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PLEDGES WORD POLICE WON'T INTERFERE

"I Want My Boy Back," St. Paul Brewer Says in Appeal; Eager to Negotiate

By THOMAS F. CULLEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25 (I.N.S.).—Nearly frantic as the eighth day dawned without any further word from the kidnapers of his banker son, Adolph Bremer, aged brewer, today was in the position of appealing to the kidnapers to communicate with him.

Except for the original letter left at the office of Walter W. Magee demanding $200,000 ransom, no word has been received from the kidnapers since Edward G. Bremer was "snatched" in broad daylight on the morning of January 17.

Disclaims Riches

Assured by this correspondent that the kidnapers would communicate with him if they were assured he would deal fairly with them, the elder Bremer asserted that he wanted the kidnapers to get in touch with him immediately. [illegible]serted:

"I am not dealing with the police, and I shall have nothing to do with them. I want my boy back. I would like the kidnapers to communicate with me."

Brewer disclaims his reputation as a very wealthy man. He said he cannot afford to pay the ransom which has been demanded of him but declared he is willing to negotiate with the kidnapers.

Odd-Acting Motor Car

Bearing out his statement that he was not dealing with the police was the evident inactivity of St. Paul authorities in the case. Neither have the Federal agents taken an active part in the investigation.

Reports that the banker's failure to return last Tuesday night was due to the kidnapers missing connections with a "contact" automobile carrying the ransom money were traced to their source. It was reported that the gang had inadvertently followed the automobile of Harry Bachman, believing him to be the "contact" man.

Bachman reported to Duluth (Minn.) police that two other automobiles jockeyed back and forth with his car along the highway near Hinckley, Minn., and that he had difficulty in passing them.

From similar sources it was reported that the local "contact" men of the kidnap gang were waiting in an apartment in the Hill district of St. Paul while Bremer was being held within 100 miles of here.

Federal agents denied reports that they were investigating these leads.

Cullen Sees Kidnapers Too Clever to Kill Bremer

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Ransom.

If Bremer was taken for money, then the kidnaper will not harm him.

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I do not know what his financial condition is but he impresses me as being able to meet the terms laid down.

Of one thing I am sure, and that is that no communications have been received by him or any friend since Magee received the note Wednesday a week ago.

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Three-Day Delay in Bremer's Delivery Is Reported in Note

Authorities Uneasy Over New Development in Baffling Negotiations; Trace on Message

By United Press

ST. PAUL—A three-day delay between the payment of $200,000 ransom and the release of Edward G. Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, was reported as the demand of his abductors in a note delivered to the victim's father, Adolph Bremer, a friend of President Roosevelt.

The demand was the subject of uneasy conjecture on the part of police investigators who called any such procedure as "highly unusual."

MAY BE INJURED

The report of the demand recalled that bloodstains were found in the auto from which Bremer was kidnaped a week ago last Wednesday. Police were aware that such a demand might follow an unexpected accident in which Bremer sustained injury.

The unprecedented massing of Department of Justice agents in the Twin Cities also was seen as a factor in causing such a demand for delay. Release of Bremer under such a plan might occur hundreds of miles from St. Paul.

The number of Federal agents working on the case could not be ascertained, but some reports ran as high as 250. Leaders of the Federal forces held a conference in their Minneapolis headquarters last night and then disappeared on a mysterious mission.

SEEKING SANKEY

The Federal men were known to be anxious to locate Verne Sankey, 42, and Gordon Alcorn, 27, South Dakota kidnaping suspects. Sankey and Alcorn are wanted on kidnaping charges in St. Paul and Denver. One police theory of the kidnaping held that headquarters for the abductors was being maintained in the heart of St. Paul's most fashionable neighborhood. One telephone call to the Bremer family was reported traced to an exchange in this district.

In support of this theory, police had the story of Roy McCord, Northwest Airways radio operator, who was subjected to a machine gun attack by several men in this district recently.

McCORD WOUNDED

McCord was wounded and his auto perforated by the machine gun slugs. McCord wore his khaki airways uniform, which closely resembles St. Paul police uniforms.

Detectives believed that while the kidnapers' headquarters was within the city limits, that Bremer was being held somewhere within an hour's drive from the city. They refused to reveal on what they based their deductions, but inferred that considerable evidence had not been made public.

Mrs. Emily Bremer, wife of the missing man, was reported in a nervous collapse and under the care of a physician.

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BREMER FAMILY AWAITS SIGNAL TO PAY RANSOM

$200,000 in Small Bills Ready in Vault of Bank; Federal Aides Find Kidnaping Clue

By RAY QUISNO
Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 24.—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy young St. Paul banker, still was in the hands of his kidnapers, or possibly dead, tonight. It was the eighth day since he was abducted after taking his daughter, Betty, to school.

There were numerous rumors of "contact" with the kidnapers and of payment of the $200,000 ransom demanded, but Bremer's family tonight still nervously awaited a signal to pay the money. At the closing hour for St. Paul banks, the money in small bills remained in the vaults of one of the chain of Bremer banks.

U. S. AGENTS FIND CLUE

Police authorities said they had uncovered no new clues.

Federal agents working independently of the police and the Bremer family, did learn, however, that a car believed to have held the kidnapers and their victim passed a St. Paul filling station on the outskirts of the city within half an hour of Bremer's abduction, January 17.

The station attendant was reported to have observed the occupants of the car and was "certain one of them was Bremer."

The attendant stated the car continued in the direction of the resort and lake district where most local kidnap victims of the past have been secreted.

FAMILY SNUBS POLICE

The Bremer family, it was learned, have politely snubbed the Federal men as well as local officers.

They resent all offers of aid. The explanation, according to Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man and owner of a large brewery, is that present official investigation only delays the moment of his son's release. He said:

"Let me deal with the kidnapers.

"Let the others lay off. It means everything to me to have Edward back safely. All this checking on clues and all those sensational stories only prevent us from getting in touch with him."

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Bremer Ransom Letters Revealed by U. S. Agent

Contact With Kidnapers Expected Soon by Relatives

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Meanwhile, friends of the Bremers continued to reiterate their belief that a contact with the kidnapers for payment of the $200,000 ransom was impending soon. Late in the afternoon, however, the money ready for the abductors was reliably reported to be still in St. Paul.

The only word of communication through the Postal Department regarding the kidnaping previously made public came from W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster. Last week, he said, an unsigned and unstamped letter to him asserted that the captive son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy Twin City brewer, had been "bumped off" and that his body would be found near Anoka, Minn. Search by police and Federal agents in the vicinity failed to produce a clue as to Bremer's fate or whereabouts.

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BREMER BACK SOON, SAYS EX-AGENT

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MOVES PLANNED.

This being true, I cannot see how any great harm could have come to him as might possibly have been indicated by the blood stains found in his abandoned automobile.

Unquestionably the kidnapers knew a great deal about this young bank president, his movements and his financial background.

Notwithstanding various ill-founded rumors, of which this city has been surfeited, there seems to me to be only one motive for this abduction.

That is for ransom.

If Bremer was taken for money, and no other reason has been [illegible] to be tenable, then [illegible] will not have [illegible] do [illegible] to collect the [illegible] delivery.

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There is no point in murdering a man when such action will preclude the possibility of having him sign another note to prove to the father that he is in the custody of the men who claim to have him.

And Adolph Bremer is a shrewd, cautious individual who will not part with a fortune unless he knows that it will bring the return of his boy.

He is extremely worried now, and he is very anxious to have the kidnapers communicate with him.

I do not know what his financial condition is, but he impresses me as being able to meet the terms laid down and I am sure that he will make every effort to pay whatever is asked.

He will, however, frankly tell the abductors just what he can do in the matter.

KIN OF BREMER SNUBS U. S. AID

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—The ninth day of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping mystery brought new rumors of "contacts" with the abductors and new theories that the wealthy young St. Paul banker had been slain—but no Bremer.

Bremer's family is nervously awaiting a signal to pay the $200,000 demanded.

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N.Y. Daily News 1/25/34

Fear Double X, Say Kidnapers In New Note

By FRED PASLEY.
(Staff Correspondent of The News)

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 24.—Action in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case shifted from St. Paul to this city today with the receipt by Postmaster W. C. Robertson of Minneapolis of a new letter from the millionaire banker's captors.

It demanded that the family give fresh assurance there would be no double-cross in the pay-off negotiations and also stated the presence of Federal agents had deterred the snatchers from further contacting efforts.

The letter, addressed personally to Robertson, was for transmission to Adolph Bremer, the victim's father and close friend of President Roosevelt, who has had the $200,000 ransom money ready for delivery for more than a week.

Letter given to Bremer.

Robertson immediately telephoned Werner Hanni, chief of the St. Paul bureau of the Department of Justice, who turned the letter over to Bremer. The latter, maintaining his no-interview attitude toward the press, went into conference with business associates, and refused to make a statement. It is understood an advertisement in code will appear tomorrow morning in a Minneapolis newspaper in answer to the letter.

Today's developments were the first since last Wednesday when the original ransom note was received by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor, three hours after Bremer had been kidnaped.

Agents Under Cover.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice, is keeping in touch with the case by long distance telephone. He talks daily with Hanni and Harold Nathan, his field chief. However, because of the pleas of the Bremer family, the Federal men are working under cover.

A sharp difference of opinion in the handling of the payoff occurred between Adolph Bremer and the Department of Justice, it has been learned. The agents wanted to surprise the kidnapers and shoot it out with them, but Bremer wouldn't consent. So as arrangements stand today, the snatchers will receive their $200,000 with no risk of an encounter with the law.

Tomorrow will mark the eighth day that Bremer has been missing and though Federal agents have searched the countryside for fifty miles around the Twin Cities they have uncovered no clue to the kidnapers' hideout.

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NEW RANSOM LETTERS FOUND IN BREMER HUNT

U.S. Agents Discover Messages Passing Through Minneapolis P.O.; Contact Believed Near

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24 (AP).—New letters, possibly supplying his family with detailed instructions for delivery to his kidnapers of the $200,000 ransom demanded for Edward G. Bremer's freedom were scrutinized today by Federal investigators.

With close friends asserting a final contact was nearing, the letters, understood to have been received through the Minneapolis post office, were believed to have pointed the way.

FOUND BY U. S. AGENTS.

Existence of these new clues, reportedly unearthed by government agents, was inferred by Wirth S. Hughes, Minneapolis post office inspector. Hughes said:

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REVEALED FIRST LETTER.

Robertson said today:

"The first letter was addressed to me so I felt at liberty to make its contents public.

"Anything else which has since come in has been turned over to the Department of Justice."

At least one [illegible] communications was [illegible] given the family and Bremer's friends pointed to it in predicting a final contact either tonight or tomorrow for payment of the ransom.

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BREMER CLUE SEEN LINKING DILLINGER

One of 4 Prisoners in Arizona "Coughs Up" Note; Woman in "Talkative" Mood

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 26 (I.N.S.). With four members of the Dillinger gang in jail as the result of the smart detective work of what they thought was a "hick town" police force, Federal and local authorities moved swiftly today in an effort to connect the desperadoes with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

A tiny scrap of paper which Harry Pierpont, 39, known as the gang's "rub out" man, attempted to swallow as he was arrested was believed to be the clue that may link the midwestern gangsters with the kidnaping of Bremer.

Coughs Up Note

Police forced Pierpont to cough up the note. The contents were not revealed, but were said to be of a nature that led police to think that at least the Dillinger gang is acquainted with the Bremer plot.

Seized in surprise raids late yesterday were John Dillinger, bank robber and killer; Pierpont, known as "The Killer"; Charles Makley, 50, "The Smooth Talker"; and "Rub 'Em Out" Russell Clark, 39.

In addition, three women were arrested, one of whom identified herself as Ann Martin, Dillinger's wife.

In "Talkative" Mood

One of the three women held was said by officers to be in a "talkative mood," and she was subjected to close questioning in the hope that an important clue to the Bremer case may be learned.

J. Edgar Hoover, in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has wired from Washington to the Tucson police chief, C. A. Wollard, that he has ordered C. J. Endres, a Federal agent, to fly here from Phoenix to investigate the possible connection of the Dillinger gang with the Bremer case.

Police pointed out that the Dillinger desperadoes did not start West until two days after the Bremer kidnaping.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 26 (I.N.S.).—Mystery still enfolded the fate of Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old president of the Commercial State Bank, today on the ninth day of his absence since his seizure by kidnapers.

Taken from the streets of this city January 17, Bremer has not been heard from since, and no word has reached his family from the kidnapers since that day.

Although the $200,000 ransom

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NEW BREMER CLUE SEEN

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money demanded was made ready for delivery a week ago, the kidnapers today had made no effort to collect nor to establish contact with Bremer's family, one of the most influential in St. Paul.

Family Distraught

Not since the infant son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was kidnaped has so long a time elapsed in a kidnaping without some exchange of messages between kidnapers and family of the victim.

Adolph Bremer, owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewery and father of the kidnap victim, and others of the banker's family were growing increasingly distraught.

Adolph Bremer was keeping vigil either in his office or in his nearby home, hoping against hope that he will receive some communication from the kidnapers. Mrs. Emily Bremer, wife of the banker, remained secluded in her home.

Authorities Wait

Police and Federal agents remained inactive but alert. Everyone connected with the case was still waiting for the kidnapers to make the next move.

The passive attitude of Department of Justice agents and police served to contradict a report that St. Paul police had found a witness who saw the kidnapers seize Bremer and said he could identify the men.

That the authorities were growing tired of their enforced "hands off" policy was indicated when Harold Nathan, chief of the Federal operatives here, attended a conference at police headquarters. Nathan was accompanied by Werner Hanni, another Federal operative. Neither Nathan nor Police Chief Thomas Dahill would disclose the nature of this conference.

Cullen Sure of "Break" In Bremer Case Soon

Forecasting an early "break" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, Thomas F. Cullen, former Federal Department of Justice operative, points out in the following story that the kidnapers have no doubt been waiting for public interest in the kidnaping to wane before establishing contact with the family.

By THOMAS F. CULLEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 26 (I.N.S.).—The Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case is rapidly reaching a stage where there will be a contact with the men who have been holding him for nine days.

In my opinion the gang has been waiting until the attention directed to the case has lessened in some degree before they will attempt to communicate with the family.

Sure Money Is Ready

For nine days Adolph Bremer, the father, has been waiting and hoping for the men to get in touch with him.

He has appealed to them to negotiate, he has refrained from a public discussion of the case, and he has declined to take the police into his confidence.

Not only has he done these things but I am convinced he has the $200,000 ransom money ready to pay.

I know the anxious father will do anything for his son and it is known here that he has always been ready and willing to lend a helping hand to his children whenever it became necessary.

He has been very much disturbed because of so many baseless rumors.

Today it was reported that the Department of Justice was looking for Charles "Ice Wagon" Connors in connection with the Bremer case.

I know as a matter of fact that this department has been looking for this individual for several months in connection with the John Factor kidnaping case in Chicago. They are also on the lookout for Basil Banghart for the same reason.

There is no more reason to link them with this case than with the O'Connell kidnaping case in Albany.

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AGENTS IN BREMER CASE SPEED WORK

New Strategy Mapped at Secret Meeting—Anonymous Note Found.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 26.—Federal operatives intensified their work today to trap the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer as his absence from home lengthened into nine days.

While the Bremer family awaited final instructions for keeping a rendezvous with the gang and paying the $200,000 ransom, Department of Justice agents mapped new strategy at a secret meeting in Minneapolis yesterday.

Whether that meeting at an undisclosed place was the result of three developments in the case was conjectural. The authorities' latest work had gleaned the stories of two unnamed woman eye witnesses and another anonymous note.

The note was to be compared with other similar missives received in the Twin Cities since the owner and president of the Commercial State Bank was abducted January 17, in an effort to determine if it is the work of a crank or emanated from the gang concealed in their hideout.

One of the woman witnesses claimed to have watched the seizure of Bremer from a distance of 20 feet and recalled having seen Bremer and two of the gang scuffle, she said, as the latter invaded the banker's automobile, later found profusely blood stained. The other woman gave authorities the license number she said the gang's car bore.

Communications from the band soon after Bremer's abduction gave preliminary instructions for contacting the kidnapers, but the family so far has not received word for completing the negotiations.

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Another Note Urges Ransom In Bremer Case

Women Describe Kidnaping; License Reported Revealed.

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In Chicago, city police and Federal authorities hunted Charles "Ice Wagon" Connors and another suspect, both wanted for questioning in the case.

Connors, a former Minnesota convict, was indicted with Roger Touhy and four others for the kidnaping of John Factor. Touhy and three associates are now on trial in connection with the Factor case.

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Bremers Optimistic, Tho Saying Nothing

By United Press

ST PAUL—The air of fear was gone today from the household of Edward G. Bremer, 36, kidnaped banker, but police and relatives maintained absolute secrecy in regard to late developments.

As the result of activities of the past 24 hours, both police and Federal agents made public statements indicating that they were not interfering in any way with the efforts of Adolph Bremer, the victim's father and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, to negotiate the safe return of his son for $200,000 ransom.

Reports persisted however that the ransom had been paid and that Bremer would be returned to his family before Saturday night.

Adolph Bremer Jr., the victim's brother said that he had "every reason to believe that the authorities are laying off until Eddie if safe." He refused to comment on the report that a delay between the payment of ransom and delivery of the abducted man had been arranged by the kidnapers.

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BREMER'S WIFE FEARS KIDNAP VICTIM IS DEAD

250 Federal Agents Said To Be Gathered in St. Paul as Ransom Is Reported Paid

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25 (U.P.).—Fear grew tonight in the heart of Mrs. Emily Bremer that her banker husband, Edward, has been killed by the men who kidnaped him eight days ago for $200,000 ransom.

The victim's father, Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt, still hoped for safe return of his son, it was understood reliably, but the wife told a friend she had practically given up hope of seeing her husband alive again.

NEW RUMORS HOURLY

The wife's fears were based partly, it was said, on discovery of bloodstains in the automobile from which Bremer was kidnaped a week ago last Wednesday after he had taken his 9-year-old daughter, Betty, to school.

New rumors started almost hourly concerning the kidnaping and the efforts of Adolph Bremer to make contacts with the abductors.

One report was that the ransom already had been paid, but that the kidnapers had specified that the release of Bremer would not occur until three days after payment.

This agreement, it was said, was demanded because of the reported presence in St. Paul of a large number of Federal agents.

The exact number of Federal operatives here was kept secret. One report said that there were 250 ~~Government men~~ in the vicinity, ~~most of~~ them working secretly.

WITNESS ~~DENIED~~

St. Paul police declined to verify a report they had found an eye-witness to the kidnaping who might be able to identify the abductors. They indicated that if any such witness had been found his ability to make any identification was doubtful.

Statements that a letter or letters from the kidnapers had been sent through the mails to the Bremer family were retracted today with the admission that investigation has shown the communications ~~to be~~ the work of cranks or well-meaning amateur detectives.

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ST. PAUL KIDNAPERS SEND ANOTHER NOTE

Letter Unsigned but Urges Payment of Ransom for Banker.

By Associated Press.

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Agents End Truce With Kidnap Mob

Washington Orders Federal Officers to Trail Bremer Kidnapers Despite Pleas of Family Not to Interfere in Ransom Deal.

Special to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—Abruptly ending a truce with the underworld and overriding pleas of the family of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped for $200,000 ransom, Federal agents and local police united today to run down the 37-year-old millionaire banker's abductors regardless of consequences.

Harold Nathan, field chief of the department of justice, sent here by J. Edgar Hoover, held a conference with Thomas E. Dahill, police commissioner, at which plans were mapped to bring in the mobsters "dead or alive."

Both Adolph Bremer, the victim's father, and Otto Bremer, his bachelor uncle, personal friends of President Roosevelt, vainly pleaded with the authorities to maintain their hands-off policy in the case but Nathan had received his orders direct from Washington.

Simultaneously, announcement was made by Attorney General Cummings at Washington that "the Bremer family has seriously hindered our efforts by its lack of co-operation.'

Nathan and Dahill, of course, won't disclose their plan of action, but it is understood their first move today was to place the Bremer home and the Jacob Schmit Company offices under surveillance. They intend to be on the spot when the pay-off contact is made and to shoot it out with the mobsters.

Thus, for the first time in a major kidnaping case, the authorities are going into action with a victim's family definitely aligned against them. They have practically no clues, not even a fingerprint. Bremer's Lincoln sedan, in which he was overpowered after a sanguinary struggle, and which was recovered, was thoroughly dusted and searched, but contained no marks helpful to the police.

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FEDERAL AGENTS TRAIL ABDUCTORS

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rection taken by the kidnapers. Local newspapers have printed stories of eye-wieneses of the "snatch" found by the police but the fact is that there wasn't any. Bremer vanished without leaving a single clue.

Some Believe Victim Slain.

The case is the most baffling the department of justice has been called on to solve. The belief persists that Bremer is dead, because no evidence that he is alive has reached the family since the first note containing his supposed signature, written in a shaky hand.

Chief of the developments today was an order issued by Postmaster A. A. Van Dyke of St. Paul, to all mail carriers to report anything suspicious in buildings, apartment houses and homes on their routes.

Department of justice activity was extended to Chicago when a search was started for Charles (Ice-Wagon) Connors, former Minnesota convict and a Tuohy gangster, under indictment for the John (Jake the Barber) Factor kidnaping.

Federal agents and squads of city detectives, all heavily armed, watched a Chicago West Side building where a man answering Connors' description had been seen with another suspect in the Bremer case. They also searched the Chicago underworld for traces of Verne Sankey, wanted for the Boettcher kidnaping in Denver.

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2 Eyewitnesses Intensify Bremer Kidnaping Hunt

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Unnamed Women Who Saw Banker Abducted and Anonymous Note Spur U. S. Agents

NEW STRATEGY MAPPED

Family Has Received No Direct Communication Since $200,000 Ransom Demand

ST. PAUL, Jan. 26 (AP).—Federal operatives intensified their work today to trap the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer as his absence from home lengthened into nine days.

While the Bremer family awaited final instructions for keeping a rendezvous with the gang and paying the $200,000 ransom, Department of Justice agents mapped new strategy at a secret meeting in Minneapolis.

Whether that meeting at an undisclosed place was the result of three developments in the case was conjectural. The authorities' latest work had gleaned the stories of two unnamed women eye-witnesses and another anonymous note.

Notes to Be Compared

The note was to be compared with other similar missives received in the Twin Cities since the president of the Commercial State Bank was abducted January 17, in an effort to determine if it is the work of a crank or emanated from the gang concealed in their hideout.

One of the women witnesses claimed to have watched the seizure of Bremer from a distance of twenty feet and recalled, having seen Bremer and two of the gang scuffle, she said, as the latter invaded the banker's automobile later found profusely blood stained.

The other woman gave authorities the license number she said the gang's car bore.

Negotiations at Standstill

Communications from the band soon after Bremer's abduction gave preliminary instructions for contacting the kidnapers, but the family so far has not received word for completing the negotiations.

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WOMEN'S CLUES SPUR BREMER KIDNAP HUNT

Witness to Struggle Reported to Have Given Auto Number; Big Ransom Believed Unpaid

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DETAILS WERE WITHHELD.

There was speculation as to why the Federal investigators became more active today in seeking the abductors who demanded the $200,000 ransom awaiting them. Some thought it had been decided Bremer had met a fatal end, leaving capture of his kidnapers the main object.

It was reported the ransom had not been paid up to today.

FEDERAL PLANS VEILED.

Whether a concentration of Federal operatives presaged an impending raid on a suspected hideout or apprehension of persons believed to have knowledge of the crime as the result of three anonymous letters received the last two days by W. [illegible] Robertson, Minneapolis publisher, could not be learned.

The missives were believed to contain instructions for delivering the ransom money.

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8TH DAY PASSES AND BREMER IS STILL MISSING

No Further Word Heard from Kidnapers.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 25.—[Special.]—Edward G. Bremer has spent his eighth day in the hands of kidnapers, who made no further moves to collect the $200,000 ransom held in readiness by the Bremer family.

The elder Bremer denied receipt of further messages from the kidnap gang and there were no signs of further developments, aside from the usual gossip and rumors that have complicated news of the case.

Police sought to allay worry over Mr. Bremer's eight day captivity by recalling that kidnaping victims have been held much longer before their release was affected. They pointed to the fact that John [Jake the Barber] Factor was held ten days, and that John G. O'Connell of Albany, N. Y., was held 24 days last summer before being released.

Meanwhile, Chicago police and United States investigators were conducting a search for Charles Connors, former Minnesota convict, and another man in connection with the Bremer case. Connors is under indictment for participation in the kidnaping of John Factor. Roger Touhy and three members of his gang are now on trial in ~~Chicago~~ for the Factor ~~"job."~~

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Police Keep Hands Off in Bremer Case

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Both the police and federal agents made public statements indicating that they were not interfering in any way with the efforts of Adolph Bremer, the victim's father, and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, to negotiate the safe return of his son for $200,000 ransom.

Reports persisted, however, that the ransom had been paid and that Bremer would be returned to his family before tomorrow night.

Adolph Bremer Jr., the victim's brother, told the United Press that he had "every reason to believe that the authorities are laying off until Eddie is safe." He refused to comment on the report that a delay between the payment of ransom and delivery of the abducted man had been arranged by the kidnapers.

There was no doubt, however, that once the president of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul is safe at home one of the most comprehensive drives in the annals of crime fighting will be started.

The special antikidnaping squad of St. Paul police has been chafing to be given a free hand in the case. In addition, scores of federal agents worked out of headquarters in Minneapolis, determined to ~~capture~~ the kidnapers.

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FATHER PLAYS LONE HAND ON TENTH DAY

Heedless of Attorney General Brewer Insists Police and U. S. 'Stay Out'

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 27 (I.N.S.).—Determined that police and Federal authorities shall not interfere, Adolph Bremer, aged brewer, continued to play a lone hand today in efforts to negotiate for the release of his kidnaped son, Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker.

The 37-year-old banker was kidnaped 10 days ago and today was still being held for a $200,000 ransom.

Criticism Ignored

The elder Bremer apparently took no heed of the criticism leveled at him by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, who said that the reluctance of families to do anything but what they thought was best for the safety of the victim was often the most shortsighted policy.

The father denied that he had heard from the kidnapers since the original letter was delivered to Walter W. Magee on the day of the younger Bremer's disappearance. He insisted that he is keeping open every possible channel through which the kidnapers might establish contact.

Confidence Wanes

Pacing the floor of his brewery office and hoping for an encouraging word as to the fate of his son, Bremer was said to be losing confidence.

Mrs. Emily Bremer, wife of the victim, still refused to see all visitors at their new home on the Mississippi River bank.

Federal Department of Justice operatives under Harold Nathan remained inactive. Police likewise were quietly awaiting developments.

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Bremers Vow To Avoid Police

Family Already Refuses Sleuths' Aid, Is Plea to Kidnapers.

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The family, meanwhile, awaited word from the gang as to when and how to pay the ransom.

The elder Bremer some days ago pleaded with authorities to remain on the sidelines until his son was released.

City police, it is said, have abided by that request.

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Bremer's Kidnapers Object to U. S. Men

By United Press

ST. PAUL—An underworld grapevine message that Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped banker, would not be released until Federal Justice Department agents were withdrawn from the case was received by St. Paul police today.

Negotiations for a $200,000 ransom have been halted, the message said, because of the activity of the Federal men. Local police are back on routine schedules.

It was learned today that notes received from the kidnapers thru Dr. H. H. Nippert, Bremer family physician, designated details for paying the ransom, but they were disregarded because they did not contain any proof they were from the kidnapers.

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Bremer Hasn't Paid Ransom for Son Yet, Investigator Claims

Misunderstanding Said to Be Responsible for Failure; All Lines Are Being Kept Open

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Investigators in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case today said they have learned that $200,000 ransom money was still being held by Adolph Bremer, the victim's father.

The elder Bremer was still negotiating with the men who have held his son captive 10 days, the investigators said, due to an unforeseen misunderstanding.

LINES ARE OPEN

Altho negotiations for trading the huge ransom for the young bankers' release were believed practically completed several days ago, the Bremer family was making every effort today to assure the kidnapers that all lines were open for negotiations.

Speculation arose over whether failure to complete the ransoming grew out of attempts of the Bremer family to reduce the kidnapers' demands or over demands for proof that the victim was still alive.

A device thru which the family could gain assurance that young Bremer was still alive was offered by Dr. Orlando F. Scott, Chicago criminologist.

CAN CHECK WRITING

In a telegram to Adolf Bremer, Scott said: "If you have any way of communicating with his kidnapers, require that they submit his signature and some phrase or incident known only to him and you written across the printed text of a current newspaper.

"You can then check his handwriting for double verification of authenticity inasmuch as a newspaper cannot be forged; ~~you~~ also will have proof that the message must have been written since the paper's publication."

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BREMER DRIVE POLICE TO OPEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 26 (U.P.) State and Federal officers held their forces ready tonight to begin an intensive search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, banker, who is held for $200,000 ransom.

Officers so far have maintained a "hands-off" policy at the request of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim and friend of President Roosevelt. Negotiations for Bremer's return have been conducted by the family.

Indication that authorities plan to enter the case, possibly over the protest of Bremer's family, was seen in announcement that officers would withhold their offensive another 24 hours.

For the first time since Bremer was kidnaped, nine days ago, an air of confidence was noticeable among relatives and close friends. None, however, would comment on reports that the ransom already had been paid and the banker's release arranged.

More than 20 Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation agents were concentrated here to aid in the investigation. Police Chief Thomas Dahill held 67 officers ready for duty on a moment's notice.

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KIDNAP PROTECTION PROMISED TO GANG

Abducted Banker's Friend Splits With Police; Awaits Ransom Claim

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City police have abided by that request. Federal operatives have worked on the few meager clues, preliminary instructions from the gang, the banker's blood-stained automobile, and at least four notes which have passed through the postoffices of the Twin Cities.

Whether these missives were the work of cranks has not been ascertained. Sketchy accounts of the actual seizure, purported to have been seen by a milk wagon driver and two unnamed women witnesses so far have not aided authorities toward a solution.

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BREMER'S FAMILY SHUTS OFF POLICE

Friend of Captive Banker Promises Kidnappers Not to Inform Authorities.

RELEASE IS ONLY OBJECT

Relatives Wish to Give Gang Every Chance to Negotiate, Says Intermediary.

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NEW BREMER APPEAL MADE

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BREMER'S RETURN HOME DIM AFTER TENTH DAY

Family, Anxious to Pay Ransom, Unable to Contact Kidnap Gang.

By the Associated Press.

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Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, has given assurance he would keep secret any communication from the kidnapers to insure safety from police interference.

The Bremer family is not co-operating with authorities, he said.

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Bremer Kidnapers Silent on Ransom

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Bremer Clings To Belief Son Is Still Alive

Father Begs for Proof Before Paying a Ransom Of $200,000

ST. PAUL, Jan. 27 (U.P.) Silver-haired Adolph Bremer clung desperately today to belief that his kidnaped son, Edward G. Bremer, still lives and appealed to the kidnapers for the proof he begs before paying the $200,000 ransom.

Doubts that beset the millionaire brewer and friend of President Roosevelt were indicated when it was learned he had received 23 communications dealing with the abduction, only one of which has been established as from the captors.

DENIES A TRAP

This was a letter signed by young Bremer. He admitted:

"We do not know what to think or what to do. We do not want to make any move that would endanger my son, for I am confident he is alive and that a way can be found to bring him back safely.

"We have done everything the kidnapers asked. The money is ready, the authorities are standing aside and all lines of communication are clear. There is no trap and there will be none.

"Yet we have not received the message we await and are powerless to do anything further until we are convinced of contact with the men we want to deal with."

The letter left at the door of Walter Magee, contractor and friend of the family two hours after young Bremer disappeared, is the only one known to be genuine.

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KIDNAPPERS' ORDERS AWAITED BY BREMERS

Instructions for Delivering $200,000 Lacking, Family Says in St. Paul.

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Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, has given assurance he would keep secret any communication from the kidnappers to insure safety from police interference. The Bremer family is not cooperating with authorities, he said.

All avenues of communication are being kept open to smooth the way for contact between the kidnappers and the family. The last communication from the banker was received four days or more ago, through the medium of a gang missive. Since then, only silence has bridged the gap separating the gang's hideout and the family.

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WASHINGTON D. C. TIMES January 29, 1934.

GANG'S SILENCE LAID TO ANGER AT BREMERS

By International News Service

Kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, are "sore" at members of the victim's family and this accounts for the lack of contact between the snatchers and those who are attempting to effect his release, according to confidential reports of Federal agents.

According to reports to the Department of Justice, the kidnapers instructed Bremer's father, Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, immediately after the kidnaping, to indicate his willingness to pay the $200,000 ransom by placing an NRA Blue Eagle in a certain window.

After consulting with friends, the elder Bremer posted the insignia, as demanded—but he tore it in halves, indicating that he was willing to part with $100,000 to obtain his son's release.

The kidnapers sensed the significance of the divided Blue Eagle, according to Federal agents, and within a few hours sent a note to the elder Bremer which substantially was as follows:

"Getting smart, aren't you? Trying to pitch a few curves, eh? Well, now you can look for us."

Nothing ~~has been~~ heard since from the kidnapers.

Bremer's Confidence In Son's Safety Wanes

By THOMAS F. CULLEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan 29 (I.N.S.).—Although still hopeful, Adolph Bremer apparently was losing confidence today that the kidnapers of his 37-year-old son, Edward G. Bremer, will negotiate with him for the safe release of the banker, now missing 12 days.

Pacing the floor of his large brewery office and smoking one cigar after another, the aged widower seems to be facing for the first time in his career a problem which is beyond his ability to solve.

His whole life has been one of successful service to his family, of providing for his children even though they are grown and able to take care of themselves.

Judging from his standing in the community, financial and otherwise, he has successfully solved the multitude of problems with which he has been confronted. But this one is different. He is at a loss as to where to turn or what to do.

Bremer admits this problem is such "that a man cannot think for himself." He is dependent on the friendly spirit and advice of Walter W. Magee, the close personal friend of the missing man, and C. E. Newcome, his brewery manager.

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WASHINGTON D.C. STAR January 29, 1934.

BREMER, ILL AND WORRIED, ASKS FOR SIGN THAT SON IS STILL ALIVE

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, January 29.—Sixty-seven-year-old Adolph Bremer, ill and worried, today pleaded with the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, for some sign that the missing man is still alive.

As the twelfth day passed since a gang seized the young Bremer without any definite word of his fate, the elder Bremer apparently was becoming more concerned, and begged for a contact with the abductors.

He made public a statement yesterday in which he said:

"Please communicate with us. We want our son back. We are ready to negotiate and the money is ready if you will only tell us where to meet you.

(Signed) "ADOLPH BREMER."

Even Federal operatives of the Department of Justice have been unable to span the sea of silence that has widened between the abductors and the family since the first ransom note and a telephone call were received by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend, a few hours after Bremer was spirited away.

City police have not tried. They have resumed their normal routine at headquarters in contrast with heavy forces of officers on 24-hour duty during the early stages of the case. The elder Bremer, who is the principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. and a personal friend of President Roosevelt, however, begged authorities to remain on the sidelines until his son was freed, feeling any police activity might endanger the banker's life.

The younger Bremer was seized January 17 for $200,000 ransom.

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WASHINGTON D. C. POST January 29, 1934.

Bremer Kidnap Clew Fizzles

Ransom Payment Report Proves False; Police Held in Check.

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Waiting to Ransom Bremer

Here is the ransom of $200,000 in $5 and $10 bills, in the vault of a St. Paul, Minn., bank, ready to be paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer for his safe return to his family. There are 25,000 individual bills in the pile of 25 bundles.

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Safety of Bremer Is Again Doubted

By United Press

ST. PAUL — Police today feared they "may have a murder instead of a kidnaping" to solve in the 13-day disappearance of Edward G. Bremer, 36, banker.

In only one other abduction, the kidnaping of the infant son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, has so long a period elapsed between the receipt of the first ransom note and agreement on a ransom payment. In the Lindbergh case the victim was killed.

Members of the Bremer family said they were confident that Edward was safe and would be returned as soon as ransom delivery can be arranged.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. HERALD January 29 1934

BREMER FAMILY IS LOSING HOPE AFTER 12 DAYS

ST. PAUL, Jan. 28 (U.S.) Hope that contact would be established with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer over the week-end faded tonight. No word was received.

Twelve days have passed since the banker and son of one of St. Paul's most prominent families was shoved into an automobile after he had escorted his little eight-year-old daughter to school.

MAY BE IN LAKE

A note, not taken seriously at first, said Bremer was accidentally killed during the abduction and added that the body would not be found until the "snow melts in the spring."

Since then the weather has been warm; little snow is on the ground in St. Paul. Did the note have another meaning? Could it mean that a hole had been chopped in the ice on one of the numerous lakes around St. Paul and the body dropped through?

State, city and Federal authorities have worked tirelessly on the case. A mass of information has been collected by the authorities, it is understood. It is being checked and rechecked in the hope of finding the key to the mystery.

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BREMER PAYMENT DENIED BY FAMILY

Minnesota Deputies Doubt That Money Was Picked Up as Told by Montana Men.

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Walter Magee, a contractor and close friend of Bremer, when asked today about the story of the Montana men, said:

"If the ransom was paid, I wouldn't answer your questions, but on my word of honor I'll tell you it has not been paid."

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SILENCE HIDES BREMER'S FATE

N.Y. Sentinel 1-29-34

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 29.—Growing hourly more worried over the continued silence of the abductors of his son, Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewery owner, paced the floor of his offices here today, awaiting some word from the men who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, 37, banker, twelve days ago.

The senior Bremer has repeatedly appealed to the abductors to communicate with him. He has offered to pay the $200,000 ransom demanded. But he has heard nothing to indicate even whether his son is still alive, or when he will be freed.

Meanwhile, Federal men assigned to the case, and police, betrayed growing impatience over their enforced inactivity.

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Police Abandon Hope for Bremer Returning Alive

Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 28.—In but one place—the bosom of his family—hope still lingers for the safety of kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy local banker who was "snatched" eleven days ago.

Reports that the $200,000 demanded had been paid over to the abductors were denied at the home by the father, Adolph, millionaire brewer and personal friend of President Roosevelt. He expressed confidence, however, that his son is alive and will be returned unharmed.

Edward Bremer

At the same time, he admitted that he lacks the necessary instructions for the paying of the ransom, and reiterated that he has the money ready for obtaining the 37-year-old victim's release. He is inclined to believe that as soon as the kidnapers are certain that the family is acting independently of Federal and police investigations they will return their prisoner.

Walter McGee, wealthy contractor and close friend of young Bremer, the first to be informed of the "snatching," and active in attempting to gain contact with the kidnapers, would not discuss the possibilities today.

That he has not managed to con-

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HOPE FOR BREMER FADING RAPIDLY

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ct the "snatch" gang in any way considered certain in view of his ence, and police and some 250 ederal agents are all but unanious in the belief that Bremer was lled, either accidentally or in ld blood, and that the gang has oken up.

Similarity of the Bremer abducon and that of young William Hamm, Jr., who was released last uly after his family had paid 100,000 and convince the officers that he same hand is responsible.

The Roger Touhy gang was acquitted on the charge of kidnaping Hamm, and is now on trial in Chicago charged with abducting John (Jake the Barber) Factor, but several of the alleged members are still missing and it is thought that they may possibly have been connected with the Bremer outrage.

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Bremer Kidnaping Hunt Halted to Aid Ransom Deal

Family Insists $200,000 Has Not Been Paid; Still Hopes to Hear from Abductors

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Lindbergh Reenacts Night of Kidnaping

Revisits Scene of Tragedy with Betty Gow.

TO CALL WIFE

Mrs. Lindbergh to Testify Against Hauptmann

For the first time since they quit the place in grief two years ago, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Betty Gow returned to Hopewell late yesterday to re-enact for police the events of the night of the kidnaping of the flier's son.

Mrs. Anne Morrow Lindbergh did not accompany her husband and Miss Gow, who was nurse to the stolen child, as they retraced their steps of that tragic evening of March 1, 1932.

Anne to Testify

However, it had been announced earlier in the day that Mrs. Lindbergh will be an "important" prosecution witness against Bruno Hauptmann, who goes to trial next Wednesday on a charge of slaying the infant.

Attorney-General Wilentz, Prosecutor Hauck, Assistant Attorney-General Peacock and Special Assistant Attorney-General Large were with Lindbergh and Miss Gow.

The object of the visit, it was learned, was to familiarize Large and Peacock with what happened on the night of the kidnaping and to give them a picture of the house and grounds so testimony at the trial will be perfectly clear to them.

Lindbergh had not visited the estate since the Summer of 1932. Miss Gow has spent most of her time since then in Scotland.

But yesterday, with prosecuting officials asking questions at every point, the two spent an hour in the house and about the grounds.

Miss Gow showed where she put the child to bed the night of the kidnaping.

Where Note Was Found

Then Colonel Lindbergh showed where he went, armed with a shotgun, searching the estate after the kidnaping had been discovered, and where he found the kidnaper's note.

When the visit was over—and the source of the information expressed the opinion it was an ordeal to the flier—Col. Lindbergh left, presumably for Englewood.

That Mrs. Lindbergh will testify at the trial was announced by a State official, who said:

"It is only natural that Mrs. Lindbergh would like to take the witness stand and tell what she knows of the case. She will be a willing witness and will testify without being subpoenaed. The State looks upon her as a very important witness."

Curtis Spurned

From Norfolk, Va., yesterday came word that John Hughes Curtis, convicted of obstructing justice in the kidnaping investigation, had notified New Jersey au-

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thorities of his willingness to testify for the State.

According to a telegram sent by Curtis' attorney, the shipbuilder said he recognized Hauptmann from photographs as a man who showed him ransom money while he was conducting negotiations for the return of the child.

Attorney General Wilentz said he had received a similar offer from Curtis two months ago and had it "under advisement." But persons close to Wilentz indicated the offer would be rejected and pointed to recent rumors that Curtis might be a defense witness.

Another development was the revelation that Nelson Wyckoff, 67, a former caretaker of the Lindbergh estate, will be an ace witness in a prosecution attempt to place Hauptmann near the home a few days before the kidnaping.

Hailed by Autoist

Wyckoff, a plodding, reticent sort, is reported to have gone to prosecution officials only recently, after considerable hesitation about telling his story.

His story, so far as has been learned, is that a few days before the kidnaping, as he was walking along the Wertsville-Hopewell road, he was hailed by a man from a "dark sedan." The car, he said, was being backed out of a lane leading to the Lindbergh estate. He added:

"He asked me where Featherbed Lane was. I pointed it out to him and went on."

Featherbed Lane, a little used back road, is believed to have been taken by the kidnaper as he hurried away with the stolen baby.

Wyckoff continued:

"I did not say anything of the incident at the time because—well, it wasn't important. Later on, what with all the excitement and confusion, it slipped my mind. After Hauptmann was arrested and his pictures appeared in the papers I got to wondering, I finally decided to tell my story."

Taken to See Hauptman

When he had told his story Wyckoff is believed to have been taken last week to see Hauptmann in his cell in the Hunterdon County jail in Flemington. The outcome of that encounter is a

SPURNED—John Hughes Curtis, Lindbergh 'hoaxer,' whose offer to testify has been spurned by the State.

One prosecution official said yesterday an expert has reported that nails found among Hauptmann's tools are the same type as those used in the kidnap ladder. It is understood the expert conferred with Wilentz ten days ago, showing him the nails and enlarged photographs of them.

Hauptmann's finances have been under examination since his arrest more than three months ago. Yesterday, it was announced the prosecution will employ detailed accounting at the trial to show that the prisoner, since 1932, possessed $46,000 more than his admitted sources of income showed.

All Sources Checked

The study has embraced banking records, stock market transactions and personal employment sheets.

Sheriff Curtiss, of Hunterdon County, formally served Hauptmann in his cell in Flemington with the indictment against him and the jury panel list.

Curtiss reported afterward that he stood before his prisoner and read the document, accusing the carpenter of "wilfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought" murdering the child.

Hauptmann, the Sheriff reported, showed intense interest. The he spent some time studying it after the Sheriff had left.

So far as defense attorneys Edward J. Reilly and C. Lloyd Fisher were concerned, they were occupied during the day denying one report after another. They denied, among other things, that they would call J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Investigation Bureau; Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey State Police; Maurice Rosner, Long Beach police chief; Salvator Spitale and Irving Bitz as witnesses.

Flemington was excited by rumors that the 48 persons on the jury panel had received threatening letters since their selection a few days ago. Both prosecution and defense attorneys belittled the matter.

Jersey to Arrest Hauptmann Associate

Evidence sufficient to warrant arrest of "a close associate" of Bruno Richard Hauptmann in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping has been obtained by the authorities, Universal Service said last night in a copyrighted article.

The identity of the suspect is being withheld at the request of a high New Jersey official because additional clinching evidence is being gathered, it was said.

The arrest may be delayed until Hauptmann's trial is over, it was stated, although "complications" in the trial might lead authorities to make an immediate arrest.

It has not been decided whether to accuse the suspect of being an accomplice in the kidnaping or an accomplice after the fact. Present indications are that the suspect helped plan the abduction, it was said.

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Bremer Family Denies Ransom Has Been Paid

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[Acme Photo.]

HERE IS RANSOM AWAITING KIDNAPERS FOR RETURN OF E. G. BREMER. There are 25,000 individual bills in this pile of 25 bundles, which the family has ready to pay the kidnapers of E. G. Bremer in St. Paul. The bills weigh about 50 pounds and fill two suitcases. The money totals $200,000. (Story on page 3.)

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RANSOM PAYMENT IS DENIED BY MEMBERS OF BREMER FAMILY

(Picture on back page.)

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WASHINGTON D. C. POST January 30, 1934.

Bremer Kidnaping Hunt Revives Hope

Word From Abductors Is Expected Shortly.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 29 (AP).—A new attitude of optimism prevailed today as his family remained alert for word from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 37, banker, seized January 17 for $200,000 ransom.

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BREMER DEATH FEARED AS GANG KEEPS SILENCE

Only Family Clings to Hope of Safety of Kidnap Victim; Police Hunt at Standstill

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The family, including the kidnap victim's elderly father, Adolph Bremer, continued to believe the young man would be returned to them safely, but officials were less optimistic because of the long silence of the kidnapers since their first demand for $200,000.

This was in the form of a note received by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the family, the morning of the kidnaping.

Although there have been rumors of other notes from the kidnapers and even that the ransom already had been paid, Magee and members of the family have continued to insist no contact was made.

Adolph Bremer, the father, in his latest public appeal to the kidnapers, asked them to communicate with him. He said:

"We want our son back. We are ready to negotiate and the money is ready if you only tell us where to meet you."

Federal agents are working quietly on the case, but police officers practically have withdrawn in deference to family requests that every opportunity for communication with the kidnapers be permitted.

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HOPE DWINDLES FOR BREMER

N.Y. Journal 1-30-34

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BREMER PLEADS FOR WORD OF KIDNAPED SON

St. Paul Brewer Asks for Sign That Son Is Still Alive; Family Keeps Police Idle

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29 (AP).—Adolph Bremer, 67, ill and worried, today pleaded with the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, for some sign the missing man is still alive.

As the 254th hour passed at 2:30 p. m. since a gang seized the younger Bremer for $200,000 ransom, without any definite word of his fate, the wealthy brewer apparently was becoming more concerned, and begged for a contact with the abductors. He made public a statement which said:

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Bremer posted the insignia, but he tore it in halves, indicating he was willing to pay $100,000 to obtain his son's release.

The kidnapers within a few hours sent a note to Bremer, which substantially was as follows:

"Getting smart, aren't you? Trying to pitch a few curves, eh? Well, now you can look for us."

Since then nothing has been heard from the kidnapers.

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FAMILY IS OPTIMISTIC IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Police Refrain From Activity as Banker's Father Issues New Appeal

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In view of the reiterated denials by himself and members of the family of any contact with the band Mr. Magee's statement created new speculation over whether communication might have now been established.

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WASHINGTON D. C. NEWS January 31, 1934.

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Man Asks Woman's Aid on Bremer Note

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Police searched today for a "foreign-appearing man in a gray fedora hat" to determine whether he had sent a communication to the father of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul, Minn., banker.

Mrs. S. S. Ritchie, wife of a local dentist, told authorities that the man had asked her to address a letter to "Adolph Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., care of the bank."

The incident occurred while she was writing at the St. Francis Hotel here, according to Mrs. Ritchie's story. The man, who had been sitting at another writing desk, asked whether she would mind addressing an envelope for him, explaining that he "hadn't had much schooling and I don't write very well."

He tore a strip from a newspaper and read to her the name of the St. Paul capitalist.

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St. Louis Star-Times
St. Louis, Missouri,
January 31, 1934.

How Bremer's Two-Week Captivity Compares With Other Kidnapings

Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, has been missing two weeks today. The record kidnaping for length of time was that of John J. O'Connell of New Lork, who was released July 30, 1933, after being held for twenty-three days.

A list of kidnapings which have attracted nation-wide attention follows:

NAME	DATE OF KIDNAPING	DAYS MISSING
John T. Soy, St. Louis	Aug. 29, 1930	Eight
Adolphus Busch Orthwein, St. Louis	Dec. 21, 1930	Two
Dr. Isaac Dee Kelley, Jr., St. Louis	April 20, 1931	Eight
Alex Berg, St. Louis	Nov. 6, 1931	Four
Nell Donnelly, Kansas City	Dec. 16, 1931	Two
Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.	March 1, 1932	Murdered
Haskell Bohn, St. Paul	June 30, 1932	Six
Peters Meyers, Jr., Warren, Ohio	March 18, 1933	Eight
Charles Boettcher, Jr., Denver	Feb. 12, 1933	Sixteen
Jerome Factor, Chicago	April 12, 1933	Nine
Margaret (Peggy) McGrath, Harwich, Mass.	May 2, 1932	Two
Mary McElroy, Kansas City, Mo.	May 27, 1933	One
William Hamm, St. Paul	June 15, 1933	Three
John Factor, Chicago	July 1, 1932	Twelve
John J. O'Connell, Albany, N. Y.	July 7, 1933	Twenty-three
August Luer, Alton, Ill.	July 10, 1933	Five
Brooke Hart, San Jose, Cal.	Nov. 9, 1932	Murdered

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BREMER KIDNAPERS NEVER HEARD FROM

N.Y. SUN 1-31-34

Father of St. Paul Banker Denies Getting Note.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31 (A. P.).—Numerous letters have been received by his family but none from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, who was seized for $200,000 ransom two weeks ago today.

Adolph Bremer, the principal proprietor of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company and the father of the missing man, insisted today that of the scores of missives received daily, not one has been from the gang.

The welfare of the thirty-seven-year-old owner and president of the Commercial State Bank still was a matter of conjecture as the worry over his absence was unallayed by continued silence. The family saw as the work of another crank a letter which Mrs. S. S. Ritchie has told the San Francisco police that she addressed for an unidentified man in that city yesterday.

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Bremer Still Hopes For Son's Return

N. Y. Times 1-31-34

ST. PAUL, Jan. 30 (AP).—The Bremer family again denied themselves to all visitors save intimate friends today, but had not abandoned all hope for the safe return of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped 14 days ago.

The plea of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, for prompt return of his son has gone unheeded despite his assurance the $200,000 ransom was ready and would be paid on proof his 37-year-old son was still alive.

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ELDER BREMER WAITS IN VAIN FOR LETTER FROM KIDNAPING GANG

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 30.—[Special.]—Word from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, abducted Jan. 17, still was lacking today, nearly two weeks after his disappearance. Frantic appeals from his father, Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and Democratic party power, have failed to establish contacts with the captors.

Notes to the family last week, at first believed from the kidnapers, proved to be the work of cranks. Police and federal department of justice agents were still "standing by" in the case.

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Bremers Deny Word From Gang

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Numerous letters—but none from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, seized for $200,000 ransom two weeks ago today—have been received at the home of the Bremer family.

Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company and personal friend of President Roosevelt, insisted today that of the scores of missives received daily, not one has been from the gang.

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Chicago Evening American

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The National Police Officer
January, 1934.

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BANK ROBBER

EDDIE LA RUE (23)

Eddie La Rue, alias Edward Doll, 30 years old; 6 feet, ½ inch; 170 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. Wanted for post office burglary, bank robbery and kidnaping.

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If apprehended, hold and notify Chief of Police, Peoria, Ill. P. O., Jan., 1934.

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Bremer Gone 15 Days.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31 (AP).—The fifteenth day without further comunication from the kidnappers of Edward G. Bremer passed today. The family and Walter Magee, contractor friend, continued to maintain a day and night vigil beside telephones in their respective homes, anxiously awaiting a message from the gang which would tell them where to pay for the freedom of the 37-year-old bank president.

For more than a week $200,000 demanded as ransom has been held in readiness pending final instructions from the abductors.

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Bremer Hope Rises With Sankey Seizure

ST. PAUL, Feb. 1 (AP).—A belief that the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer would move soon to collect a $200,000 ransom and free the thirty-seven-year-old St. Paul banker now that attention of city and county authorities has been directed at Verne Sankey in Chicago, was expressed today by friends of the Bremer family.

Absence of Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, and M. F. Kinkead, Ramsay County attorney, who are in Chicago today, was seen by friends of the family as definite assurance to the abductors of the Commercial State Bank president, kidnaped on January 17, that peace officers would keep a "hands off" policy and thus permit negotiations between the gang and the family.

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BREMER GANG SILENT 15 DAYS

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31. — (AP) — The fifteenth day without further communication from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, passed today.

The family and Walter Magee, contractor friend, continued their day and night vigil beside telephones in their homes, anxiously awaiting a message which would tell them where and when to pay the freedom of the 37-year-old owner and president of the Commercial State-Bank.

For more than a week $200,000 demanded as ransom has been held in readiness pending final instructions for meeting the abductors. Adolph Bremer has insisted no communication has been received from the captors since the first note was found by Magee at his office shortly after the kidnaping January 17.

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Outsiders Believe Bremer Dead; Kidnaped 16 Days

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Outsiders today believed that Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker kidnaped 16 days ago probably is dead, but the Bremer family still expressed hope in spite of its firm denials that word has been received since the day of the kidnaping.

Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, has maintained consistently that no messages from the kidnapers have been received since the first note demanding $200,000 ransom.

Police, outwardly at least, have refrained from intervening in the case, as requested by the father.

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SANKEY ARREST SPURS BREMER FAMILY'S HOPE

Relatives Believe Contact Will Soon Be Made With the Banker's Kidnappers.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 1.—Diversion of the attention of Federal and local authorities to Chicago, where Verne Sankey confessed the kidnapping of Haskell Bohn, revived hopes of the Bremer family today that word would be received soon from the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Relatives and friends were more hopeful than they have been for several days. They felt that the opportunity for contact with the kidnap gang was brighter than it has been since Bremer was seized Jan. 17. Up to late today, however, no word had been received from the men who are holding him for $200,000 ransom.

Some friends of the family, while refusing to be quoted, persisted in the belief that young Bremer had been slain. They were convinced, they said, that if he was alive the kidnappers would have moved to get the ransom which has been ready from the start.

The police, heeding the request of the family not to interfere, have given assurance that they were "standing by" in the case.

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NEW HOPE REVIVED KIDNAPED BREMER YET MAY BE FREED

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 1.—[Special.]—Diversion of the attention of federal and local authorities to Chicago where Verne Sankey confessed the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn today revived hopes of the Bremer family that word would be received shortly from the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, 37 year old St. Paul banker.

Relatives and friends of the member of one of St. Paul's wealthiest families were more hopeful than they have been for several days. They felt that the opportunity for contact with the kidnap gang was the brightest it has been since Bremer was seized Jan. 17. Up to late today, however, no word had been received from the men who are holding him for $200,000 ransom, they said.

Some friends of the family, while refusing to be quoted, persisted in the belief that young Bremer had been slain. They were convinced they said, that if such was not the case, the kidnapers would have already moved to get the money which has been ready from the start.

Police, heeding the request of the family not to interfere, have repeatedly given assurance that they were "standing by" in the case.

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in a brewery in Pennsylvania. The release [illegible] the case of twenty directors still on trial before Justice Valente.

Bremer Kidnapers Remain Silent

ST. PAUL, Feb. [illegible] (AP).—Kidnapers maintained their silence for the seventeenth consecutive day as the Bremer family still anxiously awaited word from the gang which seized Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, for $200,000 ransom January 17.

Speculation persisted in some quarters as to whether he had been killed by his captors though the family remained hopeful some communication would be received soon.

Mexican Pirates

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KIDNAPERS STILL HIDE FATE OF THE ST. PAUL BANKER

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 2.—[Special.]—The sixteenth day of silence by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, passed today as the family of the abducted man waited, ready to pay the $200,000 ransom for his return. Other than the first ransom note, received a few hours after Bremer was seized Jan. 17, no word has been received from the gang.

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Bremer Begs Sign From Son

Father of Kidnaped Banker Suggests New Method of Contact in Third Appeal to Abductors.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 3.—Begging an early release of his son, Edward G. Bremer, an anxious father tonight gave the kidnap gang demanding $200,000 ransom for the young banker's release, three days and three nights in which to act before summoning authorities to track them down.

"Please give this all the prominence you can," Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., asked newspaper men as he made his third public appeal for immediate return of the 37-year-old bank president.

"This," was a neatly typed statement, offering fullest co-operation and secrecy to the gang if they would heed his plea and pledging that his interest in the abduction would cease upon the safe return of the younger Bremer. The elder Bremer inferred he would not prosecute the gang if they were captured, provided the son was freed.

Plan Is Suggested.

Standing in the living room of his home, the brewer, his voice trembling, his eyes brimmed with tears, handed out the statement to reporters.

"I realize that I cannot publish my choice in making this contact," Mr. Bremer's statement said, "to convince you that there is no catch in this effort of mine, I can see but one way to work out our negotiations.

"Edward will have to select some one regardless of where he may be located in the United States. Have Edward write this party a letter in his own handwriting referring to this notice in the press so that I will know he has read it. Inclose with Edward's letter your instructions to the party that Edward selects, but be sure to give sufficient time for the instructions to be carried out."

Fear for Son's Life.

The text of Mr. Bremer's statement was viewed as indicating the family harbored renewed fears for the life of the missing man, and seemingly bore out the persistent assertions of the Bremers that they have had no communication from the gang for more than a week.

A veiled intimation that police and Federal authorities would be given the full co-operation of the family in attempting to track down the abductors was contained in the last paragraph of the statement. It said:

"If I have not heard from Edward within three days and three nights I shall understand that you do not wish to deal with me and I will feel I am released from any obligations as contained in this note."

Mr. Bremer then said in the statement that city, State and Federal authorities "have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy. First and last I am only interested in the safe return of Edward, and if the suggestions are carried out I will have no interest in any activity after my son is returned."

Sincere in Offer.

Mr. Bremer made it clear that he was sincere in his offer to co-operate fully with the gang for the safe return of his son by saying "my telephones in home and office have been watched, therefore contact in this way is not desirable. I merely mention this to indicate to you men that I am sincere in my desire and efforts to communicate with you free from any outside interference."

"I give you my word of honor when this contact is made no one except the parties named by you shall have any knowledge of its existence."

His promise to exclude "outside interference" is in line with the family's decision to discourage police activity in the case, manifest from the first day Bremer was kidnaped.

It was the second interview granted by any members of the Bremer family since the oldest son of the brewer was abducted early the morning of January 17. Mr. Bremer, after handing out the one-page typed statements, signed in longhand by himself, then retired to his library and refused to submit to any questions. His eyes were red and he had, friends disclosed, cried several times today. His voice broke frequently during his terse appeal to give the statement "all the prominence you can."

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Bremer Sets 3-Day Limit for Kidnapers

Father of Missing Man Makes Final Plea for Contact.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 3 (U.P.)—Adolph Bremer, millionaire brewer and friend of President Roosevelt, late today gave the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, "three days and three nights" to prove that the son is alive and arrange for collection of $200,000 ransom.

Weeping, Bremer handed newspapermen a signed statement, in which he warned the kidnapers that his home and office telephone "have been watched" and gave his word of honor that if further contact can be made, "no one except the parties named by you shall have any knowledge of its existence."

The statement follows:

"To the parties holding my son and to Edward G. Bremer:

"All city, State and Federal authorities have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy.

"First and last, I am only interested in safe return of Edward and if the following suggestions are carried out I will have no interest in any activity after my son is returned.

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ADOLPH BREMER.

"My telephones in home and office have been watched; therefore contact in this way is not desirable. I merely mention this to indicate to

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Bremer Kidnapers Given Ultimatum

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you men that I am sincere in my desire and effort to communicate with you free from any outside interference.

"I realize that I can not publish my choice in making this contact. To convince you that there is no catch in this effort of mine, I can see but one way to work out our negotiations. Edward will have to select some one, regardless of where he may be located in the United States.

"Have Edward write this party a letter in his own handwriting referring to this notice in the press, so that I will know that he has read it. Inclose with Edward's letter your instructions to the party that Edward selects, but be sure to give sufficient time for the instructions to be carried out.

"If I have not heard from Edward within three days and three nights, I shall understand that you do not wish to deal with me and I will feel that I am released from any obligations contained in this note.

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FATHER MAKES FINAL PLEA TO FREE BREMER

Gives Kidnaper 3 Days More To Collect Ransom "Without Danger From Police"

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 3 (U.S.) Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who was kidnaped January 17, today gave the kidnapers three days and three nights to prove that they had his son alive and to collect the $200,000 ransom.

Weeping, the wealthy brewer handed Twin City newspaper men a statement here this afternoon which informed the kidnapers that if they would return his son no one would know about it until they had opportunity to make their getaway.

ADDRESSES KIDNAPERS

The statement follows:

"To the parties holding my son, and to Edward G. Bremer:

"All city, State and Federal authorities have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy.

"First and last, I am only interested in safe return of Edward, and if the following suggestions are carried out I will have no interest in any activity after my son is returned.

"My telephone in home and office have been watched; therefore, contact in this way is not desirable. I merely mention this to indicate to you men that I am sincere in my desire and effort to communicate with you free from any outside interference.

URGES SO TO ACT

"I realize that I cannot publish my choice in making this contract. To convince you that there is no catch in this effort of mine, I can see but one way to work out our negotiations. Edward will have to select some one regardless of where he may be located in the United States.

"Have Edward write this party a letter in his own handwriting referring to this notice in the press so that I will know that he has read it. Enclose with Edward's letter your instructions to the party that Edward selects, but be sure to give sufficient time for the instructions to be carried out.

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Bremer was kidnaped the morning of January 17 as he took his daughter, Betty, to Summit School. Since the first contact note left under the doorstep of Walter Magee, a friend of the family, not a single contact has been made.

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URGENT THIRD PLEA MADE FOR BREMER

Aged Father Pledges Secrecy in Asking Contact With Abductors of St. Paul Banker.

BUT ISSUES FINAL WARNING

If Effort Fails, He Says, the Family Will Cooperate With Police in Hunting Gang.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 3 (AP).—An aged father tonight voiced his third public appeal for the return of his son, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, seized for $200,000 ransom more than two weeks ago.

"Please—give this—all—the prominence—you can," were the words of Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company.

In the living room of his home the elder Bremer stood with head bowed and eyes dimmed with tears as he pleaded for the immediate release of the 37-year-old banker.

"I realize that I cannot publish my choice in making this contact," Mr. Bremer's statement said. "To convince you that there is no catch in this effort of mine I can see but one way to work out our negotiations.

"Edward will have to select some one regardless of where he may be. Have Edward write this party a letter in his own handwriting referring to this notice in the press so that I will know he has read it. Enclose with Edward's letter your instructions to the party that Edward selects, but be sure to give sufficient time for the instructions to be carried out.

"I give you my word of honor when this contact is made no one except the parties named by you shall have any knowledge of its existence."

An intimation that police and Federal authorities, as a last resort, would get the cooperation of the family in attempting to track down the abductors was contained in the last paragraph, which said:

"If I have not heard from Edward within three days and three nights I shall understand that you do not wish to deal with me and I will feel I am released from any obligations as contained in this note."

Mr. Bremer then stated that city, State and Federal authorities "have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy. First and last, I am only interested in the safe return of Edward, and if the suggestions are carried out, I will have no interest in any activity after my son is returned."

The statement was viewed as indicating that the family had fears for the life of the missing man and as bearing out assertions of the Bremers that they have had no

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BREMER'S APPEAL FOR SON UNHEEDED

Fears Grow That Missing St. Paul Banker May Be Dead.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 5.—A father's public plea that the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, release him within three days and nights apparently went unheeded today, while fears grew that the missing man may be dead.

The father, Adolph Bremer, who is president of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. here, in making the plea indicated his hope that his son is still alive, but in other quarters there was a growing belief the kidnaped man was slain.

Young Bremen was seized January 17 and $200,000 ransom demanded by his abductors. Bloodstains were found in his abandoned automobile and for two weeks no word has been received from the kidnapers.

Adolph Bremer pleaded Saturday night with the holders of his son to have Edward write a letter and designate some one to act as a contact man for payment of the ransom. He promised that for three days and three nights any communications or arrangements would be secret so far as police and other officials are concerned.

If within three days no sign has been received the authorities would be asked to step in. Heretofore the officers have abided by the Bremers' request that they keep out of the case.

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Bremer's Appeal Gets No Response

ST. PAUL, Feb. 4 (I.N.S.).—The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul ~~banker,~~ remained "unheard from" today, 24 hours after the father of the victim, Adolph Bremer, issued his appeal for a "contact."

Though the radio and newspapers, the elder Bremer informed the abductors he would give them three days and three nights to prove his son is alive and to collect the $200,000 ransom.

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Police at St. Paul Accused by Editor

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Politically controlled police department and the apparent flocking of bootleggers and hi-jackers into armed robbery and kidnapings today led to a public hearing of demands of Howard Kahn, militant editor of the St. Paul News, for a thoro inquiry into the causes of six major kidnapings here in less than three years.

The hearing came while Edward G. Bremer, 36, banker and scion of a wealthy and influential family, was being held by kidnapers who seized him more than two weeks ago.

Kahn characterized his demands as part of a war to drive out "riff-raff" who allegedly found haven in St. Paul after cleanups in other cities. The hearing was called by Police Commissioner John McDonald, principal target of Kahn's editorial fire.

The hearing was twice postponed when Kahn refused to appear before a "star chamber" in which the accused was to sit in a quasi-judicial position.

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BREMER WAITS WORD IN VAIN

N.Y. Times 2-5-34

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 5.—First of the three days which Adolph Bremer, sister of the kidnaped banker, Edward G. Bremer, has given the abductors in which to effect payment of the $200,000 ransom demanded has passed today without a word from the kidnapers.

Two more days must elapse before the father of the victim keeps his word, and turns the case over to the Federal and local authorities for nationwide action.

The father, intimate friend of President Roosevelt, through the press and radio stations here, informed the kidnapers that he is willing to pay the ransom.

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BREMER HINTS FEAR KIDNAPED SON WAS SLAIN

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 4.—(AP)—His hope mingled with grave fear, Adolph Bremer sought in his "own way" today to effect the return of his banker son, Edward, 37, victim of a kidnap gang seeking $200,000 ransom.

"Have Edward write a letter in his own hand," the father pleaded in a public statement to the abductors. The statement implied for the first time the family's belief that the victim may have been slain. For almost two weeks no word has been received from the abductors.

Adolph Bremer's "own way" was to promise in a published statement absolute secrecy to the gang concerning arrangements with the family; a promise that he would not have any "interest in any activity after my son is returned."

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BREMER KIDNAP DEADLINE ENDS TOMORROW

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 6 (I.N.S.).—While the family of Edward G. Bremer, missing bank president, still waited for a communication from his kidnapers, Federal authorities and police today prepared to launch a search for the abductors within 24 hours.

Unless negotiations are begun for Bremer's release, police authorities planned to swing into action with the passing tomorrow of the deadline set by Adolph Bremer, aged brewer and father of the banker. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 for a ransom of $200,000.

Police Chief Thomas Dahill, after questioning members of a band of eleven armed men captured at Owatonna, Minn., announced he was convinced they had no connection with the Bremer kidnaping although $4,000 was found in their possession.

The elder Bremer, who last Sunday broadcast notice that the kidnapers had but three days in which to open negotiations, has been given a free hand in attempting to contact the gang and in compliance with his request authorities have followed a policy of watchful waiting.

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POLICE WORKING ON BREMER CASE

Eleven Men Released After Questioning in Regard to Kidnaping.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 6.—The authorities have struck, but without success, in an initial effort to solve the $200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, wealthy banker, abducted January 17.

Eleven men, carrying $4,000 were arrested yesterday and last night at Owatonna, Minn., in the hope they might furnish information leading to a solution of the case, but Chief of Police Thomas Dahill announced after questioning them that he was convinced they had no connection with Bremer's abduction.

Dahill said one automatic pistol was found among the gang when they were captured in an apartment house in which they had been living since January 10.

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the missing banker, whose blood-stained automobile was found abandoned shortly after his abduction last month, declared the ransom money in $5 and $10 bills had not been paid.

The three days and three nights which Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and father of the kidnap victim, has allotted the gang before withdrawing his offer of secrecy and co-operation in negotiating without police interference, expires at noon tomorrow.

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11 Held as Bremer Suspects Absolved

Long Grilling Fails to Link Group to Kidnaping.

St. Paul, Feb. 5 (AP).—Eleven men, arrested at Owatonna, Minn., tonight as suspects in the kidnaping of Edward B. Bremer, were absolved of any connection with the abduction by Chief of Police Thomas Dahill after a lengthy grilling.

Silence only so far has answered the appeal of Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, that communication be established by the abductors at once with the family.

Unless some word is conveyed by Wednesday noon, the elder Bremer inferred in a statement issued last week, he would support authorities in tracking down the criminals.

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5 Suspects Quizzed In Bremer Mystery

ST. PAUL, Feb. 5 (U.P.).—Inspector Charles Tierney's anti-kidnaping squad held five men tonight for questioning after a hurried trip to Owatonna where the men were arrested. The men were questioned about the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, 36, son of Adolf Bremer. They were arrested in connection with an alcohol robbery and were not believed to be involved in the kidnaping.

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Police Plan to Hunt Bremer Kidnapers

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Inspector Charle Tierney's anti-kidnaping squad an Federal agents prepared today t begin a comprehensive hunt for th kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 36. bank president, as the latter's disappearance neared the three weeks' limit.

Adolf Bremer, the victim's father, announced he would call in police if he failed to hear from the abductors by Wednesday.

Meanwhile police were investigating the movements of five men arrested in Owatonna late yesterday on suspicion of having engineered the theft of 5512 gallons of alcohol from the La Salle Products Co. yesterday. Police were holding another five men who entered the apartment from which the first five were taken.

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have a military and naval force large enough to cause the malcontents, among the foreign powers to think twice before taking any steps to antagonize our country.

"America's slogan should be 'An Army and Navy second to none!'" 2-6-34

11 Bremer Kidnap Suspects Cleared

ST. PAUL, Feb. 6 (AP).—Eleven men, arrested at Owatonna, Minn., sought as suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, were absolved of any connection with the abduction by Chief of Police Thomas Dahill after a long grilling.

Five of the band, seized with $4,000 cash and an automatic pistol in their possession, were brought here by St. Paul police. The other six, Chief Dahill said, would be questioned about recent bank robberies and liquor law violations, particularly a $38,584 theft of denatured alcohol.

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SEIZE 11 ARMED MEN IN HUNT FOR KIDNAPING GANG

Five Freed of Bremer Blame After Quiz.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Eleven armed men were seized today at Owatonna, Minn., with $4,000 cash in their possession. After their capture this afternoon deputy sheriffs brought them here for questioning about the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. After severely grilling five of them, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill tonight said he was convinced they had no connection with the $200,000 kidnaping plot.

The five in custody are Archie Bell, 39, Blooming Prairie, George J. Overton, Blooming Prairie, Louis Meyers, 38, Pipestone, Jack Dahlin, 22, Galt, and Jose Vallee, 35, address not disclosed.

Six in St. Paul.

The remaining six, not identified, were to be brought here tonight by St. Paul police who, Chief Dahill said, planned to question them about recent bank robberies and liquor law violations, particularly the $38,584 theft of 5,512 gallons of denatured alcohol here yesterday from the LaSalle Products company.

Suspicion was aroused at the comings and goings of the 11 at their apartment house. The men, Owatonna authorities said, had been there since Jan. 20.

After the first five were seized deputy sheriffs secreted themselves in the apartment to await the rest of the gang, and were rewarded when six more men walked into the place.

No Ransom Paid Yet.

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of Edward Bremer, who received the first ransom note shortly before the victim's blood stained automobile was found abandoned Jan. 17, said tonight none of the $200,000 ransom money had been paid.

There were conjectures in some quarters whether the money had passed when it became known $4,000 was found on the men taken at Owatonna.

Only last Saturday Adolph Bremer, father of the kidnaped banker, had pleaded for return of his son, promising secrecy and coöperation with the gang for three days and nights if negotiations would be opened.

Today, however, passed without word from the abductors, as the family continued its watchful waiting for news from the gang.

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Gang Ignores Bremer Plea

Family's 3-Day Offer to Avoid Police in Kidnap Hunt Ends Today.

St. Paul, Feb. 6 (AP).—Less than 24 hours remained tonight for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer to communicate with the family before authorities may be given a free rein in hunting down the gang which seized the banker for $200,000 ransom.

Steadfastly refusing to cooperate with police, Adolph Bremer, father of the 37-year-old banker, in a final public plea to the abductors accorded them three days and three nights in which to make contact, with assurances of secrecy and cooperation.

That time expires tomorrow noon and so far no contact has been established. The elder Bremer declined today to say he would call in police and Department of Justice investigators.

In his statement Saturday, however, the father inferred he would take such action, viewing lack of communication to mean the band does not want to contact him and as thereby releasing him from any promises.

The younger Bremer was kidnaped January 17. His blood-stained automobile was found abandoned a few hours afterward.

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POLICE POISED FOR BREMER KIDNAP HUNT

No Word Received From Abductors of St. Paul Banker As Time Limit Ends

ST. PAUL, Feb. 7 (U.N.S.). Combined forces of police, State and Federal authorities were ready to unleash at an hour's notice today, an intensive manhunt for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker seized three weeks ago for $200,000 ransom.

Members of the Bremer family still insist that no communication had come from the abductors since January 17, the day of the kidnaping, when a note demanding the huge ransom was received.

To Begin Active Hunt

As the time limit set by the elder Bremer neared its expiration, it became increasingly evident that Department of Justice agents and police were prepared to abandon their policy of watchful waiting and begin an 'active hunt for the gang. Police Chief Thomas Dahill said a picked force of detectives was awaiting the signal to go into action.

Since the abduction, authorities have honored the request of the elder Bremer that he be given a free hand in his attempts to establish contact with the kidnapers of his son. He had stubbornly refused to cooperate with law enforcement officers.

In a public message Sunday, however, the wealthy brewer announced the kidnapers would have just three days and nights in which to carry through the ransom negotiations unhindered by the authorities.

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U. S. Agents Ready for Intensive Hunt in Bremer Kidnaping

Abductors' Period of Freedom From Police Ends Today and Forces Mobilize for Search

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 36, bank president, had until noon today to communicate with Adolf Bremer, the victim's father, without police interference.

Bremer was seized three weeks ago today and $200,000 ransom demanded for his return. After the kidnapers' first note no authentic communications have been received, the elder Bremer said. Bloodstains were found on the auto from which Bremer was kidnaped.

Unleashing of police activity in the case today was expected to bring about one of the most comprehensive man-hunts since the kidnaping of the infant son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

A secret mobilization of Justice Department agents in Minneapolis was said to have brought dozens of Government men into the case. St. Paul expected to see its newly organized anti-kidnaping squadron used to track down the abductors.

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Racket Prosecutor Threatened

J. D. Carpenter Jr. and Four Jersey Aids Are Told Retribution Waits for Them.

Threats of bodily harm and kidnaping have been received by James D. Carpenter Jr., Assistant State's Attorney-General in charge of the prosecutor's office in Paterson, N. J., and four men who have been working with him in an investigation of jury fixing, slot machine operation and general vice conditions. All the threats were made by telephone. A man telephoned Mrs. Carpenter at the prosecutor's home, 43 Glenwood avenue, Upper Montclair, and voiced a threat to kidnap the Carpenter children.

One of those threatened was Assistant Prosecutor Michael Shershin of Clifton, in charge of the prosecution at a slot machine trial which ended yesterday with the conviction of six men on a charge of conspiracy in the court of Quarter Sessions. The men convicted were Harry Kuller, James (Big Jim, Profito, Frank (Little Frank) Fialla, John Cammariato, John McDonald and Paul Louis Fialla. Threats were also received by Fred J. Senz, chief county detective, and Detective Sergeant James Smith and Detective Stephen Nauman of the Paterson police force.

All were told that retribution would be visited upon them if they did not cease their slot machine activities. As information in the hands of the authorities shows a tie-up of the slot machine racket with jury fixing and other phases of the vice inquiry, the threats were interpreted as applying to those phases of the investigation.

Acting Prosecutor Carpenter is president of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

"My answer," he said, "is the verdict the jury returned yesterday against six defendants in the slot machine case. These threats simply make us more determined to do everything we can to clean up this entire situation. All necessary precautions will be taken to frustrate any attempt to carry the threats into effect."

Most of the messages were received by the investigators at their homes.

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Hunt for Bremer Put Off One Day

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Father of Banker Delays Calling in Police in Hope of Making Contact

ST. PAUL, Feb. 7 (AP).—Another day in which to communicate with the family before law enforcement agencies started a search was granted today by Adolph Bremer to the kidnap gang holding his son, Edward, for $200,000 ransom.

"With the hope of making contact, I have decided to extend the time until Thursday night," said a statement by Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt, today. "Officials have agreed to this."

Last Saturday Adolph Bremer announced that he would give the gang three days and three nights in which to contact the family with assurance of secrecy and refusal of cooperation with the police. That period ended at noon today.

O'Connell Case Recalled

The underworld snatch of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, Minn., drew close today to tying the record for the longest kidnap seizure in modern criminology, says the Associated Press.

Twenty-two days have elapsed since the mid-Western bank president was kidnaped on January 17 after he had taken his young daughter to school.

John J. O'Connell Jr., heir to the O'Connell brothers' political dynasty in Albany, N. Y., was released by his kidnapers last July after a twenty-three-day seizure and payment of $40,000 ransom.

Young O'Connell's imprisonment is the longest on record in the nation-wide wave of kidnapings since the abduction and murder of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. Prior to the O'Connell case the snatchers of Charles Boettcher 2d in Denver, Colo., held the record at sixteen days.

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SHOWDOWN NEARS IN BREMER'S CASE

Family Deadline for Word From Abductors May Start Pursuit Today.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 7.—A showdown between the law and the kidnapers of Edward Bremer, abducted banker, appeared possible today.

This was indicated in a veiled threat of an intensive manhunt voiced by Adolph Bremer, father of the missing man, who had given the kidnapers three days and three nights in which to communicate with the family, without police interference.

Noon today was the deadline for receipt of the communication, and as the abductors apparently had spurned the elder Bremer's offer, there was considerable speculation as to whether the family would call on the authorities to help.

The elder Bremer declined to reveal what plans, if any, he had made.

So far the family has implored city police to remain out of the case and has not co-operated with Federal investigators, feeling that to do so would endanger the captive's life.

Whether the banker still was alive was a moot question, though sources close to the family professed belief Bremer still lived.

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BREMER GONE 3 WEEKS TODAY

ST. PAUL, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Less than twenty-four hours of grace remained tonight for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer to communicate with the family before authorities may be given a free rein in hunting down the gang which seized the banker for $200,000 ransom.

E. G. BREMER.

The abduction occurred three weeks ago tomorrow morning.

Steadfastly refusing to co-operate with police, Adolph Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and father of the 37-year-old banker, Saturday gave the kidnapers three days and three nights in which to communicate, with assurances of secrecy and co-operation.

That time expires tomorrow noon and up to tonight, no contact had been established. The elder Bremer declined to reveal whether he would call in police and Department of Justice investigators to hunt the gang.

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BREMER FAMILY STILL WAITS FOR KIDNAPERS' REPLY

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 6.—[Special.]—With the deadline when police will be called in a matter of hours away, there was nothing today to indicate that a contact with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 37 year old St. Paul banker, had been completed.

Relatives continued the silence begun Sunday when Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer, gave the men holding his son for $200,000 ransom a final three days and nights in which to communicate with him, but the anxiety written on the face of the aged father and other members of the Bremer family belied any possibility that the kidnapers had moved to negotiate.

While refusing to make statements before expiration of the deadline about noon tomorrow, police, state, and federal authorities were known to be preparing an intensive man hunt for the abductors, who seized Bremer the morning of Jan. 17 and who have made no move, since sending a note with a demand for ransom the same day, to Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor.

The authorities apparently were convinced Bremer is still alive, despite a widespread conviction throughout the city that the continued silence of the kidnapers indicated he is dead.

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BREMER RELEASED ON RANSOM AFTER BEING IMPRISONED 23 DAYS BY GANG

Amount Paid for Freedom of Banker Held for $200,000 Is Not Announced. Wounds Are Healed.

EYES WERE BLINDFOLDED OR TAPED ENTIRE TIME

Victim Is Thrown Out of Car by Trio Near Rochester, Minn., and Returns Home—Possible Clue Is Given by Chauffeur for Mayo Clinic Doctor.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 8.—Ransomed with an unannounced amount of money, Edward G. Bremer, seized by kidnapers for $200,000 January 17, was at home today after a 23-day imprisonment in an unlocated hideout.

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

Dr. Sprafka was summoned soon after the son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, had returned home after being thrown out on a highway near or at Rochester, Minn., about 85 miles south of here, last night. Dr. Sprafka said a ransom had been paid, but he did not know how much.

Possible Clue Found.

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven which held the president and owner of the Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 p.m. last night.

Bremer was unshaven. He had been either blindfolded or his eyes taped during the imprisonment, friends of the family said.

A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, 33, chauffeur for Dr. Waltman Walters, Mayo Clinic physician at Rochester. Street

Back Home

EDWARD G. BREMER.

Seen by Depot Employes.

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

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

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

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

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

Banker Is Quizzed.

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

As soon as Bremer returned home

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BREMER RELEASED ON RANSOM AFTER WAIT OF 23 DAYS

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Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department rushed to the Adolph Bremer home.

They, with Federal investigators, immediately began questioning the banker. No one else was permitted to enter the yard, guarded by police and Federal operatives.

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

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

Beyond that, silence veiled the experiences of the banker since the gang seized him shortly after he had left his 8-year-old daughter Betty at the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

Refused to Co-operate.

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

Beremer was held the same length of time as John J. O'Connell, jr., wealthy young member of a politically prominent New York State family. This was the longest kidnap seizure since the fatal Lindbergh baby abduction. Both O'Connell and Bremer were held 23 days.

Each victim was taken from his automobile. A short time after Bremer was seized an anonymous telephone call was received by Magee. The speaker informed him a note would be found on the rear doorstep of his office.

HUNT TO BE INTENSIFIED.

U. S. to Throw All Efforts Into Kidnap Search.

Department of Justice officials indicated today that the search for the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, would be intensified now that he has been returned alive.

This was disclosed as details of the return of Bremer were coming into the office of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation of the Justice Department. He would not see newspaper men.

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

He graduated from George Washington University where he received two degrees. He attended Catholic University for a time, but transferred to George Washington to complete his studies.

In other kidnap cases the Department of Justice has not thrown its fullest resources into the search for

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Bremer Kidnap Gang Still Aloof

Father Gives Abductors More Time to Dicker for Son's Release.

St. Paul, Feb. 7 (AP).—The law and the Bremer kidnap gang still marked time today as the mystery dragged through its twenty-second day.

Police activity was retarded by the latest word of Adolph Bremer, father of Edward, seized January 17 for $200,000 ransom, in offering one more day for the gang to communicate with the family without fear of interference.

Outwardly quiescent for days captors of Edward Bremer, 37 president and owner of the Commercial State Bank, continued to rest on their apparent lack of initiative toward opening negotiations for payment of the ransom.

Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., insisted no word from his son has been received.

Contemplating imminent contact, however, he extended until midnight tomorrow the time of three days and three nights announced last Sunday as the period in which he would pledge his word to keep inviolate any word from the gang and to cooperate fully with them.

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Ranson of $200,000 Is Paid in Full to Banker's Abductors

Young Heir to Brewing and Banking Fortune Was Beaten on Head by His Assailants

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, was released last night after full payment of the $200,000 ransom by Adolf Bremer, his millionaire father who is a friend of President Roosevelt, Federal agents and the family revealed today.

Bremer was freed in the residential district of Rochester, Minn., at 8 p. m. Federal agents immediately loosed their massed forces in a search for "three men driving a small sedan."

Bremer traveled by train and bus to his father's home in St. Paul, where he slept today with Government agents posted at every entry. Even city police officials found it hard to get in.

SMALL BILLS

Adolf Bremer revealed that the full amount of the ransom was paid Tuesday night with $84,000 in five-dollar bills and the balance in ten-dollar bils. He said today:

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

"I gratefully appreciate the personal interest of the President and Governor, and the splendid co-operation given by the press and by the radio. The city, state and Federal law enforcing authorities have been most kind in their offers of assistant. Above all, I will never forget their hamane willingness to stand by when my pleas convinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy.

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

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

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

"To parties holding Edward: I've done my par and kept my word 100 per cent just as I said I would. This money is out

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Released

EDWARD G. BREMER

MR. Nathan
MR. Tolson
MR. Clegg
MR. Cowley
MR. Edwards
MR. Egan
MR. Quinn
MR. Lester
MR. Locke
MR. Horer

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Ransom of $200,000 Is Paid for Bremer

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marked and is the full amount asked for. And now boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing by turning Edward loose at once.

(Signed) ADOLF BREMER."

On his return, the young banker explained that he was struck over the head after he was kidnaped and suffered a head injury.

Bremer dismissed the injury as "nothing at all to worry about." He had recovered completely before his release.

Other members of the family insisted upon a physical examination. A doctor was called.

SEVERE INJURIES

"Mr. Bremer suffered very severe injuries about the head," the doctor said. "He may have believed his hurts to be trifling, but they were serious."

Federal officials took complete charge of the case. J. Frank Blake, whose shrewd deductions helped solve the Charles Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City, was one of the first arrivals at the Bremer home after the announcement of the banker's return.

Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17 while en route to his office after taking his small daughter to school.

Shortly before noon the same day Walter MaGee, contractor and close friend of Bremer, received a telephone call.

"We've got your pal, Ed Bremer," he was told. "Don't get excited. Go to the back door of your office. You'll find further instructions there. Ed's automobile is out at the Dale Street Reservoir."

Magee found the note, which had been pushed under the door. It was typewritten. The note instructed him to raise $200,000 and "wait." He was not to notify police.

Magee communicated with Bremer's family. Police were notified but requested not to enter actively into the case. At the request of the family news of the kidnaping was not made public until the next afternoon.

The elder Bremer took charge of negotiations for his son's return. Indicating the family's willingness to comply with the kidnapers' demands, a notice was inserted in the "personal" column of a Minneapolis paper, reading, "We are ready, Alice."

It was not until four days later that a second communication was received from the kidnapers. A bottle containing two notes was thrown thru the glass door in the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Adolph Bremer's physician, at 6:30 a. m. Sunday.

The notes again warned against police intervention and gave specific directions for payment of the ransom money and the deliverance of the victim. Police and Federal officers agreed to remain out of the

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St. Louis, Missouri,
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MR. CONRAD ___
MR. NEASE ___
MR. SIZOO ___
MR. WINTERROWD ___

BREMER FREE; KIDNAPERS LET HIM GO ON 23D DAY

Wealthy St. Paul Banker Released at Rochester, Minn., Returns Home, Unharmed, but Weak and Exhausted.

NO WORD WHETHER RANSOM WAS PAID

Abductors Had Demanded $200,000 for Release and Father Was Willing to Meet Terms—Three Contacts Reported Made.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8. — Unharmed, but weak and exhausted, Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, was home again today after 23 days in the hands of kidnapers who held for $200,000 ransom.

He was released about 8 o'clock last night near Rochester, Minn., 85 miles south of here. He was turned loose by three men in a small sedan,f riends of the family said, but the kidnaping gang numbered six or seven.

Whether any of the ransom had been paid for the release of the 37-year-old president and owner of the Commercial State was conjectural.

The family, happy in their reunion, were protected from questioning by Department of Justice agents who guarded the home of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim. A physician was called to examine Bremer.

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

Friends said his eyes had been taped during the 23 days of his imprisonment.

First News of Release.

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

It was not learned whether Bremer had suffered an injury at the time of the kidnaping. Shortly after he was seized, between 8:20 a. m. and 8:30 a. m., Jan. 17, his automobile, with blood stains in it, was found the next day, abandoned in an outlying residential district.

Howard McGonn and Mrs. Jennie Haight, employes in the bus depot at Rochester, were believed to have been the first persons to see the banker after his reelase. He entered th depot, tehy said, about 8 p. m., yesterday, asking about bus connections with the Twin Cities. They told him he had missed the last bus that nighth, but that he could take a train to Owatonna, nearby, and catch a bus there.

Bremer was quoted as saying he could not do that.

McGonn and Mrs. Haight paid no particular attention to the unshaven stranger, who appeared dazed. They did not suspect he was the long-sought St. Paul banker. They did not know, they said, whether he took the train to Owatonna.

Officers Question the Victim.

As soon as Bremer returned home, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department went to the Adolph Bremer home. They with Federal investigators immediately began questioning the banker.

No one else was permitted to enter the yard, guarded by police and Federal operatives.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey County Attorney, went to the home shortly afterward. The door was shut in his face, but a few minutes later he was admitted.

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

At the home with Bremer and his father, were his uncle, Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of the American National Bank, and head of the Minnesota Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Dr. J. M. Sprafka said, after an examination, that Bremer's physical condition was "good." He had suffered a beating on the head, presumably when he was seized.

"The wounds are all healed now," said Dr. Sprafka. "Mr. Bremer is very, very nervous. I ordered him to bed for a good rest."

Dr. Sprafka said the banker's wife, and their 8-year-old daughter, Betty, were in the house with the family.

Bremer, the physician said, was not sure whether his eyes were taped or wkhether he was blindfolde dduring his imprisonment. Neither did he know where he was held captive.

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U. S. Authorities Will Scan Farm As Bremer Clue

St. Paul Dispatch

Examination of House Near Creston, Iowa, as Kidnap Hideout Planned.

Federal authorities prepared today to investigate a farm near Creston, Iowa, which an Iowa official said may have been the hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kept by kidnapers.

Authorities also resumed questioning of Mr. Bremer here to obtain more complete details of his story of the abduction.

Park Findley, former Des Moines sheriff and now head of the Iowa bureau of criminal investigation, disclosed, according to the Associated Press, he had given the federal officials the information that the farm near Creston was the hideout, but declined to make public the source of his information or the background of it.

The federal officials, headed by Harold Nathan, first assistant chief of the United States Department of Justice division of investigation, indicated they will not take Mr. Bremer to view the farm at least until more information regarding it is obtained.

The tight secrecy which has surrounded the Bremer case investigation from the beginning was continued today. Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul January 17, and held 22 days before he was released. A ransom of $200,000 was paid.

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KIDNAPERS FREE BREMER ON PAYMENT OF $200,000 RANSOM; HELD 23 DAYS

BANKER HAD BEEN BEATEN IN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

"Fairly Well Treated" After First Struggle on His Seizure — U. S. Agents Have Serial Numbers of Money Paid Abductors.

PUT OUT OF AUTO AT ROCHESTER

First Contact With Gang Which Held St. Paul Man Came Three Days After He Was Taken Away, Doctor Discloses.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8. — A ransom of $200,000 was paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, the victim's father, Adolph Bremer, declared in a statement issued today after Edward had returned to his home. He had been held for 23 days. He was thrown out of an automobile last night at 8 o'clock at Rochester, Minn., and returned home about midnight.

Bremer said the ransom was paid in currency in denominations specified by the abductors. The money, he added, was paid to the kidnapers Tuesday night.

Payment of the ransom, authorities said, was accompanied by a note signed by Adolph Bremer. It read:

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

Serial numbers of the bills have been listed by agents of the United States Department of Justice, and will be broadcast to the banks of the country.

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

"Fairly Well Treated."

Bremer's return marked the conclusion of the sixth major kidnaping in St. Paul. The payment of $200,000 constitutes the largest sum paid for the release of any of the country's kidnaping victims during the last few years. William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, kidnaped last spring, paid $100,000 ransom.

Bremer was described as in good condition and unharmed, but nervous and shaken. Federal agents said the banker had been "fairly well" treated during his three weeks of captivity.

It was reported that Bremer had been struck on the head by the abductors shortly before his release and was in a slightly dazed condition when freed. A friend of the family disclosed that Bremer had been blindfolded during all of the time he was in the hands of his captors.

Bremer was beaten when he first attempted to resist his abductors.

Victim Tells of Seizure.

When Bremer was stopped, one of the gang climbed into the front seat of his car with a pistol, the banker told police and Federal investigators.

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

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

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

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

When he was finally subdued, Bremer was pulled out of his own car by the kidnapers and placed in another one held in readiness. The ensuing ride lasted for 15 hours, and at length the kidnapers stopped in front of a house, believed somewhere near Rochester. There Bremer was held until last night.

Except for the first attack on him, it was learned, Bremer was well treated during the entire time he was held prisoner. He was given good food and plenty of it, and furnished a comfortable place to sleep.

Able to Detail Experience.

When the money had been paid, Bremer was placed in an automobile, still blindfolded, and driven for several hours. He was turned loose at Rochester, 85 miles from St. Paul.

He boarded a bus and came into St. Paul, and went at once to the home of his father.

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven which held the president and owner of the Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 p m.

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom, it was reported. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, though it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

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

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Tells of First Contact.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the Bremers, said the first contact with the family by the gang after the original ransom note was made through him. He received three notes, on Jan. 20, three days after the seizure.

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

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

A telephone call from an unidentified man that morning instructed the physician to "go down and look at your front door and don't be afraid." Nippert then found the envelope. It was penned in ink in Bremer's handwriting, the physician said.

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

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Story of the Kidnaping.

Bremer was kidnaped shortly after he had taken his daughter to school. His automobile with blood stains in it was found a short distance away. Shortly afterward one of the kidnapers called Magee said: "Well, we've got your friend, Bremer, and if you are not careful, we'll get you too." The man said Bremer would be killed if Magee called in police or communicated with newspapers. A note, the speaker said, would be found on Magee's doorstep.

The father had constantly refused to deal with police or Federal agents, saying he felt that to do so would endanger his son's life. Three days ago he gave public notice to the kidnapers that he would give them three days in which to communicate with him "by any source suitable to the abductors," and he hinted that if they did not he would call in the police.

Statement by Victim's Father.

Adolph Bremer issued a statement of thanks today, saying:

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

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

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

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

Gov. Olson called a State-wide conference of law enforcement officials for tomorrow.

"All law enforcing agencies and all law abiding citizens must join together to crush the menace of kidnaping," said the Governor. "Unless that is done it will grow to such an extent that no one will be safe and we will live under a condition worse than under the rule of a tyrant."

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BREMER BACK; 200 POLICE STA

MAGEE DELIVERS RANSOM MONEY; KIDNAPED BANKER RELEASED AT ROCHESTER

With Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, safe at home today. The Daily News learned that the full $200,000 ransom had been paid and that delivery of the money was made by Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor.

The News discovered that Mr. Magee, who received the first contact note and telephone call, delivered the money according to instructions of the snatchers, who told him to drive to a point on a certain highway, where he would find an abandoned Chevrolet coupe. He was instructed to get into the car and deliver the money. Further details of the delivery were not obtained.

Bruised about the head and in a highly nervous state, Mr. Bremer was at the home of his father, Adolf Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer.

Seized Jan. 17 at 8:15 a. m. near Lexington parkway and Goodrich ave., the president of the Commercial State bank was freed on a dark street in the residential district of Rochester late Wednesday night, exactly three weeks after he was snatched.

In a dazed condition as a result of his experiences and his injuries Mr. Bremer made his way by bus and train to the home of his father, 255 W. 7th st.

There he slept today with government agents posted at every entry to the home.

In another room was his gray-haired father, exclaiming, "I am so happy to tell you that my boy is back at last after this terrible experience."

In the same room sat his wife and his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, whom he had just taken to the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave., when he was kidnaped.

That the full amount of the ransom was paid was indicated in two developments today. One, that the money, in two large oversize suit

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THREE PERSONS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS HERE

Three persons were injured, one seriously in motor accidents in St. Paul Wednesday night.

Michael Thielen, 62, 322 Fisk st., was seriously hurt, suffering a probable skull fracture and other injuries about 9 p. m. when he was hit by a car at Western and University aves.

Those who suffered minor injuries were Joe Vauguene, 52, 447 Willius st., struck at 7th and Sibley sts., and John Lynch, 57, 719 Cromwell ave., injured when hit by a car at W. 7th st. and Goodrich ave.

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Kidnap Suspects

ALVIN KARPIS.

FRED BARKER.

Daily News Writer One To Pass Gua Police, Feds; Hit In Family.

BY ROSE McKEE.

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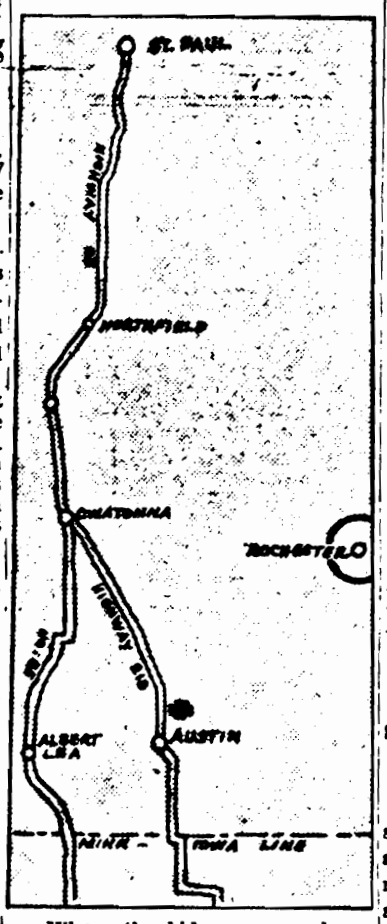

Where the kidnapers are believed to have passed County Attorney M. F. Kinkead and his family in southern Minnesota as they sped to get their victim in hiding, is shown by the cross on this map. The point is on highway No. 218, near Austin, and southwest of Rochester.

KIDNAP HIDEOUT IS BELIEVED IN IOWA; KINKEAD SAW CAR NEAR AUSTIN, RACING SOUTH

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With Edward G. Bremer safe at home and indications pointing to probability that he was held captive in Iowa, police and federal agents joined forces today, nearly 200 strong, for one of the most intensive manhunts in the nation's history.

Particularly sought were Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, former convicts and Missouri outlaws, hunted since April, 1932, as the murderers of George E. Anderson, alias George Cooper, 1031 Robert st., West St. Paul.

It was learned by The Daily News that descriptions of these two men have been forwarded to all offices of the federal investigation bureau.

Spurred by the second major kidnaping in six months in what has been called "America's kidnap capital," and by their defeat in trying to convict the Touhians in the William Hamm, Jr., abduction, federal agents launched an intensive search, particularly for "three men in a small coupe," who dropped Mr. Bremer on a dark street in the residential district of Rochester Wednesday night.

While police, equipped with machine guns and 17 of the newest type of automatic rifles, ordered Tuesday, joined forces, Gov. Olson today launched a state war on kidnapers, called a meeting of all peace officers for 10 a. m. Saturday at his office, offered to throw all state forces into the manhunt.

That Mr. Bremer probably was held captive in Iowa was seen in his statement that he rode for "10 or 12 hours" before he was freed in Rochester and in two new developments discovered by The Daily News today.

Car Seen Near Austin.

First was the statement of County Attorney Michael F. Kinkead that he, his wife and son, while en route to Florida Jan. 17, day of the Bremer abduction, saw a small, five-passenger car, speeding southward, near Austin.

There were at least five men in the car, he said he believed. As it passed them, two of three men in the rear seat turned toward the Kinkead machine, stared at it in passing. The man in the middle, believed to have been Mr. Bremer, did not turn.

The windows were steamed up, Mr. Kinkead said. At the time, he asserted, the thought of the Bremer kidnaping flashed into Mrs Kinkead's mind, although news of it had not yet been publicly released.

To Mr. Kinkead she said, "It looks as if those fellows had something on their mind. Maybe they know you." He said that he and his wife then talked of recent kidnapings in St. Paul.

"Probably" Sioux City.

Second development was the statement of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney for Minnesota, who prosecuted the Touhy aging in the Hamm case.

He said that he believed Mr. Bremer was held captive either in

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To Vote On Strike

St. Paul Coal Wagon, Truck Drivers Will Meet Tonight.

With hundreds of Minneapolitans short of fuel, Mill City coal dealers and their drivers and helpers were meeting today to try to iron out the strike which has halted nearly all coal deliveries.

In the meantime, plans went ahead in St. Paul for a meeting of coal wagon and truck drivers, and their helpers, at the Labor temple tonight, to vote whether St. Paul workers in this industry will go on strike Friday.

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British telegraph system, government-owned, and will send a telegraph message anywhere in Great Britain for 12 cents. That was the price at least when this writer was last in England.

Government ownership of telegraphs and telephones will come eventually here, of course, for natural monopolies will be all government property, eventually.

But not soon, the government has all it can attend to trying to be honest and efficient and manage all the business of the country.

Hungary, which hates communism as much as the oldest, most conservative banker in America hates it, has recognized the Russian government.

Stocks went up in Budapest when the Russian-Hungarian agreement was signed.

George Bernard Shaw "sees Britain drifting to war," says the headline. He said over the radio that talk about disarmament is "humbug," and that Britain is heading for war as "likely as not."

The British will find comfort in the fact that Shaw is old, and usually wrong.

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BREMER RETURNS HOME; $200,000 CASH PAID

boxes, was prepared in the following denominations: $84,000 in $5 bills, $116,000 in $10 bills. It was revealed that the ransom was paid Tuesday night.

The second development was the disclosure of a note dispatched with the money by Adolf Bremer. It read: "To parties holding Edward—I've done my part and kept my word 100 per cent just as I said I would. This money is not marked and is the full amount asked for. And now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be soprts and do the square thing by turning Edward loose at once, and tell him to come to my home first.—Adolf Bremer."

The Bremer ransom payment was one of the largest on record and exactly twice that paid for the release of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer and businessman. The $200,000 equaled that reported paid for release of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma City oil man.

Because news men were denied entrance to the Bremer home, the story of the release was told them by federal men. They said Mr. Bremer was "in good condition, unharmed, but very nervous and shaken."

However, a friend of the family who left the home early this morning, said that Mr. Bremer had "several bruises and large welts on his head."

Had Long Ride.

Mr. Bremer was released on a dark street in the residential section of Rochester after a ride he estimated as from 10 to 12 hours, according to his story as retold to newsmen by Forten Berry, department of justice agent, as the kidnap victim and members of the Bremer family refused to see any visitors.

From there, he said, Mr. Bremer went to downtown Rochester, boarding a train for a nearby town, where he caught a bus which brought him into St. Paul a little after midnight.

Mr. Berry said he could not recall the name of the nearby town.

Reaching St. Paul, on the bus, he said, Mr. Bremer left it as near as possible to his father's home, and took a taxi from there to the West End Commercial club, a block from the home, then calmly walked to the home of his father.

At the house waiting on a rear side porch were Mr. Berry, and Mr. Bremer's sister, Louise, waiting in hopes of word from the victim.

Mr Bremer was taken to Rochester in a "small car" it was stated, in which there were three men.

Mr. Berry said that Mr. Bremer had been "fairly well treated" all through his captivity, but he could

Besie[illegible] by reporters following the release of Edward Bremer by kidnapers [illegible] night, C[illegible] Bremer, wealthy brewer and uncle of the k[illegible]ved banker, and Charles [illegible] Schmidt [illegible]ewery manager, are shown denying a reporter [illegible] interview. Mr. Bremer [illegible] the right, the reporter at the left.

shortly after 8 a. m., and was refused admittance at first.

Though he informed department of justice agents who he was they said that made no difference, and persisted in refusing him admittance, until he insisted that word of his arrival be sent into the house to some member of the family.

After waiting a few minutes, he was admitted, on the O. K., it was said, of Inspector Charles Tierney, the head of the kidnap squad, who had arrived some time previously.

C. E. Newcome, manager of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co., and one of those who was active in trying to secure contact with the kidnapers, arrived at the home at 8:20 a. m. and when he was accosted by newspaper men, declared the return of Mr. Bremer was "all news to me."

Newsmen Barred.

When word of Bremer's return came today, newsmen flocked to Bremer's mansion, but their entrance was barred. No one but police officials was allowed to communicate with any member of the immediate family.

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200 POLICE, U. S. AGENTS IN KIDNAP MANHUNT

Sioux City, Ia., or Kansas City, "probably the former."

Among new developments being checked by police and federal agents today as they started their hunt was one of a mysterious airplane that circled St. Paul shortly after midnight Tuesday. Checkup of airplane companies revealed that no plane had arrived or was departing in St. Paul at that time, and belief was expressed that it may have been used in completing the kidnap contact.

Second was a checkup of the license number of a car believed to have been used by kidnapers. The number was turned in by a resident living near the kidnap scene who was at breakfast the morning of the abduction and noticed two cars, both large machines, and each occupied by one man, parked near the corner. One car drove away within a few minutes, the other remaining.

Curious, the police informant drove by there on the way downtown, and suspicious of the car, took the license number of the machine still parked there, within a block of where Bremer is believed to have been kidnaped.

Later, when the kidnaping was reported, the informant turned the license number over to police, who have been working on that clue for several days.

The informant also told of having seen, several mornings preceding the kidnaping, a large, dark car with a tan top, which drove slowly on Lincoln ave., to Lexington ave., then turned out Lexington ave. This car has not been seen since the kidnaping, police have been informed.

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GIRL REPORTER RUNS GUARD AT BREMER HOME

family I was afraid for I had been to their door three times now.

It was worth a chance though, I thought.

I got a cab to draw up to the side entrance of the Edward Bremer house. Reporters, recognizing my coat, crowded about me, snickered unnecessarily loud, but I pretended not to see them.

Lets "Nurse" In.

"I'm the nurse," I said to Werner Hanni, in charge of the federal bureau of investigation who would be the person to come to the door.

"The nurse?" he questioned.

"Yes, I came as soon as I could."

He let me in.

Inside an elderly woman whom I can't place but whom I have seen, I am sure, greeted me. She would have taken me in to Mrs. Bremer had it not been for Mr. Hanni.

"Just a minute. Where do you come from?" he asked.

"The St. Paul Nurses' exchange," I answered, hoping that my tone was matter of fact. I looked directly in his eye. (I have been told that you can't lie and look people in the eye, but that's not so.)

"Call the nurses' exchange and see if they sent anyone," he told the woman.

She called them and, of course, they had not sent anyone. But I hoped I could stall them until I found out a few things.

Mr. Hanni started to question me. My name? Margaret Anderson. Where did I take my training? I think I said Rochester.

Then I said, "But they told me Mrs. Bremer was ill."

Mrs. Bremer's First Sleep.

The woman—I hope she'll tell me who she is some day for it's bothering me—said, "Mrs. Bremer is sleeping. She's well. In fact this is the first time she's had any sleep since the kidnaping."

The house was deathly quiet. It seemed that we three were the only ones in the place which is so large it could well be called a mansion . . . and it is elegantly [illegible] too, in an old-fashioned [illegible] chairs were large and [illegible] comfortable they must be [illegible] Bremer, I thought.

Mr. Hanni started [illegible] again, I thought he suspe[illegible] being in with the kidnapin[illegible] thorough was he. "He'd m[illegible] reporter," I thought. (He [illegible] give me lessons some day [illegible]

He indicated he would [illegible] and I was ready to be a[illegible] fact I sort of hoped if we [illegible] might find something out [illegible]

But the woman interpo[illegible]

"She's not a nurse. She [illegible] paper woman. I know [illegible] said.

"But Mrs. Bremer . . . [illegible] to say, hoping I would [illegible] name.

"I'm not Mrs. Bremer," [illegible] but not angrily.

They both looked at me [illegible] ed in rather threatening [illegible] the game was up.

"What paper are you f[illegible] ed Mr. Hanni.

So I told him. I think [illegible] wanted to smile. But I [illegible] really couldn't indulge in [illegible] he had his position to m[illegible]

"You know this is a [illegible] fense . . . impersonatin[illegible] to get inside a house?" he [illegible]

I appealed to them for [illegible] . . . would they please [illegible] Mrs. Bremer?

"No, but you ought to [illegible] ed . . . you're the only [illegible] get in side the house," th[illegible] think I was there 15 m[illegible] though, of course, time [illegible] ter to me.

I tried to stay longer [illegible] eased me out, by just wa[illegible] the door and holding the [illegible]

When I got outside th[illegible] the photographers took [illegible] I even posed for a new[illegible] man and talked too. Th[illegible] quite an experience for [illegible] first time in my life t[illegible] "news."

When the cameraman [illegible] with me, the other report[illegible] ed around . . . trying [illegible] story. I was in for a g[illegible] kidding.

I'm going to stick to pl[illegible] ing. . . . I don't think [illegible] of a nurse.

TREASURY WOULD [illegible] STANDARD OF L[illegible]

WASHINGTON, Feb. [illegible] "raise the standard" [illegible] practicing before the t[illegible] partment were revealed b[illegible] Morgenthau today.

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GUARDING BREMER HOME

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Packed in foil s[illegible]

Candies
Cinnamon flav[illegible]
Sugared Jelly[illegible]

commentator. His ideas do not necessarily coincide with the editorial ideas of The Daily News.)

More French Trouble

Europe Knows Our Dollar

For Free American Wine

Gold Is Good Freight

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

(©1934.)

PARIS seeks continued rioting, and France again changed her government. Gaston Doumergue, former French president, 71 years old, undertakes the task of managing France under difficulties. France owes much to old men, and for [illegible] for her. Frenchmen retail [illegible]

EDWARD G. BREMER, kidnap victim, is back and St. Paul rejoices in his safe return.

BUT A CLOUD BLACKER THAN EVER HOVERS OVER THE CITY.

The fiends who seized Mr. Bremer apparently have collected an immense sum of money. Success has crowned their effor[illegible] They are at large—probably hundreds of miles a[illegible] time. But they may be right in our midst.

W[illegible] THEY COME BACK FOR MORE? WHE[illegible] HERS, ENCOURAGED BY THEIR SUC[illegible] KE THE NEXT BLOW?

[illegible]e police in the Bremer kidnaping, as in th[illegible] Bohn abductions, have been feeble. Even [illegible]nsideration to the fact that they have been [illegible] by restrictions quite naturally imposed by [illegible] the victim's family, no intelli[illegible] leadership [illegible]own.

[illegible] kidnaping problem is largely a matter of prevention. The task is a difficult one but it can be accomplished.

MILWAUKEE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS HAD BUT ONE ABDUCTION IN 10 YEARS. A TRAP WAS LAID FOR THE EXTORTIONIST. HE WAS SHOT DEAD AS HE TRIED TO PICK UP A BAG OF MONEY DROPPED FROM A CAR. MILWAUKEE HAS HAD NO KIDNAP THREAT SINCE THAT DAY.

Suspicious characters are not permitted to hang around in Milwaukee. Men without visible means of support are sent to jail, then chased out of town. Criminals carrying concealed weapons get heavy sentences. In St. Paul they are freed on nominal bail and given a chance to disappear.

MILWAUKEE, IN SHORT, HAS NO POLITICALLY DOMINATED POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT IS ABLE TO PREVENT CRIME.

St. Paul has had three major kidnapings under the present police administration. Whatever success has been made in solving any of them has been largely due to the efforts of federal operatives.

[illegible] men on its roster. It can not un[illegible] individual cities. What efforts i[illegible] the crime has been committed.

THE JOB OF PREVENTIN[illegible] ST. PAUL IS DISTINCTLY U[illegible] POLICE DEPARTMENT. It has [illegible] the past few years.

It will continue to fail as lo[illegible] rendered impotent by reason of p[illegible]

St. Paul's charter can be a[illegible] blight of politics. Pending this, [illegible] reorganized sufficiently to give at[illegible]tection to citizens.

UNTIL THIS IS ACCOMP[illegible] AND DAUGHTER OF A ST. P[illegible] FICIENTLY WEALTHY TO [illegible] COUNT IS A POTENTIAL KID[illegible]

—EDITOR, T[illegible]

THE ST. PAUL DAILY NEW[illegible]

Complete Wire Reports Of United Press, The Greatest World-Wide News Service

VOL. 34, NO. 344 ★ HOME EDITION ST. PAUL, MINN., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1934 WEATHER: Mostly cloudy tonight Friday; slowly rising temper[illegible]

BREMER BACK; $200,000 [illegible]

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Nurse's Garb Gets Girl KIDNAP HIDEOUT

s Guard Gets Gir[redacted]
er Into Bremer Home

Daily News Writer Only One To Pass Guard Of Police, Feds; Hits Snag In Family.

BY ROSE McKEE.

I was just ready to swallow my coffee this morning and dash to the office when the telephone rang.

"This is Fred Strong (city editor). Edward Bremer has returned. It is your job to see his wife and daughter. I don't know where you'll find them or how. Catch a cab." And bang went the receiver.

I followed by first hunch—that Edward Bremer was probably at the home of his father, Adolph, 855 W. 7th st. When my cab drew up in front of this home, I guessed I was right, for all the newspaper men in the Twin Cities were milling about in front of the house.

I walked up to the front door.

"Wish you luck," called a reporter from an opposition paper.

Louise Bremer, sister of the kidnaped man, came to the door.

She admitted Mrs. Edward Bremer was there, but she wouldn't let me in. Through the window I could see Betty Bremer, the little

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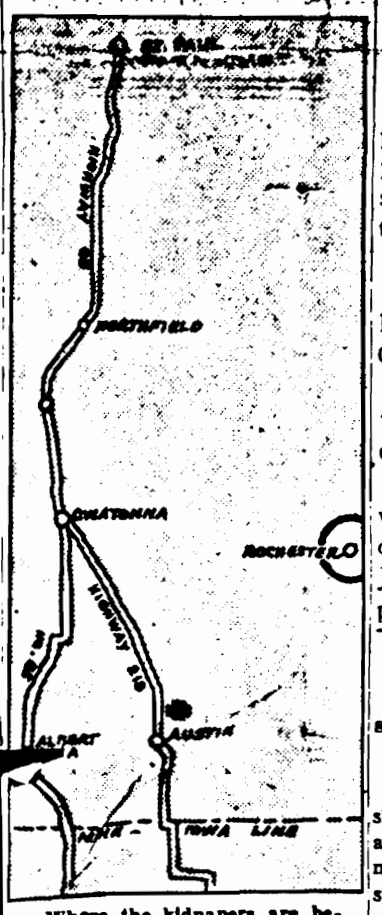
Pass Kinkead?



Where the kidnapers are believed to have passed County Attorney M. F. Kinkead and his family in southern Minnesota as they sped to get their victim in hiding, is shown by the cross on this map. The point is on highway No. 218, near Austin, and southwest of Rochester.

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NEAR AUSTIN

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With Edward G. Bremer [redacted] pointing to probability that [redacted] police and federal agents joined forces today, [redacted] strong, for one of the most intensive manhunts in the nation's history.

Particularly sought were Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, former convicts and Missouri outlaws, hunted since April, 1932, as the murderers of George E. Anderson, alias George Cooper, 1031 Robert st., West St. Paul.

It was learned by The Daily News that descriptions of these two men have been forwarded to all offices of the federal investigation bureau.

Spurred by the second major kidnaping in six months in what has been called "America's kidnap capital," and by their defeat in trying to convict the Touhians in the William Hamm, Jr., abduction, federal agents launched an intensive search, particularly for "three men in a small coupe," who dropped Mr. Bremer on a dark street in the residential district of Rochester Wednesday night.

While police, equipped with machine guns and 17 of the newest type of automatic rifles, ordered Tuesday, joined forces, Gov. Olson today launched a state war on kidnapers, called a meeting of all peace officers for 10 a. m. Saturday at his office, offered to throw all state forces into the manhunt.

That Mr. Bremer probably was held captive in Iowa was seen in his statement that he rode for "10 or 12 hours" before he was freed in Rochester and in two new developments discovered by The Daily News today.

Car Seen Near Austin.

First was the statement of County Attorney Michael F. Kinkead that he, his wife and son, while en route to Florida Jan. 17, day of the Bremer abduction, saw a small, five-passenger car, speeding southward near Austin.

There were at least five men in the car, he said he believed. As he passed them, two of three men in the rear seat turned toward the Kinkead machine, stared at it as it passing. The man in the middle, believed to have been Mr. Bremer, did not turn.

The windows were steamed up, Mr. Kinkead said. At the time, he asserted, the thought of the Bremer kidnaping flashed into Mrs Kinkead's mind, although news of it had not yet been publicly released.

To Mr. Kinkead she said, "It looks as if those fellows had something on their mind. Maybe they know you." He said that he and his wife then talked of recent kidnapings in St. Paul.

"Probably" Sioux City.

Second development was the statement of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney for Minnesota, who prosecuted the Touhy aging in the Hamm case.

He said that he believed Mr. Bremer was held captive either i

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To Vote On Strike

St. Paul Coal Wagon, Truck Drivers Will Meet Tonight.

With hundreds of Minneapolitans short of fuel, Mill City coal dealers and their drivers and helpers were meeting today to try to iron out the strike which has halted nearly all coal deliveries.

In the meantime, plans went ahead in St. Paul for a meeting of coal wagon and truck drivers, and their helpers, at the Labor temple tonight, to vote whether St. Paul workers in this industry will go on strike Friday.

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Highest -10, lowest -2[illegible]
Relative Humidity—7 a. m., 75 per cent
Wind Velocity—7 a. m., 10 [illegible] per hour.

(Further Weather Details, Page 1[illegible])

Nurse's Reporter

Kidnap Suspects

ALVIN KARPIS.

YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1934. Entered as second-class matter, Post Office, New York, N. Y.

200,000 RANSOM FREES BREMER; VICTIM TELLS STORY OF KIDNAPING

World — Telegram

THREE FIGURES IN THE BREMER KIDNAPING

Mrs. Edward G. Bremer.

Edward G. Bremer.

Money Delivered in Five and Ten Dollar Bills Tuesday—Victim Released in Rochester, Minn.

3 PUSHED HIM OUT OF SEDAN

Trail of Gang Leads Across State Line—Elder Bremer, Happy to Have Son Back, Aids Federal Agents.

By WILLIAM E. HALLBERG.

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ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—Freed after payment of $200,000 to his kidnapers, Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old bank president, today purred three law enforcement agencies in a manhunt for the abductors.

The trail of the gang that held the son of Adolf Bremer, millionaire brewer, for more than twenty-one days led southward through Rochester, where he was freed, to Sioux City, Ia., giving the federal government jurisdiction under the Linberg law.

"Six or seven" men were sought as the kidnapers, including the three who pushed Bremer from a small sedan in the residential district of Rochester, ninety-five miles south of St. Paul, at 8:30 P. M., Wednesday.

Their bargain with the kidnapers having been complied with by payment of the money and preservation of secrecy until the victim's return, both Adolf Bremer and his son threw their support behind the effort to capture the gang.

The money was paid Tuesday night by Walter Magee, prominent contractor and friend of the Bremers, through an ingenious plan in which he had to [illegible] his own automobile and drive a strange machine to the designated spot for the rendezvous with the kidnapers.

With bruises still visible about his head, but apparently recovered from the effects of the beating he received when

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BREMER FREED; KIDNAPERS GET $200,000 CASH

Full Amount of Ransom Was Paid on Tuesday Night.

NEWS OF RELEASE HELD UP

Intensive Search for Three Men in Small Sedan Started Immediately.

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full ransom was paid Tuesday night with $84,000 in five-dollar bills and the balance in ten-dollar bills. The silver-haired father said today:—

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

It was not until nearly twelve hours after the release of Bremer that news of it was given out by the family and the Department of Justice.

Takes Daughter in His Arms.

The attractive wife of the banker hastened to his side. There was a joyful reunion as she hugged her husband. Bremer swept his daughter, Betty, 9, into his arms.

Meanwhile, scattered details of the kidnaping became known.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician, confirmed United Press dispatches, which had related that he acted for a time as the "contact" man in the case.

Dr. Nippert, who previously had denied the reports, said he was made the intermediary for delivery of a message, contained in a bottle that was hurled through the front door glass of his home Saturday morning, January 20, and also admitted that he received a telephone

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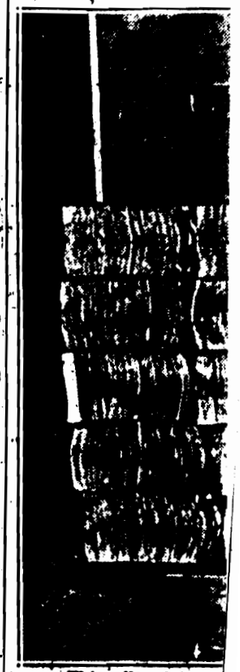

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Promised Every Saf[illegible]

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Saturday night the f[illegible] a conference of newspap[illegible] issued what was called [illegible] tum to the kidnapers, [illegible] until Wednesday noon t[illegible] cate with him. He went [illegible] the statement to the re[illegible] The next day [illegible] by many com[illegible] State and [illegible] Wednesday [illegible]

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM,

THE $200,000 RANSOM PAID BREMER KIDNAPERS

ve bundles of $5 and $10 bills totaling $200,000 rested in the valuts of a St. esday night, when, it was revealed today by Adolf Bremer, it was paid to kid- of his son, Edward G. Bremer. The bundles weighed fifty pounds and filled

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Adolph Bremer.

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ingenious plan in which he had to [illegible] mobile and drive a strange machine to the designated spot for the rendezvous with the kidnapers.

With bruises still visible about his head but apparently recovered from the effects of the beating he received when he tried to escape immediately after his abduction, young Bremer made his way by bus and train from Rochester and reached his father's home early today.

Bremer's Story of the Kidnaping

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—Edward G. Bremer, kidnap victim released yesterday, told police and federal investigators today some details of his abduction.

When Bremer was stopped after leaving his eight-year-old daughter, Betty, at school, January 17, one of the gang climbed into the front seat of his car with a gun in his hand, the banker told police and federal investigators.

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

Eyes Bandaged.

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

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

Kept in Dark Room.

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

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

Federal agents took charge of the case, throwing guards around the Bremer home to hold off all visitors, and in the meantime questioning the young banker. One of the agents was J. Frank Blake, credited with brilliant detective work in solving the Urschel kidnaping.

Later today Bremer was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and federal agents were compelled to end their questioning of him. The guards said no one was to be allowed to see him "because of his serious condition."

Used Abandoned Coupe.

Along with the clues given by Bremer, the United Press learned that St. Paul police had obtained the license number of one of the two automobiles believed to have been used by the kidnapers.

Other clues were sought from the automobile which Magee used in carrying out the kidnapers' instructions. It was learned that Magee drove his own automobile Tuesday night to a spot on a certain highway, where he had been told he would find an abandoned coupe. He drove this machine in paying the ransom.

After the money had been turned over, in a manner as yet undisclosed, Magee returned in the same machine and placed it in the garage at the Bremer home. Federal agents expressed the belief the car had been stolen.

Their bargain with the kidnapers having been complied with by payment of the money and preservation of secrecy until the victim's return, both Adolf Bremer and his son threw their support behind the effort to capture the gang.

Bremer travelled by train and bus to his father's home here after his release. Government agents were posted at every entry of his home. Even city police found it had to get in.

The Bremer ransom payment was one of the largest on record, equalling the reported payment of $200,000 for release of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire. In no other recent kidnaping case has such a large sum been demanded and collected.

Adolf Bremer revealed that the

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made the [illegible] of a message, contained in a bottle that was hurled through the front door glass of his home Saturday morning, January 20, and also admitted that he received a telephone call from the abductors, calling his attention to the notes.

Taken from Car.

Bremer was kidnaped shortly before 8:30 A. M. Wednesday, January 17, while en route to his office after taking his small daughter to school. A milk wagon driver, who was unaware of what was occurring, witnessed the abduction.

The kidnapers' automobile forced Bremer's car to the curb at a street intersection. One of the abductors got into the victim's automobile and both cars were driven away. Bremer's automobile, blood stained, was found in a suburb.

Shortly before noon the same day, Walter Magee, contractor and close friend of Bremer, received a telephone call.

Note in Office.

"We've got your pal, Ed Bremer," he was told. "Don't get excited. Go to the back door of your office. You'll find further instructions there. Ed's automobile is out at the Dale St. Reservoir."

Magee found the note, which had been pushed under the door. It was typew..tten. The note instructed him to raise $200,000 and wait. He was not to notify police.

Magee communicated with Bremer's family. Police were notified, but requested not to enter actively into the case. At the request of the family news of the kidnaping was not made public until the next afternoon.

The elder Bremer took charge of negotiations for his son's return. Indicating the family's willingness to comply with the kidnapers' demands, a notice was inserted in the personal column of a Minneapolis paper, reading, "We are ready. Alice."

It was not until four days later that a second communication was received from the kidnapers. This was in the bottle containing two notes thrown through the glass door in the house of Dr. Nippert.

The notes again warned against police intervention and gave specific

the statement to [illegible]

The next three days were marked by many conferences among federal, State and city authorities. The Wednesday dead line arrived and Bremer announced that no further communication had been received. However, he seemed so optimistic that authorities granted him thirty more hours.

BREMER FREED, $20

N.Y. Evg. Post 2-8-34

Eyes Taped 22 Days, Banker Is Unharmed; Weak and Exhausted

Doctor Called After Release Near Rochester, Minn.—Head Wounds Were Healed—6 or 7 in Gang

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8 (AP).—Ransomed with an unannounced amount of money, Edward G. Bremer, seized by kidnapers for $200,000 January 17, was at home today after a twenty-two day imprisonment in an unlocated hideout.

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

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

The Minneapolis Journal, however, said the full amount was paid and that with the money Adolph Bremer sent the following note:

"To the parties holding Edward:

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

"Release Edward and tell him to come to my house first.

"(Signed) ADOLPH BREMER."

All in Small Bills

The Journal said the ransom consisted of $85,000 in $5 bills and the remainder in $10 bills.

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven which held the president and owner of the Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 o'clock last night.

Bremer was unshaven. He had been either blindfolded or his eyes taped during the imprisonment, friends of the family said.

A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, thirty-three chauffeur for Dr. W. Walters, Mayo Clinic physician at Rochester. Street said he saw two well-dressed men in an automobile bearing a New York license at Lewiston, Minn., about 3 A. M. today. Lewiston is thirty-seven miles east of Rochester.

Magee Delivered Ransom

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, though it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe, a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

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

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

Taxi Driver Recalls Him

visiting had learned he would be unable to get a bus, stated there had St. Paul that night.

Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the Bremers, said the first contact with the family by the gang after the original ransom note was made through him. He received three notes, on January 20, three days after the seizure.

In Bremer's Handwriting

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

A telephone call from an unidentified man that morning instructed the physician to "go down and look at your front door and don't be afraid." Nippert then found the envelope. It was penned in ink in Bremer's handwriting, the physician said.

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

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

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

Asked About Connections

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

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

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When Bremer was stopped after leaving his eight-year-old daughter, Betty, at school January 17, one of the gang climbed into the front seat of his car with a gun in his hand, the banker told police and Federal investigators.

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

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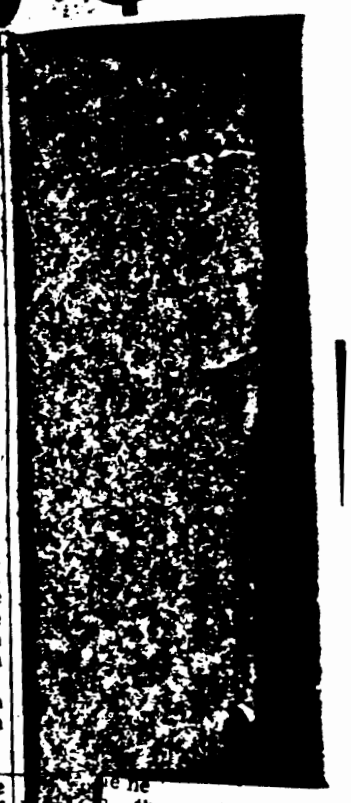

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A possible clue to the gang was given by Douglas Street, thirty-three chauffeur for Dr. W. Walters, Mayo Clinic physician at Rochester. Street said he saw two well-dressed men in an automobile bearing a New York license at Lewiston, Minn., about 3 A. M. today. Lewiston is thirty-seven miles east of Rochester.

Magee Delivered Ransom

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, though it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe, a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

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

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

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No Sacrifice "Too Great"

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

Cummings Admits Payment

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Two hundred thousand dollars wa
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On February 3 the elder Bremer gave the kidnapers three days to prove his son still was alive. On February 6 police feared the young banker was dead.

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THE WEATHER

Fair, colder tonight; tomorrow fair and continued cold; fresh northerly winds.

Sun rose, 6:59 a. m.; sun sets, 5:22 p. m. High tide at Governors Island, 2:06 a. m. and 2:22 p. m.

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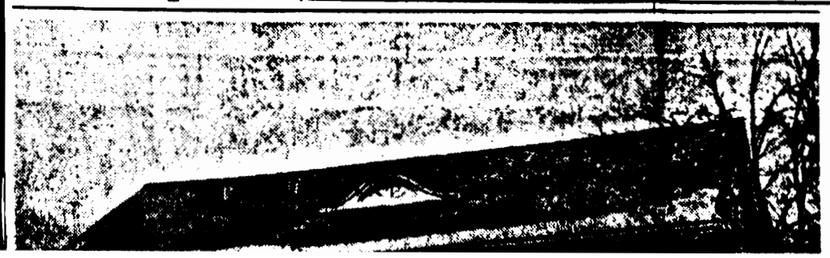

PAID IN $5 AND $10 BILLS, SAYS BANKER'S FATHER; VICTIM HOME DAZED

ST. PAUL HOME OF EDWARD G. BREMER.

It was from this luxurious home in St. Paul that Edward G. Bremer, millionaire banker and son of brewery magnate, was kidnaped almost a month ago. Since then, the search for him and his kidnapers has been shrouded in much mystery. A ransom note demanded $200,000, which his relatives agreed to pay. Pictures from International News Photograph Service.

KIDNAPED BANKER

A note saying he had been accidentally killed by the kidnapers was received soon after the kidnaping, but police said it was written by a "crank."

Adolph Br er, declared today, follo ing the retu of the kidnap vi tim to his home here.

Adolph Bremer said the ransom was paid in notes and bills, $85,000 of which were $5 notes and the remainder in $10 bills, as demanded by the abductors. The money, he added, was paid to the kidnapers Tuesday night.

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

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U. S. Suspends Probe Of Weirton Election

New Vote to Be Taken at Steel Plant, Cummings Announces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Department of Justice investigation into the election of company representatives of the Weirton Steel Company has been suspended pending a new election, Attorney-General Cummings said today.

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and Cincinnati Clearing House
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Falling Man Grasps Fire Box, Loses $50

Alibi Fails to Impress Magistrate, Who Imposes Fine

Frank Matzger gave the best excuse of the week in court today, but it cost him $50 just the same.

Matzger, 28, of 377 69th st., Brooklyn, explained in Bay Ridge Court that he was falling on a slippery sidewalk and yanked at thefirst thing he happened to grasp for support. It happened to be the pull lever of a fire alarm box.

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4 MEN, WOMAN JAILED IN 1931 KIDNAPING CASE

All Charged with Holding Dr. Kelley, St. Louis Physician; $100,000 Reported Paid

By Universal Service.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—Four men and the wife of a prominent physician were held here tonight on charges of kidnaping Dr. Isaac D. Kelley, Jr., in April, 1931.

Dr. Kelley was lured from his home on a fake sick call and was released after eight days of captivity, when it was reported, although never verified, that ransom of $100,000 had been paid.

Mrs. Nellie Muench, wife of the physician; Angelo Rosegrant, John Johnson and Mart Davit were arrested this afternoon. A fourth man, Felix Francis McDonald, is in State prison, where he is serving a sentence for an attempted kidnaping.

Mrs. Muench branded her arrest as "an outrage," asserting:

"I don't know anything about the case or anyone in it."

DEADLINE EXTENDED.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 7 (US).—An additional 40 hours was granted today to kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer to establish contact with the victim's father, Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer.

The deadline, originally fixed for noon today, was extended at the request of the elder Bremer, who said:

"In hopes of making a contact the officials have agreed with me to extend the time until Thursday night, Feb. 8."

While the family spirit was broken by failure of the abductors to heed Bremer's earlier plea for the safe return of his son, hope for the youthful banker's safe return has not been abandoned.

Mr. Bremer remained in the seclusion of his home. He has promised immediate payment of the $200,000 ransom if communication is established and proof furnished his son is still alive.

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Kidnapers Release Bremer; $200,000 Ransom Is Paid

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The President sent his personal condolence to the father shortly after the kidnaping. Otto Bremer, uncle of the kidnaped man, is head of the Minnesota Federal Home Owners Loan Association and is a leader in the democratic party in this state.

It was between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m., January 17, that Edward Bremer left his home at 92 North Mississippi River boulevard, in St. Paul, to drive to work. His 8-year-old daughter, Betty, accompanied him. He drove her to the fashionable Summit school on Goodrich avenue. A moment after he had left her, the kidnapers seized him.

His bloodstained automobile was found abandoned on Edgecumbe drive, near the Highland Park golf course, on the south city limits of St. Paul.

The same day, at 11 a.m., Walter Magee, prominent St. Paul contractor, received a telephone call. It was the kidnapers' representative. He told Magee that Bremer had been kidnaped and instructed him to look in the rear of his office for a note. The note demanded $200,000 ransom. The note instructed the family to insert an ad "We are ready—Alice" in a Minneapolis newspaper, signifying they were ready to negotiate. This was done.

Dr. Nippert Admits Bottle Contained Note From Bremer's Kidnapers

The next word was heard from the kidnapers January 20 when the kidnapers got a note to Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer family physician.

Dr. Nippert admitted today the bottle which was thrown through the front door of his home at 706 Lincoln avenue, St. Paul, January 2, actually did contain a note from the kidnapers. It was reported at the time this was the case, but no one with knowledge of the facts would confirm the report.

An automobile drove past Dr. Nippert's house early in the morning. There was a crash and a patent medicine bottle broke through the glass in the front door of the Nippert home. The next night, an automobile parked for a moment in front of the Nippert home and its headlights flashed on and off, as if signaling. The porch light of the Nippert home then flashed, as if in answer. The car drove away.

A veil of secrecy was thrown around later activities in the case and the public knew nothing more of the actual negotiations with the kidnapers until the time of Bremer's release last night.

Saturday, Adolf Bremer issued a public statement, appealing to the kidnapers. He promised to carry out their wishes to the letter but gave them a time limit of three days and three nights in which to act. Yesterday he announced this time limit had been extended until "Thursday night, February 8." At that time, he had received final instructions from the kidnapers and was ready to pay the ransom.

Bremer Released in Residential Section, Wanders to Bus Station

After payment of the ransom, Bremer was released in the residential district of Rochester. Three men in a "small sedan" released him. He wandered downtown to the Rochester bus station.

The first persons to see Bremer after his release were Howard McGoon and Mrs. Jennie Haight, employees in the bus depot at Rochester. Mr. Bremer entered the bus depot at about 8 p.m. yesterday. He asked when he could get a bus to St. Paul.

McGoon told him that the last night bus for the Twin Cities had left but advised him he could take a train to Owatonna and catch a bus there to the Twin Cities. Bremer said he couldn't do that. Bremer was unkempt and badly in need of a shave, the bus depot employees said. He appeared highly nervous and constantly blinked his eyes, as though they were unaccustomed to the light. The employees did not recognize him as Bremer and he gave no indication of his identity.

Goes to Father's Home

Bremer made his way to his father's home immediately after he arrived in St. Paul.

As soon as Bremer returned home, Warner Hanni, chief of the federal department of justice in St. Paul; Harold Nathan, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the department of justice; Frank

Road Routing Work Delayed

Twin City Officials to Seek More Equitable Share of Tourist Trade

The new state highway routing system is being held in abeyance as Minneapolis and St. Paul officials prepared to confer in an attempt to work out a more feasible routing of federal highways through the two cities.

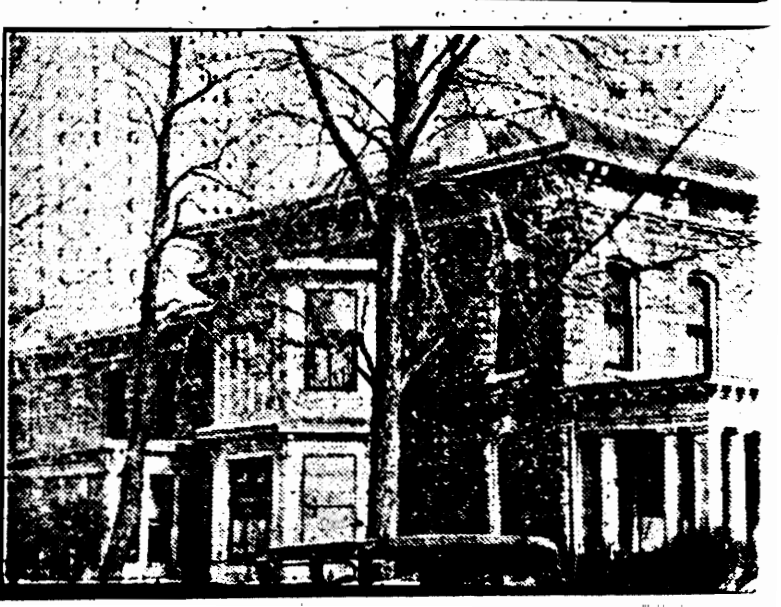
Thought settled once, the new routing system was attacked a few days ago as the result of a dispute between Detroit Lakes and Alexandria over the routing of federal highway No. 10.

This highway originally passed through Detroit

FIGURES AND SCENES IN N

TODAY WAS A HAPPY DAY in the home of Adolf Bremer in St. Paul, where Edward G. Bremer joined his wife and daughter Betty, after 22 days in the hands of kidnapers. In the pictures above, left to right, are: Adolf Bremer, father of the kidnaped banker, who announced the ransom money had been paid to the gang which released his son in Rochester, Minn.; the back stoop of the office of Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of Edward Bremer, where the original ransom demand note was left, and Walter Magee, who was named contact man by the kidnapers and who worked to aid the family gain Mr. Bremer's return. In the lower pictures are Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and Otto Bremer, Minnesota democratic leader and uncle of Edward, who took part in the family councils on having the young St. Paul banker returned.

UNCLE AND FRIEND WELCOME BR



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Day-by-Day Acc nt of Kidnaping and Manhunt

Extension of Deadline Proves Successful in Obtaining Release

E. G. Bremer was kidnaped Wednesday, January 17, shortly after 8:15 a.m. At that hour he left his home, 92 North Mississippi River boulevard, with his young daughter Betty in his automobile.

He drove down Summit avenue, St. Paul, and then turned over to Summit school, 1150 Goodrich avenue, where he dropped Betty. Presumably, he turned back to Summit avenue, as was his custom, to continue his trip to his office in the St. Paul loop. He was seized somewhere between the school and the office.

The first intimation of a kidnaping came about 8 p.m., the same day, when Walter W. Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of young Bremer, received a telephone call telling him the wealthy young banker was in the hands of abductors.

Voice Apparently Disguised

A gruff voice, apparently disguised, came over the wire, threatening death or injury to the young man in case police or the newspapers were advised of the crime. Mr. Magee was told he would find a note at the rear of his office.

The note was found, containing a demand for $200,000, which was ordered paid before noon, Friday.

Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Bremer's car, its seats and floorboard smeared with blood, was found abandoned near the home of Martin Thornton, president of Thornton Brothers Contracting Company, at 1910 Edgcumbe road. This was more than a mile from the place where the kidnapers said it would be recovered—at the Highland park water tower.

With these developments, members of the Bremer family started to raise the money necessary to effect the young man's release. The following morning, Thursday, an advertisement was run in the personal column of a Minneapolis newspaper saying, "We are ready. Alice," the signal ordered by the abductors.

Kept Secret Until Thursday

Up until this time the crime had been shrouded in the deepest secrecy. Thursday at 1:10 p.m., newspapers of the Twin Cities published the first accounts of the abduction. Less than two hours later the federal government entered the case and Frank Blake, ace investigator of the department of justice, was ordered to Minnesota by airplane from Texas.

Late the next day (Thursday, January 18,) Dr. Russell R. Noice, 1707 Thomas avenue N. reported to police he had seen a man, his eyes bandaged, slumped down in the seat of a small coupe, being driven out West Broadway toward the city limits.

The following morning, Friday, brought no word from the kidnapers. Harold Nathan, assistant national chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, and Mr. Blake arrived in St. Paul by airplane to aid in the hunt for the kidnaping gang.

At the same time, a friend of Mr. Bremer, George St. Marie of St. Paul, went to police and informed them he believed Mr. Bremer was shadowed by gangsters before the kidnaping. He said he had been bowling with Mr. Bre-

all Twin City newspapers and issued a signed statement addressed to the kidnapers. It reads:

"All city, state and federal authorities have consented to allow me in my own way for a limited time to seek the return of my boy.

"First and last I am only interested in the safe return of Edward and if the following suggestions are carried out I will have no interest in any activity after my son is returned.

"My telephones in home and office have been watched; therefore contact in this way is not advisable. I merely mention this to indicate to you men that I am sincere in my desire and efforts to communicate with you free from any outside interference.

"I realize that I cannot publish my choice in making the contact. To convince you that there is no catch in this effort of mine, I can see but one way to work out our negotiations. Edward will have to select someone regardless of where he may be located in the United States. Have Edward write this party a letter in his own handwriting referring to this notice in the press so that I will know he has read it. Enclose with Edward's letter your instructions to the party that Edward selects but be sure to give sufficient time for the instructions to be carried out.

Extended Deadline a Day

"If I have not heard from Edward within three days and three nights, I shall understand that you do not wish to deal with me and I will feel I am released from any obligations as contained in this note.

"I give you my word of honor when this contact is made no one except the parties named by you shall have any knowledge of its existence.

(Signed) "Adolf Bremer."

The deadline of "three days and three nights" set by Mr. Bremer was to expire yesterday noon. Early yesterday Mr. Bremer issued another terse statement. He said:

"In the hope of making a contact, the officials have agreed with me to extend the time to Thursday night, February 8."

Bremer's release last night came as a complete surprise to the outside world.

Wed Minneapolis Girl

Mr. Bremer was born in St. Paul 37 years ago. He was educated at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and entered the banking business in 1919, starting as a messengeer. About 10 years ago he married Miss Emily Eswein of Minneapolis. They have one child, the daughter, Betty.

Mr. Bremer has one brother, Adolf Bremer, Jr., who lives at the old Bremer family home, 855 West Seventh street, St. Paul, and three sisters, Miss Louise Bremer, Mrs. Franklyn H. Matson, 881 Fairmount avenue, St. Paul, and Mrs. Victor Philip Heim of New Ulm, Minn.

Would Raise Margin Limit

Revised Grain Exchange Code Aims to Limit Individual Lines

Special to The Journal

Washington, Feb. 8.—A prohibitive margin requirement, designed to prevent accumulation of excess individual lines will be included in the revised grain exchange code, being drawn up by the agricultural adjustment administration.

The exchange code, according to Chester C. Davis, federal farm administrator, is nearing completion and should be ready for announcement within a fortnight. Thus far, he said, major differences between the government and the exchanges as the terms of the pact have been satisfactorily ironed out.

The definite margin requirements to be included in the code, it was said, are 10 per cent of the open market price on futures contracts held by an individual, up to 2,000,000 bushels. On all lines over that total, the margin requirement will be 25 per cent. Agricultural adjustment administraion officials believe the 25 per cent requirement will virtually prohibit acquisition of individual holdings beyond 2,000,000 bushels.

The farm administration has blamed the long lines held by a Chicago speculator for the sudden slump in commodity futures last summer and believes the 25 per cent requirement will prevent a recurrence of that situation without imposing a definite restriction on lines.

In order that traders with excessive lines at present will not unload their holdings immediately when the 25 per cent margin requirement is announced, the grain

End of Coal Strike Seen

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Martha Mueller Funeral Saturday

Martha E. Mueller, 56 years
yesterday in her home, 3228
venue. Born in Lewiston,
he had lived in Minneapolis
s. Surviving are her hus-
erman F.; two daughters,
and Lyla; her parents, Mr.
s. B. T. Beise; a sister, Mrs.
chenbeck, and a brother, R.
, Minneapolis. Funeral ser-
ill be at 2 p.m. Saturday in
Olivet Lutheran church, Chi-
enue and Thirty-first street,
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was a member of Mount
hurch.

riod during which the virtually prohibitive percentage will not be effective. AAA officials were fearful, it was said, that the imposition of the 25 per cent requirement suddenly, would precipitate a serious market crash.

The exchange code, according to reports, will contain a prohibition against trading in indemnities, or "puts" and "calls." AAA experts regard this type of trading as unnecessary to the conduct of the grain futures business.

Under the code, daily fluctuation limits of five cents on wheat, four cents on corn and three cents on oats will remain effective, subject to removal or alteration by the secretary of agriculture.

Shriners Sign Circus Queen

May Wirth to Do Full Somersault on Back of Horse in Auditorium

May Wirth, who is known as the queen of circus equestriennes, will be one of the featured performers at the annual Shrine circus which will have its first performance at 2 p.m. February 20 in the Municipal Auditorium.

Miss Wirth has been a star for a number of years in the Ringling Bros. Hagenbeck and other circuses, but this will be her first appearance here with a Shrine show. She is said to be the only woman rider who does a full somersault on the back of a horse.

Her act is one of several star numbers which were booked by Mayor A. G. Bainbridge, chairman of the circus committee of Zuhrah temple, when it was feared Clyde Beatty would be unable to bring his sensational wild animal act to Minneapolis. When Beatty was finally obtained the circus committee retained the other star acts it had booked, so that this year's show will contain the largest number of headliners of any Zuhrah circus.

Members of the ticket committee report the advance sale of tickets for the circus is the best in several years. Word has been received from Detroit that the Shrine Circus there had a full week of its two-week run sold out days before the show started. Other Shrine temples which have adopted the Zuhrah idea of staging winter circuses all report big attendance.

Funds from the circus this year will be employed for the annual Shrine convention which is expected to bring more than 100,000 visitors to Minneapolis in June. Elaborate decorations and entertainment have been planned for the convention, which is one of the largest in the United States. Advance men from various Shrine temples have begun to arrive in Minneapolis to make arrangements for housing their delegations.

A wingless rooster in the Washington zoo is being studied to learn more of the origin of flight.

American minnows introduced in Istria province, Italy, have entirely freed the area of malaria by eating mosquito larvae.

before and had noticed two men loitering around the bowling alley.

One of them, according to St. Marie, remarked, "That isn't the man. It's the other," pointing to Mr. Bremer as the trio emerged from the bowling alley.

No Fingerprints in Car

Friday brought few developments in the case. Police, federal and state authorities were urgently requested by the elder Bremer to refrain from any activities which might endanger the young man's life. Bertillon experts, however, examined the kidnaped man's car and determined that no fingerprints had been left behind. Apparently the abductors wore gloves while staging the crime.

The same day the forces of the Minnesota American Legion, of which Mr. Bremer was a member, were placed at the disposal of the family in the event a statewide hunt for the abductors was launched.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday (January 20, 21 and 22) were days of anxious waiting, made more trying by scores of wild rumors which flew about the two cities. Three different times rumors gained wide circulation to the effect that Bremer had been found dead and were disproved.

Early Sunday, a bottle was thrown through the plate glass in the front door of the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, family physician to the Bremers. Immediately, reports began to seep out that the bottle contained two notes written by the kidnapers to the Bremer family. Monday night, an automobile stopped in front of the Nippert home for a moment and its lights were flashed on and off twice. There was an answering flash from the Nippert porch light.

Contact Denied

By Tuesday, it was generally accepted the kidnapers had finally established a definite contact with the Bremer family. The family, however, continued silent, denying such talk and insisting no word had been received.

Day after day passed with the family insisting no contact had been made with the kidnapers.

"Still no news," was the persistent word from Bremer's home, the home of his father and from Mr. Magee.

Only one incident occurred which could have been construed as a contact. Late Saturday night, January 27, two Montana men driving into Minneapolis on Lyndale avenue S saw a canvas bag lying between the highway and the guardrail a short distance south of Lyndale bridge over the Minnesota river. The bag, they said, looked somewhat like bags used by banks for transferring currency.

As they slowed down to investigate, they said, a large sedan, mud-spattered and without license plates, drew up slowly from the opposite direction. When they discovered the car carried four "rough looking" men, the Montanans drove on into Minneapolis and notified police. A squad of deputy sheriffs sped to the scene, but when they arrived the bag had disappeared. Members of the Bremer family again strenuously denied a contact had been made.

By Saturday, February 3, the Bremer family was frantic. Adolf Bremer called in representatives of

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coal yards to get sacks or small
loads of coal and that this protec-
tion would be given in as full a
measure as possible.

Five Jailed in Thefts

Five men, ranging from 18 to 22 years of age, were jailed today on the complaint that they were selling stolen coal. All were residents of the east side.

L. R. Agrell, manager of an apartment house at 1225 Hawthorn avenue, appeared at police headquarters today asking for police protection in order that he might get a load of coal.

"My building is freezing up," he said, explaining his available supply had been used up early last night. Police suggested that if he would get a truck or trailer that would hold a few sacks of coal, enough to tide him over the day, he would be given protection against any strike interference.

Agrell told police 200 persons in his district were without coal and were suffering.

The East Side high school building reported only fuel enough for this week, but all other city school buildings are apparently supplied for some time.

William Brown, president of the Coal Drivers Union, said the tieup will be extended to include drivers of fuel oil trucks and that some of the oil drivers may go out today. In anticipation of this, several oil companies made deliveries to homes all night Wednesday.

St. Paul Strike Impends

A strike of coal truck drivers in St. Paul impended today. Two meetings for St. Paul truck drivers have been called for 8 p.m. today at the Trades and Labor assembly, Franklin and Ninth streets, to consider striking tomorrow.

One meeting will be a special session of coal drivers to be presided over by Robert Fleming, secretary of the St. Paul Truck Drivers and Chauffeurs union No. 120. The other meeting will be for all truck drivers. Both employed and unemployed drivers have been asked to be present. The strike, however, if called, would affect only coal men.

Grievances, union officials said, are that some drivers are being paid less than NRA (national recovery administration) code wages and are required to pay for accident insurance. Probably demands will be $1.25 a ton for truck owners and 65½ cents an hour for men driving company owned trucks.

The Union Not Involved

George Guider, business representative of the Ice and Coal Wagon Drivers' union local No. 221, announced today: "The members of this union are in no way connected with the coal strike now on in Minneapolis. The members of this union have been and are working under an agreement between the union and the companies which have employed them for the last 25 years.

"The present agreement expires on April 1, 1934," Mr. Guider said. "To break the agreement before its expiration would be a violation of the laws of the international union and likewise would be a breach of faith between the companies and the men employed by them."

he Urschel kidnap case, and St. Paul police officials were called.

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

Greeted by Family

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

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

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

Was Beaten About Head

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

Bremer was not sure whether his eyes had been taped or blindfolded.

Soon after the physician left, a barber arrived at the house in a taxicab. Bremer had an unkempt beard when he was released and one of his first requests after he returned was for a barber to shave him.

U. S. Students Called To Oust Huey Long

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—A call to the nation's students to join in unified action to force the ouster of Huey P. Long from the senate was sounded today by the Harvard Liberal Club.

The club has sent letters to undergraduate political organizations of more than 100 colleges and universities in all parts of the country calling attention to the failure of the senate committee on elections and privileges to take action against the Kingfish in the face of evidence of alleged corrupt practices.

EXTENSION SCHOOL PARTY

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

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

Route Split at St. Cloud

A few years ago citizens of Alexandria decided their city, too, should be on highway No. 10, and an appeal to the highway department led to a splitting of the route at St. Cloud, the northern branch going through Detroit Lakes and the southern through Alexandria.

When the new state marking system was being worked out, it was decided the splitting of highways was no longer feasible, and Alexandria was awarded the highway No. 10 marking. This led to a furore in Detroit Lakes and a large delegation of citizens was dispatched to the highway department to protest.

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

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

Seek Share of Business

At a meeting with N. W. Elsberg, state highway commissioner, representatives of the Hennepin County Good Roads Association coming into this section was from Illinois. The way the roads are routed at present, practically all this business must come to St. Paul before it can pass on to Minneapolis, it was said.

It is feasible to route traffic from the southeast through Rochester direct to Minneapolis and some road marking to make this possible should be devised, they added.

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

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

Arrived

Champlain, New York, February 7, from Havre.

Excalibur, New York, February 7, Marseilles.

President Jefferson, Shanghai, February 6, Seattle.

Excambion, Marseilles, February 3, New York.

Alaunia, London, February 6, New York.

Carinthia, Marinique, February 7, New York.

Aquitania, Madeira, February 7, New York.

Empress of Britain, Bombay, February 7, New York.

Manhattan, Havre, February 7, New York.

United States, Copenhagen, February 7, New York.

Southern Prince, New York, February 7, Buenos Aires.

Ascania, New York, February 7, London.

Sailed

President Harding, Hamburg, February 7, for New York.

President Roosevelt, New York, February 7, for Hamburg.

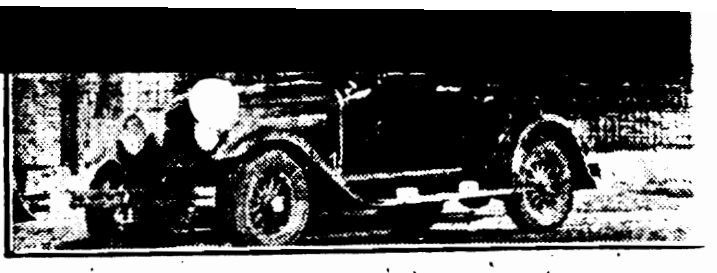
President Van Buren, New York, February 7, Manila via San Franvisco.

Volendam, Rotterdam, February 7, for New York.

Conte Di Savoia, Gibraltar, February 7, New York.

City of Havre, Hamburg, February 4, Baltimer.

President Jackson, Shanghai, February 6, Seattle.



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

PRISONERS MAKE TOYS

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

Table Shows How New Income Tax Will Be Applied

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee has issued a table showing how much a married man with no dependents would have to pay under the normal income and surtax rates proposed in the new revenue bill.

The normal rate is 4 per cent and the surtax rates begin at 4 per cent on incomes of $4,000 and are graduated to 59 per cent on those over $1,000,000.

A credit of 10 per cent is allowed on earned incomes up to $8,000.

A personal deduction of $2,500 is allowed a married man with no dependents.

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

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

If all earned income. Net Income	Present Law	Proposed	All dividends Present Law	Proposed
$ 3,000	$20	$8	$0	$0
3,500	40	26	0	0
4,000	60	44	0	0
4,500	80	62	0	0
5,000	100	80	0	0
6,000	140	116	0	0
7,000	210	172	10	20
8,000	300	248	20	60
9,000	390	328	30	100
10,000	480	408	40	140
12,000	680	583	80	235
14,000	900	778	140	350
16,000	1,140	993	220	485
18,000	1,400	1,228	320	640
20,000	1,680	1,498	440	830
25,000	2,520	2,348	880	1,480
30,000	3,480	3,378	1,440	2,310
40,000	5,800	5,743	2,960	4,275
50,000	8,600	8,633	4,960	6,765
60,000	11,900	12,003	7,160	9,635
80,000	20,000	20,258	13,960	17,190
100,000	30,100	30,358	22,160	26,490
500,000	263,600	263,708	223,960	243,840
1,000,000	571,100	571,158	491,160	532,290

The new rates do not apply on 1933 incomes, taxes on which must be paid starting March 15.

Illness Delayed Gang Note

Wife Deadened Te[illegible] Failed to He[illegible]

Illness of his wife delayed Dr. T. Nippert in delivering the se[illegible] of the series of messages from kidnapers of Edward G. Bre[illegible] the Bremer family physician today.

The kidnapers hurled a b[illegible] through the front door glass of Nippert home at 6:30 a.m. Satu[illegible] January 20, three days after the naping. The bottle containe[illegible] envelope addressed to the physi[illegible] Inside was a note to Adolf Bre[illegible] father of the victim.

Dr. Nippert heard the crash thought a storm window had f[illegible] off or there had been an autom[illegible] collision. He turned on the lig[illegible] his bedroom and looked out of window. He saw nothing ou[illegible] the ordinary.

Forty-five minutes later, Dr. [illegible]pert's housemaid called from d[illegible] stairs and asked why he had been answering the telephone. [illegible] knew of the physician's strict ad[illegible]ence to professional duties, in[illegible]ing his habit of answering all phone rings quickly.

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

"I was in the bathroom sh[illegible] when the maid called, Dr. Ni[illegible] said. "I told the girl I did not [illegible] the phone ring. I went to answ[illegible]

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Kidnapers Release St. Paul Banker at Rochester in Night

Victim Slugged After Abduction — Head Wounds Heal in 22 Days of Captivity—Bremer Nervous

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

Dr. Nippert Admits Bottle Thrown Through Door Contained Note—Final Instructions Received Yesterday

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

He had been held captive 22 days and 12 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"To the parties holding Edward:

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

"Release Edward and tell him to come to my home first.

(Signed) Adolf Bremer."

At 8 p.m. yesterday, young Bremer was released in the residential section of Rochester. He said he knew nothing except that "three men in a small sedan" had released him. Finding he could not get a bus from Rochester to St. Paul last night, he went to Owatonna by train, where he caught a late bus to the Twin Cities. At the St. Paul bus depot, he hired a taxicab and drove to within a block and a half of his father's home. Then he walked to the door, arriving at the residence of his father, 355 West Seventh street, St. Paul, shortly after midnight.

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

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

Newspaper Men Barred, Sleeping Powder Reported Given Bremer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brewery Workers Cheer Lustily When Told Edward Had Returned

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

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

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

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

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

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BREMER IS FREED

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

RANSOM MONEY IS PAID

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

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

HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALED

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

"PRISON" MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE.

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

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

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

(By the Associated Press.)

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

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

Thrown Out on Highway.

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

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

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

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

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

Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend of the family, was the intermediary who delivered the ransom. Full details of the delivery were not disclosed, although it was learned Magee had taken from the pocket of a small coupe a note from the kidnapers, standing with his back to the curb while reading the communication.

Placed "Bundle of Money."

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

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

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

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

Another Intermediary In.

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

Dr. H. T. Nippert, physician and friend of the Bremers, revealed today the first contact with the family by the gang after the original ransom note was made through him. He received three notes, he said, the morning of January 20, three days after the banker's seizure.

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

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

In Bremer's Handwriting.

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

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

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

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

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EDWARD G. BREMER.

Commercial State Bank prisoner, freed him about 8 o'clock last night.

Bremer was unshaven. He either had been blindfolded or his eyes taped during the imprisonment, friends of the family said.

Possible Clue Is Reported.

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

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

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

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

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Police in Secret Quiz.

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

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

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

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

Father Grateful for Aid.

Adolph Bremer later issued a statement of thanks:

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

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

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

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

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Bremer Is Returned Alive By Kidnapers After 22 Days

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

WHETHER $200,000 RANSOM WAS PAID IS NOT DISCLOSED

Victim Was Waylaid by Gang In Street After Driving 8-Year-Old Daughter to School

BEATEN ABOUT THE HEAD BUT NOT SEVERELY HURT

(Illustrated on Picture Page)

St. Paul, Feb. 8—(AP)—Weak and exhausted, Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, was at home today after being freed at about 8 o'clock last night by the kidnap gang which had held him 22 days for $200,000 ransom.

Whether any of the demanded ransom had been paid was not disclosed.

His captors, who numbered six or seven, close friends of the family said, released him near Rochester, Minn., 85 miles south of here. He was turned loose by three men in a small sedan, they said.

The 37-year-old president and owner of the Commercial State Bank for whose life fears had been expressed was uninjured other than suffering from exhaustion.

The family, happy in being reunited with the banker, was protected from interruption by Department of Justice agents who guarded the home of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim.

FREED BY KIDNAPERS

EDWARD G. BREMER
Wealthy St. Paul banker who returned alive today after 22 days captivity.

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

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

Friends said his eyes had been taped during his imprisonment.

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

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

Shortly after he was seized between 8.20 A. M. and 8.30 A. M., January 17, his blood-stained automobile was found the next day, abandoned in an outlying residential district.

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

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

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

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

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

They with Federal investigators immediately began questioning the banker. No one else was permitted to enter the yard, guarded by police and Federal operatives.

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

Beyond that, silence veiled the experiences of the banker since the gang stopped his car, seized him in the street shortly after he had driven his 8-year-old daughter, Bet-

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ty, to the exclusive Summit Girls' School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kidnap Note.

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

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

(Signed) "Adolph Bremer."

One of Largest.

Bremer ransom

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E. G. BREMER.
Held 19 Days a Prisoner.

Own Story

Guarded Day and Night, Says Bremer.

Warned Not to Look Around.

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

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FATHER EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR BREMER CONTACT

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

He issued a statement which said:

"In hopes of making a contact, the officials have agreed with me to extend the time until tomorrow night."

The deadline set in the elder Bremer's appeal to the kidnapers Sunday expired at noon today. In the statement which set the original deadline the brewer indicated that if the kidnapers who seized his son Jan. 17 for $200,000 ransom had not communicated with him by today he would turn the case wide open to the federal, state, and St. Paul authorities. These previously at Bremer's request, have ~~been inac~~tive in the case.

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Bremer Closeted With Authorities, Relating Kidnap Experiences

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

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

RELEASED AFTER RIDE.

After Adolph Bremer, millionaire brewer and father of the kidnap victim, established contact with the criminals and paid over the ransom, the banker was released.

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

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

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

Bremer Father Thanks Those Who Aided

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BANKER HOME, SAFE AFTER BEING HELD 23 DAYS

Joyful Father Reveals How He Paid Cash in Old Bills.

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

Payment of the ransom was admitted by Adolph Bremer, the banker's rich brewer father.

The elder Bremer said the ransom was paid in notes and bills, $85,000 of which were $5 notes and the remainder in $10 bills, as demanded by the abductors. The money, he added, was paid to the kidnapers Tuesday night.

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

[illegible] IN GOOD CONDITION.

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

Adolph Bremer said:

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

BEATEN IN FIGHT.

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

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

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

Here Bremer was held until last night.

PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD.

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

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