. S. Treasury" or "U. S. Secret Service."

"Fine note when the secret service advertises its identity like that," the commissioner exclaimed. "The Government ought to pay 15 cents a day for parking space in some lot for these cars. I used to do that when I was collector of customs."

He made an end run around a bakery truck to catch a driver alighting from a sedan with a handful of letters.

"What are you doing parking here when the signs say it is reserved for U. S. mail trucks?" he demanded.

"Why, the cop around the corner said I could come in here, while I mail my chain letters," replied the motorist doubtfully. "He said this spot is reserved for that sort of thing."

### FEDERAL PROPERTY.

Pickert turned to Smith, who called around the corner in search of the officer. Upon their return, the officer explained that "the postmaster said these spaces here and around on Lafayette boulevard were for people to park long enough to mail their letters and packages."

"He said something about this being Federal property, anyway," added the officer.

they will be reserved. There is room in front of the building for other people. We don't want to waste space here for all day parking for elevator operators or treasury agents and others. They don't deserve any special privileges."

"Pardon me, gents," interrupted a youth in a blue sweater, "will youse get back on the sidewalk where you

belong while I back to there with this car?"

That's where the investigation ended, but Peter Wiggle, assistant postmaster, said the postoffice would like to have space during the day for its customers to park, since the trucks do not arrive until 4 p. m.

"There should not be any parking anywhere in the half-mile circle," Pickert said as he got into his car. "The police are willing to abolish it."

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# 2 BREMER KIDNAPERS GET LIFE SENTENCES

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Convicted with Berg and Barker, who, with Alvin Karpis, headed the Barker-Karpis mob, were:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner 21 days; John J. McLaughlin, 68-year-old former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, 27-year-old former Northwestern University medical student. Sentence of these three was deferred by Judge Joyce.

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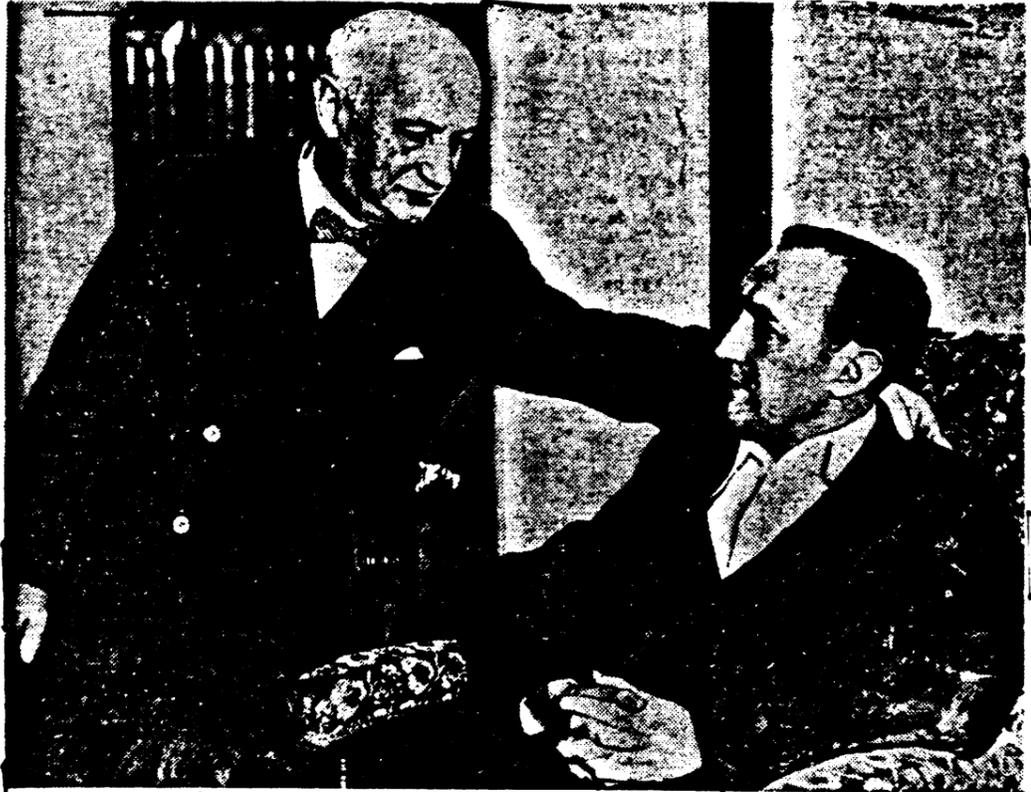
The seven defendants were tried on a charge of conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnaping law.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine

gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, both of whom pleaded guilty, were not in court. They will be sentenced later. Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and was returned to his home Feb. 7, after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

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VICTIMS—Edward G. Bremer and his father after his return from kidnaping following ransom payment. The case was in the hands of a jury last night.

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## Bremer JURY Holds Fate of Seven in Plot

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—A gangster's fate and the future of six associates rested with a federal jury tonight.

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Late tonight the jury retired to their hotel rooms, apparently without reaching verdicts, after deliberations of nearly eight hours.

Culminating a five weeks' trial, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in his hour-long charge to the nine men and three women jurors, said evidence of proof might be circumstantial. The jury was excused at 8 p. m. In addition to Barker the following are defendants:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was imprisoned.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, 68-year-old former Chicago politician, accused of "peddling" the ransom money.

Philip Delaney, tavern proprietor; William F. Vidler, "bookie"; James J. Wilson, 27, former Northwestern University student; Oliver Berg, 48, in the Illinois state prison.

Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer, two other defendants who participated in the actual abduction, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced after the jury reports on the other cases.

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# FATE IN BALANCE

## McLaughlin Waits Bremer Case Verdict

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CHICAGOAN—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, defendant in the Bremer kidnap trial, whose plea for dismissal of charges was denied last night as the case went to the jury.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

May 17, 1935

**BARKER JURY LOCKED UP**

Judge Prohibits Night Verdict, Fearing to Move Prisoners Then.

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## Bremer Trial Jury Debates Fate of Seven

St. Paul, Minn., May 16.—[Special.]  
—The case of seven men charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer was placed in the hands of the jury of nine men and three women this afternoon in United States District court here following almost five weeks of trial.

The jury late tonight retired to their hotel rooms, apparently without reaching verdicts in the cases of all the defendants after deliberations of nearly eight hours.

Previous to the charge to the jury by Judge M. M. Joyce, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, demanded that every defendant who had been shown to be connected with either the abduction or changing of the ransom money be found guilty.

Meanwhile the defendants, Arthur [Doc] Barker and Harold Alderton, charged with the actual kidnaping; John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Oliver Berg, William Vidler, Phillip Delaney and James Wilson, the latter five charged with part in disposing of the ransom bills, were remanded to jail to await the verdict.

### See Long Deliberation.

Little hope was held out for a speedy decision in view of the great mass of evidence which must be considered.

The jury was asked only to pass on the guilt or innocence of each of the defendants, the verdict prepared for their signature being in that form.

Barker and Alderton face life sentences if convicted. The accused money changers, whose defense lay chiefly in the contention that they were not aware they were handling Bremer ransom money, each face terms ranging from one hour to life, the length of the sentence being discretionary with the court.

### Refers to Defense Statement.

In opening, Sullivan referred to a statement previously made by defense counsel that the prosecutors owed their appointments to politics.

"Why is it when officers of the government do their duty they are subjected to such attacks?" Sullivan commented.

He then followed somewhat the line of attack taken by his assistant, George Heisey, in the opening argument Monday, defining the meaning of conspiracy as applied to the kidnaping, and by pointing out that the government contended the various defendants were implicated in separate phases of the case, the kidnaping itself, arranging to have Bremer kept in a hideout, and finally by exchanging the ransom money.

### Judge's Charge to Jury.

"If the conspiracy has been established," Judge Joyce said in his charge, "then any act committed by any defendant in furtherance of the scheme or looking to the execution thereof during continuance of the conspiracy is regarded in law as the act of each of those joining therein."

"Conviction may be had upon circumstantial evidence," he said, "but to warrant such conviction the proven fact must not only be consistent with the hypothesis of guilt and point surely in the general direction of guilt by must clearly and satisfactorily exclude every other reasonable hypothesis except that of guilt.

"You are instructed that in this case the evidence tends to show that it was the purpose of the alleged conspirators not only to obtain the ransom money but in such form that it could be readily exchanged. Therefore, as long as any of the ransom money was in the hands of the alleged conspirators and they were continuing their efforts to exchange the same, the conspiracy was in full force as to such conspirators."

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CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE

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## IN BREMER KIDNAPING

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**FOUND GUILTY IN KIDNAPING**



**ST. PAUL, MINN.—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, former Illinois state legislator, and Arthur ("Doc") Barker (at bottom), coleader of the famous Barker-Karpis gang.**

McLaughlin photo by a staff photographer; Barker by The Associated Press.

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# M'LAUGHLIN CONVICTED OF \$200,000 PLOT

Gang Leader and Berg Get  
Life Terms; Two  
Acquitted.

JURY OUT 21 HOURS

St. Paul, Minn., May 17.—(UP)—Arthur ("Doc") Barker, machine-gun leader of a vicious gang, today was convicted of the richest kidnaping in American history and immediately sentenced to life imprisonment.

Four defendants with Barker in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer abduction trial were found guilty with him. A jury of nine men and three women, most of them rural folk, deliberated from 3 p. m. yesterday until noon today before arriving at the verdict.

The others convicted were John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Illinois state representative and Chicago politician; Oliver Berg, James J. Wilson and Harold Alderton.

Berg, like Barker, immediately was sentenced to life imprisonment. The verdict meant little to him, however, inasmuch as he already is serving a life term in Joliet prison on a murder charge.

#### Three Not Yet Sentenced.

William Vidler and Philip Deane, accused with McLaughlin as changers of ransom money, were acquitted.

Sentences for Alderton, Wilson and McLaughlin were not immediately pronounced by Judge M. M. Joyce.

It was expected that Barker would be taken to Alcatraz prison, off the coast of San Francisco, but the government said it would decide that later.

Barker was handcuffed to a deputy United States marshal when the verdict was read. He was the only defendant kept manacled throughout the trial, which opened four weeks and five days ago.

#### Bremer Hears Verdict.

Bremer himself was in the courtroom for the verdict.

Extreme silence prevailed as the jury returned and the foreman read each verdict separately. All the jurors showed the strain of the long trial.

In its testimony, the government had sought to show that Barker was one of the actual kidnapers. The others were accused either of aiding the gangsters at their hideout in Bensenville, Ill., or in changing ransom money.

The defense contended that Barker had not been linked definitely with the abduction, and that the others were dupes of the gangsters, working with them either in ignorance of the crime or in fear of death if they disobeyed.

Mrs. McLaughlin and her son himself once arrested as a money changer and later released, were in the courtroom.

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# JURY RESUMES DELIBERATIONS IN BREMER CASE

## Fate of 'Doc' Barker and Six Codefendants in Balance.

St. Paul, Minn., May 17.—(AP)—The Bremer kidnap jury today resumed deliberations of the cases of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and six others charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, after failing to reach verdicts in nearly eight hours of discussion.

The fate of the defendants was placed in the hands of the jurors in the federal District court late yesterday after testimony and arguments of nearly five weeks. The jury retired with indications agreements had not been reached as to the guilt or innocence of all the defendants. It was reported, however, that the jurors agreed on several of the defendants.

The defendants, subject to terms ranging up to life imprisonment upon conviction under the Lindbergh law, are, in addition to Barker, Harold Alderton, who furnished the house in Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer, it is alleged, was imprisoned twenty-one days; John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago politician; William Vidler, bookmaker; Philip Delaney, Chicago restaurant proprietor; James J. Wilson, former Northwestern university medical student, and Oliver Berg, later in prison at Joliet, Ill.

Judge M. M. Joyce, in his charge to the jury, told the jurors they could consider circumstantial evidence as sufficient to convict, if they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the five alleged money changers—McLaughlin, Delaney, Vidler, Berg and Wilson—had knowledge they were "peddling" Bremer ransom money.

The government charged McLaughlin, through the agency of the other money changers, distributed \$7,000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of the banker. Bremer was kidnaped in 1934.

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# JUDGE DEFERS SENTENCE OF OTHERS

## 7 Defendants Show No Emotion While Verdict Is Read.

ST. PAUL, May 17.—(A.P.)

—Arthur ("Doc") Barker, kidnap outlaw, and four co-defendants were convicted and two others acquitted today by a federal court jury in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker.

The charge was conspiracy to kidnap.

Barker and Oliver A. Berg, Illinois convict, were sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal Judge J. M. Joyce.

Sentence of the other three defendants convicted was deferred.

Also convicted were:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner twenty-one days; John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, 68-year-old former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, 37-year-old former Northwestern University medical student.

### VIDLER ACQUITTED.

Frest were William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," and Philip Delaney, former restaurant and tavern proprietor in Chicago and intimate friend of McLaughlin for twenty-five years.

The seven defendants were all tried on a charge of conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnap law, which calls for penalty upon conviction ranging up to life imprisonment.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, both of whom pleaded guilty, were not in court and will be sentenced later.

Bremer was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and was returned to his home February 7, after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

### PRAISES VERDICT.

Judge Joyce, commenting to the jury on their verdict, said:

"By verdicts such as yours the incentive to kidnap will soon pass."

When Barker and Berg stood up to be sentenced, Judge Joyce said:

"Arthur Barker, you have up defense in this case. No one could doubt your guilt. You have had a fair trial. Kidnaping is one crime that the people of this country will not tolerate."

Judge Joyce then sentenced Barker and Berg to "Leavenworth or any other institution the United States attorney may designate, for the rest of their natural lives."

Except Philip Delaney, none of the prisoners displayed emotion on the reading of the verdict.

Before pronouncing sentence on Berg, Judge Joyce said to him:

"The story you told was not believed one bit. It was a fantastic tale which other persons of lesser intelligence than the jury might have been swayed by."

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**M'LAUGHLIN,**

**BARKER**

**GUILTY**

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**Convict 5 Bremer**

**Kidnapers;**

**2 Get Life**

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John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, 68-year-old former Chicago politician, convicted as Bremer kidnaper.

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ADD BARKER, STPAUL

~~FOUR~~ OF THE SIX DEFENDANTS ON TRIAL WITH HIM WERE FOUND GUILTY.

THEY WERE: JOHN J. (BOSS) MCLAUGHLIN, OLIVER BERG, HAROLD ALDERTON,  
AND JAMES J. WILSON.

~~ACQUITTED~~ WERE JAMES VIDLER AND PHILIP DELANEY.

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ST. PAUL--AFTER 20 HOURS DELIBERATION, THE JURY IN THE PREMIER  
 KIDNAPING TRIAL ANNOUNCED AT NOON THAT IT HAD REACHED A VERDICT.  
 JUDGE M. M. JOYCE WAS SUMMONED IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT  
 THE SEVEN DEFENDANTS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE COURTROOM WITHIN HALF AN  
 HOUR TO HEAR THE VERDICT.

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ADD BARKER, STPAUL

BARKER WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
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**BARKER IS GIVEN  
LIFE SENTENCE IN  
BREMER KIDNAPING**

**Similar Term Imposed on  
One Confederate—Two  
Freed by Jury**

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The charge was conspiracy to kidnap.

Convicted with the gangster who with Alvin Karpis headed the Barker-Karpis mob were:

Harold Alberton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner 21 days; Oliver Berg, hfer in the Illinois state prison; John J. McLaughlin, 68-year-old former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, 27-year-old former Northwestern University medical student.

Freed were William Vidler, Chicago

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"bookie" and Philip Delaney, former restaurant and tavern proprietor in Chicago and intimate friend of McLaughlin for twenty-five years.

The seven defendants were tried on a charge of conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnap law, which calls for penalty upon conviction ranging up to life imprisonment. The prison term is discretionary with the court.

Sentence of the other three defendants was deferred by Federal Judge Joyce.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper, both of whom pleaded guilty, were not in court and will be sentenced later.

Bremer was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and was returned to his home February 7, after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

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### Five More Sentenced For Bremer Kidnaping

**Volney Davis Gets Life; Others  
5 to 20 Years Each**

ST. PAUL, June 7 (AP). — Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today sentenced five men to the penitentiary—one of them for life—as Department of Justice agents added a new chapter to their roundup of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer early in 1934. Only Alvin Karpis, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang named as the abductors of Bremer, had eluded capture as Volney Davis got a life term at Leavenworth and four confederates from five to twenty years each.

Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Oliver Berg received life sentences a month ago. Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to the charges against him in the \$200,000 kidnaping, remains to be sentenced. He was a government witness against his fellow conspirators.

His capture made known in Chicago only last Saturday, Davis was brought here by plane for speedy arraignment and entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was imposed on him at the same time as terms of twenty years each in Leavenworth Penitentiary were meted out to Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper who aided the gang when they guarded the St. Paul banker.

The two money-changers, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, and James J. Wilson, one-time medical student at Northwestern University, received five-year sentences. Wilson's term will be served at the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio. McLaughlin, Alderton, Farmer and Wilson were convicted by the same jury which convicted Barker and Berg.

Judge Joyce told McLaughlin in explanation of his sentence "You are an old man, and I have no desire to add anything to your unhappiness. You also are suffering from diabetes." McLaughlin, sixty-eight, engineered the changing of the Bremer ransom money for other bills.

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## BREMER KIDNAPER GIVEN LIFE TERM

### Four Others in Affair Get Long Sentences.

ST. PAUL, June 7.—(United News.)—Volney Davis, Edward G. Bremer kidnaper captured last week in Chicago, today was sentenced to life imprisonment as he and four others implicated in the \$200,000 abduction were brought into Federal court for sentence. He pleaded guilty.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, chief money changer in the kidnaping and former Illinois political power, was sentenced to five years. Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer were sentenced to 20 years, and James J. Wilson to five years.

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# 5 MORE JAILED IN BREMER CASE

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Volney Davis got a life term at Leavenworth. Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg received life sentences a month ago. Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty in the \$200,000 kidnaping, remains to be sentenced. He turned Government witness.

Twenty-year terms were meted out to Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill.

The two money-changers—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, and James J. Wilson, one-time medical student at Northwestern University—were given five-year sentences.

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June 3, 1935

# PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER CASE

## Volney Davis Is Questioned in Abduction of Weyer- haeuser Boy

By United Press

ST. PAUL, June 3—Volney Davis pleaded guilty today when arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in Federal Court on charges of participating in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Davis, arrested by Melvin Purvis in Chicago and brought here by airplane, was a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang and was wanted for questioning with the abduction of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.

Haggard and holding his hat over his face to avoid photographers, Davis was taken into Federal Court under heavy guard. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, who prosecuted the case which convicted five former allies of Davis in the Barker-Karpis gang, moved that he be arraigned on a charge of conspiracy.

Judge Joyce instructed that the indictment be read and then asked Davis if he understood the meaning of the true bill. Davis replied that he did.

Asked whether he pleaded guilty

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# PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER CASE

## Volney Davis Is Questioned in Abduction of Weyer- haeuser Boy

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or not guilty, Davis answered, in a low voice:

"I plead guilty."

Davis was jailed to await sentence. It was understood that five others would be sentenced with him.

They are Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer, both of whom pleaded guilty during the Barker trial, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, and James J. Wilson, who were found guilty with Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg. Barker and Berg previously were sentenced to life imprisonment.

All those to be sentenced late this week likewise face life terms.

Meanwhile Davis will be questioned in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

It was believed by federal agents that Davis had been in contact with the other members of the gang in recent months.

During negotiations for ransom- ing of the Weyerhaeuser boy, Davis' name was frequently connected to the abduction by federal operatives. He was identified, it was reported, as the man who attempted to rent an apartment near the Weyerhaeuser home.

TACOMA, Wash., June 3 — Department of Justice agents, engaged in their greatest manhunt since the search for John Dillinger, looked to Volney Davis, Midwestern gangster and slayer, today to lead them to the men who kidnaped 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom.

Every highway leading from the

state was patrolled by deputy sher-  
iffs and state police, rifles unslung,  
ready for use.

- Mr. Schuler
- Mr. Smith
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

## Karpis, an Ex-Marble Champ, Now Regarded by G-Men More Deadly Than Dillinger

WASHINGTON, June 7 (A.P.)—Member after member of the notorious Barker-Karpis mob—last of the midwest gangs which in recent years terrorized the country—has been marching to prison or death as federal agents and police steadily push the roundup of killers, kidnapers and robbers.

With the capture by federal agents of Volney Davis, convicted murderer and admitted participator in the Bremer kidnapping, twenty-six-year-old Alvin Karpis, erstwhile boy marble champion, of Topeka, Kas., is the only so-called "big shot" of the Barker-Karpis gang still at large.

Karpis, wanted for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo., as well as the Bremer abduction and several robberies, has been labeled "Public Enemy No. 1." J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, recognizes no such classification, asserting "all of these outlaws are rats to us," but it is known federal officials consider Karpis to be a shrewder and, for that reason, a more dangerous outlaw than was the much-publicized Dillinger.

A slender, fair complexioned "oldish" young man with brown hair and blue eyes, Karpis first ran afoul of the law when he was seventeen years old. Sentenced to the Kansas State Reformatory for ten years upon a burglary conviction, he escaped four years later and since 1930 has kept police or federal officers busy chasing

him for a series of daring depredations.

Two years ago when the wave of kidnappings reached its crest, the Barker-Karpis gang numbered from twenty-two to twenty-eight men, with Kate (Ma) Barker, her two sons, Arthur R. and Fred Barker, and Karpis the recognized leaders of the out-

fit. They made their headquarters at various times in Kansas City, Chicago and St. Paul. Their crime trails often crossed those of the Dillinger, Verne Miller and Machine Gun Kelly gangs, but their operations were not definitely linked with the activities of those mobs.

### Many Caught Or Killed.

Most spectacular of the Barker-Karpis crimes, was the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in broad daylight on January 17, 1934, after he had driven his daughter to school. He was taken in an automobile to a hideout where he was held for three weeks and then released after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Federal agents have been working on the case steadily and, up to the recent arrest of Volney Davis, their efforts had resulted in the killing of three members of the gang who resisted arrest and the conviction or pleas of guilty by seven others.

### Six Still Sought.

Besides young Karpis, members of the gang who are being sought for participation in the abduction include Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, Joseph P. Moran and Myrtle Eaton.

While federal officials have not indicated they believe he was involved in the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping, the G-men nevertheless are quietly but relentlessly pressing their quest for the last of the midwest's ace outlaws. His ability to keep under cover is attributed to the fact that he is less of a "show-off" than were Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson and that he has a more wholesome respect for the business-like methods of the federa-



ALVIN KARPIS

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## WOMAN BETRAYS DAVIS TO 'G-MEN'

ST. PAUL, Tuesday, June 4.—(AP)—A woman with whom he had been keeping company betrayed Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was learned from an authoritative source today.

Davis' arrest in Chicago brought the federal government's score in the \$200,000 abduction to nine persons in jail, four others were dead, five were acquitted and eight were still at large.

Following a "tip" from a Chicago girl with whom Davis was seen on several occasions after his escape at Yorkville, Ill., where he slugged a federal agent with a beer mug, government officers maintained a trap for the gangster for a week. They missed him on two occasions previous to his capture.

### Authorities Informed

Davis, "boy friend" of Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," who was freed of conspiracy charges in the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker and returned to a Missouri prison, had made arrangements with the girl to meet him at Austin, Ill., Chicago suburb, and authorities were informed of the proposed meeting.

Sentence will be pronounced on Davis in Federal Court Friday, with life imprisonment the possible penalty. He is also a fugitive from the Oklahoma State Prison, where he was serving a sentence for murder.

### Others Under Arrest

Of the others arrested in the Bremer case, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg have been sent to prison for life; John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Alderton and James J. Wilson were awaiting sentence in the county jail here, and Harry Sawyer, asserted "finger man," still awaits trial.

At large were Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Mrs. Myrtle Eaton and two persons indicted as "John Doe" and "Richard Roe."

Davis' plea of guilty came as a surprise, the gangster asserting, "the minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did. It's no use trying to beat these G-guys."

## **Big Bad Gunmen Turn Out to Be Only Fishermen**

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE JOURNAL  
Rhineland, Wis.—It was not Alvin Karpis and two other gangsters that caused Oneida and Vilas county residents to load up their deer rifles Wednesday morning, but a party of peaceful Rhineland fishermen.

Sheriffs John Farnen of Rhineland and Del McGregor of Eagle River were notified by a Three Lakes road patrol crew early Wednesday that a car containing the three gangsters, all heavily armed with revolvers and machine guns, was hidden in the brush near Thunder Lake in Oneida county.

While Vilas county officials stood by ready to help and Three Lakes residents excitedly prepared for another Little Bohemia bombardment, Sheriff Farnen, Undersheriff Hans Rodd and Policemen Drill Hibbard and George Hintz of Rhineland drove to Thunder Lake.

The parked car belonged to Forest Turcotte, Rhineland, and he was peacefully fishing with two companions. The machine guns were nothing but fishing rods in cases.

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June 3, 1935  
(Monday)

## Volney Davis, Flown to St. Paul, Admits Part in Bremer Kidnap

By United Press

ST. PAUL, June 3.—Volney Davis pleaded guilty today when arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in Federal Court on charges of participating in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Davis, arrested by Melvin Purvis in Chicago and brought here by airplane, was a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang and was wanted for questioning in connection with the abduction of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.

He was arraigned on the Bremer charge within a few hours after arrival here. Sentence was deferred.

Haggard and holding his hat over his face, Davis was taken in wrist and leg chains into Federal Court under heavy guard.

United States Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan, who prosecuted the case which convicted five former allies of Davis in the Barker-Karpis gang, moved that he be arraigned on a charge of conspiracy.

Asked whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, Davis answered, in a

low voice:

"I plead guilty."

Davis, under indictment as one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer, was linked with the abduction of the St. Paul banker during the trial of seven Barker-Karpis gangsters here last month. Byron Bolton, a member of the gang who turned Government's evidence, testified that Davis participated in seizure of Bremer.

Davis' capture was made in Austin, Chicago suburb, Saturday.

Police received reports of a shooting. When they arrived on the scene witnesses told them a man who stepped from a car with Georgia license plates was set upon by half a dozen men. The man started to run but stopped when the men fired a shot in the air, the witnesses said.

Reports were that Davis had been sent to Chicago by the Weyerhaeuser kidnap gang to handle the "payoff" of the ransom money. Postoffice officials were instructed to be on the lookout for all mail coming from the vicinity of Tacoma.

Davis first gained notoriety in 1923 when he was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Prison for murder. It was believed it was there he met Karpis.

Davis had escaped agents early this year in Illinois by throwing a glass of beer into his captor's face and leaping out a window.

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# PAL OF KARPIS CONFESSES TO BREMER ABDUCTION; ALSO QUESTIONED ON TACOMA CASE

## S. F. Ransom Bill Numbers Clue in Search; All Highways of Northwest Barricaded by Police and Federals

*Developments in the nationwide hunt for the kidnapers of young George Weyerhaeuser:*

**IN TACOMA** federal agents carried photographs of Alvin Karpis, the asserted Egoist of the ransom notes. "G-men" were ordered to kill the kidnaper on sight. All highways were blockaded, but so far there was no arrest of "Bill, Harry, Al" or any others of the six men who abducted the timber scion for \$200,000 ransom. Numbers of ransom bills, all from the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, were given police and bank tellers. Young George, excused from school, was resting at home.

**IN ST. PAUL** Federal agents questioned Volney Davis, known pal of Karpis. Davis, secretly captured near Chicago Saturday, was flown to Minneapolis in a special plane with "G-men" who kept him bound hand and foot. Arraigned on charges of participating in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping, Davis pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred, pending further questioning on the Weyerhaeuser case.

**IN LOS ANGELES** police broadcast descriptions of two Americans and a Greek believed to be driving in an auto that resembled one of those used in the kidnaping.

**IN WASHINGTON** J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reiterated his conviction it was only a matter of time before the abductors would be captured.

*By United Press*  
**TACOMA, Wash., June 2.**—The true identity of the Egoist is known by the Department of Justice.

This was learned as "G-men" sought to crack the so far impregnable lair of the band which snatched little George Weyerhaeuser and received \$200,000 for his freedom.

The Egoist leaped from an eccentric ransom note signature to that of a known gangster when it was learned that each of the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents carries in his pocket an excellent photograph of the ace suspect in the crime.

Federal agents would not divulge whose photograph they bear opposite their gun-laden shoulder holsters, but it is popularly supposed to be that of Old Creepy—Alvin Karpis, present public enemy No. 1.

**'Shoot to Kill' Orders**  
When and if the Egoist is cornered, the Government men's orders are to "shoot first—and shoot to kill."

Volney Davis, one-time first lieutenant of Karpis, was flown to Minneapolis in a plane loaded with Government men. He was arrested secretly Saturday in Chicago.

Justice agents are believed to have wrung from Davis definite information that Karpis is "holed up" in the Northwest and probably linked with George's kidnaping. Davis, himself, was said to have rented an apartment here shortly before the abduction.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the kidnapers had full possession of the ransom money—the entire \$200,000—almost 24 hours before George was liberated. This was known by agents at the time and they feared a second ransom demand before George's release.

The bank notes which bought the liberation of the young scion of the wealthy timber clan immediately became "hot money" today as every bank and law enforcement agency studied descriptions contained in a speedily prepared booklet flown here from Washington.

**S. F. Bills Listed**  
Twenty thousand San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank notes, whose serial numbers begin with "L" and end with "A," were listed in such fashion that they can be "spotted" instantly by experienced bank tellers.

## Identified as Karpis; Ransom Bills Aid Hunt

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"Where is Alvin Karpis, who you last see him, what was he have you heard from him?" among the questions which fired at the little gangster, who confessed to taking part in the kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn.

**Escape Discounted**  
Federal agents attached little significance to the escape of an automobile, reported to be tan in color and containing five or six men, deputy sheriffs in Umatilla County, Oregon, some 400 miles from Tacoma, Saturday night.

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The deputies reported the car distanced them when they shot their own car up to its limit of 90 miles an hour. Within a short time roadways leading out of Tacoma were blocked, but the car was seen again. It was considered likely that it could have reached its comparatively few roadways, and a close watch was being maintained by Oregon troopers and by sheriffs' deputies that part of both Oregon and Washington.

Barricades have been erected on all roads and highways leading from the Puget Sound area. All automobiles must pass through these one-way gates with their headlights covered by machine guns and closely inspected by thousands of motorists were inspected at these stations every direction from Tacoma, British Columbia province, and the U. S. Coast Guard patrolling Puget Sound were in the search, so that all leading from Washington were closed.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL BULLETIN  
June 3, 1935  
(Monday)

## DAVIS ADMITS BREMER GUILT

ST. PAUL, June 3 (AP)—  
Gripped hard by the law he had  
dodged so long, Volney Davis, 37,  
one of the Barker-Karpis kidnap  
mob, pleaded guilty to conspiracy  
charges in connection with the  
\$200,000 Bremer abduction case  
today.

Federal officials here said they  
were convinced Volney Davis was  
not connected with the Weyer-  
haeuser abduction. They added  
Davis was known to have been  
in the Chicago area the entire  
week of the Weyerhaeuser kid-  
naping.

Arraigned before Federal Judge  
M. M. Joyce, the fugitive gangster  
listened to the lengthy reading of  
the indictment in the same court-  
room in which his erstwhile pal,  
Arthur ("Doc") Barker, recently  
was convicted of kidnaping Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul  
banker, last year.

At the conclusion of the  
hearing, Davis himself answered  
"guilty." He was not represented  
by counsel.

Togged out in a gray suit with  
blue shirt and tie and brown and  
gray suede shoes, Davis listened  
unmoved before the bar of justice  
while guards eyed him narrowly.

Judge Joyce and District At-  
torney Sullivan agreed on Friday  
at 4 p. m. as the time for sen-  
tencing Davis. Sentence also will  
be passed at that time on four  
others convicted in the case,  
while setting of a penalty for  
Byron Bolton, who pleaded  
guilty, will be delayed.

[Sunday, May 26, 1935]

THE ST. JOSEPH NEWS-PRESS.

# LIMERICK TO KANSAS CITY IN MANACLES

## United States 'G' Men Remove Bank Bandit From St. Joseph While Six States Are Seeking His Custody.

### IS CHAINED TO CAR

#### FARMERS PILE UP

Apparent efforts to "ease" Mitchell out as assistant secretary of commerce failed. He said recently that Jesse Jones, R.F.C. chairman, wanted him in his department, but that he wrote a letter declining Jones' offer.

Mitchell aroused the Pendergast forces by going to Kansas City during the bitter municipal campaign in the spring of 1933 and giving an interview in which he endorsed a fusion ticket headed by A. Ross Hill for mayor. The fusion ticket, supported by the National Youth Movement, unsuccessful in the Pendergast ticket.

In political circles, however, it is understood that Truman's enmity toward Mitchell had its inception long before the 1933 Kansas City campaign.

### LIMERICK TO KANSAS CITY IN MANACLES

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fugitive, too. It is a lot worse than bootlegging, for which he has been held." Yet the agent said, "Don't quote me, remember; talk to my boss." The "boss" was never in when called in Kansas City.

#### Seeking a Partner.

Early this morning four St. Joseph detectives and two squads of state highway patrolmen were working throughout northwest Missouri, seeking a partner of Limerick, known to have been with him in the last few days. That partner, Maurice Denning, was known to have been here since Limerick came to the city.

In Central Police Station early today rested Frank Brown, sixty-one years old, said to be the father-in-law of Beaver. He was arrested at his home on U. S. highway No. 71, across the road from the Greenfield Village, where the police said they found an arsenal of high-powered guns that belonged to Limerick. Just what disposition will be made of Brown was undecided. It was said the officers were seeking another person also suspected of harboring the fugitive.

#### Local Warrant.

with a federal man at the wheel and accompanied by three detectives. He was handcuffed with the cuffs chained to the car. On his ankles were leg irons.

#### Two Cars Trailing.

Trailing the car were two more motor cars, one containing detectives and the other said to have contained Uncle Sam's famed "G" men. Those in the latter car were well armed.

A short distance south of the city limits the cars were met by two cars of state highway policemen who acted as police escorts into the

### SIX STATES WANTING TO RETURN LIMERICK

It looked like a peace officers' convention at Central Police Station Saturday night. There were officers from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and several Missouri officials on hand. "I've got a clear cut case on Limerick," said Paul Gruber of the Iowa state department of justice. "We want him bad," said State Sheriff Fred Benton of Nebraska, who with Deputy Lee Burnes had speeded to St. Joseph when notified of the arrest. Kansas officers wanted him for at least two charges. South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota officers sent several telegrams, offering to extradite the prisoner.

city limits of Kansas City. There more police cars escorted the party to the jail.

B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the state highway patrol, came to St. Joseph Saturday when notified of the arrest and aided in the questioning.

#### Tip on Denning.

Casteel, with Chief Enos, Chief Duncan and two officers, speeded to the Beaver home on U. S. highway No. 71 Saturday evening when they heard, via a tip, that Denning was there. At the home they found a well-known South Side man had driven out to feed some hounds he was keeping at the place.

Department of justice agents said just before they left that it was not known if any of the \$415 possessed by Limerick when arrested was part of any of the loots he is accused of obtaining. Limerick told the officers he had found the badge they located in his clothing. He denied ownership of the guns seized at the Beaver home.

#### PERFECT CASE HERE.

#### Prosecutor Hoffman's Precautionary Measure Well Justified.

"We had a perfect case against him," said Prosecutor Maurice Hoffman last night, as he explained why he issued a warrant against Tom Limerick. "When I learned that several other states were seeking Limerick I issued the warrant. He was accused of robbery with firearms, which is a capital offense. We had plenty of witnesses. That is why I put in my bid for him." Hoffman added he was satisfied with the disposition of Limerick when he learned he had been turned over to federal officers.

#### CHATS WITH CHIEF DUNCAN.

Bandit Limerick Talks of His Career and Its Uselessness.

Crime is just a bad apple he wishes he'd

months ago in Milwaukee, he said, after he had learned "they'd put the heat on us about a 'hot' (stolen) car and Maurice didn't tell me anything about it," yet:

#### "I'm Just a Dummy."

"If Maurice was in here now and I was outside, I wouldn't want him telling where I was. I'm just a dummy. I have to be a dummy," he declared with a "Don't-you-see?" expression.

"They've said I'm wanted from Texas to Canada for almost everything under the sun, but if they file charges against me in some places, it'll make the laughing stock of the country out of them.

"If they do in some other places, well"—he broke off with that wry smile and an expressive shrug of his shoulders.

#### Is That Courage?

Admitting it would have been better if someone had "snatched on you the first time you pulled anything," as Chief Duncan put it, Limerick nevertheless defended the brand of courage called for in bank robbery.

Chief Duncan suggested it didn't take courage to rob a man when you always had the drop on him with a gun, but it did to tell one's self he was through with wrong doing and follow that course.

"Listen, Doc," he asserted, "you bet your life every time against an unknown amount of money, and you don't know whether you're going to get a nickel or even a dime.

"Don't tell me it doesn't take guts to do that," he declared with a certain show of pride.

A few moments later, however, he had lost his swagger and was the rueful and trapped man again.

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With six states and the federal government seeking Limerick, two St. Joseph deputy sheriffs appeared at the station with a warrant for the custody of him. The warrant accused Limerick of robbing Gus Williams, proprietor of the Harlem club, 107 1/4 North Second street, of \$7, the officers said. But Uncle Sam already had claimed the prisoner.

Limerick was captured at 514 Edmond street two hours after he was alleged to have attacked Williams.

#### Is Reticent.

Questioned by Chief Enos and Chief of Detectives John T. Duncan, Limerick revealed little. Even when confronted with his pictures and fingerprints from the files in the office of B. T. Andrews, superintendent of the identification bureau, Limerick acted as if he had been arrested by mistake.

It was not until he had been taken into Andrews' office for final fingerprinting and photographing that he really admitted his name.

After Andrews had taken four sets of prints, two of which will go to Uncle Sam, Limerick was asked to write his own name on the cards for identity.

#### "What Name?"

"What name do you want? I can write a million or so, the way you talk," he snapped. "Yea, but what the h—; give me the pen."

Immediately he signed the cards, "Thomas R. Limerick."

"What does the R. mean?" asked Walter Davis, aiding Andrews.

"Why, you know, the records show that means Robert," replied Limerick.

After the "mugging" was done, Limerick was placed into a car

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#### CHATS WITH CHIEF DUNCAN.

##### Bandit Limerick Talks of His Career and Its Uselessness.

Crime is just a bad apple he wishes he'd never bitten into to the most wanted man held here since Fred (Killer) Burke. At least that's the way Tom Limerick, captured yesterday in an Edmond street drink place, felt about it yesterday afternoon as the police were wondering which of half a dozen states would gain custody of this national public enemy on their hands.

"A guy's a damn fool to get into this racket," he put it when Chief of Detectives John T. Duncan questioned him about his career of bank banditry.

##### "It'd Be Different."

"If I could go back and I knew what I know now, it'd be different," he said.

He revealed he'd decided more than a month ago to give it up and start life anew in some place he wasn't known.

But now he was tasting the worm in the apple. He grew philosophical as he talked to Chief Duncan. He called him "Doc."

"Doc," he disagreed with the chief, "I could tell you all about everything I ever did, but it wouldn't do me any good. If I'm stuck, I'm stuck, and that's all there is to it."

##### "All Washed Up."

Then he put on a wry smile he wore frequently as he talked.

"I bought myself a house and I was going to go there—some place where nobody knows me—and start all over again. But," and he shrugged his shoulders and spread his hands eloquently, "that's all washed up now."

Four of St. Joseph's police detectives spoiled all that.

About Maurice Denning or his other fellows Limerick wouldn't talk. He'd split with Denning two

### Davis Given Life In Bremer Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, June 7 (UP).—Verney Davis, Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, captured last week in Chicago, today was sentenced to life imprisonment as he and four others implicated in the \$200,000 abduction were brought into Federal Court for sentence. He pleaded guilty. Sentence was pronounced by Judge M. M. Joyce.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, chief money changer in the kidnaping and former Illinois political power, was sentenced to five years.

Harold Alderton, who arranged the hideout at Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive 22 days, was sentenced to 20 years.

Elmer Farmer, who aided Alderton, was sentenced to 20 years.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. John P. Morgan and also a money changer, was sentenced to five years.

The life sentence for Davis was the third imposed as result of kidnaping.

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### DAVIS GETS LIFE TERM IN BREMER KIDNAPPING

Two Get 20 Years and Two  
Others 5 Years Each for Parts  
in St. Paul Abduction.

ST. PAUL, June 7 (AP).—Volney Davis, who pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnapping after his capture in Chicago, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Leavenworth penitentiary in Federal court here late today.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, was sentenced to five years as a conspirator in the same case.

James J. Wilson, former Northwestern University medical student, was sentenced to five years in the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

"I am sending you there in the hope you can rehabilitate yourself," Judge M. Joyce told him.

McLaughlin was accused of engineering the "peddling" of \$57,000 of ransom money. Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept prisoner for twenty-one days, was sentenced to twenty years in prison.

McLaughlin and Alderton, together with Arthur (Doc) Barker, Wilson and Oliver Berg, were convicted by a jury. Barker and Berg previously had received life terms.

Elmer Farmer, tavern keeper of Bensenville, who assisted in making arrangements with the kidnapers for Alderton's home and who pleaded guilty during the trial, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth prison. Alderton's term also will be served in Leavenworth.

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# KARPIS' AIDE ADMITS GUILT IN BREMER JOB

Davis Arrested at Chicago May  
Be Implicated In Tacoma  
Affair.

IS FLOWN TO ST. PAUL

Morning's Catch Has Been  
Sought Since Escape Early  
This Year.

By United Press  
ST. PAUL, June 3—Volney Davis pleaded guilty today when arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in Federal Court on charges of participating in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Alvin Karpis, chief suspect in the He is listed as a confederate of Alvin Karpis, chief suspect in the \$200,000 Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

Haggard and holding his hat over his face to avoid photographers, Davis was taken into Federal Court.

United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan, who prosecuted the case which convicted five former allies of Davis in the Barker-Karpis gang, moved that he be arraigned on a charge of conspiracy.

Asked whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, Davis answered, in a low voice: "I plead guilty."

Davis was jailed to await sentence.

### Five Others Await Sentence

It was understood that five others would be sentenced with him. They are Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer, both of whom pleaded guilty during the Barker trial, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, and James J. Wilson, who were found guilty with Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg. Barker and Berg previously were sentenced to life imprisonment.

All those to be sentenced late this week likewise face life terms.

Meanwhile Davis will be questioned in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

### To Ask About Hideouts

It was believed by Federal agents that Davis had been in contact with the other members of the gang in recent months.

During negotiations for ransom of the Weyerhaeuser boy, Davis' name was frequently connected to the abduction by Federal operatives. He was identified, it was reported, as the man who attempted to rent an apartment near the Weyerhaeuser home.

Agents, it was expected, would question Davis concerning hideouts used by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver, major remaining fugitives of the gang, since their trail was lost early this year while Karpis was en route west following his escape with Campbell from a police trap in Atlantic City.

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## GANGSTER HELD IN KIDNAPING

Davis, Aide of Karpis, Taken  
By Plane From Chicago  
To Tacoma.

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The arrest was made at Austin, Ill.

### Numbers of Ransom Bills Circulated

By WILFRED BROWN

United Press Staff Correspondent

TACOMA, Wash., June 3—Peace officers of the government and state placed Washington under a virtual state of siege today as they collaborated in one great effort to apprehend the gang that stole George Weyerhaeuser, 9, and turned him back to his millionaire parents for \$200,000.

Every highway leading from the state was patrolled by deputy sheriffs and state police, rifles unslung, ready for use. Coast guardsmen roared back and forth along Puget Sound, scrutinizing every boat. British Columbia authorities aided with a blockade of their shoreline and ports.

Officers seemed confident their quarry still was within the limits of the state, probably in the area where they released George Saturday morning with a dollar bill, blankets and an admonition to wait for his dad.

While the area was so "bottled up" that hardly no one could be questioned, Federal agents spread another net.

Agents that hunted Arundel Richard Hauptmann, in the Lindbergh case, were in the area.

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While the booklets were prepared for mailing, Justice agents massed in Tacoma awaited the arrival from Chicago of Volney Davis, a member of the Karpis gang which is believed involved in the kidnaping.

While a spokesman for the agents said Davis was not wanted in this case, it was considered possible he would be questioned closely on his knowledge of the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis.

IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, SMILES GEORGE



Smiling today, George Weyerhaeuser, 9, son of the multimillionaire lumber family, was seen today outside his Tacoma, Wash., home after being released by kidnapers.

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KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
June 3, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

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His hair, black and bushy a few years ago, has turned slightly grey.

Davis was captured by Melvin Purvis, head of the Department of Justice in Chicago and nemesis of John Dillinger, George (Baby Face) Nelson and other gangsters.

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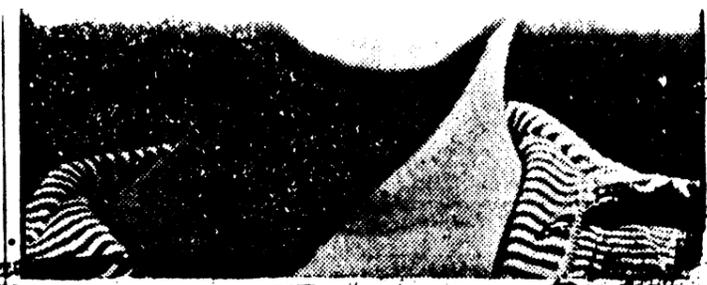
Another man was in custody but not much importance was attached to his arrest. He is 54-year-old George Powell, former newspaperman who was committed to a state hospital two years ago after confessing a plot to kidnap a Seattle boy.

#### Find Abandoned Car Like One Being Sought

By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, June 3—A tan

(Ford) sedan answering the description of a machine in which the sheriff of Kern County, north of here, said two men were riding who resembled suspects wanted in the \$200,000 George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping was found abandoned in North Hollywood today. Preparations were made to take fingerprints from the car.



George Weyerhaeuser, millionaire lumber family, was found outside his Tacoma, Wash. home by kidnapers.

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# DAVIS PLEADS

# GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPING

CHICAGO DAILY TIMES  
JUN 8 1935

# Vol Davis Guilty as Kidnaper

## BULLETIN

St. Paul, June 8 (AP).—Gripped hard by the law he had dodged so long, Volney Davis, 33, one of the Barker-Karpis kidnap gang, pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in connection with the \$200,000 Bremer abduction case today.

Volney Davis, 33, bad man, convicted murderer and member of the Barker-Karpis gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000, was rushed under heavy guard to St. Paul, this morning after his capture by federal agents in Chicago.

Handcuffed and manacled, the notorious gunman, accompanied by seven "G" men, landed at the Minneapolis airport at 5:15 p. m. He was met by six other federal men and taken to the depart-



Volney Davis

ment of justice headquarters. Harold E. Anderson, head of the department of justice bureau of investigation at St. Paul, said Davis would be arraigned immediately on the Bremer charge.

## SPIKE TACOMA LINK

Both Anderson and J. Edgar Hoover in Washington refused to discuss any connection Davis might have with the kidnaping of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash., but the definite inference was left that his arrest in Chicago Saturday afternoon had spiked reports that he was one of the Weyerhaeuser snatchers and had been seen in the neighborhood of the Tacoma boy's home last week.

The capture of Davis, in front of 046 Waller ave., was accompanied by shooting which Hoover, in his official announcement, described as a "slight unpleasantness."

## ONE SHOT FIRED

Davis had driven up to the address in an auto bearing Georgia licenses. When he alighted, he was surrounded by "G" men but made a break for freedom. One shot fired by a federal man caused him to change his mind and surrender.

Davis had been the object of a nation-wide search since he made his escape from government agents near Yorkville, Ill., while being taken from Kansas City to St. Paul by plane. After a forced landing, he threw a stein of beer in the face of his guard and dived through a saloon window to temporary freedom.

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KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL,  
Knoxville, Tennessee,  
June 4, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; ET AL: EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

## GIRL BETRAYED VOLNEY DAVIS

Told Officers of Meeting Place  
Arranged With Gangster  
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By Associated Press

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THE KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL,  
Knoxville, Tennessee,  
June 5, 1935.

Re: ODRRA DAVIS; et al  
JOE J. LIFSKEY - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT.

## DAVISES' BONDS TOTAL \$56,000

**\$36,000 Additional Demanded  
of Four On Top of Kidnap  
Charge Assessment.**

Total of \$56,000 bond stood today between the four Davis brothers, Paris, Odra, Joe and William, and their liberty.

On top of the \$20,000 bond demanded of Odra and William Davis Monday by U. S. Commissioner Powers on a kidnaping warrant, \$36,000 was added against the four yesterday on highway robbery charges.

They were given a hearing before Squires Reynolds and Giffin at County Jail. Atty. Carl M. Greenwell represented Paris Davis; the three others had no attorney.

Squire Reynolds bound over Odra and William Davis under \$5000 bonds for the robbery of Dan Bird on Emory Road.

Squire Giffin held Paris Joe and Odra Davis under \$5000 bonds on a charge of robbery of G. O. Butler's store. Odra Davis was held under \$5000 more for the robbery of Paul Chambers' store.

Paris Davis was held on \$1000 on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. Odra Davis was held under \$5000 for robbery of the Smith Peterson store near Hall's Cross Roads.

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**A Genuine Tribute**

Volney Davis, presumably the No. 3 man in the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, pleaded guilty to having part in the Bremer kidnaping and made short work of it when he was haled into a St. Paul court. Mr. Davis, apparently a rather level-headed and philosophical individual, remarked that the Department of Justice men knew fully as much about the case as he did and that there was no use wasting time in beating about the bush. It is a genuine tribute to the so-called G-men and most encouraging to those who hope and pray that the nation has found a way to throttle the big-time racketeers and gangsters. The combination of thoroughness with continuity in effort against criminals is bound to get the desired results.

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NEW YORK AMERICAN

# Woman in Red

## Davis Also Victim of Dillinger's Betrayer

ST. PAUL, June 4 (AP).—A woman betrayed Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster who pleaded guilty in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was learned today.

It was the mysterious "woman in red"—who led police and Federal agents to the late John Dillinger, who had a "date" with Davis the night he was captured in Austin, Ill.

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## Girl Waitress Gets Threat She Thinks From Kidnapers

Arrest of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis gang, would be of immense relief to a certain waitress in the hotel Winthrop coffee shop.

She was frightened so badly last Monday evening by what she interpreted as a threat that she hurried home in tears without remaining to serve the customer at her table.

About a week before the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, a man whom the waitress believes was Campbell appeared in the coffee shop with an auburn haired woman. For nearly a week she served them. On the second day she noticed the woman's hair had been bleached since the previous morning.

The couple attracted considerable attention during the few days they were at the hotel. The man always wore a gardenia, according to the waitress.

On Monday evening following the kidnaping a small man of light complexion engaged the waitress in conversation about the case. She remarked that several newspaper men were in the coffee shop, and he asserted that if he wanted to he could give them a story that would "knock them off their feet."

The waitress says he then called

her attention to a black artificial daisy in his buttonhole.

"Do you know what that means?" he asked.

She replied that she did not.

"Well, it means death," he said.

The girl became frightened. She interpreted it as a warning not to tell what she knew of the couple she had served prior to the kidnaping.

She became so worried that she hurried home at once. Later, police learned of the incident.

## WOMAN HELPED

### Tacoman Believes He Saw Kidnapers At Work

Belief that a woman assisted in signaling the kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser at the time the boy passed Annie Wright seminary just before the snatch, was expressed by a railroad man who reported what he noticed that noon.

"After reading about George walking along the path by the tennis court just before he was picked up, I became more convinced than ever that the man and woman I saw standing on the sidewalk near the north end of this path were connected with the case," he said.

"I was driving up Tacoma avenue from Old Tacoma a few minutes past 12 Friday. Passing the seminary I saw this couple near a lamp post right where the avenue curves around the tennis club property. At that point the dirt road leads off to the left and in the laurel hedge on the right of this road through which the path leads.

"The thing that attracted my attention was the intensity with which they were gazing down toward the cars parked in front of the seminary, just as if they were trying to spot somebody. I thought it strange they would be standing there. They could not be waiting for the Old Town street car, as that point was not a car stop.

"After passing them I glanced around and noticed they had not moved. The man wore dark clothes and had a slouch hat that was turned down in front. The woman wore a long, dark coat. I said they were about middle

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# BREMER KIDNAP GANG TO CELLS

International News Service Wire  
ST. PAUL, Minn., June 5.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, today was en route to Leavenworth penitentiary to start serving five years for his part in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Four others were given sentences of from 20 years to life.

Volney Davis, one of the leaders of the Karpis band of outlaws, was sentenced to life. James J. Wilson, former Northwestern University student, five years, and Harold Alderton of Bensenville, Ill., and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, 20 years each.

McLaughlin was accused of cashing in \$57,000 of the ransom money. He was given a light sentence, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce explained, because he is suffering from diabetes.

Bremer was kept for 21 days in Alderton's home in Bensenville, and Farmer aided in making arrangements for the use of the home.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg were sentenced to life last month for the part they played in the Bremer "snatching."

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Leonard Lyons Broadway Gazette

Nothing EXTRA Today

Vol. 1, No. 10.

Thursday, June 6, 1935

All-Class Matter

KIKI ROBERTS NOT DIAMOND IN ROUGH: HER AIMEE IN LIFE NOW VERY SEMPL

THE long-missing Kiki Roberts can be found in a small cafe at Shamokin, Pa., where she's dancing for \$20 a week. "Legs" Diamond's sweetheart insists that she has turned to religion. This fall she'll tour the country as an evangelist, and after Aimee Semple McPhersoning it, Kiki vows that she'll enter a nunnery.

FEATURE STORY

For many weeks the Hotel McAlpin has been seeking a press-stunt to publicize the official opening of its Roof-Garden tonight. Enoch Light, whose orchestra will play there, suggested that Alyce Jane McHenry, the spry-down stomach girl, be invited to attend.

Everything worked out beautifully. The girl was tickled to make a visit to New York. She came with her father, mother and sister—and they're having a swell time as guests of Light and the McAlpin.

But Alyce Jane won't attend the opening—and the newspapers won't devote any nice, juicy space... They all had forgotten that Alyce Jane still hasn't recuperated from that much-publicized illness that made her a publicity lure. She must retire early—long before the opening hour. But she'll be glad to watch the orchestra rehearse. Very glad...

NEWS

Mary Pickford is set for a return to Broadway in "Coquette," since her try-out performance in Seattle was so well received... The Alcohol Commissions of the various States probably will unite in permitting radio advertising of whisky products after 9:30 P. M. The theory is that all good kids, who may otherwise be tempted to evil ways, will be in bed by that time... The gang chieftains are worried over a new armor-piercing bullet just invented. Army authorities developed it for use against tanks. The mobster just discovered that the bullet can easily penetrate their bullet-proof glass and cars.

COMIC STRIP



FASHIONS

At Thirty-sixth Street and Broadway a chain hat store has a display of photographs of Broadway figures wearing the company's hats. Each picture bears a testimonial.

"I'm wearing my new spring hat this year," one inscription reads. The 1935 inscriber is Wesley Eddy—who committed suicide last year!

DRAMA REVIEW

The band is hidden 'neath the stage. The show on top. Oh, curse a "Sketch Book" which'd be much improved. If that were vice versa!

MOVIES

W. C. Fields is chuckling over it now... In January, 1933, Fields was considering himself through. He had neither money nor job, and, although he was positive that he could make good in talkies, no studio would hire him. In desperation he approached one company and offered to write a two-reeler, direct it—and act in it... for nothing. All he wanted was to get in, and show 'em. But the company

turned him down. Their officials snickered.

Two months ago that same company offered him a huge salary for ten days' work. Getting him into that picture meant everything to the production. Fields's reply—was a snicker...

PERSONALS

U. S. SUPREME COURT: Sets to go...

S. S. NORMANDE: Marya, Toots!... PEGGY JOYCE: How about tonight? I'll be on the corner as usual. I won't wear a rose so that you'll know me. Instead, I'll wear my heart on my sleeve.—HEART-BROKEN.

ALVIN KARPIS: Japsen wants to see...

THEATRE

Jim Barton came out of seclusion last week and returned to Broadway to see a show for a change. The play he saw—was "Tobacco Road"...

NOVELETTE

Jack Dalton, our hero, wanted to become a Broadway star. To achieve that forgivable aim, he retained a press-agent to place his name on the front page. "Sure I'll get your name on the front page," the press-agent assured.

The first stunt was to have Dalton sued by a chorine for breach of promise. She was given a verdict of \$5,000, which Dalton paid—but it was only a Page 6 story. The press-agent tried fourteen more stunts, but the best result was a paragraph on Page 2.

After six months of this—Dalton's name finally appeared on a front page—of the New York Law Journal—in the column headed: "Bankruptcy Petitions!"

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# U. S. SEIZES DAVIS, BREMER KIDNAPER

## Pleads Guilty in Chicago, Eliminated in Tacoma Boy's Ransom.

BY REX COLLIER.

Volney Davis, companion of Alvin Karpis and the notorious Barker brother, Arthur and Fred, in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today pleaded guilty to that crime shortly after disclosure by J. Edgar Hoover that his men captured him secretly in Chicago Saturday.

Davis thus was eliminated by the bureau as a suspect in the Weyerhaeuser case at Tacoma. He was in custody of bureau agents at the time witnesses reported seeing him in Seattle.

Hoover said Davis was taken "after a slight unpleasantness," referring apparently to reports that Federal agents were forced to use their guns in subduing him. Davis was flown to St. Paul and promptly entered a guilty plea when arraigned this morning. Sentence will be deferred until later in the week, but it was expected he will receive the same sentence as that of Arthur "Doc" Barker and other ringleaders in the Bremer crime—life imprisonment.

### Second Time in Custody.

It was the second time the Federal investigators of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer have taken Davis into custody. The first time, last February, he escaped from two agents after their plane had been forced down on a farm near Yorkville, Ill.

Davis had been "identified" by Seattle residents as one of several "suspicious" persons who rented rooms there, but left hurriedly after release of the Weyerhaeuser boy early Saturday. It was impossible for Davis to have reached Chicago in time to be arrested there by the Federal men.

Hoover declined to reveal circumstances surrounding the capture. His men have been conducting a wide hunt for Davis since his indictment in the Bremer case, a search which was intensified after his escape following his first arrest in Kansas City, Mo.

At that time the agents were flying him to Chicago. Weather conditions compelled the pilot of the chartered plane to land in a field. A farmer drove the officers and their prisoner to nearby Yorkville, where one of the agents left to telephone his predicament to Chicago. Davis, temporarily unshackled to avoid attracting attention of townspeople, dived through a hotel window and fled into the night, under a shower of bullets.

### Helped Abduct Bremer.

Davis was accused by the bureau of having been with Karpis, so-called "public enemy No. 1," and the Barker brothers when they abducted Bremer on January 17, 1934, after he had

driven his daughter to school. Bremer was held in a hideout at Bensenville, Ill., until \$200,000 ransom was tossed into a ditch in response to signal lights flashed by the kidnapers. He was released February 7 near Rochester, Minn.

Fred Barker and his mother, "Ma" Barker, were slain in a gun battle with Hoover's agents near Miami, Fla., several months ago. Arthur Barker was captured later in Chicago and is serving his life sentence at Alcatraz Island Penitentiary. Karpis, also mentioned in unofficial speculation as a possible suspect in the Tacoma abduction, fled from the Miami hideout of the Barkers shortly before it was raided and later was surprised, with a companion, Harry Campbell, in an Atlantic City hotel by local police. Karpis and Campbell shot their way to freedom at that time.

### Davis Has Long Record.

Karpis is the last important fugitive of the gang which did the actual kidnaping of Bremer. Several alleged "aiders and abettors" are being sought.

Davis has a long criminal record, his crimes ranging from larceny to murder and kidnaping. He escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester in 1923, after serving two years of a life sentence for murder, but was recaptured several weeks later and returned. Arthur Barker, sentenced for the same murder, was paroled in 1932, and Davis was granted "leave of absence" two months later. He failed to return after expiration of the leave and has been listed as a fugitive since then.

### PLEADS GUILTY QUIETLY.

Sentence Deferred, but May Be Passed Friday or Saturday.

ST. PAUL, June 3 (AP).—Volney Davis, 33, considered by police one of the most dangerous members of the Barker-Karpis gang, pleaded guilty here today to a part in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Davis formally admitted his guilt a few hours after he had been brought to the Twin Cities by plane under a heavy guard of special agents of the Department of Justice. His capture—he was seized Saturday in Chicago—had been announced only a few minutes before.

Davis was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in the same Federal court room where one of Davis' chiefs, Arthur (Doc) Barker, was convicted a few weeks ago of engineering the Bremer kidnaping. Barker received a life sentence.

When the judge read the Bremer case indictment, which charged Davis with writing the ransom notes while the banker was a prisoner, Davis said quietly:

"Guilty."

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## Plane With Karpis Aid Grounded at Madison

*By Associated Press.*

**MADISON, Wis., June 3**—A red and blue tri-motored airplane carrying Volney Davis, member of the Karpis gang, and federal officers from Chicago to St. Paul was grounded by a heavy rain storm here for several hours during the night.

The plane, identified as the property of the Bluebird Air Service of Chicago, arrived at the Royal airport at 8:30 p. m. last night, took on gasoline and departed, only to return within 10 minutes. After another takeoff, it again returned and remained until 3:15 a. m.

Airport attendants saw seven men in the plane, four of whom were armed. The plane was taxied to a dark corner of the field and one of the occupants remarked they did not want to see newspaper men.

An airport attendant who became suspicious of the plane, asked the man who appeared to be the leader, where the ship was bound for.

"You just keep your mouth shut," was the curt reply.

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### Volney Davis Goes to Jail, to Return No More



Associated Press WIREPHOTO. Handcuffed to a U. S. marshal, Volney Davis (right), the gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case, is taken to jail. He received a term of life imprisonment.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Casper (Wyoming) Tribune

June 4, 1935

Pleads Guilty



Volney Davis, above, member of the old Karpis-Barker gang, pleaded guilty yesterday in St. Paul to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Davis, who was captured in Chicago, was for a time a suspect in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma, Wash., boy, but federal authorities have expressed belief he could not have been implicated. (Associated Press Photo).

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## WOMAN GAVE OFFICERS TIP

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# ER DAVIS SPEEDILY TELLS BREMER GUILT

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at St. Paul, Minn.**

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Judge Joyce announced he will sentence Davis at 4 p. m. on Friday. On that day four others, convicted in the same case also will be sentenced. Arthur [Doc] Barker and Oliver Berg were recently sentenced to life imprisonment for their part in the kidnaping. Others, including Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang, and his pal, Harry Campbell, are being sought in connection with the recent kidnaping of 9 year old George Weyerhaeuser.

### Has Long Criminal Record.

Federal agents do not believe Davis, who is 33 years old, took part in this latter case, though he has a criminal career dating back to 1919, when he was sentenced to three years in prison for larceny. Four years later he was sentenced to life imprisonment for a murder in Tulsa, Okla. He escaped in 1925; was recaptured a month later. He was paroled in 1932.

Arrested last February in connection with the abduction of Bremer on Jan. 17, 1934, Davis was being flown with federal agents to Chicago and their plane was forced down near Yorkville, Ill. While one of his guards was absent, Davis, standing at a tavern bar with the other, dashed a stein of beer in the federal agent's face, leaped out of a window, and escaped amid a hail of bullets.

### Taken in Chicago Saturday.

Trilled to Chicago, Davis was seized at Thomas street and Waller avenue there last Saturday. Despite carefully laid plans, it was reported there was gunplay during that arrest. Federal agents admitted merely that "there was some unpleasantness."

Davis was one of the "money changers" in the Bremer kidnaping case, as was John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicagoan. McLaughlin is one of the five others awaiting sentence.

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CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE

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# Can't Beat 'G' Men! Davis Admits Guilt

"You can't beat the 'G' men." It was Volney Davis talking, the tough, little, fast-thinking, quick-triggered killer trapped by Department of Justice squads in Chicago Saturday, rushed to St. Paul by airplane yesterday, who had just pleaded guilty in federal court there to the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy.

"I pleaded guilty because I knew I couldn't beat those 'G' men. I'd been thinking of doing it for some time. After reading of the trial of 'Doc' Barker and others for the Bremer job, I decided that the government knew more about it than I did."

**A "WRECK" AT 35.**  
His bushy hair turning gray at 35, worn haggard with the strain of fleeing the federal men since he escaped two of them at Yorkville in February, Davis answered "guilty" to Federal Judge M. M. Joyce yesterday and was remanded for sentence later in the week. He had arrived shackled at the Minneapolis airport a few hours before. His arrest ended reports that he was involved in the \$300,000 kid-

naping of 9-year-old George Weishauser at Tacoma.

Still sought in the Bremer kidnaping are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and half a dozen others.

The agents believe they are close to the trail of the elusive Karpis, now Public Enemy No. 1, as a result of Davis' arrest. Surrendering completely, he talked freely of himself and Karpis and their underworld connections.

**TRAPPED BY GIRL.**  
Davis was trapped by the skill with which agents played on his weakness for women. He was involved in a shooting over a girl in South Chicago a few weeks ago, which brought to federal men the aid of a jealous sweetheart. Her tip set the trap in front of 1046 Waller av. in Austin Saturday, when thirty federal men surrounded his car.

Karpis has been in Chicago three times since he and Harry Campbell shot their way out of an Atlantic City police trap in January.

Davis was convicted of murder in Oklahoma in 1922.

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June 4, 1935

**Can't Beat G-Guys,  
Says Karpis Tough**

ST. PAUL, June 3.—(AP)—Glad, he said, to "get it off his chest," Volney Davis, known as a tough member of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 today.

"It's no use trying to beat these G-guys," said Davis. He will be sentenced Friday, with life imprisonment the possible penalty.

"They had it on me," Davis added. "The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did."

Details brought out by the government in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Davis said, had a lot to do with his decision to plead guilty.

"I could see they had the straight stuff—almost exactly as it was pulled. I'm glad it's over with. I'll take the book (life imprisonment) and be done with the thing."

Some police officials expressed belief that fear of questioning in the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping in Tacoma, Wash., might have influenced Davis' decision to end the government's case against him so quickly here.

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JOHNSON CITY PRESS AND STAFF NEWS,  
 Johnson City, Tennessee,  
 June 4, 1935.

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

## Girl Friend's Tip Opens Way To Life Term In Pen

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### Warning to Criminals

There is a criminal named Volney Davis, not much of a credit to his namesake the great Volney, who wrote "Ruins of Empires." Davis is accused of connection with the Bremer kidnaping, was arrested in Chicago on Sunday, was taken through the air to St. Paul, and promptly confessed his guilt. He told reporters "I pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge, because I knew I couldn't beat the 'G-men.'"

Later he said he had been reading accounts of the trial of some of the Barker-Karpis gang, and added "I decided that the Government knew just as much about the Bremer kidnaping as I did."

Whether pleading guilty will do Volney Davis any good, in mitigation of sentence is not known. But he showed intelligence when he said, "I knew I couldn't beat the 'G-Men.'"

Now that Government interests itself in kidnaping, and some other racketeer crimes, criminals may as well realize that their choice is between the "hot seat" of the electric chair, and life imprisonment, unless they stay out of the "kidnaping-racket."

In Kentucky they execute you if you are caught committing any sort of crime with the aid of a deadly weapon, even though you may not use the weapon or hurt anybody.

That seems to Kentucky a good idea. If it were tried in New York, it would be necessary for that great State to put in an order for about fifty more electric chairs. You may call such a law harsh, but what about capital punishment for horse-stealing? That was once considered just.

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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
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Mr. Gurnea	✓
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Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
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The Hon.  
Arthur Brisbane

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## Prisoner Reported Member of Noted Karpis Gang

To augment the mighty search that is being waged across the nation, Joseph E. P. Dunn, directing head of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice at Los Angeles, arrived here early today by plane from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Dunn, who has been busy in Washington on a special assignment, was dispatched here to cooperate with E. J. Connelly, of the Chicago Department of Justice Bureau, by John Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G" men, who is directing all activities from his desk in the country's Capital.

Immediately afterward, however, the Department of Justice, augmented by scores of peace officers, began a thorough search of the brush-filled region near Issaquah, near which place—a small coal mining town—the child was released around 4 a. m. yesterday by his abductors.

They were believed to have received a secret tip which may lead them to one of the hideouts in which the child was chained and hidden for a portion of the time he was away.

From the child's own story authorities learned this vital piece of information:

Sometime during Friday night the kidnapers came to the little boy and began releasing the shackles that bound him.

"We're set—we've got the dough"—or words to that effect, the little boy overheard one of the kidnapers say.

A few minutes later the child, bundled in a blanket, was dumped into the trunk on the rear of the car.

He was driven "for a long, long time." Just before the child had been placed in the trunk he overheard one of the men say quite distinctly, no doubt so the child would hear and remember:

"We've gotta get away from Aberdeen."

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*Edgar Hoover*

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# Today

**Biggest, Fastest,—Welcome  
Gangster Ingenuity  
Senator Borah's Speech  
Own Land, Best Property  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE**

In the line of viciousness, modern gangsters show ingenuity. Police give these details of the death of Danny Walsh, head of a bootleg-rum syndicate who was kidnaped, ransomed for \$40,000, later murdered. Enemies took him to sea in a boat, made him sit with his feet in a tub of wet cement, and watch while it hardened. He was then thrown overboard with the tub of cement hard around his feet. Several times while he watched the cement harden, it must have occurred to Danny Walsh that a criminal career is not profitable.

Sometimes gangsters show signs of intelligence. Volney Davis, arrested in Chicago in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, was "flown" to St. Paul, and, arriving there, confessed complicity in the kidnaping, saying to the judge:  
"I know I could not get away from the 'G-men'."

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# VOLNEY DAVIS PLEADS GUILTY

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Federal Judge Joyce deferred sentence. Davis explained with a sickly grin:

"I pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge because I knew I couldn't beat the G-men. I've been thinking of doing this for some time after reading accounts of the trial of several of the so-called Karpis-Barker gang members. I decided the Government knew just as much about the Bremer kidnaping as I did."

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# Davis Awaits Fate for Bremer Crime

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis' lieutenant who pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping because "You can't beat those 'G'-men," awaited his fate today.

The tough, little outlaw, worn with the strain of fleeing from Federal men who finally trapped him in Chicago Saturday, will be sentenced for the Bremer crime later in the week.

Five others also will be sentenced: John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, James J. Wilson, Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer. Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg already have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

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**"Big Shot" Gangsters  
Practically Erased;  
Only Karpis Is Left**

CHICAGO, June 5.—(AP)—With virtually every powerful gang of yesterday smashed by violent death and speedy conviction, the public enemy list Wednesday was reduced to a few small fry in remote hideouts.

The arrest of Joe Fox, 32, one of the original Dillinger mob, Tuesday, wrote finis to that gang.

Only last week, federal agents in Chicago took Volney Davis, Karpis-Barker gangster wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, to reduce that once feared snatch mob to a mere handful. Alvin Karpis remained the only big shot of the mob still sought. The other seven named in the indictment were comparatively unheard of minor members.

Significant also has been the manner in which the few remaining hoodlums have been taken: Despite their frequent boasts they would never be taken alive, many of them have been captured without a struggle.

Fox and Davis both were armed when taken but neither attempted to shoot it out.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
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### Trapped Karpis Aide Admits Guilt in Bremer Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(AP)—Volney Davis, 33, considered by police one of the most dangerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang, pleaded guilty here today to a part in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

On motion of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, sentencing of Davis was deferred, without a definite date being set for it. It was indicated that sentence might be passed Friday or Saturday.

Davis formally admitted his guilt a few hours after he had been brought here by plane, under a heavy guard of special agents of the U. S. department of justice.

His capture—he was seized Saturday in Chicago—had been an-

nounced only a few minutes before Davis came into court.

Davis was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in the same courtroom where Arthur (Doc) Barker was convicted of engineering the Bremer kidnaping.

Davis admitted writing the ransom notes while the banker was a prisoner. His capture in Chicago, where he walked into a carefully laid trap, leaves only one important member of the gang at large—Alvin "Bo" Karpis, unofficial Public Enemy No. 1.

Arraignment of Davis was taken as indicating federal agents did not believe he had any part in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, who was released after Davis' capture.

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## 'G' Men Flying— Captive West

CHICAGO, June 2—(Universal)—Captured after being fired upon by government men, a man believed to be Volney Davis, important figure in the Alvin Karpis kidnaping gang, tonight was loaded into an airplane at the municipal airport and speeded away to the West.

Authorities considered the reported capture of Davis to be the first important development in the nationwide hunt for the kidnapers of nine year old George Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom, which was paid in Tacoma, Wash.

### SEEN IN TACOMA.

Residents of Tacoma had reported seeing Davis on the streets there before and during the time the Weyerhaeuser boy was held. He was identified positively as the man who attempted to rent an apartment in Tacoma on May 25.

Davis was fired on and seized at 3 p. m. Saturday in Austin, by eight government men armed with machine guns and shotguns, it was heard in authoritative sources. However, the department of justice had kept the arrest secret until today.

### MANACLED AND GUARDED.

The man believed to be Davis was in handcuffs and guarded by four heavily armed government agents upon arriving at the airport tonight at 7:45 (C. S. T.) The agents went to the Bluebird air line hangar, chartered a plane and entered it with their prisoner.

There was speculation over whether he was being taken to St. Paul, where he is under indictment for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping of a year ago, or to Tacoma.

It was considered probable that if Davis were taken to Tacoma he might be recognized by the kidnap victim.

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# KARPIS' AID PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER 'SNATCHING' CASE

By International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, June 3 — A small tan sedan, carrying no license plates, and answering the description of a machine reported to be carrying two heavily armed men southward was found abandoned early today in Hollywood.

The car showed evidence of hard travel and all identification marks had been removed. Officers called for fingerprint experts to examine the doors and steering wheel.

Although the car was not the type of automobile in which the Weyerhaeuser kidnapers fled Tacoma, officers started an immediate search for the men.

## Delay Sentence Officers Stop To End of Week Every Auto

By International News Service.

ST. PAUL, June 3—Volney Davis, member of the Barker-Karpis gang, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president.

Davis was taken before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce when he told federal agents he intended to plead guilty to the charge. It had been planned to take the prisoner before the United States commissioner following several hours of questioning at the office of H. E. Andersen, in charge of the St.

By HAROLD HEROUX,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.

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TACOMA, Wash., June 3—A new blockade on all roads between Tacoma and Portland, Ore., was established today as law enforcement authorities worked vigorously on a "tip" that members of the gang that kidnaped George Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom were attempting a flight south.

Extra officers patrolled the highways and every machine was stopped for full identification of drivers and passengers.

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#### SENTENCE DELAYED

Sentence of the gangster was deferred until next Friday or Saturday, Judge Joyce announced.

Davis is the eighth member of the gang to face a long prison term in connection with the Bremer snatching, which occurred in January, 1934. The dapper machine-gunning ex-convict is believed to have participated in the actual kidnaping of the banker.

Davis was taken into custody in Chicago last Friday. Belying earlier reports, the gangster was reported to have surrendered to federal agents there.

#### HAIR TURNS GRAY.

Lending credence to this latter development was the fact that Davis' hair which formerly had been coal black, had turned gray during the past three months, supposedly from worry. The tips of his fingers were mutilated, apparently in an effort to avoid identification from finger prints.

Davis is 35 and weighs only 125 pounds. It was while in the Oklahoma penitentiary that he met the leaders and members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He was known to have been in St. Paul immediately after the Bremer kidnaping, sharing an apartment with Edna "Rabbits" Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit."

### Two Men Are Jailed In Mystery Slaying

MADISON, Ill., June 3 — (AP) — With two suspects under arrest, county authorities today were working on the theory that Vincent Dvoracek, 52, was murdered and then hanged from a rafter in a shed in the rear of his home to divert suspicion.

Dvoracek, who lived alone, was found yesterday by two neighbors. He had apparently been dead for two days.

### Madison Girl Dies As Result of Burns

MADISON, Wis., June 3 — (AP) — Burns received when her dress caught fire from a match with which she was playing resulted in death here yesterday for Donna Jean Andrews, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold R. Andrews.

men, equipped with machine guns, rifles and revolvers, were on duty.

#### DAVIS IDENTIFIED

Department of justice agents refused to give any information regarding the arrest of Volney Davis, Karpis mobster, in Chicago, and the secret flight of Chicago G men with their prisoner to St. Paul, Minn.

Davis had been identified by several persons as the man who, with an unidentified woman, inspected an apartment here recently near the Weyerhaeuser home.

Other persons also declared they had seen Davis on a Tacoma-Seattle bus.

The Pacific Northwest, enraged over the successful \$200,000 kidnaping, has accepted the invasion of the "Egoist" gang, as a challenge of war—a war against crime.

#### "PERFECT CRIME"

Department of justice agents believed the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping was the work of a cunning, professional criminal gang which combined the "best links" of the Bremer, Urschel, Róbler and other kidnapings to produce a "perfect crime."

G men were convinced they can smash the case that has been a "perfect crime" since last Friday dawn when the ransom was paid for the release of the nine year old curly haired scion of Mr. and Mrs. (Please turn to Page 2, Column 2)

### Sweepstake Winners In U. S. Get \$440,900

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, June 3 — (AP) — Americans won £88,230 (about \$440,900) today in the second day's draw of the Irish Free State Hospital Sweepstakes, getting 457 of the 1,100 consolation prizes and seven of the 10 residual prizes. The residual prizes are worth a total of £42,630 (about \$212,750).

### City Agent to Attend Washington Parley

Joseph W. Nicholson, city purchasing agent, will go to Washington Thursday for a meeting of the consumers' advisory board, which will plan for continuation of NRA specifications and requirements for manufacturers to meet.

# Public Enemy List Cut to Small Fry

## SEIZE LAST DILLINGER GANGSTER

Federal Drive Reduced  
Famed Mobs to Mere  
Handful.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 5 — With virtually every powerful gang of yesteryear smashed by a made to order depression of violent death and speedy conviction, the public enemy list today was reduced to a few small fry in remote hideouts.

The arrest yesterday of Joe Fox, 32, one of the original Dillinger mob, wrote finis to that gang. Only last week, federal agents in Chicago took Volney Davis, Karpis-Barker gangster wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, to reduce that once feared mob to a mere handful. Alvin Karpis remained the only big shot of the gang still sought. The other seven named in the indictment were minor figures.

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### MAKE NO STRUGGLE.

Significant also has been the manner in which the few remaining hoodlums have been taken. Despite their frequent boasts they would never be taken alive, many of them have been captured without a struggle.

Fox and Davis both were armed when taken, but neither attempted to shoot it out. Davis previously arrested several months ago, escaped from federal men at Yorkville, Ill., by slugging his guard over the head with a beer mug. Brought to St. Paul for arraignment Monday he pleaded guilty, saying:

"The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did. It's no use trying to beat these G-men."

### ONLY JOHN HAMILTON.

Of the Dillinger mob, only John Hamilton was still at large. Dillinger died in a trap set by Chicago federal men on Chicago's North Side. Harry Pierpont was electrocuted, Charles Mackley shot and killed in an escape attempt, Russell Clark is now serving life imprisonment, Joe Jenkins was slain by a posse, and the other members have been arrested and returned to prison.

Baby Face Nelson, a Dillinger lieutenant, who sought to reorganize remnants of the mob, also was taken at the hands of the authorities in suburban Barrington.

## TULSA SLAYING MAY LINK TRIO OF KIDNAPINGS

**Volney Davis, Karpis  
Weyerhaeuser  
Suspects.**

TULSA, Okla., June 2 (AP)—The slaying of an obscure criminal lawyer here in 1932 may furnish a link connecting the Charles F. Urschel, William G. Bremer and George Weyerhaeuser kidnapings.

Already found strangely similar in several respects, the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping drew nearer the nation's previous \$200,000 extortion cases through tentative identification of Volney Davis near the scene of the crime in Tacoma, Wash.

J. Earle Smith, the attorney, paid one visit to Harvey Bailey at Fort Scott, Kas., in August, 1932, and refused to return to defend him in a bank robbery trial.

The next night Smith's bullet riddled body was found near the Indian Hills Country club here.

Harry Campbell and Volney Davis were among those sought.

It was the belief of officers Smith was slain at the behest of Bailey.

Bailey was convicted of the robbery, escaped from Lansing, Kas., prison and was captured later at the Paradise, Tex., farm where Urschel was held captive. Bailey now is in Alcatraz prison, serving a life sentence.

Campbell and Davis were known to officers as associates of Alvin Karpis, current "Public Enemy No. 1," and the Barker brothers, Fred and Arthur.

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# DAVIS IS GIVEN LIFE IN BREMER KIDNAPING

St. Paul, Minn., June 7 (AP).—Volney Davis, who pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, after his capture in Chicago, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Leavenworth Penitentiary in Federal Court here late today.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, 68, former Chicago politician, was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth Prison as a conspirator by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

McLaughlin was accused of engineering the "peddling" of \$57,000 of ransom money.

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept prisoner for twenty-one days, was sentenced to twenty-one years in Leavenworth.

McLaughlin and Alderton, to-

gether with Arthur (Doc) Barker, James J. Wilson and Oliver Berg were convicted by a jury. Barker and Berg previously were given life terms.

Elmer Farmer, tavern keeper of Bensenville who assisted in making arrangements with the kidnapers for Alderton's home, and who pleaded guilty during the trial, was sentenced to 20 years in Leavenworth.

(Picture on page 1)

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# KARPIS AIDE, WOMAN LINKED TO KIDNAPING CASE

## RENTED TACOMA APARTMENT SUNDAY

One of the country's foremost writers, Courtney Ryley Cooper, who has made a special study of the crime situation and who is thoroughly conversant with the workings of the underworld, today writes the second of a series of articles about the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case for International News Service.

By COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER  
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TACOMA, Wash., May 30 (I.N.S.)—There have been three positive identifications which definitely name the mob of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, as the kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, of Tacoma.

These identifications place Volney Davis, who recently escaped from special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation while being taken to St. Paul for trial in the Bremer kidnaping case, as having been seen in this city shortly after the abduction of the Tacoma boy.

In addition there have been a dozen other developments to establish what appears to be a definite connection between the St. Paul kidnaping of Bremer and the one which has again caused a fear of the body-snatcher to stalk America.

### Two Cases Linked

It also has been ascertained that the person who wrote the ransom note which demanded

\$200,000 of George Weyerhaeuser's parents, either was a party to the writing of the ransom in the St. Paul case or so familiar with the phrasing and the general modus operandi that he could repeat the most important part, word for word.

The evidence revealed today to members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the strongest yet presented, tending to show that the abduction of the Tacoma child was a professional job and that it was done by the gang of the most desperate man in America.

Even his closest pals call America's Public Enemy No. One "Old Creepy" but they do that behind his back. Alvin Karpis has been described by the United States Department of Justice as the "most dangerous, the most resourceful and shrewdest criminal in the history of gangdom."

However, if he kidnaped George Weyerhaeuser he made one mistake which labelled him even as strongly as the three positive identifications have labelled his confederate, Volney Davis, as having spent more than an hour last Sunday in an apartment house in a better residential district of Tacoma. His picture has been picked from a number of others. Three persons have said:

"That is the man. He was in this building. He rented an apartment here, stayed an hour, then disappeared."

### WOMAN WITH HIM

With the man described as Volney Davis was a woman who, during this mysterious hour spent in the apartment, calmly manicured her nails, and read from three newspapers, dating from the day of the kidnaping through Sunday morning. These were left behind when the pair vanished, as was a magazine which has been sent to Washington in the hope the experts of the crime laboratory may develop from it the fingerprints of the muchly wanted fugitives.

The identifications were made by Clarence G. Reed, superintendent of the apartment build-

ing at 818 South Eleventh St., by his wife and by the housekeeper, Mrs. Harry Gunnell.

According to their story, the man described as Davis came to the building in the morning and stated that he desired to rent an apartment. He was shown several in the building, none of which appeared to suit him until the superintendent showed him one in the rear of the first floor.

This apparently was what the man sought. He announced he would return with his wife, who would make the final decision. There would be "some other people running in and out," he said.

### Surprising Actions

The return was made with a dark-haired woman of medium build, her dress covered by a light three-quarter length coat. She agreed to the rental and asked the usual feminine questions about the new apartment. Meanwhile the man did some surprising things.

First of all, he moved two large chairs which stood before two of the windows. Then he raised a window and leaned out, surreptitiously measuring the distance to the ground. It was done quickly, almost casually. Few persons would have noticed it. Only the fact a dweller sought by creditors once had left the building by jumping out a first floor window brought the attention of the superintendent to the action.

Following this, the man opened the door of an "indoor bed" and stepping quickly to it, slanted a visual line from it to the apartment entrance. It satisfied him.

A survey of the apartment shows that anyone reclining on the left side of the bed would have full view of the door, and that were this person to be a desperate criminal he could easily command that ingress from a bed with a machine gun.

It will be remembered that following the killing of Fred Barker and Ma Barker, members of what

was then known as the Barker-Karpis gang, Alvin Karpis (Old Creepy) and a pal, Harry Campbell, were surprised by police in an Atlantic City hotel room. Campbell at that time was in bed, dressed only in underwear. Only through a desperate machine gun rush did the men gain their liberty. Evidently "Old Creepy" has ordered that avenues of escape hereafter be guarded.

All this was happening while the superintendent explained to the woman, as yet unidentified, the usual details of light, heat and water, and while the housekeeper delivered linens and dishes. The superintendent reported to his wife:

"That's a funny acting couple." But an apartment house superintendent becomes accustomed to "funny acting people." Besides, the couple now were residents and there would be plenty of time to study them later. The man had said that as soon as the apartment was straightened up a bit he and his wife would go for their baggage and upon their return pay a month's rent.

They left the apartment and have not come back. Were this the extent of the bits of evidence which today pointed strongly to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and an unknown woman as the mainsprings of the most spectacular kidnaping since the Lindbergh case, it would be worth nothing.

The natural assumption would be the man and woman were merely engaged in a liaison at the expense of an innocent apartment house superintendent. The three apartment house attendants insist there were no evidences to support this theory, and in addition point insistently to the middle figure of a group photograph of Karpis, Davis and Campbell, saying:

"That is the man, the one in the center. I am positive of that."

Their physical description of the man also agreed with that of

This is only the beginning of an amazing mass of circumstantial evidence pointing to "Old Creepy" and his gang. First of all, there is the crime itself. Why, for instance, should America's Public Enemy No. 1 come, for no reason whatever, into a town far from his usual run of acquaintanceship and kidnap the child of a man of whom he never had heard?

Kidnapings are carefully planned affairs. There must be a finger man; there must be preparations; there must be hide-outs and confederates and accomplices.

It would seem impossible to the average person that such conditions could exist in Tacoma for a man like Alvin Karpis and his crowd, Middle Westerners by birth, with former headquarters in Kansas City and St. Paul.

### Definite Tieup

The truth is there is a definite tieup between Tacoma and St. Paul and between the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in the Minnesota city and the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, and even a faint one leading to the only other \$200,000 kidnaping in the recent history of snatchers and that of Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City.

These are so clearly defined as to be almost irrefutable and they are so numerous they must be tabulated in the briefest possible form.

The finger man who caused the snatch of Edward Bremer in St. Paul had known him upon a business basis for more than eight years. During that time it was almost impossible for him not to know much about the Weyerhaeuser family.

The home of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, grand uncle of the kidnaped boy, is in Minnesota. The Weyerhaeuser fortune is rooted in lumber companies and their subsidiaries which operate from St. Paul and Tacoma. Likewise, the interests of Edward Bremer extend westward.

The city of Bremerton, Wash., where two of the kidnapers are believed to have purchased emergency clothing for the kidnaped child, was named after a close relative of the St. Paul Edward Bremer. Both the Weyerhaeusers and Bremer fortunes started in lumber.

George (Machine Gun) Kelly hid out in Tacoma for some time before he took part in the kidnaping of Charles Urschel Kelly, Alvin Karpis and Harvey Bailey, now doing life on Alcatraz Island for the Urschel snatch, were associates, within the last few years.

There have been several major confidence jobs in Tacoma, allegedly committed by men belonging to a ring of counterfeiters working out of Reno, Nev., for several years, which has been a landing spot for "Old Creepy" and his gang; the entire mob hurried there after the Bremer kidnaping and for months hid out in the Nevada city.

Also, comparatively close by, the Karpis crowd has on several occasions used a hide-out in Montana. A member of the mob once ran a dance hall there and still has an interest in it.

Edward Bremer was kidnaped in the morning, shortly after he had taken his 8-year-old daughter to school. George Weyerhaeuser was kidnaped at noon on his way home from school.

The St. Paul Weyerhaeusers are said by citizens of Tacoma to be even more prominently identified with the vast lumber interests than the Pacific Coast family. It is asserted that much of the ransom money raised by the family to pay the demanded \$200,000 came from St. Paul.

Continuing, there have been repeated statements that the Weyerhaeuser child was seen in a car with three men and a woman. Three men and a woman stand out prominently in the Alvin Karpis gang—Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, "Old Creepy" himself, and the unidentified woman.

The renting of the apartment

was a typical Karpis job. It was done in the same way as the Bremer kidnaping. The Karpis crowd is a team of remaining a job is pulled. If the job is done, the gang

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ST. PAUL--VOLNEY DAVIS PLEADED GUILTY WHEN ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUDGE N. JOYCE IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATING IN THE \$200,000 KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER.

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INVEST. DIV.

MINNEAPOLIS--VOLNEY DAVIS, SUSPECT IN THE EDWARD G. BREMER AND GEORGE MEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPINGS, WAS BROUGHT HERE AT 9:00 A.M. FROM CHICAGO WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED BY FEDERAL AGENTS, IT WAS REPORTED AUTHORITATIVELY TODAY.

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# Gangster Files Plea of Guilty In Bremer Case

**Davis, Facing Life Term in Kidnaping, Is 'Glad to Get It Off His Chest.'**

*By the Associated Press.*  
St. Paul, Minn., June 3.—Glad, he said, to "get it off his chest," Volney Davis, known to Department of Justice agents as one of the slipperiest and toughest members of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 today.

"It's no use trying to beat these G-guys," said Davis, after pleading before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce. He will be sentenced Friday, with life imprisonment the possible penalty. He was accused of being one of the St. Paul banker's actual kidnapers.

"They had it on me," Davis added. "The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did."

Details brought out by the Government in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Davis said, had a lot to do with his decision to plead guilty. "I could see they had the straight stuff—almost exactly as it was pulled. I'm glad it's over with. I'll take the book (life imprisonment) and be done with the thing."

While life is the maximum sentence that can be imposed on Davis in Minnesota, the State of Washington, where 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser was abducted and freed upon payment of \$200,000 ransom, provides death by hanging upon conviction of kidnap charges.

Some police officials expressed belief that fear of questioning in the Weyerhaeuser abduction might have influenced Davis' decision and the Government's case against him so quickly.

But Federal officials said they were convinced Davis had no connection with the Weyerhaeuser case. They said he was known to have been in the Chicago area, where he was arrested Saturday, the entire week of the West Coast abduction.

Davis pleaded guilty in the same courtroom in which his boyhood schoolmate and later underworld pal, Doc Barker, recently was convicted of the same charge for the Bremer abduction last year. Their associate, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is still sought in the case and has been mentioned as a suspect in the Tacoma kidnap.

Nabbed in Chicago amid "a little unpleasantness," as J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, at Washington, described it, Davis was brought to Minneapolis in a chartered air-

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# Davis Pleads Guilty in Bremer Kidnap Plot

ST. PAUL, June 3.—(AP)—Gripped hard by law he had dodged so long, Volney Davis, 33, one of the Barker-Karpis kidnap gang, pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in connection with the \$200,000 Bremer abduction case today.

Arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, the fugitive gangster listened to the lengthy reading of the indictment in the same courtroom in which his erstwhile pal, Arthur (Doc) Barker, recently was convicted of kidnap Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, last year.

At the conclusion of the reading Davis himself answered "guilty." He was not represented by counsel.

Davis was rushed here by airplane from Chicago early today. Reports at Tacoma, Wash., that Davis had been seen there on Saturday—adding to suspicion that he may have been involved in the \$200,000 ransom of George Weyerhaeuser—were refuted by the arrest, but Hoover declined comment on the Weyerhaeuser case.

### CONFIRMS SHOOTING.

Confirming reports that the arrest of Davis followed a shooting affray, Hoover said:

"We had a slight unpleasantness while taking Volney into custody."

He declined, however, to reveal more details.

Heavily shackled and manacled, Davis landed at the Minneapolis Airport at 5:15 a. m. today, accompanied by seven federal agents. Six others from the local office met the plane and, after being bundled into an automobile, Davis was brought to the federal department in St. Paul.

The first inkling that Davis was in custody came when Chicago Airport employes reported that a group of armed federal men escorted a man who answered the description of Davis to the field and hustled him aboard a privately-chartered plane which took off immediately.

Davis was arrested by federal agents last February, but—

spectacular break at Yorkville, Ill., by striking his guard over the head with a beer stein and jumping through a window.

### SEIZED IN AUSTIN.

He was rearrested Saturday in Chicago near Thomas st. and Waller av., in suburban Austin, in a carefully laid trap. Several shots were reported fired.

Davis began his career of crime when he joined the Karpis-Barker gang of bandits, perpetrators of an almost endless list of robberies, shootings, kidnappings and murders, and he is one of the few members of the gang living.

Thirteen aliases served Davis at one time or another during his brushes with the law. He was born at Tahlequah, Okla., in 1902. He was slight of build, standing 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches tall and weighing only 123 pounds.

Volney Davis, one of the Bremer kidnapers, was captured Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by "G-men" in front of 1046 Waller av. He pleaded guilty today at St. Paul.

Trapped, he tried to escape but a volley of shots in his direction brought his surrender.

### CHILLS KARPIS THEORY.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—(AP)—There was evidence in federal quarters today that a "local Northwest Pacific gang," rather than survivors of the Barker-Karpis mob, is suspected of the \$200,000 Weyerhaeuser abduction at Tacoma, Wash.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, refused to comment, but other federal sources indicated that the arrest of Volney Davis, member of the Barker-Karpis gang, at Chicago Saturday had thrown cold water on theories that this group was involved.

Witnesses had reported seeing Davis at Tacoma, but observers were inclined to class this as a physical impossibility. They pointed out the actual Weyerhaeuser kidnap may purposely have directed suspicion on the Karpis mob by handing the boy victim newspaper accounts which stressed the theory and by "borrowing" first names the boy said they used.

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# U. S. REVEALS RANSOM BILL NUMBERS

Complete List Sent  
to Every Bank  
in Nation.

*Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster, pleaded guilty in the Bremer kidnaping today. Other details of this and the Weyerhaeuser abduction on Page 2.*

WASHINGTON, June 3.—  
(By International News Service.)—Official announcement was made here today by the Department of Justice that the numbers on the federal reserve notes that comprised the Weyerhaeuser ransom money have been circularized to all banks, clearing houses and other places of money exchange.

Virtually all the \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills that made up the \$200,000 ransom were notes in the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank.

The department also made public a copy of the kidnaping note which was sent the Weyerhaeuser family by special delivery on May 23 at Tacoma. It was signed "Gloist."

## COVERS 55 PAGES.

The listing of the numbered ransom bills comprised fifty-five mimeographed pages.

The numbers were listed in sequence, but were not consecutively numbered, such as two following one, or three following two.

There were nine United States notes of \$5 denomination included in the ransom money, which altogether would weigh more than forty pounds.

The reserve notes all carried the first letter symbol "L" and the final symbol "A," save a few that were marked with a final asterisk in place of the A.

## NUMBERS LISTED.

The first of the \$20 bills listed was L0000034A, the next L0000378, with an asterisk after the final digit.

The final \$20 note's number was listed as L16015891A. Thus all of the \$100,000 in \$20 notes fall between the number L0000034A and L16015891A.

The first of the \$10 denominations, of which there are \$50,000 in all, carried the serial number L00001135. With an asterisk after the final digit. The second \$10 note listed carried the number L00087602, with an asterisk. The last number in the \$10 series was L20665471A.

The first of the \$5 reserve notes was numbered L00222535, with an asterisk. The second, L00222450, with an asterisk. The last in this series was L35979275A.

## NINE U. S. NOTES.

The nine U. S. notes of \$5 denomination were numbered:

G C38404177A, H C47728772, A C83256411A, K C85608079A, K C83271A, C C89925071A, E C7536137A, D C75274984A, I C89234319A.

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**VOLNEY DAVIS,  
 KARPIS' OUTLAW  
 PAL, CAPTURED**

**Rushed from City by  
 Agents in Plane.**

*(Picture on back page.)*  
 Volney Davis, ex-convict, lieutenant of Alvin Karpis and indicted with him in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping, is believed to be the mysterious prisoner who was hustled out of Chicago by airplane yesterday under a heavy guard of department of justice agents. The destination of the plane, a specially chartered ship, was kept secret, but it was reported to be bound for St. Paul, where Davis is wanted for trial as one of the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire banker. There were reports, however, that the prisoner was being taken to Kansas City. Five other members of the Karpis gang were convicted of complicity in

the kidnaping by a federal court jury in St. Paul two weeks ago. Karpis, the gang chief, is still at large and is being hunted as a suspect in the \$300,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, boy heir to a lumber fortune at Tacoma, Wash.

**Blow to Tacoma Theory.**  
 Volney Davis was also identified tentatively as one of the Weyerhaeuser kidnapers, but his capture here would tend to eliminate him as a suspect.

Melvin Purvis, local head of the department of justice operatives, made the customary refusal to "either affirm or deny" that Davis, who escaped federal custody in a spectacular break at Yorkville, Ill., last February, has been retaken.

However, newspaper men at the Municipal airport identified the slight, nattily dressed prisoner as the hoodlum Davis.

Indications were that Davis was captured by government men last Friday near the corner of Thomas street and Waller avenue, in a carefully laid trap.

On that day Austin police received a report of a shooting at that corner. When they arrived they found only

a crowd of spectators, who told the story of what had happened.

A man, riding in a coupe bearing Georgia license plates, pulled up at the corner, and alighted from the machine. In a moment, witnesses said, some seven men leaped from places of concealment. Their quarry started to run but a single shot in the air brought him to a halt. He was then driven away by his captors in the automobile which he had been driving.

**Excitement At U. S. Office.**  
 There was a considerable flurry of excitement yesterday on the nineteenth floor of the Bankers' building, where the department of justice offices are located.

Volney Davis gained his first notoriety when he was sentenced to the Oklahoma state prison for murder, where, it is believed, he first met Karpis. Davis escaped from the prison in 1925, but was 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.

Davis was captured early in February in Kansas City, and was being

brought to Chicago by airplane. Near Yorkville the plane was forced down, and Davis and his captors went to the Hotel Nading.

While one of the agents was phoning, Davis persuaded the other to buy him a glass of beer. The prisoner then dashed the beer into his guard's face, leaped from a window and escaped.



**IN U. S. HANDS—Volney Davis, ex-convict, believed to be man seized by agents here Friday.**

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## Volney Davis Pleads Guilty in Bremer Case

Volney Davis, pal of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was captured Saturday by federal agents in Chicago after a shooting affray and rushed by airplane to St. Paul to stand trial in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation, announced at Washington today.

Hoover's announcement cleared up the mystery surrounding the seizure of a man following the firing of several shots in North Waller avenue in the Austin police district. Davis was taken to court, where he pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Sentence was deferred.

Heavily chained and manacled, Davis was accompanied by seven federal agents whose forces were augmented by six Minneapolis officers as the ship arrived. He was

carried from the plane by officers to a waiting automobile and chained to the floorboard of the machine, then was rushed to St. Paul. All the movements of the agents were carefully

fully guarded. Capt. Willard Malone received reports of the capture and the shooting attending it, but not from the federal agents, who arrested Davis after firing a few shots at Thomas street and Waller avenue.

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### Feds Seize Kidnaping Suspect in Chicago; Fly West With Him

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CHICAGO, June 2.—Captured after being fired on by government men, a man believed to be Volney Davis, important figure in the Alvin Karpis kidnap gang, tonight was loaded into an airplane at the municipal airport and speeded away to the west.

Authorities considered the reported capture of Davis to be the first important development in the nationwide hunt for the kidnapers of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom, which was paid near Tacoma, Wash.

Residents of Tacoma had reported seeing Davis on the streets there while the Weyerhaeuser boy was held. He was identified positively as the man who attempted to rent an apartment in Tacoma May 25.

Davis was fired on and seized at 3 p. m. Saturday in Austin, by eight government men armed with machine guns and shotguns, it was heard in authoritative sources.

The man was in handcuffs and guarded by four heavily armed G-men on arriving at the airport. The agents chartered a plane and left.

There was speculation over whether Davis was being taken to St. Paul, where he is under indictment for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping of a year ago or to Tacoma.

It was considered probable that if Davis were taken to Tacoma he might be recognized by the boy kidnap victim. Davis is small in stature, of vacant expression and with watery blue eyes.

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### U. S. MAY HAVE VOLNEY DAVIS

Agents and Prisoner Said to Have Left Chicago in Plane.

#### SAYS PRISONER IS DAVIS

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 3 (Monday).—The Chicago Herald and Examiner today said in a copyrighted story that Volney Davis, desperado of the Alvin Karpis-kidnap gang, was a federal prisoner.

The authorities considered, the newspaper said, the capture was the first important development in the hunt for the kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser.

The Herald and Examiner account said the man was seized after several shots had been fired, adding that Davis was rushed to the Municipal Airport and bundled into a plane.

(By the Associated Press.)

TACOMA, WASH., June 2.—The arrest in Chicago of Volney Davis, top lieutenant in Alvin Karpis's gang of midwestern hoodlums, was reported here tonight as federal agents began a roundup of persons suspected in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of little George Weyerhaeuser.

Federal operatives directing the far flung manhunt from Tacoma announced they had been informed Davis was picked up in Chicago, confirming reports a man answering his description had been hustled into an airplane there by department of justice men.

Davis became suspected in the sensational abduction when various persons reported seeing him in this vicinity about the time the 9-year-old timber heir was seized May 24.

Beyond reporting they had been informed of Davis's arrest, federal operatives here said only they had learned he was "not being brought West."

This assertion was taken by some to mean that he may have been detained for reasons other than the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

MANNING, Wis., June 3.—A plane forced down here by a thunder shower last night took off after the weather cleared. Reports of the plane's landing reached Chicago but no further information was available. Earlier a plane was chartered by de-

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# Davis, Karpis Gangster, Confesses Bremer Guilt

## Outlaw Taken to St. Paul in Private Plane

### Arrested in Chicago for Kidnaping Banker; Trip North Delayed at Madi- son by Storm

St. Paul, Minn.—(P)—Gripped hard by the law he had dodged so long, Volney Davis, one of the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy charges in connection with the \$200,000 Bremer abduction case.

The gangster entered his plea before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce in the same courtroom in which his erstwhile pal, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and six others recently were convicted of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, last year.

The court deferred sentence. Davis faces possible life imprisonment; the same sentence passed upon Barker and Oliver Berg.

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#### At School With Barker

Thirteen aliases served Davis at one time or another during his brushes with the law. He was born at Tahlequah, Okla., in 1902. He is slight of build, standing 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall and weighing only 123 pounds. From his bushy hair he gained the nicknames "Curley" and "Cotton."

A schoolmate of "Doc" Barker and his slain brother, Fred Barker, Davis soon ran up a prison record for larceny and murder. After seven years in the Oklahoma state penitentiary, he was paroled in 1932 and he soon joined the Barker-Karpis gang.

After the Bremer kidnaping the gang split up, but singly, in couples and in trios most of its members were tracked down and killed or seized. In a bloody battle in Florida, Fred and "Ma" Barker were slain, "Ma" falling at a machine gun, beside her son.

#### Escaped From Agents

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, suspected of the recent kidnaping of the Weyerhaeuser boy, and Davis eluded capture, but Davis only for a time.

Federal agents caught him in Kansas City last February, and then once more Davis proved his reckless resourcefulness. Handcuffed to two department of justice men, he was loaded aboard a plane and started for Chicago.

Engine trouble forced the pilot to bring his plane to an emergency landing in an unfrequented field near Yorkville, southwest of Chicago. The federal men took Davis to the town to notify the department that they would be delayed.

They stopped at a saloon, and removed Davis' handcuffs at the bar. While one of his guards was at

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#### Plane Halted in Madison

Davis was arrested Saturday in Austin, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, but this was not revealed until Sunday night when federal agents put him aboard a private airplane for the trip to St. Paul. A heavy rainstorm forced the plane to land at Madison, Wis., and remain until 3:15 Monday morning, when the flight was resumed. He was under heavy guard during the journey. Madison reports saying there were seven men in the plane, four of them armed.

Upon arrival at Minneapolis the manacled prisoner was chained to the floor of an automobile and whisked to the federal building in St. Paul.

Reports were current that Davis was suspected of a connection with the kidnaping in Tacoma, Wash., of George Weyerhaeuser, 8-year-old lumber heir who was freed Saturday after payment of \$300,000 ransom. This was based on a story that Davis was seen in Tacoma on May 24, the day of the kidnaping.

#### "A Slight Unpleasantness"

Reports from Chicago said Davis had been captured in a carefully laid ambush. As he drove up in a coupe, the gangster was pounced upon by seven officers who stepped from various places of concealment. He broke and ran, but halted when an officer fired one shot, spectators said. He was then driven away by his captors in his own automobile.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation at Washington, announced the arrest with the significant remark:

"We had a slight unpleasantness while taking Volney into custody."

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# Karpis, 'Hot' for 14 Months, Still Hunted

Chicago, June 3.—(AP)—"That fellow Karpis," as 9-year old George Weyerhaeuser Saturday described one of his kidnapers, has been the country's "hottest" criminal for 14 months—ever since it was announced in March, 1934, that he was wanted as one of the men who staged another \$200,000 abduction, that of Edward G. Bremer.

Unofficially dubbed "public enemy No. 1" at the death of the late George (Baby Face) Nelson, Alvin Karpis has evaded capture or death for a longer period than any other holder of that title, usually a ticket to oblivion.

Under nine names, Karpis is wanted for crimes ranging from burglary to murder. Only 26 years old, the dark haired Chicagoan is the last of a notorious coterie of middle western bandits which included Harvey Bailey, Frank Nash, Verne Miller and Karpis' old companion-at-arms, Fred Barker.

Started in Chicago. The "wanted" circulars plastered all over the country describe him as slender, weighing about 130 pounds, with brown hair, blue eyes, and a surly stare.

He rose from a career as a minor west side Chicago hoodlum to a share in the management of what

was called the country's most dangerous band—the Barker-Karpis gang of bank robbers later turned kidnapers.

One of Karpis' partners, Arthur (Doc) Barker, only a few days ago was convicted of a share in the Bremer kidnaping. Fred, who police say was Karpis' sponsor in big-time crime, was killed in Florida along with Kate (Ma) Barker, the mother of the clan and brains of the mob.

Karpis—or Carter, or Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, Earl Peel, George Dunn, Ray Hunter or R. E. Hamilton, for he has used all those aliases—is an ex-convict freed from the state penitentiary, Lansing, Kan., by a bench parole.

Shot Way Out of Trap. Hunted all over the country by federal agents, Karpis last showed up on January 20. Then, with Harry Campbell—presumably the "Harry" mentioned Saturday by George Weyerhaeuser—Karpis shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J.

Police had trailed them there from Florida, but when the raiders knocked at the hotel room door, Karpis and Campbell answered with a burst of machine gun fire. Escaping, the pair left behind them two girl friends.

One, Karpis' sweetheart, bore him a son a few days later while she was a prisoner.

Canadian born, Karpis is the son of Lithuanian immigrants, whose real name is Karpawic. He broke into crime early, and at 17 was sentenced to the state industrial re-

formatory, Hutchinson, Kan., for second-degree burglary. He escaped.

His record then ran: 1930—Arrested in Kansas City, Mo., as a safe blower, but released to the reformatory as an escapist.

1931—As George Haller, he was arrested in Tulsa, turned over to the Okmulgee, Okla., police for burglary, and sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla. His parole ended this, and he joined Fred Barker in bank raids throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.

Police say Karpis is known to his companions as "Bo" or as "Old Creepy."

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## "I Can't Win" Davis Admits

Gangman, In Own Story,  
Explains Plea.

BY VOLNEY DAVIS,

(As Told To A Daily News Reporter.)

I pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge because I knew I couldn't beat 'em (the federal government).

No, I didn't plead guilty merely to get it off my chest. I have been thinking of it for some time, but after reading accounts of the trial in St. Paul last month at which time several of the so-called gang members were found guilty, I decided that the federal government knew as much about the case as I did and there was no chance of beating it.

I would like to accommodate you fellows for pictures and as you say, it may not "hurt me," but there is someone else the pictures may hurt, and their hurt WOULD hurt me, and I have hurt them enough of late. It would be unfair to them to hurt them anymore.

You say that Edna (Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit") was loyal to me to the end when she talked to you. Oh, well—

Six months ago I decided I couldn't stand the pressure. I really decided to give myself up at that time, but changed my mind. Then came the trial and the newspaper accounts. I read every line of every newspaper I could get my hands on.

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# Karpis Gangster Brought Here In Airplane By Feds; Establishes Coast Alibi

**Pleads Guilty**



VOLNEY DAVIS.

**Will Be Sentenced With Five Others Of Barker Mob On Friday.**

Within a few hours after he had been brought to St. Paul from Chicago by a squad of heavily-armed department of justice agents, Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Before he was brought into court Davis was closeted with "G-men" for more than three hours, as they questioned him concerning the kidnaping of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Wash.

**Cleared In Coast Case.**

Davis is said to have established an airtight alibi in the case. Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver, remaining members of the Karpis-Barker gang, are suspected as having engineered the snatching of the heir to the lumber fortune.

Judge Joyce deferred sentence of Davis, one of the leaders in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping, until "later this week." It was indicated he would sentence five other members of the gang, who have either pleaded guilty or have been found guilty by a jury.

#### Five Await Sentence.

Awaiting sentence are Byron Bolton, who turned state's evidence after pleading guilty, and Elmer Farmer, who also pleaded guilty, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton and James Wilson, who were found guilty.

All face life terms for their part in the case.

Davis was brought to St. Paul from Chicago, near where he was captured Saturday, in a chartered airplane by six agents. The airplane landed at Wold-Chamberlain field at 5 a. m., and Davis immediately was taken to the Ramsey county jail and later to the office of H. E. Anderson, agent in charge of the St. Paul office, where he was questioned.

#### Avoids Photographers.

As he was brought into court the hoodlum sought to avoid photographers and held his hat over his face as the cameramen sought to snap his picture.

United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan, who successfully prosecuted cases against other gang members, told Judge Joyce that Davis was being arraigned on the conspiracy indictment.

Judge Joyce ordered that the indictment be read and then asked Davis if he understood the meaning of the true bill. Davis replied that he did.

Asked whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, Davis answered, in a low voice, "I plead guilty."

#### Nervousness Gone.

All the nervousness that Davis displayed in the courtroom was gone when he appeared later in the United States marshal's office for an interview. Wearing a gray suit, a blue shirt open at the collar, tan suede shoes and carrying a gray hat, the blond, curly-haired gangster talked freely with reporters.

Occasionally Davis, who delivered several of the ransom notes including one to Father John Deere of Prior Lake, smiled as he told of his part in the case. Davis also is said

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to have thrown a ransom note through the front door window of Dr. H. T. Nippert's home at 706 Lincoln ave.

After the interview Davis was returned to the Ramsey county jail where he will be held for sentence. Federal agents also plan to question him concerning possible hideouts of Karpis, Campbell and William Weaver.

Later in the morning while Davis was in the marshal's office Mr. Bremer and his secretary, Lillian Dickman, appeared and the three were in a huddle for several minutes.

#### Eight Of Gang At Large.

Prior to Davis' capture at Austin, Ill., Saturday, his name had been mentioned frequently with other Karpis-Barker gang members as a participant in the Weyerhaeuser case. He was supposedly identified as the man who attempted to rent an apartment near the Weyerhaeuser home.

Reports had persisted that he rushed to Chicago after the \$200,000 ransom demanded for the release of the boy had been paid to have it exchanged for cool money.

The guilty plea of Davis leaves only eight members of the gang who took part in the Bremer kidnaping at large.

Twenty-six originally were accused by the government of the actual kidnaping of Mr. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934, of having some part in the ransom negotiations, hiding of the victim, exchange of the \$200,000 ransom or shielding the kidnapers.

#### Two Given Life.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver (Izzy) Berg were found guilty by a federal district court jury recently. Barker was sentenced to serve a life term in Leavenworth penitentiary and Berg was returned to finish a life term at the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet.

James Wilson, John J. McLaughlin and Harold Alderton also were found guilty and await sentence. Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Davis have pleaded guilty and await sentence. Cases against Edna Murray, Bruno Austin and Jesse Doyle were dismissed after the government was unable to link them in the case.

Harry Sawyer, alleged big game in the case and former St. Paul underworld boss, is held in the Ramsey county jail awaiting arraignment. "Ma" Barker, mother of the Barker brothers; Fred Barker, co-leader of the gang; George Goetz and Russell (Slim) Gibson have been killed, Goetz by members of the gang and the others by G-men.

#### Eight Still At Large.

Still at large in the case are Karpis, Campbell, Weaver, Willis Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, believed to be the woman in the Weyerhaeuser case; Dr. Joseph Moran, also be-

lieved to be dead, and John Doe and Richard Roe.

Davis first gained notoriety in 1923 when he was sentenced to the Oklahoma state prison for murder. It was believed it was there that he met the Karpis-Barker gang co-leaders. In 1925 he escaped from the prison but was recaptured. On Nov. 3, 1932, he was granted a "leave of absence" until July 1, 1933, and that time was extended a year. Since then he has been listed as a fugitive.

#### Lived In St. Paul.

Davis and Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit" who was dismissed by the federal government of any connection with the Bremer kidnaping, lived on Edgumbe road until the day Mr. Bremer was kidnaped, Jan. 17, 1934.

In an exclusive interview with a Daily News reporter, Edna Murray said she and Davis fled St. Paul the day after the Bremer kidnaping, but this was contradicted by Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell's moll, who testified during the Bremer trial that while fleeing from St. Paul with Paula Harmon, Fred Barker's sweetheart, she met Edna Murray in Wisconsin. Both parties being headed for Chicago at the time.



He was taken to Ramsey county jail pending sentence at 4 P. M. Friday. The maximum penalty is life.

"It's no use trying to beat these G-guys (Department of Justice agents)," Davis said. "They had it on me and I wanted to get it off my chest. The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did."

"I could see they had the straight stuff—almost exactly as it was pulled. I'm glad it's over with. I'll take the book (life imprisonment) and be done with this thing."

Davis said he read every newspaper story he could find of the recent trial of his pal of school days, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and other defendants in the Bremer case in St. Paul.

"Six months ago I decided I couldn't stand the pressure," he said. "I decided to give myself up at that time, but changed my mind."

He changed his mind to such an extent that when captured in February he beat a Federal agent on the head with a beer stein at Yorkville, Ill., and dived through a window to escape.

He refused to have his picture taken today, saying that although a photograph would not hurt him "it would hurt some one else."

# Feds Just Started On Kidnapers Hunt, Cummings Asserts

Middlesboro, Ky., June 3.—(AP)—Attorney General Homer S. Cummings asserted here today that the Department of Justice has "just begun" on the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case, "and will not stop until we have brought to justice the perpetrators of this ghastly crime."

The attorney general spoke at a

chamber of commerce breakfast honoring himself and Mrs. Cummings, who received a Kentucky commission as "admiral of Rockcastle river," signed by Governor Ruby Laffoon.

There are "only one or two remnant bands" of kidnapers still at large, the attorney general said, "and practically all the major kidnap cases have been solved."

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**DAVIS IS CAMERA-SHY**



Handcuffed to a deputy United States marshal and with his face jammed into his hat, Volney Davis, 33-year-old Missouri desperado, appears above as he was led from an automobile to Ramsey county jail at noon today. Davis pleaded guilty earlier in the day to charges of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. He is scheduled to appear for sentence in Federal court either Friday or Saturday. Facing Davis and the deputy marshal in the picture are two Department of Justice agents.

**9 IN JAIL, 4 KILLED, 8 AT LARGE IN BREMER CASE**

The score in the government's relentless hunt for the 26 persons allegedly connected with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer stood today at nine in jail, four dead, five acquitted and eight still at large. Those at large are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Mrs. Myrtle Eaton and two persons indicted as "John Doe" and "Richard Roe." Of those arrested, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg have been sent to prison for life; Volney Davis pleaded guilty today; John Z. (Boss) McLaughlin, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Alderton and James J. Wilson are awaiting sentences, and Harry Sawyer is awaiting trial. Of the dead, the two most notorious were Freddie and "Ma" Barker, shot to death in Florida while resisting Federal agents with machine guns.

**"GLAD TO GET IT OFF CHEST," DAVIS SAYS.**

Volney Davis, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, asserted this afternoon he was "glad to get it off his chest." Davis, nabbed Saturday in Chicago, was brought here by airplane at 5:15 A. M. today and five hours later entered a surprising plea of guilty when arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in United States District court. It had been expected he would stand trial.

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Gray Hair, Thin Face Indicate Effects on Gangster of Hide-and-Seek Game With G Men.

SENTENCE DEFERRED ON PROSECUTION PLEA

Volney Davis, captured Saturday in Chicago, pleaded guilty today in St. Paul to conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The maximum penalty is life in prison.

United States District Judge M. M. Joyce, before whom the desperado was arraigned, deferred sentence to Friday or Saturday at the request of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

So sudden and dramatic was the gangster's capitulation to the law, which he had dodged so long, that the court room was empty of spectators except for a small group of federal employes.

Manacled to a deputy marshal and guarded by eight other government agents, Davis was marched into the court room, where the seventeen-page conspiracy indictment was read.

Prisoner Seems Nervous

The 33-year-old prisoner appeared nervous and often rubbed his face with his freckled hands, in which he held a gray hat, as the clerk droned the long charge.

"You are here for the purpose of pleading guilty or not guilty to the charge," Judge Joyce told Davis.

"What is your plea?"

"Guilty," whispered Davis in a voice so low that court stenographers had to strain to hear.

"Do you understand the charge and the penalty?" Judge Joyce asked.

"I understand the maximum penalty is life," Davis replied.

"That is right," the court said.

Taken to County Jail

Dressed in gray suit, a blue shirt without a tie and gray and brown suede shoes, he was taken to the county jail to await sentence.

The surprise plea of guilty was made before the judge who only several weeks ago sentenced Davis' pal of school days, Arthur (Doc) Barker, to life imprisonment in the Bremer case.

Other members of the Barker-Karpis mob, accused of the Bremer crime, also appeared at that time as defendants before Judge Joyce and three still are in Ramsey county jail, pending sentence.

Of the 26 men and women charged with complicity in the kidnaping four were killed before they could be captured, eight including Davis have pleaded guilty or been convicted five have been acquitted and the remainder are at large.

Seized in Fugitive

Davis, reputedly the toughest member of the Barker-Karpis gang, was captured Friday by government men in a suburb of Chicago after an exchange of shots.

The prisoner was bundled aboard a chartered airplane Sunday night at the Chicago Municipal airport in custody of seven men. Ordinarily the plane would have arrived here at 10 P. M., but it did not arrive until 5:15 A. M. A 30-minute stop was made at Madison, Wis. Six Department of Justice operatives met the ship.

Davis, chained and manacled, was carried by the officers from the airplane to a waiting automobile. He was chained to the floor of the car and rushed to the Federal Courts building in St. Paul, where he was secreted and questioned up to the hour of arraignment.

Finger Tips Blurred

A fugitive for months, he bears the marks of a hunted man. His hair was gray, he was thinner and he appeared worn. Acid had blurred his finger tips.

Harold E. Anderson, Department of Justice chief in St. Paul, refused to discuss the case in any way, declining to say whether anyone had been captured with Davis, whether the prisoner had admitted anything and whether he was being questioned concerning the kidnaping of 9-year-old George Wayneshaeuser at Tacoma.

An Associated Press reporter from Washington said J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, confirmed the identification of Davis.

"We had a slight unpleasantness while taking Volney into custody," he said, referring to the shooting.

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# VOLNEY DAVIS, AID OF KARPIS, CAUGHT IN TRAP

## Brought to St. Paul by Federal Agents in Mystery Plane Flight.

### Identity Kept Secret Until Arraignment—Sentence Deferred.

Brought to the Twin Cities in a mystery airplane by federal agents, Volney Davis, named by the government as being one of the principals in the \$200,000 ransom kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, pleaded guilty to conspiracy before Circuit Judge H. H. Joyce at St. Paul Monday. At the request of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, sentence was deferred by the court until Friday or Saturday.

The arraignment took place in the same courtroom where Arthur Barker and others were tried on conspiracy charges. Davis listened to a lengthy reading of the indictment naming himself and 11 others. At the end, he announced, "I plead guilty." He was not represented by counsel.

Although neatly dressed in a gray suit, white shirt, blue tie and gray necktie, Davis was somewhat unkempt and his hair was matted after the mystery trip. He was handcuffed to a United States marshal and other marshals flanked him as he appeared in court.

Before he was photographed, Davis looked the court over. He appeared to be in some doubt. He refused to pass by a Justice outside the Federal building. When a newspaper reporter reported that the justice "walked past me," he indignantly answered, "I might not talk to you, but I might talk to your newspaper." He was taken to the jail in great haste.

Much secrecy attended the advent of Davis in the Twin Cities Monday. Not until shortly before the arraignment would government men admit that the man brought under heavy guard from Chicago was the much sought Davis.

The prisoner was loaded aboard a plane in Chicago Sunday night and a takeoff made for an unannounced destination. During the night the plane was grounded for a time at Madison, Wis., by rain. At 2:15 a. m. the large ship owned by a Chicago airway landed at the Minneapolis airport.

Kept in Chains  
The "G-Man" who had been bringing about the airport during the early morning hours to surround the plane—two on each side, one in the front and one in the rear. A figure in chains was carried from the ship to a waiting automobile by the seven government officers who had come with him by air.

In the car the man was chained to the floor and to the back of both seats. Three agents climbed in with him and three more followed in another car. He was taken to a central building in St. Paul.

## Pleads Guilty in Bremer Case



Volney Davis

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# Karpis Pal Pleads Guilty In Kidnaping of Bremer

## Volney Davis, Captured in Chicago, Taken in Plane to St. Paul Court

ST. PAUL, June 3 (AP).—Volney Davis, thirty-three, considered by police one of the most dangerous members of the Barker-Karpis gang, pleaded guilty here today to his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. On motion of George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, sentence was deferred.

Davis formally admitted his guilt a few hours after he had been brought to the Twin Cities by plane, under a heavy guard of special agents of the United States Department of Justice.

His capture—he was seized Saturday in Chicago—had been announced only a few minutes before Davis came into court.

### Karpis Still Free

Davis was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in the same Federal courtroom where one of Davis's chiefs, Arthur (Doc) Barker, was convicted a few weeks ago of engineering the Bremer kidnaping. Barker received a life sentence.

When the judge read the Bremer case indictment, which charged Davis with writing the ransom notes while the banker was a prisoner, Davis said quietly, "Guilty."

### Escaped in February

Davis's capture by Federal agents in Chicago, where he walked into a carefully laid trap and found himself surrounded by seven special agents, leaves only one important member of the Barker-Karpis gang at large—Alvin Bo Karpis, co-proprietor of the band and unofficial public enemy No. 1, now suspected

of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping at Tacoma, Wash.

Heavily shackled and manacled, Davis landed at the Minneapolis airport at 5:15 A. M. today, accompanied by seven Federal agents. Six others from the local office met the plane, and Davis, after being bundled into an auto, was brought to the Federal department in St. Paul.

Davis was arrested by Federal agents last February, but made a spectacular break at Yorkville, Ill., by striking his guard over the head with a beer stein and jumping through a window.

Federal agents in Chicago had questioned Davis since Saturday, presumably hoping he would reveal the hiding place of Karpis. Their action in arraigning him on the Bremer charge was taken as indicating they did not believe he had any part in the kidnaping of the Weyerhaeuser boy, who was released upon payment of \$200,000 after Davis's capture.

Federal agents in Chicago chartered an airplane last night, chained Davis to a seat, and set out for St. Paul. At Madison, Wis., they were forced down by weather, but took off later. The identity of their prisoner was not officially announced until after he was safely in St. Paul.

Confirming reports that the arrest of Davis followed a shooting affray, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation at Washington, said:

"We had a slight unpleasantness while taking Volney into custody. He declined, however, to reveal more details."

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# Kidnaper Fell Into Trap Set By Girl Friend

## Tip to 'G' Men Resulted in Capture of Davis as Bremer Case Plotter

St. Paul, June 4 (AP)—A woman with whom he had been keeping company betrayed Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was learned from an authoritative source today.

Davis, who was freed of conspiracy charges in the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker and returned to a Missouri prison, had made arrangements with the girl, Edna Murray, to meet him at Austin, Ill., Chicago suburb, and authorities were informed of the proposed meeting.

### Increase Tacoma Force

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Tacoma, June 4 (AP)—Increasing their Tacoma field force to about 30 by the arrival of a dozen new men, Federal Department of Justice agents were unusually active today, hoping to clear up the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping within the week.

Otherwise they face the possibility of a long wait until the abductors, who extorted \$200,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr. for the return of their 9-year-old son, come out of hiding and attempt to flee.

Persons who receive one of the ransom bank notes will be compensated, Federal agents said.

"Nobody will lose money," a spokesman said. "The department will take the bill and see that another is given to replace it. We also want to emphasize the importance of remembering from whom the ransom bill was received."

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# ADMITS HELPING KIDNAP BREMER

## Volney Davis Pleads Guilty in St. Paul After Being Cap- tured in Chicago.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, June 3.—Volney Davis pleaded guilty today when arraigned in Federal court on a charge of participating in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Davis, arrested by Federal agents in Chicago under Melvin Purvis and brought here by airplane, was a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang and was wanted for questioning in connection with the abduction of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.

He was arraigned on the Bremer charge within a few hours after arrival here. The expected life term sentence was deferred.

A few minutes after pleading guilty, Davis told the United Press that he admitted his part in the Bremer abduction "because the government knew as much about the kidnaping as I did, and I didn't have a chance to beat the rap."

### Five Others To Be Sentenced.

It is understood that five others will be sentenced with him. Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg previously were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Meanwhile Davis will be questioned in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

Federal agents believe that Davis was in contact with the other members of the gang in recent months.

During negotiations for ransoming the Weyerhaeuser boy, Davis' name frequently was connected to the abduction by federal operatives. He was identified as the man who attempted to rent an apartment near the Weyerhaeuser home, it was reported.

Agents are expected to question Davis concerning hideouts used by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver, major remaining fugitives of the gang, since their trail was lost early this year while Karpis was en route West following his escape with Campbell from a police trap in Atlantic City.

### More Agents Fly West.

Four Department of Justice agents booked passage for Seattle at Chi-

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made holiday today at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Philip Weyerhaeuser. School days are over for him for this year, although the term has several weeks to run. The family is trying to shield him from publicity.

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## Girl Waitress Gets Threat She Thinks From Kidnapers

Arrest of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis gang, would be of immense relief to a certain waitress in the hotel Winthrop coffee shop.

She was frightened so badly last Monday evening by what she interpreted as a threat that she hurried home in tears without remaining to serve the customer at her table.

About a week before the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, a man whom the waitress believes was Campbell appeared in the coffee shop with an auburn haired woman. For nearly a week she served them. On the second day she noticed the woman's hair had become bleached since the previous morning.

The couple attracted considerable attention during the few days they were at the hotel. The man always wore a gardenia, according to the waitress.

On Monday evening following the kidnaping a small man of light complexion engaged the waitress in conversation about the case. She remarked that several newspaper men were in the coffee shop, and he asserted that if he wanted to he could give them a story that would "knock them off their feet."

The waitress says he then called

her attention to a black artificial daisy in his buttonhole.

"Do you know what that means?" he asked.

She replied that she did not.

"Well, it means death," he said.

The girl became frightened. She interpreted it as a warning not to tell what she knew of the couple she had served prior to the kidnaping.

She became so worried that she hurried home at once. Later, police learned of the incident.

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# Volney Davis Pleads Guilty in Kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer

Karpis Aide Delivered to St. Paul; May Be Link in Solving of Weyerhaeuser Crime

By United Press  
While Government agents followed the elusive trail of the kidnapers of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser in the Northwest, Federal man hunters today delivered Volney Davis, member of the outlaw Alvin Karpis gang, to St. Paul, where he pleaded guilty to charges of aiding in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

Davis was questioned in an effort to solve the Weyerhaeuser abduction, in which he has been linked thru his association with Karpis.

Altho peace officers in the Northwest had run down dozens of clues in their quest for the Weyerhaeuser kidnapers, they reported no definite trace of the gangsters.

By United Press  
ST. PAUL—Volney Davis pleaded guilty today when arraigned before Federal Court on charges of participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Sentence was deferred.

Davis, arrested by Melvin Purvis in Chicago and brought here by plane, was a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang and was wanted for questioning in connection with the abduction of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.

Davis was palled to await sentence.

It was understood that five others would be sentenced with him. They are Byron Bolton and Eimer Farmer, both of whom pleaded guilty, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, and James J. Wilson, who were found guilty with Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg. Barker and Berg previously were sentenced to life imprisonment. Meanwhile Davis will be questioned

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# Davis Pleads Guilty in Bremer Kidnaping

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in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

It was believed by Federal agents that Davis had been in contact with the other members of the gang in recent months.

By United Press  
TACOMA, Wash.—Justice Department agents, engaged in their greatest man hunt since the search for John Dillinger, looked to Volney Davis, midwestern gangster and slayer, today to lead them to the men who kidnaped 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom.

It was believed that Davis was here as the "advance" man of the kidnap gang. It would have been his task to survey the ground, time the boy's movements, then fade out of the picture while the men who did the kidnaping moved in.

This theory would account for Davis' presence in Chicago at the time the boy was being released at Issaquah, between Tacoma and Seattle.

### CLAIM HIDEOUT KNOWN

Justice Department men think they know where the men who seized George Weyerhaeuser are hiding. They may not need Davis to lead them to them.

Every highway leading from the state was patrolled by deputy sheriffs and state police, rifles unslung, ready for use. Coast guardsmen roared back and forth along Puget Sound, scrutinizing every boat. British Columbia authorities added their aid with a blockade of their shoreline and ports against unidentified strangers.

### LIST OF KIDNAP BILLS DISTRIBUTED BY HOOVER

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today made public a list of the Federal Reserve notes used in paying the \$200,000 ransom of George Weyerhaeuser.

The list, 55 closely printed pages, was distributed thruout the nation with the request that if any of the ransom money appears the Bureau of Investigation be notified.

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# Kidnapers Ask Ransom of \$200,000 for Son of Coast Lumber King

## Broken Barker-Karpis Mob Linked to Case by St. Paul Police

### BULLETIN

TACOMA, Wash. — The ransom note mailed by kidnapers to parents of George Philip Weyerhaeuser advised them to watch classified advertisements in Seattle Sunday newspapers for advice, a close friend of the family revealed this afternoon.

### By United Press

TACOMA, Wash. — A sheet of heavy linen note paper "like a woman might use," today furnished the most promising lead to the kidnapers of George Philip Weyerhaeuser, 9, son of a millionaire lumber company executive.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillip Weyerhaeuser Jr., were believed attempting to communicate with abductors who are holding the boy for \$200,000 ransom.

A possible signal to kidnapers was seen in a sheet, draped over a banister of the rear porch of the exclusive North Tacoma home. It was visible for a long distance from the house, on a hill overlooking Puget Sound.

### WILLING TO PAY

It was reported the Weyerhaeusers, sons of the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser's family, were willing to pay the ransom if the boy were returned safely.

The note was typewritten on the kind of paper usually used for personal longhand correspondence. Scrawled on the back was the boy's signature.

Belief that the crime was executed by "eastern gangsters" was expressed

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by U. S. Marshal A. J. Chitty, who with 15 Justice Department men is at work on the case.

He pointed out that the family received nation-wide publicity last week with the death at Tacoma of John Phillip Weyerhaeuser Sr., grandfather of the missing boy.

### POLICE VIEW DIFFERS

City police were inclined to believe that the kidnaping was the work of northwestern criminals. They said the publicity was even greater near Tacoma where the grandfather was better known, and added that if "eastern gangsters" were attracted by the publicity and came here to kidnap the boy, they worked with amazing speed.

C. C. Spears, Federal agent from Portland who flew here to take charge of the case, enlisted Luke S. May, Seattle criminologist, who has solved many sensational crimes from clues so slight that they seemed hopeless.

Spears was the man who turned up some \$40,000 of Urchel ransom money in Oregon and Washington a few months ago.

### CONTENTS NOT REVEALED

Contents of the note, aside from the ransom demand, were guarded by the secretive Justice Department men. It was reported, but not confirmed, that it threatened death to the kid if authorities were notified, and said the crime had been planned to the smallest detail.

Chitty pointed out that George was the only one of the Weyerhaeuser children who could have been conveniently "snatched." Anne, his sister, usually rode back and forth between her home and the Annie Wright Seminary with the family chauffeur. Philip, 10, went home with a group of boys, while George walked a block and a half between the spot where he left his classmate, Bruce Bowman, and the seminary, alone. That was his customary procedure.

It was apparently on that block and a half that the kidnapers lay in wait and seized the boy Friday at noon. He did not appear at home or at school, and last night a special delivery messenger delivered a letter to the family. It was the ransom note.

## Kidnaping Is Linked With Barker-Karpis Gang

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ST. PAUL—Agents of the St. Paul Justice Department believe there is strong evidence to connect fugitives of the shattered Barker-Karpis gang with the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping. It was learned today

In recent weeks agents have searched their search for the last fugitives of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in Washington.

The fact that the kidnapers demanded \$200,000 ransom, the same as in the Bremer kidnaping, is a "clue at the law," an official said.

Led by the desperate Alvin Karpis, the remaining gangsters have assembled on the West Coast for a final, daring move, the official said.

### By United Press

ST. PAUL—The vast fortunes of the Weyerhaeuser family which Tacoma kidnapers are attempting to tap were founded 75 years ago by Frederick Weyerhaeuser, an immigrant youth who became "the richest man in the world" in 40 years of lumbering.

Beginning with purchase of a small tract of timber in Wisconsin, Weyerhaeuser started an industry that for three generations has been famed as "the lord of the lumber mills."

When he arrived in the United States in 1852 with his mother and sister, the family settled in Erie County, Pa. Weyerhaeuser worked

there as a day laborer. Three years later the family moved to Illinois where Weyerhaeuser went into partnership with a saw mill operator.

### INVESTIGATE TIMBER

On a chance journey to Wisconsin, he investigated the timber field and found extreme waste. He forthwith determined to enter the lumber industry on a large scale and in 1864 made his first purchase.

Within a decade Weyerhaeuser organized the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Co. at Chippewa Falls, Wis., the largest firm of its kind in the world, and started the lumber buying syndicate of Tacoma which bore his name.

Profits began pouring in by the million as Weyerhaeuser gained control of virtually every piece of valuable lumber in the Mississippi River basin.

The greatest lot of timber acquired by Weyerhaeuser was thru the Northern Pacific land grants to that company. For its lines, the company was given hundreds of thousands of acres. Under the "best selection" act it traded much of the land for timber, which was turned over to Weyerhaeuser. In the deal Weyerhaeuser was reputed to have obtained a million acres of timber at a ruling price of \$6 an acre. Within a decade the land was valued at 20 times the purchase price.

At the peak of his career Weyerhaeuser controlled 20 of the largest sawmills in the world, turning out 7,000,000 feet of sawed lumber daily.

Weyerhaeuser came to St. Paul in 1891. He married Elizabeth Bladel, of Rock Island, Ill., in 1887.

He died in 1914. Two of his four sons, Frederick Jr., and John P. Weyerhaeuser, were directly engaged in the business which he left.

It was John P. Weyerhaeuser who died a few days ago in Tacoma. It is his grandson who is kidnaped.

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### Captive Barber's Tongue Wags 5 States Into Flurry

#### Prisoner on Plane Boasts He's Karpis, Stirs Mid-West

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP).—Jack Loague, who eased the tedium of a long plane flight with the ready admission he was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, sat in a jail cell here tonight. He was identified by his custodian, Detective Sergeant A. O. Clark, of the Memphis, Tenn., Police Department, as a burglary suspect, but only after Loague's hoax had disturbed the calm of official quarters in five cities.

It all started this noon at the Omaha Airport. A stewardess on the plane reported that a prisoner aboard had told her that he was Karpis and that he had been captured on a ranch near Boise, Idaho. The mystery deepened when the plane paused at Des Moines. "Karpis" and his captor did not poke their heads from the cabin.

From the passenger list were gleaned the names given by the pair—Jack Loague and Officer A. O. Clark. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, denied at Washington that Karpis had been captured and asserted the department had no A. O. Clark on its pay roll.

The Memphis Police Department took the first knot out of the tangle with the announcement that Detective Sergeant Clark was returning Loague from Vale, Ore., to Memphis for trial on burglary charges. Chief Will Lee accounted for Loague's loquacity by reporting that he was a barber—the prison barber, in fact, who had shaved Edward Hickman the night before that youth was hanged in California. But this information came too late to prevent a furor here. The Municipal Airport swarmed with Federal agents, detectives, reporters, camera men and the curious. They appraised Loague as he stepped from the plane. He was blond and big. Karpis is dark and slender.

Then Detective Clark made his explanations and saw his prisoner off to jail to wait the next plane for the South.

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# Shackled Man Seen at Omaha Aboard Plane

Stewardess on Airship Says Prisoner Talked Freely and Admitted Identity as Co-Leader With Barker; Suspect, Dressed in Pajamas on Nebraska Stop, 6 Believed to Have Come From Idaho.

**AERIAL LINER NOT TO TOUCH GROUND TILL IT REACHES CHICAGO, OFFICIALS SAY**

## HOOVER DENIES WORD ON KARPIS.

J. Edgar Hoover, United States Department of Justice head, told the Dispatch at 2:10 P. M. over long distance telephone from Washington that he has had no report of the capture of Alvin Karpis.

A man reported to be Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 of the United States and leader of the mob of kidnapers who abducted Edward G. Bremer in 1934, is, in the hands of United States Department of Justice agents.

The Associated Press reported from Omaha that the man, heavily manacled and dressed in pajamas was taken eastward through there today aboard a United Airlines plane. A stewardess said the man talked freely and said he is Karpis, the Associated Press reported. The plane will not stop until it reaches Chicago and United Airlines officials said they did not know who the man is.

Identified as Kidnaper. Karpis was positively identified here in the recent trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates for the Bremer kidnaping, as participant in the kidnaping, inmate of the hide-out, and planner of the crime.



Department of Justice agents here and in Chicago said they have no knowledge of the capture. During the trial, however, ALVIN KARPIS, number of the agents in St. Paul said they believed Karpis' capture near.

Airline attendants in Omaha said the man declared he was captured early today. The plane halted at Boise, Idaho, at 2:10 A. M. Mountain time. On the passenger list the manacled man was listed as "Jack Loque" in custody of Officer A. O. Clark.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation office here had no information of any capture, and Werner Hanni, division chief, said he doubted if the men were Federal officers.

Hanni said he knew of no one named Loque and of no bureau agent named Clark.

## REPORTED CAPTURE IS "NEWS" TO PURVISE.

Chicago, May 23.—(AP)—"It's news to me," was the only comment forthcoming today from Melvin Purvise, chief of Federal agents here, on reports that Alvin Karpis, public enemy, had been captured. "I think I would have heard of it," said Purvise, back in charge of the Chicago office after a long illness.

## STILL ON PLANE AT DES MOINES.

Des Moines, May 23.—(AP)—A man whom passengers said was Alvin Karpis, southwestern desperado sought in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was on a United Airlines plane when it arrived here at 5:03 P. M.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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## PRESS DRIVES ON KIDNAPERS

### Convictions of Five in Bremer Case Termed Propitious Omen

ST. PAUL, May 18 (AP).—Crushing a part of the Barker-Karpis mob through conviction of one of the leaders and four alleged associates, the federal government today made plans to embark upon a roundup of fugitive kidnapers and bank robbers.

Satisfied with the outcome of the trial here of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the justice department's bureau of investigation, informed H. E. Andersen, district chief here, that the federal forces now will concentrate their efforts on both the extermination of fugitive kidnapers and bank robbers.

A federal court jury yesterday convicted Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Alvin Karpis gang; Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill., penitentiary lifer; John J. McLaughlin and James J. Wilson, Chicago, and Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., of conspiracy in the kidnaping in January 1934, of Bremer, St. Paul banker. The jury acquitted Edward Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicago.

Barker and Berg were sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentences of the other three convicted, along with the punishment for Byron Bolton, Chicago, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, who pleaded guilty, was deferred.

Heading the list of gangsters sought especially for complicity in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping is Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 outlaw. Others sought are Harry Campbell, who with Karpis escaped a federal trap of gunfire in Atlantic City last January; Volney Davis, who escaped from federal agents at Yorkville, Ill.; William Weaver, former convict and alleged active participant in the banker's kidnaping; Willis Harrison, former tavern keeper of Hammond, Ind.; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicagoan physician who allegedly performed operations to obliterate the finger prints of Karpis, Doc Barker, Freddie Barker (now deceased), Harrison, Davis and Campbell.

Harry Sawyer, St. Paul named as the "finger man" in the case, is in the county jail here awaiting trial. He is expected to be arraigned in about two weeks.

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# 'KARPIS' TURNS OUT TO BE JUST ANOTHER FELON

**Handcuffed Prisoner on Plane  
Taken for Public Enemy;  
Greeted With Machine Guns**

Jack Logue stepped from a United Air Lines plane last evening into a reception intended by government agents, police and several hundred curious citizens for the nation's No. 1 public enemy, Alvin Karpis.

But Sergt. A. O. Clark of Memphis police explained Logue is wanted in Mississippi for burglary. Some one on the plane had heard Sergt. Clark and Logue mention Karpis' name at the Omaha airport. That's how the story got started that Karpis was in custody.

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## GUARD KIDNAPER BERG ON WAY BACK TO JOLIET

St. Paul, May 23 (AP).—Manacled to an Illinois penitentiary official and guarded by two U. S. deputy marshals, Oliver (Izzie) Berg, sentenced to a life term for participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, left here for Joliet, Ill., prison.



Berg is to resume the serving of a lifetime sentence for commission of an Illinois crime. He was handcuffed to Capt. James A. Humphrey, chief jailer of Joliet penitentiary. The trip was made by train.

The two deputy marshals were ordered to accompany Berg to prevent a possible escape. The Illinois convict, charged with being a money passer in the kidnaping, was given a life-term sentence along with Arthur (Doc) Barker, and must serve the second term if he receives a pardon from his first conviction.

Wynona Burdette, 21-year-old gang girl, a witness in the abduc-

tion trial, also left here for the federal women's penitentiary at Milan, Mich., where she is to resume serving of a sentence for harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell fugitives from the law.

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**Berg, Bremer Lifer,  
Returned to Joliet**

Oliver Berg, one of the defendants sentenced last week to life imprisonment in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, was returned today to the Stateville penitentiary, where he must serve the balance of a ten-year to life robbery term. He will be eligible to parole December, 1936, and if allowed his freedom on the robbery charge will be turned over to the government to serve his kidnaping term.

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***Karpis for a Day!  
Second Story Man  
Was 'Only Fooling'***

Chicago, Ill.—U.P.—Jack Loque had his day of fun but it's all over now.

Loque is traveling from Vale, Ore., to Memphis with Police Sergt. A. O. Clark, who says he is wanted on a burglary charge. The two took an airplane Thursday from Boise, Idaho, to Chicago.

Bored, Loque entertained himself by informing persons en route that he was Alvin Karpis, a person of considerably more notoriety than any Memphis second story man. He spoke so convincingly that a United Airlines pilot radioed his Chicago superiors that the nation's No. 1 public enemy was aboard.

Loque was almost as surprised as Sergt. Clark when department of justice agents, newspaper photographers and reporters and a mob of the curious swarmed about them in Chicago. Loque thought it was funny. Clark didn't.

"I didn't know he was putting out such a life," Clark said. "I'll see if he can't be kept a little test humorous today."

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**Confessed 'Karpis'  
Merely a Burglar**

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP)—A garrulous prisoner who had kicked up a flurry while being rushed across the West in a plane by claiming he was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was identified by authorities as Jack Loague, a burglary suspect, when he reached the Chicago airport late today.

Detective Sergt. A. O. Clark of the Memphis, Tenn., police department, identified Loague as his prisoner and dispelled rampant rumors that the notorious Karpis had been captured.

Clark said he had gone to Vale, Ore., to get the suspect and was returning him to Memphis for trial on burglary charges.

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**REPORT KARPIS  
CAPTURED**

OMAHA, May 23—(AP)—A man believed to be Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was taken through here at noon today on a United Airlines plane.

The prisoner had been captured on a ranch near Boise, Idaho.

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THE MOBILE TIMES  
Mobile, Alabama.  
May 24th., 1935

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## 'Alvin Karpis,' No. 1 Public Enemy, Turns Out to Be Burglary Suspect

Prisoner Who Had Reporters On Go Revealed As Being Wanted at Holly Springs, Miss.

(By International News Service)

CHICAGO.—Jack Loague, the fellow who might have been Desperado Alvin Karpis—but wasn't—rattled his handcuffs today and waited to be taken to Holly Springs, Miss., to face a burglary charge.

Reports that Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, was aboard an incoming plane from Omaha sent five department of justice agents, three police squads and an army of reporters to Chicago airport last evening.

From the plane stepped Sergt. A. O. Clark of Memphis, Tenn., and his obscure prisoner, who, reports had said, was Karpis. Clark had boarded the plane at Boise, Ida., with his prisoner, who had been arrested at Vale, Ore. The officer's presence at the

Omaha airport with a manacled prisoner started the report that Karpis had been captured and was being taken secretly to Chicago.

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M. W. Meekins,  
Special Agent.

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**DOC BARKER CONFINED  
IN U. S. PENITENTIARY  
AT LEAVENWORTH**

Leavenworth, Kas., May 25.—(AP)—Arthur [Doc] Barker was received at the federal penitentiary here today to start serving a life sentence imposed in St. Paul after his conviction of participation in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Barker will be held in quarantine for 30 days before being given work assignment.

Barker was brought from St. Paul by three deputy United States marshals. He was handcuffed and wore leg shackles.

Barker and the officers left the train about two miles from the prison, and he was walked, shackled, five blocks to a bus station for the ride to the prison.

Barker said he had worked as a printer in a previous prison term. "I liked the work," and hoped he would be given a similar assignment at Leavenworth.

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**Barker Received  
at Federal Prison**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 25.  
—(I.N.S.)—Arthur ("Doc") Barker,  
given a life sentence at St. Paul for  
the kidnaping of Edward G. Bre-  
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### **Bremer and Urschel Each Bought Liberty for Ransoms of \$200,000**

By United Press

WASHINGTON—The \$200,000 demanded by the kidnapers of George Philip Weyerhaeuser, nine, of Tacoma, Wash., is the same price paid by two other victims for freedom—Edward J. Bremer, the St. Paul banker, and Charles Urschel, the Oklahoma City oil man.

William Hamm of St. Paul, paid \$100,000 and John (Jake the Barber) Factor paid \$70,000. Charles Lindbergh paid, thru Dr. John F. Condon, the sum of \$50,000 for the child who was even then in a hastily scraped grave in the Sourlands.

The kidnaping was disheartening to federal circles which have considered the crime stamped out. For

months the Department of Justice has congratulated itself upon the fact that there have been no major abductions. The kidnaping of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, in Louisville, in October of last year was the last one solved by the Department. Her kidnaper, Thomas H. Robinson, who collected \$50,000, is still at large, but his wife and his father are awaiting trial.

The Weyerhaeuser kidnaping is now the only major crime in its classification still unsolved. Seventeen others since 1930, involving respectable citizens and underworld characters, have been solved and in nearly every case the criminals are either in prison or, in two cases, awaiting execution.

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# CROWDS GREET BOGUS 'KARPIS'

Jack (Shaved the Fox) Loague  
Stirs Nation; Mistaken  
For Enemy No. 1

Stormed by federal agents, newspaper photographers, reporters and a mob of curious persons as he stepped from a plane in Chicago yesterday afternoon, Jack Loague could expect nothing more than an ordinary reception accorded any man held for investigation on petty criminal charges when he arrives in Memphis at 2:45 p.m. today.

For a brief period yesterday—from Omaha to Chicago—Loague, self-styled death-cell barber of California's fiend slayer, Edward (The Fox) Hickman, was believed to be Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1.

News that America's most badly wanted outlaw, Karpis, was riding a United Airlines plane spread over the country when Loague and Sergt. A. O. Clark, Memphis officer, who was returning him here on burglary charges, landed at Omaha.

### Talks About "John"

Loague had talked freely to the stewardess of the plane and boasted of being a pal of the dead Dillinger.

The stewardess talked freely to reporters at the Omaha airport. News wires hummed as the report got out that Karpis was in the toils of the law. "G-men" at Chicago and at Washington were bombarded with queries.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Washington bureau of investigation, expressed hope that it was Karpis. Melvin Purvis, Chicago Department of Justice chief, and nemesis of Dillinger, was skeptical.

From the Omaha airport they learned the prisoner believed to be Karpis was with a "federal agent" named "A. O. Clark." A hurried check proved there was no such agent. Then press dispatches flashed over the wires into Memphis and the bubble burst. The news went back revealing the true identity of Loague.

### Flattering Attention

The information, however, was too late to check Loague's reception at Chicago. Reported clad in lavender pajamas and heavily manacled, he was the object of flattering attention as crowds bore down on the airport to see America's No. 1 bad man.

But the "Karpis" who stepped from the plane was tall, heavy and blond, nothing at all like the small, brunet outlaw the nation's officers hunted and was fully dressed.

Sergt. Clark hurriedly explained the situation, then hustled the boastful Jack to a hotel. This morning they were to leave Chicago for Memphis over Chicago-Southern Airlines.

Loague, arrested a week ago at his Vale, Ore., chicken farm, skipped bond on burglary charges.

The PRESS-SCIMITAR,  
Memphis, Tenn.,  
May 24, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases, FUGITIVE;  
I. O. 1218, Et Al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

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**Karpis 'Double' Flies  
Into Obscurity**  
 MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 25.—(AP)—  
 After a brief taste of notoriety  
 when he was mistaken for Alvin  
 Karpis, No. 1 outlaw, Jack Loague,  
 36, "ex-hijacker," arrived today to  
 face a burglary charge. The mu-  
 nicipal airport was practically de-  
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 arrived from Chicago.

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THE CHICAGO AMERICAN  
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**REPORT-KARPIS TAKEN**  
 (By United Press)  
 OMAHA, Neb., May 23—A United Airlines plane which left here for Chicago at 12:10 p. m., today contained two Federal agents who had in custody a prisoner heavily manacled and clad in pajamas, believed to be Alvin Karpis, one of the few remaining southwestern desperadoes.

The KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL,  
 Knoxville, Tennessee,  
 May 23, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, WA, Fugitive; I.O. 1218;  
 ET AL;  
 Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
 KIDNAPING.

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May 25, 1935

## BARKER ARRIVES AT LEAVENWORTH

Bremer Kidnap in Prison  
Quarantine; May Go  
Elsewhere.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, under a life sentence following his conviction here in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, arrived today at the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth to begin serving his term. He was taken from the county jail secretly Friday afternoon by a large squad of deputy United States marshals and guards, and put aboard a train. On his arrival at Leavenworth, according to an Associated Press dispatch, he will be held in quarantine at the prison for 30 days before being given a work assignment. However, his sentence by Judge Joyce was to "Leavenworth or such other institution as the attorney general may designate." He may be moved to the government's Alcatraz island prison for desperadoes.

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**KIDNAPING  
 BREMER**

**False Karpis Back  
 In Dixie for Trial**

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 when he was mistaken for Alvin  
 Karpis, No. 1 outlaw, Jack Loague,  
 36, "ex-hijacker" came South today  
 to face a burglary charge. The mu-  
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 serted as a plane bearing Loague  
 and Detective Sergeant A. O. Clark  
 arrived from Chicago. In Chicago  
 Thursday the rumor had spread  
 that the manacled prisoner said he  
 was Karpis and a large crowd  
 greeted him.

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## Kidnapers Hunted After Battle

SAN MARINO, Cal. May 26.—Government agents and police of three cities combed underworld haunts today for four men, believed members of an "outside mob" of kidnapers, following a furious gun battle last night in which a suspected gangster and a detective were shot.

The battle occurred at a rendezvous where federal men and detectives attempted to capture extortioners who had threatened to kill Herbert D. Ivey, millionaire Los Angeles banker, unless he delivered \$72,000 in cash.

A car resembling Ivey's kept the ransom rendezvous. After a chase, the kidnapers' car was forced to the curb, and in an exchange of shots Lieut. Perry Archer was wounded and a suspect believed to be Jack Williams, 38, was seriously wounded.

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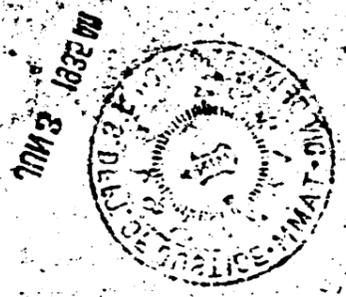
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KIDNAPING  
BREMER

IN WASHINGTON TODAY  
conferring on the forthcoming  
trial of HARRY SAWYER, alleged  
fingerman in Bremer kidnaping,  
today is George F. Sullivan,  
United States district attorney.



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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
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PORTLAND--SEARCH FOR ALVIN KARPIS, FUGITIVE, TURNED TODAY TO  
 PORTLAND--150 MILES FROM THE SCENE OF THE WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPING.  
 JOHN J. KEEGAN, CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES, SENT OUT A SQUAD OF MEN TO  
 HUNT FOR KARPIS, SAYING "WE HAVE A MIGHTY DEFINITE TIP THAT HE IS IN  
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St. Paul Daily News

May 28, 1935

# Bremer Case Fugitive Seen In Portland, Is Tip To G-Men

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28. — (UP) — Search for Alvin Karpis, fugitive No. 1 public enemy, turned today to Portland — only 150 miles from the scene of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

John J. Keegan, captain of detectives, sent out a squad of men to hunt for Karpis, saying "We have a mighty definite tip that he is in this vicinity."

With "G-men" reported to be hot on the trail of Alvin Karpis in Portland, Ore., near the scene of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, agents in St. Paul today were of the opinion that their "hunch" as published in The Daily News Saturday that Karpis-Barker gang was responsible for the snatching is more than mere rumor.

It was indicated Saturday that the remnants of the shattered gang, desperately in need of cash funds and with "nothing more to lose" took another chance on a kidnaping.

Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, three of the leaders of the gang, are reported to be together.

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**VOLNEY DAVIS  
 PLEADS GUILTY**

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 3 (U. S.).—Volney Davis, Karpis-Barker gangster rushed here from Chicago by chartered plane, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping because "the Government knew as much about the Bremer kidnaping as I did."

Federal Judge Joyce deferred sentence. Davis explained with a sickly grin:

"I pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge because I knew I couldn't beat the G-men. I've been thinking of doing this for some time after reading accounts of the trial of several of the so-called Karpis-Barker gang members. I decided the Government knew just as much about the Bremer kidnaping as I did."

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**Bremer Witness**



**MILDRED CLARK**  
 Alias *Mildred Kuhlman*,  
 sweetheart of Arthur Barker, of  
 the Karpis-Barker gang, who is  
 awaiting to be called to testify  
 in the Bremer case.

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## FURTHER SIFT SEEN IN BREMER KIDNAPING

**Federal Grand Jury Prepares  
to Meet; May Delve Again  
into \$200,000 Crime.**

The possibility of further inquiry into the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was seen today as the Federal grand jury prepared to convene here Tuesday.

It will be the first meeting of this body since the close of the Federal court trial which ended Friday with the conviction of five defendants charged with conspiracy in the abduction and during which guilty pleas were made by two others.

In the course of the trial, which lasted nearly five weeks, considerable light was thrown on several phases of the case into which it is believed the grand jury now may inquire. Some observers saw the possibility today that one or two additional indictments may be returned, although the chance of this appeared rather small.

Meanwhile, the seven defendants whose guilt was established during the trial remained in Ramsey county jail today. An eighth defendant awaits arraignment.

The seven are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oliver Berg, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Harold Alderton and James Wilson, all found guilty, and Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer, who pleaded guilty. The eighth is Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld figure and alleged "finger man" in the case, who was arrested after the trial was under way and is expected to be arraigned about June 1.

Of the guilty seven, Barker and Berg have been sentenced to life

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imprisonment, while the sentences of the others have been deferred. George A. Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, stated today that the latter sentences will not be imposed for at least a week. In Barker's case, he is being held here pending word from Washington as to which institution he is to be sent.

Berg already is under a life sentence for robbery in Illinois and was brought here from the Joliet penitentiary, where it was being served. He is to be returned there by Captain J. A. Humphrey, chief guard at the institution, but the proceedings have been delayed while authorities here are waiting permission from Washington to send a deputy United States marshal with Humphrey when he takes back his prisoner. Berg's Federal life sentence for kidnaping is to start following completion of his life sentence for robbery, thus obviating the possibility that he might regain his liberty through pardon or parole.

With the cases of the seven defendants cleaned up, Department of Justice agents have been questioning Sawyer at intervals in the county jail, but the results of their inquiries are not known.

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# Another Kidnaping Gang Wiped Out

## By Federal Authorities, as Usual

The Department of Justice has added the scalps of two more kidnapers to its belt—two more in a collection that has been accumulating ever since the murder of the Lindbergh child.

Arthur Barker and Oliver Berg get life sentences in St. Paul for the \$200,000 snatching of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January of last year.

Five others implicated in the crime get lesser sentences, and the Federal men are hot on the trail of the few remaining fugitives, the most notorious of whom is Al Karpis, now officially Public Enemy No. 1.

If the past performance of the Department of Justice is any guide, these men will be rounded up, and Mr. Karpis has an excellent chance of becoming the LATE Public Enemy No. 1.

All of which makes good reading for good citizens.

One more gang of kidnapers practically exterminated. One more menace to the safety of law-abiding persons removed.

But it would be even better reading if the city and State authorities throughout the country played a greater part in running down and catching or killing gangsters of this sort, and if State courts dealt as summarily with captured criminals as the Federal courts do.

In these respects the cities and States, generally speaking, have fallen down on their jobs.

The careers of Owney Madden and Dutch Schultz in New York are outstanding examples of that.

You can't fight crime with politics, pull or graft.

You need hardboiled judges on the bench, and hardboiled squads of officers who shoot first and argue second.

That is why the Federal Government gets its men, and why the States—including this State—don't.

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# McLaughlin Gives Cocky Replies to Kidnap Questions

Apparently Cheered by  
Failure of U. S. to  
Shake Story

Apparently cheered by failure of government attorneys to shake his story on cross-examination, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, alleged Bremer ransom changer on trial with seven others for kidnaping the St. Paul banker, late today was cockily, answering questions fired at him in St. Paul federal court by George A. Halsey, assistant prosecutor.

The tone of McLaughlin's testimony had undergone a complete change as he took the stand again after adjournment. A frequent reply to Mr. Halsey's questions as to what he had thought of the bundles of money given him by Dr. Joseph T. Moran in the Chicago gang hideout was: "Oh, I never gave that a thought."

McLaughlin flatly denied ever having seen William (Slim) Gibson, one of two guards posted to watch the money by Arthur (Doc) Barker.

As Halsey prodded the Chicago politician for an explanation of why, for six days in succession, he sent Phillip Delaney, a fellow defendant, into one south Chicago bank with \$4,000 packages of money to be changed to large denominations, McLaughlin airily answered:

"Oh, for no particular reason."  
"And why did you never get out and cash the money yourself?" Halsey asked.

"It just didn't occur to me. No particular reason."

"Why didn't you put this money in your own account and draw a check to Dr. Moran?" Halsey asked.

"I might have done that all right, but it just never occurred to me."

McLaughlin's cross-examination was expected to end today.

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DOOMED KIDNAPING TRIO



Awaiting transfer to Federal penitentiaries are these three men, convicted of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Left is Arthur (Doc) Barker, sentenced to life, who told reporters that he would like "one good drunk" before leaving the county jail. Also sentenced to life in the \$200,000 kidnaping of the St. Paul banker is Oliver A. Berg (upper right). Lower right is Harold Alderton, whose name was used as the abduction hideout. He has not been sentenced. Berg was a money changer in the case.

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**Clearer Line on Sawyer**

It was believed that if Wilson, Moran's assistant, would tell all he knows Sawyer might be more closely connected with the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo and near Sandusky, Ohio, after the ransom money had been changed. Alderton, whose defense was blown sky-high by the jury's verdict, may be able to tell much more than his verbal statement revealed.

McLaughlin's importance is believed to center mainly on the Chicago underworld.

Although convicted of being a party to the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy, McLaughlin is wanted in Chicago for complicity in a \$20,000 Chicago mail robbery, and if he will talk freely it is believed that several cases can be broken with his testimony.

As he awaited sentence a sinister phrase in the testimony of Berg was recalled. Moran, Berg said, told him that he "knew some one in the racket" who made a business of passing hot money. Other testimony in the case showed McLaughlin's accomplices to have believed that the ransom money was the proceeds of "some big bank robberies." McLaughlin probably holds in his brain the key to several crimes.

**U. S. Never Quits**

On the basis of past tradition, the bureau of investigation never closes a case until every person, man or woman, involved is dead or behind the bars. A convicted criminal, unless he has an established reputation for silence or could not give credible

testimony to a jury is nearly always given an "opportunity to help the government."

Farmer, friend of mobsters by his own admission and guilty of the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy by his own plea, and McLaughlin, fixer and fence for the Chicago underworld, may talk in such a way as to rip the lid off the country's second largest city.

Bolton, Wilson and Alderton, along with Farmer may be able to throw a good deal of light on Sawyer's part in the Bremer and other crimes.

Counsel for McLaughlin indicated he would carry the case to a higher court. Whether similar action would be taken in behalf of Barker, Alderton and Wilson was not determined. There was no possibility, however, that Berg would appeal inasmuch as he already was under a life sentence before his conviction.



# Boss McLaughlin *ca* Stand Admits Changing Bremer Ransom Money

**DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT IT WAS,  
HE TELLS JURY**

**Son Appears as Witness  
in Attempt to Clear  
Politician**

A 68-year-old father and his 18-year-old son took the witness stand Friday in the Bremer trial in St. Paul federal court to wage a grim fight to free the father, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, of kidnap conspiracy charges.

Eager to return the favor of his father, whose word freed him from charges in connection with the \$300,000 ransom money changing, John J. McLaughlin, Jr., answered questions for a few minutes and asserted that he had never heard his father refer to him as "Jimmy."

The testimony was an attempt by Robert Rensch, defense counsel, to impeach previous statements of Agent Ralph Brown, who gave damaging evidence of the senior McLaughlin's part in changing the money paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker in February, 1934.

#### McLaughlin Takes Stand

Brown had testified concerning an oral statement given by McLaughlin in Cook county jail after his arrest in April, 1934, during which conversation, according to Brown's testimony and corroborative written notes, the former Illinois state senator referred to his young son as "Jimmy."

After his son left the stand and received a parental nod of approval, the portly, gray-haired McLaughlin limped to the witness stand and testified that he did not know the nature of the money he obtained in \$10,000 bundles of \$5 and \$10 denominations from the room of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive gangland doctor.

Before launching into events of the six-day money changing period, between April 19 and April 26, 1934, McLaughlin told of his rise and financial fall as political boss in the city of Chicago.

#### Shows His Political Career

He started as a stockyards worker after a business law education and rose to the heights as a town supervisor, state senator and political boss who simultaneously conducted a general contracting and real estate business.

The financial crash of 1929 spelled the end of the McLaughlin real estate fortune and he became assistant manager of a Chicago restaurant, continuing to perform political favors for his multitude of friends.

Performance of such a favor in restoring the medical license of Dr. Moran at Maywood, Ill., in 1931 and 1932 led to a professional and social acquaintance between the two men, McLaughlin testified.

Sometime between April 12 and 15, 1934, Dr. Moran telephoned McLaughlin and arranged for an appointment in the Sherman hotel in Chicago's loop.

#### Meets Dr. Moran

Dr. Moran there introduced McLaughlin to a Mr. Adams from La Salle, Ill., who wanted some money changed. McLaughlin agreed to perform the service and on the next day met the two men again at the hotel and received a package of money wrapped in a newspaper, McLaughlin told the jury.

Dr. Moran said, "This is all right and I'll see that you are taken care of." McLaughlin testified.

McLaughlin's subsequent story substantiated testimony given earlier in the day by Phil Delaney and William Vidler, defendants, who described their money-changing transactions at numerous Chicago banks.

All three men rode in McLaughlin's car, driven by Delaney. Once each day, sometimes after Vidler had been taken home, they would stop near the intersection of Cicero avenue and Irving Park boulevard, in west Chicago. There McLaughlin would leave the car and disappear, according to Vidler and Delaney, who weren't "interested" where McLaughlin went.

#### Identifies Berg

McLaughlin maintained there were no previous arrangements between himself and Dr. Moran concerning his commission not for compensation to Vidler and Delaney, corroborating Vidler's and Delaney's testimony on the latter point.

Oliver Berg, defendant, was identified by McLaughlin as one of two strangers in Moran's room on McLaughlin's third visit.

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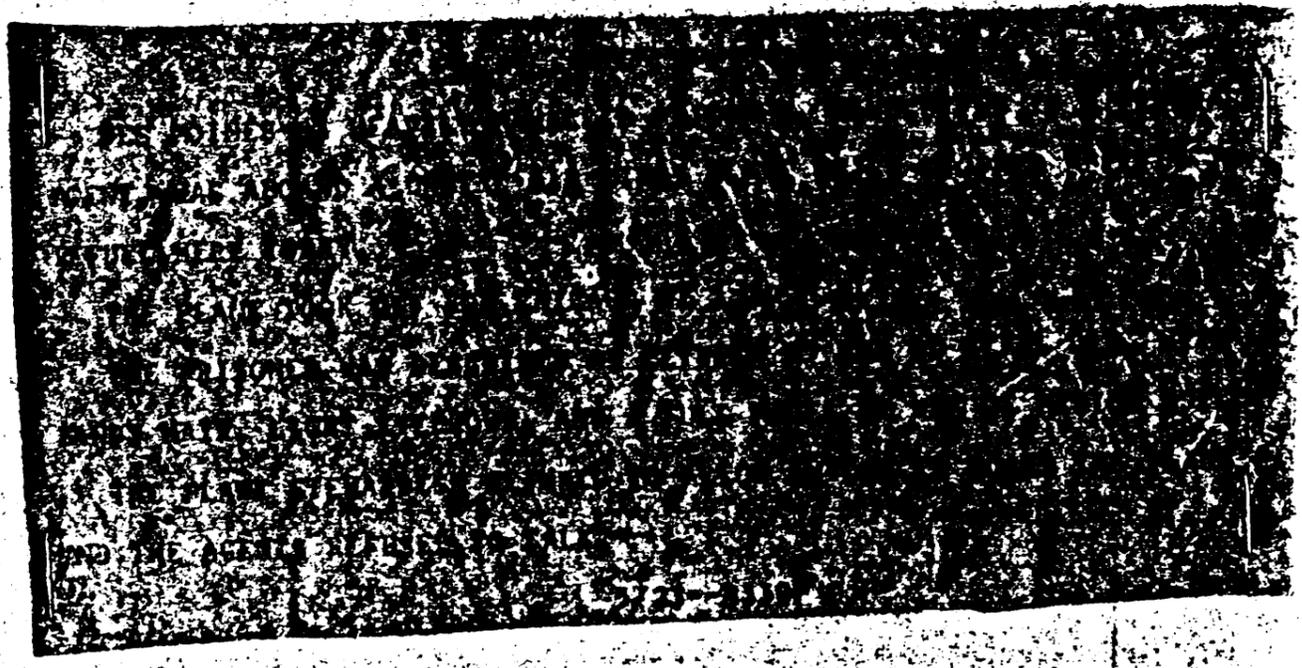
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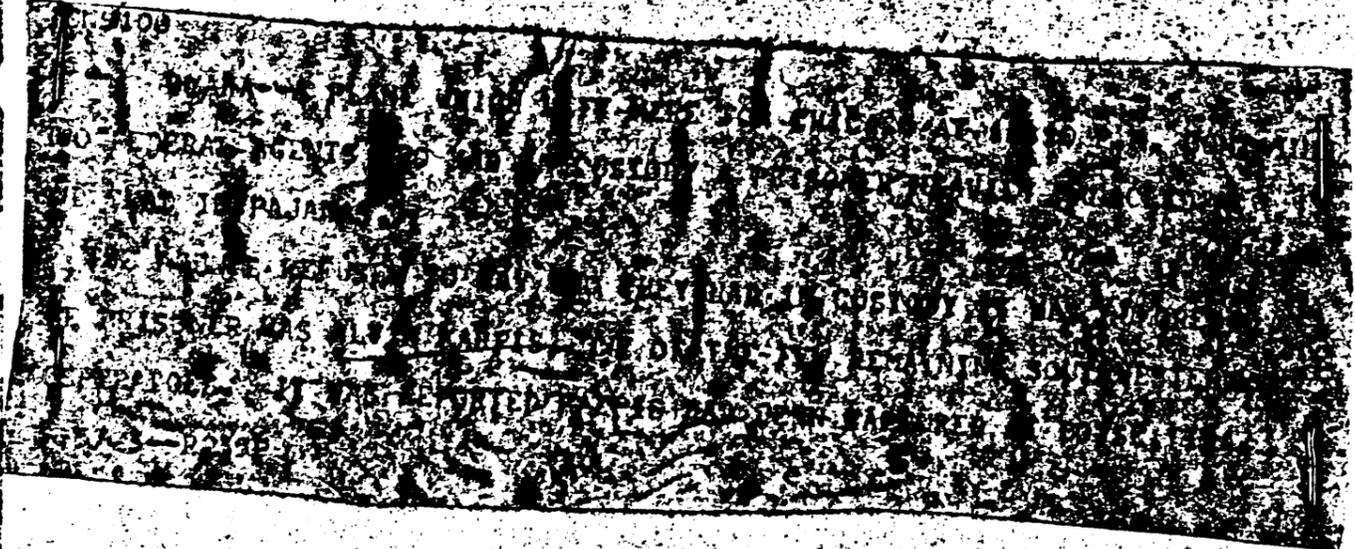
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# WILSON UNDER FIRE FOR THIRD DEGREE CHARGE

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Bremer Defendant Ad-  
mits He Told Story  
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Wilson admits aiding fingerprint mis-  
sion, Page 7.

Testimony of James Wil-  
son, confessed go-between in  
changing of the \$200,000  
ransom paid for release of  
Edward G. Bremer, that a  
confession was beaten out of  
him by Chicago federal  
agents today blew up in St.  
Paul federal court when  
Wilson practically admitted  
that it was his fear of gang  
reprisals which made him  
claim third degree duress.

The youthful assistant of Joseph  
(Doctor) Moran, underworld plastic  
surgeon who allegedly arranged  
with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin for  
the peddling of the ransom money  
had testified earlier today that "they  
beat me so hard that they broke  
one of my ears" opened the ques-  
tion of his fear of the gang himself.

His admission that fear of  
a gang reprisal "may have  
caused him to testify that he  
was given a third degree" came  
to a carefully worded question  
asked by George A. Halsey, as-  
sistant United States district  
attorney.

Judge M. M. Joyce, presiding at  
the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and  
seven others on kidnap charges, im-  
mediately took up the questioning  
himself.

Judge Takes Hand in Quiz

"Why are you afraid of the men  
who have been mentioned and who  
are not on trial?" Judge Joyce ask-  
ed. Halsey had mentioned Alvin Kar-  
pis, fugitive chieftain of the Barker-  
Karpis gang, Harry Campbell and  
Volney Davis.

"I'm not afraid for myself as  
long as I am locked up here,"  
Wilson replied. "But I am afraid  
for my mother and sister and  
sister."

"What is there about your testi-  
mony that leads you to be afraid  
members of the gang might hurt  
your folks?" Judge Joyce continued.  
"It's the part about the opera-  
tions on their fingerprints."

Story Goes to Pieces

Wilson's testimony that he had  
been given a third degree went to  
pieces during his examination by his

own counsel. Thomas Newman ask-  
ed him to state just when the beat-  
ing occurred, and the youthful un-  
derworld doctor's assistant became  
confused and was unable to fix the  
time in repeating earlier testimony.

Halsey's cross-examination brought  
out that Newman had opposed Wil-  
son's telling a third degree story.  
"He said that all the other defend-  
ants planned to tell that same story  
and that it wouldn't go so good,"  
Wilson stated.

Ralph Brown and John Medala  
were the two special agents whom  
Wilson charges "hammered a con-  
fession out of me" in the misdeed  
floor office of the justice department  
in Chicago.

Judge Joyce had excused the jury  
from the courtroom.

"First they showed me a picture  
of Slim Gibson which I identified,"  
Wilson said under questioning by  
Newman. He referred to Agents Me-  
dala and Brown. "Then they showed  
me a very indistinct picture of Ollie  
Berg (a defendant). They asked me  
who that was."

"And what did you reply?" New-  
man asked.

"I told them I couldn't be certain  
who that was. The picture didn't  
look like anyone I knew."

"You'll have to do a little bet-  
ter than that," Medala said they  
told him. "And then, without  
any warning at all, both of them  
started punching me. I tried to  
cover up but one of them got on  
one side and the other on the  
other side and they punched my  
head until I couldn't answer  
anything at all."

"What happened after that?" Mr.  
Newman asked.

You've Got to Talk

"Then they went out of the room  
for a few minutes," Wilson contin-  
ued. "They came back with their  
coats off and their sleeves rolled up."

"We hate to do this, but  
you've got to talk," they told me.  
Then they started punching me  
again without giving me any  
chance to talk. They hit my  
ears and pretty soon my mouth  
and ears were bleeding. Then  
they let up, and one of them  
went into Mr. Purvis' office."

He referred to Melvin Purvis, head  
of the Chicago office of the bureau  
of investigation, department of jus-  
tice.

Wilson, picked up in Chicago on  
Sept. 5, 1934, was, according to his  
story, brought to the Bankers' build-  
ing office of the justice department,  
fingerprinted, photographed, and  
then turned over to Brown and  
Medala.

U. S. Says He Signed

The government contends that he  
signed a statement before a jury  
public on that day in which he ad-  
mitted having seen and recognized  
members of the Barker-Karpis gang  
and having been present when the

origin of the money allegedly chang-  
ed by John J. (Boss) McLaughlin was  
discussed. If was the government's  
attempt to get this statement into  
the record that brought Mr. New-  
man's offer to prove third degree  
methods.

Says Ear Broken

Wilson, according to his story, was  
permitted to leave the bureau office  
on the same afternoon that he was  
picked up.

"I went out on the west side in  
Chicago and I went to a doctor to  
get treatment," he said. "My head  
was paining me something awful.  
The doctor took a lot of clotted blood  
out of my ears and that seemed to  
relieve the pain. I got him to make  
out a signed statement of what the  
injuries were and he said that the  
tympanum of one ear had been  
broken. I told him that I had been  
in a fight."

Newman offered the statement of  
the Chicago doctor in evidence, but  
Judge Joyce ruled that it could not  
be received. Newman stated that  
Wilson did not have sufficient money  
to bring the doctor from Chicago to  
testify.

Wilson, according to the govern-  
ment, had promised to return to the  
bureau office when called, but dis-  
appeared. Through friends the bu-  
reau's agents traced him to Denver,  
Colo., and brought him back.

"They took every stitch of my  
clothes and put me into a room with  
a cot in it at the Bankers' build-  
ing," Wilson said concerning his re-  
turn to Chicago.

Says Crowley Hit Him

Agent Samuel Crowley, later slain  
by Baby Face Nelson in a gun fight  
near Chicago, was the first to enter  
the room after he had been taken  
there, Wilson said.

"You're a louse," he told me.  
"You've been running around telling  
people we beat you." He hit me in  
the mouth and told me that there'd  
be more of the same unless I talked.  
Then he gave me some paper and told  
me to start writing all you know,"  
Wilson testified.

When Mr. Halsey took Wilson for  
cross-examination on the offer to  
prove he asked:

Q—Isn't it the truth that no one  
so much as put a hand on you while  
you were in the Bankers' building?

A—No it isn't. They beat me, and  
they told me they had a lot of other  
methods of getting people to talk.

Q—All right. But isn't it really the  
truth that you were beaten up by  
sluggers after you left the Bankers'  
building that day because they  
thought you had talked while you  
were there?

Q.—And you want this court to believe that you went all the way out to the west side in Chicago and told the doctor there that you had been in a fight and wanted a statement of your injuries and that you didn't tell him that the agents had beaten you?

A.—That's what I told him.

Q.—And that these agents, after beating you up, immediately let you loose so you could go back to Spring Valley a free man if you'd only work with them?

A.—That's the truth.

#### Story Incoherent

Wilson, in describing what happened after he had been brought back from Denver on Sept. 22, 1934, told a weird and incoherent story of having been taken to a hotel and of how he had feared that agents were going to pitch him out of a top-story window if he did not tell the truth.

"Crowly took me over there and he answered a phone call shortly after we got there," he said. "He just said 'second floor' into the telephone and then hung up. Then he told me that another agent was coming over and that they were going to take me to the top floor." Wilson said.

Q.—(by Heisey)—Did they take you to the top floor?

A.—No. The other agent never came over at all.

Q.—Now did anyone say that they might pitch you out of the top story window?

A.—No. I asked Crowly if they were going to pitch me out of the

top story window.

From Wilson's story it was plain that, whether he was beaten or not, he had a gangster's fear of the methods of the bureau of investigation.

#### Everyone for Himself

As defendants in the kidnap trial took the stand to testify in their own behalf, it appeared that the defense of individuals named in the indictment would be an "every man for himself" proposition.

Testimony of Berg and Wilson has implicated several of the defendants who heretofore were connected only through their own confessions.

Barker, the one leader of the gang who is now on trial, was heaped with guilt by the defense testimony through which Berg sought to make himself out a bank robbery money-changer rather than a knowing ransom changer. McLaughlin today was again involved in the plot through the defense testimony of Wilson.

**ACCUSED SLAYER ARRESTED**  
CHICAGO, May 23 (I.N.S.)—John W. Loague, wanted on a murder charge in Memphis, Tenn., was taken from a United Airlines plane here today. The prisoner, previously reported to have been Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was definitely identified as Loague by Department of Justice agents.

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## Prisoner Poses as Karpis But Goes to Jail Anyway

Chicago, May 24.—(A. P.)—Jack Loague was just another citizen in a jam with the law Friday as he awaited resumption of his journey to Memphis, Tenn., to face burglary charges.

Thursday, however, Loague was, to a reading public that saw him thru his own description relayed by an airplane stewardess, as "Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1," traveling eastward by plane, attired in pajamas and chains and in custody of two federal agents.

Since for several hours few persons knew the difference, Loague attracted as much attention as had he been "Public Enemy Karpis."

Then the plane bearing him eastward landed at Chicago and the mystery was cleared hurriedly.

Blond and large, and wearing handcuffs, in addition to a full outfit of clothing, Loague came into

view of the crowd of federal agents, police, reporters, cameramen and excitement seekers who had been attracted by the reports of "Karpis in custody," which originated at Omaha, Neb., five hours earlier.

Karpis, when last seen, was brunet and slender. The difference was immediately apparent.

Loague was further identified by Detective Sergt. A. O. Clark of Memphis, who had him in charge for the trip from Vale, Ore., to Memphis.

## Says He's Alvin Karpis To Break Up Monotony

By United Press  
CHICAGO—Jack Loague, wanted in Memphis, Tenn., for questioning in connection with a murder and some burglaries, lightened the tedium of an airplane trip from Boise, Ida., Thursday by spreading the word that he was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1.

He also claimed friendship with Ray Hamilton, Machine Gun Kelly and Baby Face Nelson.

Loague, a prisoner in charge of Serg. A. O. Clark, was so convincing that he persuaded the United Airlines pilot of his identity as Karpis and the pilot responded to a radio message from the Chicago office that the man was indeed Karpis.

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*St. Paul Daily News*  
*May 24, 1935*

Thirty-one indictments including two against Edward Clarence Johnson, former Hamline university athlete and now a Preston, Minn., athletic coach, for a dime chain letter racket, the first of the kind in the northwest, were returned late today by the federal grand jury.

Also returned in the batch were two indictments against Stanley Karmell, the convict who made one escape from the Ramsey county jail and was prevented from making a second only by a "tip" to Sheriff Tom Gibbons from Byron Bolton, held at the jail in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

Johnson was indicted in one bill for mail fraud, and in the other for mail lottery. He faces a possible total penalty of seven years in a federal prison, or fines of up to \$2,000 or both. Under the mail fraud indictment he could be sentenced up to a \$1,000 fine or five years in prison, or both, and on the lottery charge, up to a \$1,000 fine or two years in prison, or both. There are no minimums on the sentences.

Johnson is alleged by postal inspectors to have mimeographed some 100 copies of a dime chain letter, and to have sent them out with his name not only on the top but on the bottom as well, and with the names of several relatives in between. Johnson has declared that he received but eight dimes as a result of the chain letters.

Karmell already is under sen-

tence to serve five years in Leavenworth penitentiary for a mail-box theft. While he was being held in the Ramsey county jail he escaped, but the same day was recaptured in Minneapolis. Then during the Bremer kidnaping trial, on the Bolton tip, it was found that he had loosened the mortar around bricks at his window so that the bars could have been pulled out with slight effort. One indictment against him charges him with actually escaping from custody, and the other with attempting to escape.

All of the other indictments were of comparatively minor offenses, including liquor, narcotic and several other offenses.

With the report of the jury, the court excused eight of the members, and dismissed the other 10 until further call. When another grand jury meeting is needed, 13 additional grand jurors will be called to complete the panel, it was explained.

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The grand jury also returned an indictment against Stanley Karmell, "escape king" of Ramsey county jail, who already is under a five-year Leavenworth penitentiary sentence for mailbox theft. The indictment charges him with escaping from a Federal institution. It is based on his escape March 21 from the county jail, which is designated as a Federal prison. Following his recapture, he made two other attempts to escape.

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**Arrest Denied**  
**NAME OF KARPIS GIVEN BY**  
**PRISONER ON PLANE.**



**ALVIN KARPIS.**

By the Associated Press.  
 J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today denied that a man who allegedly identified himself under arrest in Omaha as Alvin Karpis—the much-sought outlaw—was, in fact, Karpis.  
 An airlines stewardess in Omaha had said a manacled airplane passenger in the custody of two men gave his name as that of the public enemy No. 1.  
 When the word sped to Washington, however, inquiries at the Department of Justice brought the quick denial from Hoover.  
 "We would be glad to hear it, if true," he said.  
 The man claiming to be Karpis passed through Omaha today on a United Airlines' plane in the custody of two men believed to be Federal agents. The prisoner said he had been captured in a ranch near Boise, Idaho. Federal agents in Omaha denied knowing of the matter.

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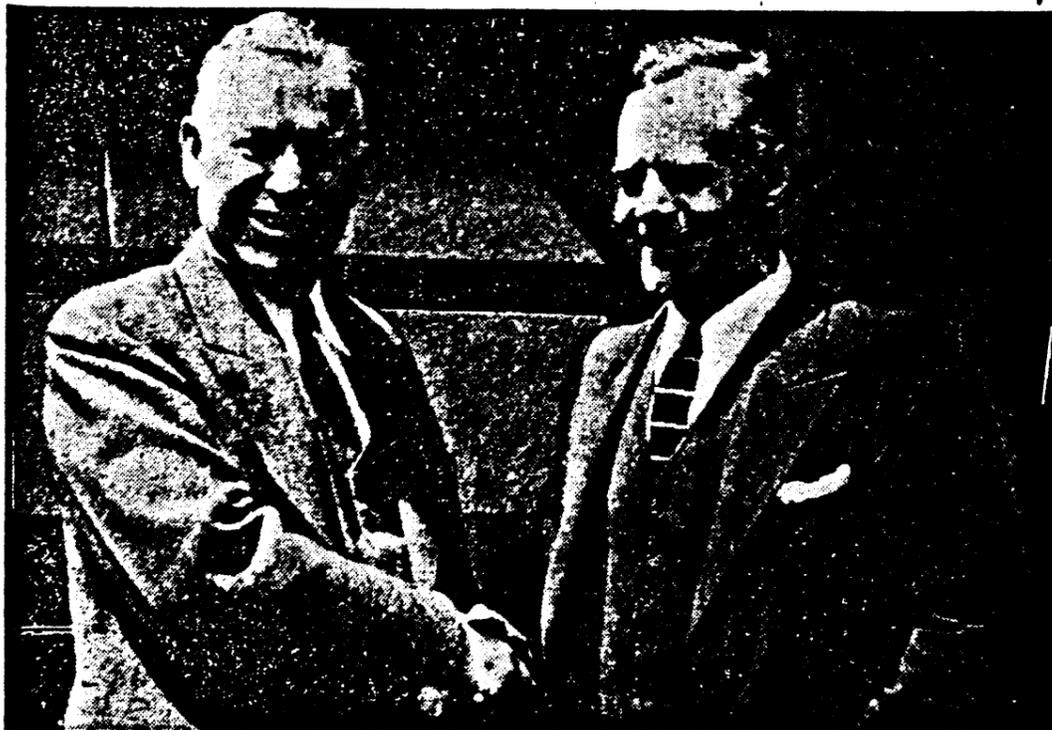
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**CONVICTED**—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin (left), with James J. Wilson, former medical student at Northwestern University, shown just after they were found guilty at the Bremer kidnap trial at St. Paul yesterday. Sentence was deferred.



**VINDICATED**—Philip Delaney (left) and Edward Vidler, Chicagoans, shown congratulating each other after they had been freed at the Bremer kidnap trial at St. Paul yesterday. They were accused of exchanging the ransom money. International News photo.

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# Five Convicted in Bremer Kidnaping; Two Get Life Term

Barker and Berg  
Draw Severe  
Sentences.

**TWO SET FREE**

McLaughlin, Wil-  
son and Alderton  
Wait Penalty.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

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A jury of nine men and three women brought in guilty verdicts after twenty-one hours of deliberation.

## Two Released

Besides Barker and Berg, those convicted were John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, accused of passing a large part of the ransom there; James J. Wilson and Harold Alderton. Their sentences were deferred.

District Attorney G. F. Sullivan indicated they will be sentenced in about two weeks. A special term of court is slated for May 27.

Edward Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicagoans, whom the government had accused of helping in changing the record ransom payment into innocuous currency, were freed.

Barker, pal of Alvin Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, and Berg, a lifer in Joliet, Ill., prison on a murder charge, heard their sentences unmoved.

Two others of the gang had pleaded guilty before the trial ended.

## Search Spurred

Spurred on by the victory, federal officials announced tonight that search for the remaining fugitives, the most notorious of whom is Karpis, "will be pushed until every last one is dead or in prison."

Bremer was kidnaped early in January, 1934, held for twenty-one days in the home of Alderton, in Bensenville, Ill., and released near Rochester, Minn., after \$200,000 in ransom had been paid.

Still to be tried in the case is Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man" in the kidnaping and former underworld czar, who was recently captured in Pass Christian, Miss., and brought here.

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DENVER, COLORADO  
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By Associated Press

ST. PAUL—Another stunning blow at the kidnap racket—life sentences for Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg, leaders in the \$200,000 Bremer conspiracy—followed quickly on their conviction by a federal court jury here Friday.

"Kidnaping," said Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, in pronouncing life terms on Barker, co-ringleader in the plot, and Berg, "is the one crime that the people of this country will not tolerate."

A jury of nine men and three women brought guilty verdicts against five of the seven defendants in the month-old trial for the crime against Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, after 21 hours' deliberation Edward Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicagoans, whom the government had accused of helping in changing the record ransom payment into innocuous currency, were freed.

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# U.S. SPURRED ON IN CRIME DRIVE

DETROIT NEWS, MAY 18, 1935

## 5 Convictions in Bremer Case Open Way for Roundup of Karpis and Others.

ST. PAUL, May 18.—(AP)—Crushing a part of the Barker-Karpis mob through conviction of one of the leaders and four alleged associates, the Federal Government today made plans to embark on a roundup of fugitive kidnapers and bank robbers.

Satisfied with the outcome of the trial here of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, J. Edward Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, informed H. E. Andersen, district chief here, that the Federal forces now will concentrate their efforts on both the extermination of fugitive kidnapers and bank robbers.

### TWO GET LIFE TERMS.

A Federal Court jury yesterday convicted Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the gang with Alvin Karpis; Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill., penitentiary lifer; John J. McLaughlin and James J. Wilson, Chicago, and Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., of conspiracy in the kidnaping in January, 1934, of Bremer, a St. Paul banker. The jury acquitted Edward Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicago.

Barker and Berg were sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentences of the other three convicted, along with the punishment for Byron Bolton, Chicago, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, who pleaded guilty, was deferred.

Heading the list of gangsters sought especially for complicity in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping is Alvin Karpis, now the nation's No. 1 outlaw.

### CAMPBELL SECOND ON LIST.

Others sought are Harry Campbell, who with Karpis escaped a Federal trap of gunfire in Atlantic City last January; Volney Davis, who escaped from Federal agents at Yorkville, Ill.; William Weaver, former convict and alleged active participant in the banker's kidnaping; Willis Harrison, former tavern keeper of Hammond, Ind.; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician, alleged to have performed operations to obliterate the finger prints of Karpis, Barker, Freddie Barker (now deceased), Harrison, Davis and Campbell.

Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, named as the "finger man" in the case, is in the county jail here awaiting trial.

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## Barker Gets Life Sentence

Four Others Convicted in Bremer Kidnaping Case; Two Acquitted

St. Paul, Minn.—Arthur (Doc) Barker was convicted of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Friday and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, who imposed a similar sentence upon Oliver A. Berg, Illinois convict.

When Barker and Berg stood up to be sentenced, Judge Joyce said:

"Arthur Barker, you have no defense in this case. No one could doubt your guilt. You have had a fair trial. Kidnaping is one crime that the people of this country will not tolerate."

It was here that the cool headedness that took Barker unflinchingly through one of the most sensational kidnapings in history went to pieces. The blustering gang chief whose eyes never flickered as he wielded a deadly machine gun to blaze one of the most notorious records in modern criminal annals, quavered like a leaf. The deputy United States marshal to whom he was manacled was forced to steady him.

### Can't Escape by Pardon

Berg is a "lifer" from Illinois. In re-sentencing him, Judge Joyce said his life term on the Bremer charge would start at the conclusion of the life sentence he now is serving.

Barker's only comment after sentence was pronounced, made to his attorney, John De Courcy, was: "The jury has the last say."

Three other defendants were convicted also, but sentence was deferred. They were:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner 21 days; John J. McLaughlin, 68-year-old former political leader in Chicago, and James J. Wilson, 27-year-old former Northwestern university medical student. McLaughlin said he would appeal the conviction.

Freed were William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," and Philip Delaney, former restaurant and tavern proprietor in Chicago and intimate friend of McLaughlin.

### Sentence Two Later

The seven defendants were all tried on a charge of conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnap law, which calls for penalty upon conviction ranging up to life imprisonment. The prison term is discretionary with the court.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville (Ill.) tavern keeper, both of whom pleaded guilty, were not in court and will be sentenced later.

Bremer, youthful president of the Commercial State bank, was in court as the verdict was announced.

### Nine Still Sought

Although 11 persons were brought to trial Apr. 15, the defendant list was reduced to seven because of the two pleas of guilty and two dismissals.

Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as "the kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster, were freed, on motion of the government, when the prosecution rested. Mrs. Murray was returned to the Missouri state prison from which she escaped while serving a 25-year term for hold-up. Doyle faces a charge of robbing a bank in Okemah, Okla.

The government has accounted for 13 of 22 persons indicted. The thirteenth is Harry Sawyer, captured recently in Pass Christian, Miss., and subsequently lodged in jail here. He is charged with being the "finger man" in the Bremer case. He will be tried later.

Still uncaptured are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Joseph E. Moran, Volney Davis and two persons known only as "John Doe" and "Richard Roe."

### Dillinger's Attorney Must Stand Trial

Chicago, Ill. (AP)—Federal Judge William H. Holly Friday ordered Louis P. Piquett, bushy haired Dillinger lawyer, to trial June 17 on charges of harboring Homer Van Meter.

Van Meter, diminutive lieutenant of the Dillinger gang, was killed by law enforcement officers.

Piquett was acquitted in January on charges of harboring Dillinger after the latter's escape from the Crown Point (Ind.) jail Mar. 3, 1934. He pleaded that his affairs with the outlaw were "the privileged confidences between attorney and client."

Judge Holly gave Piquett's attorney, John E. Burns, until June 3 to file a plea of former acquittal in which he will argue that the new charges are the same as those on which a jury acquitted him.

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## Here's Bremer Jury That Convicted 5 and Freed 2



THE JURY WHICH CONVICTED FIVE MEMBERS of the Barker gang of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and acquitted two others at St. Paul is shown above just before it was dismissed. In the first row, left to right, are: Homer Blanchard, Mrs. Alice Hall, Miss Maud Brown, Miss Mary McQuade, Harry Jones and Frank Beatty; second row, Robert Barkhuff, William Scherf, E. M. Buckminster, Hubert Frenk, George Guiter and Earl L. Bateman. Below are Philip Delaney (left) and William Vidler being congratulated on their acquittal by Kathleen Delaney, daughter of the freed man.



# 4 GUILTY KIDNAPERS

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(Associated Press Wirephoto)  
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### DELAY IN OTHER SENTENCES

McLaughlin Among Those Found Guilty at St. Paul—Two Defendants Acquitted.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, May 17.—Five defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case were convicted and two were acquitted by a jury in United States District Court here today. Those convicted face maximum sentences of life imprisonment.

The defendants found guilty were Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oliver A. Berg, Harold Alderton, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former politician of Chicago, and James Wilson.

Not guilty verdicts were returned in favor of William Vidler and Paul Delaney, accused by the government of having had a hand in the changing of the Bremer ransom money.

The verdict, delivered in a tense and hushed court room, came after twenty hours of deliberation by the jury. Immediately after its reading George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney and chief prosecutor, arose and moved that sentence be imposed on Barker and Berg, the alleged leaders in the kidnaping plot.

Judge Matthew M. Joyce sentenced them to life imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary—the maximum penalty under the so-called Lindbergh Kidnaping Law.

Barker, associate of Alvin Karpis, bandit and gang leader, had nothing to say. Berg, now serving a life term at Joliet on a murder charge, was silent also.

"Will Not Tolerate Kidnaping."

"You had no defense in this case," Judge Joyce said first, addressing Barker. "You had a fair trial. You were surrounded by all the constitutional protections. Kidnaping is one crime that people of this country will not tolerate. The jury heard all the evidence and found you guilty. Therefore it is the judgment of this court that you be confined in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, or in such other institution as the proper authorities may determine, for the period of your natural life."

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"In the meantime, on Jan. 16, 1935, Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, were located in a house on Lake Weir, Oklawaha, Fla., and after a gun battle with special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, lasting several hours, were killed while resisting arrest. In the meantime the hide-out, or place where the victim had been held by his kidnapers, was located as Bensenville, Ill., thus establishing interstate transportation.

"Arthur 'Doc' Barker was taken into custody on the night of Jan. 8, 1935, on the streets of Chicago. On the same night Russell Gibson, alias 'Rusty' Gibson, notorious gunman, escaped prisoner and wanted for other crimes, in addition to complicity in this kidnaping, was killed while attempting to escape from the rear of a Chicago apartment.

"Harry Sawyer, one of those indicted, was apprehended at Pass Christian, Miss., where he had been located for a number of months, operating a lottery, by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, during the course of the trial at St. Paul, Minn.

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Mr. Bremer, victim of the kidnapping, was in court at the time the verdict was read.

One of the most complicated criminal cases on record, the trial called for the combined efforts of more than 100 persons—attorneys, Department of Justice men, criminal experts and witnesses. It was the first case in which the Federal Government has attempted to convict not only the principals but every one who has any connection with the crime.

Bremer was kidnapped in St. Paul Jan. 17, 1934, when returning from taking his daughter to school. In constant fear for his life, he was held twenty-one days in Bensenville, Ill. His release came upon payment of \$200,000 ransom.

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# 'G' MEN MAP DRIVE ON KIDNAP GANGS

## Bank Robbers Also Hunted in Mop-Up After Bremer Convictions

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Satisfied with the outcome of the trial here of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation, informed H. E. Andersen, district chief here, that the Federal forces now will concentrate their efforts on both the extermination of fugitive kidnapers and bank robbers.

### Gang Is Convicted

A Federal Court jury yesterday convicted Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Alvin Karpis gang; Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill., penitentiary lifer; John J. McLaughlin and James J. Wilson, Chicago, and Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., of conspiracy in the kidnaping in January, 1934, of Bremer, St. Paul banker. The jury acquitted Edward Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicago.

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### Three Women Are Freed.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce remanded these three into custody of the marshal and announced they would be sentenced in "due time."

Those freed by the jury of nine men and three women were Phillip Delaney, bartender who was charged with aiding in changing the ransom money and William E. Vidler, Chicago bookmaker also accused of aiding in switching the "hot" kidnap ransom into other bills.

Byron Bolton, one of the twenty-six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul in January of this year, pleaded guilty at the start of the trial and testified for the government, that he was hired by George Goetz, to stand guard over Bremer during his captivity.

A second who pleaded guilty at the conclusion of the defense case was Elmer Farmer, of Bensenville, Ill., tavernkeeper who aided in the hideout arrangements.

Conviction of the gangsters was marked as one of the greatest victories in the history of the government's long fight to stamp out the kidnaping evil. Authorities here were jubilant when informed of the jury's verdict, which ended fifteen months of investigation and prosecution of the suspects.

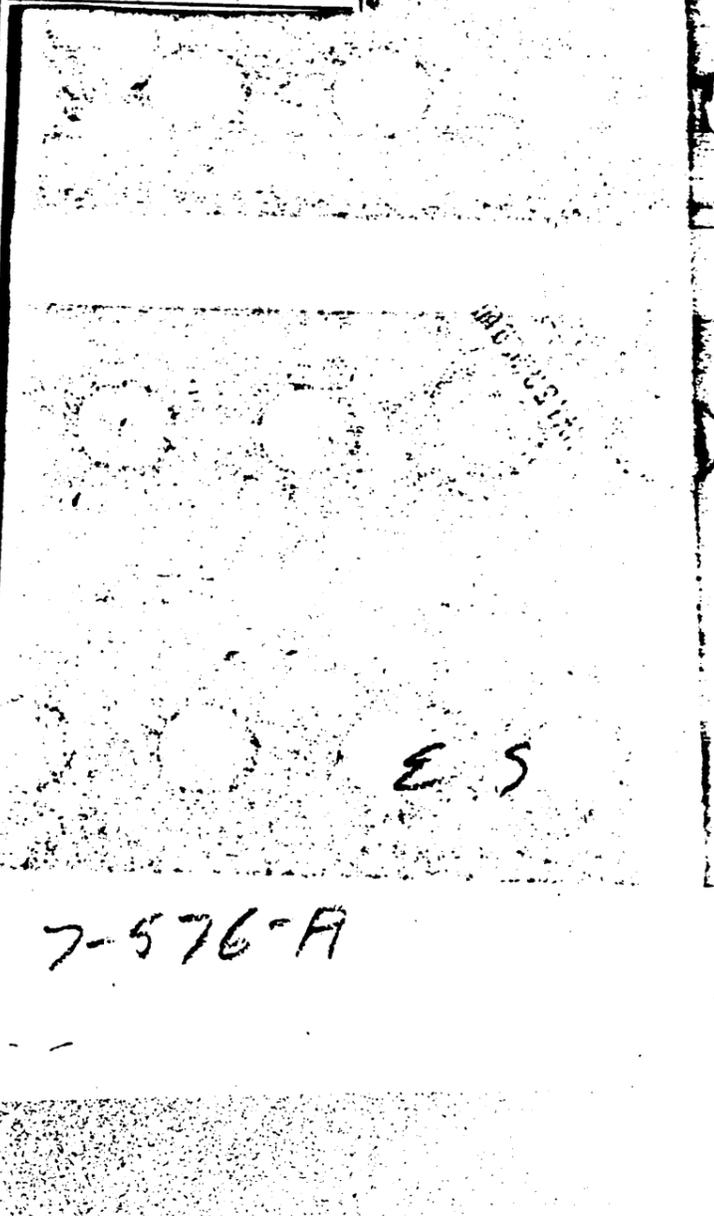
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### Judge Praises Jurors.

Judge Joyce, in commenting to the jury on their verdict, said that "by verdicts such as yours the incentive to kidnap will soon pass."

When Barker and Berg stood up to be sentenced, Judge Joyce said: "Arthur Barker, you have no defense in this case. No one could

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## INCREASE GUARD TO BAR ESCAPE OF 'DOC' BARKER

### Bremer Kidnaper Faces Life Sentence.

St. Paul, Minn., May 18.—[Special.]  
—Seeking to avert the remotest possibility of a jail delivery by associates of Arthur [Doc] Barker, authorities here today placed a double guard about Ramsey county jail and stationed expert machine gunners in strategic locations.

Barker, who with Oliver Berg yesterday received a life sentence for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was scheduled to be sent to Alcatraz, Cal.

#### Sentence Date May 27.

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Harold Alderton, and James Wilson are to be sentenced May 27, Judge M. M. Joyce announced.

Attorneys for McLaughlin said they will appeal his conviction. Other defendants indicated they will start their terms without opposition.

McLaughlin is wanted in Chicago for complicity in a \$230,000 mail robbery. If he will talk freely it is believed several cases can be broken.

#### Two Plead Guilty.

To be sentenced at the same time are Elmer Farmer and Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to the charges. James Vidler and Philip Delaney of Chicago were acquitted.

Federal agents still are searching for six fugitives named in the original indictment in the \$200,000 abduction which took place in January, 1933. Chief among these are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, associates of Barker.

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### Mystery Woman Held As Witness in Kidnaping

By United Press  
ST. PAUL, Minn. — A woman whose name is closely guarded by the government will be one of the chief witnesses in the attempt to convict Harry Sawyer of conspiracy in the Edward C. Bremer kidnaping, it was disclosed Saturday.

The "mystery woman" has been under government protection for several weeks, it was disclosed. Sawyer is scheduled for arraignment June 1. He is accused as the "finger-man" in the \$200,000 Bremer abduction.

Meanwhile five persons convicted Friday in the Bremer case remained at the county jail.

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**'BOSS' TO KIDNAP FAIR** KIDNAPING BREMER

*Bremer Sentences To Be Passed May 27*

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 18 (I.N.S.)—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago's erstwhile gambling overlord, who on Friday took his Bremer kidnaping conspiracy conviction with a smile, will be sentenced by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce on May 27, it was announced today. Sentences will be imposed at the same time on James J. Wilson, nephew of and chauffeur for the fugitive or slain Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and Harold Alderton, of Bensenville, Ill., "guard" over Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, when he was held prisoner for three weeks in January and February, 1934, pending payment of \$200,000 ransom to Barker-Karpis gangsters.

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# U. S. AGENTS PREDICT

## HUNT PRESSED FOR REMAINING FUGITIVES IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Government Is Ready to Proceed With Trial of Harry Sawyer, Former Underworld Czar, Accused As 'Finger Man' in Abduction.

### (CRIME NEVER PAYS)

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Barker, gang coleader and accused as one of the actual kidnapers, may be sent to the Alcatraz island penitentiary for desperate convicts, it was reported.

### ALL CONVICTED UNDER LINDBERGH LAW.

Sentences will be imposed at a later date in the cases of the other three convicted, the federal district attorney's office announced. The trio, who likewise face possible life terms, are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator; Harold Alderton of Bensenville, Ill., and James J. Wilson.

McLaughlin was accused of passing a large portion of the ransom at Chicago banks.

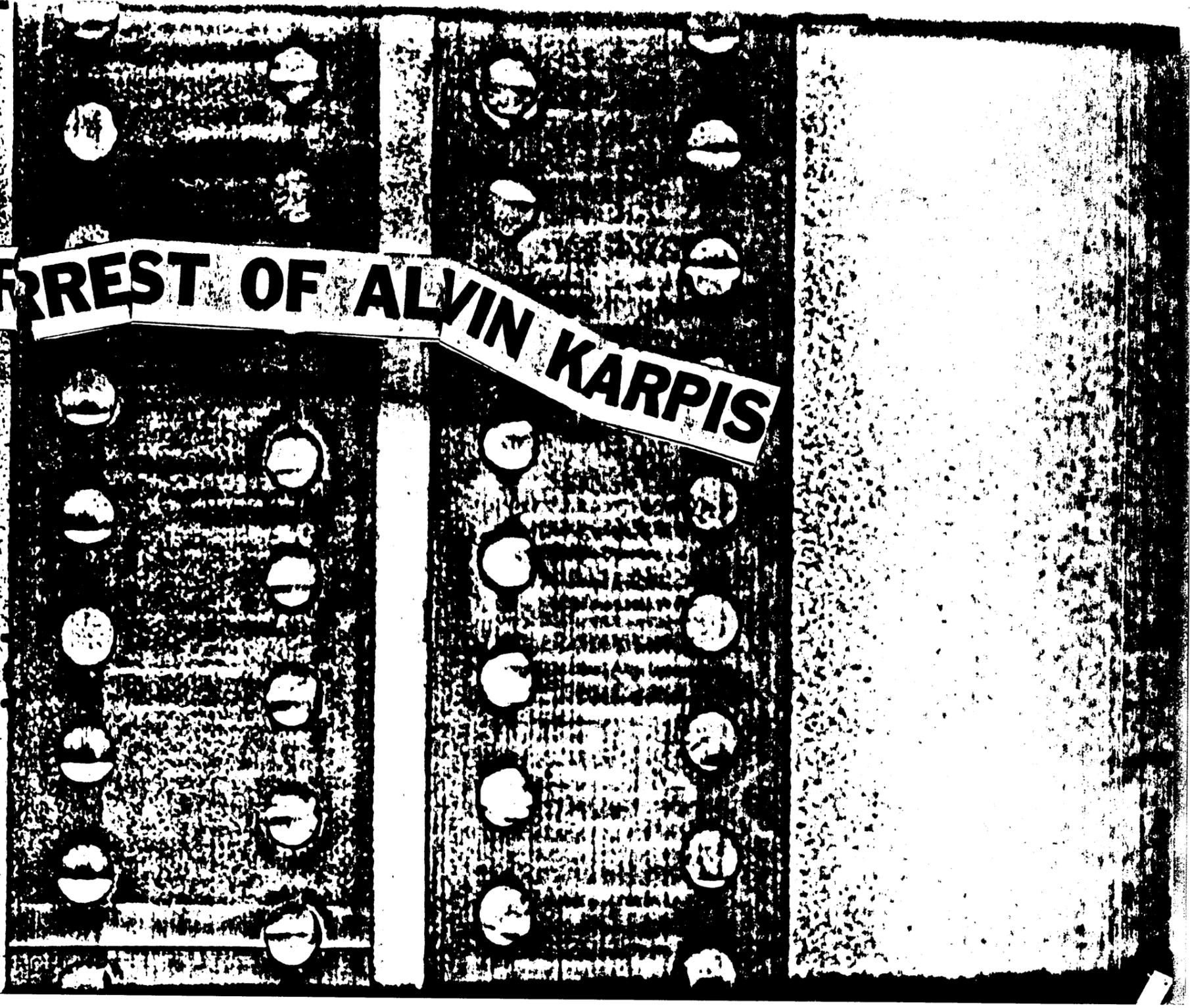
All were convicted under the so-called Lindbergh kidnaping law. The convictions, returned by a jury of nine men and three women, were held as a double victory for the government in that it was the first kidnapping case in which those convicted with the conspiracy were guilty along with actual participants.

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**EARLY ARREST OF ALVIN KARPIS**



Today's Pictures Today

**Kathleen's Glad** that the jury in the Brem-  
er kidnaping decided her  
father was not guilty. Kathleen Delaney of Chicago is shown  
embracing her father, Philip Delaney, one of the two acquitted  
at St. Paul Friday, while five others were convicted.

Associated Press Wirephoto



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# 5 CONVICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO KIDNAP BREMER

## Life Sentence Given Barker.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

St. Paul, Minn., May 17.—[Special.]—Five defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case were convicted and two were acquitted by a jury in United States District court here today. Those convicted face maximum sentences of life imprisonment.

Defendants found guilty were "Doc" Barker, Oliver A. Berg, Harold Alderton, John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, and James Wilson.

Not guilty verdicts were returned in favor of William Vidler and Phil Delaney, accused by the government of having had a hand in the changing of the Bremer ransom money.

Deliberate for 20 Hours.

The verdict came after 20 hours of deliberation by the jury. At 11:05 a. m. there was a knock at the jury room door and it was announced a verdict had been reached.

Court attachés and attorneys were called. The marshal's office was told to send to Ramsey county jail for the prisoners. All was in readiness 40 minutes later.

Their verdict was delivered in a tense and hushed courtroom. Then, immediately after the reading, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney and chief prosecutor, arose and moved that sentence be imposed at once on Barker and Berg.

Judge Matthew M. Joyce sentenced them to life imprisonment in a federal penitentiary—the maximum penalty under the so-called Lindbergh kidnaping law.

Barker and Berg had nothing to say.

### "You Had No Defense."

"You had no defense in this case," Judge Joyce said, first addressing Barker. "You had a fair trial. You were surrounded by all the constitutional protections. Kidnaping is one crime that people of this country will not tolerate. The jury heard all the evidence and found you guilty. Therefore it is the judgment of this court that you be confined in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, or in such other institution as the proper authorities may determine, for the period of your natural life."

Imposing a similar sentence on Berg, Judge Joyce told him:

"The story you told was not believed. It was a fantastic tale by which others of less intelligence than the jurors might have been swayed."

Barker, whose name was first to be read in the list of those found guilty, was charged by the government with having been one of the actual abductors of Bremer.

Berg, who is under sentence of life imprisonment in Illinois, was charged with having arranged places for the gang to hide.

### McLaughlin a Money Changer.

McLaughlin, the government charged, was one of the chief money changers, and Harold Alderton kept the house at Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive.

Wilson, a medical student and associate of Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive, had a hand in the gang operations in Chicago after the payment of the ransom.

One of the most complicated criminal cases on record, the trial called for the combined efforts of more than 100 persons—attorneys, department of justice men, criminal experts and witnesses. It was the first case in which the federal government has attempted to convict not only the principals but every one who had any connection with the crime.

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### Kidnaped in January, 1934.

Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul Jan. 17, 1934, when returning from taking his daughter to school.

In constant fear for his life, he was held twenty-one days in Bensenville, Ill. His release came upon payment of \$200,000 ransom, the largest ever paid in a kidnap case in the United States.

The first clew to the identity of the kidnapers came the day following the wealthy St. Paul banker's return home. Driving to a spot near Rosemont, Minn., where the ransom was paid by Walter Magee, contact man and friend of the Bremer family, federal agents found four large flashlights used to signal Magee to turn into a side road.

A check of St. Paul stores revealed the flashlights had been purchased from a saleswoman, who identified the purchaser from photographs as Alvin Karpis, one of the leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang.

Meanwhile a farmer near Portage, Wis., discovered four five gallon gasoline cans on a private road near his farm.

The sheriff notified federal author...

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files and the cans went to the bureau of investigation laboratories where investigators found a fingerprint of Barker's.

Investigation revealed numerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang had made St. Paul headquarters from the middle of 1933 until the day Bremer was abducted.

#### Money Appears in Chicago.

Although the investigation revealed new clues, it wasn't until April, 1934, that concrete results were obtained. Then Chicago banks became flooded with Bremer ransom money. One day, after money changing operations had progressed for a week, a teller in the City National bank, Chicago, became suspicious of ten \$10 bills handed him. His questions resulted in the arrest of Vidler.

From Vidler the trail led to McLaughlin, one time Illinois legislator and widely known political figure. With McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, former contractor and restaurant operator, was arrested. They confessed having changed approximately \$60,000 in six days.

With these arrests members of the Karpis-Barker gang fled from Chicago. Wilson, chauffeur for Moran, fled to Denver, surrendered and was returned to Chicago. He testified before the grand jury.

#### Wilson Leads to Berg.

Wilson's arrest led to Berg, who was serving a life term in the Illinois prison at Joliet. In January, 1935, Byron Bolton and Russell "Slim" Gibson were taken by federal men at an apartment in Chicago. Gibson made a break for freedom and federal agents shot him down.

The arrest of Bolton led to Barker, who walked into a machine gun trap in Chicago. Agents then seized Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at Bensenville. Bremer was taken to Bensenville and identified the Alderton house. The government named Fred and

"Doc" Barker, Karpis, Harry Campbell, Willie Weaver, Byron Bolton, Volney Davis, and Fred Goetz as the actual abductors of Bremer. Fred Barker since has been killed by federal agents and Goetz was killed in a gangland fight. Bolton pleaded guilty and the others are fugitives.

#### Indictments Name 22.

Twenty-two persons were indicted in the Bremer case. Of these, eleven went to trial before Judge Matthew M. Joyce in United States District court April 15. Bolton pleaded guilty. He testified and pinned the kidnaping directly on the Karpis-Barker gang. He is in Ramsey county jail awaiting sentence.

Prosecutors moved for dismissal of M. E. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle. Mrs. Murray was taken back to the Missouri reformatory for women from which she escaped. Jess Doyle was returned to Oklahoma to face trial for bank robbery.

Farmer pleaded guilty, leaving seven defendants—Barker, Berg, McLaughlin, Alderton, Delaney, Vidler, and Wilson.

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**HELD GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPING**—Three defendants in trial for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who were found guilty in federal court at St. Paul yesterday. Left to right: Arthur "Doc" Barker, gang leader; Oliver Berg, both sentenced to life imprisonment, and Harold Alderton. *(Story on page 1.)*

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**AFTER VERDICT**—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago (left), and James J. Wilson, two of five defendants, after being found guilty in Bremer kidnap plot at St. Paul yesterday. They were returned to jail to await sentences.

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## Volney Davis, McLaughlin To Hear Of Fate

Five men, kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will be sentenced late today by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Of the five, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper and arranger of the hideout in that city, and Volney Davis, ransom note deliverer, pleaded guilty.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago political boss, who changed \$57,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money in Chicago banks; Jimmy Wilson, Northwestern university medical student who assisted Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive, in finger print operations on several gang members, and Harold Alderton, whose home in Bensenville was used as the hideout, were three of the five men found guilty by a federal court jury last month.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg, the others found guilty, already have been sentenced to life terms.

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## 5 YEARS GIVEN M'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, June 8.—(AP)—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, today was under sentence of five years in federal prison at Leavenworth as a conspirator in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Volney Davis, who was captured in Chicago and who pleaded guilty Monday, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensonville, Ill., Bremer was held a prisoner for twenty-one days, was given twenty years.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth for his part in the kidnaping, and James J. Wilson, former Northwestern University athlete, to five years in the industrial reformatory in Chillicothe. Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Oliver Berg previously had been given life sentences in the same case.

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# M'LAUGHLIN GIVEN 5 YEARS IN BREMER CASE

**Volney Davis Gets Life; Farmer  
and Alderton 20 Years Each;  
Reformatory for Wilson**

ST. PAUL, June 7.—(AP)—Volney Davis, who pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after his capture in Chicago, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Leavenworth penitentiary in federal court here late today.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, also was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth prison as a conspirator in the same case.

**20 YEARS FOR 'JAILER.'**  
Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept prisoner for twenty-one days, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth prison.

McLaughlin and Alderton, together with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, James J. Wilson and Oliver Berg, were convicted by a jury. Barker and Berg previously were given life terms.

**FARMER GETS 20 YEARS.**  
Elmer Farmer, tavern keeper of Bensenville, who assisted in making arrangements with the kidnapers for Alderton's home and who pleaded guilty during the trial, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth prison.

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**Davis Gets Life Term  
In Bremer Kidnaping**

*By the United Press.*

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Harold Alberton, who arranged the hideout at Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive 22 days while ransom negotiations were being conducted, was sentenced to 20 years.

Elmer Farmer, who aided Alberton in hideout preparations and pleaded guilty, likewise was sentenced to 20 years.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. John P. Moran and also a money changer, was sentenced to five years.

Davis, McLaughlin, Alberton and Farmer will serve their terms in Leavenworth Prison. Wilson was ordered to the Federal reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

The life sentence for Davis was the third such punishment imposed as result of the kidnaping. Barker and Oliver Berg were sentenced to life immediately after conviction. Barker is at Leavenworth and Berg at Joliet (Ill.) Penitentiary, where he was serving a previous life term.

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Elmer Farmer, who aided Alberton in hideout preparations and pleaded guilty, likewise was sentenced to 20 years.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. John P. Moran and also a money changer, was sentenced to five years.

Davis, McLaughlin, Alberton and Farmer will serve their terms in Leavenworth Prison. Wilson was ordered to the Federal reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

The life sentence for Davis was the third such punishment imposed as result of the kidnaping. Barker and Oliver Berg were sentenced to life immediately after conviction. Barker is at Leavenworth and Berg at Joliet (Ill.) Penitentiary where he was serving a previous life term.

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## 5 MORE SENTENCED IN BREMER KIDNAP

Davis Given Life Term, Four  
Others From Five to 20  
Years for Crime.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, June 8.—Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today sentenced five men to the penitentiary—one of them for life—as justice agents added a new chapter to their roundup of the kidnapers of Banker Edward G. Bremer early in 1934.

Only Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang named as the abductors of Bremer, had eluded capture as Volney Davis got a life term at Leavenworth and four confederates from five to 20 years each.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg received life sentences a month ago. Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to the charges against him in the \$200,000 kidnaping, remains to be sentenced. He was a Government witness.

Sentence was imposed on Davis at the same time as terms of 20 years each in Leavenworth Penitentiary were meted out to Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, who aided the gang.

The two money changers, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, and James J. Wilson, one time medical student at Northwestern University, were given five-year sentences. Wilson's term will be served at the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

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Volney Davis Goes to Jail, to Return No More



Associated Press WIREPHOTO. Handcuffed to a U. S. marshal, Volney Davis (right), the gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case, is taken to jail. He received a term of life imprisonment.

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Arraigned on the Bremer charge last week, Davis immediately pleaded guilty as charged. "It's no use trying to beat these G-guys," he explained. "They had it on me. The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did. I could see they had the straight stuff, almost exactly as it was pulled. I'm glad it's over with. I'll take the book and be done with the thing." "Taking the book" in this connection meant a life imprisonment sentence, which was imposed in due season.

This gangster's tribute to the "G-men" was evidently sincere. He preferred a life sentence to a futile fight in the courts. Probably, indeed, he preferred doing time behind bars to the deadly risks he ran as a gangster-fugitive. Even Dillinger, it will be recalled, sought to make terms through his agents for a life sentence in exchange for his voluntary surrender, but was unable to "put over" the deal. The organized gangs have sound reason to fear the "federal men", and the popular assumption that the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping was the work of the fugitive remnant of the Barker-Karpis "mob" probably will prove mistaken.

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Monday, June 10, 1935

Mr. George Healy, City Editor,  
615 North Street, New Orleans, La.

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## PRISON GREET'S M'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, June 14.—(AP)—Four of the men convicted of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping are en route under heavy guard today to Leavenworth penitentiary. They will arrive there today.

The four are Volney Davis, life imprisonment; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, 20 years, and John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, five years.

James Wilson, also convicted of conspiracy in the Bremer abduction and sentenced to five years, will be taken later to the federal reformatory at Chillicothe, O.

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**M'Laughlin and Pals  
at Leavenworth**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 14.—(AP)—Shackled and under heavy guard, four of the Edward G. Bremer kidnap conspirators arrived today from St. Paul to start sentences in federal penitentiary. The four prisoners, and their sentences, are Volney Davis, life; Harold A. Herton and Elmer Farmer, 20 years; and John J. McLaughlin, five years.

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### FOUR KIDNAPERS GO TO PRISON

St. Paul, June 14 (AP).—Four of the men convicted of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, started under heavy guard for Leavenworth penitentiary to serve sentences ranging from five years to life.

The four are Volney Davis, sentenced to life imprisonment; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, 20 years, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, five years. James Wilson, also convicted of conspiracy in the Bremer abduction and sentenced to five years, will be taken later to the federal reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

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**4 Men Off to U. S. Prison  
for Kidnaping of Bremer**

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### 'KARPIS' ESCAPES IN CLASH WITH TEXAS OFFICERS

Kirbyville, Tex., June 15.—(AP)—Jasper county officers said today a man they believed to be Alvin Karpis, long-sought outlaw and kidnaper, escaped after a gun battle with officers near a CCC camp here last night.

N. B. Powell, Kirbyville night marshal, said the man fitted descriptions of Karpis.

Jasper county officers said they received a tip yesterday that Karpis was riding around town in a small sedan. The officers would not reveal the source of this tip.

They located the car parked in front of the CCC camp last night. Two men were in it. The one believed to be Karpis was dozing. An automatic pistol was in his hand and a submachine gun beside him.

As Powell approached the car the other man, a Kirbyville resident, called out:

"Look out! Officers!"  
Powell said the man who called out jumped out of the car and the man he believed to be Karpis speeded away, firing his pistol as he drove.



***Posed as Federal  
Officer, Offering  
Jobs, Is Charge***

After three witnesses had testified that he had posed as a federal officer, Alexander Ellingson, 1617 N. Forty-seventh st., was bound over to the federal grand jury Wednesday by Floyd E. Jenkins, United States court commissioner. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Mrs. Ida K. Damman, 820 S. Eighteenth st., testified that Ellingson had accepted \$500 from her, for which he promised to get her a federal job. She exhibited a note he is alleged to have given her for the \$500.

Ellingson promised Miss Louise Schubert, 119 W. Meinecke av., "the best job in the federal building," if she would pay him \$300 "to grease the ways," she testified. She paid a deposit of \$30, she said, but got no job.

A. C. Margraff, 622 E. Lakewood Blvd., Whitefish Bay, said that Ellingson had left him "holding the bag" for a \$40 hotel bill, they had jointly contracted in Sheboygan.

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## Slain Bandit Believed to Be Pal of Karpis

Willow Springs, Mo. (AP)—Officers Wednesday afternoon said a gunman shot to death here as he fled from a sheriff and a highway patrolman early Wednesday, had been identified tentatively as Harry Campbell, one-time associate of the fugitive Alvin Karpis.

The tentative identification was made by Detectives Owens and Spencer of Springfield, Mo. The officers left here immediately for Springfield with fingerprints.

Highway Patrolman Benjamin Graham, one of two officers who shot and killed the bandit in a wooded section near here, said that photographs and descriptions of the dead man and of Campbell tallied closely.

The dead man was described as about 33, roughly dressed, weight 140 pounds, height 5 feet 7 inches.

Campbell, with Karpis, escaped from a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1935, shooting their way out with machine guns. Four days later Campbell, Karpis and 20 others were indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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## Identification Marks Fit Karpis Gangster

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 19.—(INS)—The unidentified body of a slain gangster held at Willow Springs, Mo., was checked this afternoon with identification orders issued by the United States department of justice for Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis gangster wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Springfield police earlier today expressed the belief that the dead man was Campbell.

W. C. Benton of the T. R. Burns & Sons undertaking establishment at Willow Springs when furnished with these identification orders made the checkup.

Informed of the comparison, E. E. Conroy, department of justice agent in charge of the Kansas City bureau, said that the identification "checks except for a difference in height."

The comparison as made by Benton follows:

<b>Campbell.</b>	<b>Unidentified Bandit.</b>
Height, 5 feet 5 inches.	About 5 feet 8 inches.
Weight, 125 pounds.	About 140 pounds.
Build, medium.	Medium
Age, 35.	Between 35 and 40.
Hair, brown	Brown.
Eyes, blue.	Blue.
Scar corner of left eye.	Scar on left eyelid.
Lame in right leg.	Muscles right leg shriveled.
Teeth, decayed.	False teeth.
Vaccination, high and deep on left arm.	High and deep on left arm.

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# HUNTED GUNMAN FALLS IN WOODS

Shot Dead?



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shot and killed the bandit in a  
wooded section near here, said that  
photographs and descriptions of the  
dead man and of Campbell tallied  
closely.

The dead man was described as  
about 38 years of age, weight 140  
pounds, height five feet, seven  
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Harry Campbell was one of the  
principals among the 26 persons in-  
dicted for conspiracy in the \$200,-  
000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer,  
St. Paul banker.

Evasive, he was one of eight who  
had been able to evade government  
agents and police. If the dead man  
is Campbell only seven Bremer  
conspirators will remain at large.  
Campbell was alleged to have  
been one of the desperadoes who  
performed the actual seizure of  
Bremer in St. Paul in January,  
1934.

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## SLAIN GUNMAN KARPIS' PAL

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 19 — (AP) — Officers this afternoon said a gunman shot to death here as he fled from a sheriff and highway patrolmen, had been tentatively identified as Harry Campbell, one time associate of the fugitive Alvin Karpis.

Campbell, with Karpis, shot their way from a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1935.

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**MAN KILLED BY POLICE  
BELIEVED KARPIS AIDE**

By the Associated Press.  
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### Officers Slay Fugitive, Think He Is Campbell

#### But Prints of Bandit Suspect Are Not Karpis Associate's

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 19 (P)—Officers tonight were uncertain of the identity of a bandit suspect, shot to death here today, who at first was believed to be Harry Campbell, indicted as Bremer kidnaping and associate of Alvin Karpis.

Two Springfield, Mo., detectives, who made the tentative identification, said later fingerprints of the slain man and those of Campbell did not check. In all other respects the dead man and descriptions of Campbell were identical, they said.

A cordon of local officers and state highway troopers continued to comb a wooded area near here for a man and woman, companions of the slain man. The trio were suspected in the holdup of a Poplar Bluff, Mo., night club last night during which Oscar Murphy, a musician, was shot and wounded.

The unidentified man was killed, Sergeant Nathan Massie, of the state highway patrol said, after he made an unsuccessful attempt to ambush Trooper Ben Graham and Sheriff C. D. McKinney, of Carter County, who had been pursuing the bandit car. Sheriff McKinney and Graham shot and killed him after a chase through the woods.

#### No Report Received at Capital

WASHINGTON, June 19 (P)—Department of Justice spokesmen said today they had no information regarding the reported identification of a man shot to death at Willow Springs, Mo., as Harry Campbell, member of the Barker-Karpis gang wanted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul in January, 1934.

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# Lost, Strayed; 2 Bloodhounds And 2 Bandits

## "Young and Timid" Dogs Disappear—Holdup Man Slain

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 20 (AP).—Two "young and timid" bloodhounds, as well as a man and woman bandit they were brought to trail, were sought today by a cordon of southern Missouri officers and highway patrolmen.

A third member of the trio, wanted for a nightclub holdup at Poplar Bluff, was shot to death after he tried futilely to ambush pursuing officers yesterday with a sawed-off shotgun.

Officers who first tentatively identified the slain man as Harry Campbell, indicted as a Bremer kidnaper, later said his fingerprints failed to check with those of the widely hunted fugitive.

The bloodhounds were procured to trail the dead bandit's companions through dense Ozark woods bordering the highway.

"They were young and timid," Highway Trooper Ben Graham said, "but they took to the trail promptly.

"We turned them loose believing we could keep up with them. We learned later they were on the trail of a man and woman who had passed a farmhouse shortly before. We have been unable to find the dogs since."

Graham said the dogs had "friendly dispositions" and could have been taken along by any one—including the fugitives.

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**Slain Bandit Was Not  
Campbell, Prints Show**

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—(INS)—E. E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the Kansas City bureau of the department of justice, today announced that a fingerprint check-up revealed that the dead unidentified bandit suspect at Willow Springs, Mo., is not Harry Campbell sought in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Springfield, Mo., police had previously said that the dead man slain by state police after a Popular Bluff, Mo., night club had been held up, greatly resembled Campbell.

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# Slain Thug Is Not Bremer Kidnaper

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 29 (I.N.S.)—E. E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the Kansas City Bureau of the Department of Justice, today announced that a fingerprint check-up revealed that the thug slain at Willow Springs, Mo., is not Harry Campbell, sought in the Bremer kidnaping case. Springfield, Mo., police had previously said the dead man, slain by State police after a Poplar Bluff, Mo., night club had been held up, greatly resembled Campbell.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

# KARPIS AIDE SLAIN AFTER HOLD-UP

## Tentatively Identified as Harry Campbell; Wo- man and Man Sought

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 19 (A. P.).—Officers this afternoon said a gunman shot to death here as he fled from a sheriff and a highway patrolman early today had been tentatively identified as Harry Campbell, one time associate of the fugitive Alvin Karpis.

The tentative identification was made by City Detectives Owens and Spencer, of Springfield, Mo. The officers left here immediately for Springfield, about 50 miles west of here.

Highway Patrolman Benjamin Graham, one of two officers who shot and killed the bandit in a wooded section near here, said that photographs and descriptions of the dead man and of Campbell tallied closely.

The dead man was described as about 38 years of age, weight 140 pounds, height five feet, seven inches, roughly dressed.

### Hold-up Suspects

The man was shot to death shortly after Sheriff C. D. McKinney and Graham encountered him here. The officers were seeking the gunman, another man and a woman companion as suspects in a hold-up of a night club at Poplar Bluff, Mo., last night.

Campbell and Karpis are under indictment for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The man and woman companions of the slain suspect abandoned their coupe on the highway about six miles from the scene of the shooting, and nearly a score of officers were searching a heavily wooded section there for them.

In the automobile officers found a hunting license that was issued June 10 at Poplar Bluff, Mo., to a "W. H. Johnson" of St. Louis. A man by that name had been registered at a Poplar Bluff hotel recently.

### Musician Wounded

A piano player, Oscar Murphy, was wounded as two men and a woman sprayed a Poplar Bluff night club with shotgun charges during a robbery last night. About \$75 was taken by the robbers.

Trace of Campbell and Karpis had been lost since they shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City, N. J., on January 20.

In their flight they seized Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, of 1625 Race st., Philadelphia, near Quakertown, Pa., and sped west in the physician's motor car.

Dr. Hunsicker was released unharmed at Medina, Ohio, and his car was later found.

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**BANDIT NOT KIDNAPPER**  
 Kansas City, Mo., June 21 (AP)—  
 E. E. Conroy, special agent in  
 charge of the Kansas City bureau  
 of the department of justice, yester-  
 day announced that a fingerprint  
 checkup revealed that the bandit  
 slain at Willow Springs, Mo., is not  
 Harry Campbell, sought in the  
 Bremer kidnaping case.  
 Springfield, Mo., police had previ-  
 ously said the dead man, slain by  
 state police after a Poplar Bluff,  
 Mo., night club had been held up,  
 greatly resembled Campbell.  
 All attempts to identify the body  
 have thus far failed. A companion  
 of the dead man is being held in  
 jail at West Plains, Mo., but has re-  
 fused to talk.

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# PHILADELPHIA RECORD

PHILADELPHIA, SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1935

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## Closing In Public Enemies

**Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Cugino  
Expected to Be Captured or Killed  
Soon by Hoover's Agents.**

By A. J. FOGLIETTA

ALVIN KARPIS, John Dillinger, Baby-Face Nelson, Doc Barker, Ma Barker, Machine Gun Kelly, Bobby Mais and Walter Legenza. Once America's public enemies . . . now merely names. Some are in jail, and others are turning into dust . . . rubbed out by the gallows, electric chair and steel-jacket bullets from the guns of the now famous G-Men, special agents of the Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

### Wanted

Public Enemy No. 1



The names of the nation's four current Public Enemies are likely to be added to the list soon. They are:

1. Alvin Karpis, murderer and snatch man, wanted for murder and the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.
2. Harry Campbell, Karpis' lieutenant, also wanted for murder and the Bremer job.
3. William Mahan, snatcher of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.
4. Tony (The Stinger) Cugino, Philadelphia underworld killer with at least nine notches on his gun.



**ALVIN KARPIS**  
Age, 36; height, 5 9½; weight, 130; build, slender; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, fair; marks, 1-inch scar lower knuckle left index finger. Wanted for kidnaping.

**Public Enemy No. 2**



**HARRY CAMPBELL**  
Age, 35. Born January 1, 1900, at McClintocville, Pa.; height, 5, 5; weight, 135 to 140; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, ruddy-medium; marks, scar corner left eye, vaccination upper left arm, lame in right leg; teeth, decayed. Wanted for kidnaping.

**Public Enemy No. 3**



**WILLIAM MAHAN**  
Age, 33; height, 5 10½; weight, 150½; build, regular; hair, black; eyes, brown; complexion, medium-light. Marks and scars: Small scar left cheek, burn scar both right and left upper arms inner; small cut scar left middle finger outer; cut scar right forefinger outer. Occupation, blacksmith, auto mechanic. Born in Cando, N. D. Wanted for kidnaping.

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3. William Mahan, slayer of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.  
4. Tony (The Stinger) Cugino, Philadelphia underworld killer with at least nine patches on his gun.

**Karpis Most Elusive.**  
Stalking their trails are the entire personnel of the Government's crime fighting force under leadership of Director J. Edgar Hoover.

This army of grim-faced young men, looking more like college lads than the fearless, straight-shooting sleuths whose deeds have made police history, are daily ferreting out the fugitives.

Chief G-Man Hoover says it won't be long before their names are placed on the department's files marked "cases closed."

Most elusive of the enemies is Karpis. Sole survivor of the band of "bad-men" who terrorized the middle western section of the country during the past three or four years, he is marked to be "killed on sight."

**Escaped at ...**  
He narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Government men last winter when Doc Barker and his mother attempted to shoot it out and fell under a machine gun barrage. Karpis, agents learned, left the Barkers' leased mansion a few minutes before they arrived.

Once again he and Campbell escaped capture when they machine-gunned their way out of Atlantic City, N. J., after being cornered by police of the resort city who had them spotted as "car thieves."

In fleeing, Karpis and Campbell left their women behind them, Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney. They are now doing five years each in the Federal prison for women at Alderson, W. Va.

Mahan, in the parlance of police, is an underworld "punk." The Weyerhaeuser snatch was his first big "job," but it placed him third on the public enemies' list.

**Cugino True Killer Type.**  
Cugino long has been notorious in the Philadelphia, New York, Jersey and Baltimore underworlds. Eight underworld characters have fallen prey to this kill-crazy product of Philadelphia's underworld.

Undersized and with a weasel-like expression, he is the true killer type, with gun or knife. One of his killings came as the direct result of his frenzy to elude the law. It occurred a few weeks ago on the outskirts of Baltimore. "Tipped off" that G-men had trailed him there, he stole an automobile and held up a gasoline station. When an attendant started to remonstrate with him, he shot him.

He is wanted for murder in New York . . . the killing of Anthony "Musky" Zanghi, notorious Philadelphia gangster . . . in New Jersey for the killing of Cowboy Wallace and two of Wallace's molls . . . in Philadelphia, and now in Maryland.

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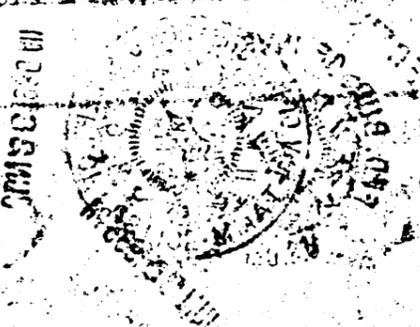
# One Crime's "Profits"

Though it was hardly noticed because of the Weyerhaeuser case, these men were sentenced in Federal Court at St. Paul for connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer:

- 1—Volney Davis, life imprisonment at Leavenworth.
- 2—John J. McLaughlin, five years.
- 3—James J. Wilson, five years.
- 4—Harold Alderton, twenty years.
- 5—Elmer Farmer, twenty years.

Two other men, Arthur Barker and Oliver Berg, had previously received life terms for their part in the case. If you asked any one of these seven whether crime pays you would get a very definite answer.

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### McLaughlin To Face Postal Raid Charges

CHICAGO, June 26.—(AP)—A writ of habeas corpus to remove John J. (Boss) McLaughlin from the federal prison at Leavenworth to face charges of participating in a \$250,000 postal robbery here was issued by Federal Judge Phillip L. Sullivan today.

McLaughlin is serving a five-year term in Leavenworth on conviction of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

McLaughlin will be arraigned with 39 others charged with implica-

tion in the postal robbery on Dec. 6, 1932, which was engineered in downtown Chicago at the intersection of Clark and Adams sts. McLaughlin allegedly aided in disposing of the loot.

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**HARRY SAWYER, ALLEGED**  
 finger man in the Edward G.  
 Bremer kidnaping, must remain  
 in Ramsey county jail to await  
 trial in federal court here or dig  
 up \$100,000 bond. Judge M. M.  
 Joyce Tuesday denied a motion  
 for reduction of bond to \$50,000.  
 The plea was made by L. L.  
 Drill, former United States dis-  
 trict attorney, here.

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## 2 Gang Wives Battle Over Seized Car

Two women brought their best "mads" to Federal Court today in their fight for ownership of an automobile seized after government agents killed the gangster husband of one and arrested the gangster husband of the other.

Mrs. Clara Gibson, widow of Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, who was killed last January in a North Side apartment by government men, flouted a bill of sale and certificate of title to back up her claim.

Mrs. Veva Bolton, mother of two children and wife of the jailed Byron Bolton, one of the George Bremer kidnapers in St. Paul, contended that her husband gave Gibson the money to buy the car.

As they awaited the calling of the case by Federal Judge Sullivan, the former friends stood on opposite sides of the corridor outside the courtroom and glared fiercely at each other as their attorneys kept watch to prevent open hostilities.

Mrs. Gibson already has gained possession of two cars, a Buick and a Ford, but she also seeks the one now in controversy, a Ford bought last November 3 from the Verba Motor Company.

She is represented by Attorney Leo Klein, former assistant district attorney, while Mrs. Bolton has Attorney Frank Peska, former city prosecutor.

Bolton has been convicted, but not yet sentenced, for the Bremer kidnaping.

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## Dispute Title to Car Seized in Gun Fight

Chicago, Ill. (U.P.)—The wives of two notorious gangsters were involved in federal court Friday in a suit over possession of an automobile seized by federal agents after a gun fight in which one of the gangsters was slain.

The women are Mrs. Clara Gibson, wife of Russell Gibson, killed when agents raided his apartment last January, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, who confessed participating in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Mrs. Gibson claimed that federal agents found the title to the car in her bedroom the night her husband was killed. Even though the title was made out in the name of Andrew Bolton, an alias sometimes used by Bolton, Mrs. Gibson claimed her husband had expressed the intention of buying the car and had talked of giving Bolton the money to purchase it for him.

Mrs. Bolton will testify that the car was purchased by her husband with his own money under his ~~name~~ alias.

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**DELAYS DECISION  
ON OWNERSHIP OF  
KIDNAPERS' AUTO**

*(Picture on back page.)*  
Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan yesterday continued until Monday a hearing to decide who is the owner of an automobile seized by federal agents after Russell Gibson, suspected kidnaper, was shot to death on Jan. 8 when he resisted arrest in an apartment at 3922 Pine Grove avenue. Mrs. Clara Gibson, widow of the slain hoodlum, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, an associate of Gibson, both claimed the automobile.  
Bolton is now in St. Paul awaiting sentence on a plea of guilty in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, the crime for which Gibson was sought.  
Agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice were granted the right to use the car until the ownership is determined.



**FIGHTS FOR CAR—**Clara Gibson, widow of slain gangster, Russell Gibson, in federal court yesterday.

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# What the Wallpaper Told the "G-Men"

*Through His Blindfold the Rich B. Son Saw and Remembered Pattern—Then Uncle Sam Nabbed the Gangsters*



**RANSOM OF A PRINCE**  
Adolph Bremer (Above), St. Paul Brewer, and Friend of President Roosevelt, Paid \$200,000 to Members of the Karpis-Barker Gang for the Safe Return of His Son, Edward (Right), His Heir.

**I**T was a bleak, bitter day in December, 1934, three weeks before Christmas. Three men sat around a pot-bellied stove in a scrubby section of St. Paul. Snow was falling outside. The weather had all the appearances of developing into a blizzard.

The three men were Alvin Karpis, already a close rival of the late John Dillinger as Public Enemy No. 1. The other two were Fred Barker, a bank bandit turned kidnaper, and his brother, Arthur (Doc) Barker, whose only claim to gangland fame was that he was a brother of Fred and had done some excellent trigger work with a tommy gun.

For weeks these three men planned to kidnap Edward J. Bremer, St. Paul banker, son of Adolph Bremer, hearing

The kidnapers kept Bremer blindfolded every moment of the day and night. They spoke in whispers so that he might not hear and remember their normal voices. The gross mistake they made, according to the G-men, was in using surgical gauze for a blindfold instead of silk or linen or some other closely-woven fabric.

Bremer found he was able to see objects through the gauze without removing it. But he was not able to distinguish the features of the men who stood guard over him. So Bremer hit upon an idea which eventually gave the G-men the break they needed. He studied the wallpaper that adorned the room in which he was held and





...minded their prey, and a section of wallpaper which he saw through his mask of medical gauze—and remembered.

On the morning of January 17, several weeks later, Bremer was kidnaped. He had just dropped his daughter, Betty, 13, off at her school and was on his way to his office when a sedan blocked his path at an arterial highway. Bremer was beaten unconscious when he resisted the two men who leaped out. They shrouded his eyes with goggles, shoved him under the dashboard, and drove furiously away in the Bremer automobile. Then the snatchers and their victim switched to another car, after they had proceeded a mile. The Bremer vehicle was abandoned at this point.

Although the kidnap band had used Bremer's car, they didn't leave a single tell-tale fingerprint on it. They had tossed two cans from their own car but they had left no trace to help the police in their quest.

Several days later, just as Bremer's family were beginning to believe that he had been murdered, a bottle containing a note was hurled through the kitchen window of the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician. In it the kidnapers ordered the doctor to notify Walter W. Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, to look under the garbage can in the rear of his office for a note.

Thus began the negotiations which resulted in the return of Bremer to his family after his father, through Magee as intermediary, had paid over to the snatchers the \$200,000 ransom they demanded.

The \$200,000 in marked bills was handed over to the kidnapers on Feb. 7. Late that night young Bremer, unshaven, bedraggled and severely shaken mentally, staggered into his father's home and collapsed. It was several hours before the victim could talk to the G-men. Meanwhile the kidnapers, with their 40 pounds of greenbacks, were speeding over the wide-ribboned highways, presumably secure in the belief that they had pulled a "perfect job."

It was perfect except in one respect.

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...was a fantastic, futuristic tree, boughs sprawling, leaves apparently writhing in a high wind. There was also a pattern



### CRASH! WENT THE PANE

And Straight Through the Front Door of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer Family Physician, Went a Bottle. It Contained a Note From the Snatchers Giving Preliminary Instructions as to the Ransom Payment.

of what looked like cobwebs. In the background there appeared to be a picket fence. Bremer looked sharply—and planted the picture deep in his memory.

After he was released, for ten hours Bremer described over and over the design of the paper. He was able to fashion for experts of the Department of Justice a pattern which was so amazingly like the original that the artist who designed it thought that the composite was his own creation.

Every piece of wallpaper of that particular design was traced. The dealer who sold 10 rolls to a painter recalled that he shipped it to Bensenville, Ill., across the state line. The painter took the G-men to an old shack across the railroad tracks. Of course, Bremer could not identify the shack as his prison for 23 days. But he did recall

certain noises he had heard in the neighborhood, particularly the rattle of milk bottles about six o'clock in the morning.

Bremer was taken to the shack after he had given the G-men the approximate time he had heard noises—the nearby whistle of a train, for instance.

The pause of the train at the station, the ringing of the train bell. Everything checked up beautifully.

Certain that they had at last located the hideout, the G-men started combing the neighborhood. About 100 yards from the shack they found a flashlight. At first it looked as if it might have been left by a camper. But they sent it to Washington first, and then traced it to a St. Paul department store, and to the salesgirl who sold it to a man whose features she recalled minutely.

"That's the man!" she declared with conviction, pointing to a Rogues Gallery picture of Alvin Karpis. "I'll never forget him as long as I live."

In almost the same breath, she unhesitatingly picked up the picture of Arthur (Doc) Barker. The G-men knew that Karpis and Barker were leading a band of bandits and kidnapers. Therefore, this identification of the two men out of a batch of more than 100 photographs could not possibly be mere coincidence.

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In a St. Paul courtroom the other day, "Doc" Barker, shackled to Oliver (Ollie) Berg, Harold Alderton, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, and James Wilson were led before Judge Matthew M. Joyce to be sentenced under the Lindbergh Law.  
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the kidnap band. They knew, from the finding of the flashlight, that Karpis and Barker had been in that shack. The chain began to assemble itself in such a way that as each link was forged it became more certain that Karpis had "blue-printed" the Bremer kidnaping, and that he and Barker were the brains of the mob. The G-men kept the wires between St. Paul and Washington sizzling with hot developments. In the White House, President Roosevelt kept himself informed of the progress of the case. The President had personally asked the G-men to spare nothing to "catch the kidnapers of the son of my friend, Adolph Bremer."

With these instructions, the manhunt, the greatest in the history of American crime, was on. Two hundred G-men, most of them looking like young college students, but actually veterans in the Division of Investigation, joined the hunt. Into the slimy depths of the underworld these young "dicks" went. They combed the roadhouses, dives and resorts of the underworld for Karpis or Barker—or both.  
On the night of Jan. 10, there was a shooting affray in a dive in Kansas City. The police told newsmen that it was "just a smear." A "smear" in underworld jargon means something unim-

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tened the crime on the Karpis-Barker mob. It put the finger of death on Fred and "Ma" Barker, arch- fiends of the snatch racket, and sent every member of the gang to jail—all except Karpis—who is probably at this writing living a ghostly death, awaiting momentarily a blast of fire from Government agents.  
So, the pet theory of crooks that there is such a thing as a perfect crime is shattered to atoms again.  
It just can't be done—not so long as it is possible for snatch victims to make a little scrap of wallpaper talk.

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What were the initial clues in that case? Enumeration makes them trivial indeed. They were, at the outset, only Bremer's remembrance of a wallpaper pattern with a crack in it, a length of electric light wire, some empty and discarded gasoline cans. Surely not much to go on, even for the astute "G-men."

Yet they were what helped prodigiously to bring about the arrest of five of the Bremer kidnapers and solution of a case which seemed at first to be hopeless of solution.

Fingerprints figured, as they do in countless crimes, and they insured the conviction of the miscreants, but, so far

as sequences go, they came after the wallpaper and the crack and the electric cord. And here's how the story of the clues runs:

On Feb. 8, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, released by his captors after 22 days of imprisonment in a house whose location was utterly unknown to him, made his way back to his home. When he was first seized, on the morning of Jan. 17, he had been beaten insensible by two men and taken blind-



**HIS PRISON**

Bremer in the Prison. He was held in the St. Paul Jail for several days before his escape.

He was taken to a car for a short drive to a house. There he was held for twelve hours. Then he was thrown out, and when he removed the bandages found himself on the outskirts of Rochester, Minn., miles from his home in St. Paul.

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Bremer's friend, Walter Magee, Magee saw none of the men. He was guided by letters to the spot at which he was to leave the money, and, as he neared it, by lights flashing in the darkness of

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speak, of course, but the one distinctly  
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was that of church chimes which were  
rung at regular and unfailing intervals.  
How close they were he could not deter-  
mine, since they were affected by  
changing air currents.  
So frequent was the sound of the  
bells, and Bremer had heard them so  
often that he was able to recall their  
tonal quality and the tunes played on  
them. This was deemed by the "G-  
men" as a valuable clue, for all its  
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They acted upon it at once, sending  
many operatives all through that part  
of the Middle West in which it had been  
rightfully decided Bremer was kept a  
hostage. They went on an intensive  
search for a church with that particular  
kind of chimes. They went through  
several States, and at last found a most  
likely one in the hills of distant Menom-  
inee, Neb.—St. Boniface's Roman Cat-

lic Church.  
Its chimes, the hours they were rung,  
the tunes they played were identical  
with what Bremer had heard during his  
long captivity. But, unfortunately, the  
chimes proved in the end to have led  
the "G-men" on a wild goose chase.  
Bremer's prison was later located a long  
distance from Menominee.

However, the captive had given the  
detectives several real clues, faint  
though they seemed to be. He told them  
that his captors had carried cans of gas-  
oline, which they threw away as they  
were emptied on his last ride in their car.  
The ransom money, as the bandits  
had been promised, had not been marked  
in any way. But before it left the bank  
eight stenographers, working night and  
day, had taken down the serial number  
of each bill!

Within a short time, four flashlights  
were found near the spot where they  
had been used by the gangsters to guide  
Mages, and, soon afterwards, four  
empty gasoline cans and a funnel were  
picked up along the road over which  
Bremer had been driven.

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**McLaughlin Ill in Prison;  
Delay Loop Holdup Case**

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin has an infected eye and was too ill to be brought here from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth yesterday to be arraigned with thirty-nine others for conspiracy to possess bonds taken in the \$250,000 holdup of postal employes at Clark and Adams streets on Dec. 6, 1932. His attorney entered a plea of not guilty for McLaughlin and the case was put over until the fall term of court. McLaughlin, a former Chicago politician, now is serving a five year term for helping to dispose of the ransom in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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## Judge Ponders Gang Wives' Row Over Car

**Gibson Widow, Mrs. Bolton Both Claim Ownership.**

CHICAGO, July 2—(AP)—Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan today took under advisement until July 15 a dispute over ownership of a car seized by federal agents Jan. 8 when they killed Russell Gibson, Karpis-Barker gangster.

The litigants were Gibson's widow, Mrs. Clara Gibson, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, alleged associate of Gibson. Mrs. Gibson said her husband purchased the car but Mrs. Bolton claimed her husband furnished the money.

Bolton is awaiting sentence in St. Paul after a plea of guilty to a charge of participating in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.



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## Mail Holdup Fugitive Re- ported Crippled by Bul- let Wounds.

Tommy Touhy, crippled by bullet wounds and wasted by illness, is making a last stand in a northern Wisconsin hideout, it was learned today.

Postoffice inspectors were reported closing in on "The Terrible" Touhy, last of the notorious family that once ruled with smoking guys more territory than Al Capone boasted in his heyday.

Reports from the north woods today, brought by United Press, indicated the desperado has been located by the persistent postal inspectors who are out to get him, dead if need be unless—and this is a strong possibility—he surrenders voluntarily.

He may give himself up on learning that St. Paul authorities are not interested in connecting him with the kidnapings of William Hamm or Edward G. Bremer. He is wanted instead for complicity in the robbery of a mail train from which \$20,000 was taken.

Compared with the crimes of kidnaping, murder and bank robbery which have been laid at the door of the Touhy gang, the train robbery is relatively minor. Instead of a capital crime it is an offense for which the maximum penalty is twenty-five years in prison.

**Last Member of Gang.**  
Eight men participated in the St. Paul robbery. Seven of them are in jail or dead. Tommy Touhy is the eighth, and postal inspectors are determined to go to every length to capture him and thus completely solve the crime.

The government is convinced now that the Touhy gang had nothing to do with the Hamm kidnaping. Rather, authorities believe, the Alvin Karpis-George Barker gang kidnaped both Hamm and Bremer. Barker now is serving a life term for the Bremer abduction and Karpis is sought as the nation's No. 1 public enemy.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney in St. Paul, said flatly that his office does not want Touhy for the Hamm abduction, and Hamm confirmed this with the statement:

"So far as I know Tommy Touhy was not involved in my kidnaping."

**May Go to Hospital.**

So, just as Al Capone went to prison only for income-tax violation because he was smart enough to have his underlings do the "dirty work," Touhy may go to prison only for a mail robbery. More likely, he will go into a prison hospital to recover from bullet wounds sustained in battles with police and with other gangsters, from a broken arm suffered in the stone quarry of the Michigan state prison, and from the exposure and privation that he has suffered in his continual flight from justice.

Should Touhy surrender he probably would be taken at once to St. Paul, where Sullivan indicated he would demand a \$50,000 bond. If bail were furnished, Touhy would be free to seek medical and surgical care while awaiting trial.

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SAN FRANCISCO CALL BULLETIN  
July 12, 1935  
(Friday)

## NELSON AIDE TO HUNT FRISCH

*Call-Bulletin July 12/35*  
Plans for searching for the body of Roy J. Frisch, murdered Reno bank teller, were being made today, as probability was expressed that John Paul Chase, self-asserted eye witness, would be taken from Alcatraz Island to lead the hunt.

Chase, now serving a life term at Alcatraz for murder of a federal agent, asserted George ("Baby Face") Nelson, the slain gunman, was the actual killer of the Reno banker. He told federal authorities Nelson dumped the body down a deserted Nevada mine shaft.

U. S. Attorney H. H. McPike revealed a sworn statement by Joe ("Fats") Negri, made while he was in custody here in connection with the Nelson harboring trial, contains much confirmation of the Chase confession.

Department of Justice agents here and in Reno, however, stated that they have received no official confirmation of the confession.

Frisch, subpoenaed as a government witness, disappeared in Reno on the eve of going to New York to testify against James Graham and William McKay, Reno gambling czars, in a mail fraud trial.

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**REPORT MISSING  
BANKER SLAIN AT  
RENO BY NELSON**

**Federal Prisoner Says  
He Saw Killing.**

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United States Attorney E. P. Carville said his office was "hard at work" on the case and that he had been assured the cooperation of all of Nevada's law enforcement agencies.

**Search for Remains.**

Search for Frisch's remains, Carville said, would be undertaken as soon as more details of the alleged killing are obtained.

The possibility that Chase, a former pal of Nelson, would be brought to Reno to help find the body was discussed. Carville declined to comment.

Frisch's body was reported to have been disposed of in a shallow grave near a mine shaft several miles from Reno after Nelson had burned his clothes and destroyed other means of identification.

Frisch, who was 41, unmarried and widely known, vanished the night of March 22, 1934, after saying he was going to a theater. His movements were traced as far as a residential district street corner. From that point on officers were baffled in their search.

**Banker Beaten, Shot.**

According to Chase's story, Nelson hit Frisch on his head with a revolver and threw him in an automobile. Several miles from Reno, Chase said, Nelson shot the banker.

Rewards were offered. Poses searched the Truckee river and Lake Tahoe regions. Other recruits and officers were sent into the depths of abandoned mine shafts.

The department of justice entered the case, it was said, because Frisch, former cashier of the defunct Riverside bank in Reno, was to have been an important witness for the government in the trial of William Graham and James C. McKay, Reno gambling kings, accused by a federal grand jury of mail fraud.

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# U. S. INVESTIGATING MURDER OF BANKER

## J. E. Hoover Says Convict Has Confessed Baby Face Nelson Killed Reno Man in 1934.

### PRESIDENT IS INTERESTED

#### Politicians Reported Involved—Victim Was Witness Against Gambling Syndicate.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13.—The reported investigation by Federal agents of a murder mystery in which President Roosevelt was said to be interested because of important political figures involved was verified here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

The investigation concerns the killing of Roy J. Frisch, Reno bank cashier, by the late Baby Face Nelson in 1934.

A confession made by one of Nelson's confederates in Alcatraz, according to Mr. Hoover, tells how Frisch was shot by Nelson at the instigation of a gambling syndicate run by politicians who feared the testimony of the bank cashier. The operations of the syndicate were nation-wide, according to the confession, and netted in excess of \$1,000,000 a year.

John Paul Chase, the Alcatraz prisoner, who pinned the murder of Frisch on Nelson, one-time public enemy No. 1, was a partner of Nelson in the pistol fight in which Federal agents Cowley and Hollis were killed and Nelson himself fatally wounded.

According to the confession of Chase, Frisch was beaten into insensibility by Nelson on a Reno Street, taken for a 100-mile ride and buried in a hole of an abandoned mine after his body had been riddled with bullets.

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**Touhy Deal Fails**

Chicago, Ill.—U.S.—Negotiations for the surrender of Tommy Touhy, last of the notorious Touhy brothers still at large, have failed and government agents have renewed their manhunt in the north woods for the desperado, it was learned Monday.

For a time Touhy, crippled by bullet wounds and emaciated by sickness, dickered through an intermediary over terms by which he would surrender and stand trial on charges of participating in a \$20,000 St. Paul mail robbery.

He was in northern Wisconsin at that time, not far from Winter, it was reported. When he was unable to reach satisfactory terms with postal authorities who have apprehended all of the original mail robbery gang of eight with this single exception, Touhy was reported to have shifted his hideout still farther north, probably into the northern peninsula of Michigan.

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## FREED MYSTERY MAN— SOUGHT IN KIDNAPING

Northampton, Mass., July 17 (AP).—Police learned that a man they had allowed freedom on \$200 bail after he had told them "it's up to you to find out who I am," was sought by the department of justice for questioning about the Bremer kidnaping.



The man was identified by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, as William E. Mead, 68, a confidence man with a long record, although

Mead had burned his finger tips with acid, found in his car when he was arrested here Saturday.

Hoover said Mead's prints presented the "worst case of mutilation to come to our attention."

Mead, held here for minor automobile law violations, after questioning by police, was bailed early Sunday by Herbert F. Callahan, a noted Boston criminal lawyer, who at that time declined to discuss his client's business or identity.

At Washington, Hoover's office said the Northampton police had been asked to hold Mead for questioning in the Bremer case, but apparently his instructions were received here after Mead had been allowed bail.

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**LET HUNTED MAN GO**  
**Meads, Sought for Questioning in Bremer Kidnaping, Gets Away.**  
*By the Associated Press.*  
**NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 17.**  
 —It was William E. Meads, 68, sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping, whom the Northampton police let slip through their fingers last Sunday, it was revealed today. Meads was arrested Saturday on a minor automobile charge. His fingertips had been burned with acid. He told police "it's up to you to find out who I am."  
 Northampton police found out after they had released Meads in \$300 bail.

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## The Acid Test

### Bureau Matches Fingerprints, Despite Burns.

A man arrested by the police of Northampton, Mass., home of the late Calvin Coolidge, refused to reveal his identity, saying:

"It's up to you to find out who I am."

He was confident they wouldn't find out, for he had mutilated his finger tips by pouring strong acid on them. Northampton police, nevertheless, went through the routine of taking impressions of his fingers and these they sent to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Yesterday Hoover asked Northampton to hold the man, and at the same time announced he had been identified as William E. Meade, a confidence man and former convict, wanted for jumping bond in Jacksonville, Fla., and also for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Hoover said Meade's finger tips were the most thoroughly mutilated ever noted by his bureau. However, he said, the acid had failed to eat into a few whorls and loops. These were enlarged, compared with those on file, and the identification followed.

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**Out for Bruno Austin**

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# SUSPECT NAMED IN KIDNAPING

Another suspect today was added to the long list of persons involved in the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom kidnaping when Attorney General Cummings revealed the Department of Justice is seeking one William Edward Mead, alias Charles Connor, for questioning.

Cummings said Mead, who jumped a \$200 bail in Northampton, Mass., after being arrested there on July 15 for driving an improperly registered automobile, was involved in the "snatch" of the wealthy St. Paul banker.

Mead also jumped a \$10,000 bail in Jacksonville, Fla., recently. He joins Alvin "Bo" Karpis as the outstanding figure wanted by the Department of Justice for participation in the crime which resulted in the death or imprisonment of both the notorious Barker boys and their mother and several other gangsters and politicians.

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### Trail Karpis

#### Police Seeking Gang Chief in Sheriff Kidnaping

BURY, Neb., July 18.—(AP)—County and state authorities today searched for a gang of gunmen who abducted Sheriff Emil Ackman from his home here, took him on a wild midnight ride and released him unharmed in front of his home two hours later.

Ackman was convinced from the conversation of the men and their questions they were seeking information concerning Hess Doyle, held in connection with the \$150,000 robbery of the First National Bank at Fairbury, April 4, 1933, and he believes one of them might have been Alvin Karpis, one of the nation's "public enemies."

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## Gang 'Twins' Fooled Victim of Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn.—U.P.—Amazing resemblances between members of two kidnaping gangs was responsible for the fruitless prosecution of kidnapers of William Hamm, jr., St. Paul brewer, it was disclosed Friday.

New information obtained by federal department of justice agents revealed that William E. Meade, the "most wanted confidence man in the world," according to J. Edgar Hoover, and the Barker-Karpis gangsters perpetrated both the Hamm and the Edward G. Bremer abductions.

Hoover, head of the department investigation, confirmed these findings by long distance telephone conversation.

### Same "Finger Man"

The information indicates that Meade served as the "finger man" in the Hamm abduction and shared that job with Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, in the Bremer case.

Meade bears a striking resemblance to Eddie (Father Tom) McFadden of the Touhy gang, whom Hamm identified as the man who accosted him near his home June 15, 1934, when the abduction occurred. Experts say it is difficult to tell Meade from McFadden from available photographs.

There are two other sets of "twins" in the Touhy and Barker-Karpis gangs, federal agents discovered.

### Sharkey Like Barker

Sharkey, Touhy gunman who committed suicide in the Ramsey county jail after his acquittal. Federal agents found that Sharkey's features were strongly identical to those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, now serving a life sentence for the Bremer abduction.

The other pair is Tom Touhy, recently reported ready to surrender, and Fred Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang. Fred Barker was slain by federal agents in Florida last spring.

Meade's implication in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings was revealed after his arrest and release on \$2,000 bond for automobile law violations in Northampton, Mass.

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Associated Press WIREPHOTO.  
**HUNTED BY G-MEN.**  
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### Love Again Proves Blind in the Byways of Crime

Chicago, Ill.—(U.P.)—Marie Austin, a pretty brown haired girl of 19, believed in her husband, fought for him, and even borrowed money on their furniture to help him. She laughed when everyone said he was a criminal.

"Bruno's swell," she said. "He's awfully good to me."

When police snatched him from her arms as they left the church after their wedding last January, she told the bridesmaids that there "must be some mistake." He was charged with burglary.

Then, after he was acquitted on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, she was sure their existence would be happy like that of other young married couples.

"He got a job as an awning hanger and I thought we could start all over again," she sobbed Tuesday night as she stood beside two hardened outlaws before a spotlight at the police "show-up."

"I knew Bruno three months before we were married," she added tearfully. "He was always lovely to me—brought me gifts—and after he got his job he gave me all of his pay check every week. He had been in trouble and I couldn't leave him."

"The last time he got in trouble I borrowed money on the furniture and now I owe \$150. I haven't a cent and I don't know how I'll ever pay back the money. But I know I can't stand any more trouble. I never was in trouble before I met Bruno."

Marie was seized in the Austin apartment where police found a blood stained jacket. Austin is wanted for the slaying of Anthony Banetta, who was shot when Austin and three companions held up a grocery store Monday. Austin was wounded.



[Associated Press Photo]

Mrs. Bruno Austin

Austin's confederates were apprehended. They are David Sinnenberg, also wounded during the robbery; Alex Shapiro, shot by police, and Morris Jacobs.

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## DIRECTED JOB FROM DETROIT, POLICE ASSERT

Chief Bases Theory on  
Long-Distance Phone  
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HUNT CENTERED HERE

Superintendent of Police James H. Davenport, of Chester, today declared that he believes yesterday's \$48,000 bank hold-up in that city was engineered by Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnapper, and remnants of his gang now believed to be located in Detroit.

Davenport said he reached this conclusion after learning that an unusually large number of long-distance telephone calls had been made in recent weeks between Chester and Detroit. He said he did not think that Karpis took part in the hold-up himself, but directed the robbery from a distance with the aid of Detroit and Philadelphia gunmen.

Karpis fled through this part of the country a few months ago after shooting his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City. He kidnapped an Allentown and Philadelphia doctor and forced him to drive himself and a companion into Ohio. Later he was believed to have reorganized his gang in Michigan.

### U. S. Agents Join Hunt

The theory that Karpis and his mobsters were involved in the hold-up helped to explain the unprecedented activity of Federal Division of Investigation agents in hunting for the gang. Government agents, armed with submachine guns, joined City Hall detectives in an all-night search of South Philadelphia underworld haunts.

Superintendent Davenport, who worked on the case all night with several of his men, said the bandits would not have escaped so easily if Chester police had radio-equipped cars like those in Upper Darby and Philadelphia.

He said he believed the gang knew there was no radio equipment in Chester and picked that city to stage their coup. They abandoned their own car within 300 feet of the Philadelphia city line, where they knew radio cars would

## CHESTER HOLD-UP LAID TO KARPIS BY POLICE CHIEF

\$48,000 Theft Linked to Gang  
Fugitive on Basis of  
Phone Calls

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Highland Avenue, and the loot was entirely in \$1 to \$20 bills.

After many employees had visited City Hall to inspect Rogues Gallery pictures, it was hinted that two of the leaders of the bandit mob were known and that both were paroled convicts. At least eight men and one woman said to have helped the gang "spot" the bank are being sought in connection with the hold-up.

Federal agents of the Division of Investigation joined in the hunt because the robbery was staged at a national bank and it was thought some of the loot might be carried across State lines.

R. George Harvey, agent in charge of the local office, sent Lee Levin and six picked men out to track down the gang and later disclosed that they had uncovered "plenty of clues." He said his men believe they know the identity of the bandits and have linked them with a band of professional bank robbers.

The Government men, speeding along Market Street near Ninth in a big squad car last night, almost exchanged shots with Philadelphia police engaged in the same search. The police saw machine guns in the Federal agents' car and ordered them to stop. The agents quickly identified themselves and sped on their way.

From City Hall Lieutenant Thomas McGorian and Sergeants Richard Doyle and Edward Hennigan were assigned to lead the search for the bandits as it became evident that some of them at least had taken refuge in Philadelphia with their haul. Late last night the three men left the Detective Bureau with submachine guns, refusing to reveal their destination.

Veteran manhunters in the Philadelphia Police Bureau expressed the belief that there were more men involved in the hold-up than the five who fled with the loot in a green sedan, later found abandoned in Yeadon, just over the Philadelphia City line.

Captain James (Shoocy) Malone, who has had long experience in such cases, said he believed other members of the gang followed the green car from the scene of the hold-up and picked up their com-

A large dark sedan was seen parked half a block from the bank during the hold-up yesterday with two men in it, and Chester police believe they were "trigger men," ready to shoot if the hold-up was interrupted.

The bank robbery was said to be the first of large scale ever staged in Chester, and the loot was one of the largest criminal hauls in this section in recent years. More than half of the stolen money, or \$25,000 was a payroll of the Philadelphia Electric Company, which had been delivered to the bank a half hour earlier.

The branch is located at Third Street and Highland Avenue, Chester. Four employees were lined up against the wall with their hands in the air, and a customer was forced to lie on the floor by the bandits, one of whom carried a sub-machine gun.

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# ALVIN KARPIS BELIEVED 'BRA' OF \$48,000 CHESTER BANK

**WANTED!**



Associated Press  
**ALVIN KARPIS**  
 Fugitive kidnapper and gangster, who is believed by police and Federal agents to have engineered yesterday's \$48,000 robbery of the Delaware County National Bank, in Chester, from a Detroit hideout

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Flee on Foot After Gun Battle  
With Nebraska Police.

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Alvin Karpis, fought a gun battle  
with two police officers today in  
Fairbury streets.  
A shotgun charge fired by Foster  
Helvey, assistant police chief, dis-  
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three fled on foot while Helvey and  
Police Chief Joe Cook stopped for  
more ammunition.  
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## Karpis' Gang Battles Through 4 States; Fights Nebraska Police, Abducts Kansan

By The Associated Press.

BLUE RAPIDS, Kan., July 23.—Man hunters of four States joined tonight in a search for three reported killers, one believed by some pursuers to be Alvin Karpis.

They fought a gun battle with police at Fairbury, Neb., and later abducted a man whom they released near here in their wild flight today.

Leaving a trail of stolen motor cars over Kansas and Nebraska, they were believed headed for Kansas City or the hills of Oklahoma.

In need of a car after the Fairbury gunfight, the three men entered that of W. E. Grogman, Kansas City salesman, at Herkimer, Kan., forcing him to accompany them. They gave him a two-hour ride, then tied him to a chair in a church near here. They left with his automobile and most of his belongings.

All were armed with revolvers and also had at least three machine guns, Grogman said. They boasted of being "tough guys." Grogman said they refrained from addressing each other by name.

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leave a stolen automobile after the gun battle with Police Chief Joe Cook and Officer Foster Helvey, who fired when they refused to halt. The car had been stolen at Hooper, Neb., by three men who abandoned one stolen in Michigan. Officers said the Michigan car was believed taken by slayers of two men near Saginaw on July 6.

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### PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 HUNTED IN KANSAS

#### Karpis Believed in Trio Which Escaped Ambush

*By The United Press*

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 24—Alvin Karpis, who is Public Enemy No. 1 by virtue of survival, was believed to be the leader of a trio of desperadoes who fled through Kansas in a commandeered auto after a gun battle here yesterday.

Sole known survivor of the murderous crew which shot it out with Federal agents at the Little Bohemia Lodge in Northern Wisconsin, Karpis was being sought in this region after three men robbed a filling station attendant at Chester. They narrowly escaped capture when they blundered into an ambush set by Police Chief Joe Cook and Marshal Foster Helvey at the city limits.

The trio speeded away at 80 miles an hour after an exchange of gun fire. Later the officers found the abandoned bandit car with tattered tires. The fugitives had fled afoot.

Next trace of the gunman was at

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*Wash Herald*  
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# Karpis Hunted With 2 Others In the Mid-West

## Enemy No. 1 Linked With Gun Battle, Kidnaping in Nebraska.

By the Associated Press.

Blue Rapids, Kans., July 23.—  
Manhunters of four States joined  
tonight in a search for three as-  
serted killers—one believed by  
some pursuers to be slippery Al-  
vin Karpis, current Public Enemy  
No. 1.

The trio fought a gun battle  
with police at Fairbury, Nebr., and  
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Leaving a trail of stolen motor  
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The car had been stolen at Hooper,  
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### Linked to Sheriff's Kidnaper.

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# KARPIS REPORTED HEADED TOWARD BUFFALO

## PUBLIC ENEMY IN AUTO WITH LOCAL PLATES

Authorities on watch after rumor desperado was seen in Cleveland, headed east

### WARNING IS BROADCAST

Recognized in Ohio city by government operative, reports to officials declare

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 27 (Saturday) (AP)—Police Station WPDU Pittsburgh, broadcast a report early today that a man identified as Alvin Karpis, public enemy number 1, was seen leaving Cleveland at 10 p. m., (E. S. T.) He was driving east in a roadster, bearing Erie County (N. Y.) license plates and had two men with him, the officers said.

Local police said they learned from Cleveland that Karpis was recognized in the Ohio city by a government operative. They quoted Cleveland authorities as saying the roadster disappeared before the operative had an opportunity to halt it.

As the radio alarm was broadcast in Pittsburgh, scout cars were assigned to main arteries in the vicinity of Pittsburgh and instructed to keep an all-night vigil.

#### Search in Cleveland

Cleveland, O., July 27 (Saturday) (AP)—Cleveland police searched early today for Alvin Karpis, suspect in the Bremer and other kidnaping cases, on the "tip" of a citizen who they said telephoned he had seen Karpis drive through Public Square. Police said the citizen, whose name they would not disclose, told them he was acquainted with Karpis and recognized him as he drove past in a speedster.

They said federal authorities recently issued a warning Karpis was in this territory. Karpis narrowly escaped capture here several months ago when he escaped as police arrested several women companions.

The state highway patrol said it had been informed that a man identified as Karpis was seen driving east from Cleveland in an automobile.

Patrol headquarters in Columbus reported that another man was in the automobile with the man believed to be Karpis.

#### Suspect in Bremer Case

The department of justice last March definitely placed the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul at the door of the Barker-Karpis mob, which previously had a record in the Midwest of being the most ruthless gang of modern day banditry with a long list of bank robberies and murders charged against it.

Karpis was suspected of directing the kidnaping of nine-year-old George Weyerhauser of Tacoma, but the end of that case tended to disprove this suspicion.

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# AUTO'S RETURN ENDS BUFFALO KARPIS SEARCH

## Rumor Public Enemy No. 1 Headed for City From Cleve- land Collapses

### POLICE FAIL TO STOP CAR

### Borrowed Machine Arrives Here Unmolested Despite Widespread Hunt

An alarm early today that Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, had been seen in Cleveland in an Auburn roadster bearing Buffalo license plates turned out to be false with the discovery that the car was back in the garage of its owner.

Buffalo police got this message from Cleveland at 1:26 a. m.:

"Be on the lookout for Auburn roadster, 1935, with tan top, black body, bearing New York State plates SE 8462. Occupants are two white men, one of them identified as Alvin Karpis, wanted by federal authorities for shooting two federal officers. This car may pass through New York State of Pennsylvania."

#### Report Friend Returned

The license plates were issued to Norman C. Klinck, 124 Rohr St., a clerk at the New York Central ter-

minal. Mr. Klinck said he had lent the machine to a friend to go to Cleveland for a couple of days. He said he expected him back shortly. A half-hour later police reported the friend had returned with the car. Assistant Detective Chief Frank J. McCarthy said Mr. Klinck told him he had lent the car to Dan Montgomery, Negro proprietor of an Exchange St. restaurant and of a hotel near the New York Central station. He often lets Montgomery take the car, he told McCarthy.

#### Reported Seen in Cleveland

Newspaper dispatches said two Cleveland citizens, said to have known Karpis when he was hiding out in the Ohio city last year, reported to police they saw him in downtown Cleveland last night. They said they followed the car for some distance, but lost it in traffic. They described the machine referred to in the police message.

The result of the report was that all cities and towns to the eastward of Cleveland issued orders to their patrol cars to keep strict watch for the car with the Buffalo plates.

The search for the car containing Karpis or the citizen who ap-

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## 'ALARM' ON KARPIS PROVES TO BE

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parently resembles him. The report was complicated by a report from Erie, Pa., that police there gave chase to an auto thought might be driven by Karpis but lost it after a short run.

According to the Erie dispatch, Motorcycle Patrolman Ames Kiddle said he sighted a yellow Auburn sedan about 2 a. m. making 75 miles an hour through the city streets. He said the machine answered the description from Cleveland of the car the fugitive desperado might be using.

Reported Headed for Buffalo  
Kiddle halted a radio scout car and they all gave chase to the sedan. It got away, he reported, in the direction of Buffalo. It contained two men, he said.

The only discrepancy in this episode insofar as it might concern the Buffalo machine is that the description of the Auburn chased in Erie does not agree with that of the Auburn sighted in Cleveland. One was a yellow sedan, the other a black roadster with a tan top. It is a situation likely to make all Auburn drivers a little nervous today.

The Cleveland authorities declined to make public the names of the two residents who reported they saw Karpis there, but they said the robber and kidnaper is well known in that city. They said he was one of a gang of three men who lived in a west side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search for him was under way.

Said Place Too Late  
Police raided the place after questioning three women arrested in a downtown hotel brawl, but they found only evidence of a hasty departure.

They discovered maps in the house, though, showing well-pencilled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada. Fingerprints on a piece of paper were of the same class as those of Arthur Barker, leader of the gang which engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul millionaire.

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# SET TRAP FOR KARPIS, SEEN IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, July 27.—(AP)—Police of Ohio and Pennsylvania toured the roads east of Cleveland today hoping to intercept Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnaper.

A man believed to have been Karpis was seen driving east in downtown Cleveland late last night. Two citizens who attempted to follow the car said it bore New York license plates. A second man was in the car, they said.

Karpis, sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, and other crimes, is well acquainted in this section.

Police identified him as one of a gang of three men who lived in a West Side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search was being made for him.

The two citizens, police said, in refusing to identify them, had known Karpis when he was hiding out here. They reported they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed their machine near Avon Lake village, a suburb.

The men said they followed the car to Cleveland's public square, about twenty miles. They lost the car in the downtown traffic.

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**TRAIL 'KARPIS,'  
POLICE FIND IT'S  
2 OTHER FELLOWS**

Buffalo, N. Y., July 27.—(AP)—Two Buffalo men whose automobile was supposed to have carried Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, about Cleveland, returned home today, surprised at reports police of three states had been watching for their car.

The machine, identified from its license plates, is owned by Norman C. Klinck, a railroad employe here. He said he loaned it to two friends to visit Lorain, O. While going through Cleveland a citizen mistook one of the men for Karpis.

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### Karpis Here? Two Other Fellows

Cleveland police, who were all aflutter last night at reports Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," had been a Cleveland visitor, today ventured the opinion it might have been "a couple of other fellows."

A warning had been flashed meanwhile to police of five states.

The report, brought to central station shortly after 9 p. m. by a civilian said by police to be an "amateur detective," was that he had seen Karpis and another man driving east and had followed them from a point in Bulkley blvd. to E. 9th st. and Superior ave., where he lost them.

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REPORTS KARPIS HERE

Reputed Acquaintance Tells Police  
He Saw Desperado in Auto.

Greater Cleveland police kept their  
revolvers handy last night after a  
police broadcast warned that Alvin  
Karpis, suspect in the Bremer and  
other kidnapings, had been reported  
as driving westward through Public  
Square at 10 p. m. in an Auburn  
speedster bearing New York license  
plates.

A citizen, whose name police would  
not divulge, telephoned to say that  
he was acquainted with Karpis and  
had recognized the desperado as he  
drove past.

Police said federal authorities had  
recently issued a warning that  
Karpis was in this territory. Karpis  
some months ago narrowly escaped  
capture here when he fled as police  
nabbed several women companions.

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## POLICE PICK UP KARPIS TRAIL AS HE HEADS EAST

Public Enemy No. 1 Sighted  
on Street in Cleveland,  
But He Escapes  
Pursuers.

### ROADS WATCHED FOR TWO IN CAR

TRENTON. (AP)—State and municipal police of New Jersey were warned by teletype and radio alarms today to be on the lookout for Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," who was reported heading eastward from Cleveland, O.

Cleveland authorities sent the state police a message of warning and the organization broadcast a description of the gangster, who shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City four months ago.

#### Chase in Erie

ERIE, Pa. (AP)—Erie police gave chase early today to an automobile which they said may have been occupied by Alvin Karpis, but lost the car after a short run.

Motorcycle Patrolman Ames Kindle said he sighted a yellow sedan about 2 a. m. making 75 miles an hour through the streets. He said the car answered a broadcast description of one Cleveland police said may have been used by the fugitive kidnaper. Two men were in the automobile. Kindle said.

He hailed a radio scout car and all

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## GET KARPIS TRAIL

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started after the sedan. It got away, Kindle said, in the direction of Buffalo, N. Y.

CLEVELAND. (AP)—Police of Ohio and Pennsylvania toured the roads east of Cleveland today hoping to intercept Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnaper and Public Enemy No. 1.

A man believed to have been Karpis was seen driving East in downtown Cleveland late last night. The citizens, who attempted to follow the car, said it bore New York license plates. A second man was in the car, they said.

Karpis, who is sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul and other crimes, is well acquainted in this section.

Police identified him as one of a gang of three men who lived in a west side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search was being made for him.

Police refused to identify the two citizens who reported seeing the fugitive here last night, but they said they were not federal agents.

The two citizens, police said, had known Karpis when he was hiding out here last year. They reported that they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed their machine near Avon Lake Village, a suburb.

The men said they followed the car to Cleveland's Public Square, a distance of approximately 30 miles. They lost the car in the downtown traffic and then made their report to police.

#### Car Disappears

All Cleveland police squad cars were asked immediately to watch for the car. The Ohio State Highway Patrol sent cruisers to watch the roads east of the city.

The car, however, was not seen after it left Public Square.

Cities to the east were notified on the chance the two men might head in that direction and Pittsburgh police set up a watch along the main traffic arteries in that vicinity.

The hideout here last year was disclosed when three women were arrested in a downtown hotel during a brawl. Police raided the house an hour after questioning the women and found evidence of a hasty departure.

Maps found in the house contained well-penciled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada. Fingerprints found on a scrap of paper in the house were of the same class as those of Arthur Barker, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang. The women were turned over to federal agents and then released.

Karpis shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City last January and his trip west, authorities believe, led through Ohio. Dr. Horace R. Hunsicker was kidnaped by two men, one of whom he identified as Karpis, near Allentown, Pa., and left unharmed near Medina, south of Cleve-

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# SIGHT KARPIS IN CLEVELAND, HEADED EAST

Cleveland, July 27 (Saturday) (AP).—Cleveland police searched early today for Alvin Karpis, reigning public enemy No. 1, on the tip of a citizen who telephoned he had seen Karpis drive through public square.

Police said the citizen told them he was acquainted with Karpis and recognized him in an auto.

They said Federal authorities recently issued a warning Karpis was in this territory. Karpis narrowly escaped capture here several months ago when he escaped as police arrested several women companions.

The State Highway Patrol said it had been informed that a man identified as Karpis was seen driving east from Cleveland.

Patrol headquarters in Columbus reported that another man was in the automobile with the man believed to be Karpis.

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# REPORT KARPIS SPEEDING EAST FROM ERIE, PA.

Sedan Answering Description  
of Gangster's Car Dodges  
Police in Chase.

MAY BE HEADING HERE

Bremer Kidnaper Positively  
Identified as One of Two in  
Car Leaving Ohio.

Alvin Karpis, long hunted as the leader of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, was believed heading for New York or the Canadian border today after escaping from police in Erie, Pa.

A police alarm, broadcast from Massillon, Ohio, informed authorities that he positively had been identified as one of two men seen in an automobile headed east.

According to the alarm, Karpis, in a tan Auburn car bearing New York license plates, was seen speeding through Cleveland at 7 o'clock last night. It was thought possible that the other occupant of the car might be Harry Campbell, Karpis accomplice.

Sighted in Erie.

About 2 A. M. today, a sedan answering the description of Karpis' machine was sighted speeding at 75 miles an hour through the streets of Erie, Pa., according to the Associated Press. Police pursued in a radio car, but the fleeing sedan outdistanced the pursuers.

The tan sedan was last seen headed toward Buffalo and Erie police expressed the opinion that Karpis, if he was in the car, probably would try to cross the Canadian border between Erie and Buffalo.

Tunnels Guarded.

The alarm received at New York Police Headquarters early today described Karpis as being five feet eight inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, with blue eyes, medium chestnut hair. It stated he was a dangerous criminal and would shoot on the least provocation.

New York police were ordered to watch bridges, tunnels and ferries. Karpis is the leader of a gang of Midwest criminals to which his been laid a long list of crimes, including several murders. He and confederates escaped from several traps set by federal agents throughout the country.

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PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH July 27, 1935

# POLICE HUNT KARPIS HERE

## POLICE HERE HUNT FOR KARPIS

Public Enemy No. 1  
Believed Headed  
For This Area

Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, desperado and Public Enemy No. 1, was believed to be in this vicinity today.

Federal, state and city police forces watched every possible route of travel in hopes of intercepting Karpis and a traveling companion as they sped to another hideout.

The pair was sighted driving east in downtown Cleveland, O., and the alarm immedi-

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### BREMER KIDNAPER

It was in Cleveland that Karpis last fall narrowly escaped apprehension in a West Side hideout.

It was through Pittsburgh that Karpis is supposed to have made his getaway last January with kidnaped Dr. Horace Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa., after he and a man believed to have been Harry Campbell had shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City (N. J.) hotel last winter.

Bad Man Karpis is wanted in—among other places—St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of rich Edward G. Bremer 18 months ago.

In that venture, Karpis and a couple of pals, now in jail, netted \$200,000 after holding the banker for 23 days.

### TRAILED IN CLEVELAND

The year-and-a-half chase for the outlaw centered here again today after two men who had known Karpis during his Cleveland hiding a year ago said they sighted the desperado and his companion in an automobile near Avon Lake Village, Cleveland suburb, last night.

They say they trailed the pair as far as downtown Cleveland, only to lose them.

They notified police the gangsters were traveling in a black roadster with New York license plates.

Police here took every precaution to apprehend them if they pass through Pittsburgh. Heavily armed, on the alert for expected violence, they had orders to shoot to kill.

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### Car Headed for New York May Contain Alvin Karpis

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—An automobile bearing two men, believed to be Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, sped thru Wilkes-Barre this afternoon.

The machine was a coupe with a canvas top and answered descriptions of the automobile believed being used by America's Public Enemy No. 1. Police reported the fugitive machine was traveling toward New York.

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## Karpis Is Reported East-Bound in Car

By the Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, July 27 (Saturday).—Police Station WPDU, Pittsburgh, broadcast a report early today that a man identified as Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was seen leaving Cleveland at 10 p. m., Eastern standard time. He was driving East in an Auburn roadster, New York license No. 3E8462, and had two men with him, the officers said.

Local police said they learned from Cleveland that Karpis was recognized by a Government operative. They quoted Cleveland authorities as saying the roadster disappeared before the operative had an opportunity to halt it.

Officers expressed an opinion that the trio were probably headed to some northern Pennsylvania city or New York.

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# 3 STATES HUNT KARPIS ANEW

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 27 (I.N.S.).—A search spreading over three States, with Cleveland the focal point, today failed to turn up Alvin Karpis, public enemy reported seen speeding through public square here late last night.

A radio alarm was broadcast to the State Highway Patrol of Ohio and to police of New York and Pennsylvania.

Cleveland police declined to reveal names of the two men who told them they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed theirs on Lake Road about 10 miles west of Cleveland. They said they knew him when he hid out in Cleveland last summer and were "certain" of their identification.

Karpis, a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping and in other similar cases, has been the object of a nation-wide search. He narrowly escaped capture here last September.

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July 28, 1935

**'KARPIS CAR' IS CLERK'S**

Auto Believed Gangster's In Buffalo Man's, Dispatches Say.  
The automobile which was believed to have carried Alvin Karpis, the nation's ranking public enemy and leader of a kidnap gang, through Cleveland Friday night was identified yesterday as belonging to a Buffalo railroad clerk, an Associated Press dispatch reported.  
Assistant Detective Chief Frank J. McCarthy of Buffalo said Clevelanders who thought the occupant of the car was Karpis were mistaken and that the driver probably was the clerk, whose family was reported to be away from home.

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### WILKES-BARRE POLICE HUNT KARPIS SUSPECT

Gangster and Pal Thought Seen in  
Speeding Auto

By The United Press

WILKES-BARRE, July 27—An auto bearing two men, believed to be Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, sped through Wilkes-Barre this afternoon.

The machine was a coupe, with a canvas top and answered descriptions of the auto believed being used by America's Public Enemy No. 1.

Police reported the fugitive machine was traveling toward New York. A teletype message was sent to all State Police and Highway Patrolmen to stop the machine.

The car being sought roared through the streets here and officers only got a glimpse of the two occupants.

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**POLICE COMB WATERFRONT FOR KARPIS.**  
 Toledo, O., Tuesday, July 30.—(Chicago Tribune.)—Toledo police and Government agents last night were scouring the summer resort cottages along Lake Erie near here in an effort to capture Alvin G. Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1 who they believe is in hiding there.

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"A description of this man with the information that he had a list of contractors' names in his possession and was interviewing them in this locality to have them build houses for them was sent out over the state police teletype system and relayed over the various police teletyping systems all over the country. Information about him was requested but none was received.

"On Saturday, July 18, the man was arraigned in district court on the automobile charge of an unregistered car on a complaint made by Police Chief Bartholomew Breenahan. I went to the acting clerk of court, Atty. Harold Grounbeck and asked him to request the court to make the bail as high as possible. Carter was brought by me to the Hampshire county jail and was held in default of \$300 bail. I then requested an employe of the jail to take his fingerprints and also his handprints and forward them to the department of justice as I had observed that his fingers were badly mutilated and the patterns were entirely destroyed in most of his fingers and that my prints as rolled did not include the entire scarred surface. This was done for me.

**Attorney Did Not Know Prisoner**  
"That night I went to the jail and received the information that this man was known to Herbert Callahan, an attorney at Boston. I then went to the state police barracks where a teletype message was written and sent to the Boston police giving them the information above and requesting a confidential checkup in Boston and that they forward us any information they might obtain. An answer to this message stated that Callahan did not know the prisoner.

"Although no information had gone to Atty Callahan from this city he telephoned to the police station here to inquire about Carter's bail within 15 minutes after the teletype message was sent to the Boston police. I came then to the police station and was there only a few minutes when an agent of the department of justice joined me. We talked about the case and then Atty Grounbeck came to the station and said that he had been called to the jail by Atty James P. Mahoney of Springfield to take bail for Carter. I then requested Mr Grounbeck to give me a complaint on which higher bail could be required before Carter would be freed. The agent of the federal government was present during our conversation.

"With the agent I went to the jail where we both questioned the prisoner and again I tried to prevent him leaving on \$200 bail. About 12.30 a. m. \$300 cash bail was given and the prisoner walked out of the jail, got into the car of Atty Mahoney and that was the last time I have seen him.

"Monday night a telegram was received from the department of justice by Chief Breenahan stating that the man had been identified by the fingerprints as William E. Meade wanted by the U. S. Postal authorities and the following day a letter was received recording a long criminal record.

**Delay Over Fingerprints**  
"Delay in identifying Meade by his prints as they were badly mutilated does not surprise anyone familiar with this method of identification. In order to locate a set of prints in a file it is necessary to write a formula. Each formula has a particular place on the file. When a formula is written for a set of prints the file is searched for that particular formula and if it is found, a comparison of ridge characteristics is made in both sets of prints to identify the person. This formula is made possible and written according to the various patterns as they appear in a set of prints. When a pattern is destroyed in a finger it makes it impossible to make a definite formula. To find the set of prints it is necessary to write out formulas assuming certain patterns to be in the fingers and search the files for each formula written until the record set of prints are found and a comparison made which will show them to be identical. Now this requires a vast amount of work especially in a large file.

"In this case surgery was resorted to for the one purpose of obliterate identification. Yet in the largest bureau in the world the fingerprints of Meade identified him even after surgery had been resorted to in an effort to fool this system of identification.

"It seems that this man had successfully sealed every other source of information regarding himself."  
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# Sergt Kelly Gives New Angle Of the Escape From Justice Of the Notorious Meade

## Attorney Callahan Had Information on Case 15 Minutes After Teletype Message to Boston Asking for Confidential Checkup

Northampton, Aug 3—Controversy over the part Atty Herbert Callahan of Boston played in procuring bail for William E. Meade, international confidence man, and a now celebrated police fiasco, was clarified today by Sergt Harry J. Kelly, who investigated the case.

Sergt Kelly inferred that Atty Callahan had inside information on the case even though he had received no official word from this city that Meade was incarcerated in the Hampshire county jail.

Within 15 minutes after a teletype communication requesting the Boston police for a confidential checkup on an angle concerning Atty Callahan the Boston attorney telephoned the local police station and inquired about the bail. A short time after a teletype answer was received stating that Atty Callahan did not know the prisoner.

Following Sergt Kelly in his own words tells the entire story of the now famous case in an interview with a Daily News reporter.

### Meade's First Proposition

My interest in the case first started on Saturday July 5th when a local contractor came to the police station and told me of a man who had visited him on June 27th and again on July 5th. He loaned the contractor some house plans and asked him to figure the cost of building a house according to the plans. Such a house would cost about \$14,000. On the lower right corner of such plans there usually appears the name of the architect drawing the plans but on the plans left with the local contractor the right hand corners had been cut off. This man stated that he represented a wealthy man living in New York and Philadelphia and that this man was going to build some houses in this city.

The houses to be built here were in the interest of a woman who was going to teach at Smith college and as they were to be built for sentimental reasons this man did not care to state the names of the parties concerned. He told the contractor his name was Taylor. On the second visit the contractor noticed there was no automobile in view and believing that the man came in an automobile he sent a man to locate it without the knowledge of his visitor. The car was found parked about a quarter of a mile away and the registration plates noted. The contractor became suspicious of the man and reported his information.

The state police were requested to get the name and address of the person to whom the automobile was registered. As the car was registered in Georgia the state police received by radio the information that the car was registered to a man in Atlanta Georgia.

By air mail I sent a communication to the chief of police at Atlanta stating all the information about the man and requesting any information that he could give me. This letter was mailed on the afternoon of July 5th.

Shortly after 10 a. m. on July 12th I received the information that this man was again in the city paying a visit to the contractor. I immediately drove to the locality (North Elm and Locust streets) where this man had parked his automobile. I removed the keys that he had left in it and also a wallet I found on the seat. Very soon afterward I saw the man coming towards the car. When he arrived I asked him to show me the registration. He did. It was for a Ford touring and this was a sedan and the motor numbers were not correct. I then brought him to the police station.

### Protests Being Fingerprinted

At the station he refused to talk and told me to find out who I am if you can. That's your job. He would give no information about himself. But, when I rigged up our fingerprint outfit (a plank two and a half feet long by one foot wide with a couple of wires attached to one end with which to hold the fingerprint card while the fingers are being rolled) he protested vigorously, and made it difficult to get his prints well rolled. As soon as the prints were taken I sent them by airmail to the department of justice at Washington. The information that this man had been interviewing contractors and was believed to be a swindler was also sent with the prints. At this time two telegrams were also sent by me, one, to the commissioner of state revenue in Georgia requesting the name and address to whom the car was registered and the other to the chief of police at Atlanta referring him to the names given in my airmail letter and giving him the name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady hotel, Atlanta and requesting information about the man. Some time later I received an answer from the chief of police stating that the man was not known there.

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August 3, 1935.

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**AUG 17 1935**

**U. S. WILL RUSH TRIAL  
OF G-MAN'S SLAYER**

**Agent Killed in Ohio by Auto  
Theft Suspect**

COLLEGE CORNER, Ohio, Aug. 17 (AP).—The Government planned an early trial today for George W. Barrett, held as the killer of Federal Agent Nelson B. Klein, thirty-seven, in a furious gun battle here last night.

H. D. Harris, acting-agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the Bureau of Investigation, said Barrett, who gave his home a Lockland, Ohio, would be brought to trial as "quickly as possible" under the Federal statute imposing the death penalty upon conviction for the slaying of a Government officer.

Agent Klein, an agent of the Department of Justice, was seeking Barrett for questioning concerning automobile thefts. They met face to face last night. Donald C. McGovern, another Federal agent, was with Mr. Klein.

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**THE THREAT WAS RECEIVED BY HOOVER ABOUT A MONTH AGO, BUT WAS KEPT**  
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**THEIR HUNT FOR KARPIS.**  
**OFFICIALS DECLINED TO REVEAL ANY DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE**  
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ALVIN KARPIS, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, HAS SENT A COMMUNICATION TO DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THREATENING THE LIFE OF THE CHIEF "G MAN," THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REVEALED.

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### U. S. Agents Renew Hunt for Karpis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Government agents tonight were reported pursuing an accelerated search for Alvin Karpis, following his mailing of a death threat letter to J. Edgar Hoover.

While the director of the Bureau of Investigation refused comment, a Justice Department spokesman said "we've been pushing a vigorous search for Karpis for months."

Details of the letter were lacking, but it was reported to have been post-marked at Dayton, Ohio, a month ago. Officials pronounced it "authentic" indicating that handwriting and fingerprint experts had scrutinized it.

Karpis, co-leader with the slain Fred Barker of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, has been hunted for 18 months, frequently in Ohio in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

ATLANTA, GA. ATLANTA CONSTITUTION  
AUGUST 20, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. # 1218, et al;  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitive;  
Obstruction of Justice; National

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THE BALTIMORE NEWS  
AUGUST 20, 1935

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FROM THE BIRMINGHAM (ALABAMA) NEWS  
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Details of the letter were lacking, but it was reported to have been post-marked at Dayton, Ohio, a month ago. Officials pronounced it "authentic" indicating that handwriting and fingerprint experts had scrutinized it.

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ATLANTA, GA. ATLANTA CONSTITUTION  
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CLEVELAND NEWS

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New York Journal

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"You got our pals," the letter said. "We are going to get you."

There was no signature.

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Officials declined to reveal any details of the nature of the communication.

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SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE  
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Officials declined to reveal any details of the nature of the communication or how it was transmitted. They refused to comment on reports that it was mailed from Ottumwa, Ia.

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Alvin Karpis.

He has been hunted since January, 1934, as a ringleader in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul, Minn. Later he shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J. He is believed since then to have ducked from one hide-out to another in various parts of the country.

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By Associated Press.

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Hoover himself declined to say anything on the subject.

## SEEN LAST WINTER.

Caught by federal agents since the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934, Karpis was last seen by officers when he escaped from a trap in an Atlantic City hotel early last winter.

He and Harry Campbell at that time abandoned their girl friends, Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney, who now are serving sentences.

Karpis is the only important member of his notorious kidnap and bank bandit gang who has escaped the government crime hunters.

## THREE SHOT DEAD.

Three members have met death as guns barked in Chicago and Florida.

Hoover once described the outfit as "one of the most dangerous mobs in the country."

"As long as it was at large," he said, "we felt that a kidnaping or a big bank robbery might take place anywhere."

"It roved from the Pacific coast across the continent through the Middle West and South."

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# THREAT SPURS KARPIS SEARCH

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 That was disclosed today when the department of justice officially admitted that more than a month ago Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, had received a letter from Karpis threatening the life of the chief federal sleuth. The department withheld all further details.  
 Revenge for his pal, Fred Barker, whom federal agents killed with his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, in a machine gun battle at Miami, Fla. in January, is reported to be the motive for Karpis' threat to rub out J. Edgar Hoover.  
 The head of the "G-men" declined to discuss the letter, but other officials said it definitely had been identified as from Karpis, presumably through his fingerprints or handwriting, and that it had come from a middle western city. Agents have tried unsuccessfully to use the letter as a clue in their nation-wide search for Karpis.

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R. George Harvey, chief of the Philadelphia office of the Bureau of Investigation, declined to say how seriously he is dealing with the "complaint," but said he expected to establish later in the day whether it is a hoax. The office manager identified a photograph of Karpis. Federal men at Washington yesterday revealed that Karpis had threatened Hoover's life in a letter sent from Dayton, O.

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"Daily Express" Correspondent.

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He has been sought for a year and a half since he kidnapped a man. The police trailed the desperado across the United States.

## CORNERED, BUT—

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Last fall he and Barker lived in several days in Cleveland, but left before a raid by detectives. For some of their women companions he had engaged in a hotel brawl. J. Edgar Hoover in the past had called the Barker-Karpis gang, now prey broken up by violent death and imprisonment, "one of the most dangerous in the country."



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# KARPIS THREATENS TO KILL J. E. HOOVER

## Letter Mailed in Dayton is Identified by Fingerprints as From Gangster.

### AGENTS HAD LOST HIS TRAIL

#### Hunt Is Renewed in Ohio for the Fugitive Wanted in Bremer Kidnapping.

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San Francisco EXAMINER  
August 21, 1935.

# New Karpis Hunt Opened

## Threat Against J. Edgar Hoover Gives Ohio Clue

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)  
—A threat on the life of Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G" men, led to reports at the Department of Justice today that search for Alvin Karpis now centers at Dayton, O.

The kidnaper-fugitive, "Num-



ALVIN KARPIS  
Public Enemy No. 1

ber 1" public enemy, is believed at the department to be author of a message supposedly mailed from Dayton a short while ago warning Hoover his days are numbered.

Sought by Federal agents since the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934, Karpis was last seen by officers when he escaped from a trap in an Atlantic City hotel early last winter.

He and Harry Campbell at that time abandoned their girl friends, Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney, who now are serving sentences.

Karpis is the only important member of his notorious kidnap and bank ~~bandit~~ gang who has escaped the Government crime hunters.

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# KARPIS' WARNING SPURS U. S. AGENTS

## Threat to Kill Hoover Gives Impetus to Search for Public Enemy No. 1.

With a brazenly worded death threat to their chief as a fresh clue on which to work, special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today were conducting an intensified search for Alvin Karpis, who succeeded the late John Dillinger as so-called public enemy No. 1.

Department of Justice officials guarded against a threat by Karpis on the life of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, but it was reported the gangster sent his warning several weeks ago in a letter mailed from an Ohio city.

In characterizing the letter as authentic, officials declined to reveal whether identification of Karpis as the author was accomplished through handwriting or fingerprints. It was recalled that George ("Machine Gun") Kelly affixed his fingerprints to letters threatening death to all Federal authorities responsible for the capture and trial of his pal, Harvey Bailey, for the Urschel kidnaping.

### Hoover Scoffs at Threat.

Apparently the letter is in the custody of experts attached to the bureau's technical laboratory here. Hoover, it is said, does not regard the threat seriously, holding that Karpis would not send a warning in the event he intended to do him harm.

Karpis, it is believed, wrote the letter in a spirit of revenge for the slaying by Hoover's men last January of his close companions in crime, Fred Barker, and the latter's mother, Kate (Ma) Barker. The Barkers were killed when they opened fire on G-men who surrounded their hideout on Lake Weir, Fla., and demanded their surrender.

### Trail Led to Ohio.

The trail of Karpis had led to Ohio repeatedly in the past. He and several members of the Karpis-Barker gang—kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, Minnesota bank president—are said to have hidden in Ohio after the kidnaping of Bremer. Last Fall he is reported to have been one of a group of men who escaped from a Cleveland hotel when police arrived to investigate a fight.

Karpis and another member of the gang, Harry Campbell, forced a Pennsylvania motorist to drive them to

near Cleveland last January after the pair had shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City.

Karpis is not the only kidnaper for whom Federal agents are searching. William Mahan, indicted as a principal in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping at Takoma, Wash., and Thomas H. Robinson, jr., wanted for the abduction of Mrs. Berry Stoll of Louisville, Ky., also are at large.

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PAPER STAR

CITY WASH., D.C.,

DATE AUG 21 1935

# Wire Threat Signed "Karpis" Is Sent to J. Edgar Hoover

## Man Writes Telegram in Philadelphia Office, Walks Out.

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, August 21.—A telegraph office manager reported today that a man who signed his name "Alvin Karpis" filed a threatening telegram addressed to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Philadelphia office of the bureau acknowledged it was investigating.

The text of the message was not immediately disclosed. The office manager said the man wrote the telegram in the office, paid for it and walked out. Federal men brought pictures of Karpis to the office. The manager, apparently affected by the incident, nodded his head affirmatively and said "Yes, yes."

The "G-men," when asked if they believed the gangster, candidate for the "Public Enemy No. 1" title, is in Philadelphia, merely smiled grimly.

While two agents quizzed the manager inside, two others sat in an automobile with machine guns.

R. George Harvey, chief of the Philadelphia office of the Bureau of Investigation, declined to say how seri-



ALVIN KARPIS.

ously he is dealing with the "complaint," but said he expected to establish later in the day whether it is hoax or not.

Federal men at Washington yesterday revealed that Karpis had threatened Hoover's life in a letter sent from Dayton, Ohio.

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## FAKE KARPIS THREAT

### *G-Men Brand Hoover Wire Hoax*

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Branded as "Phony"**

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IS TERMED PHONEY**

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**The Arrogant Mr. Karpis**

The long list of "public enemies" which mushroomed out of the prohibition era has dwindled under the merciless impetus of federal law enforcement officials until now only the redoubtable Alvin Karpis remains to lend distinction to the name. In their day the Capones, the Dillingers, the "Legs" Diamonds, the Barkers, the "Pretty Boy" Floyds and a hundred others of their kind cut a wide and bloody swath in the calendar of crime. They were a swashbuckling crew, and their piratical contempt of law made history of a sort.

Most of them now are dead or in prison, but the wily Mr. Karpis continues his game of hide-and-seek with singular success. As a fugitive from one of the most efficient official dragnets in the world, he has even achieved something of a record—for 18 months he has outwitted and outfought and outrun the best brains of the bureau of investigation. His latest piece of arrogance is a letter containing a death threat sent to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau.

Mr. Karpis, it is true, has demonstrated a certain diabolical cleverness in flight. By all the best standards of the criminal world, he is undoubtedly a slippery customer. But if any such reflections dispose him to congratulate himself as the black-plumed knight of crime, any connoisseur of fables could quickly and infallibly predict that the end is not far distant. Any kindergartener knows that the pride that goeth before a fall is shortly about to deliver him for his comeuppance. Reports of his death or capture in tomorrow's headlines would almost come as an anti-climax; they might point a moral, but they wouldn't be news.

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Harvey said the message was telephoned to the telegraph company office today, and did not threaten Hoover's life.

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# HOOVER THREAT SENT BY WIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—A telegram to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the nation's G-Men, threatening to kill him and signed by "Alvin Karpis," was sent from a telegraph office in this city, Federal agents disclosed.

Attaches of the telegraph office paid no particular notice to the wire because of the press of business until some time after it was filed and paid for. The office manager immediately notified the Bureau of Investigation here.

All the Federal agents attached to the local bureau were immediately assigned to the case. In some quarters it was felt the wire was a hoax. But others seemed to think it authentic because Hoover himself, recently in Washington, revealed receipt of a similar wire.

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**NO KARPIS MESSAGE**

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Harvey said the message was telephoned to the telegraph office and did not threaten Hoover's life, as first reported. He would not discuss the nature of the message. He did not term it a hoax, but was inclined to think it the work of some mentally afflicted person.

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Charles Gorman, manager of the office, said the sender had attempted to telephone the message from a pay station and that it had been refused after the subject matter had been taken down with the sender's name.

Since the message came just a day after the Department of Justice had revealed in Washington that Mr. Hoover had received a threatening letter from Karpis last month, the telegraph office manager immediately communicated with the Federal agents. R. George Harvey, head of the Division of Investigation here, treated the matter lightly following an inquiry.

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**CLEAR TWO IN LABATT CASE**

*By the Associated Press.*  
 TORONTO, Aug. 22.—The Toronto Mail and Empire says David Meisner and "Piccolo Pete" Murray, of Covington, Ky., are reported to have been cleared of complicity in the kidnaping of John Labatt, wealthy London (Ont.) brewer, through an alleged confession by Michael McCarrall.

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**DOUBT KARPIS IS IN CITY**

**Department of Justice Agents Busy Hunting for Desperado**

Agents of the Department of Justice here feel reasonably sure that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is not in Philadelphia.

Despite this, however, they spent a busy night "hunting" for the western desperado.

Three telephone calls, one of them to the home of R. George Harvey, agent-in-charge of the local office, kept them on the streets in cars most of the night.

All three calls were from anonymous parties who felt sure that Karpis was hiding out somewhere near their homes. Harvey said he believed at least two of them were "crank" calls. The other was from a householder who was suspicious of some recently moved-in neighbors.

The business of chasing Karpis locally began yesterday when a telephone call was received at the office of the Postal Telegraph Co. at 112 S. 9th st. The caller, signing himself "Alvin Karpis," dictated a telegram threatening the life of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

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**'KARPIS' TELEGRAM  
BRANDED AS FALSE**

Philadelphia, Aug. 22. (AP)—The "Alvin Karpis" telegram addressed to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the nation's "G" Men, is branded as false by Department of Justice agents.

R. George Harvey, head of the bureau of investigation's Philadelphia office, dispatched agents to a downtown telegraph office yesterday after getting a "complaint" about the telegram. The sender posed as Karpis, killer and kidnaper who threatened Hoover in a letter a month ago from Dayton, O.

Harvey said the message was telephoned to the telegraph office and did not threaten Hoover's life, as first reported. He would not discuss the nature of the message. He did not term it a hoax, but was inclined to think it the work of some afflicted person.

"It looks like there's nothing to it. It's been checked by us thoroughly and it looks like a phoney," he asserted.

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# 'ALVIN KARPIS' SIGNS THREAT WIRE HERE

*Philadelphia Record*

## G-Men Spur Hunt for Desperado After Tip on Phoned Message.

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A man who said he was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was in Philadelphia yesterday.

The man used a pay telephone in an effort to send a telegram which Federal agents said threatened the life of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of all the "G-men."

R. George Harvey, head of Department of Justice agents here, refused to take the incident more than half seriously. Nevertheless, every "G-man" in the Philadelphia area began a renewed manhunt for the desperado.

### Telegram Not Sent.

The telegram, addressed to Hoover at Washington, was not sent to him by the telegraph company.

The call came just before 11 A. M. to the Postal Telegraph Company branch office at 112 S. 9th st. A stenographer began taking the dictated wire.

It told Hoover, in effect, to "lay off, or else—"

When the caller told the stenographer:

"Sign it Alvin Karpis."

### Attempt to Trace Call Fails.

She asked him to drop the toll into the telephone coin box, meantime signaling the office manager.

The manager tried vainly to trace the call. But the caller hung up.

The manager notified Harvey's office. It was revealed that several times in the last four days, mysterious callers have tried to send similar telegrams to the local bureau and to Hoover.

Harvey was inclined to regard the caller as a "nut." He said yesterday was the first time the mystery man had sought to identify himself as Karpis.

### Wire Offices Watched.

If the caller here was Karpis, local agents thought he might be back-tracking over the route he followed last January after he and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, shot their way out of a police trap in Atlantic City.

The quickly mustered agents covered the central city in squad cars, each containing one or more machine guns. All midtown telegraph offices were placed under surveillance.

Karpis, 28, is dark complexioned and of average stature. He has long been known as a cold-blooded killer.

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"PHILADELPHIA RECORD"

August 22, 1935.

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**Telegram by Karpis  
Declared a 'Phoney'**  
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Department of Justice agents put a "phoney" stamp today on a telegram addressed to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by a person giving the name of Alvin Karpis, the Nation's most-sought-after desperado.

R. George Harvey, head of the bureau's Philadelphia office, said "it looks like there's nothing to it. It's been checked by us thoroughly and it looks like a phoney."

Harvey said the message was telephoned to the telegraph company office yesterday and did not threaten Hoover's life.

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**Karpis Telephone Call  
Seen Work of Crank**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22 (AP).—  
A man called up a telegraph office  
here and told the manager:

"I'm Alvin Karpis, and I want  
to send a telegram to J. Edgar  
Hoover at Washington."

This startling proclamation lit-  
erally swept the office manager,  
Charles Gorman, off his feet. He  
called the "G" office here and in a  
few minutes justice agents clut-  
tered his office, plying him with  
questions. Finally the Government  
men traced the telephone call to a  
public pay station.

After the excitement died down,  
R. George Harvey, chief of the  
local justice bureau, said the man  
who called himself "Karpis" was  
just a "crank."

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## Wire Threat Signed "Karpis" Is Sent to J. Edgar Hoover

Man Writes Telegram in  
Philadelphia Office,  
Walks Out.

By the Associated Press.  
PHILADELPHIA, August 21.—A telegraph office manager reported today that a man who signed his name "Alvin Karpis" filed a threatening telegram addressed to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Philadelphia office of the bureau acknowledged it was investigating.

The text of the message was not immediately disclosed. The office manager said the man wrote the telegram in the office, paid for it and walked out. Federal men brought pictures of Karpis to the office. The manager, apparently affected by the incident, nodded his head affirmatively and said "Yes, yes."

The "G-men," when asked if they believed the gangster, candidate for the "Public Enemy No. 1" title, is in Philadelphia, merely smiled grimly.

While two agents quizzed the manager inside, two others sat in an automobile with machine guns.

R. George Harvey, chief of the Philadelphia office of the Bureau of Investigation, declined to say how seri-



ALVIN KARPIS.

ously he is dealing with the "complaint," but said he expected to establish later in the day whether it is a hoax or not.

Federal men at Washington yesterday revealed that Karpis had threatened Hoover's life in a letter sent from Dayton, Ohio.

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**KARPIS CONFEDERATE IS SEIZED BY FEDERAL MEN**

PEKIN, Ill., August 23 (U.P.)—Ward Henderschott, alleged confederate of the fugitive gangster, Alvin Karpis, was to be taken to Topeka, Kas., today to face charges of participating in fifteen Kansas robberies.

Seized by federal agents at Tremont, near here, Henderschott was brought to the Tazewell County Jail with his wife and brother Bruce. He denied knowing Karpis but said he knew Harry Campbell, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, implicated in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul.

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St. Joseph, Mo.

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**HEADLINES FOR KARPIS.**

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One or both of the messages may have been sent by a crank. Of course the secret service operatives are investigating. It seems hardly possible that such an elusive criminal as Karpis has proved to be would jeopardize his life and freedom by making known his whereabouts, even for the satisfaction of seeing his name and photograph emblazoned across the pages of leading newspapers. Such yearning for publicity may sound far-fetched; nevertheless, other notorious bandits have been known to take great pride in news accounts of their murderous exploits.

No matter who sent the threatening notes, however, the life or freedom of Karpis is in a precarious state, for Uncle Sam's operatives stay on the trail of public enemies until death or capture ends the quest.

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**DOYLE GETS 10 YEARS**

**Karpis Pal Sentenced in Nebraska Holdup.**

By United Press.  
FAIRBURY, NEB., Aug. 24—  
Jess Doyle, 35 years old, Saturday  
pleaded guilty to charges in con-  
nection with the \$27,000 robbery of  
the First National bank of Fair-  
bury April 4, 1933, and was sen-  
tenced to ten years in prison.

Immediately after District Judge  
Fred Messmore imposed sentence,  
Doyle, companion of the notorious  
Barker Brothers, Alvin Karpis and  
Verne (Machine Gun) Miller, was  
taken to the state prison.

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## More Bremer Suspects Seen

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 24.—Discovery of new money changing activities in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was indicated Saturday.

The federal government, it was learned, plans to seek an extension of the "time of conspiracy" contained in the original indictments when the grand jury meets Sept. 12. The indictment now terminates the conspiracy May 1, 1934. The government will ask that this be extended to Jan. 1, 1935.

The extension would permit prosecution of money changers who are believed to have come into the picture after May 1 and the government is expected to ask for additional indictments.

Plans also were being made for reindictment of Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man," now held in the Ramsey county jail. His attorneys have announced that Arthur (Doc) Barker, leader of the kidnap gang, and others already convicted, may be brought back from various federal prisons to testify for Sawyer "if it becomes necessary."

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NEW YORK TIMES

**NO. 1 THREAT:** J. Edgar Hoover, No. 1 enemy of gangsters as director of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, received a letter threatening his life. The letter was turned over to handwriting and fingerprint experts among the G-men. They identified the author as Alvin Karpis, alleged kidnapper of Edward G. Bremer, who now rates No. 1 on Mr. Hoover's list of public enemies. The threat was believed to have been evoked by the fact that Federal agents slew Fred Barker, Karpis's partner in crime. Mr. Hoover used to receive taunting postcards from John Dillinger before the G-men got that desperado.

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**DOYLE, KARPIS-EX-AIDE,  
SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

Written Confession Names Seven  
as Robbers of Bank in Ne-  
braska in 1933.

By the Associated Press.  
PAIRBURY, Nebr., August 24.—  
Jess Doyle, one-time member of the  
Barker-Karpis gang, was sentenced  
today to serve 10 years in State prison  
for his part in the \$152,000 robbery of  
the First National Bank here in 1933.  
Doyle pleaded guilty. As he was be-  
ing sentenced Federal operatives in St.  
Paul made public a written confession  
they said Doyle gave them. In it he  
named himself as one of the seven  
participants of the sensational robbery  
of the Northwestern National Bank of  
Minneapolis in December, 1932. Two  
police and a St. Paul motorist were  
killed.

Doyle's statement, the St. Paul of-  
ficers said, listed Arthur Barker, now  
serving a life sentence at Alcatraz  
Federal prison for the Bremer kid-  
naping; Fred Barker and Verne Miller,  
dead gangsters; William Weaver and  
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No. 1; and Lawrence Devol, serving a  
life sentence in Minnesota for the rob-  
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**REPORT KARPIS FLED FROM  
TRAP AT SARATOGA SPRINGS**

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 29.  
 (AP)—Reports that Alvin Karpis, the notorious Minnesota kidnaper, escaped a federal trap set at the height of the racing season here spread through Saratoga Springs today, but no confirmation was forthcoming from federal or city authorities.

At the same time it was disclosed at Northampton, Mass., that one of Karpis' supposed aids in the notorious Bremer kidnaping in St. Louis — William Elmer Mead — slipped through the hands of the Northampton (Mass.) police on July 12.

The reports of Karpis' escape persisted in the night clubs of the Saratoga Springs area, and the Saratoga Springs Saratogian quoted an undisclosed "source close to federal authorities" that Karpis had been traced to a farmhouse on near-by Loughberry lake, but disappeared six hours before a federal raid had been planned on Aug. 16.

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## Lost Heavily on Saratoga Bets U S. Told

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### Lost Big Sum, Story

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The colorful racing season is the lure that drew Karpis to Saratoga Springs—if he actually was here—and, according to the night club reports, the criminal lost a good deal of money to the bookmakers during his three-day stay. The Saratogian said Karpis later was traced to Boston and Providence. This could not be confirmed.

### Aide Made Escape

Mead, one of Karpis' suspected lieutenants in the Bremer kidnaping, is known to have been operating within 100 miles of the resort as recently as July 12, when he was arrested in Northampton on traffic violation charges. Under an assumed name he posted \$200 bond and left the city without his automobile. A check of mutilated fingerprints on the car disclosed that its occupant had been the Karpis lieutenant, and that he also was wanted in Jacksonville, Fla., in connection with a mail hold-up.

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THE LAST OF THE DILLINGER GANG—(Wirephoto).



Ending a long search, federal agents late yesterday found the body of John Hamilton, long-sought machine gunner of the John Dillinger gang, in a shallow lye-filled grave near Oswego, Ill. For more than a year the terrorist, accused of three murders and many holdups, had been reported dead. Nevertheless, government men never ceased the search until the discovery late yesterday.

in a gang fight and supposedly buried in a lime kiln in Wisconsin. His grave was hunted on another occasion in a Minnesota woods.

Last January, St. Paul authorities announced that a Dillinger henchman told them Hamilton died in Chicago of wounds received three days previously in the gun fight with Minnesota officers as the gang fled Little Bohemia.

A native of Canada, Hamilton would

cunning of the man whose decomposed body was found near an Illinois gravel pit today was the breakup of the Dillinger gang after his death

Within six months after the presumable date of Hamilton's death—April, 1934—leaders of the gang were dead, and most of their henchmen killed or jailed, Hoover pointed out.

"I don't think Hamilton was yellow," Hoover continued. "Most gang-

Hamilton was a childlike man. He was thrown into a childish rage. He placed "Baby Face" Nelson in the same category. But Hamilton, Hoover said, like Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Oakley and old "Ma" Barker, was "cool and calculating."

Under Hamilton's direction, the Dillinger gang applied science to crime. "They had road maps they made themselves—far more complete than any motor association ever produced," Hoover disclosed. "They showed every bump, every curve, the condition of the road every ten miles, weather conditions, hideouts, everything."

Dillinger the Escape Leader. Dillinger was named as the "brains" of the escape and several of the fugitives formed the nucleus of his band. The first accusation of murder was lodged against Hamilton shortly after-ward when three gunmen stormed the jail at Lima, O., where Dillinger was then held, and killed Sheriff Jess Sarber in effecting their chief's release.

And when the gangsters pulled a job, they planned it to the finest detail. They studied the layout carefully, and then they practiced. "For two weeks before they were going to rob a bank, they'd practice driving every inch of the road, from their hideout to the scene, and then on to the next hideout. Sometimes they'd drive over hundreds of miles of road, over and over, until they knew the thing perfectly. Every movement, every curve, every bump, every man's job."

He subsequently was named in two other killings of peace officers. December 14, 1933, Sergt. William T. Shanley walked into a garage on Chicago's North Side and was shot to death.

Hamilton was the last of more than thirty gangsters and "fixers" who were "put away"—in death or prison—for the murders, bank robberies and prison breaks of the group led by Dillinger.

Later, after his arrest in Tucson, Ariz., Dillinger boasted it was he who drove Hamilton out of Chicago after Hamilton killed the sergeant.

Women companions of all the leaders are serving prison terms. "And the girls are as bad as the men," Hoover said. "They do the fixing. They go out and rent apartments and look over the lay of the land while the men stay in hiding. Then when everything is ready, the gangsters swing into action, quick. And their women follow them."

Hamilton was also accused of the machine-gun slaying of a policeman in the East Chicago Bank robbery of January, 1934.

Doctors, nurses, lawyers, relatives—everyone who sheltered the hunted "rats," gave them food; bound their wounds; changed their faces with surgery; tried to turn off the "heat"—were corralled and led to trial, Hoover related.

Named in Many Other Crimes. Among the other bank robberies in which Hamilton was accused as a participant were forays at Greencastle and South Bend, Ind., and St. Mary's O.—perpetrated in October, 1933, soon after the Michigan City break—and the robbery of the American Bank and Trust Company at Racine, Wis., the next month.

Chasing the gang from spot to spot, picking up a lead here, a fugitive there, the federal men heard in May, 1934, that Hamilton was dead. Two bloody battles had been fought at Little Bohemia, Wis., and South St. Paul, just before. Hamilton had been there.

The list included also the holdup of a bank messenger at Gas City, Ind., and raids on police stations in Auburn and Peru, Ind., in the gang's search for weapons.

But the federal agents were not satisfied. They kept on the gangster's trail. About a year after the "death tip" had come, the federal agents found the approximate location of the grave. For weeks they dug, until today they found the remains.

"This winds up the Dillinger gang," said Melvin H. Purvis, retired chief of Chicago federal men, when told today of Hamilton's fate.

A gravel company's sign stood near the spot to jest at the fallen gunman. Ironically, it read: "Not To Be Taken."

Hamilton was the ninth follower of the Hoosier hoodlum to meet violent death. Dillinger was slain July 22, 1934, by federal agents as he left a theater on Chicago's North Side.

Of the ten who escaped from the Michigan City penitentiary, none now remains at liberty. Four were recaptured almost immediately. Two others, Joe Fox and Joe Burns, minor hoodlums, were seized later.

Four Into Dillinger's Gang. Hamilton and three others—Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Makley—became trusted members of the Dillinger crew. Clark was sentenced to life in the Ohio penitentiary for the murder of Sheriff Sarber. Makley was shot to death when he attempted to escape from the prison, and Pierpont was electrocuted there October 17, 1934, for the Sarber slaying.

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Hamilton the Real "Brains" of Gang, Federal Chief Says.

(By the Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The "most cunning" crook in the Dillinger gang was the last to be taken by federal agents here.

### FROM TODAY'S WANT ADS

Shorthand, complete course, 3 months, for \$12. Refer to the "Educational" classification.

Inlaid carpet cleaning by electric machinery in homes or offices. See the "Carpet Cleaning" column.

Well drilling with latest equipment under the "Gas and Oil Drilling" classification.

Plant nursery, 5 acres of trees, shrubs, perennials and vegetables.

# 'KARPIS' BASKS AT SARATOGA, ESCAPES TRAP

(By Associated Press)

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While confirmation was refused by Federal and city authorities, it



Alvin Karpis  
Gone again—from Spa.

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#### Escaped Before Raid.

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According to the night club reports, the criminal lost a good deal of money to the bookmakers during his three-day stay. The Saratogian says Karpis later was traced to Boston and Providence. This could not be confirmed.

#### Mead Seized, Freed.

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St. Paul Daily News

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St. Paul Dispatch

**KARPIS REPORTED AS ESCAPING U. S. TRAP**

**Kidnaper Played Races Recently, Saratoga Springs Paper Says.**

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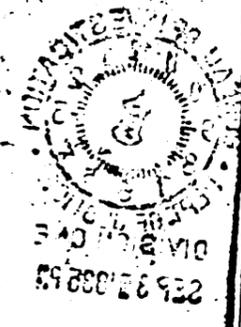
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**Karpis Hunted at Spa**  
 SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. — Federal agents followed the trail of Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, thru this resort today. The agents, it was reported, uncovered evidence that the mobster recently used a hideout near Loughberry Lake, west of here.

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## KARPIS AT THE RACES

### Public Enemy No. 1 Near Saratoga

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# KARPIS HID AT SARATOGA

SARATOGA SPRINGS—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 on the lists of G-Men, under orders to bring him in "dead or alive," has been thumbing his nose at his pursuers and indulging his gambling tastes here for the last two weeks, it was learned yesterday.

Karpis, wanted for his complicity in the Bremer kidnaping in Minneapolis and for numerous crimes of violence throughout the nation, has been visiting the racetrack here and the various gambling and night clubs in the region, the G-Men themselves revealed.



The trail uncovered by the Federal agents, Alvin Karpis, it was said, has led them to a woodland camp at Lowberry Lake near here. However, a visit to the camp yesterday revealed that Karpis had flown.

Local G-Men, who have been here since opening of Summer racing meet gathering evidence against New York gambling racketeers who have invaded Saratoga, were tipped off to Karpis' plan to visit Saratoga about a week ago.

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# G-MEN COMB CITY IN HUNT FOR KARPIS

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 Convinced that Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, is holed up in New York, Federal men have laid a city-wide snare for the St. Paul kidnap and killer. The News learned yesterday. The lips of Federal men and police were sealed yesterday. But their concentrated activities here



Alvin Karpis

during the last few days verified reports that the G-Men once more have set a trap for the elusive outlaw.

Unless he wriggles out of the federal net once more, Alvin the Terrible may be rubbed out in a death duel right here in Manhattan.

G-Men, augmented by police, last night were spreading the alarm on all main arteries leaving the city. Police at railroad terminals, airports, bridges and tunnels were being told: "Watch for Karpis."

Two weeks ago Federal men traced Karpis to Saratoga, where he had been drawn by the racing bangtails. He was there three days and dropped a good deal of money, the night clubs reported. But he left six hours before G-Men raided a farm at Loughberry Lake, near Saratoga.

### False Alarm Sounded.

The high tension of G-Men developed one Karpis fake alarm here yesterday.

At 3:30 A. M. federal men and police, with Tommy guns and tear gas, surrounded an apartment house at 118 E. 22d St. A maroon roadster, with Oklahoma license plates, stood outside. Karpis was in a fifth-floor apartment, the sleuths had been tipped.

But the tip proved a dud. The owner of the car was an Oklahoma business man. He had several bad moments when the G-Men induced him to leave the building by telling him the rain was wetting his open car. With riot and machine guns touching his ribs, he identified himself satisfactorily. The Federal men, after profuse apologies, left.

The master stroke of Karpis' ten-year career of crime was the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, on Jan. 17, 1934.

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**What, Not Karpis? G-Men Blush  
as Oklahoman Blows In Town**

A maroon roadster, bearing Oklahoma license plates, drew up in front of an apartment house at 118 E. 22nd St. early today. A man got out, entered the building and went to a fifth floor apartment.

Had he glanced out of the window a few minutes later a strange sight would have met his eyes. The street swarmed with police and G-men. They surrounded the building. A half dozen men, with machine guns and tear gas bombs were stationed at each exit. A cordon of police was posted at each corner of the block.

The federal men, carrying tear gas bombs, machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, took up positions in the hall outside the fifth floor apartment.

When all was in readiness one of

the G-men, posing as the superintendent of the apartment house, called the apartment.

"You'd better come down and put up the top of your car," he said; "it's raining."

When the man emerged he almost fainted at sight of the heavy artillery trained on him. "Stick 'em up, Karpis!" came the command. He reached for the ceiling and was searched, but no weapons were found. He identified himself as an Oklahoma business man. His friend in the apartment confirmed the identification, and the police and G-men, after profuse apologies, withdrew.

A tenant in the building, thinking the stranger resembled Alvin Karpis, much sought Public Enemy No. 1, had phoned the Department of Justice that Karpis was in town.

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# NET SPREAD FOR KARPIS

## BELIEVED IN CITY

Federal agents co-operating with city and State police threw a cordon around Manhattan yesterday to trap Alvin Karpis, the St. Paul kidnaper-killer.

Railroad and steamship terminals were picketed and bus stations were placed under surveillance. Airports and interstate bridges and tunnels were guarded. Aides of Attorney General Cummings admitted they possessed evidence that the outlaw was sequestering himself in the city awaiting an opportunity to flee.

### RAID

Proof of their belief came when they raided an apartment at 118 E. 22nd st. Basis for the invasion was a red automobile at the curb carrying an Oklahoma license. The car owner proved a Tulsa business man utterly unlike Karpis in appearance and apparently unaware of the fugitive's existence.

But the swift massing of Federal agents and police with machine guns and gas bombs revealed the organized espionage at every portal of the metropolis.

### AT SARATOGA

Karpis was last seen in Saratoga two weeks ago at the track. A farmhouse was raided to surprise him but he had fled. He is wanted especially for the kidnaping of Banker Bremer in St. Paul a year and a half ago.

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### Rumor That Karpis Is In N. Y. Persists

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Karpis, wanted for the St. Paul kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, is said to have been traced by Federal men to Saratoga two weeks ago. After losing considerable money on the races, he is said to have left six hours before G-men raided a farm at Loughberry Lake, near Saratoga.

The latest reports have all roads, tunnels and bridges leading out of New York being watched for Karpis.

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KIDNAPING

## M'KAY, GRAHAM DEED PROPERTY

RENO (Nev.), Aug. 31.—William J. Graham and James C. McKay, leaders of the gambling fraternity here, filed trust deeds with the recorder here today, disposing of all their property.

Both Graham and McKay are scheduled to go on trial in New York early next month on charges of conspiracy to use the mails in connection with bunco cases. They were tried a year ago on the same charge, the jury disagreeing.

Graham gives all of his property to his wife, Birdie Uren Graham, with the proviso that she pay \$200 a month to his aged mother.

McKay's trust deed makes a sister, Mrs. Vivian J. Du Pratt of Yerington, trustee, with the proviso that his mother is to receive \$100 monthly from the trust.

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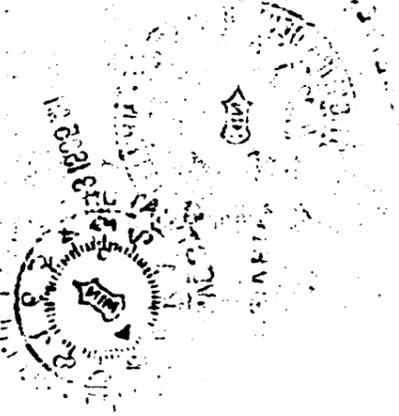
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Myrtle Eaton

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## SEVERAL SERVING SENTENCES

Of the others indicted for the actual kidnaping, Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, is being



William Weaver

held in jail here pending trial; Arthur Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, is serving a life sentence and Volney Davis is serving a life term.

Others sentenced on conspiracy charges are John J. McLaughlin to five years, James Wilson to five years and Oliver Bert to life imprisonment.

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**'G' Men Get Weaver**

**Hoover, Vacationing Here, Reveals Arrest of Barker Aide**  
 J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice head, revealed here last night that William Weaver, wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, had been arrested south of Daytona, Fla., where he was operating a chicken farm. With him was arrested a woman described as Myrtle Eaton.  
 Weaver, who was a lieutenant in the Barker gang, was taken by Federal agents by airplane to St. Paul, where he will be arraigned today.  
 Hoover has been spending a vacation in Atlantic City.

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Federal officials said they would be questioned and lodged in the county jail pending arraignment.

With Weaver and the woman was a 2-year-old boy, whom the couple, posing as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne, adopted several months ago.

The specific connection of Myrtle Eaton and Weaver with the crime has never been brought out.

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[Associated Press Wirephotos.]

**SEIZED IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE**—Myrtle Eaton (left) and William Weaver (right), wanted in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case as reputed members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who were taken to St. Paul yesterday afternoon. Simultaneously their arrest in Florida was announced in Washington. *(Story on page 1.)*

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**Done Hiding**

**Bremer Pair Under Arrest**

**Fugitive and Woman Are Caught in South**



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**U. S. Court Quashes Goodrich Warrant**

On motion of Louis M. Hopping, assistant district attorney, the Federal fugitive warrant against Merlon Ward Goodrich, convicted slayer of 11-year-old Lillian Gallager, was nolle-prossed today by Judge Edward J. Moinet in the Federal Court. "I hope he stays in prison for the rest of his life," Judge Moinet said.

**Banker Tried as a Forger**

**U. S. Charges Niles Man With Fraud**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 3.—(P)—The Federal Government called a former Niles, Mich., banker

he forged a \$57,000 note and entered it among his bank's assets.

The respondent is Charles Brandon, former cashier of the City National Bank & Trust Co., of Niles. He was indicted on two counts, accusing him of forging his wife's name to the note and passing it through as a valid asset. Mrs. Brandon is not accused of any offense.

The postmastership "sales" case, in which former Rep. George Foulkes, of Hartford; Daniel U. Gerow, of Sturgis, and Elmer Smith, of ... are under indictment.

probably will be postponed to the November term of court.

One indictment charges Foulkes and Gerow with conspiracy to solicit funds in Federal building. Separate indictments accuse Gerow and Smith with actual solicitation of funds in Federal buildings.

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## TWO BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECTS CAPTURED

### Federal Agents Arrest Man, Woman Under Indict- ment in Case.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The Department of Justice announced today its agents had arrested near Allendale, Fla., William Weaver, under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minn. Arrested with him was Myrtle Eaton, under similar indictment.

A widespread search for the alleged leader of the gang in the \$200,000 "snatch," Alvin Karpis, still is on. Karpis has been trailed thousands of miles in this country and nearby islands.

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**M**YRTLE EATON (left) and William Weaver, reputed members of the Barker-Karpis gang, were arrested at Daytona Beach, Fla., charged with complicity in the Bremer kidnaping.—A. P. Wirephoto.

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## Seize Bremer Case Suspects

Ex-Convict and Woman Caught in Florida and Taken to St. Paul

[Picture on Picture Page]

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With Weaver and the woman was a 2-year-old boy, who justice agents said had been adopted by the woman about four months ago.

E. J. Connelly, special agent in charge of the Bremer investigation, said the couple were arrested at a chicken ranch near Daytona Beach, Fla. They were surprised and had no chance to resist, the officer said.

He refused to reveal how the hide-out of the former convict was located. The baby had been adopted, the agent said, evidently in an attempt to give the couple a cloak of respectability which would help hide their identities.

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Five others, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician; James Wilson and Oliver Berg, were convicted.

Among others still sought are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

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Accompanying Weaver and the Eaton woman, in addition to the baby, were five special agents.

The agents with their prisoners left Florida at 7 a. m. today, landing for brief periods at Atlanta, Louisville and Chicago.

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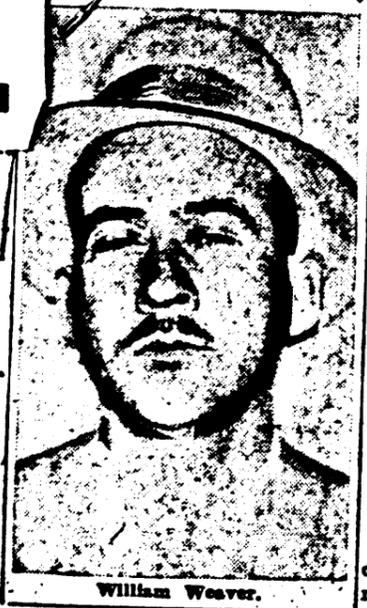
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# G-MEN GET 2 MORE IN BREMER CASE

## CASE

U. S. AGENTS SEIZE BREMER SUSPECT



William Weaver.

## WEAVER SEIZED WITH WOMAN IN FLORIDA HOME

Federal Agents Rush Pair From Jacksonville to St. Paul by Airplane.

Karpis and Campbell Only Principals in Crime Still Sought by U. S.

Two more of the 22 persons charged with complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were captured by federal agents and brought to St. Paul by airplane Monday to stand trial.

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They are William Weaver, who is charged with being one of the actual kidnapers, and Myrtle Eaton, a St. Paul woman, who is under indictment as an accessory after the fact.

#### Arrested in Florida.

They were arrested by federal agents early Sunday morning at a chicken ranch just out of Allendale, Fla., on federal highway No. 1. There they had been living for some months under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne.

Picked up with them and brought to St. Paul was a two-year-old boy whom they said they had adopted. Federal agents said the capture was made without event, the two surrendering quietly when the agents closed in on them.

They were taken to Jacksonville, Fla., Monday morning, put aboard a plane with four agents and a woman matron as guards and flown to the Twin Cities, landing at the St. Paul airport about 5 p. m.

#### Taken to County Jail.

There they were met by another delegation of federal agents who took them to the offices of the department of justice for questioning and later to the Ramsey county jail.

In charge of the federal agents was E. J. Connelley, who is in charge of the Cincinnati office of the bureau of investigation, and who has been placed on a special assignment to run down the Bremer kidnapers.

It was he who arranged the capture of "Doc" Barker in Chicago on January 8, and it was he who led the attack on the hideout of Fred Barker and his mother in Florida a week later—resulting in a gun battle in which the outlaw and his mother were slain.

#### Will Be Arraigned Today.

The chicken ranch on which Weaver and Mrs. Eaton were found is only 50 miles east of the old Barker hideout, he said.

Both Weaver and Mrs. Eaton will be arraigned Tuesday morning in federal court and then bound over for trial.

Weaver is 34, and the Eaton woman 23. He was paroled from the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester in 1931 after serving part of a life term for murder. Subsequently in August, 1932, he was arrested in St. Paul for carrying concealed weapons and posted \$500 bond. He forfeited the bond and his parole was revoked a few months later. Since that time he has been sought.

The capture of Weaver and Mrs. Eaton leaves only two of the principals in the Bremer kidnaping case still at large. One of them is Alvin Karpis, now public enemy No. 1. The other is Harry Campbell, who has been named as one of the principals in the kidnaping.

#### 11 Tried in April.

Of the 23 originally indicted, 12 went to trial in United States district court in St. Paul April 17. Charges against two of these, Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle, were dismissed.

Five, Barker, Harold Alderton, John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago politician, James Wilson, and Oliver Berg were convicted. Phillip Delaney and William Vidler, both of Chicago, were acquitted.

During the course of the trial Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer pleaded guilty. McLaughlin received a five-year sentence. He was charged with a part in disposal of the ransom money.

Alderton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home Bremer was held captive for 21 days, received 20 years. Farmer also got 20 years and Wilson, former Northwestern university medical student, got five. Barker and Berg both received life terms.



# U. S. Agents Catch Three in Crime War

## Man and Woman Nabbed in Bremer Kidnap—Ex-Convict Held in Gem Theft

WASHINGTON (UP)—Agents of the Department of Justice today sought fresh clues from the underworld after three important arrests in two sensational crimes.

The "G-men" directed their activities toward tracking down the four remaining members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang after capturing William Weaver, a paroled convict, and Myrtle Eaton, convicted shop-lifter, on a chicken ranch near Alledale, Fla.

They were wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. Weaver is under indictment in St. Paul in connection with the kidnaping and the Eaton woman as an accessory.

Federal agents said that when found the couple had a 3-year-old boy they "adopted somewhere in Florida."

Agents also caught Robert C. Nelson, another paroled convict, in Brooklyn as the "fence" in the \$185,000 Miami-Biltmore Hotel jewel theft at Miami, Fla., last January 26. The jewels were stolen from Mrs. James E. Bell, formerly of East Orange, who later married Harry Content, New York broker. Content and Mrs. Bell had gone from the Hialeah race track to Mrs. Bell's suite when the bandits held them up and bound them.

Agents claimed that Nelson "sold" the jewels to Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, for \$45,000 through money supplied by Lloyd's of London, which had insured them, to recover them.

Scaffa was subsequently indicted and convicted on a perjury count in connection with the "recovery" of the gems for their owner.

The agents now are seeking Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, W. J. Harrison and Joseph P. Morgan.

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## BREMER KIDNAPER TAKEN

By **WALTER WINCHELL.**

Department of Justice agents, in a dramatic raid on a chicken farm in Allendale, Fla., trapped William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, paroled Oklahoma murderer and Myrtle Eaton, both wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, Jr., in St. Paul.

The arrest of Weaver and the girl was revealed here yesterday when Federal authorities admitted they had been seeking the pair in New York.

With the exception of Alvin Karpis, current Public Enemy No. 1, Federal authorities believed yesterday that with the arrest of Weaver and the Eaton woman, the Bremer case is practically "cleaned up."

Weaver, who was paroled from Oklahoma State prison, was a prisonmate of Karpis before the latter was also paroled. He was



MYRTLE EATON.

release, following a subsequent arrest, he has been a fugitive.

### Suspect Jailed After Air Trip

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The specific connection of Myrtle Eaton and Weaver with the crime has never been brought out.

Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, was kidnaped Jan. 17 and held twenty-one days in a hideout at Bensenville, Ill.

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 8:00 (WOR)—Symphony Orchestra; Phillip James, conductor; Samuel Kuskin, violinist; Milton Katims, viola.  
 9:15 (WMCA)—"The Social Security Act," Dr. Arthur J. Altmeyer.  
 9:30 (WJZ)—Tribute to Edvard Greig.  
 (WABC)—Fred Waring's Orchestra; Stoopnagle and Budd.  
 12:00 (WABC)—San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

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## YEAR'S HUNT TRAPS BREMER FUGITIVES

**Federal Agents Seize Weaver,  
Member of Karpis Gang, and  
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**BOTH UNDER INDICTMENT**

**Government Men Fly Them to  
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**Special to The New York Times.**  
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The pair, sought for more than a year, were taken to the Ramsey county jail, where they will wait arraignment.

Federal agents at first refused to discuss the case or reveal where they had been arrested. The two were brought to St. Paul in a plane from the East.

Weaver was one of eight members of the Barker-Karpis gang charged with the actual abduction of Bremer, young St. Paul banker and heir to the brewery millions. The Eaton woman was charged with assisting with arrangements made by the gang for a hideout in St. Paul previous to the kidnapping, which occurred on Jan. 17, 1934.

Weaver was one of the few members of the notorious gang remaining at large.

With Weaver and the woman was a 2-year-old baby boy, who Department of Justice Agents said, had been adopted by the woman about four months ago.

E. J. Connelly, special agent, who has been in charge of the Bremer investigation from the start, said tonight that Weaver and the woman had been arrested at a chicken ranch two miles south of Allandale, Fla., and about seven miles south of Daytona Beach, on United States Highway No. 1. The couple were surprised and had no chance to resist, the officer said.

He refused to reveal how the hideout of the former convict was located, but said that information which led to their capture came from several sources.

He said that neither Weaver nor the woman had become acquainted with people living in the vicinity, although they had been living there for several months.

The baby was adopted, the special agent said, evidently in an attempt to give the couple a cloak of respectability which would help hide their identity.

Weaver is 38 years old and the Eaton woman is 33.

Twenty-two persons were originally indicted in the Bremer kidnapping. Of these, eleven went to trial in United States District Court here April 17 last. Charges against two of them, Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle, were dismissed. Five, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician; James Wilson and Oliver Berg, were convicted. McLaughlin received a five-year sentence. He was charged with a part in the disposal of the ransom money. Alderton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home Bremer was held captive for twenty-one days, received twenty years. Wilson, former Northwestern University medical student, got five years. Barker and Berg both received life terms.

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