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## NEW CLUE CHECKED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

'Vernon Avenue Gang' Suspect  
Said to Have Hidden Out  
Here 6 Months.

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Paul an auto used by the gang at the Vernon avenue address and purchased another used by the occupants of the Grand avenue apartment. The man in the Grand avenue apartment, and his wife, fled precipitately from there less than 24 hours after Mr. Bremer was kidnaped January 17. Knowledge of the kidnaping had not yet become public when the couple in the Grand avenue apartment left.

Other developments in the Bremer case today were:

Mr. Bremer visited the office in the federal building of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation and submitted there to a long questioning by investigators.

Friends said Mr. Bremer's physical and nervous condition has remained "not so good," despite his appearance for questioning by the federal authorities.

St. Paul police were reported attempting to connect, by fingerprints, Harry Campbell, Oklahoma murder fugitive, with the Bremer case. They are reported to have obtained a print partially identified as that of Campbell, who is a pal of Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, wanted in several states for murder.

A newspaper man at Mason City, Iowa, disclosed having made a long distance telephone call with a "hot tip" to authorities here. Both police and federal authorities denied knowledge of it.

Another indication that the couple in the Grand avenue apartment were members of the Vernon avenue gang was advanced by descriptions of the woman in each place. Stature and general characteristics of the two are about the same, according to persons who saw them. The Vernon avenue woman, however, had reddened hair while the hair of the woman in the Grand avenue apartment was dark. The woman at Vernon avenue spoke with a Southern drawl, said by persons who heard it, to be synthetic. The woman in the Grand avenue apartment spoke with a decided Irish brogue, though her husband used a name of Scandinavian origin. The name used by the Vernon avenue couple was Smith.

Dispatches from Tulsa said St. Paul authorities had telegraphed a request to police there for photographs and Bertillon measures of Campbell.

Campbell, with Barker and Karpis, are charged with the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa attorney.

## NEW CLUE CHECKED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

*St. Paul Dispatch*  
'Vernon Avenue Gang' Suspect  
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Evidence that at least one member of the so-called "Vernon avenue gang" apparently remained in St. Paul for six months while police and Department of Justice agents searched for them was disclosed today in a further checkup of information gleaned in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The Dispatch obtained from persons who saw occupants of an

### CIGARS AWAIT GANG

Among other things, awaiting the kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, in a box of cigars.

Bremer, a friend disclosed today, wagered with one of his abductors concerning his release.

"We're going to take you back tomorrow," one of the gang told Bremer Wednesday.

"I'll bet I won't be back by Thursday," the banker said. "I'll bet a box of cigars I won't." The kidnaper took the bet.

Federal authorities here are anxious that the smokes be claimed.

apartment at 628 Grand avenue, and who also saw members of the gang who fled from 204 Vernon avenue last June at the time of the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., descriptions which tally on one man.

This is the man who sold in St.

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# **Posses Fail To Find St. Paul Gangsters Who Tried To Rob Bank At Topeka, Kan.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Posses of police, sheriff's deputies and citizens returned fruitless today from their two-day search for a band of St. Paul (Minn.) gangsters who staged an unsuccessful attempt to loot the National Bank of Topeka.

The raiders, identified as Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker and other members of the same gang, held a bank employe, his family and two friends at machine-gun point for two hours while they attempted to secure keys to the bank.

The attempt failed when Don Hassbroek, the employe, convinced the gangsters that he did not have the keys, and that the bank's door was protected by a time lock connected with an alarm.

Later, in the office of Police Chief Maurice Leonard, the victims identified photographs of the Minnesota gangsters as the raiders.

Barker and Karpis, sought as suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, are believed to have planned the raid in an effort to obtain a \$200,000 payroll due Friday.

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# See Larue As King of Kidnaps

**MIRROR**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.,  
Feb. 16.—Larue, wanted by the department of justice for kidnaping and who was arrested here, is linked to the recent kidnaping of Edward Bremer, the St. Paul banker. It was learned by the Daily Mirror from an unimpeachable source here today.

While the Federal men insist that Larue, who is known also as Eddie Doll, is wanted for the violation of the National Automobile theft act, the Mirror informant revealed that sufficient information has been gathered to connect Larue with the Bremer kidnaping and with several others around the Chicago areas, particularly the scratchings of James Hackett, a gambler, in Blue Island, Ill.

The Mirror informant said that Larue was the "Brains" of the middle West kidnaping industry and that he plotted the kidnaping and all the details in the Bremer catching.

While Larue refuses to divulge any information in Tampa, the government investigators are checking

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Edward Bremer.

## 2-17-34 N Y MIRROR Bremer Suspect Called 'King' of Kidnap Racket

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up on his whereabouts during the Bremer kidnaping. His moll, who unknowingly brought about the capture of the Illinois fugitive, refuses to give any information about the capture of the Illinois fugitive, refuses to give any information about Larue and insists that Larue is her husband, Edward Foley, under which name he recently purchased the Orange grove and the house in which his arrest took place.

### GIRL IDENTIFIED.

It has been learned that Larue's pretty girl friend has been identified as Doris Kane Barton who originally came from a town in Vermont and who, as the Mirror pointed out yesterday, brought about the capture of Larue by her being traced by letters that had been forwarded to her.

Before she was traced here, she had been located in three different places—in San Antonio, Chicago and Los Angeles. The Federal operatives learned that she was Larue's girl friend and checked her activities. They found that she had relatives in Vermont and they watched the mails.

When it was discovered that this Vermont mail was being sent to a rural free delivery box on the outskirts of this city, they gave the tip to Captain Edward Lippard, of the local detective force, who laid the foundation for the raid which resulted in Larue's capture. To clinch their case that this was the same woman, a "trap" letter was also sent from Chicago.

### HOUSE GUARDED.

The Federal operatives, who still insist that Larue is only wanted on the auto theft charge, refuse to reveal any information on the case. They will not permit any persons to enter the Larue house, which was bought on Jan. 6th for \$10,000. The sum of \$2,000 was paid at the time the contract for the purchase was made and, so as not to arouse any suspicions, Larue insisted that the balance would be paid on a \$50 per month basis.

The house, this writer has learned, has been tastily furnished by Larue's moll although the "Foleys" as they were known here, were cautious to preserve the dilapidated outside appearance of the six room bungalow. Larue had planned to remain here indefinitely and had brought several large trunks, suitcases and even golf sticks.

### TALK GIVES CLUE

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Larue impressed the local people with whom he dealt by his suave manner and his speech. At the time of his arrest, he maintained this, but once or twice his anger gave way and he talk out of the side of his mouth and that was one of the clues the arresting officers wanted.

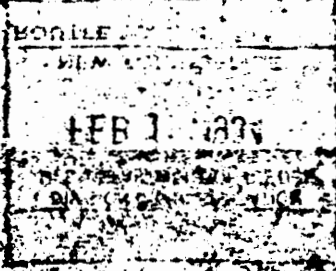
The tatoo marks on his right arm and his handwriting also coincided with that on the circulars of the government which wanted Larue as a kidnaper and Eddie Doll, another alias, as the auto theft.

Since Jan. 6, it was learned today, Larue had made deposits with a local bank that had totaled \$10,000. He had a safe deposit vault in this same bank and the government investigators opened this yesterday.

While they refused to reveal the contents, it has been learned that gilt edge securities had been found among his holdings. What other papers were discovered, the investigators refused to say.

Two guns were found in Larue's bungalow and one of these, a .38 calibre, had three notches cut into the handle. His trunks have been investigated and the house has been probed thoroughly, but what was found, no one would say.

**"Scaregull" Saved Fertilizer**  
CHILMARK, Mass., Feb. 16 (UP)—Joseph D. Tilton, Jr., has invented a "Scaregull" to check the depredations of sea gulls that have been eating starfish spread over the Tilton lawn for fertilizer.



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To Force City  
To Pay Salaries



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He will probably go to Washington to appear personally in his fight to stay in this country, he said.  
G. A. R. Camps in August  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 16 (UP)—Aug. 15 has been selected as the date for the 64th annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic. The date will coincide with Rochester's centennial celebration.

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- MR. HANNAH

## THE NEW YORK MIRROR The Real Menace Behind Kidnaping

Attorney General Cummings in Washington deplores a lack of co-operation by police of Minneapolis and St. Paul with Federal officials seeking to identify the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and brewer whose family paid \$200,000 for his release. St. Paul is alleged to be the headquarters of a kidnaping mob some members of which are criminals of long standing.

Whether Attorney General is aware of not the conditions surrounding some of these abductions are not precisely as they appear on the surface. Certain individuals, notably some who sold beer in the dry era and surmounted difficulties of distribution by employing or operating through beer runners who were also in many instances hijackers and gunmen, have merely reaped the whirlwind.

When repeal came along these gentry undertook to rejoin the legal fold and at the same time to dispense with their aids of the prohibition period. These mobs insisted on being retained and when their demands were flouted set out to collect via the abduction route. Victims of these gangs know the men they are dealing with.

Attorney General Cummings apparently knows some of the facts in this connection because he remarks there are certain cities whose police departments need cleaning up. This suggestion applies to New York's State capital as well as that of Minnesota. If the inside facts on some of these kidnapings were as well known to the public as they are to the police there would be less wonderment over them.

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## NEBRASKA TO FIGHT FLORIDA FOR LARUE

Prisoner Linked With \$2,500,000  
Bank Robbery of 1930, De-  
clares County Official.

By the Associated Press.

LINCOLN, Nebr., February 17.—Ne-  
braska is determined to bring Eddie  
Larue here from Florida to stand trial  
as the key man in the world's largest  
bank robbery.

County Attorney Max G. Towle said  
he had evidence tying Larue up with  
the \$2,500,000 hold-up of the Lincoln  
National Bank in 1930.

"Unless Federal agents establish  
enough evidence to link him with the  
Edward Bremer kidnaping, I think  
we've a good chance of getting him,"  
Towle said.

Larue was charged with being a  
member of the hold-up gang about the  
time Illinois officers raided an East  
St. Louis apartment, arresting the two  
men who have since been sentenced  
to 25-year terms for participating in  
the robbery—Tommy O'Connor and  
Howard "Pop" Lee.

Towle said he had the best case  
against Larue of any of the three men  
he has tried here and that he has a  
mass of circumstantial evidence he  
believes marks Larue as one of the  
robbers as well as identification testi-  
mony of witnesses of the hold-up.  
Jack Britt was the third man tried  
and he was released after two juries  
disagreed.

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# **N Y MIRROR** Sunday, February 23, 1936 **U. S. Hunts Larue Cache In Bank Box**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 17.—While they were still grilling Eddie Larue, alleged kidnaper, in Tampa, it was reported here today that other Federal operatives were investigating the possibility that the Illinois fugitive arrested in this city, had another safe deposit vault in one of the local banks.

The Federal men here deny that they are looking into this phase, and local bank officials insist that they have not been questioned about it. But the report here, is that Larue's sweetheart, brought back to this city late last night, was returned here to identify her as the holder of another vault.

One safe deposit box has already been located, although this, too, has been denied, and in this box the Federal authorities discovered gilt edge bonds of considerable value. They refused to admit, either, that they discovered any documents that would link Larue, or "Doll" as he is known by one of his many aliases, with the kidnappers they believe he plotted.

His trunks at the Orange Grove at which he was arrested have been thoroughly investigated and all mail that is being received at the Grove under the name of "Foley," another alias, is being taken by the Federal operatives who have been stationed there since his arrest.

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# GOGGLES USED TO BLINDFOLD BREMER FOUND

Glasses Taped to Block Vision  
Dug From Snow at  
Rochester.

## VICTIM'S MAP GAVE CLUE

Bridge on Sketch of Area  
Where He Was Freed Leads  
to Discovery.

Rochester, Feb. 19.—A heavily-taped pair of goggles worn by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker during most of the 21 days he was imprisoned by kidnapers, has been found.

The goggles were found on First place southeast, Rochester, by a federal investigator and by George Rohde, plain clothes operative of the Rochester police department, after the arrival of the former with a sketch furnished by Bremer of the district in Rochester where he was released.

### Glass Taped on Inside.

Inspection of the goggles disclosed the glass for both eyes had been carefully taped on the inside to prevent Bremer from observing his captors.

"The goggles were of a heavy type and it appeared that a strip of rubber such as might have been cut from inner tubing was used to furnish a strap which went around the kidnaped man's head," Rohde said.

The goggles were found near a building formerly used as the American Legion welfare house on First place southeast just south of Fourth street. The building now is untenanted and is about one block east and a quarter of a block south of the East Fourth street bridge.

### Bridge Provided Clue.

The investigators dug around in the snow until they found the eye shields. In his first statement following his return to St. Paul, after payment of \$200,000 ransom by members of his family, Bremer said he was given freedom near a bridge in Rochester.

From the sketch brought here by the federal investigator, it was believed Bremer was released from his captors' car at the corner of Fifth street and First place southeast, then walked across the street, and tossed the goggles into a patch of weeds near a fence.

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**Find Bremer's  
 Taped Goggles**  
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**Glasses Located In Roch-  
 ester By Aid Of Chart.**

ROCHESTER, Minn., Feb. 19.—  
 The taped goggles discarded by Ed-  
 ward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul  
 banker, on his release here almost  
 two weeks ago have been found,  
 George Rohde of the Rochester po-  
 lice department, said today.  
 Rohde and a federal department  
 of justice agent located the goggles  
 by means of a chart furnished by  
 Bremer, now recuperating in St.  
 Paul from the injuries inflicted dur-  
 ing his 21 days of captivity, Rohde  
 said.  
 The two men found the "heavily  
 taped welders' goggles" in a snow-  
 covered patch of weeds on First  
 Place Southeast. Rohde thought it  
 probable that Bremer was released  
 on the corner of Fifth and First  
 Place Southeast and tossed the gog-  
 gles into the snowdrift on the oppo-  
 site side of the street.  
 Fastened to the goggles was a  
 rubber strip, apparently cut from  
 an inner tube and used to bind the  
 blindfold over Bremer's eyes.

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**SERIAL NUMBERS OF  
 RANSOM MONEY LISTED**

U. S. Attorney Francis C. Canny  
 received from Edward J. Hoover,  
 Director of the Division of Inves-  
 tigation, Department of Justice,  
 Wednesday, a 61-page booklet which  
 detailed serial numbers of the \$183,-  
 000 ransom money paid to kidnapers  
 for the release of Edward G. Bremer,  
 St. Paul banker.

The booklet showed that \$45,880  
 of the ransom money was paid in  
 \$5 bills and \$137,270 in \$10 bills. The  
 serial number of each bill is given.  
 Similar booklets have been sent to  
 all police and county officials in this  
 country and also to foreign author-  
 ities. Every bank in the United  
 States also received a copy.

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# BALTIMORE NABS TWO IN BREMER CASE

*St. Paul Daily News*  
 BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 22.—Federal department of justice today questioned a man and woman in an effort to determine if they had any possible connection with the recent kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The pair, who gave their names as Richard E. Wilson and Mrs. Angeline Bretz, were arrested in a rooming house after they had tendered a \$100 bill at a restaurant.

Federal agents came from Washington to question them. Mrs. Bretz was said to have claimed that she went to school with Bremer.

Werner Hanni, in charge of the St. Paul office of the department of justice, has received no notification of the Baltimore arrest, he said today.

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### RANSOM LISTS ARRIVE.

Banks Notified Of Numbers On  
 Bremer Kidnapers' Bills.

United States District Attorney Francis C. Gann and Cincinnati banks yesterday received lists from the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., bearing the numbers of the currency used in the payment of ransom to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, banker, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The list bears the numbers of approximately 13,727 ten-dollar bills and the numbers of approximately 9,176 five-dollar bills, the total face value of which aggregated approximately \$180,000. This would indicate the actual amount paid by the family of Bremer for his release by the kidnapers was less than the \$200,000 demanded by the gang.

It is said the lists are being distributed to Federal authorities, banks, Police Departments and detective agencies throughout the United States, with instructions that notice be given immediately to the Bureau of Investigation in the event any of these bills make their appearance.

The bills making up the ransom payment were mostly Federal reserve notes, although many are United States notes and national bank notes. Of the reserve notes a large percentage were issued by the Federal Reserve Bank for the Ninth District, Minneapolis, Minn. The list is printed and covers 57 large pages. Each page has seven columns, each column bearing approximately 50 numbers of bills.

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## BREMER CASE USED AS MODEL FOR ADLER

Pair Were Going to Improve  
on Abduction Here, How-

ever, Lacy Says.  
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Decision to "improve" on the methods followed in the kidnaping in St. Paul of Edward Bremer played a large part in the attempted kidnaping in Chicago of E. P. Adler, publisher of Davenport, Iowa.

Fred Mayo, alias Charles Phillips, and Jack Lacy, alias Wyman, drew much of their inspiration for the Chicago crime attempt from study of the Bremer case, Associated Press dispatches Thursday night quoted Lacy as saying in a confession.

Lacy was captured in a hotel a short time before Mayo hanged himself in a jail cell, but was not informed of his partner's death until after he made his confession, the Associated Press said.

Decided on "Good One."

"We were both broke and out of jobs," the dispatch quoted Lacy as saying. "We had read a lot about the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul and discussed the possibility of a 'snatch' as a means of getting quick money. We decided we could pull a good one, and improve on the Bremer case. Mayo had worked in Des Moines and Davenport and suggested Adler."

According to the confession, Mayo objected to attempting the kidnaping in Davenport on the ground that either Adler or his chauffeur might recognize them. They therefore went to Chicago and watched all the trains arriving from St. Paul, having been told the publisher was on his way to Chicago by way of St. Paul. At last Mayo "spotted" Adler getting off a train and trailed him to the Morrison hotel. Previous dispatches stated that Mayo told officials they had trailed Adler in St. Paul Tuesday from a loop hotel to the station.

Lacy's confession then continued: "It was Mayo who suggested that we get a big trunk, and put him (Adler) in it to remove him from the hotel. I objected to the trunk. I told him that even if we did chloroform and gag him, he could still groan, and those removing the trunk would hear it."

Wanted to Walk Him Out.

"Mayo said no, that we'd put blankets and pillows in it, to muffle the sound, and that it would be the best way. I wanted to hold Adler in the room until night, and walk him out after he was scared and cowed. But Mayo insisted his plan was best, and we decided on that."

In a confession Wednesday night Mayo had named Lacy as his cop-

federate and Lacy corroborated this.

Lacy, the Associated Press stated, will be held to face probable charges of attempted kidnaping and assault. It is expected he will be arraigned in felony court in Chicago Monday morning.

Adler was assaulted Wednesday as he left his hotel room but escaped although he suffered blows from a blackjack which required several stitches.

## FINE, DAHILL SAYS OF INGERSON CRIME OFFER.

"Fine."

Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, made this laconic comment Thursday night on the promise of Dr. C. A. Ingerson, mayoralty candidate, that he would provide a list of 40 witnesses who "can testify to the facts of gambling and crime" in St. Paul.

Chief Dahill declined any further comment and refused to answer questions concerning Dr. Ingerson's statement and the grand jury investigation of crime conditions scheduled to start at 2 P. M. Monday.

M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, was only slightly more verbose. "Dr. Ingerson already has been invited by the foreman of the grand jury to appear and present any information he has," Mr. Kinkead said. "It is my desire that the grand jury get all possible information regarding the commission of any crime."

Mr. Kinkead referred to the assertion of William Burrows, 1788 Iglehart avenue, foreman of the grand jury, that "we might let it be known to Messrs. Ingerson and Gehan (Mark H. Gehan, mayoralty candidate) that the grand jury may begin questioning of police laxity and that if they desire to appear and offer voluntary testimony they may notify either the county attorney or the foreman of the grand jury."

Dr. Ingerson announced Thursday morning that he would present to the grand jury "definite information to show that gambling and crime in St. Paul are linked amazingly in a reprehensible manner with the police department, that connivance between the city government and the underworld actually does exist and that gambling profits have been shared with police officers."

Dr. Ingerson's statement was precipitated by Mayor Mahoney's proposal that he and Mr. Gehan and others who have publicly denounced crime in St. Paul, including Homer S. Cummings, United States Attorney General, be summoned to testify before the grand jury.

The series of charges and counter charges grew out of Attorney General Cummings' statement last week that "if there are any cities in the country that need cleaning up, they are Minneapolis and St. Paul." Mr. Cummings added that certain segments of the local police have the confidence of his department while others do not.

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# Purchased There, U.S. Agents Learn

By United Press  
 MADISON, Wis., Feb. 23.—Four flashlights which kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, son of a wealthy St. Paul brewer, used to signal to their victim's friend, Walter Magee, when he brought the \$200,000 ransom to them, have been traced to a Madison store.  
 Federal agents who traced the abandoned flashlights by their serial numbers left here after asking store employees to identify pictures of kidnaping suspects as purchasers of the lights. This development strengthened the theory that the kidnapers drove through Madison with their victim.

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St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 24, 1934.

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#### CAUSE AND EFFECT IN KIDNAPINGS.

The fat sum of \$200,000, realized by the still-un-captured kidnapers of Edward Bremer of St. Paul recently, had its natural consequence, by their own admission, in tempting other seekers for easy money to enter the same racket. Two men plotted to abduct an Iowa publisher from a hotel in Chicago, but were foiled by the plucky fight made by their elderly intended victim. Today, one of them is dead, a suicide after his capture, and his accomplice is in jail.

How many other kidnaping plots were inspired in the country's underworld by the Bremer coup we cannot know. Neither can we know how many would-be abductors were discouraged by the conviction of Roger Touhy and two other men, kidnapers of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, and their sentencing in a Chicago court to 99 years in prison. Both success and failure in kidnaping are certain to have their results, however, in influencing the underworld, and the jury's action in the Factor case is a direct assault on the structure of lawlessness throughout the country.

Two hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money; but, on the other hand, 99 years is a long, long time. Weighing the two, our would-be kidnapers should also consider the fate of the abductors in the Urschel, Donnelly, Luer, Bosttcher, McKelroy and other cases.

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**OFFICIAL DEPARTS  
 IN BREMER SEARCH**

Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the United States department of justice, who has spent more than a month investigating the Bremer kidnaping, left St. Paul Sunday for an unannounced destination. It is believed that Nathan is following some lead in the kidnaping case, but Werner Hanni, chief of the St. Paul division, and other federal officials, declined to comment on Nathan's mission.

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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**U. S. BUREAU HEAD QUIZZES**  
**LACY ON KIDNAPINGS**  
 Chicago, Feb. 27 (AP) — After lengthy questioning of James Lacy, held for the attempted abduction of E. P. Adler, Iowa publisher, Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said he would give all of the information he obtained to state authorities.  
 Purvis said he questioned Lacy about other abductions, but refused to amplify this statement. Lacy is to be arraigned today in felony court.

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# Iowa Kidnap Story Spurs Bremer Hunt

Secrecy Prevails as U. S.  
 Waits Details.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 13 (AP).—  
 The hunt for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, spurred on by the announcement that Iowa police had been told the hide-out was a southwestern Iowa farm, tonight was proceeding secretly.

At St. Paul, Harold Nathan, Federal investigator, said it was not likely that the banker, released last week for a \$200,000 ransom, would be taken to the vicinity of Creston, Iowa, to attempt location of the farmhouse until more definite information was obtained regarding it.

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## LIGHTS AND BUS LED BREMER RANSOM CAR

Red Lanterns Placed Along  
Road Guided Magee to  
Payoff Spot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**TRACE OWNERSHIP OF  
BREMER KIDNAP AUTO**  
Ill. State Register  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—(U.S.S.)  
—Department of justice agents have  
traced the automobile from which  
Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker,  
was freed by his kidnapers to an  
owner in Fairbault, Minn., it was  
learned today.  
Questioning the car's owner, the  
federal operatives were told the auto-  
mobile was stolen while in the po-  
session of a brother-in-law.  
Bremer was released in Rochester,  
Minn., on payment of \$200,000 ran-  
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**CRIME STILL DOESN'T PAY.**

Loosed finally by the ransom of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, federal investigators are now turning the middle west upside down for clues identifying the kidnapers.

This is something of a showdown for the department of justice, and although success cannot be predicted, it stands to reason that no scent is going to be ignored.

For if the perpetrators of this latest sensational kidnaping are apprehended, it is hard to understand how any criminal in his right mind can undertake the "racket" as an even bet.

Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly are in for life, and a solid dozen of their associates convicted. Roger Touhy and company repose in jail—except for Willie Sharkey, who hanged himself. Walter McGee was hanged in Missouri and his brother got a life sentence. Verne Sankey executed himself, and his pal, Alcorn, won't be bothering society any more.

There are others of the past year's crop who have met similarly unpleasant fates.

The odds aren't very good any more.

Perhaps the prospective young Wallingfords had best stick to a college education, after all.

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### TWO QUIZZED IN KIDNAPING

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15 (I.N.S.).—Two mystery prisoners, arrested by Federal agents, and questioned for 20 hours, are believed to be suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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## Bremer Kidnap Hunters Silent

Secret Trip to Iowa and  
Arrest of Bandit Suspect  
Mark Day's Search.

St. Paul, Feb. 14 (AP).—A secret trip to Iowa by three county officers and another conference of Federal agents with Edward G. Bremer headlined activities today in the investigation of Bremer's abduction for \$200,000 ransom. Federal investigators also were reported interested in the seizure in Minneapolis of an automobile detectives said contained a chloroform mask and other paraphernalia which might have been used by abductors. Police there questioned Edward Doran, 24, wanted in Duluth, Minn., on robbery charges. Bremer, still suffering from injuries received when he was kidnaped January 17 and from his three weeks long captivity, held further conferences with Federal officers.

Portland, Me., Feb. 14 (AP).—The far-flung investigation of the Department of Justice into the activities of kidnap gangs has set Maine law-enforcement agencies on the trail of Edward Doll, a henchman of George E. (Machine Gun) Kelly, believed to be hiding in Maine. Following the arrival of a Federal agent here and a raid on a farmhouse at Gorham, 10 miles from this city, it was disclosed that authorities were seeking Doll.



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*St. Paul Dispatch*  
**BREMER AGAIN CONFERS**  
**WITH FEDERAL AGENTS**  
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 Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old banker, who was released by his abductors on payment of \$200,000 ransom, had another conference with Department of Justice operatives in the Federal building today.  
 He arrived at the department offices about 11:15 A. M., and was seen leaving at 12:35, accompanied by a federal operative.  
 The reason for his visit was not divulged and no one would discuss the visit.

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# BREMER LINKS

## 2 BY PHOTOS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15.—

Federal agents today were hunting two men reported to have been named by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as his kidnapers.

Bremer was reported to have identified the two suspects from police file photographs. Today was the fourth day he spent in scanning "mug" pictures since his release payment of \$200,000 ransom.

From Portland came reports that members of the Bremer kidnap gang were being sought in Maine.

Meanwhile, a man arrested in a Minneapolis hotel as a suspect in a Duluth, Minn., burglary, was questioned in the kidnaping when it was found that he had in his room a quantity of anesthetics and other materials usable in a kidnaping.

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# CONTACT MAN LOST ON TRIP TO FREE BREMER!

Magee Trailed Bus 40 Miles;  
Dropped \$200,000 for Gang;  
Confused by Rural Roads

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—(P)—Lost in the dead of night on a lonely rural road, Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case, spent a miserable hour trying to find his bearings and not double back over the route where he dropped \$200,000 February 4 to effect the release of the banker.

## TRAILED BUS.

This was learned tonight as additional details of Magee's harrowing experiences were revealed. Guided by instructions in a note found in a strange car which he was ordered to drive from downtown St. Paul, Magee was forced to keep pace with a speeding southbound passenger bus for more than forty miles.

Magee trailed the bus, keeping at a distance of approximately 100 yards all the way from Farmington to Faribault.

## DROPS \$200,000.

Reaching an elevated spot marked by red lanterns and signalled by blinking lights—four flashes—to drop the money at the side of the road, Magee stopped and carried out instructions in the note he found in the sidepocket of the strange car. It developed tonight that the car had been stolen by the kidnapers and was distinguished by a fake oil firm insignia on the left door.

Continuing his ride, Magee traversed narrow rural routes and soon became confused in his direction. Fearing he might encounter the kidnapers if he retraced his route, he traveled eastward and found himself an hour later in the vicinity of Zumbrota, thirty miles off his course. He inquired near Zumbrota the way to St. Paul and returned homeward via Hastings.

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MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. ROBER.....

# Kidnaper Hunt Turns To North Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15 (U.S.).—Search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer turned definitely toward northern Minnesota today.

Sought particularly, it was learned, were Whitey Clark, Chicago underworld "heavy," and Jack McKay, of Philadelphia. Both men were said to have been in the vicinity of Fairbault, Minn., both before and after Bremer's release. The owner of the car from which the St. Paul bank president was released is a Fairbault resident, Federal agents have discovered. The car was believed stolen from a brother-in-law of the Fairbault man.

Search for the missing car, Clark and McKay was centered today in the vicinity of Orr, Minn., and in the Mille Lacs region.

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MR. Rosen  
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## FLORIDA HOLDS 2 SUSPECTS IN BREMER CASE

'Hot Clue' in St. Petersburg To  
Be Investigated; Cummings  
Hits Police Laxity in Hunt

By Universal Service

Six Department of Justice agents were rushed to St. Petersburg, Fla., yesterday to question two suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was released after \$200,000 ransom money had been paid.

Those taken into custody at St. Petersburg early yesterday were Edward E. Doll, alias Eddie Larue, and his wife. According to Justice officials, he has a long criminal record. At the time of his arrest Doll gave his name as Leonard Foley.

### POLICE CRITICIZED

As the department worked feverishly to solve the Bremer kidnaping Attorney General Cummings criticized St. Paul and Minneapolis police and the Bremer family for failing to cooperate. He said:

"If there are two cities in the United States that need a good cleaning up, they are Minneapolis and St. Paul. And you can quote me on that."

"I am disappointed that we have not received the full cooperation of the Bremer family and I hope they will see the importance of full cooperation."

Federal agents said the tip from St. Petersburg is the hottest clue yet uncovered in the nation-wide man hunt for the Bremer kidnapers.

### HELD FOR CAR THEFT

Doll is being held on charges of violating the Federal auto theft act while being questioned concerning the St. Paul kidnaping.

Official records show he has a number of aliases, being known also as Frank Leonard, J. E. Jackson, "Burlington" Eddie, Edward Doll, Ed Larue and Leonard Foley.

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## GUNMAN HELD, SAID TO HAVE BREMER CASH

Edward Larue, Called 'Brains'  
of \$2,000,000 Lincoln, Neb.,  
Bank Robbery, Captured in  
Florida.

### PRISONER ALSO WANTED IN JAMES HACKETT KIDNAPING

Federal Agents Believe Money  
Found in Suitcase Is Part of  
Ransom Paid for St. Paul  
Banker.

TAMPA, FLA., Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—  
Edward LaRue, wanted in the  
\$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln  
National Bank & Trust Co. of Lin-  
coln, Neb., and in the kidnaping of  
James Hackett of Blue Island, Ill.,  
is under arrest here, officers re-  
vealed today.

Identification of LaRue was said  
by federal agents to be positive  
after a night of checking finger-  
prints and photographs with Wash-  
ington and Chicago officials.

Federal officers said several suit-  
cases were seized by officers. It  
was reported that they were filled  
with plunder and one was said to  
hold part of the money paid for  
the release of Edward G. Bremer,  
wealthy banker, who recently was  
freed by kidnapers after payment  
of \$200,000 ransom.

LaRue was arrested at St. Peters-  
burg, Fla., yesterday and gave his  
name as Leonard E. Foley. With  
him was his wife, Doris, who is also  
held. They were brought here by  
a small army of St. Petersburg and  
Tampa police and ten federal men,  
all heavily armed. The jail is be-  
ing carefully guarded.

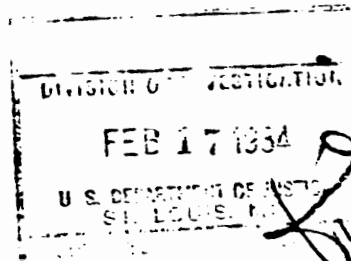
The two were arrested on the out-  
skirts of St. Petersburg where they  
were living on a thirty-acre poultry  
farm recently purchased for \$7,500  
cash, according to officers.

Federal officers declare that LaRue  
was declared the "brains" of the  
Lincoln bank robbery, one of the  
greatest bank robberies of all time.  
It occurred in September, 1930.

LaRue also is accused by federal  
officers of planning the kidnaping  
of Hackett, for whose release \$75,-  
000 was paid.

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat  
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# 'BRAINS' IN BIGGEST BANK ROBBERY CAUGHT

## EDDIE LARUE ARRESTED IN FLORIDA BY U. S. AGENTS

Sought as Leader in  
\$2,500,000 Holdup in  
Lincoln, Neb., in  
Which St. Louis Gang-  
sters Were Freed.

CLEAR WINKLER,  
SAYS OFFICER

Holds Seizure Proves  
Slain Gunman, Who  
Returned Part of  
Loot, Had No Part in  
Daring Theft.

By Associated Press.

TAMPA, FLA., February 15 (Fri-  
day).—Department of Justice agents  
early today said the man they  
placed in jail here late yesterday  
after arresting him at St. Peters-  
burg Wednesday is Eddie Doll,  
alias Eddie Larue, of Chicago, a  
fugitive from Illinois.

The prisoner was listed on the  
docket at the jail here as Leonard  
E. Foley, and a woman arrested  
with him was listed as his wife,  
Mrs. Doris Foley. Both were held  
on a charge of violating the federal  
automobile theft act and for inves-  
tigation.

The federal agents declined to  
discuss the case except to say fin-  
ger prints, pictures and other com-  
parisons showed the man to be Doll,  
alias Larue.

The agents listed Doll's relatives  
in Chicago and indicated there was  
no doubt about the man's identity.

By Associated Press.

LINCOLN, NEB., February 15.—  
"Eddie Larue," wanted here as  
brains of the combination that en-  
gineered the greatest bank robbery  
of all time, the \$2,500,000 looting of  
the Lincoln National Bank and  
Trust Company in September, 1930,  
is under arrest at St. Petersburg,  
Fla., County Attorney Max Towle  
announced tonight. Larue is known  
also as Ed Foley, Ed Doll, Frank  
Lewis and J. E. Jackson.

Used Aliases.

"Larue," Towle said, "frequently  
used the aliases of Ed Doll and Ed  
Foley.

"If the man is Larue," he added,  
"I will put in a claim for him."

Towle asserted the arrest of La-  
rue would clear Gus Winkler, slain  
Chicago and St. Louis gangster, of  
connection with the bank robbery.

Winkler restored \$583,000 of the  
loot and, Nebraska officials said,  
supplied proof of the destruction of  
registered bonds with a value of  
more than \$2,000,000, making possi-  
ble issuance of new certificates.

Nebraska officials said they were  
satisfied Winkler, arrested and  
charged with the robbery, had no  
connection with the holdup, but ob-  
tained the loot through under-  
world connections to escape prose-  
cution in the case.

Returned Part of Loot.

He presented an alibi intended to  
show he was in Buffalo, N. Y., at  
the time of the robbery. He said  
the reason he interested himself in  
the return of the money was to  
avoid long-drawn-out litigation.

The Lincoln robbery was a spec-  
tacular affair. An automobile load  
of machine gunners sped up to the  
bank. Alighting from the machine,  
two men took up positions in front  
of the institution while others en-  
tered, gathering up all valuables in  
sight. Most of the amazed citizens

thought the coup a police protec-  
tive measure until after the squad-  
ron of bandits departed.

Months of futile investigation fol-  
lowed, and the case was finally  
turned over to a newly formed un-  
official crime prevention body in  
Chicago, the "Secret Six," which  
brought about return of the loot,  
through Winkler.

Later six men, Thomas O'Connor,  
Howard Lee, Jack Britt, William  
McQuillan, Edward O'Hara and  
Tommy Hayes, St. Louis gangsters,  
were arrested in connection with  
the case.

O'Connor and Lee were convicted  
and sentenced to twenty-five years  
in Nebraska State Prison. The  
others were acquitted.

Known to Police Here.

Thomas O'Connor, Howard Lee,  
Jack Britt, William (Bow Wow)  
McQuillan, Edward O'Hara and  
Tommy Hayes, who has since been  
shot to death, are well known to  
St. Louis police. Hayes at one time  
was a former lieutenant in the no-  
torious Cuckoo gang, but later  
joined forces with the Shelton  
brothers of East St. Louis. The six  
men were arrested in a raid on a  
flat at 351 East Broadway, in East  
St. Louis, on May 9, 1931.

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## HEAVILY GUARDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 16.—Eddie Foley, also known as Edward Dowell and Edward LaRue, arrested here, were held incommunicado a short while in the city jail and today had been taken to Tampa under guard of eight Federal agents, armed with sub-machine guns.

Police and Federal agents declined to discuss the case, but it was believed the prisoner was taken into custody on charges of participation in a kidnaping. It was said he is wanted in Chicago, San Antonio, Tex., and Peoria, Ill.

Foley arrived in St. Petersburg Jan. 3, and three days afterward purchased a 35-acre grove. He was accompanied by an attractive young woman, said to be his wife.

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# GREATEST ROBBER' BELIEVED CAUGHT

*N.Y. Post 2/16/34*  
 Man Said to Be Larue, in \$2,-  
 500,000 Bank Holdup, \$75,-  
 000 Kidnaping, Captured

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP).—Be-  
 hind an impenetrable screen of  
 secrecy Federal agents questioned  
 today a man described as having  
 borne the same name as a fugitive  
 wanted in a major kidnaping and  
 the greatest bank robbery of all  
 time.

The prisoner, rushed here yester-  
 day from St. Petersburg, Fla., under  
 machine gun guard, was described  
 as Leonard E. Foley, alias Eddie  
 Doll, alias Eddie Larue, wanted in  
 Chicago for "violating the Federal  
 auto theft act." A woman seized  
 with him and also under question-  
 ing was described as his wife, Doris  
 Foley.

## Authorities Secretive

The authorities were tight-lipped  
 as to whether the man is the Eddie  
 Larue wanted in Lincoln, Neb., in  
 the \$2,500,000 looting of the Lincoln  
 National Bank in 1930.

An Eddie Larue is wanted in  
 Illinois also for questioning in the  
 kidnaping of James Hackett, Blue  
 Island, Ill., gambler, who bought  
 his freedom in 1932 by paying a  
 \$75,000 ransom.

The arrests came at a time when  
 the Government, with Attorney  
 General Cummings in command,  
 was spurring its efforts to smash  
 the underworld. Raids have been  
 conducted in the last few days, it  
 was said, at widely scattered points,  
 such as Portland, Me.; New York,  
 New Jersey and Delaware.

The man and woman, arrested in  
 St. Petersburg Wednesday, where  
 they had lived since January 1,  
 were questioned there while being  
 held in jail. Department of Justice  
 agents began arriving from all  
 parts of Florida and from Atlanta,  
 Ga.

Then yesterday ten agents  
 took four machine guns and three  
 automobiles and made a flying dash  
 to this city with their prisoners.

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# U. S. Hunts Bremer Gang in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15.—  
 Search for the kidnapers of Ed-  
 ward G. Bremer turned definitely  
 toward Northern Minnesota today.  
 It was learned that Chief of Po-  
 lice Thomas E. Dahill, Inspector  
 C. J. Tierney and at least a half  
 dozen Federal Agents had left for  
 the North part of the State.  
 Boughta particularly, it was  
 learned, were Whitey Clark, Chi-  
 cago underworld "heavy," and  
 Jack McKay, Philadelphia.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1934.

# MAKE IMPORTANT ARREST.

Prisoner in Florida May Solve Kidnaping and Big Bank Theft.

(By The Star's Leased Wire Service.)

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., Feb. 15.—Behind a veil of secrecy which may conceal the solution of a kidnaping and the biggest bank robbery of all time, ten federal agents armed with four machine guns left here tonight with a prisoner captured today during spectacular raids simultaneously conducted from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.

The prisoner is Edward Foley, alias Eddie Larue, alias Edward Doll—a henchman of George (Machine Gun) Kelly. His wife was arrested with him in a home they had purchased here last January 6.

The authorities of Lincoln, Neb., however, declared that an Eddie Larue was wanted in that city as the brains of a gang that engineered the greatest bank theft of history—the 2½-million-dollar looting of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Company in September, 1930.

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### FIND RANSOM MONEY

Bremer Currency Reported  
in Tampa, Fla.

By United Press.

TAMPA, FLA., Feb. 16.—Edward La Rue, wanted in the \$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln National Bank Trust company of Lincoln, Neb., and in the kidnaping of James Hackett, Blue Island, Ill., is under arrest here, officers revealed Friday.

Federal officers said several suitcases were captured. It was reported they were filled with plunder and one was said to hold part of the money paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, son of the wealthy St. Paul Brewer who recently was released by kidnapers after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

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# RANSOM CASH HOLDS TWO IN BREMER HUNT

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15.—Ten Department of Justice operatives, armed with machine guns and tear bombs, swooped down upon an orange grove on the outskirts of this city this afternoon and took into custody a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping, who, police here say, is linked with the Touhy gang and the kidnapings of Jake Factor and James H. Hackett, retired Blue Island gambler.

The man arrested is Edward Doll, known also as Eddie Larue, Burlington Eddie, Frank Lewis and Eddie Jackson who had been "tailed" here by operatives working out of Tampa for the last 10 days and who was arrested today by the Secret Service men in Tampa, aided by others sent down from Jacksonville and Atlanta.

## KEY TO MYSTERIES.

Doll was hooked on a charge of violating the national automobile theft law. But the local police intimate that the arrest is of greater importance than the Federal men admit and that Doll holds the "key" to several kidnapings that took place around the Chicago area.

The arrest of Doll came with dramatic suddenness. He had been watched for days by the Tampa operatives and every time he made a local purchase, the money he paid out was examined, indicating that the money he had given was suspected of bearing the serial numbers of the bills in the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker.

## TRAPPED BY GIRL.

A pretty woman, supposedly his wife, proved Doll's nemesis. Although Doll had been "tailed" by the Secret Service men for the last

section of the city. Doll, however, surrendered meekly.

Doll's wife, also taken into custody, was subjected to a lengthy questioning tonight.

Doll who has been arrested under many aliases in various cities, is wanted as a fugitive from justice from Illinois. He has been arrested in Chicago, Peoria and San Antonio. He has been known



EDWARD G. BREMER

Suspect in his kidnaping

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# BREMER RANSOM CLUE IN FLORIDA

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also as Frank Lewis and Eddie Jackson.

## WAS "RICH VISITOR."

The Federal men said that Doll, who has been arrested in San Antonio, Peoria, and Chicago, is wanted in Illinois. Doll was at once taken to the Federal Jail in Tampa, 20 miles from here and he will be sent to Illinois.

Doll came here recently and purchased the orange grove. He was regarded as a wealthy visitor, paying cash for the place he bought.

Department of Investigation circulars, posted throughout the South, have been "wanting" Doll for a long time, it was revealed in Tampa tonight. But in Tampa there is another circular—and Doll's fingerprints and pictures coincide with it—that Edward Larue is wanted as a kidnaper.

Tonight more Department of Justice operatives were arriving in this city and also in Tampa.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Six Department of Justice agents were rushed to St. Petersburg, Fla., today to question two suspects in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was released after \$200,000 ransom money had been paid.

Those taken into custody at St. Petersburg were Edward E. Doll, alias Eddie Larue, and his wife. At the time of his arrest early today he gave his name as Leonard Foley.

Official records show he has a number of aliases, being known also as Frank Leonard, J. E. Jackson, "Burlington" Eddie, Edward Doll, Ed Larue and Leonard Foley.

As the Department worked feverishly to solve the Bremer kidnaping, Attorney General Cummings criticized St. Paul and Minneapolis police and the Bremer family for failing to cooperate. He said:

"If there are two cities in the United States that need a good cleaning-up, they are Minneapolis and St. Paul. I am disappointed that we have not received the full cooperation of the Bremer family."

## Bremer Kidnap Hunt Turns Toward Canada

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15.—Search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer turned toward northern Minnesota today.

Clark, Chicago underworld "heavy" and Jack McKay, of Philadelphia. Both men were said to have been in the vicinity of Fairbault, Minn., both before and after Bremer's release. The owner of the stolen machine from which the St. Paul banker was released is a Fairbault resident, Federal agents say.

## Asks Deposit Guarantees Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UPI).—President Roosevelt today wrote Chairman Duncan H. Fletcher of the Senate Banking Committee urging passage of legislation to extend the temporary insurance plan of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation another year.

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## Shirt Made In East New Bremer Clue

Garment Traced From  
 Manufacturer To Mill  
 City Store, May Lead  
 To Kidnapers.

A shirt, manufactured in New York and sold by a Minneapolis retail store has set federal agents on a trail which they believe may lead them to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

The shirt, given to Mr. Bremer by the kidnapers when his own blood-soaked shirt was taken from him, was traced to New York by its pattern and design, despite the fact that all labels and what the kidnapers believed to be all other marks of identification had been removed. From New York federal agents traced it back to a Minneapolis store which handles that brand of shirts.

The shirt also explains the mystery "overnight bag" which played a prominent part in puzzling newspapermen the day Mr. Bremer returned. It is believed that the shirt was in the bag.

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# POSSIBLE BREMER PRISON SOUGHT IN IOWA HOUSE

St. P. P. Press  
 Federal agents have been investigating a vacant house at Lime Spring, Iowa, possible hideout of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, banker, held three weeks by his abductors, it was learned Tuesday.

The house has been vacant since February 9 and the whereabouts of its former occupants is unknown, according to Iowa authorities, who do not place much credence to the report.

After spending several days at Lime Spring, operatives of the Federal Department of Justice left without indicating whether they gained information on the case, the Associated Press said. 2-28-34

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## PERIL AND COLD GRIM MEMORIES FOR BREMER

Banker Reveals Inside  
Story of 22 Days of  
Suffering

### DESPERATE PLANS FOR ESCAPE VAIN

ST. PAUL, Feb. 28 (AP).—Now they may be told—a kidnap victim's memories of cold, hunger and threats of death.

Such are the recollections of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker held in drab captivity for twenty-two days until \$200,000 was paid for his release.

His hunger Bremer described in a public statement soon after he was freed. But the cold, his prospects of death, and how he plotted to escape have become known only to a few intimate friends.

#### Feet Numbed in Cold

"Most of the time I didn't know I even had feet," said Bremer in recalling his experience, "because it was so cold in the room where they held me."

"There was a coal stove in the next room, but there wasn't any heat where I was. It was awfully cold. A couple of times I thought it would be better to gamble on escaping than to stay there and probably get killed."

"That was after one of the first contacts had been made with the family. The gang had told how they wanted the money delivered, but something went wrong."

**Warned of Death**  
"A day or so later, they told me we're only going to try one more contact. If that doesn't work, you're through."

Feeling sure the band would kill him if the last contact didn't work out, Bremer said he finally decided to try to escape.

He said he would listen for sounds and hearing none, would determine in his own mind, that if the house remained silent for another five minutes, he would dash up and make a break for where he thought the nearest door might be found.

"Every time I got up enough courage to make the dash after waiting that length of time," Bremer explained, "I'd hear several persons moving about in the next room. I never did go so far as to make a break."

#### No Sight of His Captors

Bremer said he never saw even the hands or feet of his captors during the twenty-two days.

"They always approached me holding a blanket in front of them and came toward me from behind," said the banker.

Even when they invaded his automobile the morning of January 17, Bremer revealed, the two men stood a little back of the front doors of the car, reaching in hands clutching pistols. When he sought to put the car in gear and flee, another machine stopped in front of his automobile and the man on the far side of the Bremer car began slugging him over the head.

#### Guarded by U. S. Agent

That was the signal for his colleague to follow suit. They beat him fifteen or twenty times until blood brimmed his eyes.

The banker, afflicted with a badly injured leg where the captors slammed his automobile door on it, is accompanied now by an operative from the Federal Department of Justice. Whether the operative follows him in the guise of a bodyguard has not been disclosed.

Bremer has been questioned almost daily by Federal authorities since his release but so far, to all outward appearances, the gang's hideout never has been located.

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## Net Closing On Bremer Kidnapers

Arrests Believed Near In  
Case Of Banker Of St.  
Paul Held For Three  
Weeks By Bandits.

One month ago next Wednesday Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was released by kidnapers on a dark street in Rochester, Minn.

It was the first time in 22 days that Mr. Bremer had been a free man. He was kidnaped on the morning of Jan. 17, after he had left his little daughter Betty at Summit school.

Today the government, with the ace of its investigation staff on hand, appears to be on the verge of making arrests. But the authorities this time are not jumping at conclusions as they did in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case.

### Want Air-Tight Case.

This time when they bring the suspects into court they want an air-tight case. The mistakes made in the Hamm case are not to be repeated this time.

Their lips sealed as a result of orders from Washington the department of justice men, from Harold Nathan down, are not committing themselves.

But as secret as the investigation may be there are a few "leaks." They may not come from the investigators, but they come just the same.

It is no secret that Mr. Nathan and George Blake, two of J. Edgar Hoover's chief assistants, have been out of town for the past week or so. It is no secret that during the past week six additional men have been brought in from out of town to aid in the search for the kidnapers.

### Shirt Is Clue.

Tracing one clue, the federal agents are said to have discovered that the shirt given to Mr. Bremer by the kidnapers after his own had been blood-soaked from wounds received when he resisted the kidnapers was purchased in Minneapolis. All the labels and marks of identification had been removed, but the shirt had been traced to a New York factory and back again to a Minneapolis retail store.

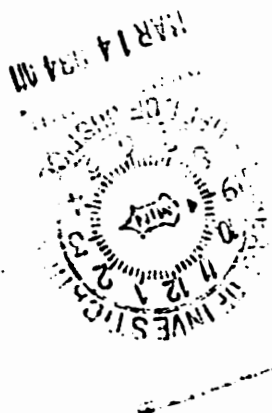
Several trips have been made to Iowa and South Dakota in search of the supposed hideout of the gang.

The fact that Mr. Bremer was fed almost exclusively on eggs because the kidnapers feared to go out for groceries leads federal officials to believe that the hideout is either at a farmhouse or so near a fair sized city that the kidnapers feared detection if they stepped out of the house.

### Not A Bill Found.

Like the Hamm ransom money, officials have yet to find a single bill of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the Bremer release.

That the government is closing in on suspects is indicated by the great secrecy displayed in the department of justice offices. The "lid" has unmistakably been clamped down.



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**Bremer Clue in  
 Iowa Still Sifted**  
*St. Paul Pioneer Press*  
 U. S. Agents Reported Check-  
 ing Lime Spring Area.  
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 That investigators of the United States department of justice still believe that Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kidnaped in January and held 22 days for ransom, was a prisoner in a home near or in Lime Spring, Iowa, was reported Sunday night.  
 Lime Spring is about four miles south of the Minnesota-Iowa boundary line on Highway 50.  
 Federal operatives, it was learned, have conducted an intensive survey of homes in that vicinity and are still active in checking the vicinity for clues as to where the St. Paul man was incarcerated during the period of waiting for negotiations between the kidnapers and those paying the ransom to be concluded.

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These three men are being held by St. Paul police, who are investigating an attempt to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church, out of more than \$10,000. Top is Abe Ginsberg, disbarred Minneapolis attorney; center is E. L. Smith, alias Byrnes, of Menasha, Wis., and bottom is Max Goldberg, alias Robert La Due of Minneapolis.

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## SWINDLE INQUIRY SPEEDED TO JURY

Ginsberg Quiz Set for Today  
to Block Trio's Release on  
Habeas Corpus.

Release of three men arrested following the alleged attempted \$10,800 swindle of a Catholic priest was sought today as the Ramsey county grand jury planned to investigate the case.

Writs of habeas corpus for Abe Ginsberg, disbarred Minneapolis attorney; Max Goldberg, alias Robert LaDue, of Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., were served at 5 P. M. Saturday on Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police, and were returnable for hearing at 2 P. M. today.

To block release of the trio, M. F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, planned to present the case to the grand jury at 2 P. M.

Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, 2389 Bayless avenue, the purported victim, was subpoenaed to testify before the jury this afternoon. Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, and Frank Cullen, detective lieutenant, also have been called.

Two men, who later brought along a third, told Father Carey he had fallen heir to \$450,000 worth of shares in a silver mine near Denver and asked him to advance \$10,800 cash for attorney fees, back taxes and other expenses to settle the estate.

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# MUST WE HAVE ANOTHER KIDNAPING IN ORDER

## TO GET BETTER PROTECTION?

SIX WEEKS ago when Edward Bremer was kidnaped, public indignation flamed to white heat.

Every step must be taken, officials shouted, to end the reign of such crimes! Until the kidnapers were run to earth, no one must be permitted to forget the atrocious abduction!

Gov. Olson and Mayor Mahoney were among the exhorters. Every resource of the state and the city would be available to catch the kidnapers and prevent recurrences!

NOT A SINGLE CHANGE, SO FAR AS WE CAN

SEE, HAS BEEN MADE IN THE BRAND OF POLICE PROTECTION GIVEN ST. PAUL.

IF THE STATE HAS RESOURCES TO COMBAT GANGSTERS, WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THEM.

THE BREMER CASE REMAINS A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR THE KIDNAPERS. SO DOES THE HAMM CASE.

Instead of indignation because this is true, the politicians have become indignant that The Daily News dares keep the crime issue alive.

The Daily News will not give up its fight until changes are made to insure safety for St. Paul citizens.

Politicians may shout until they are blue in the face that our campaign is a "smoke screen" to cover up some other issue.

MUST WE HAVE ANOTHER \$200,000 KIDNAPING TO CONVINCE THE OFFICE SEEKERS, THE OFFICE HOLDERS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ST. PAUL NEEDS BETTER PROTECTION?

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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# HUNT NOW CENTERS N E A R YANKTON

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The musical chiming of church bells may lead United States Department of Justice agents to the hide-out of Edward G. Bremer's kidnapers.

This was disclosed today in an Associated Press dispatch from Yankton, S. D. The Yankton Press and Dakotan published a statement on what it called reliable authority that the officers are searching the vicinity of a tiny Catholic chapel, St. Boniface, which stands snug in the hills about six miles south of Yankton at Menominee, Neb.

The clue which led to the vicinity, according to the report, was the memory by Mr. Bremer of the chiming of church bells daily, at about sundown, and calling the parishioners to services on Sunday.

## Check Deserted Farms.

The agents, the report said, are combing all deserted farms and checking all persons in the vicinity to whom suspicion might attach or who are known to have been visited by outsiders.

Werner Hanni, Northwest chief of the Department of Justice, refused to affirm or deny the report.

The search developed after letters had been dispatched to priests in every country church in this vicinity, asking them to inform the Department of Justice of the time the bells in their churches were rung. Only at St. Boniface church were the chimes sounded at the times Bremer reported he had heard them.

## Checks With Drive Time.

Bremer was reported to have said he knew nothing of the location of his prison, but that it was six or seven hours drive from Rochester, Minn., where he was released. Menominee is about 250 miles from Rochester and the bankers' abductors would have had ample time to reach that city within the stated period.

Whether the car which bore Bremer and the three men who released him crossed a toll bridge on the trip was not known here. It would be necessary to cross such a bridge to get into Minnesota from this vicinity. Bridges here, at Sioux City and at Omaha require tolls.

It was pointed out that the hills and "brakes" near Menominee offer excellent hideouts and that there are several farms within a radius of two miles of the church which are vacant. It also was recalled that Charles Boettcher II, Denver kidnap victim, had been held captive in similar territory near Gann valley in South Dakota, more than a year ago before he was ransomed.

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## Church Bells May Reveal Kidnap Prison of Bremer

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St. Paul Press  
Belfries Checked to Trace  
Chimes Victim Recalls  
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# **TARAN FOUND NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY**

Sam Taran, St. Paul finance company head and central figure in various legal entanglements, won a skirmish with the law in Municipal court Friday.

After a trial, which lasted most of the day before Judge Clayton Parks, Taran was found not guilty on a charge of assault and battery filed by Frank Cheslock, 86 West Seventh street.

Cheslock testified Taran induced him to enter an automobile January 28 and assaulted him. Taran denied the charge and testified an altercation with Cheslock resulted from a deal involving a loan on an automobile granted Cheslock by Taran's company.

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# **Chimes Bremer May Have Heard As Captive Found**

**Police Search for Hide-  
out of Kidnapers Near  
Church With Bells.**

By the Associated Press.  
 FORDYCE, Nebr., March 12.—The  
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 banker, during his captivity.  
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# U.S. Closing in on Lindy Kidnaper

## Left One Clue Which Will Serve to Identify Him, Sleuth Says

This is the twenty-fourth and concluding article of a series, the result of a special investigation, on the greatest man hunt in history, the search for the fiend who on March 1, 1932, stole the world's most famous baby, Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., from his crib and murdered him.

By LARRY RUE  
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There is every indication that the Lindbergh baby kidnaping will be solved. But before elaborating on that, a story showing the futility of the police in trying to monopolize the secrets of the man hunt is interesting.

The first man I saw in starting my investigation of this case was Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey State police. At that time he was the focal point in the search for the murderers of the Lindbergh baby.

He was suave, courteous and hospitable. He invited me to see him trim one of the champion squash players at the State troopers' headquarters in Trenton. After he won his game we swam in the pool, then lunched in the dining hall.

A graduate of West Point, Colonel Schwarzkopf impresses one as a splendid officer. His troopers have a high morale, look smart and have hung up records in marksmanship. He is popular with his men and as a State police force has, no doubt, an efficient organization.

Colonel Schwarzkopf admitted he was not a detective. In this kind of work he is guided by Capt. John J. Lamb, who won national prominence in the Halls-Mills case.

In discussing the Lindbergh case he told me that "all the real clues have been kept secret." He told me how he smiled when newspapers tried to bring Able Wagner into this case, he having had information all the while that Able Wagner had been put on the spot and his body buried in a lime barrel and sunk in the East River.

He chronicled the difficulties he had had in preventing reporters from getting to the Lindbergh household a day or so after the crime was committed, although, on the night of the crime, newspaper men and photographers had come right up to the place without hindrance of any kind.

He discovered one reporter, trying to represent himself as a waiter in a restaurant, riding on a truck bringing coffee. He said another tried to slip something over by representing himself as a telegraph messenger. He told me how he put a stop to such things.

He refused to give me permission to visit the Lindbergh house and look over the ground. Yet without being stopped, without seeing any signs warning me against trespassing, I walked with a friend along Featherbed Lane to within a few yards of the window from which the baby was taken.

Within a few days after I talked to Colonel Schwarzkopf I found myself galloping around investigating clues right on the heels of State troopers, near Hopewell, as well as talking to people in the Bronx and New York city, who recently had been questioned by other authorities.

After I had spent some time around Hopewell, talking to numerous persons, getting their stories, suspicions and observations, the same people from whom this information had been given without question, told me that they had been warned by the State troopers not to talk to me, as I was a newspaper man.

The attitude of Colonel Schwarzkopf toward newspaper men is really a challenge. Under the circumstances a reporter might feel that all the clues he digs up is fair game. For this kind of help he owes nothing, is under no obligation.

Yet there is another consideration involved. The main issue is to get the kidnaper. No matter how sensational the facts or dramatic the story, no newspaper would publish them if convinced that to do so would interfere with the final solution of this case.

The clues in the Lindbergh baby kidnaper hunt are the monopoly of no man or no police organization. Whoever investigators arrest or question are sources of information for anybody.

When I started this series

because of the warnings of police against me in Hopewell, and cautions from Al Reich, Condon's friend and bodyguard, I was sorely tempted to tell all that I had learned.

There are clues, recent ones, of the most sensational character.

At the request of authorities we will not get too specific.

As said before, one of these involves a suicide as dramatic as that of Violet Sharpe. It involves the subpoenaing of the bank account of a highly respected and innocent citizen, the tapping of his telephone for months. It involves a car, possibly used by the kidnaper, discovered abandoned the day after the kidnaping. It brings handwriting experts definitely into the case.

These clues point in one direction, to a certain locality, to certain individuals. They are positive clues, and the answer eventually will be found around them.

We must remember one thing. That is, that the Department of Justice which has solved practically every kidnaping case since the Lindbergh law was passed, making kidnaping a Federal offense, got the Lindbergh case cold only a few months ago.

Before that, the Federal Government took part in the investigation on sufferance, that is, its investigators had no authority, had no right to make personal investigation, except as permitted under the aegis of the New Jersey State police.

True the Revenue Department and the Department of Justice had men on the job. They were consulted but did not have charge of the investigation, and often had to take handouts.

This is not intended to imply that New Jersey itself didn't do some brilliant detective work on this case. We know that if Inspector Harry Walsh of Jersey City had had his way the case probably would have been solved on the night the ransom payment was made, if not before.

In reviewing the early work on this crime, justice to the investigators necessitates that we remember that they were hopelessly held in check because the original problem was not to catch the kidnaper, but to get the baby back "alive and well."

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I have tried to give a coherent, consecutive story on the Lindbergh kidnapping and the hunt for the kidnaper, which eventually will lead to its solution.

There is nothing about the new clues that conflict with those emphasized in these articles.

The geography involved—the Bronx and Hopewell—is still pertinent. New developments have not changed our picture of John the Kidnaper, except to emphasize his cunning and abilities as a confidence man.

The possibility of his having a woman confederate still exists. The theory that he is not a regular gangster is still good. The belief that he, himself, wrote the notes can still be entertained.

The medical theory that he is suffering from a form of dementia praecox, which makes



ACE SLEUTH—Inspector Harry Walsh, of Jersey City (left), and Detective Coar with ladder used in the Lindbergh kidnaping. Had Walsh had his way, the case would have been solved the night ransom payment was made.

a man abnormally brilliant and cunning, is still in the picture.

The knowledge that he can think and write in German has not been changed. The possibility of his having had experience on ships and knows the sea seems as good a theory as ever.

The theory that he knew Dr. John F. ("Jafsie") Condon intimately, although Jafsie did not know him, is still probable.

The story of the recent developments can wait; it will always be a good one. When the big story breaks—Lindbergh baby kidnaping solved—is a matter of conjecture.

It may happen within a few weeks, or the kidnaper may again slip through the fingers of the authorities. But wherever he goes they will be on his trail. In all his cunning, in leaving no trace of his activities, he left one clue, which eventually will serve to identify him, and one that he himself, unless he is a greater genius than he's already shown himself to be, can't guess.

It is two years since the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped. The shock of this crime brought out the best and worst in a nation. Honest grief and anguish have been capitalized by racketeers; generosity has been rewarded by swindle; stupidities have smothered detective genius; vanities have defeated unselfish purpose, and the quiet voice of wisdom has been drowned out by the loud shouting of fools.

A new chapter is in the making, one that by patient, intelligent, coordinated effort may do much to answer for the sins and errors committed in the name of justice.

Everything about this case, the crime itself, the suicides and deaths in the wake of the man hunt, have been dramatic.

The opening scenes of the last act of this drama possess all the elements of the first two acts, and so far indicate it will be no less dramatic.

The investigation at last is on the right track, the chaff has been removed, the smoke cleared away.

We can confidently hope that when the curtain falls we will know the answer.

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## PRIEST FORBIDDEN TO TALK ABOUT BREMER KIDNAP CLUE IN NEBRASKA CHURCH CHIMES

*St. Paul Dispatch 3-12-34*  
Fordyce, Neb., March 12.—(AP)—Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of St. Boniface church at Menominee, Neb., ten miles north of here in which vicinity federal agents are said to be searching for the hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was held by kidnapers, said Saturday "I can not tell you one thing about this."

"I must not even tell you who told me not to talk," said Father Krings. The priest is a German and likes to keep up old world practices in his church. As a result the Angelus is rung every morning and evening at St. Boniface.

Federal agents are reported to have been searching in the vicinity for several days but there has been no indication as to whether the search has been successful. The region is hilly and there are many deserted farm homes.

Bremer told officers that the only thing he could remember of his captivity was the ringing of church chimes at certain times each day. In the belief that the hideout must have been within 300 miles of St. Paul, the government operatives began a search for a Catholic church with chimes within a 300-mile radius of St. Paul. It is said that St. Boniface was the only church found to be equipped with chimes of the type sought.

The chimes of St. Boniface can be heard four or five miles away in the quiet country air and it is in that district that the agents are said to be searching.

### N. Y. PHYSICIAN DIES.

New York, March 11.—(AP)—Dr. Henry McMahon Painter, 70 years old, authority on obstetrics, died today.

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Gang Closely Connected With

Abductors Seized at Farm

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CHIEF SUSPECTS MISSING

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Mannford, Okla., March 15.—(AP) —Hot on the Bremer kidnap trail, Federal and State manhunters today trapped eight persons, some of them linked closely by association with the suspected abductors, in a sudden raid on an Osage country hideaway near this hamlet.

Although two or more of the men sought for the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, have been reported in this vicinity during the last three weeks, they were not at the little white farm house six miles west of here when the officers arrived at sunrise and made their captures.

The two chiefly sought, and whose names were made public for the first time today, were Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Alvin Karpis, both former Oklahoma convicts.

Their fingerprints were found on gasoline cans and a flashlight.

Arrested, however, were six men and two women, some suspects in killings, bank robberies and of other armed raids throughout the Middle West.

The suspects taken were:

Glenn Roy Wright, 34, wanted for a murder at Picher, Okla., and for robberies.

Charles Cotner, 49, suspected of the attempted kidnapping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla.

Ed Brophy, alias Ed Brodie, a former convict.

Ira Brackett, 43, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. McAttee, about 38, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan.; Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35, who said he was "from Georgia"; Grace Cutler, 33, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner, and Winnie Morris, 20, of England, Ark.

The posse, consisting of twenty-nine Department of Justice agents and Oklahoma and Kansas officers, broke the front door of the Brackett farm and surprised the group. None offered resistance. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

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**U. S. Agent Back From  
Sifting Bremer Clues**

Back today from a mysterious two-weeks' absence is Harold Nathan, federal agent in charge of investigation of Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Maybe it was Washington, Iowa, Nebraska, or South Dakota, Mr. Nathan gives you a choice as to places he may have been during the two weeks.

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## CHURCH CHIMES KIDNAP CLUE

MENOMINEE, Neb., March 12.  
—(AP.)—The chimes of an obscure little church may prove the undoing of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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

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

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

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

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## Church Chimes Bremer Heard While Captive Lead to Federal Search in Nebraska County

*New York Times 3-12-34*

FORDYCE, Neb., March 11.—The chiming of the bells of St. Boniface, the Catholic church at Menominee, a small village ten miles north of Fordyce, may be the clue by which Federal officers will locate the hide-away house in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, was held captive twenty-two days while his \$200,000 ransom was being arranged.

For several days agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been combing the hills of Cedar County in an effort to locate this hideout.

Bremer was unable to give any description of his kidnapers or of the place where he was kept prisoner. But he remembered that day after day he could hear the ringing of the angelus twice a day. The bells were chimes, he told Federal officers, not just a single bell.

There are hundreds of Catholic churches with bells, "but not with chimes," some one suggested. "Find a Catholic church with chimes," was the order to the Federal men.

The officers figured that the hideout must be within 800 miles of St. Paul, since less than seven hours was required in bringing Bremer back home after the ransom was paid. The officers confined their search for a Catholic church with chimes within that circle.

A list of churches within that radius was obtained and letters were written to the pastors. The answers showed that there was only one church with chimes in all that territory, St. Boniface, at Menominee.

The Rev. Ferdinand Krings, the pastor, refused to discuss the development in the kidnapping, declaring that he had been told not to talk.

In the last three years the district has been hard hit by drought and many farmers have left their holdings and gone into town until times get better. For that reason there are many unoccupied homes and farms. The officers have pointed out that the territory is ideal for secreting criminals.

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WASHINGTON D. C. HERALD March 13, 1934.

## 'FOX' WHITAKER TO TELL WHERE LOOT IS HIDDEN

Department of Justice Checks  
Statement; Agents Likely  
to Quiz Means Aide Today

Norman Whitaker, lawyer companion of Gaston B. Means in swindling Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean of \$104,000 on pretense of recovering the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, is at last ready to tell where the money is hidden, he says.

Department of Justice agents are checking a declaration by "the Fox" that he knows where Means cached the money, and Whitaker, who is in the District Jail pending decision on his appeal against his conviction, probably will be questioned today. He is expected to bargain freedom against the money.

### RIFT WITH MEANS

He announced his "final split" with Means in a letter to Assistant District Attorney Robb, who helped to prosecute him and Means on charges of attempting to swindle Mrs. McLean of an additional \$40,000. Whitaker wrote:

"I know where the money is that Means received from Mrs. McLean. Department of Justice agents searching for the money almost found it twice. They were very close.

"I want to talk to you personally. I did not receive any of the money. Means kept it all. He also knows the inside story of the Lindbergh kidnaping."

Robb declared that he considers the letter Whitaker's first step in a final desperate try for freedom, and that he believes Means, now in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., has really split with him for good.

### TRIAL A SENSATION

The trial of Whitaker and Means, last spring, was a nationwide sensation. Means told several gaudy tales, even swearing that he had held the Lindbergh baby in his arms.

He also said that he gave the money to "a strange man who identified himself with the number 11," one night en route to Alexandria, after Mrs. McLean, trying to recover the baby and rehabilitate her newspaper, had trusted him with \$104,000.

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**Topics of The Times**  
**N.Y. TIMES MAR 13 1934**

Scientists say that the sound of one sense sharp betrays the others. This explains why kidnap victims when blindfolded develop keenness of hearing which sometimes stands them in good stead.

Secret Service agents are trying to trace the source of church chimes which E. J. Barker, the Minneapolis banker, heard during three weeks of captivity.

In another recent kidnapping case the victim heard the sound of an airplane over his head at a certain time every day. The guess that it was a mail plane proved to be correct. The route of the mail carrier was carefully surveyed and the kidnapper's lair discovered.

Essentially, this is the story of BLONDEL, the minstrel of RICHARD COEUR DE LION, who went about singing his master's favorite tune under castle walls till he found the King's place of imprisonment.

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## ABE GINSBERG FRAUD TRIAL BEGINS HERE

Mill City Attorney Accused of  
Attempt to Swindle  
Priest.

Trial of Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, on a charge of attempted grand larceny began today before Judge Kenneth G. Brill in Ramsey District court.

The charge is based on an alleged attempt to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church, 2369 Bayless avenue, out of \$6,000.

Max Goldberg, alias Robert LaDue, of Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., were arrested and indicted with Ginsberg, but have not yet been put on trial.

The jury was chosen this morning and testimony was to begin this afternoon. The jurors are Alvin R. Kellerman, 696 Hall avenue, law student; Samuel T. Goodrich, 1614 Berkeley avenue, insurance man; George Hadfield, 1396 Almond street, stone block manufacturer; Jonas G. Hedberg, 822 East Maryland street, accountant; Mrs. Floy B. Gruenhagen, 44 North Mississippi River boulevard, housewife; A. F. Kapoun, 543 Michigan street, clerk; Cornelius Hoveland, 1829 Fairmount avenue, carpenter; Mrs. Alice M. Nicholson, 641 Brown avenue, housewife; Daniel L. Hartnett, 1988 Jefferson avenue, clerk; Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh, 1232 Fauquier street, insurance saleswoman; R. M. Hanson, Rosetown, candy salesman; and Earl L. Gray, 511 Manomin avenue, store manager.

Goldberg and Smith were brought into court at the request of defense attorneys, but were not allowed to sit within whispering distance of Ginsberg, who looked haggard and sat with his face cupped in his hands, elbows resting on the counsel table.

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# AMBUSHED AGENTS SET DECOY BUT FAIL TO GLIMPSE GANG

Davenport, Iowa, March 14.—(AP)—The daily Times says today that kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul for whose release \$200,000 was paid, have steered clear of a trap laid for them by federal, state and county officers near Joy, Ill.

The kidnapers, the paper says, demanded \$10,000 to replace the same amount in bills which they refused because of serial markings.

The automobile of an intermediary passed through Davenport and Rock Island Monday noon bearing a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of road leading from Aledo to New Boston, the paper reported.

The package was placed, as demanded, near the hard road as officers in a well-arranged trap watched. All day Monday government agents, state police and deputy sheriffs of Rock Island and Mercer county waited, but the abductors did not appear. The vigil was kept all of Monday night and Tuesday without result.

Orders of the kidnapers were to have an automobile bearing Minnesota plates to do the job. According to instructions a small piece of red cloth was placed on the front and back license plates for identification.

In preparing the trap under the supervision of special agents, a hole was dug on the northwest corner of a crossroad at the corner designated. The plant was just across the road to the east. Officers hid in the hole and were to have fired a signal volley if the abductors' agents appeared.

Deputy sheriffs guarded the side road and took posts of vantage along the hard road, the Times story says, and passed each other at intervals of ten minutes.

## OFFICERS HERE DECLINE COMMENT.

Officers here professed ignorance of or declined to comment today on the report of an attempt near Davenport, Iowa, by kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, to obtain an exchange of \$10,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

Harold Nathan, first assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the United States Department of Justice bureau of investigation, declined either to affirm or deny the report. Werner Hanni, chief of the Northwest office in St. Paul, said he has not heard of it, and that if any such occurrence took place, it was handled by the St. Louis office of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Bremer, at his bank, said: "I would rather not talk about it."

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## Report Bremer Kidnapers Elude U. S. Trap Near Joy

Officers Wait in Vain for Gang  
to Get \$10,000; Tri-City  
Excitement Caused.

How the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, who was released February 7 after his family paid \$200,000 ransom, avoided a trap laid by federal, state and county officers near Joy, in Mercer county, was learned in Rock Island today.

This story is believed to explain the peculiar excitement which prevailed in the quad-cities Monday when it was reported that federal officers had borrowed all kinds of guns from police of Moline and East Moline. One rumor even had to do with a report that Dillinger was about to be captured.

According to reports received, the kidnapers had demanded another \$10,000 from Bremer's family to replace a like amount which was refused by the kidnapers because of serial markings.

The automobile driven by an intermediary passed through Rock Island and Davenport Monday noon, carrying the package of money to a lonely stretch of road between Aledo and New Boston.

The money was placed as demanded near a hard road. Officers watched from a well arranged trap but no one came for the money.

Officers waiting to trap the kidnapers included state police, Rock Island county deputy sheriffs, the Mercer county sheriff and deputies and department of justice officers.

During the time the officers waited for the kidnapers to show up, a farmer, Omer Epperly, noticed an abandoned automobile in an abandoned farm yard. Epperly said he saw a machine gun in the abandoned auto and notified the sheriff's office. The officers did not show up within an hour or so and Epperly got together a posse of seventeen farmers and they surrounded the car. They later learned the automobile belonged to one of the officers.

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## Bremer Kidnapers Escape Officers' Trap Near Joy, Ill. In New Ransom Demands

Kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, for whose release Feb. 7 his family paid \$200,000, steered clear of a trap laid for them by federal, state and county officers near Joy, Ill., it was disclosed today.

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but the abductors did not appear. The vigil was kept all of Monday night and Tuesday without result.

It is understood that an automobile bearing the demand passed the Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport and the Fort Armstrong hotel in Rock Island in compliance with instructions. Orders of the kidnapers were to have an automobile bearing Minnesota plates do the job. According to instructions a small piece of red cloth was placed on front and back license plates for identification.

In preparing the trap under the supervision of special agents, a hole was dug on the northwest corner of a crossroad at the corner designated. The plant was

just across the road to the east. Officers hid in the hole in the ground and were to have fired a signal volley if the abductor's agents appeared for the package. Highway police in plain clothes patrolled the stretch of road and were instructed to stop all cars after the signal when the snatchers appeared.

### Fail to Appear

Deputy sheriffs guarded the side road and took posts of Vantage along the hard road. Guards were also riding in cars along that section of the hard road and passed one another at intervals of ten minutes but the abductors failed to appear.

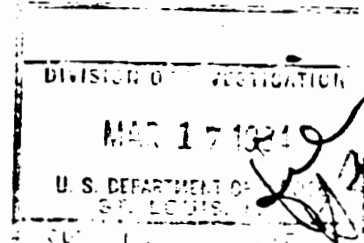
The maneuvers of the officers' cars in the Joy vicinity caused considerable concern in the neighborhood. One of the farmers observed machine guns and revolvers in an automobile parked near a vacant house and the report soon spread that John Dillinger, famed desperado, was in the vicinity. A posse was organized and searched the cornfield before the automobile was found to belong to Deputy Sheriff Lloyd O. Reed of Mercer county.

Whether the demand was made by the kidnapers or by a gang seeking to take advantage of the extra demand was a matter taken into consideration. It was believed by some of the officials that the gang had split and certain of the kidnapers were making the extra demand.

Bremer was freed by his abductors after 22 days of captivity. He was released near Rochester, Minn. after a reported payment of the \$200,000, contained in two suit boxes.

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**JUSTICE AGENTS SEIZE  
BAD MAN GLEN WRIGHT**

By the Associated Press.  
Seizure of Glen Roy Wright, re-  
puted Middle Western gangster,  
wanted in Joplin and Hutchinson,  
Kans., and in Oklahoma for robbery  
and burglary, was announced today  
by the Justice Department.

Officials said Wright was taken by  
Justice Department agents and local  
police in a raid on a house in Sapulpa,  
Okla., where a number of other per-  
sons were found.

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# Glen Roy Wright Caught: Wanted for Murder

By United Press

MANFORD, Okla.—Glen Roy Wright, 34-year-old desperado, and seven other persons were captured near here early today by a posse of 20 officers who surprised them as they slept in a farmhouse.

Wright was wanted for the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa attorney, last year, and for robberies at Coffeyville and Hudson, Kan., and Stillwater, Okla.

Captured with him were Alonzo Brisco, alias Ed Brady, wanted in Leroy, Kan., for robbery; J. C. Johnson, J. B. Cuckin, his wife, two other women, and A. W. McAltee, of Coffeyville.

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# PRIEST DETAILS ALLEGED PLOT TO SWINDLE HIM

Rev. A. J. Carey First Witness  
In Case of Abe Ginsberg  
for Fraud.

## NIGHT SESSION HELD

Asked Inheritance Proof Be-  
fore Giving Up Life's Sav-  
ings to Trio, Pastor Says.

The story of how three men al-  
legedly attempted to swindle him  
of his life savings was related  
Wednesday in Ramsey county dis-  
trict court by a gray-haired priest,  
Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St.  
Cecelia's Catholic church.

He was the state's opening witness  
in the case of Abe Ginsberg, Min-  
neapolis attorney, who is the first  
of the trio, charged with trying to  
defraud the priest of \$6,500, to face  
trial. Max Goldberg, alias Robert  
LaDue of Minneapolis, and E. L.  
Smith of Neenah, Wis., have been in-  
dicted and are awaiting trial.

A night trial session, from 7:30  
P. M. to 9:30 P. M., was held under  
orders of Judge Kenneth G. Brill,  
presiding. A jury of nine men and  
three women is in custody of bailiffs.

### Priest Takes Stand.

Father Carey took the witness stand  
at 8 P. M., following a summary of  
the state's evidence by James F.  
Lynch, assistant county attorney,  
who is prosecuting the case. Ques-  
tioned by Lynch, the priest said he  
first saw Ginsberg and Smith when  
they called at his home, 923 Bayless  
avenue, February 26.

They represented themselves, he  
said, as searching for a Rev. A. J.  
Carey of St. Paul, "who was the  
beneficiary of a \$450,000 estate left

by a Joseph Corcoran of Denver." The men gave no names at the time, the priest testified.

The same night, according to his account, Father Carey received a telephone call from a voice he identi-  
fied later as Goldberg's. The voice  
asked, he said, whether two men had  
called "about the estate". He ex-  
pected the men to call the next day  
but that he heard nothing further  
until March 1, when Smith telephoned  
to say, "you're the man all right,"  
he told the jury.

### Trio Call on Cleric.

This telephone call was followed  
by an evening visit of the three de-  
fendants, the priest continued. "Gins-  
berg did most of the talking," he  
asserted. "I said, 'By the way, I  
don't know your names'.

"Ginsberg said, 'Mine's Arthur Gel-  
lar of the law firm of Myers & Slo-  
cum in Denver'. Smith gave the  
name of 'Byrnes'. Goldberg said he  
was 'R. A. Hutchinson, agent for the  
Wall street brokerage firm of Kay,  
Richards & Co.'"

"Ginsberg showed me a stock  
shares certificate and I saw the  
name of Corcoran on it. Smith  
showed me some figures from a Den-  
ver newspaper on what mining stock  
was worth. Ginsberg said it was  
discovered that I was a beneficiary  
when the Guggenheim interests tried  
to buy the mine and wanted clear  
title to it."

"Ginsberg said if he could handle  
the deal personally he could do it  
for 20 per cent less. He added that  
it would cost me \$10,800 to put the  
deal over, that is, for a state tax  
and legal expenses, and then I would  
get the mining shares worth \$450,000.

"I told him there was no use talk-  
ing any further, I couldn't raise  
\$10,800. He asked how much I could  
raise. I said, 'At the utmost, \$6,500  
in bonds'. Ginsberg suggested that  
perhaps I could make a loan for  
the rest but I said that could not  
be done.

"Ginsberg asked, 'Can you get the  
bonds tonight?' I told him I could  
not until morning. He asked me  
where the bonds were kept and I  
told him at the Twin Cities Na-  
tional bank.

"This was March 1 and I said,  
'Up to the present you have given  
me no proof whatsoever of these  
statements you make. Where is the

copy of the will as proof is  
there that what you say is correct?"

"There was no answer."

"I said, 'On the other hand, if I  
give you these bonds, I hand over  
my life savings'. I happened to  
glance around and I saw a smile on  
LaDue, or Goldberg's face as if  
'This is an easy mark'. (The last  
phrase was ordered stricken by  
Judge Brill on motion of defense  
attorneys).

"I suggested that I get a lawyer  
I know to safeguard my rights in  
the thing, but Ginsberg said 'No,  
no, no; the utmost secrecy must be  
maintained in this matter. There  
are relations of this man and, if they  
find out you are named in the will,  
you won't realize full value on the  
shares'. We made an appointment  
for 11 A. M. the next day.

"Up to Thursday night I can't say  
I had any doubts but, when \$10,800  
was asked of me, I thought I'd need  
better proof than these men were  
giving. I was in very serious doubt  
of their statements when I called  
Inspector Charles Tierney of the  
police department."

The priest said that the next morn-  
ing Detectives Tom Grace, Michael  
Fallon, and Patrick Ridge came to  
his home, conferred with him briefly,  
and that later Detective Ridge ac-  
companied him to the Twin Cities  
bank. He testified he stayed "5 or  
6 minutes" at the bank, "then took my  
grip, without the papers in it and  
drove to my garage. Detective Ridge  
was hidden behind the front seat."

Father Carey said that when the  
defendants arrived at 11 A. M., the  
detectives were hidden in an adjoin-  
ing room. The "plant" was dis-  
covered by Goldberg, who asked for  
a glass of water, and followed the  
priest. The defendants then were  
placed under arrest.

Under cross-examination by Charles  
W. Sterling, a defense attorney,  
Father Carey testified he has an  
individual bank account, and super-  
vises the business affairs of his  
parish. Asked whether he was "a  
little suspicious of this thing during  
both interviews," the priest replied,  
"No, not so much the first time. The  
turning point was when they asked  
me for some money."

Explaining his state of mind during  
the February 26 interview, Father  
Carey said he "had hopes the news  
was true. I didn't necessarily be-  
lieve the representations." Sterling's  
question, "had you made a previous  
investment that didn't turn out  
good?" brought the reply, "yes."

Defense attorneys continued their  
cross-examination of Father Carey  
at the night session.

Questioned by Sterling, Father  
Carey said Ginsberg did not tell him  
"in so many words" that he was an  
attorney but left this inference from  
his conversation.

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Ginsberg told him, the witness said that Corcoran had been a friend of the late Richard T. O'Connor of St. Paul, and that Corcoran also once lived in St. Paul.

**Did Not Ask Details.**

Father Carey testified he did not inquire why Corcoran had left him the \$450,000, where he had lived in St. Paul, and did not make any investigation immediately regarding the supposed bequest.

"Did you ask whether it was a gold mine or a silver mine that was involved?" Sterling asked.

"I was so elated at first at the prospect of getting \$450,000 that I did not ask whether it was a gold mine or a silver mine," Father Carey replied.

Introducing three witnesses, all of-

icers of the Denver county District court, the prosecution then sought to establish that there is no record in the courts of that county of an estate of Joseph Corcoran ever having been filed for probate, or other steps for settlement of any such estate taken.

William R. Koolbeck, chief deputy clerk of the Denver County court, said he had searched every index of the court and that no estate of Joseph Corcoran was recorded. Koolbeck also testified he never heard of a Denver attorney named "Arthur Gellar" or a law firm "Myers & Slocum" or an "R. A. Hutchinson," an alleged agent for a Wall street brokerage firm of "Kay, Richards & Co."

Donald Meyer, Denver deputy district attorney, gave similar testimony.

**Office Name Non-Existent.**

Ray Humphreys, chief investigator for the Denver county district attorney, testified that, on request of the Ramsey county prosecutor, he had investigated a report that Hutchinson was supposed to occupy offices at 648 First National Bank building, Denver, and had found that no such office existed. A check of offices in the building, he said, revealed that office No. 648 was the highest numbered of those listed on that floor of the building.

Humphreys also said that he had talked to Ginsberg in Denver in December and that Ginsberg was known to him as "Abe Gains."

"Ginsberg told me then he was going to start a mining promotion business in Denver," Humphreys said. "I verified his statement that he had rented an office in the E. C. building and paid one month's rent but never had occupied it."

Humphreys also stated he had been unable to find any record in the Denver city directory of "R. A. Hutchinson" as agent for Kay, Richards & Co.

The trial will be resumed at 10:15 A. M. today.

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# Bremer Kidnapers Dodge Trap as They Seek New \$10,000

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## 2 Women and 6 Men Seized In Southwest

Glen Roy Wright, Reputed Head of Desperado Ring,  
Among Those Taken in Farmhouse of Remote Osage  
Region of Oklahoma; Karpis and Parker, Sought by  
Agents, Not Found.

### ALL OCCUPANTS OF PLACE ASLEEP WHEN OFFICERS STAGE MORNING RAID

United States Department of Justice Agents and an Oklahoma sheriff on the trail of suspects in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today raided a farm house in the remote Osage region of Oklahoma and seized six men and two women.

Among the men arrested was Glen Roy Wright, reputed head of a Southwest gang of desperadoes whose activities have extended as far north as Minnesota. Arrested also were Charles Kotner, John McAttee, I. R. Brackett, Frank Downey and Ed Brodie.

The men the officers had hoped to arrest were Alvin Karpis and Freddie Parker, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob. Others sought with Parker and Karpis were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker.

The two women were found in the house with the captured gang. Their names were given as Winnie Morrison and Grace Guckler.

Names of the men captured were telephoned immediately to Department of Justice agents in St. Paul in an effort to establish identification. Vernon Hann, Northwest chief with headquarters here, said he knew nothing about the gang.

The Department of Justice is trying to establish connections between

the men arrested and Karpis and Barker on the assumption they were members of the same mob which has raided banks all through the Southwest and Midwest and as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The scene of the raid was 10 miles west of Mannford in the vicinity of Tulsa, headquarters of the gang for years.

The officers moved into the place quietly at about 7 A. M. and found all the occupants of the house asleep. Covering each person they disarmed them.

In the house were found six high-powered rifles, four shotguns, three automatics, other large caliber arms, large quantities of ammunition and several bullet-proof vests.

It was at first reported that Barker and Karpis were among those arrested. These two men long have been sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Fingerprints of these two men were among those found on gasoline cans and a

light used in the Bremer abduction.

The gas cans were found along roadside believed to have been en route taken in returning Bremer. Bremer told the investigators that in the course of the return journey their automobile stopped with captors filled the gas tank.

Barker and Karpis are alleged to have been members of a Southwest gang of desperadoes operating in Oklahoma and Missouri. They were wanted for a murder at West Plains, Mo., and another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reported to be Verne Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George "Chinese Gun" Kelly and Harvey "Red" convicted of kidnaping; Charles "Doc" Oklahoma millionaire.

Both Barker and Karpis are known to have had connections with "Otter" stock racketeers who were seen in St. Paul within the last two years. The gang was identified as having been with a gang who fled from a house in St. Paul when a woman who was suspicious of the actions of the men had called the police.

Shortly afterward George W. Peterson, a relative of Karpis, was found dead in the same house.

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# Dakota County Seeks Ginsberg

Charged With Swindling  
 Priest Of \$160.

Dakota county today requested custody of Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, who late Thursday was found guilty in Ramsey district court of having attempted to swindle a St. Paul priest out of \$6,500.

Commitment of Ginsberg to Stillwater was stayed by Judge Kenneth G. Brill Thursday until March 26 to permit filing of an appeal, with bond set at \$10,000.

Harold Stassen, Dakota county attorney, requested M. F. Kinkadee, Ramsey county attorney, to release Ginsberg to the custody of Dakota county if he raises the bond.

Mr. Stassen said Ginsberg is charged with having swindled Rev. Mathias J. Duhr, Melville, of \$160 in December, 1932.

The jury which found Ginsberg guilty deliberated but 90 minutes before returning their verdict.

Two other men charged with the same offense in the attempt to fleece the Rev. Alphonse J. Carey of St. Cecelia Catholic church by representing to him that he would inherit a \$450,000 estate if he paid the taxes on it will go on trial next week. They are Robert Goldberg, alias La Due, Minneapolis, and E. L. Smith, Neenah, Wis. Goldberg's trial will open Monday.

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## Pal of Two Men Linked in Actual Abduction Caught

**Kidnaping Gang  
Suspect Trapped**



**Glen Roy Wright**  
Wanted for numerous crimes in the southwest and known as a member of the gang suspected of the Bremer kidnaping. Wright is the leader of the group arrested in an Oklahoma raid early Thursday.

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## Think Barker Bought Shirt Bremer Wore

Mill City Salesmen Al-  
 most Positive In Iden-  
 tifying Desperado  
 Sought As Kidnaper.

Two salesmen in a Minneapolis department store today partially identified pictures of Fred Barker, Oklahoma desperado, as the man who purchased from them a shirt given by abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president to their victim.

This development in the case came as the supposed connection between the Bremer snatching and the raid Thursday on an "outlaw stronghold" at Mannford, Okla., faded as federal agents said their interest in the five men jailed in the raid had ended.

While not positive in their identification, the two Minneapolis sales-

### Bremer Holds Secret Lesson With Dahill

Edward Bremer, kidnap victim, today made his first visit to the public safety building since he was returned by the "snatchers" who obtained release for his ransom.

Accompanied to police headquarters by Inspector C. J. Tierney, he was ushered into Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill's private office and was there an hour.

Both Mr. Hansen and the chief refused to reveal what was discussed.

men said they were "sure" that Barker was the man who visited the store about the time of the abduction and purchased the shirt worn by Bremer when released.

Federal department of justice agents several weeks ago traced the salesman. The agents had traced the shirt, from which all labels had been torn, to its manufacturer who said the shirt had been sold in the Minneapolis department store. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who once made St. Paul their home, and Harry Campbell are sought.

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## JORDAN MAYOR DIES; BREMER CASE ECHO

**Anxiety Over Kidnaping Seen  
as One Cause of Peter J.  
Schmitt's Death.**

Jordan, Minn., March 16.—Kidnap-  
ers of Edward G. Bremer were  
blamed in part today for the death  
of Mayor Peter J. Schmitt of Jordan,  
60 years old, friend and counsellor  
of the St. Paul banker during the  
latter's boyhood.

Mayor Schmitt, who friends said  
suffered severe anxiety during the  
abduction of Bremer, died Thursday  
at his home here from heart trouble  
and complications. His associates  
suggested the strain experienced by  
Mayor Schmitt when Bremer was  
kidnaped contributed to the illness.

From the time Bremer was kid-  
naped until the \$200,000 ransom was  
paid and the victim returned, Mayor  
Schmitt called the Bremer home  
from Jordan several times each day  
to keep in touch with developments.

When Bremer was a boy, Schmitt,  
connected with the Jacob Schmidt  
Brewing Co., took a close interest  
in the lad, serving as his companion  
and adviser. Schmitt, who is sur-  
vived by his widow and six children,  
was traveling representative in  
Southern Minnesota nearly 40 years  
for the Schmidt company.

Election of Schmitt as mayor of  
Jordan a year ago marked his first  
activity in politics. Over his protests,  
he was drafted to run for the office.  
He was born in Belle Plaine.

Flags of the city were at half mast  
today, and during funeral services  
Saturday all business houses in Jor-  
dan will close. The funeral will be  
conducted at 9:30 A. M. from St.  
John's Catholic church. Business  
associates from St. Paul, including  
the Bremer family, are expected to  
attend the services.

Survivors with the widow, formerly  
Louisa Pilney, are two sons, Anthony  
and Peter Jr., and four daughters,  
Louisa, Marie, Lucille and Angela,  
all of Jordan.

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## GINSBERG WANTED IN DAKOTA COUNTY

**Faces Second Swindling  
Charge If He Is Released  
on Bond Here.**

Life today held one jail after another in store for Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, sentenced Thursday in St. Paul up to five years in Stillwater prison for allegedly attempting to swindle a priest.

He sat in Ramsey county jail in default of \$10,000 bond while E. M. Rigler, defense attorney, planned a fight to keep Ginsberg from serving a prison term.

If he is freed on bond he will be taken immediately to Dakota county jail. Harold Stassen, Dakota county attorney, announced he is issuing a warrant for Ginsberg's arrest, in the event of his release here, charging him with swindling Rev. Mathias J. Duhr, Catholic priest of Miesville, of \$160.

Ginsberg was found guilty Thursday of attempting to swindle Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, of \$6,500. Judge Kenneth G. Brill stayed execution of sentence to March 26.

Rigler said he hoped to have bond posted today. If it is, he said he will obtain a transcript of trial testimony looking toward filing a motion for a new trial. "If we fail in the motion," he added, "we certainly will appeal the case."

Max Goldberg, known in Minneapolis as the "Duke of the Loop," will face trial Monday on the same charge as Ginsberg and at its conclusion, E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis., will be tried. The trio allegedly were associated in the attempted swindle.

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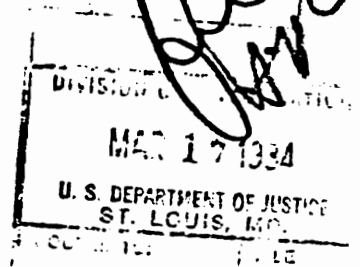
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## BREMER HUNT NETS 8 IN OUTLAW LAIR

Officers Searching for Kidnap-  
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Officers traced carefully the relationships of the arrested persons.

Wright is known as an associate of Campbell, whom officers also would like to question about the Bremer case; is wanted for a large number of crimes, and still showed signs of weakness from wounds received a few months ago in a brush with Arkansas and Oklahoma officers in which one of his gang, Gene Johnson, a robber, was killed.

#### No Resistance Is Offered.

Cotner long was known as a confederate of Fod Bradshaw, the Eastern Oklahoma desperado who was shot to death near Fort Smith, Ark., a few days ago. He was connected through Bradshaw with the gang of Clarence and Otis Kuo, bank robbers now held in Kansas.

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Names of the men captured were telephoned immediately to department of justice agents in St. Paul in an effort to establish identifications. The department of justice is trying to establish connection between the men arrested and Karpis and Barker on the assumption they were members of the same mob which has raided banks all through the south and midwest and as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The scene of the raid was four miles west of Mannford in the vicinity of Tulsa, Okla., headquarters of the mob for years.

The officers moved into the place quietly about 7 a. m. and found all the occupants of the house asleep. Covering each person, they disarmed them.

#### Arsenal Seized.

In the house were found six rifles, four shot guns, three Luger automatics, other large-calibered side arms, large quantities of ammunition and several bullet-proof vests.

None of the suspects offered resistance.

The officers also found \$500 cash in their possession. The currency was to be studied by federal officials for connection with the ransom paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

The connection between the mob and the Bremer kidnaping was believed to be through Harry Campbell, wanted for the robbery of the Northwest branch of the Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis several years ago. Campbell was reputed to be a pal of Karpis and Barker.

It was at first reported that Barker and Karpis were among those arrested. These two men have long been sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Fingerprints of these two men were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping.

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# **BREMER GANG AVOIDS TRAP SET FOR THEM**

Rock Island, Ill., March 14.—[Special.]—How a trap laid for kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., for whose release on Feb. 7 the family paid \$200,000 ransom, failed near Joy, Ill., this week was related by officers in Rock Island today.

The kidnapers had demanded an additional \$10,000 to replace the same amount which they refused because of serial markings. The car of an intermediary passed through Davenport, Ia., and Rock Island Monday noon, carrying a package to be planted on a lonely stretch of dirt road between New Boston and Joy. The package was placed as demanded. Officers watched. No one picked it up.

However, a farmer, noticing an automobile containing a machine gun in the yard of a deserted farm, organized a posse and surrounded the car. It belonged to an officer.

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## BELIEVE TIPOFF CAUSED GANG TO AVOID JOY TRAP

Instructions of Bremer Abductors  
Are Followed to Letter by  
Federal Agents.

A tipoff at St. Paul, Minn., or at Chicago is believed to have caused the supposed kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to avoid a trap laid for them near Joy, Ill., last Monday.

The instructions of the gang, that \$10,000 be delivered to them at a crossroads near Joy to replace a like amount of marked money previously included in the \$200,000 ransom paid for the St. Paul man's release, were carried out to the letter by agents of the United States department of justice, but the kidnapers failed to appear to claim the money. More than a score of federal agents, state highway police and Rock Island and Mercer county officers were sequestered in the woods near the crossroads to await arrival of the gang car to claim the money.

It was learned today that the kidnapers demanded an additional \$10,000 because a number of notes included in the ransom money bore consecutive serial numbers. In a letter to the St. Paul man, the gang demanded that the money be delivered near Joy and warned against any information being given to police.

### Advertisement Inserted.

An advertisement reading, "John Come home now, we need you, Fessie E." was to be inserted in the Saturday edition of The Argus, and in the same edition of the Chicago Tribune if the demand of the gang was to be fulfilled. These were inserted in both papers and federal agents prepared to carry out the instructions of the kidnapers.

A car bearing Minnesota license plates and a small piece of red cloth at both the front and the rear left the Blackhawk hotel, Davenport, at noon Monday for Joy. This car bore two officers, one hidden in the rear of the car. Following instructions, the car passed the Fort Armstrong hotel in Rock Island and continued west on state route 3 to Ninth street. There the car turned south on routes 3 and 55 to Viola, after which it turned west through Aledo to Joy. After depositing the package at the crossroads, the occupants of the car returned to Davenport by the same route.

Preparations for trapping the gang at Joy were begun Sunday night when officers dug a pit at the side of the road which enabled two men to hide and watch the arrival of the gang car. The officers in the pit were to have fired a volley when the kidnapers arrived.

Other officers were stationed about the neighborhood, Sheriff Walter Rehn and officers being sequestered in a vacant house nearby. The sheriff's car, a black sedan, was seen by a farmer in the vicinity and believed to belong to John Dillinger, escaped outlaw. The farmer organized a posse, and the group was preparing to storm the house when they were dispersed by the sheriff.

Although the officers continued to await the arrival of the kidnapers until Tuesday night, no trace of them was found, and it was believed they had received a warning from confederates.

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# Trail of Bremer Kidnapers Grows Hotter in Oklahoma

St. Paul Pioneer Press  
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Link to Four Sought Expected  
From Questioning of Eight  
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Department of Justice agents were believed close on the trail of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer Thursday night following the arrest of six men and two women in a raid on a farm house near Mannford, Okla., Thursday morning.

Two of the men arrested are murder suspects and a third is a former convict. All were being questioned regarding possible whereabouts of four members of the Bremer kidnap gang, two or more of whom have been reported in the neighborhood the past three weeks, an Associated Press dispatch said.

The four sought in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker are Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, both identified as members of the kidnap mob through fingerprints; Freddie's brother, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Although none of the Bremer case suspects was apprehended in the raid, the statement of H. E. Hollis, Department of Justice agent, that the posse was not "primarily seeking" the Bremer suspects, was taken as indicating that Federal operatives hope to glean important leads from those arrested.

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All of the prisoners except Brackett and the two women, who were held in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa, Okla., were lodged in the state prison at McAlester, Okla.

Federal officials traced the associations of those held in their effort to uncover clues to present whereabouts of the Bremer abductors.

Wright is known as an associate of Campbell and was arrested and questioned at Tulsa two years ago as an accomplice of Campbell in the slaying of J. Earle Smith, an attorney. Smith was shot to death after he failed to appear in Fort Scott, Kan., to defend Harvey Bailey, now serving a life sentence for the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, on a bank robbery charge.

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Melvin C. Passolt, head of the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said that Karpis and Freddie Barker are wanted for the killing of A. W. Dunlop of West St. Paul and Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains Mo. Dunlop, Barker's father-in-law, was shot and killed near Webster, Wis., and his body thrown into a lake. Sheriff Kelly was slain when he attempted to question suspicious characters.

The two were identified as members of the Bremer kidnap gang through fingerprints on gasoline cans and a flashlight believed used by the gang.

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MOALESTER, Okla., March 16.  
—Six men and two women, one or more of whom are under suspicion in the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping at St. Paul, Minn., had been captured today by Federal agents and local authorities in an isolated farmhouse near Mannford, Okla. Five of the men were brought to the State penitentiary here for questioning. They are Frank Downing, Alonso Brisco, alias Brody, Gen. Leroy Wright, John W. McAtee and Charles Cotner.

Authorities said the group was wanted for questioning on various crimes in Oklahoma and elsewhere, and that Brisco at least was suspected in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnapping.

The other man trapped gave his name as I. R. Brackett. The two women identified themselves as Grace Guckler and Winnie Morris.

### U. S. Agents Trail Kidnap Gang After Threat to Heiress

Federal agents today were trying to pick up the trail of kidnapers who have threatened to abduct Mrs. Frederica Fry Del Guercio, heiress to the Timken roller-bearing millions, or her two-year-old son.

While police were maintaining a heavy guard about the \$400,000 Del Guercio estate at Greenwich, Conn., Federal authorities were working on the only clue they have at hand—a note threatening that Mrs. Del Guercio and her son will be held for \$100,000 ransom.

The fact that such a note had been received was admitted by Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan in Greenwich, but he refused to give its exact contents.

Mrs. Del Guercio, heiress to an estate of \$7,000,000, is famed as the Nutmeg State's "Cinderella Girl." In 1912, when she was four years old, she was adopted by John Heming Fry, well known artist, and Georgiana Timken Fry, heiress to the Timken fortune.

In 1931 she inherited \$2,000,000, the first installment of the money left by her foster mother. A little later she married Eligio Del Guercio, a \$25-a-week law clerk.

For a little more than two years the couple appeared to be ideally mated. But on July 14, 1933, Mrs. Del Guercio was granted a divorce on grounds of cruelty and awarded custody of Eligio, Jr.

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 SAILED, Okla., March 15  
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## RAIDERS MISS PAIR KNOWN TO BE IN ON CRIME

Clue to Whereabouts Sought  
From Desperado Seized  
With Seven Others.

Six Men and Two Women Dis-  
armed While Asleep in  
Oklahoma Hideout.

Pictures Page 2.

Six men and two women captured earlier in the day in a lonely Oklahoma farmhouse late Thursday were taken to the state prison at McAlester for a grilling by department of justice agents investigating the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

From one of the prisoners, Glen Roy Wright, reputed head of a southwest gang of desperadoes, the agents hoped to get information that would lead them to the apprehension of two other suspects, Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, former members of the gang, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob.

Sought Karpis and Barker.

It was Karpis and Barker that the agents wanted when they and a group of Oklahoma officers swooped down on the gang. Others sought with them were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker. Karpis, Freddie Barker and Campbell have been linked with crimes as far north as Minnesota. The women arrested gave their names as Winnie Morrass and Grace Cuthbert.

In the gang arrested with Wright were Charles Cotner, John McAttee, Ira Brackett, Frank Downey and Ed Brodie. Although held for questioning in connection with other southwest crimes, officials said they did not believe they had connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Just Miss Suspects.  
After his return from McAlester, Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police Thursday night said he was convinced that the Barker brothers were missed by only a few hours by the raiding party that captured the gang. Captain Stewart has worked in close co-operation with federal investigators, said authorities had additional leads which were expected to be fruitful soon, and that he would be disappointed if the suspects were not apprehended within a few days.

Taken in a farmhouse four miles west of Mannford, Okla., the gang was first moved to a jail at Sapulpa and then to the state prison for safekeeping.

The officers moved into the hideout quietly about 7 a. m. and found all the occupants asleep. Covering each person, they disarmed them.

Arsenal Seized.

In the house were found six rifles, four shot guns, three Luger automatics, other large-calibered side arms, large quantities of ammunition and several bullet-proof vests.

The officers also found \$500 cash in their possession. The currency was to be studied by federal officials for signs of connection with the ransom paid for Mr. Bremer's release.

The connection between the mob and the Bremer kidnaping was believed to be through Campbell, wanted for the robbery of the northwest branch of the Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis several years ago. Campbell was reputed to be a pal of Karpis and Barker.

Long Sought.

It was at first reported that Barker and Karpis were among those arrested. These two men have long been sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Fingerprints of these two men were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping.

The gas cans were discovered on a roadside believed to have been the route taken in returning Bremer. Bremer told the investigators that in the course of the return journey the automobile stopped while his captors filled the gas tank.

Barker and Karpis are reputed to have been members of a southwest gang of desperadoes operating in Oklahoma and Missouri. They were wanted for a murder at West Plains, Mo., another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reputed to be Verne Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George "Machine Gun" Kelly and Harvey Bailey, convicted for kidnaping Charles Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

Seen in Twin Cities.

Both Barker and Karpis were known to have had connections with Twin City alcohol racketeers and were seen in St. Paul within the last two years. The pair were identified as having been with a gang which fled from a house in St. Paul when a woman who was suspicious of the actions of the mob had called the police.

Shortly afterwards George E. Anderson, a relative of Karpis, was found shot to death near Webster, Wis. These men were sought at the time in connection with the slaying of the Tulsa attorney who had failed to appear in defense of Harvey Bailey at a bank robbery trial in Fort Scott, Kan.

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**CAPTIVE AND THREE FUGITIVES IN BREMER KIDNAPING**



Glen Roy Wright



Alvin Karpis



Freddie Barker



Harry Campbell

*Wright*

## EIGHT HELD

### In Oklahoma Raid

#### On Alleged Hide-Out of Bremer Kidnapers.

#### Bond Is \$50,000 For Physician's Wife,

#### Accused Of Abduction Of Dr. Kelley In '31.

#### New Yorker Found Slain After Ransom Is Refused—Two Filipinos Admit Extortion Plot.

Mannford, Okla., March 15—(AP)—Hot on the Bremer kidnap trial, Federal and State man-hunters today trapped eight persons, several of them linked closely by association with the suspected abductors, in a sudden raid on an Osage County hideaway near this hamlet.

Although two or more of the men sought in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, have been reported in this vicinity during the last three weeks, they were not at the little white farm house six miles west of here when the officers arrived at sunrise and made their captures.

The two chiefly sought, and whose names were made public for the first time today, were Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, both former Oklahoma convicts.

#### WANTED FOR QUIZ.

Barker's brother, Freddie, also is wanted for questioning in connection with the banker's abduction.

Their fingerprints were found on gasoline cans and a flash light believed to have been used by the kidnapers.

Arrested, however, were six men and two women who included in their number suspected of killings, of bank robberies and of other armed raids upon society throughout the Middle West.

#### The suspects taken were:

Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, wanted for a murder at Ficher, Okla., and robberies in Kansas, Western Missouri and Nebraska.

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Ed Brophy, 38, alias Ed Brodie, who served a term in the State Prison at McAlester under the name of Pat Collins.

## EIGHT HELD

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Oklahoma desperado, who was shot to death near Ft. Smith, Ark., a few days ago. He was connected through Bradshaw with the gang of Clarence and Otis Eno, bank robbers, now held in Kansas.

#### POSSE OF 20 OFFICERS.

The posse, consisting of 20 Department of Justice agents and Oklahoma and Kansas officers, moved into Mannford at dawn, assembled in the schoolhouse square for last-minute instructions and descended upon the Brackett farm just as the sun peered over the surrounding hills.

H. E. Hollis, Department of Justice operative; Jim Bracewell, Kansas highway patrolman; George Stewart, of Tulsa police, and Floyd Fellers, of Sapulpa police, broke through the front door and surprised the group so that none offered resistance.

The other raiders had surrounded the four-room house. They were armed with pistols, rifles, machine guns and tear gas guns. Several rifles and other arms, a steel vest and three automobiles were taken by the officers.

Wright was considered the prime of the raid through the broad connections he maintained with the Southwestern underworld. He was arrested and questioned in Tulsa two years ago as accomplice of Campbell in the ride slaying of J. Earle Smith, lawyer. Smith was shot to death after he failed to appear in Fort Scott, Kan., to defend Harvey Bailey on a bank robbery charge. Bailey now is serving a life sentence at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire.

Five of the prisoners, Wright, McAtee, Downey, Brophy and Cotner, were taken to the state prison at McAlester late today for safekeeping, while Brackett and the two women were held in Creek County Jail at Sapulpa.

While directing Warden Sam Brown to accept custody of the suspects, Governor W. H. Murray instructed him by telephone from Oklahoma City to release Wright and McAtee, whom he believed to be Campbell, to Sheriff M. J. Bradley, of Payne County, tomorrow.

The Governor said Bradley had protested against removal of the men to state's prison on the ground that he alone of the raiding squad held warrants for Wright and Campbell, suspects in a \$5,000 machine-gun robbery of a farmers' auction sale at Stillwater.

The Governor said the men would be arraigned at Stillwater tomorrow.

Department of Justice Agent Hollis said the posse was not primarily seeking the Bremer kidnap suspects today, but that the department wanted Karpis and the Barker brothers.

St. Louis, March 15—(AP)—Veiled in black crape and veils shaking, Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, comely wife of a St. Louis physician, surrendered today on indictment charging the kidnaping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelley.

Attorneys posted \$50,000 bond and arranged for her release.

Mrs. Muench was taken to the Bertillon Room of St. Louis Court Courthouse for finger printing and photographing.

"You're a hell of a guy," she remarked when a Deputy told her

three-year-old son for \$100,000

son. Manuel C. Lopez, 23 years old, and Andrew Haima, 27, implicated in their confessions George Cubana, who is held in St. Louis.

Pending extradition the prisoners were held in Federal Jail. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each.

Lopez said he was butler and house boy for Hager "for several years" and was dismissed last year. He said he came to the United States in 1920 and took a two-year pre-medical course at the University of Missouri.

#### Haima "No Student."

Haima said he has been in this country seven years. "I no student. I work in restaurants, hospitals, any place I get a job," he said.

Greenwich, Conn., March 15—(AP)—The shadow of a kidnap plot lay tonight over the palatial home where Fredericks Fry Del Guercio, \$8,000,000 heiress to the Timken Roller Bearing fortune, lives with her two-year-old son, Eligio.

A special police guard was placed about the house, as Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan said a note had been received warning there was a plot to kidnap either Mrs. Del Guercio or her son and to hold the victim for \$100,000 ransom.

Mrs. Del Guercio is the adopted daughter of J. H. Fry, artist, who now is in Italy, and the late Mrs. J. H. Timken Fry. Her former husband, Eligio Del Guercio, is a lawyer in New York. They were divorced in July, 1933.

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#### HOUSE-OWNER HELD.

Ira Brackett, 43, at whose house the arrests were made; J. W. McAtee, about 38, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan., and for a time suspected to be Harry Campbell, an outlaw; Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35, who said he was "from Georgia;" Grace Cutler, 33, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner, and Winnie Morris, 20, who said her home was in England, Ark.

Wright is known as an associate of Campbell, whom officers also would like to question about the Bremer case, is wanted for a large number of crimes and still showed signs of weakness from wounds received a few months ago in a brush with Arkansas and Oklahoma officers in which one of his gang, Gene Johnson, a robber, was killed.

Cotner is said to have been a confederate of Ford Bradshaw, Eastern

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Her surrender ended a two-day search by officers during which she was touring from town to town in Southern Illinois seeking to evade arrest until her attorneys were assured she would be released on bond.

The indictment also named Fred McDonald, an inmate of the Missouri Penitentiary; Bart Davis, an acquaintance of McDonald; Angelo Rosegrant, reputed gangster, Tommy Wilders, Shelton gangster, said to be in Florida, and John C. Johnson, Negro tenant of a farm where Dr. Kelley was reported to have been held prisoner after he was kidnaped in February, 1931.

#### Denies Any Guilt.

Mrs. Muench is alleged to have been the "brains" of the kidnaping gang. A talented musician and former proprietor of an exclusive dress shop, she has denied vehemently any connection with the abduction.

Dr. Kelley, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, was lured from his home in 1931 by a fake call for his professional services. He was released, reputedly without payment of ransom, to John Rogers, a reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

New York, March 15—(AP)—Kidnapers of Max Kasoff called members of his family last week demanding \$5,000 ransom "or we'll send him home in pieces—an ear first."

Altogether there were four phone calls. The last one Sunday night said:

"So you notified the police, eh? O. K. We fix."

Today members of the family went to Rockville Center, Long Island, to identify Max Kasoff's body. He had been blindfolded, shot twice in the head and once through his neck, and there was a deep head cut where he had been struck, as with a length of pipe.

#### Was Practical Joker.

Kasoff, who was 37 years old and well known in the automobile rental business, disappeared from home last Thursday night. His family did not take seriously the first demand for ransom because of Kasoff's reputation as a practical joker.

New Orleans, March 15—(AP)—Two confessed Filipino would-be extortionists were charged in Federal Court here today with a plot to obtain \$5,000 from Louis A. Hager, wealthy St. Louis industrialist, owner of the Hager family.

# 6 MEN, 2 WOMEN SEIZED IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

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### Seized in Surprise Raid.

The posse, consisting of 23 department of justice agents and Oklahoma and Missouri officers, moved into Mannford at dawn, the school of the instructors.

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### Bremer Suspects Still at Liberty

The eight outlaws arrested in Oklahoma Thursday are not involved in the Bremer kidnaping, despite reports that linked them closely to the suspected abductors of the St. Paul brewer, J. Edgar Hoover, director, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, declared yesterday. Among them is Charles Cotner, suspected in connection with the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas.

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## SQUADS FOLLOW TIP ON AIRPLANE ESCAPE PLANS

Federal Agents Join Police of  
Dozen Cities to Blockade  
Michigan Highways.

### SHERIFF HOLLEY SENDS AID

Second Officer in Critical Con-  
dition After Battle in Which  
Negro Was Killed.

Port Huron, Mich., March 16.—  
(AP)—The nation-wide manhunt for  
John Dillinger centered in the  
Michigan "Thumb" district tonight  
after the outlaw's jail-breaking  
Negro companion, Herbert Young-  
blood, was fatally wounded in a  
battle with officers and said on his  
deathbed that "Whittling Johnny"  
was in this vicinity.

Three deputy sheriffs were wounded  
in the encounter, one of whom died  
tonight.

Officials of a dozen cities, deputy  
sheriffs, possmen and Federal offi-  
cials combined forces. They raided al-  
leged hideouts, searched the country-  
side, blocked highways and spread  
their lines to encompass the region  
in an effort to prevent Dillinger's  
escape.

Two carloads of state troopers left  
here for Marysville, Mich., on a tip  
that two men, one resembling Dil-  
linger, were on their way to the air-  
port at that town.

The two men stopped at Capao,  
Mich., and asked for information con-  
cerning the airport.

Even Sheriff Lillian Holley, from  
whose Crown Point, Ind., jail the  
pair escaped, sent deputies to  
Michigan.

State police squads arrived from  
Bay City, Flint, Detroit and Laps-  
ing. Each automobile load of officers  
was equipped with machine guns  
and tear gas bombs.

#### Finish of Search Seen.

Many officers considered this the  
beginning of the end of the Dillinger  
chase, which has spread through the  
country. Some discredited Young-  
blood's admissions to a certain ex-  
tent although made on his deathbed.  
Sheriff Holley sent word that she  
considered Youngblood's admission  
proof that Dillinger was elsewhere.  
She said that her knowledge of the  
two outlaws convinced her that even  
at the point of death either would lie  
to help the other.

One report was that Dillinger had  
come here Thursday night to meet  
other gangsters. Federal officials  
took the reports seriously and were  
converging on this section in an ef-  
fort to help in trapping the desperado.

Youngblood wounded Sheriff Wil-  
liam E. Van Antwerp and two  
deputies, one fatally, before he  
himself went down in a battle at the  
door of a suburban grocery store.

Van Antwerp suffered only an arm  
wound and returned to direct the  
hunt for Dillinger, but Deputy How-  
ar Lohr was in critical condition and  
Charles Cavanagh died.

#### Boast Started Battle.

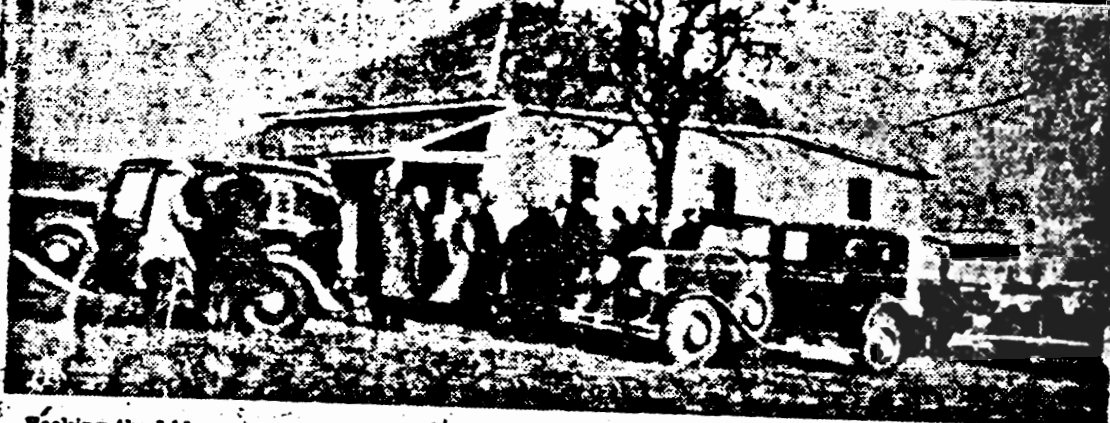
The battle of four officers with  
Youngblood resulted after police re-  
ceived a report that a Negro, a burly  
fellow, had a gun and boasted he  
was an escaped convict.

Sheriff Van Antwerp and three  
deputies went to the small store in  
South Port Huron where the Negro  
had taken refuge.

One man was stationed outside  
while two went in after Youngblood.  
Ten seconds after they entered the  
Negro opened fire. The battle was  
brief and fierce. When the smoke  
had cleared Youngblood lay, mor-  
tally wounded, on the floor. Two  
deputies had been shot. Sheriff Van  
Antwerp was still standing but had  
been struck in the arm. Only one  
participant, Deputy Derris Luck,  
escaped uninjured.

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## GANG SEIZED IN BREMER KIDNAP RAID



Seeking the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Federal agents raided a bungalow near Mannford, Okla., Wednesday, and arrested eight persons, including two women, who were asleep. In the gang were Glenn Roy Wright, at right in the picture, sought for robbery and murder, and Alonzo Briscoe (alias Frank Downey) with his mouth open, wanted for bank robberies in Minne-

sota and Kansas. Others arrested were: Charles Kotner, John McAttee, I. R. Brackett, Ed Brodie, Winnie Morram and Grace Guckler. Rifles, shotguns, automatic pistols and bullet-proof vests were confiscated. Below is a picture of the bungalow. The agents were seeking Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping gang.

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**WHEN JUSTICE IS SWIFT.**

The best kind of justice is swift justice.

If more criminal cases were handled as was the trial of Abe Ginsberg on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Judge Brill's court, there probably would be fewer criminal cases to try. Ginsberg was charged with attempt to defraud. Every stage of the trial ran its course without undue delays or quibbles. The defendant had his "day in court," the state proved his guilt to the jury, and two weeks after his arrest Ginsberg is under sentence.

Punishment attains its fullest function as a deterrent when it follows sure and fast on the heels of crime. Severity of punishment is not nearly so effective as an object lesson to wrongdoers as is certainty of punishment. But not even certainty is enough. Immediacy of punishment brings home the lesson the society is master better than anything else.

There should be more of the justice like that dealt out in Judge Brill's court this week.

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# BREMER'S OFFER FULL ASSISTANCE IN KIDNAP SEARCH

Abducted Man's Father and  
Uncle in Conference  
With Cummings.

CONFIDENT JUSTICE UNIT  
IS ABLE TO SOLVE CASE

Step Follows Attorney General's  
Criticism of Non-Co-operation  
From Family.

Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnaping victim, have come to Washington to offer their full co-operation to the Department of Justice in its search for the kidnapers—an offer apparently prompted by recent criticism aimed at some members of the family by Attorney General Cummings.

Unaccompanied by Edward, the elder Bremers have conferred with Cummings, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation, and other Justice officials supervising the Nation-wide man hunt for the gang which abducted young Bremer, on January 17 last and released him February 7 on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"We have complete confidence in the ability of the Department of Justice to solve this case," the uncle told The Star today in his room at the Hamilton Hotel. "Adolph and I came here to assure Mr. Cummings and other officials at the Department of Justice of our co-operation and to express our heartfelt appreciation for the great work they have done and are now doing."

## Cummings "Disappointed."

The uncle said his brother returned to St. Paul last night and explained that they had attended to certain other business matters while here during the several days. No visit was made on President Roosevelt, a friend of the Bremer family, because the brothers felt the President was too busy to see them, Otto said.

## Offers U. S. Aid



ADOLPH BREMER.

Attorney General Cummings at a press conference not long ago said he was "disappointed" at the extent of co-operation received by Federal investigators from the Bremer family and, at the same time, caustically criticized "certain segments" of the St. Paul police and branded St. Paul and Minneapolis as "crime spots."

Later it was indicated the department's criticism was directed chiefly at Edward Bremer for his evident reluctance to discuss details of his kidnapping with special agents of the Division of Investigation. The father co-operated "100 per cent" from the start of the investigation, it has been said.

It was the uncle who was chief adviser to Adolph in the negotiations which led to payment of the huge ransom on a lonely road at a rendezvous marked by mystic signal lights. It has been reported that the signal lights and other articles used by the kidnapers now are in possession of Federal agents.

## Federal Men Efficient.

The uncle said today he did not know who the kidnapers were but he was confident the Federal agents would find them.

"We have nothing but praise for those fellows," Otto said, with emphasis. "Everything that has been done has been accomplished by the Federal men. They are a very efficient outfit."

The uncle declined to comment on the Attorney General's criticism, but made it plain that he and his brother harbor no resentment over it.

"You know," he said, "Eddie has never given me any details about the kidnaping—and I haven't asked him to. He is under a great strain."

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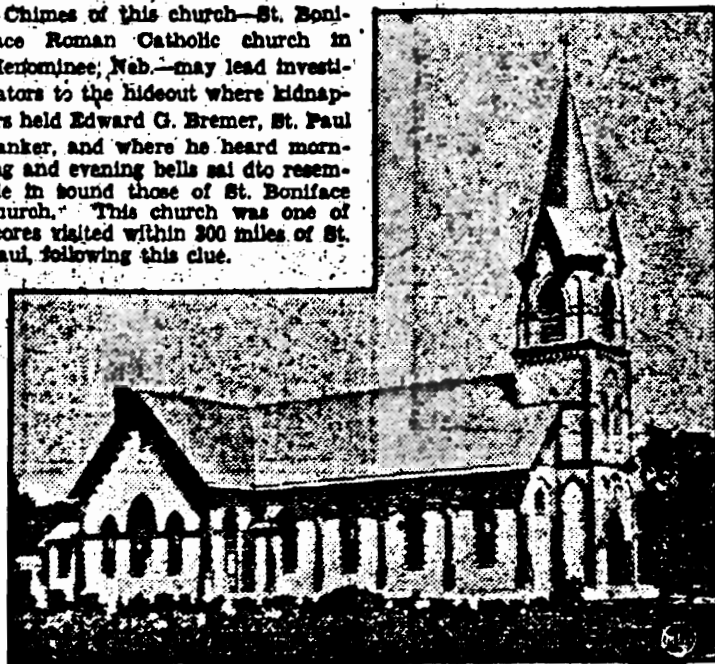
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### Chimes May Be Kidnaping Clue

Chimes of this church—St. Boniface Roman Catholic church in Mendon, Neb.—may lead investigators to the hideout where kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and where he heard morning and evening bells said to resemble in sound those of St. Boniface church. This church was one of scores visited within 300 miles of St. Paul, following this clue.



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# DUPED BY GINSBERG, SMITH TELLS COURT

Wisconsin Man Testifies He  
Went Into Priest Swindle  
Deal Innocently.

"Abe Ginsberg fooled me," was the testimony today of Edward L. Smith, of Neenah, Wis., charged with an alleged attempt to swindle a St. Paul priest of \$8,500.

Smith, the first of the three men charged with the attempted first degree grand larceny to take the stand in his own defense, detailed that he was not even connected with the swindle idea.

The trial is in Ramsey County District court before Judge Kenneth Brill. Ginsberg has been sentenced to five years and Max Goldberg, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse.

Smith testified that he was a geologic and mining engineer who received his training in Birmingham, England, worked for the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., was a cattle raiser in the West; drilled oil wells in Georgia, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Montana, and met Ginsberg last summer in the office of an attorney in Chicago.

"I knew him as Gains," Smith said. "He looked after my legal interests and I always supplied the money. A month ago I came through here and Ginsberg told me he would raise some money this time."

"He took me to the residence of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, and introduced me as Barnes. I thought that was strange but Ginsberg told me it was part of his plan to raise money."

"Then the story he told Father Carey was wonderful. It sounded plausible to me at the time but I can see different now."

The defense rested just before noon recess and the case is expected to go to the jury late today.

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## BREMER'S THANK U. S. FOR KIDNAP RELEASE

Dad and Uncle of Victim Call  
on Cummings and J. Edgar  
Hoover at Capital.

Washington, March 20. (AP) — Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul kidnap victim, have been in Washington for several days conferring with the Department of Justice.

"We called on the Department of Justice to express our appreciation for the very fine way in which they handled the kidnap investigation," Otto said today.

Recently Attorney General Cummings expressed disappointment at the extent of co-operation given government investigators by members of the family. Otto Bremer would not discuss this matter but explained that his brother and he had been in New York on business and had come to Washington from there.

The Justice department said that the two had conferred with Attorney General Cummings several days ago and that conversations have also been held with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation.

Edward G. Bremer, the abduction victim, was kidnaped on January 17 and held for 22 days. His release was effected only after payment of a ransom believed to have been \$200,000.

The 22-day period is the longest on record. John O'Connell, scion of an Albany political family, was also held by kidnapers for that length of time but no other kidnap victim has been held in confinement longer than 21 days since the outbreak of this type of crimes started about two years ago.

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## Hogs Bring Farmer Into Bremer Case

Fordyce, Neb. Man Becomes Kidnap Suspect When He Trades Car After Selling Pigs.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

FORDYCE, Neb., March 20.—Clem E. Tramp, Cedar county farmer, went to town to sell a load of hogs and thereby became a suspect in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

And Mr. Tramp, wind-burned, horny-handed veteran of the Nebraska farm depression, does not particularly appreciate the honor. "You know," he told the two Daily News staff members today, "if this was not serious it would be funny for five years there hasn't been a crop or a load of hogs that has paid its own way until this year, and this year I sold a truck load of hogs and celebrated by trading for an old flier for a new Chevrolet."

"And look what happened since Saturday. My neighbors have been looking at me suspiciously. At least one radio station has broadcast that I have been picked up by federal agents for keeping Mr. Bremer in my house while he was away from St. Paul, and its getting so I hate to walk down the streets of town."

Mr. Tramp is 29 years old. He is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

married, the father of five children, two of them pupils at the St. Boniface Catholic school, three miles from his home, the chimes of which Edward Bremer is supposed to have heard while held prisoner for three weeks before his release on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

### Invites Inspection.

"Yes. He said today, 'I've heard the rumors—but here I am. That answers the question, doesn't it? No federal agents have interviewed me, and if you take a good look at my house after five years of the kind we've just finished, I hope, you can see that there's not room enough in it to keep even another child, much less a kidnaped man. And I wish I had the \$6,000 I am reported to have got.'

"Last year hogs were \$2.50 a hundredweight. This month they've been \$4 and higher and I had about 167 head. That's prosperity for me so I took 'em down to Sioux City and sold them, and traded in the car, and bought a new one with part of the money I got."

### Strictly Rural Home.

Chickens and geese paraded contentedly around the feet of Mr. Tramp, his buxom wife and the two newspapermen. Two grubb-faced children slowly, painstakingly hauled a coaster wagon loaded with kindling wood through the yard. The scene was strictly rural. No submachine guns were in evidence.

"One story had it that they decided I was the man they wanted because Mr. Bremer had taken a strip of wall paper from one of the rooms and this had been identified," Mr. Tramp continued, "but that

can't be true because we haven't any wall paper.

"I've lived here all my life, and my father and mother before me, and we never had anything like this happen before."

### U. S. Agents Comb Neighborhood.

But meanwhile the rumors persisted that some place within sound of the chimes of St. Boniface Mr. Bremer spent a very uncomfortable three weeks, and up to a few days ago a squad of federal department of justice agents had been making the entire neighborhood the scene of an intensive search for the particular house.

If they do not find it, it will not be because of lack of local assistance. Every four-corners store, every corner drug store in Yankton, S. D., only 14 miles away, can furnish the federals with detailed information as to who, and what, and when and where.

The chief trouble the federal agents have found, is that the occasion is being used to settle up a lot of bad feelings between families and groups.

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## Bremers Here Agree to Help In Kidnap Hunt

Father and Uncle Pledge  
Cooperation; Victim  
Still Silent.

Complete cooperation with the Department of Justice in tracking down the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, yesterday was promised by Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the victim, who was abducted January 17 and released February 7, upon payment of \$200,000.

The Bremers came to Washington and acted apparently because of recent criticism aimed at some members of the family by Attorney General Cummings. Edward remained in St. Paul. Shortly after visiting the Department of Justice, Adolph left for his home, while Otto remained at the Hamilton Hotel.

"We came also to thank the Department of Justice for its wonderful work in the case," asserted Otto Bremer yesterday. "We have complete confidence in the ability of the Department to solve this case. Adolph and I came here to assure Mr. Cummings and other officials of our cooperation."

Attorney General Cummings, at a recent press conference, said he was "disappointed" at the lack of cooperation received by Federal investigators from the Bremer family.

The department's criticism, it was indicated later, was directed chiefly at Edward Bremer for his reluctance to discuss details of his kidnaping. The elder Bremer cooperated "100 per cent" from the outset of the crime, it was said.

The Bremers did not visit the White House, although President Roosevelt is a friend of the Bremer family. They said they felt the President was too busy to see them.



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## BREMER'S KIN HELP U. S. HERE

By Universal Service

Renewed efforts to solve the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were seen yesterday in conferences held by Department of Justice officials with Adolph Bremer, father, and Otto Bremer, uncle of the kidnap victim.

The Bremers, who came to Washington voluntarily, offered their full cooperation to the department in the nationwide search for the kidnapers.

Recently Attorney General Cummings had publicly criticised the Bremer family for reluctance to disclose information that might aid Federal agents in tracking down the kidnapers.

The Bremers conferred with Cummings, Joseph B. Keenan, assistant Attorney General in charge of the criminal division, and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the division of investigation.

They declared they had every confidence in the ability of the Federal authorities to solve the case and that they came here for the specific purpose of assuring Cummings the department would have their full cooperation.

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# 5 YEARS GIVEN SMITH IN PLOT TO DEFRAUD PRIEST

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Third of Trio Gets Same Sentence Meted Ginsberg, Maximum Law Allows.

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STAY FOR APPEAL GRANTED

Brill Indicates He Will Not Suspend Sentence; 'Justice Done', Cleric Says.

Edward L. Smith, third member of a trio which allegedly tried to fleece a St. Paul priest out of his life savings, was convicted Tuesday afternoon and sentenced to Stillwater prison for an indeterminate term up to five years.

The verdict of "guilty of attempted first degree grand larceny," was returned by a District court jury of twelve men at 4:10

P. M., after an hour's deliberation. Judge Kenneth G. Brill pronounced sentence immediately but deferred commitment to prison for a week to permit perfecting an appeal.

At the request of Robert Hogan, Smith's Chicago attorney, Judge Brill ordered an investigation of the defendant's case by John J. Doyle, Ramsey county probation officer. Hogan said the defendant "may be able to give additional facts in possible mitigation of the offense".

Probation Seen as Remote. In ordering the investigation, Judge Brill said: "I have no intention whatsoever of suspending sentence in this case."

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NOT Pay**

However, if the defendant wants to give some information to the probation officer he may do so. I have no idea at present of putting the defendant on probation."

Smith's conviction, the third within a week, winds up a case that originated March 3 when he was arrested with Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, and Max Goldberg, alias Bobby LaDue, also of Minneapolis.

The arrests were made at the home of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church and intended victim of the alleged "estate swindle" concocted by the trio.

Priest Called Police.

The priest had been asked to produce \$5,500 in bonds, his life savings, to settle and obtain a purported \$450,000 estate in gold mine stock. Instead, he called police.

Three days later the three were indicted on a charge of attempted first degree grand larceny. Ginsberg was tried first and convicted Thursday by a jury. Judge Brill imposed the same penalty he gave Smith—the maximum fixed by law for the offense.

Goldberg was permitted to plead guilty to attempted grand larceny in the second degree. He was sentenced Monday to six months in the St. Paul workhouse. James F. Lynch, assistant county attorney, prosecuted all three defendants.

Smith Blames Ginsberg.

Smith was the only one of the three who testified in his own defense. He said he is a geologist and livestock dealer. He blamed the estate scheme on Ginsberg. In a brief statement to the court before sentence was pronounced Smith said his home is in Neenah, Wis., that he is 50 years old and unmarried.

Judge Brill announced he will not consider applications for bail for either Smith or Ginsberg, pending preparation of an appeal. He said such application must be made to the State Supreme court.

Informed of the three conviction-Father Carey said: "I feel that justice was done, and it's all the more admirable because it was done so swiftly."

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# **Funds Sought To Nail Rumors In Bremer Case**

**Nebraska Town Resents Hide-  
 out Reports in \$200,000  
 Kidnaping.**

Menominee, Neb., March 21.—(AP)—  
 Resentful residents of this tiny  
 northern Nebraska community were  
 discussing today the advisability of  
 raising a fund to aid in tracking  
 down the source of recent rumors  
 that it harbored the hideout of Ed-  
 ward G. Bremer of St. Paul, captive  
 22 days until \$200,000 ransom was  
 paid to his kidnapers.

One man, whose home has been  
 mentioned particularly as possibly  
 that in which Bremer was held, ex-  
 pressed willingness to offer \$50 re-  
 ward to any one who can tell him  
 the source of the rumors which,  
 residents claim, are entirely without  
 foundation.

Bremer has been quoted as saying  
 that from his place of captivity he  
 could hear the chimes of a church  
 each morning and evening. St.  
 Boniface Catholic church here has  
 chimes which are rung daily but,  
 townspeople pointed out, so have  
 other churches at St. Helena and  
 Bow Valley in nearby communities.

Rev. Ferdinand Krings, pastor of  
 St. Boniface, said he is weary of  
 the "hideout" talk, adding that he  
 had visited every home in the com-  
 munity many times, and knew that  
 none could possibly be the Bremer  
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## Libel Suits May Yield Farmer Cash That Bremer Case Didn't



This is the Cedar county, Nebraska, farm where Edward G. Bremer was net held prisoner during his three weeks of captivity by a kidnap gang. The children in the picture are Dolores and Darline Tramp, children of Farmer Clem Tramp, who with Mrs. Tramp is shown in the insets.

### Nebraskan Is Burned Up Over Gossips Who Spread Rumors He Had Kidnap Gang's Victim.

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

FORDYCE, Neb., March 21.—The pigs that went to market from the Cedar county farm of Clem Tramp and brought him questionable national fame as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping, may have lived in a depression-tumbled pig-sty, but their descendants will occupy a veritable porcine mansion if Farmer Tramp's present plans carry through.

Farmer Tramp is what is known as "burned."

He's out for revenge and it won't make him the least bit mad if the revenge is sweetened with a few cold, hard, American dollars.

May Sue Gossips.

In other words, Farmer Tramp believes he has perfect grounds for a whole drove of slander and libel damage suits against some of his gossiping neighbors, against St. Helena townspeople, and against a radio station and at least one or two small newspapers who mistook his trip to Sioux City, Ia., with another load of hogs, for a trip to jail with a squad of federal justice department agents.

Farmer Tramp planned today to confer with his lawyer at Yankton, S. D., just across the Missouri river.

"Listen," he said, "when asked to smile as a photographer was taking his picture, I can't smile. I'm too

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sore. For the first time in five years I sell hogs for more money than it cost to raise 'em. I take the extra money and give the wife and kids a treat by buying a new Chevrolet, and right away they say I'm flashing a roll of bills I got for hiding Mr. Bremer in my house.

#### He's No Hoarder.

"What do they expect a man to do with this new deal money, hoard it? Not me. I believe in putting it into circulation. If we don't do that we'll have five more years of depression.

"And if they think they can get away with making me out a kidnaper they're wrong. I could use a lot of money fixing up the house and the farm—yes, and the hog pens, too. They deserve something better as long as they're selling for \$4 a hundred."

Meanwhile the find-Bremer-hide-out fever has spread. The interstate toll bridge is doing a land office business at 50 cents a car and 5 cents a passenger with amateur sleuths who are combing the territory around St. Boniface Catholic church, at Menominee, three miles from the Tramp farm, for the suspected house where-in the kidnaped St. Paul banker is supposed to have been held prisoner.

The chimes of St. Boniface can be heard for nearly four miles on quiet days—and nearly every day is quiet except when a Nebraska dust storm is in progress, so an area of close to 20 square miles is involved.

#### Many Farms Suspect.

The fact that a number of the farms, some of them now aban-

doned, were once used to manufacture the beer and corn liquor supply of Yankton and smaller nearby towns, rather complicates the search, for suspicion naturally arises as to "connections."

Even officials of the American State bank of Yankton, once visited by Harvey Bailey and his bank-raiding mob, declare that "anything could happen back in the hills across the river."

And whether "anything"—in connection with the Bremer case—has happened is providing scores of citizens with a subject of conversation which gets their minds off the snowless, rain-less recent months which sugar financial trouble for them all.

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# WHY HAVE POLICE FAILED TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF ROY McCORD'S SHOOTING?

**NINE** weeks have passed since machine gun bullets spattered from a car on Portland ave. and Roy McCord fell seriously wounded.

The police know the number of the car from which the shooting was done.

They know the name of the man to whom the license was issued.

They know his postoffice address and they have a good description of him.

**BUT NO ARREST HAS BEEN MADE.**

When Mr. McCord, innocent victim of St. Paul's crime wave, lay at St. Joseph's hospital in a dying condition, detectives, after some delay, arrived to question him.

He was semi-conscious and in no condition to be interrogated so they left.

Mr. McCord is now able to get around. While he may be a cripple for the rest of his life he is in full possession of his mental faculties.

**BUT THE POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN NEAR HIM SINCE THE NIGHT HE WAS SHOT.**

Mr. McCord himself is authority for this statement. He believes he has information which might help in the capture of his would-be assassin but the police have not shown enough interest to call on him.

**IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THE POLICE WANT THIS BRUTAL SHOOTING TO GO UNSOLVED?**

This question is warranted in view of the apathy and lack of interest which has been shown.

If police are not able to guard the lives of St. Paul citizens they at least should make some effort to capture assailants after a crime of this type has been committed.

The Bremer kidnaping is unsolved. The Hamm kidnaping is unsolved. Nothing apparently has been accomplished in finding a solution of the murders of Harry Davis, Con Althen, Roy Williams, Carl Sager or Oscar Erickson.

How much longer must St. Paul citizens wait for the protection they are paying for?

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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## SMITH WILL FIGHT 5-YEAR SWINDLE TERM

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## Smith Fights Swindle Term

### Third Man Sentenced In Plot Against Priest.

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Robert Hogan, Chicago, Smith's

attorney today attempted to withdraw the request he made at the time of sentence, for an investigation of his client looking to a possible probation. Judge Brill today informed Hogan as he asked to withdraw the request, that the court believes now it would be a good idea to learn all about Smith.

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# Bremer Kin Deny Failure To Help Law

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Otto, Adolf In Washing-  
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 Of No Co-Operation In  
 Kidnaping Is Error.

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 Daily News Washington Bureau.  
 WASHINGTON, March 21.—The  
 Bremer brothers have personally as-  
 sured officials of the justice depart-  
 ment that federal agents were mis-  
 taken when they assumed that the  
 Bremer family was not co-operating  
 in the search for the kidnapers of  
 Edward Bremer.

This developed Tuesday evening  
 when it was learned that Adolf and  
 Otto Bremer have been quietly in  
 town for several days. Reporters  
 discovered them just as they were  
 about to leave. Otto Bremer is al-  
 ready on his way back to St. Paul  
 and Adolf expects to leave today.

## Wants To Forget.

Adolf Bremer said he disliked to  
 talk about the horrible days when  
 his son was in the hands of the  
 mobsters. He said further that he  
 had never discussed to any extent  
 with Edward the ordeal which the  
 younger man had undergone. The  
 shock to his son had been too great.  
 He said, to make it possible or wise  
 to elicit details.

"The only persons who can dis-  
 cover the guilty parties are the  
 agents of the justice department," he  
 said. "I have every confidence in  
 them." Criticism by the attorney  
 general that the family had not co-  
 operated, whether aimed at the  
 whole family, or at Edward alone.  
 Adolf Bremer said, "was never taken  
 seriously by me."

## Calls On Cummings.

He said he had called personally  
 upon Atty. Gen. Cummings and J.  
 Edgar Hoover to thank them for  
 what they had done.

He has not called at the White  
 House because the President is busy  
 and the Bremers did not wish to  
 bother him.

Mr. Bremer said he had no idea  
 regarding the identity of the kid-  
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## Bremer Rumors Irk Town

Stories of Hideout at Menominee Resented;  
Fund to Combat Them Considered.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)  
Menominee, Neb., March 20.—  
This community is deeply angered at rumors which have tended to indicate in recent weeks that it harbored the hideout of the gang which held Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., captive 22 days until 200 thousand dollars ransom was paid his kidnapers.

Residents of the parish today were discussing raising a fund of three hundred dollars to offer as a reward for information as to who started the rumors, which the parishioners unanimously declare absolutely without truth or reason.

Clem Tramp, who said rumors had linked his home with the Bremer kidnaping, today offered \$50 reward on his own account for the source of the rumors.

Home Not Like Description.  
World-Herald reporters today examined Tramp's home by invitation, and found it did not answer in a single respect that of the place in which Bremer was held. The fact that this man recently paid up his taxes and bought a new car is said to have been a possible source of the rumors.

Bremer is quoted as having said that from his place of captivity he could hear the chimes of a church morning and night. St. Boniface Catholic church here has chimes which are rung thus daily, but, it was pointed out, so do the churches

of St. Helena and Bow Valley in nearby communities. So St. Boniface parishioners see no reason for picking out their village as the Bremer hideout.

Priest Is Tired of It.  
Father Ferdinand Krings, priest of St. Boniface parish, today was weary of the "hideout" talk. Beyond saying he had visited every home in the community many times, and knew none could possibly be the Bremer hideout, he declined to discuss the matter further.

But rumors still persist. The latest is that Bremer himself was here last Saturday, when he was supposed to have been attending the funeral of a relative in Jordan, Minn., and that he was listening particularly to the chimes of the church bells, to see if he could recognize them. And like every other rumor, this one could not be confirmed.

Priests of the St. Helena and Bow Valley churches already have refused to discuss the matter, saying they know beyond question that it does not concern their communities. In addition, federal agents from the department of justice at Washington have combed this entire territory over a wide area, visiting every home without finding the Bremer hideout.

The people here are disgusted and angry, and they wish folks would leave them alone.

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# GANG IDENTIFIED IN BREMER CASE

Justice Agents Learn Karpis-Barker Band Kidnaped Banker.

The Department of Justice has identified the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for whose release \$200,000 was paid several weeks ago. It was announced late today by Attorney General Cummings.

Special agents of the Division of Investigation have traced the kidnaping to the so-called Karpis-Barker gang of southwestern desperadoes, a member of which was rounded up last week in Oklahoma in a Federal raid.

Leaders of the gang are Alvin Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker, former Oklahoma convicts, it was stated. This pair is said to have been identified as ringleaders in the Bremer abduction plot.

It was reported recently that identification of the perpetrators of the St. Paul crime had been made from fingerprints found on signal lights used by the kidnapers in guiding ransom negotiations and on oil cans used in carrying gasoline.

A Nation-wide manhunt now is under way to find Karpis, Barker and other members of the gang.

Cummings said Karpis and Barker have been "definitely identified" as the kidnapers. He declared J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Division of Investigation, reported to him "several weeks ago" the identification of Karpis and Barker. The developments were kept secret because of intensive efforts then being made to apprehend the gang. These efforts are continuing.

## Have Long Records.

Karpis and Barker, according to Cummings, have long criminal records in the department's fingerprint bureau. Karpis, 25, has been convicted several times of burglary and has escaped from prison once. He is on parole under a 4-year sentence in Oklahoma for burglary.

## Kidnapers



ALVIN KARPIS



ARTHUR R. BARKER

Barker, who is 34, also is on parole from a life sentence at McAlester, Okla., for murder. Before that he had escaped from prison once and had been frequently sought in burglary, bank robberies and other crimes.

Cummings said the department now is receiving "friendly co-operation" of the Bremer family in the search for the kidnapers. He said Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of the kidnaped man had a "very satisfactory" interview with him (Cummings) this week. Some weeks ago Cummings criticized the Bremers for failing to co-operate fully with the Federal agents. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 and released February 1 in the city of Rochester, Minn., after payment of the huge ransom.

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Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. (Freddie) Barker, notorious outlaws and one-time residents of St. Paul, have been positively identified as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

The identification was announced at the Washington headquarters of the United States department of justice by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings and was corroborated by agents in St. Paul shortly afterward.

Agents in St. Paul could not state whether the announcement meant that the two gangsters had been arrested.

#### WERE EARLY SUSPECTS

First news that the two were suspected was published in The St. Paul Daily News Feb. 8, a few hours after the return of Mr. Bremer following payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Only a few days ago, March 14,

The Daily News learned that a Minneapolis store clerk had identified photographs of Barker as closely resembling the man who purchased a shirt which Mr. Bremer wore when he was released. The shirt had been purchased late in his three weeks' captivity by one of his abductors.

Efforts today to locate Werner Hamm, chief of the St. Paul office of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, disclosed that he is out of the city.

Wanted For Many Crimes.

Both Barker and Karpis are wanted in many cities for crimes ranging from murder to bank looting and kidnaping.

Barker is about 33, originally came from Tulsa, Okla., and is sought locally for the murder, with Karpis, of George E. Anderson, alias George Cooper, formerly of 1031 S. Robert st., West St. Paul. Anderson was "taken" for a ride by the two, who had been living with him for some time, in April, 1932. Anderson's body was found in a ditch in Wisconsin.

Here When Hamm Was Snatched.

Barker and Karpis also were in St. Paul in June, 1933, at the time of the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. They were among the occupants of the Vernon ave. home who fled, following the release of Mr. Hamm, after police had been warned of the suspicious actions and had once "investigated" the place to no avail.

Barker also is wanted for the machine-gun murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., December, 1929.

Karpis is known as Barker's lieutenant and aid in all of his major crimes.

#### Named Kidnapers



ALVIN KARPIS

#### Name Third Suspect

A third man, partially identified but whose identification is not yet admitted by the federal government, is Harry Campbell, another alleged member of the Barker-Karpis mob. Reports are that his fingerprints were found, along with Barker's, on a flashlight believed used by the Bremer kidnapers.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, when informed by The Daily News of the identification in Washington, said that it was the "first he had heard of it."

A special federal grand jury will be called by Sullivan as soon as he is officially advised of the identification, he said, to return indictments.



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# ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS 'STORY WILL BE TOLD SOME DAY'

Attorney General Cummings issued an official announcement today in Washington that two men had been identified positively as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch said the Department of Justice identified the two men as Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker. The department said both are among "the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang who have operated extensively throughout the Middle West."

Attorney General Cummings told reporters: "I am sorry I can not announce the arrest of these men."

In a conversation with the Dispatch Washington Bureau correspondent, Attorney General Cummings said:

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Asked whether he thought Barker and Karpis had any connection with the kidnaping in St. Paul of William Hamm, Cummings declined to answer.

From unofficial sources in St. Paul the Dispatch learned that when Bremer was released some gasoline cans were thrown from the car. Later federal men recovered these cans, from which were taken the fingerprints of Barker and Karpis, which later were identified by Bertillon experts.

Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul January 17 and released 23 days later after the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Barker is 34 years old and was said to have a police record in Tulsa, Okla., Muskogee and McAlester, Okla. Karpis was said to have been arrested in Kansas City and to have served time at the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan.

Twenty-five years old, he was reported also to have run afoul of the law at Tulsa and Okmulgee, Okla.

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# SLAIN GANGSTER COLLEGE BRED MAN

## Gunmen End Life of \$5,000,000 Bandit, Former Grid Player

Mystery Victim  
Identified as Aid  
to Killer Burke.

### BRAINS IN RAIDS

Linked With Bank  
Robberies and  
'Massacre.'

Fred Goetz, former University of Illinois football player, who used his university education to direct a \$5,000,000 robber gang, was the man slain by gunmen in Cicero Tuesday night.

The victim's identity was established by fingerprints yesterday after police had become convinced from the \$1,000 bill in his pocket and the obviously false identification papers he carried that he was a "big shot" in gangland.

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### BRAINS OF BURKE GANG

Goetz, they revealed, was the brains of the "Killer" Burke gang, an associate of the slain Gus Winkler and the man credited with arranging the St. Valentine's Day massacre. Although there were many reasons why Goetz might have been killed, police agreed that, like Winkler, he was put to death for double-crossing his comrades.

He had been sought since his crime career began in 1925. Among the major crimes for which he was wanted were the slaughter of five persons in Kansas City last June in an attempt to free Frank Nash of the Burke gang from federal officers; the \$2,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln National Bank of Lincoln, Neb., and the \$352,000 robbery of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Jefferson, Wis.

### SISTER VIEWS BODY

His sister, Sophie Goetz of 1503 Ardmore av., viewed his body at the morgue last night, but was unable to confirm the identification positively, as she had not seen him for nine years. His aged mother, Mrs. Samuel Goetz, was brokenhearted by his death.

Goetz' story was one of a young man of a well-to-do North Side family who went wrong after receiving every advantage.

The younger Goetz was a wartime aviator, and later went to the university, where he was graduated after a gridiron career.

### ONCE CHIEF OF LIFEGUARDS

He was chief of the Clarendon Beach lifeguards until he was arrested, according to police, as he was attempting to attack the 7-year-old daughter of a neighbor in 1925. This charge seemingly changed the course of his entire life.

He became a fugitive and shortly afterward was named as one of the gang that killed Barney Herman, a chauffeur, and wounded the latter's employer, Dr. Henry R. Gross, in a Gold Coast robbery. In 1929 he was accused of leading the gang that trailed Mrs. Arthur W. Cullen from a theater and robbed her of thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry.

His daring and mental ability having won him the leadership of the Burke gang, he planned the

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# SLAIN BANDIT DIRECTED GANG

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St. Valentine's Day massacre, the introduction of a killer in a policeman's uniform to prevent the victims from becoming suspicious being his master touch.

Under his direction, and the field leadership of Burke, the gang took five million dollars in bank robberies in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and the Dakotas. Goetz and Winkler, in fact, established a clearing house for disposing of loot taken by robbers throughout the nation.

Winkler eventually gave back \$400,000 of the money taken in the Lincoln bank robbery, to save himself from prison while others of the gang went to prison. Winkler was executed as double-crosser and Goetz may have been put to death because the gang learned that he took part in the same transaction. Evidently fearing such a fate, he had changed his name to J. George Keigler.

Goetz' success in keeping clear of authorities for eight years may have been due to a mysterious "pull," which was apparent at the time of his arrest on the attack charge. The father of the girl was threatened a number of times when he refused to drop the prosecution.

Although Goetz was a fugitive, charges of assault and of murder were both stricken in the Criminal Court, according to the police department records.

'KILLER'S' AID!



SLAIN BY GANG.—Fred Goetz, photographed while under arrest nearly nine years ago.

*Goetz*

WASHINGTON D. C. TIMES March 23, 1934.

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## TWO IDENTIFIED IN KIDNAPING

By International News Service

Department of Justice agents today conducted an intensive hunt for Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, leaders of a Mid-Western gang, who have been identified as principals in the sensational kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Both men have long criminal records. They were paroled from the State penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., where Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder, and Karpis served part of a four-year term for burglary.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul last January 17. He was released February 7 when his family paid \$200,000 ransom.

The identity of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang is known, authorities stated.

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# Two Bremer Captors Named: Hunt Is Started

U. S. Identifies Former Convicts as St. Paul Kidnapers.

(Associated Press)

Government agents ranged the country last night for two Western outlaws named by the Department of Justice as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

The men wanted are Arthur R. Barker, 34, and Alvin Karpis, 25, described as joint leaders of a notorious gang which has operated extensively through the Middle West.

Justice officials said the two men were linked with the Bremer abduction several weeks ago and that the identity of members of their mob was known. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 and released February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Both Barker and Karpis are out on parole from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla. Barker served ten years of a life sentence for murder before getting his freedom, and Karpis was paroled after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. The men have long strings of aliases, Justice officials said.

Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the victim, called at the Department of Justice this week and conferred with Attorney General Cummings.

## Held Bremer



Alvin Karpis (above) and Arthur R. Barker named yesterday as leaders of the gang of Southwestern desperadoes who kidnaped and held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. (Story on page 1.)

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# BREMER KIDNAP DUO IDENTIFIED

The Department of Justice is positive Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, fugitives, were the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, Attorney General Cummings announced yesterday.

Description of the two men has been broadcast by the department and a hunt will be continued to capture them.

Barker and Karpis, the Attorney General said, have operated extensively throughout the Middle West. Both have long criminal records, he added.

In speaking of the visit here of Albert and Otto Bremer, kinsmen of the victim who was held captive from January 17 until released on February 7 for \$200,000 ransom, Cummings said:

"We had a very satisfactory and friendly interview. The victim, Edward G. Bremer, was pretty well shaken because of his capture, and that possibly accounted for his earlier reluctance to cooperate with us."

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# *St. Paul Pioneer Press* Barker, Karpis Led Kidnapers of Bremer, Cummings Confirms

Hope for Early Captures Hinted by Attorney General as  
Fingerprints Are Identified Definitely; Aid of Bremers  
by Trip to Washington Lauded.

Attorney General Cummings announced late Thursday in Washington that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been identified positively as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, an Associated Press dispatch reported.

The Department of Justice identified the two as "among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang who have operated extensively throughout the Midwest."

Although unofficial reports named Barker and Karpis as suspects in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping shortly after Mr. Bremer's release February 7, Mr. Cummings' statement was the first official

announcement that the two have been positively identified as the abductors.

"I am sorry I cannot announce the arrest of these men," Attorney General Cummings told reporters.

Later, in a conversation with the Washington representative of the Pioneer Press, Mr. Cummings said:

"I am sorry I cannot tell you at this time why we know these are the guilty persons, but we do. Some

## ADOLF BREMER CONFIDENT

Adolf Bremer returned to St. Paul Thursday night from Washington confident that the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, will be apprehended eventually by the Federal Department of Justice.

Mr. Bremer expressed gratification that two of the kidnapers, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, have been identified.

Mr. Bremer added that Attorney General Cummings and Joseph B. Keenan, his assistant, appeared optimistic that the kidnapers will be caught.

day the entire story will be told. The Bremers were here and we had a very satisfactory and free discussion of the case." Mr. Cummings referred to the visit to Washington this week of Adolf and Otto Bremer, father and uncle, respectively, of the kidnap victim.

"The victim was very nervous and distraught from his experience and this possibly accounted for his inability at first to give us greater co-operation," the attorney general continued. "As far as we are concerned now, there is complete co-operation between the Bremers and the Department of Justice."

Asked whether he thought Barker

and Karpis had any connection with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. of St. Paul last summer, Mr. Cummings declined to answer. However, it was learned that both men had been reported seen here a short time prior to the abduction of Mr. Hamm.

From unofficial sources in St. Paul it was learned that three flashlights and some empty gasoline cans recovered by Justice department operatives working out of this city resulted in the identification of Barker and Karpis through fingerprints found on the articles.

In their search for clues, it was learned, the Federal agents went to the place where the ransom money was tossed out of an automobile by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of Mr. Bremer. This was on the outskirts of a small town near Faribault, where a side road passes through a cut.

The flashlights were found on one of the banks overlooking the road. They were equipped with red bulbs and obviously had been used as signals to the ransom car. The batteries were run down, indicating the kidnapers had left the lights burning.

At least one clear fingerprint was

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Other fingerprints were reported  
found on gasoline cans which the  
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machine in which Mr. Bremer was  
taken to Rochester, where he was  
released. The cans were recovered  
by Federal men and prints on them  
identified by Bertillon experts as  
those of Barker and Karpis.

Both Barker and Karpis have long  
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In addition, Karpis and Freddie  
Barker, a brother of Arthur, are  
wanted for two murders, one in Mis-  
souri and one in Wisconsin. The  
victims in the two killings were  
Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains,  
Mo., shot down as he attempted to  
question suspicious characters, and  
A. W. Dunlop of West St. Paul.  
Freddie Barker's father-in-law, who  
was shot and his body thrown in a  
lake near Webster, Wis.

Karpis, 25, in addition to the term  
in the Oklahoma prison, served time  
in prisons at Lansing, Mich., and  
Hutchinson, Kan. His aliases in-

cluded George Dumas R. E. Hamil-  
ton, Ray Karpis and George Haller.

Identification of Barker and Karpis  
by Justice agents came after a se-  
ries of sensational arrests by the de-  
partment. Verne Sankey and Gor-  
don Alcorn were arrested recently in  
Chicago for the kidnaping of Charles  
Boettcher II of Denver. Sankey  
committed suicide in the Sioux Falls,  
S. D., jail and Alcorn was sentenced  
to life imprisonment.

The Justice department participated  
in the capture of Basil Banghart  
and Isaac Costner in Baltimore a  
few weeks ago. The result was that  
Banghart and other members of the  
Touhy gang were convicted of the  
kidnaping of John Factor when  
Costner turned state's evidence.

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# HAMM SNATCH LAID TO BARKER, KARPIS

*St. Paul Dispatch*  
 Pair Blamed for Bremer Kid-  
 naping Now Linked With  
 Earlier Abduction Here

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 A strong belief that Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, identified Thursday by Attorney General Cummings as members of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, also were members of the mob which kidnaped William Hamm Jr., was prevalent in police circles here today.

Although police officials refused to discuss the case, it was learned that this belief has been growing for some time. It also was learned that Barker and Karpis were seen in St. Paul a short time before the Hamm abduction.

## Touhy Link Doubted.

At the same time, the opinion has grown that the Touhy gang, of which five members were tried here for the Hamm kidnaping, was not connected with the case. In this regard it is pointed out that during the trial of the Touhy mobsters for the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor in Chicago, the members of the gang who turned state's evidence and "told all" made no mention of the Hamm case.

The search for Barker and Karpis was intensified following Attorney General Cummings' statement Thursday that they had been identified positively as members of the mob which abducted Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, and held him for \$200,000 ransom.

But although the police here have been on the lookout for the two men since they first were named as suspects in the crime, Chief Thomas Dahill declined to discuss the case in any way or to make more than a brief comment on the attorney general's statement.

## Statement "Significant."

"Any comment regarding the identification of Barker and Karpis as members of the kidnap mob will have to come from the federal government," the police chief said. "As to Mr. Cummings' statement, I have only this to say—that his remark to the effect that some day the whole story of the Bremer case will be told is very significant and means a lot."

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## LETTER CLUES SEEN IN M'CORD SHOOTING

New Data Believed in White  
Bear Lake Postoffice Be-  
ing Watched.

Contents of two letters, believed to be in the White Bear Lake post-office, may shed new light on the nearly fatal shooting, January 13, of Roy McCord, St. Paul airport radio dispatcher.

The Dispatch learned today that the letters, addressed to a White Bear Lake man, are being watched by both St. Paul police and federal authorities.

License plates of the automobile, from which a murderous hail of bullets was poured into McCord's machine at St. Albans street and Portland avenue, were traced to the White Bear man immediately after the shooting. McCord was wounded seriously.

Simultaneous with this disclosure, Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, announced he will give McCord, who is in Sioux Falls, S. D., an opportunity to impart any further information he has concerning the encounter. The radio dispatcher recently asserted he has "additional information" but that police have not conferred with him since he left the hospital.

The chief said police and federal officials are waiting for the letters to become "dead" so they can be opened.

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#### ANOTHER GANG DOOM.

One by one the gangs are being broken up, their members punished and society freed of them. The Barker-Karpis gang, which Attorney General Cummings has identified as kidnapers of Edward Bremer, is next on the list. These criminals will go the way of the Bates and Bailey, the Touhy, the Sankey and numerous other gangs that have been stopped within the past year.

The apparent success of these gangs is not real. They have not long to enjoy their furtive triumphs. These new criminals for the most began in the bootleg gangs of prohibition. As they left the liquor racket to enter new criminal enterprises, they had the advantage of being unknown. But every crime they commit and every day that passes brings them closer to their undoing.

The Barker-Karpis gangsters are now known, their characteristics and methods fairly well classified. Tracking them down is a matter of unremitting persistence, for which the Federal authorities are well suited. Finally the Barker-Karpis gangsters, too, will become exhibits in the Federal government's great demonstration now in progress of the truth that crime can be put down.

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### ANOTHER GANG DOOM.

One by one the gangs are being broken up, their members punished and society freed of them. The Barker-Karpis gang, which Attorney General Cummings has identified as kidnapers of Edward Bremer, is next on the list. These criminals will go the way of the Bates and Bailey, the Touhy, the Hankey and numerous other gangs that have been stopped within the past year.

The apparent success of these gangs is not real. They have not long to enjoy their furtive triumphs. These new criminals for the most began in the bootleg gangs of prohibition. As they left the liquor racket to enter new criminal enterprises, they had the advantage of being unknown. But every crime they commit and every day that passes brings them closer to their undoing.

The Barker-Karpis gangsters are now known, their characteristics and methods fairly well classified. Tracking them down is a matter of unremitting persistence, for which the Federal authorities are well suited. Finally the Barker-Karpis gangsters, too, will become exhibits in the Federal government's great demonstration now in progress of the truth that crime can be put down.

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# **GINSBERG'S BOND SET AT \$25,000**

*St. Paul Dispatch*  
 Supreme Court Names Judge  
 Brill to Examine Convicted  
 Attorney's Securities.

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 The Minnesota Supreme court set bond at \$15,000 today for Abdo Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney who was one of three men convicted in St. Paul for the alleged attempted \$3,500 swindle of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church.

The high court named Judge Kenneth G. Brill of Ramsey County District court, who tried the cases, as referee to examine sureties for the bond at 10 A. M. Monday.

Judge Brill will report findings of the examination to the Supreme court, which, if it deems the sureties acceptable, will release Ginsberg pending the appeal to the Supreme court of the attorney's sentence to Stillwater prison up to five years.

In the event Ginsberg is released from Ramsey county jail, where he has been held during a stay of sentence, he will be arrested immediately on a Dakota county warrant charging him with swindling a priest at Miesville.

It was also revealed that disbarment proceedings against Ginsberg are now before the State Supreme court.

Chief Justice John P. Devaney stated that District Judge Alfred Stolberg of Center City has been appointed referee to hold hearings and investigate the record of Ginsberg. He in turn will report back to the high court for final action.

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## Bremer, Hamm Gangs Linked

### U.S. Sees Karpis, Barker In Brewers' Snatching.

The Karpis-Barker gang, identified Thursday by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings as the Edward G. Bremer kidnapers, was today linked with the William Hamm, Jr., snatching here last year.

Despite the fact that the Roger Touhy gang was tried and acquitted here last fall in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm, department of justice authorities in Washington today were of the opinion that through the interlocking directorates of gangs, the Karpis-Barker gang participated in some way in the Mr. Hamm snatching.

Orders have been issued for a widespread search for Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, following their identification as the leaders of the gang that kidnaped Mr. Bremer Jan. 17.

Mr. Cummings in his identification statement in Washington Thursday intimated that the Karpis-Barker gang is composed of at least 12 members.

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# Sift Ginsberg Bond

Supreme Court Names Brill To  
 Make Inquiry Monday.

Investigation of sureties on the \$15,000 appeal bond set for Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, under a one-to-five-year sentence in Ramsey county district court for attempted grand larceny in the first degree, was ordered by the Minnesota supreme court today.

The supreme court appointed Judge Kennet G. Brill of Ramsey county district court, to conduct an examination of the sureties at 10 a. m. Monday. He will certify his findings to the supreme court and that body will decide whether Ginsberg is entitled to his freedom pending the appeal.

Meanwhile another of the three defendants indicted following an attempt to fleece the Rev. Alphonse J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church, of \$6,500 filed an appeal from his conviction. He is E. L. Smith of Neenah, Wis.

Chief Justice Devaney also announced appointment of Judge Alfred Stolberg of Center City as referee to hear the disbarment action brought against Ginsberg by the state board of bar-examiners. No date for the hearing has been set.

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## BREMER KIDNAP PAIR IDENTIFIED

**Cummings Launches Hunt  
For Two Gang Heads.**

WASHINGTON, March 22.—  
(United News.)—Two of the kid-  
napers of Edward G. Bremer of  
St. Paul have been identified and  
an intensive search is being con-  
ducted for them, Attorney General  
Cummings said today.

The two men sought are Alvin  
Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, de-  
scribed by Cummings as heads of  
the Barker-Karpis gang. Cum-  
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tity was established.

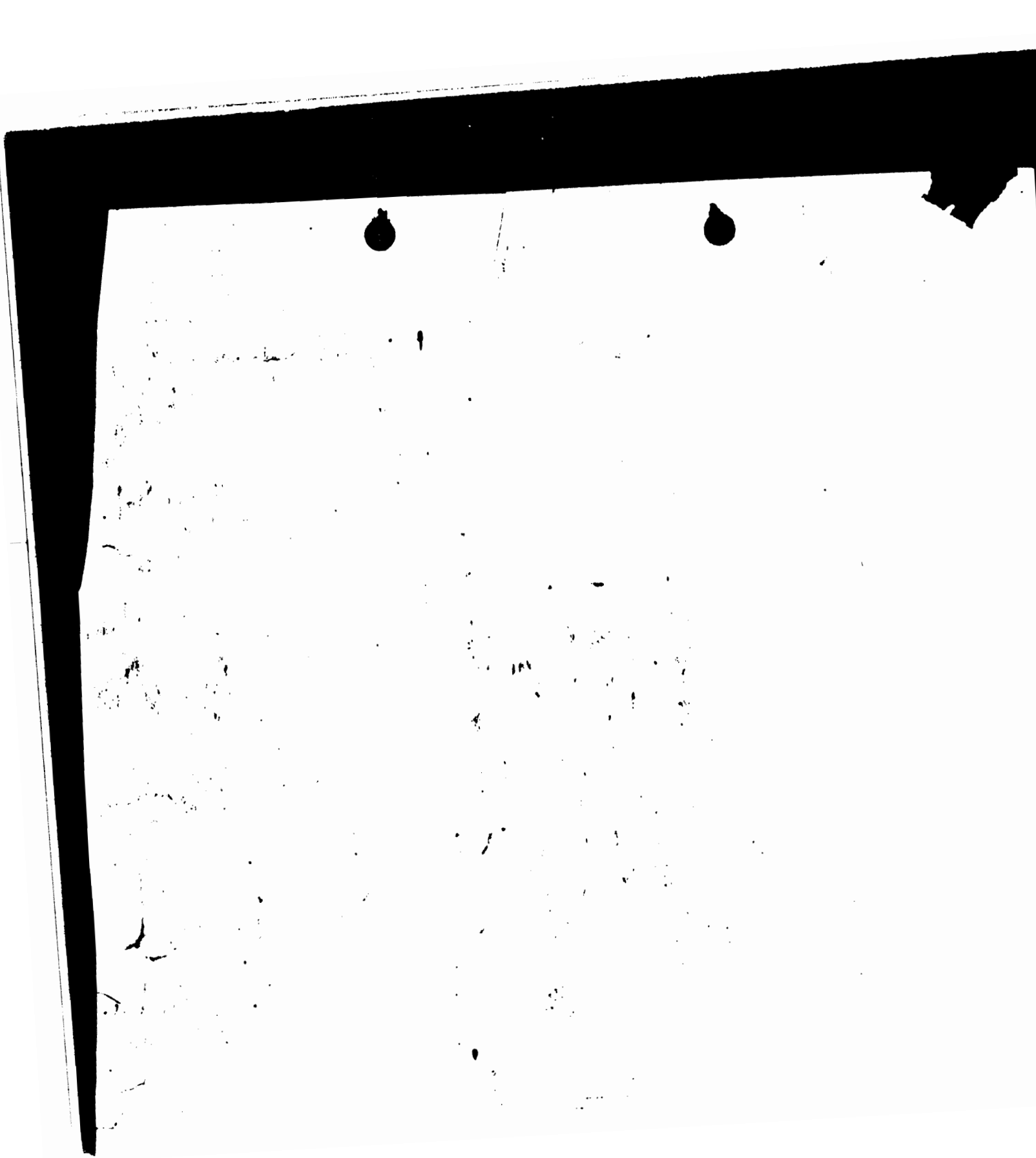
"Some day the story will be told,"  
he said.

Bremer, whose father is a friend  
of President Roosevelt, was kid-  
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Post-Gazette,  
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Thursday afternoon by depart-  
ment of justice officials at Wash-  
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Simultaneously Barker and Kar-  
pis were named by Sioux Falls,  
S. D., police and Park Findley,  
head of the Iowa bureau of crim-  
inal investigation, as two of the  
principals in the Sioux Falls and  
Mason City, Ia., bank robberies.

### Search for Pair.

Government agents throughout  
the country were searching for  
the two outlaws who were said to  
be joint leaders of a notorious  
gang which has operated exten-  
sively throughout the midwest.

State agents and local law en-  
forcement officers of the state  
were provided by Findley with de-  
scriptions of Barker and Karpis,  
with orders to be on the lookout  
for their reappearance in the state.

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#### Others Known.

Department of justice officials said the identity of the other members of the Barker-Karpis gang was known.

Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17 and released Feb. 7 after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

Approximately \$22,000 was obtained from the First National bank at Mason City, and \$46,000 from the Sioux Falls bank in two daring daylight robberies early in March.

#### Descriptions Told.

Sioux Falls police officials upon their return from Mason City Thursday declared the descriptions of the men who robbed the South Dakota bank and the Iowa bank were identical, as were methods used in the holdups.

In addition to Arthur Barker and Karpis, the following men are being sought for the bank robberies:

Fred Barker, 32; Tommy Carroll, 37; and Martin Wilson, 34.

#### Out on Parole.

Arthur Barker and Karpis are out on parole from the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder, and Karpis part of a four-year sentence for burglary.

Melvin Passolt, superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, said Karpis and Fred Barker, a brother of Arthur Barker, are wanted for two murders.

#### Sought in Killing.

Passolt declared the two men are being sought for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., and A. W. Dunlop of West St. Paul, Minn.

Department of justice made no announcement as to the methods used to identify Arthur Barker and Karpis with the Bremer kidnaping.

It was reported fingerprints found on gasoline cans said to have been thrown from the car from which Bremer was released led to the identification.

#### Bremers in Capital.

News dispatches from Washington stated Adolph and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of Edward Bremer, called at the department of justice offices at Washington this week and conferred with Attorney General Cummings.

Cummings, who once expressed disappointment at "the lack of cooperation" given investigators by the family, described the situation Thursday as one of "perfect harmony."

Chief Findley said Thursday night he was convinced a week ago the bandits who robbed the Mason City and Sioux Falls banks were the same.

#### Bank Raided.

An organized gang of 7 gunmen, working calmly under the instruction of leaders, raided the First National bank at Mason City Mar. 12.

After looting the bank, the bandits used a human shield formed by 12 men and women clinging about their auto in making their getaway.

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## U.S. ON A MAN HUNT

Government Agents Start Search  
for Arthur R. Barker and  
Alvin Karpis.

### NAMED IN BREMER CASE

Cummings Reveals Identities of  
the Leaders in the \$200,000  
Kidnaping.

### MIDDLE WEST OUTLAWS

Both Are at Large on Paroles  
From the Oklahoma State  
Prison.

(By the Associated Press.)

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The men wanted are Arthur R. Barker, 34, and Alvin Karpis, 25, described as joint leaders of a notorious gang which has operated extensively through the middle West. Karpis formerly was an inmate of the Kansas state prison and the Kansas reformatory.

Justice officials said the two men were linked with the Bremer abduction several weeks ago and that the identity of members of their mob was known. Bremer was kidnaped January 17 and released February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Identification was made by finger prints.

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#### Often Use Assumed Names.

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#### Kidnapers Fugitives.

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The justice department participated in the capture of Basil Banghart and Isaac Costner in Baltimore a few weeks ago. The result was that Banghart and other members of the Touhy gang in Chicago were convicted of the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor when Costner turned state's evidence.

#### Expect a Long Search.

Justice agents said tonight capture of Barker and Karpis would be the result of long and assiduous digging.

It was pointed out that the roundup of Harvey J. Bailey, George (Machine-Gun) Kelly, Albert Bates and others in the Charles Urschel kidnaping case was accomplished only after agents had worked over sixteen states.

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## KIDNAPERS OF BREMER NAMED BY CUMMINGS

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# THIRD LIFE OF GOETZ REVEALED; 'WIFE' IS HUNTED

Find So. Shore Home of  
College Gangster.

(Picture on back page.)

Fred Goetz, the college bred gangster, whose "second life" as the desperado, J. George Zeigler, was brought to light following his murder on Tuesday, was revealed yesterday in still a third rôle.

In his first character he was army officer and University of Illinois graduate "gone wrong"; in his second character, he was the outlaw Zeigler, wanted for attempted rape, bank robbery and murder.

Expensive South Shore Home.

Yesterday, it was learned, in an expensively furnished lakeside apartment at 7827 South Shore drive, his neighbors and landlady knew him as "George B. Seibert," a cultured gentleman and a loving husband, with studious tastes and a professional bent for landscape gardening.

There he had lived with "Mrs. Seibert" in apparent tranquility, and his neighbors were amazed to learn that the gentle "Mr. Seibert" was a desperado and killer.

"Mrs. Seibert," however, had vanished when police reached the apartment. She was being sought last night.

The new phase of Goetz's life was

revealed after the inquest into his death had been opened, his true identity established, and the session then adjourned until March 29 to allow time for further police investigation.

Reveal Income Source.

Coincident with the discovery of "Seibert," American Express company officials came forward with an explanation of his source of income. At the county morgue, investigators identified the body as that of a man calling himself "George A. Rhodes."

In May of 1932 Rhodes stole \$5,380 in blank American Express checks from a New York bank, and, before the alarm was spread, cashed \$3,000 of them at several Chicago banks, and \$2,000 more at a Detroit bank.

The discovery of "Seibert" and his apartment came by tracing papers found in the pockets of the dead man. With them, Sergt. Frank Donahue of the coroner's office and Chief of Police Michael Solar of Cicero, went to the South Shore drive apartment building.

'Fine People,' Says Landlady.

The owner, Mrs. Leonora Smith, revealed that "Seibert" had lived there for slightly more than a month, with "Mrs. Irene Seibert," presumably his wife.

"They were fine people," she said, "Mr. Seibert seemed to me to be a very brilliant and handsome man. His wife was beautiful. She was tall, very blonde, and had gray-blue eyes. They always seemed to have plenty of money."

There was evidence that Mrs. Seibert had been in the apartment either that morning or the night before, and had taken away most of her clothing and personal effects. The closet still contained a few dresses and several suits of men's clothing, but that was all.

Discover Landscape Prints.

The desk in the room yielded a number of blue prints of landscape gardening projects, and when it was recalled that Goetz had taken up that line of study in college, the theory was advanced that perhaps the life of "Seibert" as a landscape gardener actually was legitimate.

There was one story that "Seibert"

had done the landscaping for a farm "Zeigler" purchased in Wisconsin some years ago.

The apartment also contained a number of books which denoted an educated taste in literature, but no guns or indications of a gangster's home.

Back at the Cicero police station other angles of the murder were being

probed and four persons at the restaurant at 4811 W. road, in front of which killed, were taken into questioning.

One was Fenton M. Ma of the place. All were at night, however, with the that they reappear when convenes again March 29.



AS A LIFE GUARD.  
How Fred Goetz appeared  
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# U.S. NAMES TWO GANGSTERS IN BREMER CASE

Seeks Alvin Karpis and  
Arthur Barker.

[Chicago Tribune From Service.]  
Washington, D. C., March 22.—[Special.]—Federal agents definitely have identified Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, leaders of a gang of criminals, as the persons who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, son of a wealthy St. Paul brewer, on Jan. 17, Attorney General Homer St. Cummings announced today.

Mr. Cummings said the department of justice will continue to push its search for Karpis and Barker and members of their gang. Their descriptions and prison records were made public in an effort to speed up their capture.

At the same time the attorney general said that the department of justice is working now in "perfect harmony" with Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer.

Father Pays \$200,000.

The father paid a \$200,000 ransom to obtain his son's release on Feb. 7. The attorney general previously had criticized the Bremer family for failure to cooperate with federal agents.

Mr. Cummings said he was not able to disclose how the department of justice had identified Karpis and Barker as Bremer's kidnapers, but added that they had been linked to the crime several weeks ago.

Arthur Barker was described as 34 years old, five feet 3 1/2 inches high, with black hair and brown eyes. Under four aliases, he had been jailed in Missouri and Oklahoma for larceny, murder, jail breaks, and attempted bank robbery.

Alvin Karpis is 25 years old, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, slender build, with brown hair and blue eyes. Under five assumed names, he had been jailed six times in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for burglary, larceny or prison breaks.

Karpis Wanted as Killer.

St. Paul, March 22.—(P)—Melvin C. Passolt, superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, today said that Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, a brother of Arthur Barker, are wanted for two murders.

Karpis and Freddie Barker are sought for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., and A. W. Dunlap of West St. Paul, Passolt said. Sheriff Kelly, Passolt said, was shot and killed as he attempted to question several suspicious looking characters.

Held Bremer Kidnapers



Alvin Karpis, alias Ray Karpis, who, with Arthur Barker, fugitive leaders of a band of criminals, have been identified by federal agents in Washington as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

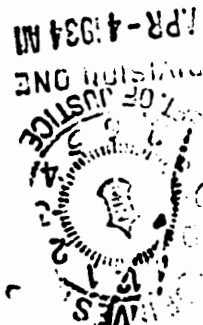
Father-in-law Shot.

Dunlap, Freddie Barker's father-in-law, was shot near Webster, Wis., and his body thrown in a lake.

Passolt said Karpis, who used several aliases, including George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis and George Haller, served terms in prisons at Hutchinson and Lansing, Kan.

The dispatch from Washington said Karpis and Arthur Barker were identified from fingerprints found on gas can cans said to have been thrown from the car from which Bremer was released.

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"However," said Bremer, "Mr. Cummings appeared optimistic that the kidnapers will be caught sooner or later, and so am I. We had a very good visit."

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# POLICE PAMPERING OF DANGEROUS CRIMINALS

## PUTS PREMIUM ON CRIME

**C**HARLES KUEFFNER, 493 St. Peter st., was given 30 days in the workhouse Friday for having an unloaded gun in his possession when picked up in a police roundup.

A companion who testified that the gun was his and he had lent it to Kueffner was given a 90-day suspended sentence.

Neither of these men were regarded as dangerous police characters with past records. They were not gangsters in any sense of that word—so far as the police revealed. But they were punished, and speedily, for having a gun between them.

The Daily News fully agrees that they should be punished. But it can't understand why petty offenders should be penalized and dangerous gangsters freed.

Not so long ago Tommy Carroll was picked up during a bit of drunken driving. A loaded gun and two extra clips of cartridges were found on him. But he was

speedily released and an effort made to cover up the official report by the police.

Not long afterward a bank was held up at Brainerd and subsequently two police officers were shot in the south. Carroll is being sought for these crimes. He is wanted for 33 postoffice robberies. He was known to the police as a "heavy"—a professional gangster who knew a lot about organized crime. BUT THE POLICE COULD FIND NO GROUNDS FOR SENDING HIM TO THE WORKHOUSE FOR HAVING A DANGEROUS WEAPON ABOUT HIM.

THIS KIND OF POLICING BREEDS CRIMINALS. IT IS AS ROTTEN AS THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT WHICH FAVORS A RICH MAN WITH PULL AND BEARS DOWN HEAVILY ON A POOR MAN WITHOUT INFLUENCE.

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are pledged to oppose. It is anti-social and distinctly dangerous because it lets loose on the community the most dangerous criminals and puts a premium on crime.

But it is the kind of government and policing we have been getting in St. Paul. It explains why St. Paul and Minneapolis are both refuges for gangsters and why every now and then these criminals, who were required in the old days to be good here while they "worked" elsewhere, "pull a job" here.

In the old O'Connor days punishment for such breach of "contract" followed quickly. Today the police are too incompetent even to punish those who violate the laws of hospitality.

That's why a complete reorganization of the policing is needed here, if the citizens are to enjoy the safety and protection for which they pay plenty.

—EDITOR, THE DAILY NEWS.

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# THE KIDNAPING MENACE

## How the Government Is Organized to Wipe It Out

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By RICHARD L. WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the special law enforcement agents now becoming known as "The American Black Chamber," delivers to the midwest the serious indictment that lack of an aroused state of mind on the part of the public is the cause for its distinction as the "snatch belt" of the world.

From Canada down through Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and on to points south and west extends the narrow confines of kidnapers' alley.

"Alley-way" is the one word with which this kidnapers' paradise is described by the methodical lawyers who, under the prosaic name of special agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice, comprise the American equivalent of the Vienna crime hawks. This alley-way is an imaginary line marking the midway of kidnapers' land. On either side and in the middle the snatch racket flourishes.



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Of the 24 kidnapings that have been reported to the Black Chamber since the Lindbergh law was passed, the most lurid have been in the middle country. Of the 3,000 snatchings that some officials say occur every year, the majority take place in the vicinity of kidnapers' alley.

The reason, Hoover thinks, is that the public will not equip its multifarious law enforcement agencies as they should be equipped, that salaries are too low to attract high grade men.

"If the midwest has crime, then she deserves it," Hoover declared recently, "for she has done little to prevent it. She has left her law enforcement agencies inadequately equipped, unable to cope with well equipped and cunning criminals. Any state, any area of the country will get just as good law enforcement as she deserves."

### Cause of Spread of Kidnaping as Viewed by Chief Hoover

Hoover described a condition in some parts of the midwest which he believes is the principal cause of the flourishing kidnaping industry.

He told of sheriffs with rickety automobiles, of governmental subdivisions employing to combat practiced criminals only the men that a low salary can obtain, of enforcement officials with antiquated guns and equipment attempting to cope with the high powered cars and machine guns of kidnapers and bank robbers.

To remedy this situation, Hoover would not have congress set up a national police force. He condemns this somewhat. He deprecates the tendency to believe that the institutions of other countries, such as Scotland Yard, could meet the American situation.



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"Most people get their idea of Scotland Yard from fiction. As a matter of fact, Scotland Yard is nothing but the metropolitan police department of London. Last year it was called upon to solve crimes outside of London only three times. Our division of investigation alone last year was called out on 15,000 cases outside of Washington."

Should a national police force be established, Hoover foresees local enforcement officers as becoming pudgy and passing the buck to the government. Such a situation would require the employment of thousands of men by the government, he believes.

### Urges Setting Up of State Police System

What Hoover wants and what he thinks would be successful in stemming the tide of criminal brutality, not only in the midwest, but throughout the country, is 48 efficient, well trained state police systems, with interlocking radio and teletype communication.

In the rural areas where kidnaping is raging, where men are mowed down in front of railroad stations, where desperadoes murder four men in robbing a bank, and where the highways are speedways, Hoover believes state police systems are the only medium through which escape can be halted.

Arrest and sentence are the two weapons law enforcement agencies have with which to combat crime. Efficient police, by removing criminals from circulation, can prevent those men from committing crimes, and deter others who fear detection.

The "dragnet," according to the Hoover reasoning, is still the best measure of crime prevention. And no "dragnet," no "cordon" (to use stilted police words) can be cast about fleeing criminals with a disorganized group of constables, deputy sheriffs and city police. But co-operating together, under the direction of a central state authority, Hoover sees the escape of the criminals as impossible.

### Murder of Lindbergh Baby Greatest Unpunished Crime

In 21 out of the 24 kidnaping cases reported to the department of justice since the Lindbergh law was passed, convictions have been obtained or the kidnapers have been killed.

The murder of the Lindbergh baby, however, remains as the nation's greatest unpunished crime. "We are working on it," Hoover said. And in time it is likely that the Lindbergh murderers will be

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found. The Black Chamber is working on a jigsaw puzzle. Just now a few pieces are missing. Ultimately someone in the nation will provide a fragment of information which will be the missing piece. Then there will be a night raid and as in 21 other cases the department of justice will get its man.

The idea is being toyed with in Washington that the poison with which Kidnapers Sankey tried to kill himself in a South Dakota jail may lead to the discovery of

another piece in the puzzle.

Abject fear of the consequences is believed by some law enforcement officers to have stilled the tongues of thousands of victims of kidnapers.

That is the basis for an estimate made by former Chief of Police Gerk of St. Louis that snatchings are occurring at the rate of 8,000 a year. This estimate since has been subscribed to by other agencies.

The estimate is met with a slight shrug of the shoulders in the Black Chamber. Officials think that virtually all responsible persons report kidnappings, but that there may be a great many more, unrecorded, in the underworld. Those who believe there are many unreported kidnappings and threatened abductions make a point of two cases involving widely known persons whom they say were so intimidated they did not go to police.

The New Jersey state police are said to be the authority for the statement that \$5,000 was obtained from a singer whose voice is heard nightly over the radio, and something over \$20,000 from a black-face musical comedy star.

It is estimated by Senator Reynolds of North Carolina that there are some 6,000 persons in the United States engaged in various forms of kidnaping for ransom.

The largest available figures on the reported kidnappings are for 1931 when it is said that 282 were reported officially in 28 states.

### Crime Show Stolen from N. Y. and Chicago Ganglands

The midwest led them all as follows: Illinois, 49; Ohio, 34; Michigan, 26; Indiana, 20; New York, 17; Massachusetts, 16; Missouri, 11; New Jersey, 10; Texas, 9; Oklahoma, 9; Kansas, 8; Wisconsin, 8; Iowa, 7; Mississippi, 6; Virginia, 4; Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, 3 each; South Carolina and North Carolina, 2 each.

Since that time, eastern kidnappings with the exception of the McMath and O'Connell cases, have faded into insignificance in comparison with those perpetrated by desperadoes of the midwest.

The criminal show has been stolen from the Chicago and New York ganglands by the bad men from the plains. Such outlaws as Underhill, Bailey and Sankey, the Touhy gang, "Petty Boy" Floyd, to name a few of the score, all of whom have roamed over the midwest, are regarded as the worst type of American criminal.

"They are yellow," said Hoover. "We have nothing but contempt

## Kidnap Scoreboard

Fourteen of the 24 kidnappings reported to the department of justice at Washington since the passage of the Lindbergh act have occurred in the midwest.

Here is the crime score of the division of investigation:

Case	Place	Number Convicted	Sentences
Haskell Bohn,	St. Paul, Minn.	1	25 years.
George N. Davis,	Lewisburg, W. Va.	3	48 years.
Charles Boettcher,	Denver, Colo.	3	42 years, 1 suicide, 1 life.
Peggy McMath,	Harwichport, Mass.	1	25 years.
Mary McElroy,	Kansas City, Mo.	3	1 death, 1 life, 8 years.
William Hamm,	St. Paul, Minn.	No conviction.	
John Factor,	Chicago, Ill.	4	1 suicide, 296 years.
John O'Connell,	Albany, N. Y.	1	
August Luer,	Alton, Ill.	7	2 life, 30 years, 3 months.
John K. Ottley,	Atlanta, Ga.	2	29 years.
Charles F. Urschel,	Oklahoma City, Okla.	15	6 life, 21 years, 2 months, 1 day (10 yrs. suspended).
John C. Lyle,	Crawfordsville, Ga.	3	15 years.
Claude Boyd,	Hopkinsville, Ky.	3	50 years.
Adhemar Hughes,	East Moline, Ill.	3	182 years.
Fred De Filippi,	Peru, Ill.		
Brooks Hart,	San Jose, Calif.		2 lynched.
Clem J. McGuire,	Dubuque, Iowa		(Suspects under arrest.)
Edward Minkowski,	Kenosha, Wis.		
John Von Harborg,	Seattle, Wash.		(Plot to kidnap.)
Herbert Harris, Jr.,	Columbia, S. C.		1 death.
Charles W. Coker, Jr.,	Hartsville, S. C.		(Plot to kidnap.)
Robert B. Walsh,	Omaha, Neb.	1	12 years.
Arthur Hatch,	Texarkana, Ark.	1	10 years.
Patricia Luciano,	New York City		(Suspects under arrest.)
Edward G. Bremer,	St. Paul, Minn.		(Unsolved.)
E. P. Adler,	Chicago, Ill.		(Plot to kidnap) 1 suicide, 1 suspect facing trial.

Arrests have been made and men have been in custody awaiting trial for all of the cases handled by the department of justice with the exception of the Bremer case. The government failed to get a conviction in the Hamm case. In the preceding table where no disposition is noted, except in the Bremer and Hamm cases, suspects are awaiting trial.

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There is a feeling in the Black Chamber that the lawless heritage of the middle and southwest has spawned these brutal criminals upon poorly equipped forces of law and order in the middle stretches.

Underhill, Bailey, Floyd and the Touhys come out of the southwestern hills. Department of justice agents report that there are sections of the southwestern hills that are as detached from the rest of the nation as if they were foreign countries. No man can enter them, they report, unwatched.

"Shorn of an easy and lucrative means of existence by the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, they have turned to kidnaping as the next easiest path to illegal money," Chief Hoover said.

A kidnaping technique has been evolved. The gangsters started it first and it has been perfected by the bad men. Everybody knows what it is. There is no need to repeat it here.

What everyone does not understand is that the Black Chamber is keeping a record of every conceivable detail of every conceivable manner of kidnaping proposed or executed. There is nothing mysterious about this. But it is forming a key for the solution of kidnaping.

The smallest detail may lead to apprehension. Department of justice agents do not wait for a special divination to solve crime. They collect every threat of evidence following every lead suggested to them no matter how fantastic. "Machine Gun" Kelly, the day he was caught, was reported in five different sections of the country.

On that day department of justice agents followed all five suggestions. The first four produced nothing. The last produced Kelley's arrest in Memphis, Tenn.

### **Bad Men Have Jargon That Describes Way They Work**

Carrying out the tradition of their rum running days, and their bank robbing days, and their chicken stealing days, the bad men have evolved a jargon that well describes the way they work.

Here are a few definitions:

Castle—The place where the victim is held, often blindfolded, sometimes gagged, always in a dark room.

Voice—The telephone call to the family of the victim.

Script—The ransom note.

Finger man—The important personage who selects the next unhappy prey of the gang.

Pickup man—The actual kidnaper, he who strikes the victim on the head and bundles him into an automobile.

Pay-off man—The intermediary who collects for the gang.

Front—He who retains counsel, suborns perjury and does everything else he can to free the guilty.

The department of justice is not much concerned about underworld kidnapings except as they encourage the seizure of honest citizens. But there is a fear that the statement made at a private hearing of members of the Copeland committee investigating kidnaping and racketeering is coming true.

The statement was made by Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago crime commission. He said it is his opinion that the kidnaping of gamblers and outlaws has about come to an end and that the snatching of eligible wealthy citizens could be expected to increase. It has increased since Mr. Loesch made that statement.

But the Black Chamber thinks it has the kidnapers on the run. It has discovered how they work. It has discovered where to look for them.

America's list of public enemies numbers from No. 1 to No. 4000. Its membership is like that of an exclusive club—special requirements are demanded by the Black Chamber. The requirements are that prospective members be exceptionally objectionable, exceptionally brutal, exceptionally rotten.

The list is a catalog of the worst human rats that infest kidnapers' alley and every other habitat of crime in the country. Their names, descriptions, records, fingerprints and measurements are filed away in a special room in the crime laboratory of the department of justice. Special employees, not working on the other sections of the fingerprint bureau, are assigned to the list of public enemies.

In the department, this section of the files is known as the country club of crime. On this list of public enemies are the names of the most desperate gangsters and extortionists in the country. They would be readily recognized in their immediate neighborhood if published, for people reading their newspapers, have seen their names crop up in inconsequential police items. Here and again they can be found in more dangerous situations.

They are at large.

They are being watched.

### **Single Finger Print System Aids in Tracking Criminals**

Officially, this section in the vast fingerprint division of the department of justice is known as the "single finger print system." It has just recently been installed, and it has been a success.

Forty thousand single finger prints are filed there and classified.

The purpose is to identify fingerprints found at the scene of crimes.

No detail has been spared in making it possible to identify a man by the single imprint of one of his fingers. Prints taken from guns, tin cans, automobiles, are indefinite in outline, frequently smudged. But they are projected upon a screen 10 feet square where their every detail looms great.

There are today the finger prints and records of 4,000,000 men and women, convicted, suspected and accused of every type of human degradation, on file in the department of justice. It is the greatest classification of criminals in the world.

The records of Scotland Yard are pigmy size in comparison. In London there are 500,000 finger prints on file. New finger prints are pouring in to the division at the rate of 2,000 a day. Identification is being made at the rate of 200 a day. It is a co-operative affair. The department of justice has been successful in inducing police throughout the nation to send finger prints to Washington.

### **Single Finger Print Led to Gallows**

Two hundred and fifty persons night and day are engaged in this silent manhunt. The dull work of classification goes on hour by hour, hour by hour until the final piece in the jigsaw puzzle is found. The storm breaks and a few months later men hang by the neck until they are dead.

In these long rows of files are hidden perhaps the solution of half the violent crimes in America. The task is to find those prints! The mill grinds day by day and it grinds exceedingly fine.

One day in 1928 the mill began to grind. It began its tortuous work, in fact, on May 23, 1928, when four bad men from the southwestern hills stepped into the First National bank of Lamar, Colo. In the course of their visit they killed the president of the bank; they murdered the cashier; they kidnaped two other employees, killing one of them as his presence became burdensome, and fled across the Colorado border into Kansas with \$200,000.

It became increasingly apparent that one of the wounded desperadoes needed medical attention. A companion proceeded to the home of Dr. W. W. Weinginger at Dighton, Kan., where he induced the doctor to go to the hideout and administer to the dying gunman. The doctor's skill having been beneficial, the desperadoes slaughtered him, tossed him into a canyon and pushed his automobile after him. That was the mistake, pushing the automobile over the canyon.

The citizenry of Lamar, Colo., naturally was outraged, and to satisfy the clamor four men were arrested. Meanwhile the mill was grinding. A Black Chamber agent found on the wreckage of the doctor's car in the death canyon one single finger print. It was dispatched to Washington. Upon the minds of the experts in the finger print division its peculiarities were stamped.

A year later, an obscure employe, pursuing his routine business of examination and classification, suddenly discovered among the 4,000,000 impressions on file a replica of the print left upon the Kansas doctor's demolished automobile. It was the finger of one William Harrison Holden, alias Joseph Reed, of Stockton, Calif.

The teletype, the telegraph, the telephone began their work. Three men—not those first taken to jail—were hanged. The fourth was shot to death resisting arrest.

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**MONDAY**—Methods of the Black Chamber; how finger-print evidence of the government sent two men to prison for life for murdering two gangsters on University avenue in St. Paul.

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# HIGH COURT GRANTS DELAY FOR GINSBERG

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Prison Commitment Deferred  
 Pending Outcome of Appeal  
 From Sentence.

Commitment of Abe Ginsberg to Stillwater penitentiary was delayed indefinitely today pending outcome of his appeal to the Minnesota Supreme court.

He was sentenced to serve up to five years for attempted grand larceny after his conviction here by a Ramsey County District court jury two weeks ago.

Judge Kenneth G. Brill was appointed by the Supreme court as special master to examine sureties on the \$15,000 bail bond set for Ginsberg's liberty during the appeal.

At a bond hearing today, two persons were presented as sureties by Ginsberg. They are Mrs. Ethel Banks, 5205 Third avenue south, Minneapolis, wife of a former operator of the Admiral hotel in Minneapolis; and Harry Falkenberg, 528 University avenue southeast, Minneapolis, operator of the Stanley hotel. At the hearing, James Lynch, assistant county attorney, attacked the properties offered as surety.

Under the law, real estate worth twice the face of the bond must be put up as surety. It must be unencumbered. Ginsberg was convicted of an attempted swindle of Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church.

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# **TRACE \$15,000 BROKER ACCOUNT OF SLAIN GOETZ**

Police searching for the hidden fortune of Fred Goetz, college educated hoodlum shot to death in Cicero March 19 while carrying a \$1,000 bill in his pocket, yesterday were on the trail of a brokerage account in his name supposedly amounting to \$15,000.

Already police have found \$2,400 credited to Goetz in an account under the alias of George B. Seibert with J. F. Clark & Co., brokers, at 231 South La Salle street. It was learned there Goetz had dabbled heavily in distillery stock.

Police said yesterday Goetz, under

the names of Seibert and J. George Zeigler, another alias, maintained an account with Ettinger & Brand, brokerage firm, now moved to the east. They said that on Monday they would question a William Seigel, formerly with Ettinger & Brand, and now with the Clark company, and ask him if he had ever opened any large accounts for Goetz.

Another development was the sending of notice to Lieut. Frank Johnson of the state's attorney's office that Goetz's automobile, an expensive coupe purchased this year, had been found Saturday at 79th street and Cottage Grove avenue. The license was issued to J. George Zeigler, 40 Chicago avenue, Oak Park. It is believed the car was abandoned by Goetz's widow, Irene, who is being sought.

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