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## State Trooper Discovers Banker's Place of Captivity In Farmhouse

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### Bremer Still in St. Paul

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

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

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

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

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# **BREMER RANSOM LOAN**

## **Government Money Said to Have Been Used**

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

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

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

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## KIDNAP HIDEOUT IN BREMER CASE BELIEVED FOUND

State Police Tip Indicates  
Farm House in Southwest  
Iowa Was Used.

### VICTIM STUDIES PHOTOGRAPHS

Attempts to Pick Out Men Who  
Held Him Three Weeks for  
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Federal investigators began an immediate check of the Iowa information. Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, took charge of this angle of the investigation, which now has spread across the country and into Canada.

Findley, turning over his facts to Federal men, asked that Bremer come to Iowa and look at the farmhouse to clinch the identification. Bremer was still in St. Paul early today, and no indications were given that he would make the trip until after Federal men have been there.

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

#### Bremer Looks at Pictures.

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

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

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# **BREMER'S PRISON FOUND.**

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

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 12 (AP).

The Register quoted Park A. Findley, superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation, tonight as saying that Edward G. Bremer, kidnapped St. Paul banker, was held prisoner on a farm nine miles southwest of Creston, Iowa.

Mr. Findley said positive information had been given to him that Bremer was in the farmhouse almost all of the three weeks he was imprisoned, the paper said.

"I can't violate the confidence of these sources," the bureau chief was quoted as saying, "and naturally there are some things that cannot be told while the investigation is continuing."

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Mr. Findley has recommended to a Chicago agent of the Department of Justice that Bremer be taken into Southwestern Iowa to identify the farmhouse, the paper said.

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# BREMER'S PRISON LOCATED IN IOWA

*Phil E. Ledger*  
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## BELIEVED HELD IN FARM HOUSE NEAR CRESTON

Official Awaits U. S. Agents  
and Asks Bremer Be Taken  
to Identify Place.

Final Ransom Contact Cred-  
ited to Efforts of Priest at  
Prior Lake.

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

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

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

Knows 'Authority' on Crime.  
"I can't violate the confidence of these sources," Findley said after revealing he had been told the location of the farm house, "and naturally there are some things that cannot be told while the investigation is continuing."

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### Purvis to Investigate.

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

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

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

### Distance Tallies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Keep Watching Road.

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

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

### Bremer Shown Pictures.

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

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

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EVENING TRIBUNE

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CHECK  
WALLPAPER OF  
HOUSE IN IOWAKidnap Victim to Make Trip  
to Creston If It Tallies  
With Description.

Through a description of wallpaper furnished by the victim, federal department of justice agents Tuesday sought to identify a house near Creston, Iowa, as the hideout in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was held captive for 22 days by kidnapers who collected \$200,000 for his release.

The house was located by operatives of the Iowa bureau of criminal apprehension. It is situated nine miles from Creston, which is in southwestern Iowa, about 300 miles from Minneapolis.

## Bremer to Make Trip.

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

Reports that the house in which Mr. Bremer was held had been located were denied by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal investigators in Washington. He told the Washington bureau of The Minneapolis Tribune that "the report was in error," and that investigations showed the place had not been the hideout.

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L. J. Deere



# Auto Stolen, Avers Man At Faribault

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Knows Wallpaper.

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

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

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

## Findley Is Secretive.

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

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

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

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

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

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## COUPLE SOUGHT IN BREMER CASE SIFT

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

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

## SANKEY SUICIDE PACT WITH PALS RECALLED

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

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

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

naping, January 17 of Edward G. Bremer, 57-year-old St. Paul banker. Simultaneously, the banker who was held for \$200,000 ransom and who returned early Friday after 21 days in captivity, issued a blanket denial that he can identify two of the kidnaping gang.

Additional developments today included:

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

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

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

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

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

It was from an apartment in that vicinity that the telephone call was made to the home of Dr. H. T. Nipper, 706 Lincoln avenue. Dr. Nipper, Bremer family physician, received the call at 7 A. M., January

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Gene Day After Abduction.

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

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

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

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

### Were Seen in Drug Store.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 15 Cameras On Banker.

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

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

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

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

### Limped From Injury.

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

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

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

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

### Tried to Cut Ransom.

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

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

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

### Secrecy on Money.

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

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

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

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

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

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## LIGHTS AND BUS LED BREMER RANSOM CAR

*St. Paul Pioneer Press*

Red Lanterns Placed Along  
Road Guided Magee to  
Payoff Spot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Bremer Kidnap Gang Lair Believed Found

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

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

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## Bremer Held On Iowa Farm, Sleuth Reveals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Swindle Attempt Revealed.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12 (AP).—Police today disclosed what they termed a plot by an unidentified Winnipeg man to swindle the wealthy Bremer family of St. Paul, Minn., of \$200,000 ransom money in the belief their son, Edward, would be returned.

Authorities revealed the attempted hoax in denying reports circulated here Saturday that United States Federal agents were tracking down the kidnapers in Winnipeg.

They also denied that a contact man, employed by the Bremer family, was in Winnipeg last week.

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## SUSPECTED KIDNAP HIDEOUT CHECKED

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

By the Associated Press.  
DES MOINES, February 12.—Until more definite information is obtained Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will not be asked to come to Iowa to aid in a search for the hideout to which he was taken by kidnapers, Harold Nathan of the Federal Department of Investigation said today.

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

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

### Bremer Knows Place.

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

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

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

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

### Priest Helped Family.

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

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

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

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

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## NO TRACE IS FOUND OF BREMER HIDEOUT

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

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

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

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

### Town All Agog.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The tip on the Creston farm-

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

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

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

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

### Bremer Confers with Investigators.

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

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

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# COMB 2 STATES FOR HIDEOUT OF KIDNAPING GANG

## Clews Indicate Bremer Seized by Outsiders.

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

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

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

### Believed Outside Gang.

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

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

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

### Hunt for Fingerprints.

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

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

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

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**CLUES SOUGHT BY POLICE  
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000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer,  
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Clues were sought to the place  
where Bremer, president of the  
Commercial State Bank, was held  
captured from January 17, when he  
was released here, February 7,  
when he was released at Rochester,  
Minn., after payment of ransom.  
Bremer rested over the week-  
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# NY MIRROR 2-12-34 Hamm In Search For Kidnapers of Banker Bremer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Aiding Federal Men?



WILLIAM HAMM, JR.  
Another kidnap victim reported searching for Bremer abductors.

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# Two States Scoured For Bremer Clues

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Scouts were sent out when Bremer was held 22 days in a hideout. Out of the hideout, he promised a man to be freed, but refused to confirm the man in southwestern Iowa. It has been the place where Bremer held.

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### Sought For Murder.

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The two also are sought for the murder of a West Plains, Mo., sheriff and for killing of George Anderson, West St. Paul, at whose home they also hid out for a time, and from which they fled, Mayor Mahoney charged during his last campaign, after a police tip-off.

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Questioned by Daily News staff men for some time, he would make no statement.

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## U. S. OPERATIVE, CITED BY MAYOR, RETURNS TO CITY

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

### NEW PANEL ANNOUNCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The names are Frank C. Bancroft,

cent W. Dawson, 1078 Lombard avenue; Mrs. Florence Fletcher, 76 Central terrace; John B. Graham, 2524 Territorial road; John C. Hary, 1915 Laurel avenue; John H. Henke, 842 Aurora avenue; Howard L. Johnson, 804 Lincoln avenue; Den E. Lane, 1349 Fairmount avenue; Robert W. McCoud, 76 West Summit avenue; Apartment M; Olaf J. Olson, 880 Marshall avenue; George L. Robinson, 1056 Portland avenue; Marcus Rogers, 949 Grand avenue; Markus F. Rosacker, 1623 Summit avenue; Fred W. Siegel, 921 Earl street; Harold G. Sommers, 1889 Goodrich avenue; Henry G. Southeray, 941 Fairmount avenue; Genevieve Spangenberg, 369 Laurel avenue; Elmer Turnquist, 1184 Orange street; Gerda M. Wallblom, 924 Clark street; and Edith Wheeler, 97 North Oxford street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Sheriff Hunts for Hideout of Bremer Kidnapers Near Here

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make it more efficient and cleaner. A truer name for them is anti-parliamentarians.

What are the chief Fascist and anti-parliamentary groups in the several European countries?

#### Two in Britain.

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

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

#### Handful.

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

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significance.

As many as in 1914. So much for the European future. On the one hand, it is gaining ground steadily. On the other hand, it has scored a victory only in states where there is little or no real democratic experience.

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

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

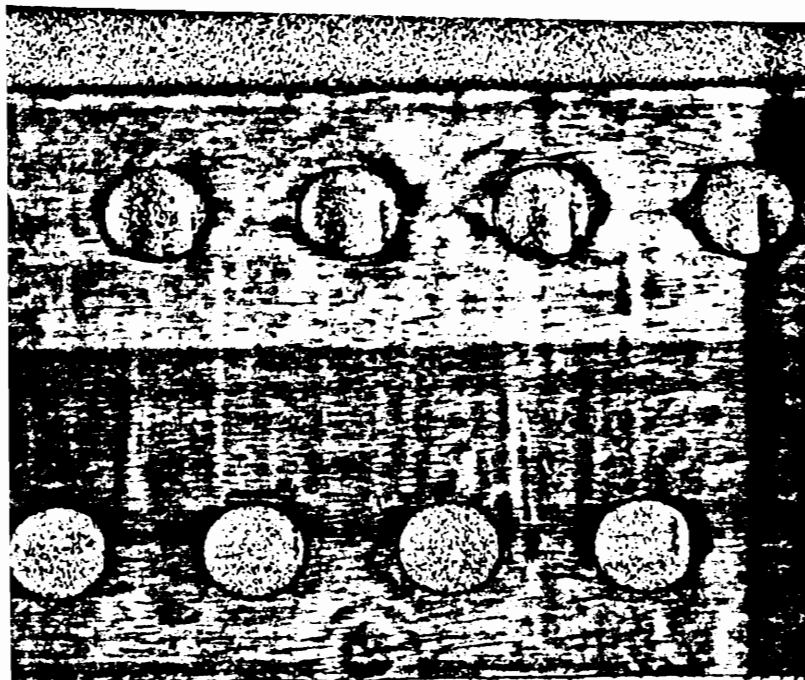
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#### Private Lanes.

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

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

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

#### Named First.

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

Sheriff Robert Waldburger of Fort Dodge, Ia., said Monday he had received from the United States department of justice serial numbers of the bank notes paid in the ransom of Bremer. The 81-page catalog lists 10,000 notes of \$5 denomination and 15,000 notes of \$10 denomination, Waldburger said.

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

## Priest Revealed As Contact Man

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

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

#### Entered Home.

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## Fears Line Tapped.

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

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

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## Now, More Kidnapings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12 (I.N.S.)—Secrecy surrounded activities of Department of Justice agents and police today in their search for the hideout where kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, bank president, for three weeks until \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The search, it was understood, was being concentrated in lower Minnesota and in the Sioux City area of Iowa.

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

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

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## SEARCH CONTINUES AS BREMER RESTS

Police Silent on Investiga-  
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By the Associated Press.

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

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

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

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

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## Bremer Kidnap Gang Is Hunted In Two States

**Hideout Where Captors  
Held Banker Still Is  
Unfound.**

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

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

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

### Outside Gang, Is Hint

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

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

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

### "Anyone a Suspect."

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

## Bremer Rests After Release



Associated Press Photo.

### EDWARD G. BREMER,

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

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## HAMM-HELPING U. S. AGENTS IN BREMER HUNT

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

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

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

### CLOSE PARALLEL

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

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

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

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

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

### FLED APARTMENT

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

Further linking the two crimes, it was learned that an unidentified

## REUNITED AFTER KIDNAPING

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

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

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### Sankey's Widow Awaits Trial in Boettcher Kidnap Case

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papers spread today from Rochester, scene of his release Wednesday after the ransom was paid, to Kansas City, and included Sioux Falls, Iowa, and Fairbault, Minn., where Walter W. Magee, intermediary, delivered the ransom.

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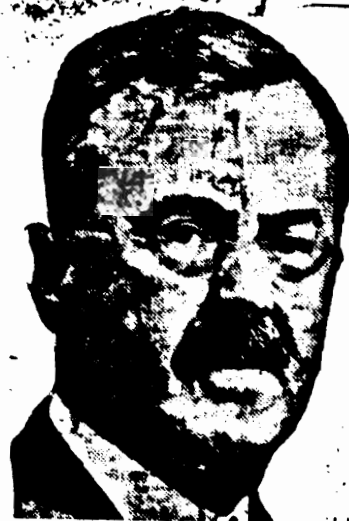
With two principals in the \$60,000 ransom kidnaping of Charles Boettcher II removed—one by suicide and the other by imprisonment for life—federal authorities today turned to the prosecution of Mrs. Verne Sankey.

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

### Dad's Home to Which Bremer Returned



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





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Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror.  
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### Her Ruse Fails



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

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

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

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

The actual search for the kid-

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DR. H. T. NIPPERT,  
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of Sankey, began his life sentence in Leavenworth, following his plea of guilty.

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

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## NOTES AND CLUES

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## MANY FALSE OFFERS

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

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Nathan said no Federal agents were in Winnipeg.

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

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

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all new tenants and guests, and  
recommendation that all police units  
be equipped with radio sets.

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

Hints the Bremer family might  
have had a suspect man in Win-  
nipeg by paying the \$200,000  
ransom to Edward G. Bremer  
were dismissed today by police.

Inserting an advertisement in  
the personal columns of a Winnipeg  
newspaper reading, "We are ready  
to welcome you home, Eddy," was  
regarded by them as the work pos-  
sibly of a person who they believe  
might have attempted to collect the  
ransom money without having con-  
nection with the gang.

## FREE KIDNAPPED AUTOIST.

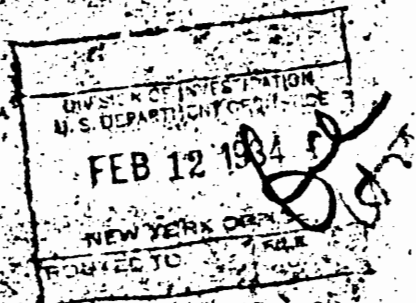
Kansas Bank Bandits Leave Him  
His Car and Escape on Foot.

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

The men returned his automobile.  
Kilpatrick said the trio, one suffer-  
ing from an injured foot and assist-  
ed by his companions, started away  
on foot.

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

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



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# RANSOM MONEY SEEN TRAPPING BREMER GANG

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

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

Adolf Bremer is aiding the im-  
pending paper chase that may re-  
sult in apprehension of the out-  
laws.

## PROVIDES NUMBERS

The 55-year-old brewer, con-  
vinced no honor or quarter should  
be extended criminals, made it  
possible for the Federal agents to  
obtain the serial numbers of all of  
the telltale \$5 and \$10 bills in the  
ransom.

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

## AIDED BY VICTIM

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

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

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

## All Minnesota Police Hunt Kidnapers

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

Successively Haskell Bohn, son  
of a wealthy refrigerator manu-  
facturer; William Hamm, Jr.,  
brewer; Edward G. Bremer,  
banker, and others, have been  
kidnaped.

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

Radio-equipped, state-wide po-  
lice car service.

Registration of tenants by land-  
lords.

Registration of tourists in sum-  
mer resorts.

He added:

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

"But, to make the work more  
effective, the unstinting coopera-  
tion of county and city authori-  
ties is of the highest import-  
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# Bremer, Hamm Believed Held By Same Gang

U. S. Takes Full Charge in  
Investigation; Five Wit-  
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automobile was disposed of through  
a second-hand car dealer.

About the same time a new small  
coupe was purchased from an  
agency and registered in the name  
of the used car dealer, since gone  
out of business. Authorities inti-  
mated they had evidence indicating  
the new car was purchased by the  
Vernon avenue mob.

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owned and presumably used to  
flee from their apartment a day  
after Bremer was kidnaped.

Meanwhile, the United States  
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\$200,000 Bremer kidnaping case.

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Justice, at Washington, declared any  
word of progress must come from  
Attorney General Cummings.

City police and State crime bu-  
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Federal operatives, headed by Na-  
than, in maintaining silence though  
it was known they had found at  
least five witnesses who claimed  
ability either to identify the actual  
kidnapers or the gang's automobile.

Hints the Bremer family might  
have had a contact man in Winni-  
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by police.

Insertion of an advertisement in  
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lect the ransom money without hav-  
ing connection with the kidnap  
gang.

Nathan said no Federal agents  
were in Winnipeg.

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## BREMER CASE LINK WITH HAMM'S SEEN

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

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, February 10.—The possibility that the same gang engineered both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings which netted \$300,000, was investigated tonight by police.

Automobile registrations supplied a possible link between the two crimes, it was learned, with the disclosure that an unidentified man and woman had fled from an apartment here the day after Edward G. Bremer's abduction, January 27.

A few days before William Hamm, jr., millionaire brewer, was seized for \$100,000 ransom last June 15, a suspected gang abandoned a house on Vernon avenue, a good residential district here. Their automobile was disposed of through a second-hand dealer.

About the same time a new small coupe was purchased from an agency and registered in the name of the used car dealer, since gone out of business. Authorities intimated they had evidence indicating the new car was purchased by the Vernon avenue mob.

### Car Used in Flight.

It was this same coupe that the unidentified man and woman owned and presumably used to flee from the apartment house a day after Bremer was kidnapped.

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

Meanwhile, the United States Government took full charge of the kidnapping case today.

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

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

### Notes Also AM Search.

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

Police had the statement of Mrs. Oressens Dehmer, a widow, living on the corner where the 37-year-old Commercial State Bank president was seized in his own automobile the morning of January 17. She said she saw the scuffle between the banker and his captors, who slugged him 15 or 20 times over the head with pistol butts.

She was the chief eye witness so far discovered, though a milk wagon driver has related to police how he witnesses the actual abduction from a block away. At the time he believed it was a traffic accident.

Two other women and an oil station attendant, whose names were kept secret, have given information about the gang's car.

The victim himself, denied he could identify the gangsters who took him prisoner. Previously, it had been understood he obtained a good view of the men.

### Sankey in Suicide Pact.

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

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

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## AGENTS QUIZ FIVE FOR BREMER CLUES

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

By the Associated Press.

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

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

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

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

### Hideout Still Mystery.

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

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

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

### Nerves Unstrung.

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

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

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

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

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**Police Speed Extensive  
Search as Doctor  
Guards Banker.**

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

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

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

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

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

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# BREMER TELLS EXPERIENCES IN KIDNAPERS' LAIR

Beaten When Seized, He  
Suffers from Hurts.

(Picture on back page.)

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

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

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

## No Questioning Allowed.

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

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

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

## Banker Tells His Experiences.

His story follows:

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

# Bremer Certain He Could Identify Two of Kidnapers

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

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

## Remembers Wall Paper Pattern.

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

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

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

## Washes Wounds in Dark.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Hunt Covers Wide Area.

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

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

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

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

## Can't Walk Straight.

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

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

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

## Arrives at Father's Home.

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

"I crouched near the courthouse

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

#### Placed in Another Car.

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

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

#### Allowed to Sit Up After Dark.

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

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

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

"I told them to cut the hair away.

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

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

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

"We drove constantly except for one stop.

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

#### Instructed as to Release.

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

"After driving some time, they said we were nearing Rochester, Minn. 'We'll put you off on a dark street,' they said. 'Get out of the car, face the direction we are in but which is not the direction you are to walk. Count 15 slowly before you remove your bandages. Turn about face and go into Rochester. Be sure not to let any one recognize you. Go to the bus depot. Take the 9:40 bus to St. Paul. In St. Paul don't go to the bus depot. Get off before you get there. Get a cab and go home. But don't let anybody see you.'

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

stop. A man who delivered the money, came to his assistance.

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[Acme Photo.]

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

Story of Bremer's abduction

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

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

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

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

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## Now, More Kidnapings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pardon Prohibition Offenders

Except the "Big Shots."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Keep After the Kidnapers!

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

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

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

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

Abduction Victim Denies Re-  
port He Can Identify Two  
Gang Members.

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

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

Additional developments today in-  
cluded:  
Clamping of a strict censorship  
on news of the Bremer kid-  
naping case by Federal author-  
ities in St. Paul, and announce-  
ment that all news must come  
from Attorney General Cum-  
mings in Washington.

A conference between Governor  
Olson and fifteen representatives  
of municipal, county and state  
law enforcement agencies on  
ways and means toward stamp-  
ing out kidnaping in Minnesota.  
Information that authorities  
have names of at least five per-  
sons, including Mrs. Crossens  
Dehmer, who saw either the kid-  
nap machine, its occupants or the  
scuffle between Bremer and his  
abductors at Lexington and  
Goodrich avenues.

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

It was from an apartment in that  
vicinity that the telephone call was  
made to the home of Dr. H. T. Nip-  
pert, 706 Lincoln avenue. Dr. Nip-  
pert, Bremer family physician, re-  
ceived the call at 7 A. M., January  
20. He was instructed by a man to  
look for an envelope under his front  
door. The envelope contained the  
first contact instructions to the vic-  
tim's family.

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

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

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

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

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

Same Day After Abduction.  
"On January 7," the building man-  
ager continued, "the woman ar-  
ranged to rent the apartment for  
another month. She paid the rent  
that time with a \$50 bill."

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

"About 8:30 A. M. January 18, the  
day after Bremer was kidnaped,"  
the manager said, "I discovered that  
the apartment occupied by these peo-  
ple was abandoned. The front door  
was found to be wide open and all  
the lights were burning. No one  
saw them leave."

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

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

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

His description of the woman tal-  
lied with that given by the apart-  
ment manager.

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

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# SEIZE, GRILL TWO BREMER SUSPECTS

## POLICE CHECK NUMBERS ON CURRENCY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 9.—(AP)

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

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

### CHECK BILL NUMBERS

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

At the bureau of identification the men were identified as Gust Chladerotti, alias Gust Rotty, 23, of Milwaukee, and Ben Larson, 33, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Although the car was stolen, police said, from a Grand Rapids, Minn., doctor, Larson insisted his home was at Grand Rapids, Mich.

### REGISTER AT HOTEL

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

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

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

#### DOZEN IN GANG

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

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

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

#### DEPEND ON NOTES

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

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

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

#### DOCTOR SUMMONED

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

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

#### TAKEN ON LONG RIDE

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

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

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#### VICTIM WORN OUT

It was about 8 p. m. Wednesday that Bremer was freed, and he arrived home about midnight. Exhausted, extremely nervous, and worn out, he was welcomed home with thanksgiving by his family. A physician was called and he was given an opiate to induce sleep after a brief questioning by authorities. After several hours' rest he arose and with Mrs. Bremer and his 3-year-old daughter, Betty, left for his home.

#### IN DARKENED ROOM

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

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

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

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

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## LONDON PAPER CALLS BREMER

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

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

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

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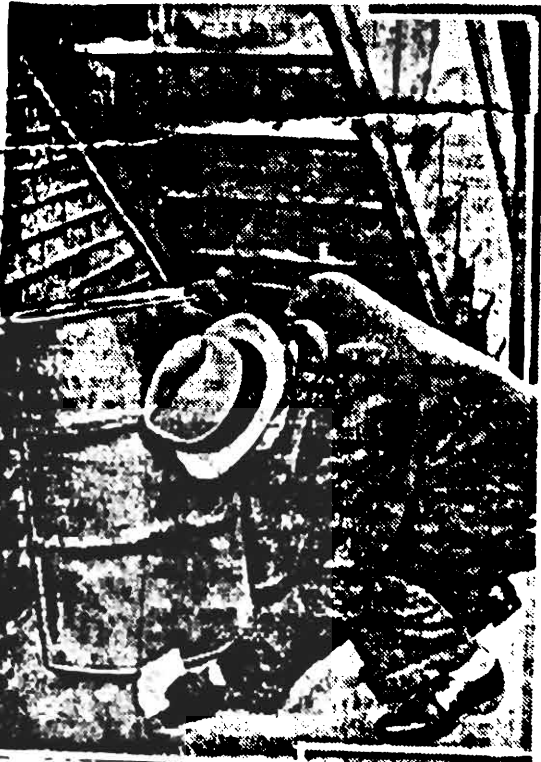
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close personal friend of President  
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# BLAKEM LEADING SEARCH

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

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

## Blakem Leads Hunt

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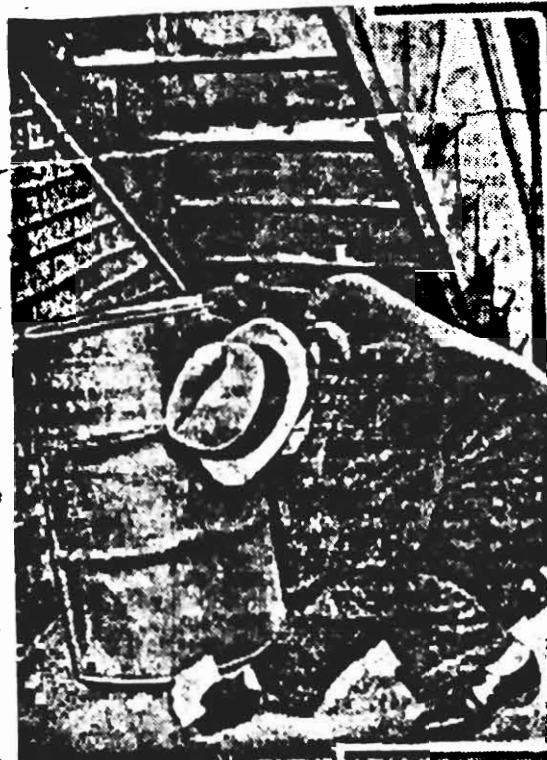
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He took a bus to Rochester, according to one report, after in the day authorities said that he boarded a train and got off in a town near St. Paul. From there he took a bus to St. Paul. From the depot he got a taxicab to the West End Commercial Club and then walked to his father's home, opposite the brewery.

#### QUESTIONED FOR HOURS.

The first person to meet him was his sister, Louise.

Authorities were informed of Bremer's return and they rushed to the home, threw a heavy guard around it, and questioned the young banker for hours.

At the end of the interrogation, Bremer was completely exhausted and fell into a deep sleep.

The elder Bremer disclosed the details of the payment of the ransom money. At the dictation of the abductors \$85,000 of the \$200,000 was in \$5 notes and the remainder \$10 bills. The serial numbers have been given not only to the agents of the U. S. Department of Justice and local authorities but have been broadcast to all banks of the country.

With the ransom money, the authorities revealed, the father sent to the kidnapers the following note:

"To Parties Holding Edward:

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#### ADOLPH BREMER

Father greets son after paying \$200,000 to kidnapers.

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."

Investigators sketched for newspapers reporters the abduction as related by the banker.

#### FOUGHT ABDUCTORS.

He was driving along in his car Jan. 17, after having taken his daughter, Betty, to school, when a car, containing three men, forced him to the curb. He stopped his

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

#### SIXTH KIDNAPING.

The Bremer kidnaping is the sixth major kidnaping for St. Paul. It has had more kidnappings than any other American city and considerable publicity has marked its acquittals in two of these cases—those of Walter Hamm, Jr., a wealthy brewer, and of Haskell Bohn, Jr., son of the millionaire refrigerator manufacturer.

For the release of Hamm \$100,000 was paid—the second largest ransom in the history of the last few years of kidnaping in the United States. For Bohn's free-

dom \$1,000 was reported to have been paid to Verne Sankey.

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

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

#### DROPPED GUARD.

Bremer had traveled with a body guard for a number of years. He had just dispensed with this protection when he was taken. His mind had been eased by the belief that the Touhys would be convicted for the Factor job in

### Banker Back in Palatial Home



with over the ransom money. This, it was revealed, was done Tuesday night.

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

#### Six in Kidnap Gang

The authorities say that six or seven men were in the kidnap gang. Identification of anyone of them by Bremer will be almost impossible as he was kept blindfolded.

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kidnaping of Edward Bremer, held for \$100,000 ransom last June.

According to Bremer, he was released Wednesday night after having been driven around for hours, still blindfolded. He was ordered out of the car on a lonely road near Rochester, 85 miles from here.

He took a bus to Rochester, according to one report. After in the day authorities said that he boarded a train and got off in a town near St. Paul. From there he took a bus to St. Paul. From the depot he got a taxicab to the West End Commercial Club and then walked to his father's home, opposite the brewery.

#### QUESTIONED FOR HOURS.

The first person to meet him was his sister, Louise.

Authorities were informed of Bremer's return and they rushed to the home, threw a heavy guard around it, and questioned the young banker for hours.

At the end of the interrogation, Bremer was completely exhausted and fell into a deep sleep.

The elder Bremer disclosed the details of the payment of the ransom money. At the dictation of the abductors \$85,000 of the \$200,000 was in \$5 notes and the remainder \$10 bills. The serial numbers have been given not only to the agents of the U. S. Department of Justice and local authorities but have been broadcast to all banks of the country.

With the ransom money, the authorities revealed, the father sent to the kidnapers the following note:

"To Parties Holding Edwards"

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#### ADOLPH BREMER

Father greets son after paying \$200,000 to kidnapers.

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."

Investigators sketched for newspaper reporters the abduction as related by the banker.

#### FOUGHT ABDUCTORS.

He was driving along in his car Jan. 17, after having taken his daughter, Betty, to school, when a car, containing three men, forced him to the curb. He stopped his

nap note was delivered.

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

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

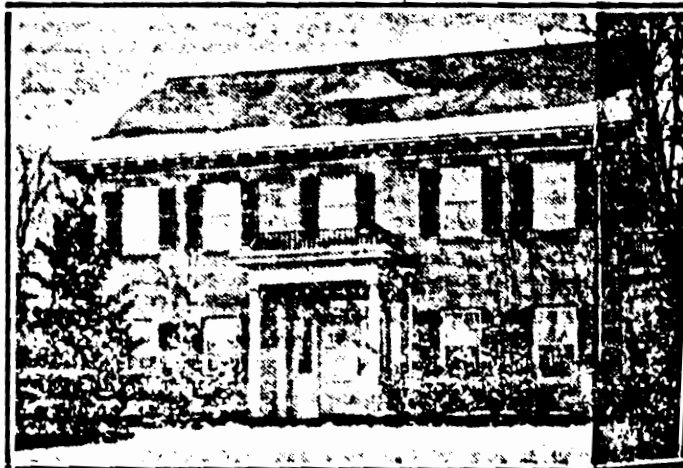
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### Banker Back in Palatial Home



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

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST.

## BREMER KIDNAPER GANG HUNT TURNS TO MISSOURI PAIR

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

By United Press.

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

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

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

### Hunt Missouri Outlaws.

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

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

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

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

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

### Names Are Withheld.

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

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

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

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

### Clubbed With Pistols.

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

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

bile to the abductors' car and blinded.

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

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

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

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

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# Bremer Traces Long Captivity, Held Weeks Without Exercise

Was Kept in Chair or Bed  
During Entire  
Period.

Instructed How to Get  
Home Without  
Being Known.

By Edward G. Bremer.

St. Paul, Feb. 9 (P).—I left the baby at school I think about 8:20 a. m. January 17 and drove to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington avenue, but stopped for the arterial highway. As I stopped the left door of the car was opened and a right arm was extended through the door with a gun pointed toward me. A gruff voice said, "Don't move or I'll kill you."

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

Struck Many Times.

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

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

Watch Taken Away.

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

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

Walked for Warmth.

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

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

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

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

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

Kept Same Routine.

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

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

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

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

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

Gave Instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Bremer Tells Of His Ordeal In Darkness

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### Take Watch From Him.

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Walter Magee

Paid ransom that freed Bremer.

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

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

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

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

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

### Injured Leg Falls Him.

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

Some days eats were hard to get. I was allowed to sit until I could not sit any longer and then placed in bed.

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## 3 Clues Spur Kidnap Hunt; Bremer Ill

(By Associated Press)  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.—Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward G. Bremer still in a state of semi-collapse today.

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

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

### Three Clues to Work On.

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

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

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

### Interview Cut Short.

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

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## Three Clues Aid Kidnaper Search; Bremer Cracking

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

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

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

(Other picture on page 14)

### Witnesses Found Who Can Identify Kidnapers.

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

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

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 9 (U.P.).—Two men arrested here today with \$2,000 in their possession and held for a time as suspects in the Bremer kidnaping were released late today with the announcement that they had proved that they had no connection with the crime. One of the men is a wholesale liquor dealer.

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# BREMER DESCRIBES 3 WEEKS' CAPTIVITY

Suffered From Hunger and the Cold and Was Threatened Repeatedly, Banker Says.

SOBS PUNCTUATE STORY

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

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.—Brutal sluggings, bitter cold, scarcity of food, days and nights in darkness, and hours spent in bed or in a chair, during which his captors acted as doctors, nurses and barbers, provided the high lights of Edward G. Bremer's twenty-two days' experiences in the hands of his kidnapers.

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

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

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

## Details of Capture Given.

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

"I got the baby to school about 8:30," Mr. Bremer began. "Driving away I went several blocks and stopped for the arterial highway. As I halted the left door of the car was opened and an arm was extended through the door with a gun pointed toward me. A gruff voice said, 'Don't move or I'll kill you.'"

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

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## Removed His Watch.

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"The next morning the bandages were taken off. When anything was placed in front of me my head was always covered so I couldn't see the person. The cats were hard to get, so some days we didn't eat very much.

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

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

## Only One Stop Made.

"We drove constantly except for one stop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Instructed to Get Train.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BADLY BEATEN BY CAPTORS, THREATENED WITH BLINDING

## Federal, State and City Forces Hunt Bremer Kidnap Gang

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

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

By EDWARD G. BREMER,  
As told to Universal Service.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Well, I think I arrived at the school with my daughter, Betty, about 8:20 a. m. I dropped her off at the Summit School.

Then I drove up to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington and stopped for the arterial highway. As soon as I stopped the door on my right side opened and an arm and a gun were shoved in.

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They placed me in another car, in the back seat, and told me to lie down.

#### FORCED TO SIGN NOTES.

I think it was then they took my watch away from me. They said they wanted it for purposes of identification.

Then they asked me whom I would like to be the contact man. I told them Walter McGee (a friend of the Bremer family). They asked me also the names of others with whom they might get in touch. I mentioned several boys I had grown up with around my father's brewery.

They had me sign several notes—but I don't remember if it was at this stop or later. We drove on some more. I don't know how many hours.

Anyway, we stopped hours later and it may have been then that I signed the notes. At that stop another car came up and I could hear them refilling the gasoline tanks. We drove on again and it must have been dark because they told me I could sit on the seat and no one would see me.

#### CAPTORS WASH WOUNDS.

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#### Bandaged by Captors.

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

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

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

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

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

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By EDWARD G. BREMER,

As told to Universal Service.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Well, I think I arrived at the school with my daughter, Betty, about 8:20 a. m. I dropped her off at the Summit School.

Then I drove up to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington and stopped for the arterial highway. As soon as I stopped the door on my right side opened and an arm and a gun were shoved in.

"Don't move, or I'll kill you!" a voice said.

I put the car in low gear and tried to drive across the street, but when I looked up there was a car parked square in front of me.

I tried to open the left hand door to get out, but by that time the man who had been on the right hand side had got into the car and started to hit me across the head—I think with the butt of his gun.

#### BEGIN BEATING HIM.

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

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

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

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

Then we started to drive—I don't know where. After 10 or 15 minutes—I don't know how long it was, but it was about that time—we stopped. Goggles in the meantime had been put over my eyes. I was told to get out of the car and I did.

They placed me in another car, in the back seat, and told me to lie down.

#### FORCED TO SIGN NOTES.

I think it was then they took my watch away from me. They said they wanted it for purposes of identification.

Then they asked me whom I would like to be the contact man. I told them Walter McGee (a friend of the Bremer family). They asked me also

ages were taken off. When anything was placed in front of me, my head was always covered so I couldn't see the person. The eats were hard to get, so some days we didn't eat very much.

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

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

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

#### FREE, WALKS IN CIRCLES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Associated Press Photo

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (AP).—Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward G. Bremer, still in a state of semi-collapse today.

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

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Anyway, we stopped hours later and it may have been then that I signed the notes. At that stop another car came up and I could hear them refilling the gasoline tanks. We drove on again and it must have been dark because they told me I could sit on the seat and no one would see me.

#### CAPTORS WASH WOUNDS.

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*Tribune 2/10/34*

## U. S. Guards 3 Able to Identify Bremer Gang

### 6 States Searched for Hide- out Where Beaten Victim Was Kept in Blindfold

By The United Press

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Department of Justice agents have rounded up witnesses who can identify at least three of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, it was learned late today.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Bremer Describes Captivity

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

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



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

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(Continued from page one)

about 8:30 a. m. the morning of January 17, and driving away, I drove to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenue, but stopped for the arterial highway. As I stopped, the left door of the car was opened and a right arm was extended through the door with a gun pointed toward me. A gruff voice said, 'Don't move or I'll kill you.'

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

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

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

#### Placed in Car With Cans

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

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

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

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



### Goggles Placed Over Eyes

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

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

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

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

### Conversed in Whispers

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

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

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

### No Bus to St. Paul

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

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

### Positions Wanted

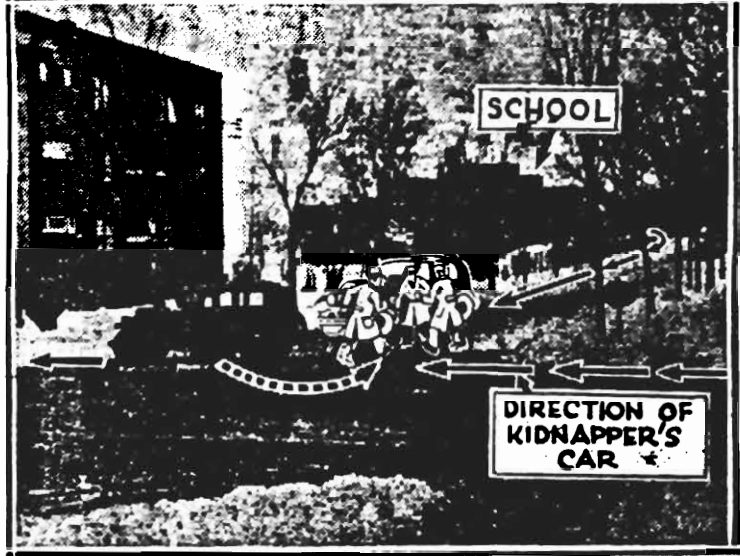
Positions Wanted  
I am a young man, 22 years of age, with a high school education, and am seeking a position in a business or office. I am a native-born American, of good character, and am willing to work hard and long hours. I have no previous experience, but I am a fast learner and am confident that I can do the work of the position I am seeking. I am a native-born American, of good character, and am willing to work hard and long hours. I have no previous experience, but I am a fast learner and am confident that I can do the work of the position I am seeking.



### An Unfortunate Meeting

- MR. TAYLOR
- MR. JOHNSON
- MR. CLARK
- MR. GARY
- MR. EDWARDS
- MR. ROSS
- MR. DUNN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LEECH
- MR. BROWN

# How Gang Carried Out Bremer Plot



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

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## \$200,000 Buys a Man's Life



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



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

## Waxy Gordon Halts Rioters Firing Jail

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

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



## Jury Refuses To Indict in Walker Case

William H. Walker Jr., nephew



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Father Issued Appeal

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



## Verne Sankey Kills Himself In Jail Cell

(By United Press)

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

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

### Sought for Months

He was captured by Federal agents who had been seeking him



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

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

Buy Now and Buy Cheaper

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had become convinced ...  
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with the Lindbergh case.

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

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

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## U. S. PLANS TO VOID AIR MAIL CONTRACTS

(Special to The News.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adolph Bremer

He ransomed son for \$200,000.

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

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

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

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

Lights Flash Signal.

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

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\$200,000 Free Bremer; Pay

DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1934

MR. LOCKE  
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## ARREST IN HUNT FOR KIDNAPERS BELIEVED NEAR

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

### NOTES AND MAGEE HELPFUL

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

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (A. P.).—The law was close on the heels of Edward Bremer's kidnapers today. The hunt swung in widening circles, blazed by several definite clues, while the 37-year-old victim of the kidnapers remained abed under the doctor's orders.

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

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

#### Bremer Gives Some Help.

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

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

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

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

### PAID BREMER RANSOM



Associated Press Photo.  
Walter Magee.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Assailed by Hopes and Fears.

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

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

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





#### Kidnap Notes Studied.

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

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

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

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

#### Note in Car Gives Directions.

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

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

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

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

#### Dr. Nippert Visited Kidnapers.

The victim had been slugged with pistol butts by two of the kidnapers when they invaded his car the morning of January 17, when he was en route to the bank. The car later was found abandoned, its interior spotted with blood.

Dr. Nippert, blindfolded, was taken for a five or six-hour automobile ride at night after receiving the second set of notes sent to the family by the gang. Three notes in an envelope addressed to Dr. Nippert were slipped under his front door January 20.

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

Sometime within the next two weeks another contact was made. That was Magee's cue to go to Des Moines, but the time lock safeguarding the money thwarted that plan.

#### Plan by Father.

The gang's resultant silence inspired the elder Bremer's ultima-

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

#### Pummeled by Kidnapers.

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

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

England has added its voice to scores of those in this country seeking information on the abduction of Bremer.

As telegrams arrived from throughout the nation addressed to Adolph Bremer, the kidnap victim's father, the London Daily Mail called by transoceanic telephone.

It wanted an interview with Edward Bremer. His brother, Adolph Jr., answered the telephone. The interview was not granted.

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# KIDNAPPERS FREE BREMER ON PAYMENT OF \$200,000; WIDE MANHUNT IS PUSHED

**HELD CAPTIVE FOR 22 DAYS**

**Feb. 9 - 1934**

**Banker, Unnerved, Left  
on Road 85 Miles From  
Home in St. Paul.**

**RANSOM CASH UNMARKED**

**Paid by Family Friend, It Was  
In \$5 and \$10 Bills Put Up  
In Cardboard Boxes.**

**FEDERAL MEN ACT AT ONCE**

**Questioning of Victim Gives  
Clues to Hideout, Despite  
Blows and Blindfolding.**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—Scarred, exhausted and unkempt, Edward G. Bremer, 57-year-old bank president, returned home today from twenty-two days and twelve hours of captivity after \$200,000 ransom money had been paid to the criminals who kidnapped him on the morning of Jan. 17.

The release of Mr. Bremer, whose father, Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, is a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was followed immediately by the starting of one of the most intensive man-hunts in the history of the Northwest.

Law-enforcement agencies, headed by Department of Justice agents, were determined tonight to round up the gang of ten or twelve men who kidnapped Mr. Bremer after he had left his 8-year-old daughter, Betty, at the Summit Hill Girls' School, battered him about the head and finally released him only after collecting one of the largest ransom payments on record.

Independent investigations were begun by Department of Justice agents, the St. Paul police and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

**Victim Helps Planning Search.**

Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank, was shoved out of a small sedan car last night by three members of the kidnapping gang at Rochester, Minn., about eighty-five miles south of here. He made his way as quickly as possible by train and bus to St. Paul, where he arrived in the early hours of the morning.

The news of his return was carefully guarded for several hours to allow government agents to gather enough information about his abductors to proceed on.

After answering the agents' questions, Mr. Bremer was ordered to bed by a physician, Dr. Joseph Sprafka, who said that he was "very, very nervous," but that the

**VICTIM OF KIDNAPPERS AND HIS FATHER.**



Edward G. Bremer.



Adolph Bremer.

## \$200,000 RANSOM RELEASES BREMER

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daughter at the fashionable Summit School, between 8:15 and 8:30 A. M. on Jan. 17, he stopped his car at a cross street for a traffic light. A stranger tried to enter his car and the banker sought to get out by the opposite door. He was stopped, however, by a second member of the gang, armed with a pistol.

Both men hurriedly jumped in beside him, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious. The machine was later found in an outlying district of the city, bearing tell-tale marks of blood which gave rise to fears that Mr. Bremer had been killed.

The same day Walter Magee, a wealthy St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family, received an anonymous telephone call from some one representing the criminals. Mr. Magee was informed that the younger Bremer had been kidnapped and was told to look for a note in the rear of his office.

That note demanded \$200,000 ransom and instructed the Bremer family to insert a notice in a Minneapolis newspaper saying "We are ready, Alice," indicating that they were prepared to negotiate. This was done.

The next word from the kidnapers came on Jan. 20 in a note to Dr. Nippert, the Bremer family physician. A milk bottle was thrown through his front door during the night to attract his attention.

The bottle contained another note, addressed in ink by the young bank president to the doctor, and attached to it were notes also to Mr. Magee, who was acting as intermediary, and to Adolph Bremer. Dr. Nippert's note contained instructions for him to deliver the other two notes to Mr. Magee and the father.

An almost impenetrable veil of secrecy was thrown around later activities in the case. From the outset the elder Bremer showed an inclination to keep the authorities out of it, refusing to cooperate with them for fear that their activities would endanger his son's life.

Although the details as to the method in which the ransom money was turned over to the kidnapers were carefully guarded, it was reported that Mr. Magee gave up the money yesterday in person in two cardboard packages.

Last Saturday the elder Bremer

what was up, he didn't offer any resistance.

The London Daily Mail called the Adolph Bremer home by transoceanic telephone this afternoon but failed to obtain an interview with the victim.

**Father Expresses Relief.**

When the news of his son's return was made public this forenoon, Mr. Bremer issued the following typewritten statement:

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

"I gratefully appreciate this personal interest of the President and the Governor and the splendid cooperation given by the press and radio. The city, State and Federal law-enforcing authorities have been most kind in their efforts and offers of assistance.

"Above all, I will never forget their humane willingness to stand by when my pleas convinced them that Edward's life was in serious jeopardy. No sacrifice has been too great for my brother Otto, Walter Magee, Clarence Newcome and the others who at great risk have done their parts.

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

The young banker's wife, who had remained in seclusion to a greater extent than other members of the family throughout the trying period when her husband's fate was a mystery, and their daughter were at the elder Bremer's residence today for the reunion.

When the news of the release was broadcast, Governor Floyd B. Olson announced that all law-enforcement officials of the State would attend a conference in his office tomorrow to make plans to "crush the menace of kidnapping."

Employees going to work at the Jacob Schmidt Brewery today were surprised to see a score or more of automobiles in front of the Adolph Bremer residence. When they heard that Ed had come home, they sent up a cheer.

"Is he all right?" the workers asked anxiously.

When they were told he was "fine," they sent up another loud cheer.

The Bremer ransom payment was exactly twice that paid for the release of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer and business man who was kidnapped last year. The Bremer ransom also equaled the one that was said to have been paid for the release of Charles Urschel, the Oklahoma City oil operator, who also was abducted last year.



wounds on his head, inflicted by two men who spirited him away in his own automobile, had healed. The family physician, Dr. H. T. Nippert, said he would be kept in bed for a day or two, adding that his chief suffering was from mental strain.

The ransom money was turned over to the criminals yesterday at an undisclosed point, together with a note from the victim's father putting the "boys" on their "honor" and begging them to "do the square thing." Eighty-four thousand dollars of the ransom money was in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 denominations. None of the bills was marked.

The elder Bremer sent the following note with the money:

"To the parties holding Edward: I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent, as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for.

"Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home."

#### Two Possible Hideouts.

Officers indicated tonight that they believed that Mr. Bremer had been held either in Sioux City, Iowa, or in Kansas City, Mo., for more than three weeks of suspense during which optimism for his safety was frequently overshadowed by fears that he had been killed.

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"FLORIDA SPECIAL" DE LUKE TRAIN, no extra fare (47th Season). Lv. Penn. Sta. (P.R.R.) 2:30 P.M. daily. 20 1/2 hours to Florida. Atlantic Coast Line, 8 W. 50th St.—Adv.

had issued a public statement appealing to the kidnapers. In that statement he promised to carry out their wishes to the letter, but he gave them a time limit of three days in which to act. Yesterday, however, he extended the time until Thursday night, Feb. 8.

#### Remembers Wallpaper Design.

Reports late tonight were that the authorities gleaned virtually no important clues during their questioning of Mr. Bremer, who was still dazed.

Mr. Bremer was still unable to recall the manner in which he was moved from his own car into that of the kidnapers. His eyes were bandaged when he regained consciousness after being struck on the head by his abductors and he could not tell how he was taken to the hide-out. In the place where he was kept prisoner, he said, he heard ten or twelve different voices and at least six or eight of the gang were in the house at all times.

Although his bandages were removed while he was in the kidnapers' hideout, he was made to sit face to the wall, so that he could not see the two guards who constantly sat behind him. The room was darkened, but the figures on the wallpaper were engraved on his mind. This led to the hope that the victim might be able to identify the hideout through the design of the wallpaper.

He said he heard automobiles pass the place frequently, indicating that the hideout either was in a city or close to a heavily traveled highway. It was said he did not hear any street cars.

#### Family and Police Are Silent.

Members of the family refused tonight to discuss any aspect of the case or to answer any questions. It was announced, however, that a statement would be issued by the family at 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill answered all queries with the assertion: "I am not free to make any statement regarding the case tonight."

Asked whether a report that Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, fugitives wanted for murders in West St. Paul and West Plains, Mo., were being sought in connection with the kidnapping, Chief Dahill said: "I can neither affirm nor deny that report."

After having slept for several hours in his father's home, the younger Bremer went with his wife and daughter to his own residence at 92 North Mississippi River Boulevard this evening.

Discussing Mr. Bremer's condition tonight, Dr. Nippert said:

"He was still in a daze and very nervous when I visited him at 3 P. M. His drawn face and jumpy nerves showed the ordeal he had passed through. He was in a partially darkened room in his father's house because light hurt his eyes after being held so many days in a dark room.

"He told me that his kidnapers pummeled him considerably when they first took him, but that he never completely lost consciousness. He said that as soon as he realized

#### How Ransom Was Paid.

(Copyright, 1934, by The Associated Press.) ST. PAUL, Feb. 7.—The \$200,000 ransom for Edward G. Bremer, \$85,000 in \$5 bills and the rest in \$10 bills, was delivered by Walter Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, on Tuesday night after a hitch in previous plans for payment had thwarted arrangements.

Mr. Magee, sworn to secrecy, would not discuss the ransom payment, but it was learned that some time prior to last Saturday he received instructions from the gang. He was to take a bus from St. Paul at a specified hour, go to a certain Des Moines (Iowa) hotel and register under an assumed name, having in his possession the money. The gang supplied the name he was to use.

There he was told to await further word. However, when Mr. Magee received the communication, the money was under a time-lock in a St. Paul bank and the plan could not be carried out.

Several days passed without further signs from the captors, prompting Adolph Bremer, father of the banker, to issue his appeal and offer of last Saturday.

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

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

During this ride, the contact man for the Bremers espied four flashes of light from an automobile. This was the signal for Mr. Magee to stop, place the money on the ground, then re-enter his automobile and drive on.

With the money was a note signed by Adolph Bremer, the victim's father. These were the arrangements carried out for the release of the banker.

Later tonight it was reported Dr. H. T. Nippert, a friend of the family, had been ordered to accompany the gang to the hideout to treat Mr. Bremer. The orders to Dr. Nippert were in the envelope containing three notes slipped under his door the night of Jan. 20 when a milk bottle was hurled through the front door glass.

Dr. Nippert himself refused to confirm the report, which came from an unidentified member of his family. Mr. Bremer had been painfully injured from the blows of pistol butts wielded by the kidnapers.

What Dr. Nippert's instructions were was not revealed. He was blindfolded, after meeting the kidnapers by prearrangement, and taken on a night automobile ride of about five hours before the hideout was reached.

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## 6 STATES HUNT KIDNAPER GANG

Bremer Case Investigators  
Send Fingerprints on Car  
for Identification.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9.—Search for Edward G. Bremer's kidnapers spread to six States today, with nearly 200 federal, state and police investigators striving to strike a fresh trail after going up a half-dozen blind alleys.

The young bank president, under orders to get another twenty-four hours of quiet to avert a nervous breakdown, rested in seclusion at the home of his father, Adolf Bremer.

Arrangements for a conference at which Bremer was to have told selected details of his twenty-one-day captivity were cancelled and the meeting was postponed indefinitely.

Clews to the half dozen or more members of the kidnaping gang were run down in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri and Illinois.

The first arrests were made at Milwaukee, when police picked up two motorists speeding through the city and found \$2,000 in small bills on their persons.

Investigators were unable immediately to identify the bills as part of the \$200,000 ransom, though they have obtained serial numbers of the latter.

Fingerprints found on the car used by Walter Magee for carrying out the ransom demands have been sent for checking to the National Identification Bureau at Washington.

By the United Press.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 9.—Gordon Alcorn, lieutenant of Verne Sankey, confessed kidnaper who committed suicide, pleaded guilty to aiding in the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher 2nd, Denver broker, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Federal District Judge A. Lee Wyman pronounced the sentence. Alcorn will be taken under guard to Leavenworth today.

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## Bremer Recounts Tale of Horror While Imprisoned by Kidnap Gang

Banker Beaten Insensible by 'Snatchers';  
Bandages Removed From Eyes Sel-  
dom; Kept Sitting on Chair

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

By EDWARD G. BREMER

As Told to Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.

Well, I think I arrived at the school with my daughter, Betty, about 8:20 a. m. I dropped her off at the Summit School.

Then I drove up to the corner of Goodrich and Lexington and stopped for the arterial highway. As soon as I stopped, the door on my right side opened and an arm and a gun were shoved in. A voice said: "Don't move, or I'll kill you!"

### TRIED TO ESCAPE

I put the car in low gear and tried to drive across the street, but when I looked up there was a car parked square in front of me.

I tried to open the left hand door to get out, but by that time the man who had been on the right hand side had got into the car and started to hit me across the head.

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

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

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

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

### STARTED TO DRIVE

Then we started to drive—I don't know where. After 10 or 15 minutes—I don't know how long it was, but it was about that time—we stopped. Goggles in the meantime had been put over my eyes. I was told to get out of the car and I did.

The placed me in another car, in the back seat, and told me to lie down. I think it was then they took my watch away from me.

Then they asked me whom I would like to be the contact man. I told them Walter Magee (a friend of the Bremer family). They asked me also the names of others with whom they might get in touch. I mentioned several boys I had grown up with around my father's brewery.

They had me sign several notes—but I don't remember if it was at this stop or later. We drove on some more, I don't remember how many hours.

Anyway, we stopped hours later and it may have been then that I signed the notes. At that stop another car came up and I could hear them refilling the gasoline tanks. We drove on again and it must have been dark because they told me I

could sit on the seat and no one would see me.

### ALLOWED TO WALK

We stopped again, and the other car left us. I was very cold, so I asked the men if they would walk me up and down. They did.

I was put back in the car and we went on again. We drove for several hours and finally stopped.

I was taken out of the car. They took me downstairs in a house and put me on a chair. They examined my head and washed out the cuts. I told them to cut my hair off to avoid infection.

They took the blindfold off my eyes. It was dark, and I couldn't see. I felt my hair and found it was sticky with blood.

In the morning they put me on a chair again and gave me breakfast.

This same routine was carried out all the time I was there. I was put on a chair until I couldn't sit any longer.

Every conversation they carried on was in a whisper. My bandages were taken off while I was seated in a chair facing a corner.

The next morning the bandages were taken off. When anything was placed in front of me, my head was always covered so I couldn't see the person. The cats were hard to get, so some days we didn't eat very much.

### LEG GOES BAD

After the first week, the leg I had stretched out of the car went bad, so I couldn't walk.

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

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

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

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

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## BREMER'S KIDNAPERS GOT THIS MONEY



**FIFTH OF A MILLION**—This is a photo of the 25 bundles of \$5 and \$10 bills, totalling \$200,000 assembled as the kidnapers instructed and held at a St. Paul bank until their representative called for them. After delivery of the money, Edward C. Bremer, son of the wealthy St. Paul brewer, was returned to his home.

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Bremer*

## KIDNAPING TRIO NOW KNOWN IN BREMER CASE

Victim, on Verge of Hysterics;  
Tells Story; Agents Round Up  
Witnesses; Auto Is Found

By WILLIAM E. HALLBERG

ST. PAUL, Feb. 9 (U.P.).—While Edward G. Bremer, on the verge of hysteria, told of the ordeal which ended with his release Wednesday night by kidnapers after payment of \$200,000 ransom, State and city police continued their hunt for the house where he was held. They extended their search through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and Illinois.

Department of Justice agents rounded up witnesses today, it was said, who could identify at least three of the kidnapers. Names of the witnesses were kept secret.

The agents also learned, it was reported, that one of the automobiles used by the kidnapers in collecting the ransom had been stolen from Owatonna. The automobile contained an old black cap, an umbrella, a small black box and a number of old rags. The license plates on the automobile also had been stolen.

### Two Held as Suspects In Bremer Case Free

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9 (U.P.).—Two men arrested here today with \$2,000 in their possession and held for a time as suspects in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul were released late today with the announcement that they had proved that they had no connection with the crime. The two men were arrested on a charge of speeding, then held for questioning. One of the men is a wholesale liquor dealer.

### Alcorn, Sankey's Pal, Sentenced to Life

SIoux FALLS, S. Dak., Feb. 9 (U.S.).—Gordon Alcorn, kidnaper of Charles Boettcher 2d, of Denver, pleaded guilty today to a Federal indictment and tonight was on his way to Leavenworth Prison to serve a life sentence. His confessed accomplice, Verne Sankey, committed suicide in the State Prison here last night by hanging himself with his necktie. Mrs. Sankey, indicted as an accomplice, will not plead guilty, preferring to stand trial. She is held in the county jail.

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Edward G. Bremer, young bank president of St. Paul, 36-year-old, kidnaped, and seriously wounded about the head, his eyes kept closed with adhesive tape for twenty-two days, is released. His father paid a ransom of \$200,000 in five and ten dollar bills, which weighed fifty pounds, and filled two cardboard suit boxes. United States detectives are looking for "ten or twelve kidnapers."

Repeal of prohibition has discouraged bootleggers, but will probably promote kidnaping.

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## Banker Near Collapse; Home Guarded; U. S. Pushes Manhunt

By Universal Service  
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, yesterday ordered all the resources at his command thrown into the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for whose release a \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Heretofore police were handicapped, as the Bremer family feared any activity would endanger the hostage's life.

Department of Justice officials were confident Bremer's kidnapers would be apprehended, just as were the gangsters responsible for the kidnappings of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City millionaire; Charles Boettcher, 2d, wealthy Denver broker; John J. O'Connell, jr., of Albany, N. Y., and other famous cases cleaned up in recent months.

### WILL PRESS SEARCH

Attorney General Cummings said:

"We will do everything we can to solve this case. With the exception of the Lindbergh case, this is the only kidnap case facing the department. It will be cleared up."

The search for Bremer's kidnapers, similar to that in the Urschel case, will extend into a number of States. Under Hoover's directions by long-distance telephone, agents in every section of the country are receiving instructions in what was said to be the most effectively organized search yet undertaken by the department.

### RANSOM BILL PLANNED

Meanwhile, a bill making paying a kidnaping ransom a crime will be introduced in the Senate shortly by Senator Ashurst (D.) of Arizona, he announced yesterday. Ashurst told the Senate:

"Inquiries reveal that in countries where such a law exists, kidnaping is almost unknown. I am convinced heavy Federal penalties for paying ransoms will wipe out kidnaping in this country, and I intend to press for consideration of my measure."

## Manhunt Organized For Bremer Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8 (U.S.)—The greatest and most effective organized search ever witnessed in the Northwest was in progress tonight for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, for whose release a \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Authorities said tonight they had evidence Bremer was a prisoner in a house in Sioux City, Ia., but that this had not been definitely determined.

With the young banker at home again after 21 days and 12 hours in the hands of his captors, State

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## Kidnapers Free Bremer; Manhunt Rushed by U. S.

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Federal and city authorities unleashed a force of men whose number never has been equalled in a previous kidnaping.

On orders from Governor Olson, all the law-enforcement and detective agencies of the State were thrown into the hunt. The governor called on all State peace officers to meet in his office at 10 a. m. Saturday for further action in the case, and to coordinate all State agencies.

### RELEASE STARTS HUNT

The search, extending over a half-dozen States, was set in motion when news of Bremer's release was flashed this morning.

He was released by "three men in a small coupe" on the streets of Rochester, Minn., shortly after 8 p. m., last night.

Without notifying Rochester authorities, the 37-year-old banker made his way to St. Paul by train and bus and arrived at the home of his father, Adolph Bremer, early this morning.

He was unshaven and desperately nervous. He told his overjoyed father, who several times has been near a complete collapse, that he was "fairly well treated." But there were reports he bore welts on his head and body and that he seemed dazed when he reappeared. He said he was struck on the head when he was seized the morning of January 17.

### FORCED TO BED

Illness resulting from his mistreatment forced Bremer to abandon temporarily tonight a valiant attempt to lead Federal operatives in the hunt.

Struggling to overcome fatigue and illness brought on by a beating and long confinement, the 36-year-old bank president told Federal agents one detail after another of his abduction, until his physicians ordered a halt, sent the agents away and put Bremer to bed under constant care until he recovers.

### HOME GUARDED

A force of Federal agents appeared as if by magic and formed a cordon about the Bremer home, admitting no one except members of the family and a few others.

Walter Magee, contractor and friend of the Bremer family, remained the contact man between the kidnapers and Adolph Bremer to the last. It was he who Tuesday night delivered the \$200,000 under instructions to an abandoned Chevrolet coupe where the kidnapers transferred it to their own possession.

The money was \$84,000 in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills and was delivered in two

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## 'Be Good Sports,' Bremer's Father Wrote Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, MINN.,  
Feb. 8 (U.S.).

A note pleading that the kidnapers of Edward Bremer "be good sports and do the square thing" was dispatched with the \$200,000 ransom money by Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, it was disclosed today.

The note said:

"To the parties holding Edward:

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

"Be good sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home."

oversize suit boxes. It was unmarked and did not run in consecutive serial numbers.

Federal authorities, however, have had the serial numbers of all the bills for days and these were ordered released to all banks so that an effort can be made to trace the bills when they make their appearance.

### INJURY SERIOUS

Young Bremer said his injury from the blow on his head when he was kidnaped was "nothing to worry about."

A physician who was called thought differently, saying:

"Mr. Bremer suffered very serious injuries about the head. He may have believed injuries to be trifling, but they are serious."

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## Half Dozen Persons Sought as Kidnapers of St. Paul Banker

Edward G. Bremer Says He Got 'Quite Sociable' With His Abductors During 3 Weeks

By United Press

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

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

### SEEK TWO MEN

Federal officials threw more than a score of sleuths into the search, moving with utmost secrecy. Bremer is the son of Adolf Bremer,

financier and friend of President Roosevelt.

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

Bremer rested at his home, recovering from a highly nervous condition, bordering on hysteria. An ordeal of 22 days in the hands of kidnapers who had beat him into submission when he was first seized was climaxed by a night and day of intensive questioning by Federal agents and police.

### BEATEN INTO SUBMISSION

The only information regarding Bremer's ordeal was made public by Dr. H. T. Nippert, aged Bremer family physician.

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

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

Altho dazed, Bremer did not lose consciousness at any time, Nippert revealed. The stalwart victim was carried from his own auto to the abductors' car and blindfolded.

### 'SOCIABLE WITH THEM'

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

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

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

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**U. S. Drive Intensified  
By Bremer's Release**

The return of kidnaped Edward G. Bremer brought no respite to Justice Department agents in their drive on the underworld's "snatch" racket, according to the Associated Press.

With only one case lost in the 20 undertaken since they started the drive last March, every one of the 313 agents scattered throughout the country was on the alert last night for the slightest clew which might lead to arrest of the St. Paul brewer's son's abductors.

Officials of the Department's Bureau of Investigation here maintained silence about what their next move would be. It was learned however, that J. Edgar Hoover, bureau chief, was in frequent communication by telephone with Harold Nathan, his assistant, in St. Paul.

"Give up" is an unknown phrase to the bureau. All of its scientific methods of crime detection as well as its sources of private information in the criminal world likely will be used from now until Bremer's kidnapers are arrested—no matter how long that takes.

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## Son of St. Paul Brewer Tells of Fight With Abductors.

## Says 10 or 12 Men Held Him Prisoner

## Details of Negotiations and Money Payment Kept Secret.

(Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press.)  
St. Paul, Feb. 8 (AP).—Freedom bought and paid for with a fortune in cash, was Edward G. Bremer again today upon his return from 22 days in a kidnaper's lair, weak, wounded, and exhausted.

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

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

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

### First Plan Failed.

There he was told to await further word. However, when Magee received the communication, the money was under a time lock in a St. Paul bank and the plan could not be carried out.

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

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

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

### Gets Kidnapers' Signal.

During this ride the contact man for the Bremers espied four flashes of light from an automobile. This was the signal for Magee to stop, place the money on the ground, then re-enter his automobile and drive on.

These were the arrangements carried out for the release of the banker.

Later tonight it was reported Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the family, had been ordered to accompany the gang to the hideout to treat Bremer. The orders to Nippert were in the envelope containing three notes slipped under his door the night of January 20 when a milk bottle was hurled through the front door glass.

Dr. Nippert himself refused to confirm the report, which came from an unidentified member of his family. Bremer had been painfully injured from the blows of pistol butts wielded by the kidnapers.

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## Bremer's Release Spurs U. S. Manhunt; \$200,000 Paid

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when they invaded his automobile after stopping him en route to the bank.

### Doctor Taken to Hideout.

What Nippert's instructions were was not revealed. He was blindfolded after meeting the kidnapers by prearrangement, and taken on a night automobile ride of about five hours before the hideout was reached.

With the ransom went a note from Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer and father of the victim. It read:

"To the parties holding Edward: 'I have done my part and kept my word 100 per cent as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for. Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home.'



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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9, 1934.

#### Manhunt Launched.

Law enforcement agencies, headed by the Federal Department of Justice, already had launched an intensive manhunt.

Ten or 12 men were in the gang which seized him January 17, shortly after he had left his little daughter, Betty, at the Summit Girl's School, Bremer told police and Federal investigators at the home of his father.

The banker appeared at his father's home near midnight last night after being pushed from a sedan bearing three of the gang at or near Rochester, Minn., 85 miles south of here, about 8 p. m. yesterday.

Unshaven, nervous, and with healed wounds about his head, Bremer was ordered to bed for a rest by Dr. Joseph Sprafka.

The wounds on his head were suffered, Bremer related, when two of the kidnapers invaded his automobile after he had stopped at an arterial highway en route to his office.

#### Tells of Capture.

When one man sought to enter the car, the banker tried to get out the other door, but he was met by another of the gang wielding a pistol. Both got in beside him and, he believes, slugged him on the head simultaneously.

His car, profusely blood-spotted, was found abandoned in an outlying residential district shortly after

Magee had received an anonymous telephone call, instructing him to pick up a ransom note on the rear steps of his office.

During his captivity Bremer was kept in a dark room with guards, working in relays of two, constantly sitting behind him night and day, he said. When he regained consciousness after being seized he was blindfolded and cautioned not to look around on pain of death.

Upon entering a bus depot in Rochester after his release, Bremer learned he had missed the last bus for the Twin Cities, but took a train to Owatonna, where he caught the bus.

As bits of Bremer's experience leaked out, reporters sought unsuccessfully to gain entrance to the Bremer home. Various ruses were attempted, one woman reporter, dressed in a nurse's garb, being ejected after getting inside the door.

#### Thanks Roosevelt.

Shortly afterward Adolph Bremer issued a statement thanking President Roosevelt and Gov. Floyd B. Olson and others for the interest they had shown. He prayed "that other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal," and said "the hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all of us."

Gov. Olson announced a conference tomorrow of all law enforcement officials in the State at his office to lay plans for "crushing the menace of kidnaping."

Mrs. Bremer, wife of the banker, remained in seclusion to a greater extent than did any other member of the family. Her intimate friends said she stood the strain of waiting with Spartan fortitude. She and Betty, the 8-year-old daughter of the kidnap victim, were at Adolph's home today for the reunion with Edward.

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# TRAIL OF BREMER KIDNAPERS "HOT"

Justice Department Sleuths  
Have Several Clues.  
Victim in Bed.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., February 9.—The law bayed close on the heels of Edward Bremer's kidnapers today.

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

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

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

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

## 10 or 12 In Gang.

There were 10 or 12 members of the gang, Bremer said. He based the estimate on the sound of their voices as they held him captive 22 days. He got no view of any of them, he said, for he was kept captive in a dark room from the time he was kidnaped, January 17, until three men took him in an automobile and pushed him, blindfolded, from the car in Rochester.

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

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

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

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

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## Trip to Hotel.

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

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

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

At Faribault, Minn., he took a cross-road, slowed to 15 miles an hour and drove on in the lonely night. Then the signal—four flashes of an automobile's headlights.

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

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

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## Slugged by Kidnapers

The victim had been slugged with pistol butts by two of the kidnapers when they invaded his car the morning of January 17 when he was en route to the bank. The car later was found abandoned, its interior spotted with blood.

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

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

Some time within the next two weeks another contact was made. That was Magee's cue to go to Des Moines, but the time lock safeguarding the money thwarted that plan.

The gang's resultant silence inspired the elder Bremer's ultimatum last Saturday, and the ransom payment quickly followed. With the money was a note signed by Adolph, reading:

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

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

"(Signed).

"ADOLPH BREMER."

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

## Head Wounds Healed.

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

Unhappily as he was, he was given an opiate to induce sleep after a brief questioning by authorities. After several hours rest he arose and with Mrs. Bremer and his 8-year-old daughter Betty left for his own home.

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

Adolph, his strength taxed by an old illness aggravated by worry, voiced his pleasure at Edward's return by issuing a statement, admitting "the hideous hours of suspense have been almost unbearable for all

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of us" and praying that "other fathers and mothers will be spared the agony of a similar ordeal."

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

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

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

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

#### U. S. SEEKING HIDEOUT.

Iowa Sheriff Says Justice Agents Asked for Deputies.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, February 8 (AP).—Sheriff William R. Tice of Woodbury County today asked the department of Justice Agent Noonan working out of Minneapolis to come to him last Saturday requesting deputies to aid him in searching for the Bremer kidnapers' hideout.

Although Noonan and deputies searched a house on Cecilia street here, near Floyd Cemetery in the eastern part of the city, they found no trace of the kidnapers, the sheriff said.

Tom Green, chief of detectives here, previously denied reports that Bremer had been held captive in a hide-out here and that Federal agents had contacted him.

Later he said that Dick Cooley, a department of Justice agent, had been in Sioux City, but that Cooley was working on another case not connected with the Bremer kidnaping.

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