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NEW KIDNAPING OUTBREAK SEEN

St. Paul Officials Guard Those Expected to Be Abduction Victims.

BY JERRY VESSELS.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31.—The populace in "the kidnap belt" excitedly awaits the outcome of twin-grand jury investigations as well as another abduction of the trembling rich.

The endless round of developments which daily uncover fresh angles, keeps officials and the public alike keenly alert to the inevitable break in the dogged hunt for abductors of Edward G. Bremer, whose freedom after 22 days of tortuous captivity cost \$200,000.

Spicing the suspense is the prolonged probe of the Hennepin and Ramsey County grand juries, which were catapulted into intense activity by Federal charges of crime prevalence and official laxity.

And from the way the many St. Paul kidnapings have been spaced, the time draws near for another daring seizure of a paying prospect. Public conjecture in this direction was stimulated because the \$100,000 kidnaping last Summer of William Hamm, jr., was forecast, as was also the sensational snatching of Edward Bremer.

Expected Victims Guarded

Nominations as the next victims range from wealthy young bankers to retired capitalists with the eligibles mainly living lives of horror. Armed guards shadow them constantly and vigilantes in the nearby lake residence areas are organized to bar suspicious persons lacking definite proof of their qualifications to reside in what apparently have become favorite rendezvous of the crime kings.

Typical of the ever-recurring reminders of the new problems of lawlessness hereabouts came in single day last week. Calling on Attorney General Homer Cummings and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice Department's division of investigation, were Adolph Bremer and Otto Bremer, father and uncle of the last kidnap victim. From Minneapolis came announcement that Attorney General Cummings had written two long letters to the Hennepin County grand jury. In St. Paul the Ramsey County grand jury summoned the assistant chief of police in the absence of the chief himself. Reports were published of a fresh detail of Federal agents arriving to assist the 110-man staff already on the job.

Press Weighs Tips.

Newspapers in the two cities, hampered by the silence of the Federal investigators, on the same day were apprehensively weighing the value of urgent tips about arrest of a suspect in Northern Nebraska, in the area presumed to have been designated as the hideout location because of the reported identification by Bremer of church chimes heard during captivity.

One paper rushed reporters and a photographer. Their experiences paralleled that of fellow newsmen, dispatched hurriedly and almost recklessly in response to "positive disclosures." They learned that purchase of a new car by a humble farmer, freshly enriched by Government crop allowances and sale of live stock, had started that wild chase.

Lack of solution of the Bremer mystery, apparently does not dim the realization that just one more kidnaping in this vicinity would cause a stir probably unprecedented in American history. The feeling is that one object in having the massed Federal men familiarize themselves with the local situation is to qualify themselves for readiness to assume full charge of the next kidnap case.

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Fred Goetz, a college graduate, called by gangster-associates "The Brain," because he thought out their problems, is dead, murdered by those same associates, reason not known.

Goetz, who, according to Chicago's chief of detectives, "was formerly a star athlete and an honor student from one of the leading universities of the Middle West," organized the "Burke Gang," offshoot of "Egan's Rats," an old St. Louis "mob." Detectives believe he rented out his professional murderers for the wholesale "Valentine's Day massacre" of seven of the George ("Bugs") Moran gang in 1929 and other well-known killings.

According to police, Goetz was a contractor, undertaking killings for the higher-up gangsters. He was only thirty-four. Police refuse to give the name of his college, and properly refused to divulge the identity of his parents or their residence.

"The Brain," now buried, will undertake no more killing contracts. His career will confirm the impression that to be a col-

lege graduate is to get ahead in the world, although Goetz did not go ahead in the right direction.

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and sent policemen to protect it from bandits, the grand jury reported that "no evidence has been submitted to show that gambling was permitted to continue in any place after police officials became aware of its operation."

Early in March The Daily News received word that the grand jury would whitewash the police department. It found out that EVIDENCE WAS BEING RELAYED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A FEW HOURS AFTER IT WAS GIVEN. Witnesses thus had plenty of time to escape.

Daily News reporters were told by two members of the police department that "the joke is on The Daily News because influential members of the grand jury are intimate friends of the commissioner of public safety and the chief of police and that no adverse report on crime conditions will be permitted."

The Daily News on March 16 dared predict just such a report as was brought in. As a result, the editor of The Daily News was called before the grand jury and informed by the foreman that "because you have intimated a whitewash, we propose to criticize you and your paper severely."

In one breath the grand jury states that it had no funds and no facilities with which to carry on widespread investigations. In the next it tells of exhaustive investigations failing to reveal competent evidence against the police department.

The report is little more than a display of venom against a newspaper that has dared call attention to true conditions in St. Paul.

It is a document inspired by interests which resent criticism of friends on the police department and prefer soft jobs for political henchmen to safety of citizens and taxpayers.

Its reactionary nature is evident from a recommendation that the police department be accorded more instead of less opportunity for secrecy.

The Daily News has no criticism for those good citizens who served on the jury and endeavored to present a nonpolitical report. That they failed is due to their inexperience in dealing with political-minded associates.

THE GRAND JURY REPORT IS AN INVITATION TO INEFFICIENCY, REACTION, TO CORRUPTION AND TO CRIME.

—EDITOR, THE

GRAND JURY REPORT SERVES AS WELCOME

SIGN TO NATION'S GANGSTERS

AT the very moment Saturday that machine guns were blazing a defiance of St. Paul police, the grand jury brought in a report of "no abnormal crime in St. Paul."

At the very moment when gangsters were registering another victory in the center of St. Paul's best residence district, the foreman of the grand jury was putting the finishing touches on an unprecedented radio speech to broadcast that "all is well!"

In the face of three major kidnapings, five unsolved murders, the shooting of Roy McCord, the daylight robbery of the Lowry hotel, dozens of house and streetcar robberies, and undeniable records of St. Paul's reputation as a hideout for criminals, the grand jury declared "there is no justification for criticism of the police department."

DESPITE A DIRECT ADMISSION TO THE GRAND JURY BY A LIEUTENANT OF POLICE THAT HE CONDUCTED A BIG GAMBLING CASINO ON A 50-50 BASIS WITH A NOTORIOUS UNDERWORLD CHARACTER, THE GRAND JURY REFUSED TO INDICT THE POLICE LIEUTENANT. (More of this Tuesday.)

With a frank admission made to it that the gambling place ran for at least five weeks after the chief of police

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DILLINGER MOB IS LINKED WITH BREMER CASE

Connection Investigated After Pal's Capture; Fingerprints of Outlaw Identified Here

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4 (U.S.). As Eugene ("Eddie") Green, outlaw pal of the elusive John Dillinger, lay on a cot at Ancker Hospital tonight battling for life with a bullet near the base of his brain, the Dillinger mob was linked with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last January.

Young Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, suddenly appeared at the offices of the Department of Justice here while Federal agents were questioning Green and the woman who was captured with him in an ambush last night. The woman claimed to be Green's wife.

TWO-HOUR INTERVIEW

Bremer remained closeted with the agents for more than two hours.

Green admitted that he was one of the trio—two men and a "red-headed woman"—who shot it out last Saturday at a Lexington Avenue apartment with two Federal agents and a city detective, escaping in a car parked by the apartment.

In the apartment, the Federal men found the fingerprints of John Dillinger and John Hamilton, making it a virtual certainty, the officers said, that one or the other of them was with Green and wielded the machine gun in last Saturday's escape.

The woman, captured with Green last night, was held incommunicado today and was questioned at intervals. She had \$1,500 when arrested.

AGENTS WERE "PLANTED"

Federal agents were planted in and about a residence last night when Green and the woman drove up to call for luggage, as the authorities had received information they would do.

Federal Investigator W. A. Rorer said:

"A demand was made of Green to halt, whereupon he made a menacing move and was fired upon and shot. He arrived at this address in an automobile and had with him a woman who claimed to be his wife, who remained in the car.

"In Green's possession at the time of his arrest were found some keys, which he advised belonged to Dillinger."

Dillinger "Prints" Identified Here

Any doubt that John Dillinger was one of the trio who shot themselves out of an apartment in Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, on March 31 was dispelled yesterday by the Department of Justice.

Fingerprints found in the apartment were identified by Bureau of Investigation experts as those of the fugitive outlaw.

At the same time the department revealed how Federal agents happened to be on the spot when Edward Green, a pal of Dillinger was shot and captured Tuesday.

It was also found that Green and the woman arrested with him had resided as "Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Randall" at 3300 Freemont Avenue, Minneapolis, where a bullet proof vest, a 50-pound machine gun, a "Tommy" gun, a .45 automatic pistol and a high powered rifle were located. Green has told the authorities the vest belonged to Dillinger.

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REPORT FEDS HAVE LINKED FUGITIVE ST. PAUL GANGSTER WITH BARKER-KARPIS MOB

In Bremer Case



TOMMY CARROLL

Tommy Carroll, elusive St. Paul fugitive gangster, today was reported linked by United States department of justice agents with the notorious Fred Barker-Alvin Karpis gang of killers in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jan. 17.

Sought for nearly a score of crimes, Carroll was reported named as one of the men who beat Mr. Bremer into submission at Goodrich and Lexington aves., early on Jan. 17 and spirited him away to an unknown hideout.

After being held one month, Mr. Bremer was released when Walter W. McGee, St. Paul contractor and "contact man, followed instructions left with the snatch victim's father, Adolf Bremer, and delivered \$200,000 in bills in two grips on a side road in southern Minnesota.

Barker and Karpis, wanted in Oklahoma and in St. Paul, already have been identified as members of the kidnap gang. That these men took part in the snatching was announced recently by Atty. Gen. Cummings.

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Bremer Extortion Threat Charged to Ex-Convict

ST. LOUIS—Jack Neely, an ex-convict, was arrested by Federal authorities and held on a warrant today charging him with sending threatening letters demanding \$200,000 from Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, whose son was kidnaped several weeks ago.

The warrant charged Neely, who is also known as Leo Pershing, with writing letters to Bremer demanding \$200,000 while his son was in the hands of kidnapers.

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**Suspect Is Jailed
In Bremer Extortion**

ST. LOUIS, April 10 (I.N.S.) —
 man, described as a former con-
 vict, is being held at police head-
 quarters here for Department of
 Justice agents. He is "suspected
 of sending extortion letters through
 the mails" to Adolph Bremer, of
 St. Paul, father of Edward Bremer,
 who was kidnaped recently and
 released upon payment of \$200,000
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ST. LOUIS, April 10 (By International News Service).—With the arrest and confession of a former convict, police here today revealed a crude attempt to extort \$200,000 from Aloph Bremer, millionaire St. Paul, Minn., brewer and father of Edward G. Bremer, recent kidnap victim.

Jack Neely, alias Leo Pershing, was charged with violating the Cochran act which forbids sending extortion letters through the mails.

Neely, according to detectives, confessed sending five letters to Bremer. The first two were received while his son was still in the hands of kidnapers.

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Bremer Extortion Suspect Arrested

ST. LOUIS, April 10 (U.S.).—A crude attempt to extort \$200,000 from Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, who recently was kidnaped, was disclosed today with the arrest of a former convict. The attempt was made while the younger Bremer was still in the hands of kidnapers and several letters were sent after his release. Jack Neely, alias Leo Pershing, was named in a warrant charging violation of the Cochran Act, which deals with sending extortion letters through the mails.

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St. Paul Daily News
**Abandon Search For Bremer
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Abe Ginsberg Fights State Disbarment

Appears in Court to Contest
Action by Law Exam-
iners Board

Out on bond while waiting for the Minnesota Supreme Court to pass final judgment on whether he shall spend the next five years in Stillwater penitentiary for swindling, Abe S. Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, today started a fight to retain his professional standing at the bar.

Ginsberg was convicted in St. Paul March 15 of operating a swindle scheme against Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but appealed to the Supreme Court and was released on bond.

Ginsberg Offers Battle

Today the Minnesota state board of law examiners moved to have Ginsberg's name stricken from the roll of practicing attorneys. But Ginsberg appeared in Hennepin county District Court prepared to put up a vigorous battle to retain his professional status.

The convicted lawyer represented himself while Oscar G. Haughland, member of the law examiners board, pressed the charges against him.

Stolberg Presiding Referee

Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Pine City is presiding as referee for the Supreme Court, the final judge in all disbarment proceedings.

The case of the law examiners is based on three charges, all growing out of swindling scheme alleged to have been operated by Ginsberg on Catholic priests at New Ulm, Miesville, Minn., and St. Paul. The lawyer has been convicted on only one charge, that in St. Paul.

Ginsberg Stages Surprise

Rev. M. J. Duhr, Catholic priest at Miesville, Minn., whom Ginsberg is accused of swindling, was the first witness to take the stand against the lawyer. As the priest started his testimony, Ginsberg arose and asked Judge Stolberg to instruct the witness on his privileges as a priest and the legal status of information obtained in the confessional.

The move sent a gasp over the courtroom.

"I move the court," Ginsberg said, "that he instruct this witness, Father Duhr, that he is not required to testify regarding matters confided to him as a spiritual adviser. I ask the court to instruct Father Duhr as to his privileges as a Catholic priest, that he can refuse to testify on the grounds of the relation, if any, that existed between himself and the respondent in this case."

Makes No Direct Answer

"Do you mean that Father Duhr was acting as your spiritual adviser?" Judge Stolberg asked. Ginsberg did not answer the question directly but repeated the request he had made of the court.

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GINSBERG WINS DELAY IN DISBARMENT CASE

Examiners Rest After Calling Two Priests to Testify in Alleged Fraud.

The State Board of Law Examiners, petitioner in disbarment proceedings against Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, rested its case late Thursday before District Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Pine City, who is taking evidence as referee for the Minnesota Supreme court.

Benjamin Rigler, who entered the proceedings Thursday as counsel for Ginsberg, who had been his own counsel up to that time, obtained a continuance to June 12 to permit Ginsberg to get depositions from Chicago for his defense. The court ordered that the deposition be completed 15 days prior to June 12 to give the petitioners an opportunity to prepare rebuttal testimony.

Exhibits, some of which will be used in the trial of Ginsberg in Nicollet county District court in May on a charge of attempting to swindle Rev. F. Pozek, a Catholic priest of New Ulm, will be left in custody of Oscar Haugland, counsel for the law examiners, with instructions to turn over to Nicollet county such exhibits as that county's court may wish to use.

Two Other Priests Testify.

The petitioner called two other Catholic priests to testify to alleged transactions with Ginsberg. One, Rev. James Walcher of Melrose, said a man, giving the name of S. C. Meyers "who from all appearances was Ginsberg," and another man induced him to turn over to them two checks on the proposition that he was to recover money paid for stock obtained through a Chicago brokerage firm.

One check for \$100 was cashed by the recipients, he said, and a post-dated check for \$116 was not cashed. "I became suspicious of the transaction and stopped payment on the second check," Father Walcher testified.

Rev. A. Wermerskirchen of Holmah, Minn., testified that Ginsberg, who used the name of Meyers, induced him to pay to the respondent, in a stock transaction, two checks totaling \$400, both of which were cashed.

Stock Called Valueless.

A securities expert testified that stock of the Golden Cycle Mining & Milling Co. was of no value while the stock of the Golden Cycle corporation was worth \$20.50 a share at the time Ginsberg is alleged to have attempted to obtain \$5,000 from Rev. A. J. Carey of St. Paul who was told that he had a legacy of 30,000 shares of Golden Cycle Mining & Milling Co. under the will of a man who died in Colorado.

Ginsberg was convicted in Ramsey county District court following his dealings with Father Carey and his appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

A Hennepin county District courtroom has been used for the disbarment hearing.

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Walter Winchell

On Broadway

Memos on a Columnist's Desk.

Regarding the Maxim Litvinov—Miles Wallach story. It wasn't fantastic, as you set forth, at all. Parisian clippings came in confirming the fact that Maxim had several aliases including the name of Vallach—Russ for Wallach. He's also been known as Graf, Finkelstein, Buchmann and Harrison when he got into the beards of the Paris police... Frances Perkins of the Cabinet detests the appellation of "Madam Perkins" and waited until she was so introduced on the air the other day to let the public know she hated it... As Margaret Santry introduced her that way—

Madam Perkins lit into her so all could hear—arguing it was "positively vulgar and that it was started by newspaper people, anyhow"... Santry's face was simply crimson!

At the snooty Pierre the musicians must use the same entrance as that used by garbage workers. Osborne's band, playing there recently, had to use it... The stairs were greasy and dirty and Neil Marshall, drummer, slipped and fell, injuring himself severely. He is suing the hotel for plenty... I hear Sam H. Harris is seeking authors to write the next Marx Brothers opera... Let's take a day off and jot it down—ahem!... Here's a drink which is a grand pickup for breakfast—it's the Coffee Cocktail, to wit: One egg shaken up in a glass of port which has been sweetened with a touch of sugar. Ice lightly and serve with a sprinkle of nutmeg—and you don't have to swear off.

That \$75 from Sophie Tucker for an autographed photo came this way. Sophie was given the check by J. Friebert of Scaron Manor Country Club so send it to him... Thyra Samter Winslow's cocktail party is today at the St. Moritz for needy authors... "Old Spinning Wheel" still leads the list for song sales—second is "Wagon Wheels" and third is "Somebody Else's Shoulder"... This'll amuse you. Jack Benny's motor car sponsor, you know, let him go when his contract expired—he wanted the best waltz music—Wayne King's... So he couldn't get King and is using Victor Young's crew and what do you think? Wayne King's orchestra is playing at the same time on the opposition network!

Patrolman Frank Norton's wife says her husband had to do his duty in arresting the lady who fed the birds during the stormiest weather, and was under orders... Your poke at "Moulin Rouge" for pirating a situation was nothing. You overlooked the fact that the entire idea was that of "The Guardsman"... Col. Yawitz says his air stuff ends soon for the season and if you get any offers you can't take—tell him... Well, the curfew law for night life has been voted on favorably—the 4 a. m. rule was passed by the Board of Aldermen... Guests will have to order their drinks before 3, though—that's the ABC rules, you know... Calls all day from the night clubs to say thanks... I trust the managements understand that they mustn't take advantage of the extra hour to make the entertainers work unless paid extra—because the musicians will get extra money—if they play for dancing.

A Miss Benson called about Martha Mansfield. Says Mansfield is broke and homeless and her pride keeps her from contacting her family in Lodi, Cal... Wonder if she knows how ill her 86-year-old grandma really is—and that pride is something to forget at such a time... N. Y. U., I hear, offered Ripley the honor of having a library named for him—if... If, that is, he kicked in with \$250,000... For a million they'd establish the Ripley School of Journalism to rival Pulitzer's... Anything for money, huh?... Olsen & Johnson

Charley Vail, the cop at 72nd and CPW, was so embarrassed the other day. He found a cat and her 3 kittys in a box—left by someone—and carried them all the way to the station house—while brother cops tittered... Walt Bullock and Al Goering, in Bernie's band, who wrote the Rip Van Winchell song, have one called "A Bowl of Chop Suey and You'ey"—which they say may be the hit of "Magoo"... Bob Hope is disappointed in his own "short" and is gagging: "What do you think they'll do with Dillinger when they catch him?" (Answer): "Make him sit through Bob Hope's "short" twice"... Ann Lester got sugary notices in Boston with the new "Gypsy Love" show... The anonymous donor of \$60,000 to the N. Y. Philharmonic Society's fund was Mrs. Christian Holmes.

Sheila Barrett is back again. New at the St. Moritz grill... Carl Latham, the railroad man of Chicago, and Barbara Phillips, dancer, will marry in June... Arliss will soon do "Richelieu"—he's wanted to do it for years... Bee Lockhart, who does nudes at the Chez Folies, is State Senator Lockhart's dotter (he's from Duluth)... Did you hear Etting sing "Riptide"? — ahhhh!... I found out why Hepburn was so suddenly sweet to the press when she came back from Yurrupe... The studios warned her unless she stopped being Greta—they'd let her get her own publicity... The boys on the papers will take it from Garbo but not from her echoes... In England, by the way, I hear "Nana" is called: "Lady of the Pavements" and that the ditty hit of Coward's "Conversation Piece" is "I'll Follow My Secret Heart"... Heard a grand description of an imitator today—"A swell memory and a lousy conscience."

I like this story about Darryl Zanuck, who believes much of his success as a producer is due to his ability to please the mass public... He sent his barber Sam to see the preview of his "Affairs of Cellini" to get Sam's reaction... The barber returned and said: "It's a fine picture but the ordinary movie fan won't know who this Benvenuto Cellini is"... Zanuck wagered the price of the shave he was wrong, and nailed the first man to pass the shop. It was a janitor... "Do you know who Cellini was?" he asked... "Sure," was the reply, "Fredric March!"

Here's a new low... I hear the trees near the mansion of one of the richest men in town—are protected by wire fences—and they're charged with juice—to "punish" the dogs... Stevie's at 180 W. 10th is a hit... Barbara LaPorte, Virginia Gentle and Dot Planzer are a few of the entertaining dolls in wolve's clothing... Wonder why Stevie doesn't re-name it... If you don't think The Nut Club is nutty—they won't check your rubbers for you!... Here's a tip that sounds crazy but it makes good copy... The Bremer kidnapers gave an aunt if caught... The story is this—they had \$200,000 in Bremer's bank and even after the bank re-opened (following the moratorium) they couldn't get it—just fifties or so... They needed... as they took Bremer

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...of Cellini... to get Sam's reaction... The barber returned and said: "It's a fine picture but the ordinary movie fan won't know who this Benvenuto Cellini is"... Zanuck wagered the price of the shave he was wrong, and nailed the first man to pass the shop. It was a janitor... "Do you know who Cellini was?" he asked... "Sure," was the reply, "Fredric March!"

Here's a new law... I hear the trees near the mansion of one of the richest men in town—are protected by wire fences—and they're charged with juice—to "punish" the dogs... Stevie's at 130 W. 10th is a hit... Barbara LaPorte, Virginia Gentle and Dot Flanser are a few of the entertaining dolls in wolve's clothing... Wonder why Stevie doesn't re-name it... If you don't think The Nut Club is nutty—they won't check your rubbers for you!... Here's a tip that sounds crazy, but it makes good copy... The Bremer kidnapers have an angle if caught... The story is this—they had \$200,000 in Bremer's bank and even after the bank re-opened (following the moratorium) they couldn't get it—just fifties or so... They needed it all pronto, so they took Bremer and demanded the 200 Gs... Thus, they will argue they merely took their own money!... Oh, all right—you told me to make notes of anything!... Remind me to tell you the one about Mae West at the White House.

—Your Girl Friday.

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FIND BREMER RANSOM CASH

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Federal agents said that Vidler had \$2,665 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money in his possession when arrested.

It is expected that Vidler will be taken to St. Paul for trial. It was planned to arraign Vidler tomorrow morning.

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See Solution Of Bremer Kidnaping

Alvin Karpis and Arthur and Fred Barker, notorious southwest outlaws who fled St. Paul last year a few hours after police had "snuffed" a tip that they were occupying a Vernon ave. home, were with Dillinger when his mob fled from Mercer, Wis., to St. Paul Monday.

This information has been obtained by agents of the bureau of investigation, United States department of justice, and brought state-ments today that with the clean-up of the gang imminent, positive solution would be had of the Bremer and possibly the Hamm kidnapping.

Karpis and the Barkers are believed hidden somewhere in or near St. Paul where one concentration of federal agents was reported. Another secret army of agents is believed working near Dillinger's old Indiana haunts on reports he held up two motorists there.

Karpis, Barker in Gang.

Announcement that Karpis and the Barkers are believed to have fled the Little Bohemia lodge near Mercer, Wis., with Dillinger last Sunday was made today by Melvin Purvis, head of the Chicago bureau of investigation office. Authorities were confident that the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping would be solved with Dillinger's capture.

Other developments on the Dillinger battleground today included:

- Attributing a \$1,000 robbery of the Meadors bank at Akron, O., to the gang.
- Circulation of a petition by Mercer residents asking Purvis' removal until Dillinger had been captured.
- Statement of Pat Roche, famous Chicago crime investigator, that with \$10,000 and three

picked men he could find Dillinger and "bring him back alive."

One sector of the Dillinger man-hunters again turned toward Indiana on the report of Mike Madara of Hammond, Ind., that he recognized the limping killer when the latter held him up and stole his car. The machine later was found wrecked in a ditch near Calumet City, Ind.

Shortly after Anthony Roche of Calumet City reported two men stole his car, which later was recovered in Hegewisch, Ill. Federal agents checked these reports and the theory the Dillinger gang split up after the Mercer shooting Sunday, one group heading into the Chicago vicinity and the other toward the Twin Cities.

Girls From Chicago.

Identification of Karpis and the Barkers was apparently made through fingerprints found at the Little Bohemia resort after the shooting there.

The three young women, left behind by the fleeing gangsters at Mercer, today gave their names as Rose Anker, Ann Southern and Marion Marr, all of Chicago. They were held at Madison, Wis., but their names are believed fictitious. One of them is said to have been a bride of two weeks.

In his statement offering to find Dillinger, Roche said there are too many men engaged in the manhunt, but not enough of "the right kind of men."

"You can't use the cavalry and catch a fox," said Roche, referring to the army of federal agents mobilized for the search. "Another thing, Dillinger should not be killed by arresting officers. That would make a hero of him."

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**SAYS BREMER KIDNAPING
WAS FRAMED IN PRISON**

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Ex-Convict Yields \$2665 of Bremer Ransom Cash

By United Press
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Viedler, a small and harassed appearing man of 36, defied questioners, agents said, and refused to explain his possession of the ransom money. He has no known gang connections.
Bremer's son, Adolf Bremer, St. Paul brewer, was held more than three weeks before he was released after payment of the huge ransom.

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Suspect Caught in Chicago
Trying to Get Rid of It by
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By the Associated Press.
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It was believed Vidler was attempting to exchange the ransom money, of which the serial numbers were known, for other cash not dangerous to carry, making horse race wagers for that purpose.

Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul last January and held for more than three weeks.

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Ransom Money Paid to Release Bremer Left by Dillinger

Gang Chief Forced St. Paul Physician to Dress Bullet Wound.

By Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, MINN., April 26.—A link with the unsolved Edward Bremer kidnaping and a new tale of John Dillinger's ruthlessness stirred the hunt for the vanishing outlaw chief tonight.

The Minneapolis Tribune said federal agents found that part of the loot left behind by Dillinger's band in their flight from the Northern Wisconsin resort Sunday night was money paid in the \$200,000 ransom of the Twin City banker last winter.

Dr. Clayton May, one of the two Twin City physicians charged by authorities with treating gunshot wounds of the outlaw on two recent occasions, in an interview asserted he was compelled by the menace of machine guns and threats of his life to give professional service to the bandit leader.

The development resulted in the suspension of City Health Officer Dr. N. G. Mortensen, for caring for the wounded outlaw. He was the second Twin City physician to become involved in Dillinger's episodic career.

The health officer's confusion as to whether the date was March 13, 14 or 15 prevented authorities from determining whether it was in the Sioux Falls, S. D., Security National Bank raid that the desperadoes were wounded or in the robbery of a Mason City, Ia., bank.

Wounded in Shoulder.

The wounds, Mortensen said, were in the shoulders and were not dangerous. They were cleaned and the men, brought there by a third party, were to return to the health officer's office the next day. They never appeared. Dr. Mortensen failed to report the incident until shown pictures of Dillinger and Hamilton a few days ago.

Dr. Mortensen said he had planned to call the officers when the gangsters made their agreed return visit to his office, which never occurred. Dr. May said he had been forced to treat Dillinger under threats.

It was March 31 the gunner was wounded a second time, in the leg, as he and Evelyn Frechette, his sweetheart, shot their way out of an apartment here when surprised by two federal agents and a city detective.

After that brush with the law, the gunner sought medical attention from Dr. Clayton E. May, Minneapolis. Both physicians said they received no remuneration.

Dr. May tonight said he was menaced by machine guns and repeatedly threatened with death if he did not care for the outlaw.

The physician in the first statement he has made since his incarceration nine days ago asserted his nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, who also is held in lieu of \$50,000 bail on charges of conspiracy to conceal and harbor America's most hunted criminal, had been imprisoned for four days and three nights in her own home by the outlaws.

Dr. May, still apprehensive in his county jail cell as he recalled his experience, said he was lured to an alley by a Dillinger mobster and a woman, and then, under penalty of death from Dillinger himself, was ordered to drive to Mrs. Salt's home.

May is held on charges of harboring a fugitive, as is the Frechette woman.

A raid on the Warsaw, Ind., Police Station for bullet proof vests followed, and last Sunday the gunner, with his mob of suspected kidnapers, bank robbers and killers, machine-gunned their way out of a trap at the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis.

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Shells, machine guns and other pieces of heavy artillery were rushed to the scene as authorities maintained tight-lipped silence.

RAID PLAN DBOFFED.

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Dillinger Hunt Ambushes a Honeymoon

... comes the bride; here comes the bride.

... that Dillinger by her side? A small army of federal agents, sheriffs and local police between Minneapolis and Duluth was thrown into intense excitement today as a Minneapolis taxicab bearing four men and two women sped from the Twin Cities to Duluth.

The taxicab ignored police commands to halt as it dashed through a Duluth suburb—on the way, authorities thought, to meet the much sought Dillinger gangster, George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

All available officers were ordered out and a general alarm was broadcast. Finally the taxicab was overtaken and stopped. It continued—A blushing bride and groom and their wedding attendants.

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3. Continuation of the search for Dillinger hoodlums in the forest fastness of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota as word came from various places that certain mobsters, particularly George ("Baby Face") Nelson, were sitting from one spot to another in stolen cars.

4. Reports and subsequent details that much of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was found stuffed in bags abandoned by Dillinger in the Little Bohemia roadhouse near Mercer, Wis., when he and his pals slipped away from officers in last Sunday night's fiasco.

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Jess Lowry, filling station attendant, said the men drove up in three cars. Three men rode in the first automobile, a Ford V-8 with Minnesota license plates. Two men were in front and one in the rear holding a revolver.

The man sitting in back got out and ordered twelve gallons of gasoline as a new Dodge and a new Plymouth car, both bearing Texas plates, drove in behind the first car. Only one man was in each car, but a machine gun was on the back seat of the Plymouth and a revolver in the Dodge.

\$225 IN POCKETS

Lowry filled the gas tanks of all the machines and when he finished the man with the revolver warned him:

"If you know what's good for you, you stand still and don't make any squawk."

Significance was given to the gangsters' appearance there, however, when it was recalled that Russell Clark, Dillinger gangster facing electrocution in Ohio for the murder of Sheriff Jess Barber at Lima, when Dillinger was rescued from jail, has relatives near Sullivan.

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KIDNAP CHIEF HUNTED ON TIP FROM PRISONER

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Solution of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January, appeared imminent today with the capture of a man in whose possession was found \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money.

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The new development served further to link the Bremer kidnaping with the John Dillinger gang, a connection already made by the reported discovery of much of the ransom money in the gang's Mercer, Wis., hideaway Monday.

FIRST OF RANSOM FOUND.

This reported discovery, however, was denied by authorities in St. Paul today. If the denial is true, the money found on the Chicago prisoner is the first of the Bremer ransom fund recovered.

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ually attending their operations of the eastward. If Nelson was not lurking in the forests, they were convinced, he must have doubled back and fled east in the direction of Eagle River, or southwest toward Rhinelander. Both of those districts are heavily patrolled.

The car Nelson is believed to have traveled in is a Plymouth bearing Wisconsin license plates 5721.

Overnight developments were:

1. The disclosure and denial that members of Dillinger's gang left behind them in the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis., last Sunday night money believed to be part of the \$200,000 ransom money paid to liberate Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker.

2. A statement by Dr. Clayton May of Minneapolis that he had been forced at the point of a machine gun to treat Dillinger's wounds received when shot last March 21 by Henry Cummings, a St. Paul detective.

3. Preparation by the grand jury to investigate charges that Dr. May and his nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, harbored the elusive gunman. They are in jail.

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The disclosure came as the peace officers were on the alert in widely separated parts of the nation following reports Dillinger had been seen in a number of cities, including South Bend, Ind.

REPORT PAL IN INDIANA.

From Fort Wayne, Ind., came word Homer Van Meter, associate of Dillinger in the recent raid on the Warsaw, Ind., police station, was reported seen near there.

In Minneapolis, Dr. May said he and his nurse were menaced by machine guns and repeatedly threatened with death when forced to treat Dillinger's wounds.

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Hamilton early in March, he said.
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Dr. Mortensen said, were in the
shoulders and were not dangerous.
He dressed the wounds and the men
left but were to return the next
day. They never came back.

SAW MACHINE GUN.

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Minneapolis police pushed an in-
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heart of a Minneapolis racketeer.

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POLITICIAN HELD IN BREMER CASE

Chicago Boss Charged With
Conspiracy in Possessing
Part of Ransom.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. McLaughlin, Jr., son of a Chicago politician arrested today for alleged complicity in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer of St. Paul, was taken into custody on the Board of Trade floor today by Federal agents.

The elder McLaughlin told Federal men his son, who is 17, kept a safety deposit box, and the son, an employe of a grain company, was detained on the theory the missing money might be found in the box.

"Boss" McLaughlin was held in \$100,000 bond by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker to await possible indictment at St. Paul and removal there for trial.

The Government announced at the arraignment that McLaughlin was suspected as the "brains" of the Bremer kidnaping plot, although he had, perhaps, no part in the actual abduction.

William E. Vidler was held in \$100,000 bond. Both he and the 66-year-old politician were locked up.

Vidler had in his possession \$2,665 in \$5 and \$10 bills that were part of the fortune paid the kidnapers of the St. Paul man several months ago.

McLaughlin is already under indictment for conspiracy to possess part of the loot of the \$250,000 mail robbery on a downtown Chicago street, December 6, 1932, in which he was linked as a "fence" or a confederate with two men now dead, Gus Winkler and Edgar B. Lebensberger.

Lebensberger was found shot to death, supposedly a suicide, in a richly appointed Lake Shore drive suite where Winkler was a frequent visitor. His death occurred about the time the

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POLITICIAN IS HELD ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN BREMER KIDNAPING

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Government made public its indictment of McLaughlin, Lebensberger and others for participation in the Loop robbery or disposition of the loot. Vidler was captured in a gambling house yesterday. The currency he carried was declared by Government men to be the first recovered of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

A power of West Side Chicago in the old days, McLaughlin has been in political retirement for some time. He was formerly a member of the State Legislature.

The warrant on which McLaughlin was arrested bore also two other names, unrevealed as yet.

Since the mail robbery indictment, McLaughlin has been at liberty under bond of \$25,000.

Shortly after Lebensberger's death, Gus Winkler was assassinated at the doorstep of a county commissioner's beer distributing plant, 111 bullets perforating his body. One theory was that he was implicated with Lebensberger in the "hot" bond dealings and had been killed as a "squealer."

Claims Agents Beat Him.

Appearing tired and saying he had been beaten by Federal agents, McLaughlin entered a plea of denial to any connection with the Bremer case.

"One of the agents struck me with his gun and robbed me of my watch," McLaughlin said, "taking the watch from a wastebasket pocket."

"They kept me a prisoner in my home all day yesterday and last night they took me to a Federal office and questioned me all night. They beat me and searched my home."

"I've never been in St. Paul for 40 years. I've known Vidler about 10 years, but I've never been a partner of his."

McLaughlin said the officers "took my home to pieces" but found no ransom money or other evidence.

- MR. WHELAN
- MR. TIBBON
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- MR. COWLEY
- MR. HAWKINS
- MR. SCAN
- MR. BURN
- MR. LESTER
- CHIEF CLERK
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Bremer Kidnap Cash Is Found

Illinois Liquor Dealer Had
\$2,665 Ransom Money,
Police Reveal.

Chicago, April 27 (AP).—Federal authorities today disclosed the recovery of \$2,665 of the \$200,000 paid two months ago for the release of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer kidnap victim, and declared it an important clue.

The money, in \$5 and \$10 denominations, was found in the pockets of William E. Vidler, 34, a former convict who had been an automobile dealer, and, since repeal, a liquor dealer. Police said he served three years, 1920 through 1923, in the Illinois State Penitentiary for automobile theft.

Vidler was arrested while making wagers on horse races. Police said such gambling had become a common manner for criminals to exchange counterfeit, stolen or otherwise "hot" money for untainted currency.

It was the first of the fortune in currency recovered since Bremer's release. Vidler was held incommunicado by the office of Melvin E. Purvis, chief of the U. S. Division of Investigation here.

Although Federal authorities have declared they knew the identity of Bremer's kidnapers, Purvis said he hoped to gain valuable information from Vidler.

Purvis said he believed Vidler had been in communication recently with members of John Dillinger's gang. He did not explain the connection.

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**Chicago Political Leader Seized
in Kidnaping of Edward Bremer**

John J. "boss" McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician, was to be arraigned in Chicago, today on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. McLaughlin's arrest last night after William E. Vidler was taken into custody with more than \$2,000 of the Bremer \$200,000 ransom payment. The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with Dillinger. McLaughlin also is under indictment on robbery charges in connection with a \$250,000 mail robbery in the Chicago loop in December, 1932. The mail robbery indictment charges that McLaughlin operated a ring for the disposal of stolen bonds.

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In Bremer Case

WILLIAM E. VIDLER.

With \$2,665 identified as part of the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnap ransom in his possession, William E. Vidler, 24 years old, was arrested by United States Department of Justice agents in a Chicago gambling house Thursday. He is being held incommunicado on a suppressed warrant in which several other men are named. In the event of arrests it is expected the men will be brought to St. Paul for trial with Vidler. Mr. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped in January and held 23 days until the ransom was paid. Vidler has a prison record in Illinois.

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PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

*Death, Robbery in Dillinger's Wake;
Caught in Arizona, Jailed in Indiana*



LEADS FATAL BANK HOLD-UP



FLOWN TO INDIANA



ARRAIGNED AT CROWN POINT



WITH HIS JAILER AND PROSECUTOR.

Freed from an Ohio jail by three killer-cronies, John Dillinger was on the loose October 12 to start a bloody game of hide-and-seek with the law. His hand was seen in two raids on police station arsenals in Indiana. In Chicago a trap was laid for him, but he ducked it in a rain of bullets. On January 15 he was identified as one of four bandits who plundered a bank in East Chicago, Ind., and killed Plainclothesman Patrick O'Malley. Police were summoned as the robbery began and had surrounded

the entrance when the machine-gun-armed thugs emerged. They shot their way free. Two other officers were killed in Illinois by alleged members of the Dillinger gang as the chase continued. Then on January 25 the police at Tucson, Ariz., captured three Dillinger henchmen, and lay in wait in the hideout for the ringleader. He walked into the trap with a woman friend and, although armed, gave up quietly. Dillinger was caught! Both Indiana and Wisconsin wanted him, but the former won out and the

slippery badman was taken by plane to Crown Point, Ind. He is shown above in court at Crown Point, where his trial for killing the East Chicago detective was set for March 12. Dillinger was locked up in the Lake county jail there after being photographed (lower right) with his jailer, Sheriff Lillian Holley (left) and the man who was to prosecute him, Robert G. Estill (center). The desperado seemed cheerful in Crown Point—but he didn't stay long. (Monday—Dillinger whittles his way to freedom and America's greatest man-hunt begins.)

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CHICAGOANS HAD RANSOM MONEY, U. S. AGENTS SAY

"Baby Face" Reported Shot, Headed This Way After Car Theft at Moose Lake.

FOUR INDICTED HERE

Dillinger Bills Found Against Dr. May, Mrs. Salt, Beth Green, Miss Frchette.

"BOSS" TO COME HERE

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Two more arrests in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, for which members of the John Dillinger gang are sought, were announced today in Chicago as developments in the Dillinger "war" followed one another in rapid succession.

The highlights were:

A man believed to be George (Baby Face) Nelson, Dillinger gangster, and a companion stole an automobile in Moose Lake, Minn., and escaped after an 80-mile-an-hour chase marked by gun-fire.

Information was received that Nelson is suffering from bullet wounds inflicted Friday by a Wisconsin deputy sheriff.

A general alarm was sent out about 11:30 A. M. today to pick up the driver of a late Plymouth

coach with yellow wire wheels, bearing an Indiana license and answering the description of one of the cars stolen by Nelson in Wisconsin. The car was reported going west on University Avenue and police were warned to use "extreme caution."

Tommy Carroll, another Dillinger mobster, was reported surrounded by a posse in a Wisconsin swamp, and his capture was believed imminent.

Indictments were returned by a federal grand jury here against

BREMER TAKES STEPS TO RECOVER RANSOM

Edward G. Bremer appeared at the Federal building today to determine what procedure he must follow to get back the \$2,065 of his \$200,000 ransom reported found in the possession of William E. Vidler, former convict arrested Friday in Chicago.

He was referred to George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, but the conference was delayed as Sullivan was appearing before the federal grand jury.

four persons charged with harboring Dillinger in the Twin Cities.

Dr. N. G. Mortensen, suspended as St. Paul city health officer for having examined bullet wounds of Dillinger and John Hamilton, the gang leader's lieutenant, was not mentioned by the grand jury. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the grand jury not only had returned no indictment against him, but that his name had not even been mentioned.

The search for Dillinger stretched to New York state following reports that the notorious bank robber and killer had been seen with some of his desperadoes in Binghamton.

Governor George White of Ohio announced in Columbus he had "inside information" that the Dillinger gang had established headquarters in Columbus so they could kidnap the governor and his daughter, Mary. The governor has received letters threatening that he would be killed unless he pardoned three members of the Dillinger mob now held in Ohio penitentiary.

Chicago Politician Nabbed.

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Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped here last January and held captive for 23 days by men believed to be members of the Dillinger mob. Two members of the

gang, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, have been identified by the Department of Justice as two of the kidnapers.

Arrest of the two McLaughlins by the Department of Justice brought the total to three in Chicago in the past two days. The first was that of William E. Vidler, former convict, in whose possession Federal agents said they found \$2,065 of the Bremer ransom money.

The Associated Press dispatch added that the elder McLaughlin already is under indictment for conspiracy to possess part of the loot of the \$250,000 Chicago mail robbery, staged December 6, 1932. In this case he was linked as a confederate of two men now dead — Gus Winkler, gangster, and Edgar E. Lebensberger. Winkler was the victim of gangster bullets and Lebensberger was found shot to death in a Chicago apartment. Lebensberger's death was called a suicide, but it occurred as the indictments against him, Winkler and McLaughlin were made public.

A former member of the Illinois Legislature, McLaughlin was known at one time as a political power on Chicago's West side. Taken to the office of the United States marshal, denied all connection with the Bremer case and chafed that the federal agents had beaten him.

"One of the gents struck me in the mouth with his fist and knocked this tooth out," the Associated Press reported him as saying. He then took the tooth out of his pocket and exhibited it.

"Tore My Home to Pieces."

"They kept me a prisoner in my home all day Friday, and last night took me to Purvis' office," he said, referring to Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago area of the Department of Justice. "They questioned me all night and beat me and wouldn't let me sleep. They tore my home to pieces, but found no ransom money or other evidence. I have known Vidler for ten years, but never have been a partner of his, and I haven't been in St. Paul for 40 years."

McLaughlin who is 66 years old, served for 10 years in the Illinois Senate. His political career collapsed during the World war when he became involved in labor difficulties. Since then he has been known as a gambler and slot machine operator.

The younger McLaughlin was taken into custody on the Chicago Board of Trade floor today by Federal agents hunting part of the Bremer ransom.

The elder McLaughlin told Federal men his son kept a safety deposit box, and the son, an employe of the Rosebaum Grain company, was detained on the theory the missing money might be found in the box.

Likely to Come Here.

Both the elder McLaughlin and Vidler probably will be brought to St. Paul for trial in connection with the Bremer case.

"Baby Face" Nelson, machine gunner of the Dillinger mob charged with killing a federal agent in the gang's Wisconsin woods battle with federal authorities Sunday, is believed to be one of two men who stole a gray Ford V-8 sedan in Moose Lake about 5 A. M. today.

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Friday he was believed surrounded by officers in the Wisconsin woods, but he apparently slipped through the fingers of his pursuers and made for Minnesota.

The men who stole the car, belonging to L. H. Blacklock of Moose Lake and bearing the Minnesota license number B-147-538, were described as about 25 years old and roughly dressed.

Sheriff Hannes Rypkema of Pine County picked up their trail just outside of Moose Lake and chased them 40 miles in the direction of Milaca on Highway No. 23. The sheriff said he pushed his own car up to 80 miles an hour in the chase, and once got within shooting range. His bullets apparently failed to take effect, however, and he lost his quarry when another car cut between.

It was learned later that the fleeing thugs cut over to Highway 1 and drove south toward St. Paul. Then turned off this highway and passed at various times through Mora, Milaca and Mission Creek.

St. Paul Police on Lookout.

All St. Paul radio squads were ordered to keep a lookout for the stolen car in the belief that the bandits might try to make their way here.

Belief that Nelson was wounded Friday in his escape from Wisconsin was expressed by Al Johnson, a special deputy with whom the gangster staged a running gun fight near Solon Springs, Wis.

The battle started when Johnson halted an automobile answering the description of that driven by Nelson, and the occupants of the car opened fire. The deputy gave chase in his own automobile, and several shots were exchanged.

"I took a pop at him," the Associated Press quoted Johnson as saying, "and I think I hit him. I shot at him with a rifle and his car careened over to one side of the road. He probably was hit in the arm or the shoulder, but managed to keep on going. I finally had to give up the chase when I ran out of ammunition."

The search for Nelson's fellow gangster, Carroll, was concentrated around a swamp near Las du Flambeau. He was reported surrounded by federal agents, deputy sheriffs, guides, woodsmen and Indians.

The indictments returned by the federal grand jury here were against Dr. Clayton E. May, Minneapolis physician who treated Dillinger after the outlaw shot his way out of a St. Paul apartment, March 31; Mrs. Augusta Salt, nurse who assisted with the treatment; Evelyn Frechette, the desperado's sweetheart, and Beth Green, widow of Eugene Green, Dillinger mobster, killed here by federal men. The last two are said to have been with Dillinger in the apartment.

Charged With Conspiracy.

All four defendants are charged with conspiracy to harbor the gang leader.

Dr. May and Mrs. Salt were arraigned before Judge M. M. Joyce in federal court and pleaded not guilty. Harvey Diehl, their attorney, sought to have the \$50,000 bail for each reduced, but the judge withheld decision until Tuesday.

George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, stated that secret indictments on harboring charges were returned against some other persons, but declined to comment further on this phase of the case.

While the indictment against her was being returned, Evelyn Frechette, in Ramsey county jail, discussed her girlhood and put in a good word for her "boy friend," Dillinger.

Born March 8, 1908, on the Menomonie Indian reservation in Wisconsin, she said her father was French and her mother a half-breed.

"My father died when I was 8 years old," she said, "and I guess we had a hard time getting along. We lived just like other children on the reservation, and had to work in the fields and in the woods, harvesting crops and trapping and hunting. I didn't have much chance to go to school until I was thirteen years old, when I was sent to the Indian school at Flandreau, S. D. I returned to the reservation about eight years ago, after finishing the upper grades."

Speaking of Dillinger, she remarked, "He can't be as bad as they say he is. He is my man, and he can not be guilty of all the things of which he is accused."

Her principal complaint is that she can not pursue her hobby, tap dancing.

"It's kind of close quarters for it in this cell," she explained, "and besides, there isn't any music."

An Associated Press dispatch today stated that Dillinger and party of his outlaws were reported seen in Binghamton, N. Y., Friday night. Two automobiles, in which were six men and two women, pulled up at a restaurant, and one of the men called for drinks. One of the cars bore a Wisconsin license plate and the other an Illinois plate. A chiropractor named McCann said one of the men called to him, "Hey, doc, how'd you like to get us four shots of whisky?"

He said he was certain he recognized Dillinger as one of the men, and went to call the police. Meanwhile, a waiter brought the drinks, while the gangsters tossed down quickly. By the time police arrived, the two cars and their occupants had disappeared. The police said, however, that they were very dubious as to the customers being members of the Dillinger mob.

Possibility that Dillinger and his gang were in St. Paul prior to the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., was observed today in a disclosure that a medicine bottle, obtained on a prescription from Dr. Mortensen, was found in a house at 304 Vernon avenue.

The Vernon avenue home was abandoned shortly after kidnapers released the St. Paul brewer.

Dr. Mortensen said today he told St. Paul police, after the bottle was found, that he issued the prescription to a man named Brown. This was corroborated by Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, who later turned over all information concerning the house to Federal authorities.

The name of Thomas Newman, St. Paul attorney, and Dr. C. A. Ramsey county coroner, were given as references by the persons who visited the house.

"It is possible," Dr. Mortensen observed, "that whoever directed the man named Brown to my office for the medicine also directed the man (who he has identified as Dillinger and John Hamilton) to my house the other night."

At 1:10 P. M. today, the St. Paul police radio station broadcast to all squad cars to pick up four men, heavily armed, who were riding in a gray Dodge 2 bearing Illinois license 758-085.

BETH GREEN DENIES PART IN APARTMENT SHOOTING.

Beth Green had nothing at all to do with the renting, living in or shooting up the apartment at 92 South Lexington avenue where Dillinger and an accomplice shot it out with authorities March 31 and escaped. That is the gist of an answer Joseph P. Tracy, Mrs. Green's attorney, served today on Daniel J. Hollihan, attorney for the Coffey Realty Corporation, suing Dillinger and a long list of alleged accomplices for \$500 damages to the apartment.

Mrs. Green was the only defendant in the suit who has been reached to date. She is held here by Federal authorities.

Dr. Hollihan said he plans to serve notice of the suit on Dillinger and the rest of the defendants by publication, because he is unable to reach them in person.

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"Boss" McLaughlin Held For Conspiracy

CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician, will be arraigned today on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

McLaughlin's arrest last night came after William E. Vidler had been taken into custody with more than \$2,000 of the Bremer case \$200,000 ransom payment.

The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with John Dillinger.

McLaughlin's arrest was believed to have been brought about by information supplied by William E. Vidler, former Illinois state prison inmate, who was arrested Friday in Chicago in connection with the Bremer snatch.

On Vidler's person, department of justice agents found \$3,185, according to Melvin Purvis, Chicago chief of the federal bureau of investigation. Of that amount, Mr. Purvis said, \$2,885 has been identified as part of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Mr. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Vidler was arrested on a mystery tip to the department of justice in Chicago. The caller said that Vidler was displaying large sums of money at a race track.

Meanwhile agents in Chicago today, who were preparing for Vidler's removal to St. Paul, also were questioning him into determine whether he is linked with the mob of John Dillinger, the Indiana red-hot. Although members of Dillinger's mob are thought to have had some connection with the Bremer snatch, Dillinger himself is not believed to have participated in the actual kidnaping.

From what Mr. Bremer was seized by abductors near the Summit school, 1150 Goodrich ave., and was released later in a dark residential street in Rochester, Minn.

In the warrant issued Friday night against Vidler, several other prominent persons were named. The federal department said they were "too important to disclose."

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Vidler Fears Gang Vengeance On Wife And Two Children.

CHICAGO, April 28.—William E. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested for possession of \$2,855 in ransom money turned over for the release of Edward Bremer of St. Paul, today feared gangland might direct reprisals against his family.

"I suppose they think I squawked," he said, sitting in a cell in the county jail, "but I didn't. I'm worried about my wife and my two children. I wouldn't want anything to happen to them because someone thought I talked out of turn."

Vidler, unable to raise the \$100,000 bond demanded for his release from jail, denied that he knew the money had been involved in the kidnaping but refused to tell where he obtained it.

"I certainly didn't know that it was snatch money, so help me God," he said, the term "snatch" being underworld jargon for kidnaping.

"That would be the last kind of money I would touch."

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Faces Life Term If Convicted

CHICAGO, April 28.—Facing life imprisonment if convicted, John J. Boss) McLaughlin smiled as he heard federal government attorneys charge today that he had "a large part of if not all of the Bremer ransom money."

Leo J. Hasseneur, assistant district attorney, asked delay in the case until May 7 in order that "several witnesses from St. Paul may be produced." Bond was set at \$100,000.

Joe Roach, attorney for the 65-year-old political leader, bitterly opposed the government's request for \$200,000 bond—the same amount as the ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president kidnaped early this year and held three weeks by gangsters since named as the Karpis-Barker gang.

GAMBLER'S BOND \$100,000.

"I can't be a prophet but I feel certain this defendant will be here when he is wanted," Roach said.

"This is a very serious charge, but there is a difference between gangsters who kidnap citizens and those who handle the money involved in the kidnaping," United States Commissioner Walker said.

Arraigned at the same time as McLaughlin was William E. Vidler, gambler, also named on charges of conspiracy to kidnap. He ordered held on \$100,000 bond pending a removal hearing May 7.

Mystery attached to the identity of two men named in warrants as "John Doe and Richard Roe."

HOOVER AID ARRIVES.

As McLaughlin was arraigned Hasseneur declared that the government has "information that this defendant had in his possession a large part of if not all the ransom money paid over in this case.

Meanwhile, Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the bureau of investigation under J. Edgar Hoover, arrived to confer with Chicago federal authorities on the Bremer kidnaping arrests.

He went into conference with Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago bureau of the department of justice, and declined to discuss the case with newspaper men.

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DEMOCRATIC BOSS HELD IN CHICAGO IN BREMER KIDNAPING

John J. McLaughlin Accused of Plotting Crime to Raise Trial Defense Fund.

CHICAGO, April 28.—(U. P.)—United States district attorneys today revealed that federal agents are holding John J. (Boss) McLaughlin as the "brains" of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case of last January.

McLaughlin, they said, was believed to have planned the abduction to obtain funds for his fight against charges in connection with a \$250,000 Chicago Loop mail robbery.

McLaughlin was to be arraigned on charges of conspiring to kidnap Bremer before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker and his removal to St. Paul will be requested.

The federal warrant on which MacLaughlin was arrested yesterday names William E. Vidler, Chicago gambler, on which \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money was found, and two other men, identified only as Richard Roe and John Doe.

The warrant for McLaughlin's arrest was sworn out by United States District Attorney Dwight H. Green and immediately suppressed until McLaughlin was taken into custody.

The mail robbery indictment named scores of persons throughout the country in connection with charges that McLaughlin operated a ring for the disposal of stolen bonds. Involved in the indictment was Edward G. Lebensberger, wealthy night club owner, who committed suicide shortly before the indictment was returned.

The Bremer kidnaping case today was being charged against a gang of Oklahoma outlaws led by Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and his brother, Arthur Barker, who now are believed to have allied themselves with Dillinger.

Two Outlaws Traced.

CHICAGO, April 28.—(U. P.)—Federal agents closed in on two members of John Dillinger's gang of murderers today. They believed the final showdown with the master criminal himself was not far off.

Trapped in a swamp near Lac du Flambeau, Wis., was a man believed to be Tommy Carroll, St. Paul gangster. The swamp was surrounded by federal agents, Indian guides and Wisconsin farmers. Capture was believed imminent.

The trail of George (Baby Face) Nelson, diminutive machine-gunner of the Dillinger gang, grew hot today when two men, one believed to be Nelson, stole an automobile at Pine City, Minn., on the highway between the Twin Cities and Superior, Wis.

Minneapolis and St. Paul police immediately ordered all roads blockaded.

Dillinger himself was thought to be in hiding. Other members of his gang of Oklahoma kidnapers and Chicago killers were understood to have scattered.

Homer Van Meter, accused of engineering Dillinger's escape from the Crown Point, Ind., jail, was identified as one of five gunmen who held up the Villa Park Trust & Savings Bank, stealing \$6,000 yesterday.

U. S. Indicts Four.

ST. PAUL, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Evelyn Frechette, Indian sweetheart of John Dillinger, today was indicted by the federal grand jury here today on a charge of conspiracy to harbor and conceal Dillinger. Mrs. Beth Green, Mrs. August Salt and Dr. Clayton J. May were indicted on similar charges.

Mrs. Green is charged with renting an apartment in St. Paul to Dillinger as a hideout. The government charges Mrs. Salt and Dr. May treated Dillinger for gunshot wounds.

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**EX-CONVICT NAMED
IN BREMER KIDNAPING**

**W. E. Vidler, Arrested with
\$2665 of Ransom, Ac-
cused in Warrant.**

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—A suppressed warrant charging William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict, and several unnamed men with conspiracy to possess money obtained as ransom from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, was issued tonight by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

The warrant was suppressed because the government did not wish to reveal the identity of the other men named in the conspiracy. It was issued after a series of conferences attended by Commissioner Walker, United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, the latter's assistant, Leo Hassenauer, and several agents from the Department of Justice.

Federal agents said Vidler had \$2665 of the \$200,000 ransom money paid by Bremer's family for his release from kidnapers in his possession when arrested.

It is expected that Vidler will be taken to St. Paul for trial.

Commissioner Walker said the warrant was "of great importance." District Attorney Green and the federal agents refused to discuss the matter.

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\$2665 of Bremer Ransom Recovered from Ex-Convict

Federal Agents Arrest W. E. Vidler Making Bets on Horse Races.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—Federal authorities today disclosed the recovery of \$2665 of the \$200,000 paid two months ago for the release of Edward Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer kidnap victim, and declared it an important clue.

The money, in \$5 and \$10 denominations, was found in the pockets of William E. Vidler, 34, an ex-convict who had been an automobile dealer and, since repeal, a liquor dealer. Police said he served three years, 1920 through 1923, in the Illinois State Penitentiary for automobile theft.

Vidler was arrested while making wagers on horse races. Police said such gambling had become a common manner for criminals to exchange counterfeit, stolen or otherwise "hot" money for untainted currency.

First Recovered.

It was the first of the fortune in currency recovered since Bremer's release. Vidler was held incommunicado by the office of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the U. S. Division of Investigation here. Purvis' office had denied the arrest for several hours, before acknowledging recovery of the currency.

Although federal authorities have declared they knew the identity of Bremer's kidnapers, Purvis said he hoped to gain valuable information from Vidler. Asked if he believed Vidler was one of the kidnapers, Purvis replied, "Well, he had some of the money."

Vidler's explanation of his possession of the money was lacking, but Mrs. Vidler said:

"Why he hasn't been out of Chicago for months. He couldn't have had anything to do with that case. If he had the ransom money, he must have gotten it in a business transaction by mistake."

Purvis added he had reason to believe Vidler had been in communication recently with members of John Dillinger's gang. He did not explain the connection.

Dillinger was in jail at Crown Point, Ind., from where he escaped with a wooden pistol March 3, when Bremer was freed by his kidnapers in St. Paul last February 7. Bremer was kidnaped January 17.

In addition to the \$2665 in ransom money, Vidler had \$435 when arrested.

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IN KIDNAPING NET.
 William E. Vidler, ex-convict, seized here with part of Bremer ransom money.
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NAMED IN ROBBERY.
 Homer Van Meter, Dillinger pal, identified in Villa Park bank stickup.
(Story on page 1.)

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SEIZED IN KIDNAPING



John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin (left), who was under arrest today for arraignment on a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping. He is shown with Attorney William Parrilo at the time he was freed on bond in connection with the \$250,000 loop mail robbery.

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JAILED HERE FOLLOWING RANSOM FIND

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin was under arrest and scheduled for court arraignment today on a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

McLaughlin, veteran West Side politician, has already been involved in one notorious crime when he was indicted for complicity in the \$250,000 mail robbery in front of the Federal Building in December of 1932.

His arrest last night followed the questioning by federal agents of William E. Vidler, who was seized with \$2,000 of the Bremer kidnap ransom in his possession. A warrant was issued secretly and McLaughlin was taken in custody late last night. He was to be taken before United States Commissioner Walker today.

The omnipresent John Dillinger, America's No. 1 killer, today was the quarry of police in six states.

Chicago was the center of the search, as the two most plausible of the clues to the desperado's whereabouts indicated his presence here.

First of these was the identification of Homer Van Meter, Dillinger's partner, as the leader of five masked gunmen who looted the Villa Park Trust and Savings Bank.

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Second, and regarded by authorities as of equal import, was the arrest of William E. Vidler, captured while carrying money which federal investigators identified as part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

KIDNAP SOLUTION SEEN.

Informed of this, St. Paul operatives said the capture of the Dillinger gang would clear up the Bremer kidnaping of last winter. When Dillinger and his aids fled from Little Bohemia, north woods

lodge, at Spider Lake, Wis., they left three suitcases of money behind. It was reported that some of these bills also were identified as part of the Bremer ransom.

Vidler and several others whose names were suppressed were named in a federal warrant charging them with the Bremer kidnaping.

According to Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Department of Justice agents here, the men named in the warrant are Vidler's associates and are believed to be in Chicago.

Vidler, police records show, was sentenced to one to ten years imprisonment in 1920 for stealing an

automobile. His home is at 8001 N. Ashland av.

The Dillinger hunt extended to the East when police at Binghamton, N. Y., set out in pursuit of two cars containing six men and three women.

SHOTGUN ALARM.

The party stopped at a hotel there for a drink, signalling a waiter to bring the refreshments to the car. A passerby saw what he believed to be shotguns in the cars and sounded the alarm.

State troopers were unable to find the mysterious automobiles, which bore Illinois and Wisconsin licenses.

The bank employes who identified Van Meter from police pictures, Miss Lillian Valenta and Frank Chancellor, could not recognize Dillinger from photographs as a participant in the robbery.

In Northern Wisconsin federal, state and community authorities threw cordon around the Iron Coun-

ty swampland near Park Falls in the belief they had trapped George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

Nelson is sought as the man who killed Federal Agent W. Carter Baum last Sunday when the gang calmly walked through a federal trap at Spider Lake.

A special deputy sheriff, Al Johnson, reported a brush with a baby-faced gangster. He said:

"I signaled a small automobile similar to the one which Nelson was last seen driving to stop. The driver fired at me with a pistol and I shot at him."

Johnson was cut by flying glass when the driver fired through a closed window as he sped past.

Other reports from the guarded woods, however, said Nelson had been pursued down a blind road and that trackers were following him through the woods.

WATCH IN KENTUCKY.

With Wisconsin authorities searching for Nelson and federal

agents here eyeing Dillinger's old haunts, the hunt spread to two other states, Kentucky and Indiana, following reports that three carloads of machine gunners stopped for gasoline at Sullivan, Ind.

Kentucky authorities stationed crack shots at Louisville bridges, halting all cars and scrutinizing all occupants.

Minnesota law enforcing agencies also continued their search for Dillinger.

Politician Held
CHARGED WITH POSSESSING
PART OF BREMER RANSOM.



JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN,
 Politician, who was arrested yesterday in Chicago on a suppressed warrant charging him with conspiracy in possessing part of the Edward Bremer \$200,000 ransom.

WARD BOSS JAILED
AS MASTER MIND
IN BREMER CASE

J. J. McLaughlin, Chicago,
Named as Ransom Possessor by Gambler.

SON ALSO DETAINED
AS MONEY IS SOUGHT

Accused Denies Charges, Shows
Tooth as Evidence of Police Beating.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, April 28.—An old-time political boss, John J. McLaughlin, was dubbed by the Government today as the "brains" of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping plot and with the gambler who accused him was detained for trial at St. Paul while Federal agents hunted his treasure boxes for the Bremer ransom.
 "I think they're dreaming," said the 66-year-old prisoner, protesting the whirl of events that put him behind Federal bars in \$100,000 bond.
 "Ridiculous!" he exclaimed, when told that his son, Jack, 17, had been seized on the floor of the Board of Trade. Department of Justice men said they were convinced McLaughlin and his accomplices still had most of the \$200,000 collected from Edward Bremer after his abduction January 17, and they believed the son had the keys to his safety deposit boxes.

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Man Held Without Charge.

Jack, an employe of a grain company, was held without charge, and Federal operatives who took him in were reported to have discovered a sheaf of papers secreted in the lining of his hat.

The man who sent the officers after McLaughlin was William E. Vidler, a gambler, in whose pockets Federal agents found \$2,665 of the \$5 and \$10 Bremer ransom bills. He, too, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker and put away under the prohibitive \$100,000 bond for a removal hearing on May 7, when witnesses from St. Paul must appear against both men. Two others named as John Doe and Richard Roe in the warrant with McLaughlin, were hunted.

"We have information," said Prosecutor Leo J. Hassenauer, "that McLaughlin was the brains of the kidnaping plot, even if he himself did not personally participate in the kidnaping. We believe that he may still have in his possession the unbound portion of the ransom."

Conspiracy is Alleged.

The warrants specifically charged conspiracy to possess portions of the ransom, offenses in violation of the "Lindbergh" Federal kidnaping act.

McLaughlin was already under \$25,000 bond on a Federal indictment charging him with a part in the \$350,000 Chicago mail robbery of December 6, 1932, when Edward Bremer, the St. Paul banker, was snatched last January 17 by kidnapers who nabbed him in his own car as he stopped for a traffic light. Bremer was a captive 23 days before the ransom was collected and the band turned him loose near Rochester, Minn.

So the charge of managing a big "fence" for "hot" money and bonds was no novelty to McLaughlin. An old-timer among political bosses of the West Side, he was for years a member of the Illinois State Legislature, a reputed pay roller sans portfolio in the grafting era of the Chicago sanitary district, and linked with the late Edgar B. Lebensberger, who killed himself the day they were indicted, while disposing of the quarter million loot gathered from registered mail sacks at Clark and Adams streets.

U. S. Agents Make Arrest.

"Who, me?" was the general reaction of McLaughlin as he emerged from a day in secret custody of the Government. Agents of Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Bureau of Investigation here, had grabbed him at home yesterday, directed to him by Vidler.

He told newspaper men of his arrest and questioning in an air of hurt innocence.

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Bremer Hunt Jails Political Boss as Chief

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Illinois Legislator, Is
Charged by U. S.

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Finding of Ransom
Bills on Gambler.

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POLITICIAN HELD IN BREMER CASE

CHICAGO, April 28.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Chicago Democratic politician, his 17-year-old son and two other suspects were arrested here today in connection with the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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McLaughlin, a former State representative, was held in \$100,000 bond. Federal agents refused to disclose the identity of the other suspects, arrested on warrants naming "Richard Roe" and "John Doe."

He and Vidler were arraigned late today before Commissioner Walker and ordered held on \$100,000 bond each for a hearing May 7, on the Government's request for removal to St. Paul.

McLaughlin's 17-year-old son Jack, was arrested by five Federal agents on the floor of the board of trade, where he was employed as a messenger boy. He was taken to the Federal Building for questioning.

McLaughlin said:

"The charge is ridiculous. Why I haven't been in St. Paul in 40 years, I'm absolutely innocent of any complicity in the kidnaping. I don't know anything about it."

McLaughlin's arrest was not his first brush with Federal authorities. He was seized on a charge of complicity in the \$250,000 Loop mail robbery of December, 1932. He was at liberty on bond pending trial.

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Chicago Politician Seized As 'Brains' of Kidnapers In \$200,000 Bremer Plot

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U. S. Starts Search Of Cash Boxes to Find Ransom

GAMBLER LINKED

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BRAINS

CHICAGO BOSS INDICTED IN BREMER CASE

GOOD MORNING!
 It has been said that hardly
 any man can bear to see a woman
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BREMER ADDUCTION PUT ON DILLINGER

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Chicago Politician, Arrested as
Ransom Recipient, Is Linked
With the Outlaw.

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NELSON IN A NEW 'TRAP'

'Rifleman' of Gang Said to Be
Cornered—Gov. White Gets
New Kidnap Threat.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
CHICAGO, April 28.—Important arrests and indictments enabled Federal law enforcement officers today to strike a blow against the John Dillinger band of killers, kidnapers and bank robbers while the outlaw leader and his followers continued to elude an army of about 100,000 government agents, police and vigilantes in five midwest States.

In Chicago, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former State Representative and a suspected Dillinger ally, was held in bond of \$100,000 on a charge of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was ransomed for \$200,000 after being held captive for twenty-two days.

At the same time McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., an employe of the Rosenbaum Grain Company, was secretly taken into custody by Federal operatives and it was reported that the Bremer kidnaping had been definitely laid to the Dillinger gang, it not to the desperado himself.

It was reported that papers were found sewn into the lining of young McLaughlin's hat. Two other persons, whose names were withheld, were also arrested.

Threat to Gov. White in Ohio.

In addition to these developments, the Federal grand jury at St. Paul, Minn., returned indictments against two of Dillinger's women companions and a physician and a nurse on charges of harboring him.

At Columbus, Ohio, Governor George White announced he had received "inside information" that Dillinger and his gang had arrived in Columbus and were plotting to kidnap the Governor and his daughter, Mary.

Previously the Governor had received a letter threatening him with death unless he pardoned three Dillinger gangsters in the State penitentiary, two of them awaiting death July 18 for killing a Sheriff at Lima, Ohio, in a jail raid to free Dillinger.

Link McLaughlin to Ransom.

Federal authorities asserted that they have information that McLaughlin, who once was prominent as a Democratic politician, had in his possession a portion, if not the entire amount, of the Bremer ransom and that he had circulated part of the money.

Investigators also said they were working on the theory that McLaughlin was the director of the Bremer kidnaping ring and that the crime was executed to provide funds for the trial of McLaughlin and others for the \$500,000 Loop mail robbery of Dec. 6, 1933.

The warrant for McLaughlin also called for the arrest of "Richard Roe" and "John Doe," reported to be Alvin Karpis and Arthur E. Barker, Dillinger gang fugitives.

A month ago Attorney General Homer S. Cummings announced in Washington that Karpis and Barker had been identified as the

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BREMER ADDUCTION PUT ON DILLINGER

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actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer. Later they were named as gangsters led by Dillinger who shot their way out of a trap laid by Federal agents last week near Mercer. McLaughlin's arrest followed that of William E. Vidler, 34 years old, of Chicago, an ex-convict, who was seized Thursday night on a charge of participating in the Bremer abduction.

At the time of his arrest, in a Loop bookmaking establishment by Federal agents, Vidler was carrying \$2,500 in \$5 and \$10 bills, later identified as part of the \$200,000 ransom money. After Vidler was questioned in the offices of Melvin H. Purvis, local Justice Department chief, a raid was made on McLaughlin's home at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

McLaughlin was not there, but the agents kept his wife and three children in the house and waited until he arrived about 11 o'clock. Then they searched the house and McLaughlin's person. They found \$50 in his pockets, but it was not part of the ransom.

For eleven hours yesterday McLaughlin and his family were held in their home, while Federal authorities continued their investigation. At 6 P. M. a Deputy Marshal arrived with a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

McLaughlin Charges Third Degree.

Then the prisoner was taken to Mr. Purvis's office, where he was questioned for hours.

"They grilled me all night and used third degree methods on me," the politician, who is 66 years old, complained today as he sat in the Marshal's office. He appeared disheveled and tired.

"They kept at me all night, never giving me a chance to sleep," he said. "Finally one of the agents hit me in the mouth with his fist and knocked a tooth out."

"I had nothing to do with taking Bremer or with handling any of the money. I can't imagine why Vidler should have put the finger on me. I've known him for about ten years, when he was in the liquor business and the slot-machine racket."

"I haven't been in St. Paul for forty years. The last time I saw Vidler was about a week ago when I met him in a Loop hotel."

While McLaughlin was awaiting arraignment before Commissioner Walker, Federal agents arrested his son, John Jr., seizing him in the Board of Trade Building after his father had revealed that the youth had a safe deposit box and a bank account.

Court Hears Ransom Charge.

When McLaughlin pleaded not guilty to the conspiracy charge before Commissioner Walker, First Assistant United States Attorney Leo J. Hassenaer asked that bond be set at \$200,000.

"The government has information that this man was in possession of a part or all of the \$200,000 paid for the ransom of Bremer," he told the court. "By tracing bills through their serial numbers it was discovered that he circulated certain amounts of the ransom money."

After Joseph Roach, counsel for McLaughlin, protested against the high sum, the commissioner set bond at \$100,000 and McLaughlin was taken to the county jail, pending a hearing on May 7. By that time it is expected that the Federal grand jury in St. Paul will have acted in the Bremer case.

Following McLaughlin, Vidler was arraigned on a conspiracy charge, held in \$100,000 bail and taken to the county jail.

Hoover Aide Takes Helm.

Harold Nathan, second in command to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Justice Department's investigation forces, arrived here from Washington this morning, after being notified of McLaughlin's arrest, and took charge of the Bremer case.

It was reported that he would displace Mr. Purvis in directing the round-up of the Bremer kidnapers and in handling the Dillinger hunt, which has brought criticism upon the present head of the Federal bureau here.

The St. Paul indictments charging conspiracy to harbor Dillinger named Evelyn Frechette, a former companion of the outlaw; Beth Green, reputed wife of a slain

bound for a spot near Fort Wayne, Ind., where John Dillinger was reported in hiding. Mr. Purvis would not discuss the raid.

Watch for Dillinger at Fort Wayne.

By The Associated Press.

FORT WAYNE Ind., April 28.—Strict secrecy surrounded movements of Federal agents here tonight in connection with the report that John Dillinger and some of his companions in crime may be in hiding in this city.

It is known that Federal officers have been watching a spot in Fort Wayne for several days but they have refused to reveal its location. Reports tonight were that twenty-five Federal officers had been assembled here.

One Federal officer admitted this evening that he had passed on some information today to his superiors in South Bend. When asked if it might have been sufficiently "hot" to have been sent on to Department of Justice agents at Chicago he said that "was possible."

NEW THREAT TO GOV. WHITE.

Tip Says Dillinger Men Mean to Seize Him and Daughter.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 28 (AP).—A supposedly "inside tip" was communicated to Governor George White today that members of the Dillinger gang had established a "headquarters" here and planned to kidnap the Governor and his daughter, Mary.

The Governor, declining to disclose the source of his information, asserted that no additional guards would be placed about the executive mansion, where two guardsmen have been on duty nightly since before Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark and Charles Makley were brought to the Ohio penitentiary.

Pierpont and Makley are to die in the electric chair July 18 for the slaying of Sheriff Jesse L. Barber during a raid on the Allen County jail Oct. 12, when Dillinger was liberated. Clark drew a life sentence for his part in the killing.

The tip was the second report within eleven days that Dillinger's gang had designs on Ohio's official family. On April 16 the Governor disclosed that he had received an anonymous letter containing a threat that he would not live to the end of his term of office (Jan. 1) unless he pardoned the three murderers.

Today's tip said that several members of Dillinger's gang have come to Columbus to survey the field.

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5 Jailed in Bremer Case; Politician Called 'Brains'

J. J. McLaughlin, Old Time Boss, Held in \$100,000 Bond—His Son Also Seized—Gambler Gives Tip.

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by agents as wanted in the Bremer case.

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"I wasn't in St. Paul at the time of the Bremer kidnaping," he resumed. "I don't know anything about it. It costs money to get out of town after a job like that, and I haven't any money."

Admits Knowing Vidler.

He admitted having known Vidler, as slot machine operator and booklegger—McLaughlin is reported to have turned from politics to gambling in late years—but insisted he had never been his partner in any trade and had no share in the

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gaming house where Vidler was seized.

Harold Nathan, personnel director of the department of justice and aid to J. Edgar Hoover at Washington, reached Chicago during the day to direct the Bremer ransom investigation.

Hassenaue asked the federal commissioner to hold McLaughlin in \$200,000 bond, asserting he had good reason to believe the \$197,335 still missing of Bremer's ransom was within reach of McLaughlin and his alleged confederates.

Joseph R. Roach, McLaughlin's attorney, protested that \$200,000 would be excessive, and when the commissioner set the bond at \$100,000 said McLaughlin couldn't raise that much money.

Prosecutor Hassenaue said he expected indictments to be returned shortly against McLaughlin and Vidler at St. Paul.

Vidler, as he left the courtroom for the county jail, gave a vehement denial that he was aware of the kidnaping plot.

"If I knew that money was part of the ransom," he insisted, "I would have had nothing to do with it. I would be foolish to handle it. When it was handed to me, I thought perhaps it might be a bit shady, but I wouldn't have had anything to do with it if I had known it came from that snatch. I've got two kids myself and would rather die than go in on a kidnaping."

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U.S. Seizes 'Boss' McLaughlin in Bremer Abduction Plot; Charges Ransom Cash Deal

Jailed After Failure
to Put Up Bail
of \$100,000.

FOUR ACCUSED
Dillinger Gangster
and Two Mystery
Men Quizzed.

Charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former legislator and reputed gambling chief, was held in the county jail last night, unable to post \$100,000 bond.

Named with him on the charge and held under like bond was William E. Vidler, ex-convict and Dillinger gangster, who was arrested here Thursday night and found to have \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money in \$5 and \$10 bills.

CLUES TO ROBBERY.

At the same time, federal agents took two additional suspects into custody here, but would not reveal their identities.

Federal agents said they believed Bremer was kidnaped to provide a defense fund for McLaughlin and others under indictment for the \$237,000 robbery of a bank messenger and two guards near the federal building in December, 1932.

Edgar B. Lebensberger, once-wealthy night club prince, committed suicide—or was murdered—on the morning that the federal grand jury was indicting him for having or selling part of that loot. Gus Winkler, North Side gambling boss and associate of Lebensberger in the swank 225 Club, was slain soon afterward.

McLaughlin was accused of having engaged with Lebensberger and Winkler in disposing of the stolen bonds.

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government to bring witnesses here from St. Paul, it became evident that Chicago had become the center of the Bremer investigation.

Harold Nathan, first assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, came to the city to assume full command of the Chicago phase of the case. He has been in charge of the case ever since Bremer was kidnaped last January and held twenty-two days.

Hardly had his arrival here become known than McLaughlin's son, John J. Jr., was taken in custody on the floor of the Board of Trade, where he is employed by a grain company.

The 17-year-old youth was taken to the office of Melvin Purvis, chief of the local investigation bureau, presumably to be asked about a safety deposit box and a bank account which his father said he had.

LINKED TO RANSOM.

Significance of the government's interest in the safety box was seen during the hearing before Commissioner Walker when First Assistant U. S. Attorney Leo J. Hassenaue, seeking \$200,000 bond for McLaughlin and Vidler, said:

"The government has reason to believe that a large amount of the Bremer ransom money was passed by McLaughlin and others and that a large part of it still remains in possession or control of McLaughlin.

"I believe a \$200,000 bond should be set. Such bail was fixed in the Touby gang kidnaping case, and \$100,000 in the case of Verne Sankey (suspect in the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher of Denver, since a suicide.)"

Joseph R. Roach, counsel for McLaughlin, then declared:

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CONFESSES HANDLING THE BREMER RANSOM.
 John J. (Boss) McLaughlin (right), who confessed yesterday to handling \$53,000 ransom money, with his son, John Jr., who faces similar charge. *(Story on page 1.)*

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IN KIDNAPING CASE,
 Phillip Delaney, held with

"Boss" McLaughlin and
son - Bremer deal.
(see page 1.)



(Above Photos.)

CONVICTS ESCAPE.

A. R. Koontz, Rufus Deeds,
Martin Schmidt (top to
bottom), flee Ohio prison.

11 Accused in Kidnaping of Bremer, U. S. Hearing on McLaughlin Discloses

Eleven persons are charged with kidnaping or conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was revealed today before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at a hearing to remove John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former state representative, to St. Paul to answer the charge.

The hearing, although short, was marked by a number of bitter clashes between Leo J. Hassenauer, first assistant district attorney, and William C. Parrillo of defense counsel. The case was continued until later today to give attorneys an opportunity to examine the indictment which had been suppressed when it was returned at St. Paul.

Accused in Indictment.

Those accused in the indictment are: Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpis, and Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, charged with the actual kidnaping, and with conspiracy to kidnap those charged are: McLaughlin, his son, John Jr., Phil Delaney and William E. Vidler, four held in high bail here.

New faces in the picture as revealed by the indictment are: Frankie Wright, Roy Gray, alias "Slim," alias Mr. Smith; Izzy, alias Mr. Jones, and two unidentified men, called in the indictment John Doe and Richard Roe.

Description of Accused Men.

Joe Doe is described in the indictment as a man of 30 to 35, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexion; Richard Roe, 40, well built, sandy hair, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; "Izzy" or "Mr. Jones," as 5 feet 9 inches, 170 pounds, 45 to 50 years old, pock-marked cheeks and a large nose.

Roe and Doe, the indictment charges, seized Bremer in Minneapolis Jan. 17 and took him in his own car to 1910 East Edgecomb road, at which point they transferred him to another car and took him to an unnamed point in Wisconsin where they forced him to write contact letters.

Karpis, the indictment charges, purchased signal flash lights used on the highway near Zumbrota, Minn., on Feb. 5 in making contact. Barker and others are charged with being the ones to return Bremer to Minnesota for his release, at Rochester Feb. 7.

The four persons held here are charged with conspiring with Wright, Gray and "Izzy" to dispose of the ransom money.

St. Paul," observed Mr. Hassenauer, a bit tartly.

Demands Turn About.

"There'll be no removal to St. Paul if I can help it," shouted Mr. Parrillo. "The government asked a week's continuance at the first hearing and we didn't object. Now you bring an indictment and give us a chance to read it but no chance to plan a defense. Here my client has been pushed around by a lot of Keystone coppers masquerading as federal agents and I think I should be given a chance to defend him."

"The issue here is a simple one," observed Mr. Keenan.

"Well, it's not that simple," said Mr. Parrillo.

The commissioner shut down on the verbal fireworks and continued the case until later this afternoon.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Tamm.....

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Denies Any Confession.

McLaughlin, before the hearing opened, made indignant denial of a statement by Melvin H. Purvis, local chief of the United States division of investigation, that McLaughlin had "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 paid by Bremer's people as ransom money.

"I never confessed anything," said the "Boss" as he waited in the marshal's bull pen. "I had nothing to confess. I know nothing of the kidnaping."

Shortly after McLaughlin, his son, Vidler and Delaney moved on into Commissioner Walker's chamber surrounded by a score of deputy marshals under the direction of Marshal H. C. W. Laubenheimer.

Attorney General's Aid Present.

Assistant Attorney-General Joseph B. Keenan, in charge of the criminal division of the attorney-general's office, was present and now and then whispered a suggestion to Mr. Hassenauer.

Attorney Parrillo asked for a continuance of a week or two to study the indictment.

"I need time to arrange for a defense," he said.

"You can make your defense in

ADMITS PASSING BREMER RANSOM

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McLaughlin Admits He Handled \$53,000 of Money Paid in St. Paul Kidnaping.

World Telegram

By the United Press
CHICAGO, April 30. — John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, reputed Chicago gambling lord and former State legislator, today confessed to handing \$53,000 of the ransom money paid for release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, the Department of Justice announced.

While one section of the Justice Department was obtaining the statement of guilt from McLaughlin other agents searched for three Oklahoma gangsters, allegedly allied with John Dillinger, who are believed to have engineered the actual abduction of Bremer.

Confesses Before Son.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Department of Investigation here, told newspaper men that McLaughlin made a detailed confession stating that he knew the money was "hot" and had come from the Bremer abduction.

The confession was made, Purvis said, in the presence of the politician's 17-year-old son, John J., Jr., and Philip Delaney, a hotel bartender.

Warrants charging the son and Delaney with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping will be filed late today, Purvis said.

\$3,400 Recovered.

Delaney, who was arrested with young McLaughlin Saturday, but was held incommunicado over the week-end while the government built up its case, confessed, accord-

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ADMITS PASSING BREMER RANSOM

7-11-34 Telegram
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ing government agents, to handing \$14,000 of the \$53,000 of ransom money turned over to McLaughlin.

Purvis said he has recovered \$3,400 of the \$53,000 of ransom money which McLaughlin confessed to passing throughout Chicago.

He intimated to newspaper men that he had important clues to the remaining \$147,000 of ransom money unaccounted for.

McLaughlin's son, arrested Saturday at a grain broker's office in the Loop where he was employed as a messenger boy, had \$85 of the ransom money on his person when seized by government agents, it was announced. In addition to the \$85 he had \$390 in other money.

Also under arrest in connection with the passing of ransom money is William A. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested last week in a bookmaker's establishment by government officers who took a large amount of the Bremer money from him.

Vidler was understood to have involved McLaughlin in the round-up.

Members of the District Attorney's staff called McLaughlin the brains of the kidnaping, but have not connected him with the actual abduction.

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\$53,000 WENT THROUGH HIS HANDS

Gambler's Son, 17, and 2 Men Held by U. S. Agents; Mead, Swindler, Is Hunted

CHICAGO, April 30 (I.N.S.). John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin admitted today that \$53,000 of the ransom money paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, went through his hands, Melvin H. Purvis, Department of Justice investigator, disclosed today.

Another prisoner, Philip Delaney, Chicago barkeeper, Purvis said, admitted he had passed \$24,000 of this money.

His Son Also Held

Purvis would disclose no other details of the admission by McLaughlin and Delaney other than to say that both men, arrested last week in connection with the kidnaping, said they had handled the money.

McLaughlin's arrest followed the seizure of William Vidler in a Chicago racehorse booking place. He was found to have \$2,665 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money on his person. Also held by Federal operatives are McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, Jack, and two other men whose names are being closely guarded.

McLaughlin, a former Illinois legislator, gambler, and political chieftain, is held on \$100,000 bond.

Meanwhile, William E. Mead, notorious swindler, was sought by Federal agents here as they pushed

naping. Mead's arrest was ordered, it was learned, because Federal operatives believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer.

Mead, who has served prison sentences in California, Colorado and Florida, entered the investigation of the Bremer case as a suspect of the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, of at least \$50,000, it was learned.

How They Got Him

It was also learned that Mr. Wunderlich was lured to South Bend, Ind., by the confidence men, supposedly to arrange a business deal. While waiting for one of the principals to the deal, who the confidence men said had been suddenly called to Washington, Mr. Wunderlich was introduced to a "Kentucky Colonel" familiar with systems to beat the horse races. After a day or so of moderate winnings, the "colonel" announced arrangement of a "killing." The swindlers announced to Mr. Wunderlich that they had won \$900,000. But the gamblers refused to pay off until they were assured Mr. Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

With one of the conspirators, said to have been Mead, Mr. Wunderlich went to St. Louis and borrowed a large sum of money from Mr. Bremer. He took the money to South Bend and that was the last he saw of it and of his friends.

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ADMITS HANDLING BREMER RANSOM

McLaughlin Confesses He Had \$53,000 of Sum Collected.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 30. — John J. "Boss" McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the ransom collected from Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed today.

McLaughlin was held in \$100,000 bond Saturday for removal to St. Paul for trial under the "Lindbergh" kidnaping act.

His arrest followed the recovery of \$2,665 in \$5 and \$10 bills identified as part of the ransom money. The "hot" currency was found on William E. Vidler, a gambler, last Thursday.

Fear in U. S. Custody.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Bureau of Investigation, announced McLaughlin had made a full confession of his part in the disposition of portions of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Bremer's freedom after 23 days a captive of kidnapers.

Four men were in Federal custody — McLaughlin and Vidler already arraigned, and two others awaiting issuance of warrants charging them also with conspiracy.

Purvis said the Government had recovered \$3,400 of the ransom. They found \$85 of it Saturday on young Jack McLaughlin, 17-year-old son of the erstwhile West Side political boss Purvis said. Still more was found in possession of Philip Delaney, whose arrest in McLaughlin's home at the same time the "boss" was seized became known only today.

Delaney, the fourth accused of conspiring in the disposition of the ransom, was alleged to have handled \$24,000 of the money that passed through McLaughlin's hands.

Ex-Convicts Hunted.

The Government is hunting two Oklahoma ex-convicts, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, as the actual abductors of the St. Paul banker.

A report that the pair had been seen in secret custody of Purvis over the week end was denied by Federal officers.

Meanwhile, a master swindler was sought by Federal agents in a fresh angle of the search for the kidnapers of Bremer.

The hunter "smarts mind" was reported to have duped a friend of (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

'BOSS' M'LAUGHLIN ADMITS HANDLING BREMER RANSOM

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Bremer out of \$50,000. Agents declined to reveal the identity of either man. The victim, reputed to be a St. Paul contractor, was recorded simply as "Mr. W."

The Government theory is that the swindlers met their victim about a year ago in a South Bend, Ind., hotel. The leader of the confidence men told him of an acquaintance who had won large sums on horse races by wire tapping.

The swindlers and the victim allegedly "won" approximately \$300,000 before the supposed bookmaker asked for evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. The victim is supposed to have called upon Bremer in St. Paul, obtaining \$50,000, which he carried back to South Bend. That was the end of the money, as far as he was concerned.

Agents said that when the swindlers passed along word that Bremer had money and the kidnapers seized him January 17. He was released after payment of \$200,000.

Delaney, under the Federal theory of the plot, was given the \$24,000 by McLaughlin to pass around Chicago. The money trickled away into circulation through purchases made by the conspirators or exchange for good money.

McLaughlin was named by Purvis as one of the chief distributors of the "pot" taken from Bremer. He was already afool of Federal law when they nabbed him at his home. McLaughlin had been indicted months ago as a "fence" for the mail robbers who made a quarter-million-dollar haul of registered mail sacks across the street from the Chicago Post Office December 6, 1932.

His son, Jack, had \$390 when seized on the floor of the Board of Trade Saturday, but only \$85 of it was recognized as part of Bremer's pay-off.

Purvis was chary of details. He refused to make public the verbatim statement of McLaughlin. He was silent to questions about the report that William Elmer Mead, an ex-convict and swindler, was entangled in the plot.

An income tax lien for \$80,908 was filed against Mead today by Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue. Mead is being sought for the alleged swindling of \$80,000 from Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City (Mo.) contractor, and it was reported here that Wunderlich had borrowed that amount from Bremer shortly before the kidnaping.

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Bremer Kidnap Probers Race Gangland Guns

Fear Suspects May Be Slain to Keep Secret of Ransom.

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"money" ring operated in several cities for years. The ring is accused of disposing of ransom monies, stolen bonds, securities and specie to an estimated total of \$50,000,000.

Authorities, pursuing the Bremer clues, recalled the deaths of Edgar Lebensberger, proprietor of a swanky night club; of Gus Winkler, dapper gangster, and two others. Lebensberger was found shot to death in his near North Side apartment, apparently a suicide, on the same day he was named in secret indictments along with several others charging possession of part of the \$250,000 taken in a loop mail robbery.

Slain Because He 'Talked.'

Lebensberger reputedly had "talked" concerning the same "hot money" ring authorities are reputedly tracking down in the Bremer case. A few days after Lebensberger's death, Winkler was ambushed and slain. He also "talked" with the Federal men.

Indicted in the mail robbery was John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, once a Chicago political power. Two men who might have been witnesses against him were slain mysteriously. And now McLaughlin is one of the five held in connection with the \$200,000 Bremer paid after his abduction January 17.

The arrest of McLaughlin, authorities asserted, likely would lead to uncovering of brokers who aided

the underworld in disposal of ransom money and stolen securities, much of it for as little as 40 cents on the dollar.

Federal agents disclosed a new ramification of the Bremer kidnap hunt tonight with word they believed linked it with an hitherto undisclosed \$50,000 swindle of one of Bremer's friends.

The agents were seeking the master confidence man in Chicago, but refused to reveal the name of his victim. They said, however, he was a Twin City contractor.

Melvin H. Purvis, local head of the Bureau of Investigation, and Harold Nathan, of its Washington office, directed the hunt and investigators expressed belief that the swindler, a reputedly well-connected Chicagoan, had furnished information to the gang which led to the actual abduction of young Bremer last January.

Linked to Kidnaping.

According to the Government theory, the swindlers and their victim met about a year ago in a hotel in South Bend. There he was introduced to the leader of the confidence men who informed him of large sums some of his acquaintances had won on horse races by wire tapping.

In a feverish session, the swindlers and the Twin City contractor allegedly "won" some \$900,000 before the supposed bookmaker demanded evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. Then, the Twin City man, according to the agents' theory, went to St. Paul and called upon his friend, young Bremer, for aid. Back to South Bend he went with \$50,000, the agents were informed, and that was the last he saw of his money.

But the swindlers, according to the information given agents, passed the word of the wealth of the Bremers and the kidnaping followed.

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Gang Guns Menace Bremer Kidnap Quiz



Wide World Photo.
John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, who is being held as the "brains" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Chicago, April 29 (AP).—Federal agents raced the underworld today in efforts to apprehend the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, whose freedom early this year cost \$200,000.

Authorities with five persons in custody in the case here—two of whose identities were shrouded in mystery—intimated they were fearful gangland guns might get to

others they seek before they could be arrested or make any disclosures to the investigators.

Fears for the safety of those who might talk about Bremer ransom money apparently were well founded. The authorities based them on the connection they believe exists between the Bremer kidnapers and the ramifications of a huge "hot

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Chicago Political Leader Reveals He Handled Kidnap Cash

Agents Believe McLaughlin Was 'Brains' of Bremer Case; on Trail of Actual Abductors

CHICAGO — John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, reputed Chicago gambling lord and former state legislator, today confessed to handling \$53,000 of the ransom money paid for release of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, the Department of Justice announced.

The confession was the latest development in the war of the Government against John Dillinger and his henchmen.

While one section of the Justice Department was obtaining the statement of guilt from McLaughlin other agents searched for three Oklahoma gangsters, allegedly allied with Dillinger, who are believed to have engineered the actual abduction of Bremer.

KNEW MONEY WAS 'HOT'

McLaughlin admitted that he knew the money was "hot" and had come from the Bremer abduction.

His 17-year-old son, John J. Jr., and Phillip Delaney, a hotel bartender, also arrested, face charges of conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping will be filed late today, it was said.

Delaney allegedly confessed to handling \$24,000 of the \$53,000 of ransom money turned over to McLaughlin.

Agents intimated that there were important clues to the remaining \$147,000 of ransom money unaccounted for.

THOUGHT BRAINS OF CASE

Also under arrest in connection with the passing of ransom money is William A. Vidler, Chicago gambler arrested last week in a bookmakers' establishment by Government officers who took a large amount of the Bremer money from him.

Vidler was understood to have involved McLaughlin in the roundup.

Members of the district attorney's staff called McLaughlin the "brains" of the kidnaping but have not connected him with the actual abduction.

Federal agents also sought William E. (Christian Kid-Sneak) notorious swindler, as the "finger man" in the abduction.

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U. S. Takes Trail Of Kidnaping 'Hot Money' Changers



International News Photograph Service
J. J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN

CHICAGO, April 29 (U.S.)—A national ring of "hot money" changers, "steering" in cash taken as ransom in kidnapings and in bank robberies, was being investigated by the U. S. Secret Service unit here, it was disclosed today.

Federal agents are running down reports that John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, arrested in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., may know something of the activities of the "ransom ring." Bremer's family paid \$200,000 to the kidnapers. Arrest of a man here with \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money on him led to the arrest of McLaughlin, long a power in Democratic politics in Illinois.

New York, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth and Dallas were said to be among the cities where Federal operatives have instituted an undercover hunt for the "hot money" men. The annual business done by the ring was said to exceed \$500,000,000.

Ordinarily the recovery of kidnap ransom funds is about 65 per cent of the whole, Government sources reveal, and usually this money comes from direct recovery and undisclosed channels.

Capt. Thomas J. Callaghan, head of the Secret Service unit Federal agents raced to many places to protect, by capture, alleged underworld characters whose death they feared on account of their relations with the money changers' ring.

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300 MILLION NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOME BUILDING

Employment of 125,000 Men for Year or More Seen Under Act.

U. S. TO PROVIDE FUNDS

100 Million for Expansion of Federal Loan Agencies Explained.

Washington, April 29. — (AP) — Some 300 million dollars of new money has become available under the Home Owners Loan act for modernization and new building of American homes.

Relatively unnoticed in the campaign given plans for stimulating the private lending of money in home mortgages, this actual new money is provided under amendment to the act providing 300 million dollars for modernization, and 100 mil-

"Moll" Seized in Gun Fight Bared as Kin of St. Paulite Who Introduced Dillinger to Mortensen.

ANOTHER IS MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN

(Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press.)
Madison, Wis., April 29. — (AP) — The veil of secrecy that has clouded the identities of three young women rounded up after gunfights between Federal agents and the John Dillinger mob in the northern Wisconsin woods a week ago, was torn aside tonight. It was learned from Federal au-

Ohio Prison Trio Escape Over Wall

Pistol Takes Men Through Guards Added to Keep Dillinger Outside.

Columbus, Ohio, April 29. — (AP) — Three convicts escaped today over the walls of Ohio penitentiary despite the strong guard that has been installed to prevent any attempt to deliver three Dillinger mobsters.

The convicts terrorized eighteen men, forcing prison officials and guards to submit to a smuggled automatic pistol, and collected a shotgun, a gas gun and a rifle in their escape.

Chicagoan Furnished Necessary Details to Gang That Abducted St. Paul Man, Federal Officials Assert.

KILLING OF MOBSTERS WHO 'TALK' FEARED

Chicago, April 29. — (AP) — The reported \$50,000 swindling of a contractor friend of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was said by Federal agents tonight, to have been linked to the banker's \$200,000 kidnaping last January.

The agents stressed the case was on for a master confidence man in Chicago. Authorities, however, refused to reveal the name of Bremer's victim.

Plans given for stimulating the private lending of money for home renovation, this actual new money is provided under amendments to the act providing 200 million dollars for modernization, and 100 million for expansion of Federally chartered loan agencies.

John H. Fahy, chairman of the Home Owners Loan corporation, explained these amendments in a statement today, in which he said the 300 million dollars may provide employment of 125,000 men for a year or more.

They subscribe 100 million. The 100 million dollars may be subscribed to the capital of Federal Savings and Loan associations.

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N.Y. POLICE GET 'ORDERS'

New York, April 29.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia told the police force today how to deal with crooks who shoot down officers.

"Out where I was raised," he said, speaking of his boyhood in the West, "we didn't have much of a police department. Our sheriff was quick on the trigger—if you get what I mean."

And 1,000 policemen attending the annual communion breakfast of the Police Department Holy Name society of Brooklyn and Queens applauded.

"Two policemen were shot down in cold blood, one killed and the other seriously wounded," he said, referring to a recent pistol fight on Broadway. "Are you going to stand for that? You'll have to find the men who shot these officers."

"Every crook must be made to know that there will be no compromise with organized crime. Let the word go out to every crook to keep out of New York—that it's unhealthy here."

"The police should put such fear into the heart of every crook that he will tip his hat every time he sees a policeman."

authorities that one is the wife of George (Baby Face) Nelson and the others are the "molls" of Tommy Carroll and Homer Van Meter, all henchmen of the Indiana outlaw.

Mrs. Nelson, whose youthful husband was blamed by a coroner's jury as the killer of Federal Agent W. Carter Baum of Chicago in last Sunday night's skirmish, is the mother of two children.

Carroll's sweetheart is a St. Paul girl named Delaney. She is the sister-in-law of Pat Riley, former mascot for the St. Paul American Association Baseball team. Riley is sought by the government for questioning in connection with the Dillinger hunt.

It was Van Meter's "girl friend", the third woman held in jail here, who made arrangements for rental of an apartment at 3300 Fremont avenue south, Minneapolis, which was one of the hideouts used by the Dillinger mobsters. She used the name of "Oberg" at the time of the rental. All gave fictitious names when arrested in Maroon.

The Minneapolis apartment was occupied by Mrs. Ruth Green and

mobsters.

The convicts terrorized eighteen men, forcing prison officials and guards to submit to a smuggled automatic pistol, and collected a shotgun, a gas gun and a rifle in their scramble over the wall.

They went up the wall on a ladder, a hapless guard standing by, on the pretense they were to fix a searchlight, disarmed the wall guard, slipped to the street with a cable, and drove away in a small car with three men who had been waiting for them. Not a shot was fired.

Theodore G. Rossmann, a Federal employe working as a field representative and payroll inspector for the FERA, saw the trio sliding down the cable and started toward one of them in his car.

Menaced with the shotgun in the hands of another, he halted, watched the three climb into the car and whirl away.

The men in the waiting auto, he said, had sub-machine guns.

Reports to Columbus police indicated the convicts changed routes twice in their flight.

The men are Rufus Deeds, 40 years old, a robber; Arthur R. Koontz, 40, automobile thief, and Martin Schmidt, 37, a robber.

Warden Preston E. Thomas laid down a net of Ohio peace officers, using the state highway patrol station to broadcast the warning, as the trio was reported to have fled north.

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ST. CLOUD POLICEMAN SLAIN; SUSPECT HELD

Murderer Approaches Officer From Rear and Fires Through Heart.

St. Cloud, Minn., April 29.—A 22-year-old youth who gave his name as Walter Hornstahl of Bemidji was in jail here tonight, believed by police to have been responsible for the slaying of Patrolman Fred W. Nolan, 44 years old, who was shot down without apparent motive a few hours earlier.

Questions by Police Chief Ed Erick, close personal friend of the slain patrolman, Hornstahl refused to answer queries.

He was found crouched beneath a railroad bridge four blocks from the scene of the shooting, his hands

600 kidnaping last January.

The agents revealed the search was on for a master confidence man in Chicago. Authorities, however, refused to reveal the name of Bremer's victimized friend and said he was listed on government reports merely as "Mr. W."

Malvin H. Purvis, head of the local office of the United States bureau of investigation, and Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the National bureau at Washington, directed the search for the notorious confidence man, reputed to be "well connected" and the owner of two buildings.

Investigators expressed the belief that the swindlers of "Mr. W." were the ones who furnished necessary information concerning Bremer to the gang that abducted him.

Five Held in Abduction. Meanwhile, with five persons held, four on charges of conspiracy to obtain ransom money, the agents scoured the Midwest for others sought in the case, racing to make arrests before gangland guns could silence those who might "talk."

As to the swindling of the contractor it was understood that about a year ago certain swindlers made his acquaintance. One of the gang said that his father-in-law was a state engineer in Indiana and had charge of letting contracts. He suggested it would be a good thing for the contractor to meet the father-in-law and a planned meeting was arranged at South Bend.

The contractor, head of a large firm with headquarters at St. Paul and offices in other cities, went to South Bend to meet his "friends" but a telegram advised that the "engineers" had to go to Washington to confer on state projects to be developed with Federal money.

Hence, "Mr. W." had visions of good contracts and was kindly disposed towards his new "friends". About that time, it was reported, the master confidence man appeared on the scene and was introduced to the St. Paul contractor who had decided to stay in South Bend pending return of the "engineer".

Tapped Wires to Get News. The Chicagoan talked "big money" in the field of race horses and soon produced a "Kexfucky seasonal" as a close friend. The man from Kentucky, it seemed, had another friend who tapped telegraph wires, obtaining race results and withholding them.

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name of "Oberg" at the time of the
rental. All gave fictitious names
when arrested in Mercer.

The Minneapolis apartment was
occupied by Mrs. Beth Green and
her husband, Eugene Green. The
latter was slain by Department of
Justice agents the night of April 3,
three days after Dillinger and Van
Meter shot their way out of a Lex-
ington avenue apartment in St. Paul.

It was learned that the Depart-
ment of Justice has information that
Riley, one-time St. Paul bartender,
is the man who took Dillinger and
John Hamilton, chief lieutenant of
the Indiana killer, to his family doc-

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Murderer Approaches Officer From Rear and Fires Through Heart.

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Hence, "Mr. W." had visions of
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M'LAUGHLIN HANDLED CASH; KIDNAPING IS LINKED WITH \$200,000 WUNDERLICH PLOT

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician and gambling overlord, confessed today to handling \$53,000 in Bremer ransom money, as federal agents sought William E. (Christian Kid) Mead, notorious Chicago swindler, as "finger man" and "Sioux City Whitey, former St. Paul gambler, for questioning.

Developments in the federal government's crime clean-up were:

McLaughlin's confession.

Confession, also, of Philip Delaney, Chicago hotel bartender, that he had passed \$24,000 of the Bremer bills turned over to him by McLaughlin.

Statement of Melvin Purvis, Chicago chief of the federal department of justice, that warrants charging Delaney and John J. McLaughlin, Jr., with conspiracy, will be issued.

Announcement of Chicago federal agents that Mead is being sought as the "finger man" who "spotted" Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, prior to his abduction and later release after \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Linking the Bremer case with the \$200,000 swindling of Martin Wunderlich, wealthy contractor of St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., last spring through identification of Mead as the author of the confidence game.

Report that "Sioux City Whitey," who for several months last year operated a gambling game in the heart of St. Paul loop district, had been named as go-between through which Mead made contact with Mr. Wunderlich.

Belief of federal agents that the Bremer "snatching" was the result of information which Mead gained during the Wunderlich swindle.

"Sioux City Whitey," who for many months last year operated a gambling house in the heart of St. Paul's loop district, is reported to have been the go-between by which Mead became acquainted with Mr. Wunderlich and induced him to bet \$200,000 on a "cinch" horse race after getting him to withdraw the money from St. Paul banks in order to take on some Indiana road grading contracts.

"Sioux City Whitey" maintained an account and a savings deposit box at the Commercial State Bank, headed by Mr. Bremer.

At the time of the swindle Mr. Wunderlich had between \$300,000 and \$400,000 on deposit and in safety deposit boxes at that bank.

He withdrew \$200,000 in cash in the spring of last year to take care of the Indiana road contract proposition, investigation is said to have revealed.

A delay occurred in the transaction, in which Mead is alleged to have been involved, during which time Mr. Wunderlich and others are supposed to have waited at a Chicago hotel for the return from Washington of an Indiana state highway official. During the wait the horse racing proposition bobbed up. Mr. Wunderlich was induced to bet the \$200,000 on a horse that was "cinched" to win, and the horse came in second.

"Sioux City Whitey" fled St. Paul about the time of the Bremer kidnaping after allegedly obtaining several thousand dollars from "friends" and partners. These individuals still are looking for him.

Three Oklahoma outlaws were sought as the actual leaders of the kidnaping. They were Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and his brother, Fred Barker. This trio was linked by fingerprints with a gang which now includes the notorious Dillinger and his lieutenants, Homer Van Meter and John Hamilton.

Once a prominent West Side Democratic politician, McLaughlin is not unfamiliar with federal investigations.

When he was arraigned Saturday on conspiracy to kidnap charges and bond set at \$100,000, he revealed he could not make the bond, partly because of another bond of \$40,000 under which he had been free on charges of leading a nation-wide stolen bond disposal system.

Mead Head Of Gang.

Mead was described by police as the head of the most successful gang of confidence men in the country. He is said to own two Chicago buildings and to have made his headquarters there.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the federal department of justice bureau of investigations here and Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the national bureau at Washington, led the drive. Nathan personally directed the major part of the early investigation in the Bremer case. He flew to Chicago over the weekend from Washington.

McLaughlin's affairs in Chicago have been connected in late years with the activities of Ted Newberry and Gus Winkler, former leaders in gambling and gangsterism, federal agents said. When he was a political leader, his efforts many times resulted in the release of criminals, it was charged.

McLaughlin was indicted last fall on charges of furnishing the means for the disposal of \$250,000 of bonds stolen in a Chicago loop mail robbery on Dec. 8, 1932. He was described as the head of a nationwide system of fences. His son's arrest came after he had been questioned about his affairs. His mention of his son's safe deposit box was believed to have led to the youth's arrest. Young McLaughlin is 17.

Vidler, presumably, identified McLaughlin as the source of \$2,865 of the ransom money which was found on him. The other two men were held all day Sunday while agents questioned them in secrecy.

Results In One Suicide.

Bremer was kidnaped last Jan. 17 and held until Feb. 8 after \$200,000 ransom was paid. He has since been threatened with harm to his daughter unless he makes another contribution to a gang fund.

McLaughlin was believed to be pressed for funds to fight his bond disposal ring case, federal attorneys said. The development of the bond case was believed to have suffered setbacks with the suicide of Edward B. Lebensberger, wealthy night club owner, last fall and the murder of Gus Winkler, gang chieftain, shortly afterwards. Both men had been understood to be ready to turn federal evidence against McLaughlin.

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The Boss Is Fingerprinted

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Bare \$50,000 Swindle.

Federal agent disclosed a new ramification of the Bremer kidnap hunt with word they believed it linked it with an hitherto undisclosed \$50,000 swindle of one of Bremer's friends, a Twin City contractor.

The agents were seeking the master confidence man in Chicago but refused to reveal the name of his victim.

Investigators expressed belief that the swindler, a reputedly well connected Chicagoan, had furnished information to the gang which led to the actual abduction of young Bremer last January.

According to the Government theory, the swindlers and their victim met about a year ago in a hotel in South Bend, Ind.

Went to Get Money.

The swindlers and the dupe allegedly "won" some \$900,000 before the supposed bookmaker demanded evidence that they could have paid, if they had lost. Then, the Twin City man, according to the agents' theory, went to St. Paul and obtained from his friend, young Bremer, \$50,000. The money was posted and that was the last he saw of it.

But the swindlers, according to information given agents, passed the word of the wealth of the Bremers to the kidnapers who seized him Jan. 17.

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CHICAGO, April 27.—Upwards of \$40,000 ransom money paid by the family of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnap victim, has been recovered, and one of the money passers is in custody, it was reported today.

Information from sources close to the Bremer family was received here saying that at least \$40,000 was taken to the Spider Lake, Wis., lodge from which John Dillinger and his gang escaped Sunday night.

The money was left in an overnight case belonging to one of the three girls arrested after Dillinger fled. The girls are now prisoners in the Madison, Wis., jail.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said there was no truth in the report from St. Paul so far as he knew.

But from other reliable sources the claim was made that the money, all corresponding to serial numbers of currency paid to the kidnapers, has been recovered, and that action by the Bremer family to recover it was planned.

One arrest here by Federal agents led to the recovery of \$2,665 in Bremer money.

William E. Vidler, 34, a former convict, was captured by Federal agents in a racehorse handbook office. He had \$3,185 in cash, and of that amount \$2,665 was ransom money paid by the Bremers.

Authorities believe Vidler is possibly a "passer" of the funds for the Dillinger gang, or for Alvin

Karpis and "Doc" and Fred Barker, alleged Bremer kidnapers.

Reports from St. Paul indicate that fingerprints found in the Spider Lake Lodge coincide with those recorded during the investigation of the Bremer case.

Seizure of a safety deposit box in St. Paul, owned by Beth Green, widow of the slain Gene Green, Dillinger henchman, disclosed \$3,665 in currency, some of which is said also to be Bremer ransom money. The remainder was identified as money taken in a bank robbery in South Dakota.

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Bremer's family paid \$200,000 for his release. Arrest of a man here with \$2,665 of the Bremer ransom money on him led to the arrest of McLaughlin, long a power in Democratic politics in Illinois. Search for a third man has been started.

New York, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth and Dallas were said to be among the cities where Federal operatives have instituted an undercover hunt for the "hot money" men. The annual business done by the ring was said to exceed \$500,000,000.

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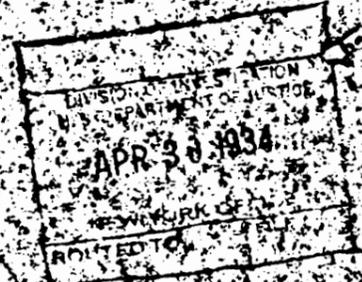
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Government agents based the search world today in efforts to apprehend the abductors of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, whose freedom cost \$200,000.

Authorities with five persons in custody in the case here—two of whose identities were shrouded in mystery—intimated they were fearful gangland guns might get to others they seek before they could be arrested or make any disclosures to the investigators.

Fears for the safety of those who might talk about Bremer ransom money were apparently well founded. The authorities based them on the connection they believe exists between the Bremer kidnapers and the ramifications of a huge "hot money" ring operated in several cities for years. The ring is accused of disposing of ransom monies, stolen bonds, securities and specie to an estimated total of \$50,000,000.

Indicted in the mail robbery case was John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, once a Chicago political power. Two men who might have been witnesses against him were slain mysteriously, and now McLaughlin is one of the five held.

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SWINDLE LINKS DILLINGER AIDS TO BREMER CASE

Banker's Friend Is Victim of Plot.

Chicago operatives of the department of justice ordered the arrest yesterday of William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, as they followed a thread in the tangled skein which involves the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for desperado Dillinger's gang. Mead is wanted because federal agents believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer as a likely ransom prospect. The order for his arrest followed the seizure of John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and four others late last week as a result of the tracing of some of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom here.

Contractor Is Swindled.
The Bremer investigation revealed yesterday that, a short time before the kidnaping, Martin Wunderlich, a St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, was swindled out of at least \$50,000, according to the operatives, by Mead and his gang.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation here, who was being assisted by Harold Nathan, second in command of the government bureau at Washington, refused to discuss the link between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer ransom. He also declined to name two prisoners he is holding incommunicado along with "Boss" McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin Jr., his 17 year old son, and William Vidler, in whose hands some of the Bremer ransom money was supposed to have been found.

Name Actual Kidnapers.
Purvis refused to say whether or not the secret prisoners are Arthur [Doc] Barker and Alvin Karpis, ex-convicts from Oklahoma and Dillinger hangers-on, who are sought as the actual Bremer kidnapers.

The two federal officials were said to be in constant touch with St. Paul, eagerly seeking news of the Dillinger hunt and endeavoring to obtain further links between St. Paul and Chicago in the Bremer kidnap investigation that suddenly resulted in the arrest of Vidler here Thursday.

"We are looking for Dillinger every minute of the day, but have received no reports even hinting at his whereabouts," Purvis said. "No one has reported seeing him and no reports of progress have been made by the

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According to the investigation, Mead, a gambler and ex-convict, who has obtained the \$1,000 in ransom money which he carried from "Sam" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's past record of obtaining the release of many criminals from penitentiaries when he was a political power on the west side and a member of the legislature, and his indictment last fall on a charge of possessing bonds taken in a loop mail robbery on Dec. 6, 1932, have convinced the federal men they were on a live trail. They were seeking information connecting McLaughlin with Mead.

Also the federal agents have asked police of all cities to report any known relations between Mead and Barker and Karpis, the actual kidnapers of Bremer. Mead is 50 years old and has served prison sentences in California, Colorado, and Florida. He is known as the "Christian Kid" and is married to a woman known as "California Kate."

Headquarters in Chicago.

In his youth he was a shoplifter but for many years he has been known as the head of the slickest gang of confidence men ever to operate in this country, according to the agents. They said he now owns two buildings in Chicago and has been making his headquarters here for some time.

His entry into the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping came when Wunderlich, the contractor, called at Purvis' office here and told his story of the \$50,000 fraud. The connection between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer kidnaping was immediately suspected by the federal operatives.

In St. Paul yesterday friends recalled Wunderlich had sustained a loss in a swindle last year, but they said he was secretive about it and mentioned only losing \$5,000. He asked that it be kept secret. He was reached by telephone in Jefferson City, Mo., last night and admitted having put federal agents on the trail of Mead.

"I didn't lose any large amount," Mr. Wunderlich said. "I picked out Mead's picture in connection with mat-

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RANSOM "CLEARING HOUSE"



John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin.
(By a staff photographer.)

RANSOM PLOT IS CONFESSED BY M'LAUGHLIN

Handled \$53,000 in Kidnap Case, Prisoner Admits.

BOND SET FOR SON

BULLETIN.

St. Paul, Minn., April 30. — (UP) — Immediate indictment of at least three Chicago men, including John L. (Boss) McLaughlin, in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, will be asked of the federal grand jury here, George Sullivan, United States District attorney, announced today.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Melvin H. Purvis, local chief of the United States division of investigation, announced this afternoon.

Mr. Purvis revealed that Philip Delaney, 34 years old, had been seized at the same time as McLaughlin.

Warrants charging conspiracy to kidnap were issued this afternoon by United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker for both Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17-year-old son of the former state representative. The two were arraigned this afternoon and a bond of \$75,000 was fixed for Delaney and \$30,000 for young McLaughlin.

When the lad was seized on Saturday at the board of trade—he is a messenger for the Rosenbaum Grain Company—he had \$85 in fives and tens that were part of the Bremer ransom money.

Seized with the "Boss" and his son and Delaney is William E. Vidler, an ex-convict. William Elmer Mead, described by federal agents as a notorious swindler, is being sought.

Tax Lien Filed.

As a further hold on Mead, Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, today filed with the clerk of the United States District court an income tax lien, with penalties, amounting to \$80,908.54 for the years 1921, 1924, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

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The actual kidnapers of Bremer, according to Mr. Purvis, were Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. ("Doc") Barker. There has been a rumor that the men are followers of John Dillinger, Public Enemy No. 1, but Mr. Purvis would not comment on this.

Bar tender involved.

Mr. Purvis refused to discuss the case further than his announcement, but it was learned that \$24,000 of the \$53,000 "handled" at

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RANSOM "CLEARING HOUSE"



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HANDLED \$53,000 IN BREMER CASE PRISONER SAYS

Purvis, U. S. Agent, Reveals Confession of Politician.

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M'LAUGHLIN CONFESSES PLOT IN BREMER CASE

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"passed" by McLaughlin went through the hands of Delaney, who used to work as a bartender at the Palmer house.

None of the Bremer money was found on Delaney.

Another development in the case, it was reported, was that McLaughlin and the others also figured in the kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer. This, too, was another business about which Mr. Purvis maintained silence.

Gamblers Sought.

A gambler known as "Sioux City Whitey" was being sought by federal agents in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, according to United Press dispatches from St. Paul this afternoon.

"Sioux City Whitey," operator of a gambling house in the heart of St. Paul, was said to have been the man who, through the Wunderlich swindle, revealed the extent of Bremer's wealth and so tipped off the kidnapers.

Mead, who is known as "The Christian Kid," figured in this swindle, in which Wunderlich was led to believe that by the payment of money to Mead he could get Indiana state road grading contracts.

Race Swindle Bared.

Mead, described by federal men as a notorious swindler, was ordered seized, in addition to the five men already in custody in the Bremer investigation, as the man who perpetrated the \$50,000 swindle in which Martin Wunderlich, a contractor of St. Paul, was said to have been the victim.

The swindling of Wunderlich, which is believed to have convinced the kidnapers that Bremer was a promising kidnap victim, was an old fashioned horse-racing stunt and was perpetrated in South Bend. Invited to that city on the promise of business, Wunderlich is said to have been enticed into a scheme of tapping wires for horse-race results and betting on "sure things."

When his companions had "won" some \$900,000, the report said, they told Wunderlich that the bookmakers who owed it demanded to see \$50,000 as evidence that bets could have been paid if they had been lost. Wunderlich traveled back to St. Paul and raised the money from Bremer, without difficulty, it was said.

NAMED AS BREMER KIDNAPERS



Alvin Karpis (left) and Arthur R. Barker, who today were named by Melvin Purvis of the federal bureau of investigation as the actual kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn. Whether the two men are in custody here was not revealed.

(The Associated Press.)

COIN PHONE USERS WIN \$30,000,000 DECISION

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court ordered the federal Appellate court to make a complete revaluation of the Illinois Bell properties, receipts and expenditures.

"The complete audit by the federal court was bound to show that many, many millions were annually milked out of the Illinois company by the A. T. & T.," Goldstein declared. "So important was this point that six similar suits were begun in other states, to force the A. T. & T. to limit its charges against the local companies to actual service."

Three Work on Case.

Associated with Attorney Goldstein for the city are Attorney Edmund A. Adcock and Attorney George I. Haight. They took the case over from another set of lawyers back in 1929 upon the recommendation of Samuel A. Eftelson, then corporation counsel, and a city council committee headed by Ald. Jacob M. Arvey.

Recently the city council voted to advance them \$160,000 "toward expenses" in connection with the recent audit in the Appellate court. The lawyers are charging no fee, offering, as Goldstein said, "to work for our expenses and take whatever the city council, in its gratitude, may give us when we win. If we lose, we want nothing."

Comparison of Rates.

The following are the telephone rates for coin box phones as charged by the Illinois Bell back in April, 1923, and today and the re-

ductions ordered by the commerce commission:

	Now.	Old.
Minimum monthly	\$3.30	\$3.75
Two-party residence	2.35	2.70
Four-party residence	5.40	6.00
Two-party business	3.90	4.50

The United States Supreme court in its decision of 1929, ordering an audit by the federal court of the Illinois Bell company, pointed out that the A. T. & T. charge for services should be gone into carefully. The Supreme court referred to allegations that the A. T. & T., which owned 99 per cent of the Illinois Bell, also owned the Western Electric, which manufactured equipment, and had bought the latter company on the bargain counter and carried it at par value. This necessitated payment of dividends of a large capital by the A. T. & T.

Statement of Court.

After pointing out the above and other items, the United States Supreme court stated:

"A public utility is entitled to such rates as will permit it to earn a return on the value of the property which it employs for the convenience of the public equal to that generally being made by private investment, but if has no constitutional right to profits such as are realized or anticipated in highly profitable enterprises or speculative ventures."

ST. PAUL JURY CALLED IN CASE OF McLAUGHLIN

Meets Tomorrow; New Dillinger Hunt.

(Pictures on back page.)

While federal authorities here continued to question John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and three others, who are charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January, the scene of action was shifted again to St. Paul in the tangled chain of circumstances involving the kidnaping and the hunt for John Dillinger and his band of outlaws.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul announced the grand jury would convene tomorrow morning to consider indictments against the four men held in Chicago. If the indictments, which are expected to charge conspiracy to kidnap Bremer, are returned tomorrow, certified copies will be sent here immediately as the legal basis for the removal of the prisoners to St. Paul.

Confessed Handling Cash.

McLaughlin has confessed to handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Bremer's release, according to federal agents. The others held with him are his son, John McLaughlin Jr., Philip Delaney, an ex-bartender, and William Vidler, ex-convict.

Two other men are being sought by federal agents as the actual kidnapers of Bremer. They are Alvin Karpis and Arthur [Doc] Barker. These men, known as henchmen of Dillinger, are also being sought in the Twin Cities area by two detachments of federal agents.

The search for Dillinger and his gang was intensified in St. Paul when it was reported that a bullet-riddled automobile was seen speeding through the city. One theory advanced was the outlaws might be hiding somewhere in the Twin Cities after their escape from a federal police trap at Little Bohemia, Wis., ten days ago.

Auto Spurs Search.

The report of the bullet-riddled car was received about the time that Judge Joyce, who is summoning the federal grand jury in the Bremer case, was reducing the bonds of Dr. Clayton May, Minneapolis physician, and his nurse, Mrs. Augusta Salt, who are held on charges of harboring Dillinger after he escaped from federal agents in St. Paul a month ago. Their bonds were reduced from \$50,000 each to \$20,000 each.

Evelyn Frechette, Dillinger's girl companion on several of his raids, will be arraigned in St. Paul today on federal charges of harboring the gangster. The Frechette girl was arrested in Chicago two weeks ago and was removed to St. Paul.

At San Antonio, Tex., federal authorities reported George [Baby Face] Nelson, Dillinger gangster, had been identified as the man to whom H. L. Ledman, a gunsmith, sold five machine guns last October. The weapons were sent to Minneapolis. Homer Van Meter and Tommy Carroll, other Dillinger gangsters, were with Nelson on his visits to San Antonio, it was learned.

McLaughlin and his three alleged co-

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KATHARINE HEPBURN EXPECTS TO OBTAIN HER DIVORCE TODAY

MERIDA, Yucatan, May 1.—(P)—Katharine Hepburn, red haired stage and screen star, indicated today that since she and her business man husband, Ludlow Ogden Smith, had agreed to divorce terms, she would leave shortly for New York with a Mexican decree.

The terms were settled during a conference at Progreso, a seaport near here, and the matter was later taken up by a Merida court with the understanding that the agreement would facilitate the proceedings.

Miss Hepburn, who came here eight days ago as Mrs. Smith, planned to take a plane early tomorrow for Havana, whence she will sail for New York. She attended religious services today at the Merida cathedral and spent some time visiting ancient Mayan ruins and seeing modern Yucatan.

conspirators were questioned at the county jail yesterday. Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice agents in the Chicago area, refused to disclose if any further details of the kidnaping plot had been learned from them.

Attorney William Parillo announced last night he would appear before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker today and schedule real estate and other property for the release of young McLaughlin, 17 years old, who is held on \$30,000 bond.

U. S. Charges Mead.

Federal authorities disclosed yesterday a criminal information charging income tax evasion has been filed against William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, also sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping. The in-

formation, charging Mead with failing to file a return on an income of \$59,501 in 1932, and adding accrued interest and penalties totaling \$11,725 was filed March 31, but was suppressed because the government wished to seize Mead when he appeared on another charge.

Mead is charged with swindling Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, out of more than \$50,000. Wunderlich, who denied he was fleeced by Mead, is believed by government agents to have asked Bremer for money to guarantee his integrity to Mead and his gang of confidence men, and in this way the "finger" may have been put on Bremer as a kidnaping prospect.

Mead's income in 1932, according to United States District Attorney Dwight Green, came from a swindle perpetrated on L. P. Baker, a wealthy New England retired business man. Baker is supposed to have put up money to guarantee his integrity in a scheme for race track coups. This was the swindle allegedly worked on Wunderlich also.

Accused in Mail Fraud.

Mead is also charged with perpetrating a mail fraud last year on Parker C. Morton of Jacksonville, Fla. Morton is reported to have lost \$11,860 in a stock promotion scheme instigated by Mead. Mead had been at liberty on \$10,000 bond on this charge and was to have appeared in Jacksonville April 2, when the government planned to seize him on the income tax charges. He did not appear and forfeited the bond.

On Monday, Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, filed a lien against any property held by Mead and his wife, Marie, for income tax shortages totaling \$40,700 for eight years since 1921.

Wunderlich
Baker

INDICTMENTS TO BE ASKED IN ST. PAUL

Hamm and Bremer 'Snatches'
Closely Linked, Federal
Investigators Indicate

CHICAGO, May 1 (I.N.S.). Hinting that a solution of the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was close at hand, United States District Attorney Dwight Green today directed further questioning of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former legislator, and three men held as co-conspirators.

McLaughlin has admitted handling \$53,000 of the huge Bremer ransom.

Indictments Sought

Indictments will be asked of the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul within 24 hours, Prosecutor Green asserted, and the four prisoners will be taken there as soon as the indictments are returned and certified copies received here.

Held with McLaughlin are his 17-year-old son, John, Jr.; William Vidler and Philip Delaney. Vidler, when arrested had \$2,500 of the marked ransom money in his possession. Young McLaughlin had \$85 of the ransom money in a safe deposit box.

Delaney, a former bartender, admitted handling \$24,000 of the ransom cash passed by the elder McLaughlin. It was stated before United States Commissioner Edward Walker.

All four men are charged with conspiracy to obtain money in the Bremer kidnaping.

Federal agents are still searching for Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma ex-convicts now allied with the John Dillinger gang.

May Solve Hamm Case

Federal operatives intimated they are confident that a solution of the Bremer kidnaping will likewise unravel the previous \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. What evidence they have uncovered linking the two cases, Federal men would not say.

That a possible link existed between the kidnaping of Bremer and the reported \$50,000 swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, was indicated when a \$60,908 income tax lien was filed here against William E. Mead, described by Federal investigators as a swindler.

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McLaughlin Confesses He Got \$53,000 of Bremer's Ransom

Chicago, April 30 (AP).—Four men had been snared tonight in Government traps set along the back trail of Edward Bremer's \$200,000 kidnap ransom and from its prisoners the Department of Justice learned of an interlocking band of criminals embracing the Dillinger gang, Bremer's kidnapers, a notorious swindler and a mail robbers' fence.

John J. McLaughlin, former State Legislator, confessed today he was given \$53,000 of the St. Paul banker's ransom to circulate, Melvin H. Purvis, of the Bureau of Investigation, announced.

From whom he got the money was a secret of the Government or McLaughlin. Held with the old-time politician on charges of conspiracy to possess the ransom were his 17-year-old son, Jack; Philip Delaney, 34, nabbed at McLaughlin's home, and William E. Vidler, whose arrest Thursday launched the round-up of the gang.

Hunted as the actual kidnapers were two former convicts from Oklahoma, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis—criminals who were part of the Dillinger school, of seven big

ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia, resort in Wisconsin, a week ago.

William E. Mead, a swindler, already under bond on another Federal charge, is also accused.

Exactly how much McLaughlin told in his confession Purvis and Harold Nathan, of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington, would not reveal. Nathan arrived here Saturday.

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U. S. Agents Solve Bremer Kidnaping; Four Men Arrested

McLaughlin Alleged to Have Confessed Handling \$53,000 of Ransom Money

By United Press

CHICAGO—Federal detectives who for four months have relentlessly sifted the underworlds of a dozen cities recorded as solved today one of the most sensational and baffling crimes of recent years, the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

Four men were held on charges of conspiracy in abduction of the wealthy banker. Among them was John J. McLaughlin, one-time political leader of Chicago's west side and reputed overlord of city gambling concessions.

CONFESSION REPORTED

Investigators said McLaughlin confessed that he handled \$53,000 of the huge ransom paid for Bremer's release.

His 17-year-old son, John Jr., was arraigned yesterday before a United States commissioner and held under \$30,000 bond when agents testified he had \$85 of the ransom money.

With him was arraigned Philip Delaney, 34, a bartender. Melvin Purvis, chief Department of Justice agent here, revealed that Delaney was arrested Saturday, at the same time the senior McLaughlin was held. He was said to have passed \$24,000 of Bremer's money.

Both the younger McLaughlin and Delaney pleaded not guilty. Delaney's bond was set at \$75,000.

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GANGSTERS SOUGHT

The other man held is William Vidler, arrested with \$2665 of the Bremer money in his possession.

Federal men searched the entire southwest, meanwhile, for two notorious gangsters, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Attorney General Homer S. Cummings announced several weeks ago that Barker and Karpis had been identified as the men who actually kidnaped Bremer.

SEEK TRIGGER MAN

Meanwhile, a criminal bill of information was filed against William E. (Christian Kid) Mead, on charges of failing to pay an income tax on the profits of a confidence game.

It was the first time that the Government ever has moved to convict on this exact charge altho Al Capone was sent to Atlanta penitentiary for failure to pay tax on the profits of his vast liquor and vice domain.

Mead, said by Department of Justice operatives to be as shrewd as his famous colleague, Joseph (Yellow Kid) Wiel, is hunted as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

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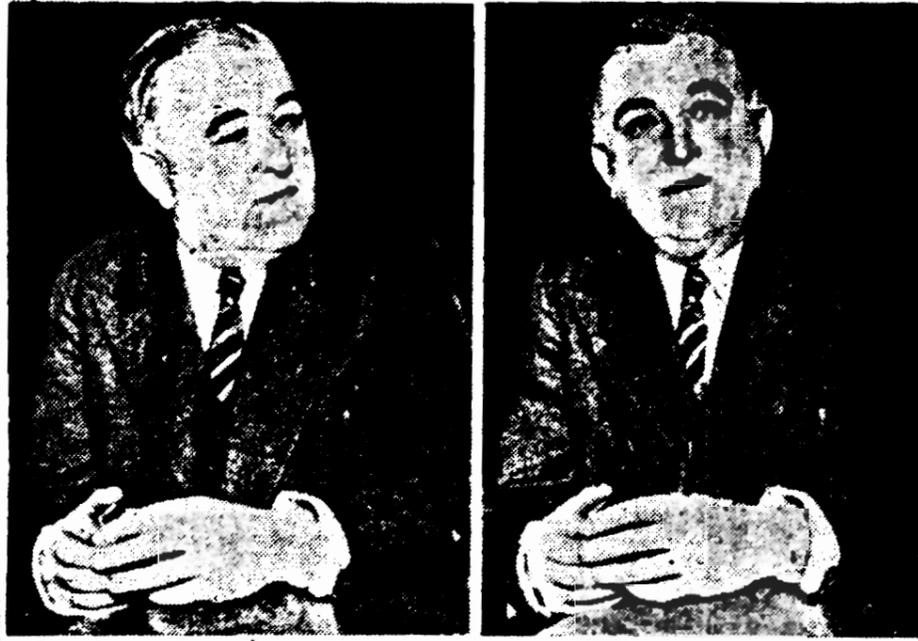
KIDNAP MONEY —



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the ransom money paid in the St. Paul kidnaping of banker Bremer. McLaughlin's arrest came after William E. Vidler, gambler and racket "runner", was caught with more than \$2,000 of the "hot" money on his person.

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POLITICIAN CONFESSES HANDLING



"BOSS" SINGS—Characteristic poses of "Boss" John McLaughlin, powerful Chicago politician, are shown above. McLaughlin has confessed to agents of the Department of Justice that he was the "fence" to dispose of some \$53,000 of

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POLITICAL BOSS BREAKS; KIDNAP ROUND-UP NEAR

U. S. Announces Confession
by McLaughlin; To Solve
Bremer, Hamm Abductions

CHICAGO, April 30 (U.S.). Announcing a confession by John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and the arrest of additional suspects in the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping, Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, declared tonight complete solution of the St. Paul abduction was at hand.

From other sources it was learned that a solution of the William Hamm, jr., kidnaping, also of St. Paul, is expected shortly, Purvis said:

"McLaughlin has admitted he handled \$53,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap money."

BARTENDER HELD

Purvis announced for the first time the arrest of Phillip Delaney, former bartender in one of Chicago's exclusive hotels. He said also that a search was on for William Elmer Mead, described by Federal agents as a notorious swindler. Delaney, from his vantage point in the fashionable hotel, passed out about \$24,000 of the ransom money, according to Purvis.

The Government investigator also named definitely as Bremer's actual kidnapers Alvin Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker, former members of an Oklahoma gang of outlaws who recently have been operating with the John Dillinger desperadoes.

HELD FOR SWINDLE

MEAD was sought on the Government's belief that he was perpetrator of a \$50,000 swindle upon Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and friend of Edward G. Bremer. Wunderlich was fleeced on the old race track swindle and is said to have borrowed the \$50,000 from Bremer.

Information obtained since the Bremer case suddenly "broke" here after weeks in which there were no developments, indicates the probability that when the swindlers of Wunderlich saw how easy it was to get the \$50,000 from Bremer, plans immediately were made for Bremer's kidnaping and the demand for the \$200,000 ransom.

Purvis disclosed that when Jack McLaughlin, 17-year-old son of "Boss" McLaughlin, was arrested Saturday in the Chicago Board of Trade Building, he had \$85 of the ransom money in fives and tens in his possession.

While young McLaughlin was held originally only for questioning, authorities tonight asserted belief he was almost as deep as his father in the plot to get rid of the kidnap money.

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Bremer and Swindle Evidence To Go to Grand Jury Here Soon

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**Government Hides Identity
of One Man, Believed Held
in \$200,000 Mulcting of
Martin Wunderlich.**

CONTRACTOR DENIES HE WAS VICTIMIZED

The United States grand jury which adjourned Saturday "subject to call" probably will be recalled soon to consider indictments against five persons held in Chicago in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the \$200,000 swindle of a St. Paul contractor, Federal officials indicated Monday.

Those held in Chicago are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, who, according to federal officials in Chicago, confessed handling \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom money; his son, John McLaughlin Jr.; William E. Vidler, former convict arrested with \$2,005 of Bremer money in his possession; Phillip Delaney, arrested with McLaughlin, and one man whose identity has not been disclosed and is guarded carefully by the Department of Justice.

The man whose identity was not revealed is believed to be held in connection with the alleged swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul highway contractor, last year. The others are charged with conspiracy in the Bremer case.

Certified copies of complaints, it was learned from an authoritative source, seeking removal of the men to St. Paul were sent by Bernard Anderson, United States marshal, to Chicago Saturday. W. T. Goddard, United States commissioner, asked whether he had signed the complaints, said: "Such information will have to come from the marshal's of-

rice or the Department of Justice."

Late Monday warrants were issued charging the younger McLaughlin and Delaney with conspiracy. The warrants were identical to those issued previously for the elder McLaughlin and Vidler.

The youth and Delaney were arraigned and obtained a continuance until May 7, the same date the others are to appear. Bond for Delaney was set at \$75,000 despite his protests that it was "out of reason", and bond for young McLaughlin was fixed at \$30,000.

At Jefferson City, Mo., Mr. Wunderlich, who is engaged there on a large road job, denied that he had been swindled, the Associated Press reported.

"I haven't lost any money at all," he said when questioned about the reported swindling, allegedly by William Elmer Mead, former convict.

MEAD SERVED TIME FOR COLORADO DEAL.

Denver, April 30.—(AP)—William Elmer Mead, sought by Federal agents in connection with the search for the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was one of 23 men arrested in Denver in August, 1922, in a drive on "bunco artists", Denver police said today.

Mead was identified by H. Rasmussen of Denver as a man who tried to fleece him of \$25,000 and was convicted in March, 1923 and sentenced to the Colorado penitentiary for three to ten years.

He was released in 1925 and was re-arrested at the prison gates on a Federal charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with a charge against him in Florida, according to police records here. He was released on bond in the Florida case.

Police records also show Mead was arrested last August 11 in Chicago on a charge of defrauding W. J. Hamilton of Springfield Ill., of \$10,000 in a securities deal, and jumped bond.

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IN BREMER KIDNAP SIFT



John J. McLaughlin Jr., (top picture, standing) was taken to the U. S. marshal's office in Chicago Monday for fingerprinting. He is accused with his father of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Young McLaughlin was said to have some of the ransom bills in his pocket when he was detained. His father confessed that he handled \$53,000 of the \$300,000 ransom currency. In the middle, Phillip Delaney, former Chicago bartender (standing) is shown as he signed his fingerprint record after he also was charged with a part in the conspiracy. Delaney is charged specifically with handling \$22,000 of the ransom. At the bottom is William Elmer (Christian Kid) Mead, a former convict with a police record as a confidence man, who is the object of a nation-wide search following alleged disclosure that he was the "finger man" in the Bremer abduction. Authorities said they had learned that Mead selected Bremer as a kidnap victim after he had aided Marvin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and one of Mead's confidence game victims, by putting up \$50,000 promptly.



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Bremer Jury Sift Scheduled For Thursday

Indictments Will Be Sought Against 2 McLaughlins and 2 Convicts.

A federal grand jury to consider indictments against four persons held in Chicago on conspiracy charges in connection with kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, has been called for Thursday morning, Judge M. M. Joyce announced today.

The four in custody of the Department of Justice in Chicago are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator who, federal officials said, confessed handling \$33,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money; John McLaughlin Jr., his 17-year-old son, and Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler, former convicts.

Evidence in connection with the reported swindle of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor, more than a year ago, also is expected to be presented to the grand jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

Vidler was picked up by Chicago police in a gambling establishment and held for investigation. More than \$3,000 was found in his possession, and after a check against the Bremer ransom, it was found that \$2,665 was part of the payment made for the release of the St. Paul banker.

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McLaughlin's Confession
Links Dillinger Gang
to Kidnap Plot.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Melvin Purvis of the United States Department of Justice announced today that John J. (Eos) McLaughlin has confessed handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid early this year in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

McLaughlin, former State Legislator, was held under \$100,000 bond for hearing May 7. His 17-year-old son, John Jr., a messenger boy in a brokerage office, also was held.

Purvis, head of the Justice Department office in Chicago, said the confession of the pudgy McLaughlin, one time political power, marked one of the biggest steps in the solution of numerous crimes.

Linked to Dillinger.

Among other things, Purvis said, it linked the Bremer kidnaping with the Dillinger gang and a mob of Oklahoma outlaws headed by Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers, Fred and Arthur. Arthur Barker and Karpis were believed to have been part of the Dillinger school of seven big ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia resort in Wisconsin a week ago. Connected also, officers believed, were a notorious swindler and a mail robbers' fence.

Hints were given that disclosure of this gang combine might lead to a solution of other famous kidnapings.

In connection with the general investigation, Federal agents arrested Philip Delaney, 34-year-old bartender, and instigated a search for William E. Mead, said to be the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Gambler Also Hunted.

The Federal men also were said to be seeking a notorious gambler known as "Sioux City Whitey," believed to have connections with Mead.

Of the \$53,000 McLaughlin admitted handling for the Bremer kidnapers \$24,000 was turned over to Delaney, he told the investigators. Part of this, they said, was found on Delaney when he was seized.

Most of McLaughlin's pot, it appears, already has been poured out—

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Politician Confesses Bremer Ransom Deal

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changed at banks and shops into bona fide currency, expended, or passed on through the underworld channels. Some was put into bank accounts or deposit boxes and is being traced.

Mead Suspected in Swindle.

The Federal agents theory is that Mead assisted in swindling Martin Wunderlich out of \$50,000 at South Bend, Ind., about a year ago. Wunderlich is a contractor working out of St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo. He obtained the \$50,000 from Bremer, a St. Paul banker, and that was the "tipoff" to Mead that Bremer had plenty of money.

Then, the Federal department claims, Mead "tipped off" the gangs. The Dillinger and Karpis gangs joined forces, backed, the agents claim, by the support of McLaughlin. The Karpis gang kidnaped Bremer. The Dillingers worked in the background. The money, the agents claim, was taken to McLaughlin, who disposed of it.

The Government tightened its hold on Mead today by filing, through Carter H. Harrison, collector of internal revenue, an income tax lien amounting to \$60,908.54 for the years 1921, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932 and 1933.

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BREMER KIDNAPING HELPS SOLVED BY U. S.

Federal Agents Say Arrest of Four
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in St. Paul Kidnaping

By the United Press.
CHICAGO, May 1.—Federal de-
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\$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.
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Four men were held on charges of
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leader of Chicago's West Side. In-
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Bremer Cash Is Traced to Dillinger Ring

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, April 30 (AP).—Four men had been snared tonight in Government traps set along the back trail of Edward Bremer's \$200,000 ransom, and from its prisoners the Department of Justice learned of an interlocking band of criminals embracing the Dillinger gang, Bremer's kidnapers, a notorious swindler and a mail robbers' fence.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former State legislator, confessed today he was given \$53,000 of the St. Paul banker's ransom to circulate, Melvin H. Purvis of the Bureau of Investigation announced.

Source a Secret.

From whom he got the money was a secret. Held with the old time politician on charges of conspiracy to possess the ransom were his 17-year-old son, Jack, a brokerage messenger; Philip Delaney, 34, nabbed at McLaughlin's home, and William E. Vidler, whose arrest Thursday launched the roundup of the gang.

Purvis said Delaney also had admitted possession and passing some of the ransom money.

Hunted as the actual kidnapers were two former convicts from Oklahoma, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis—criminals who were part of the Dillinger school of seven big ones that got away from the Federal net at Little Bohemia lodge in Wisconsin a week ago.

Mead in Tax Net.

Coincidental with the issuance of warrants against Delaney and young McLaughlin today, the Collector of Internal Revenue filed an income tax lien for \$60,098 against William Elmer Mead, convict and swindler whose tracks were sighted along one of the side trails of the Bremer case.

Federal authorities refused to furnish any enlightening details of the Mead offshoot of the sensational kidnaping, but he was understood to have been the man who "discovered" Bremer as a potential victim.

Mead, like McLaughlin, was already under bond on another Federal charge. McLaughlin is accused of being the high fence in handling the \$250,000 loot of a Chicago mail robbery in December, 1932. Mead forfeited \$10,000 bond here by ignoring his scheduled trial in Jacksonville, Fla., on a mail fraud charge.

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JAILED IN KIDNAPING EXPOSE



TAKING THE SHORT WAY TO THE LOCKUP.—John McLaughlin Jr., son of "Boss" McLaughlin, politician, and Phillip Delaney (hand over face); former Loop bartender, were hustled off to a cell after being held on charges of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

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BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

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PARIS, April 30.—While artillery, tanks and machine guns were ostentatiously reminding workers of Paris that Premier Gaston Doumergue's national union government will tolerate no disturbances on "Red May day" tomorrow, bloody rioting broke out anew tonight at Mantes and at Angers.

At Angers one policeman was killed and many were wounded in hand-to-hand fighting when an anti-government mob led by communists stormed a hall where a political meeting in favor of the Doumergue government was being held. Besides sticks and stones, the rioters used tear gas to break up the meeting.

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"Was it customary for young McLaughlin to carry money in his hat?" Hassenauer asked, intimating that this was where the money was found.

After the bonds had been set Ferillo denied young McLaughlin carried the money in his hat, but stated it had been found in a safety deposit box, in which was a total of \$390. He said the senior McLaughlin had given the money to his son and the boy did not know where it came from.

McLaughlin in his confession, is reported to have stated that Delaney passed \$24,000 of the ransom money. All of the money, with the exception of \$3,400, most of which was found at

U. S. COURT TO DECIDE HOW

TRIO HUNTED AS KEY TO BREMER KIDNAP PLOT

Complete solution of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, with the possible recovery of a major part of the \$200,000 ransom money, hinged today on the capture of three men.

They are Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma ex-convicts now allied with John Dillinger and named as the actual kidnapers, and William Elmer ("Christian Kid") Mead, notorious swindler, said to have been the "finger man" who selected the St. Paul banker as a victim.

United States District Attorney Green announced that while the hunt for these men continued, indictments would be sought within twenty-four hours before the federal grand jury in St. Paul against the four prisoners seized in a roundup in Chicago.

FOUR HELD IN PLOT.

They are John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, who admitted handling \$53,000 of the ransom money; his son, John Jr., 17, who was found in possession of \$85 of the Bremer funds; Philip Delaney, loop bartender, who said he had passed \$24,000 of the marked money given him by McLaughlin Sr. and William Vidler, whose arrest while he held \$2,800 of Bremer money led to the seizure of the others.

Warrants charging conspiracy in the abduction have been issued against the quartet following assignments before United States Commissioner Walker. Their cases have been set for May 7, with \$100,000 bonds for "Boss" McLaughlin and Vidler; \$75,000 for Delaney, and \$30,000 for young McLaughlin.

FACE FURTHER QUIZ.

Mr. Green added that the prisoners will be subjected to further questioning in the hope of learning just how and by whom the money was delivered to the Chicago "fence," McLaughlin, after Adolph Bremer had delivered it for the release of his son.

Solution of the Bremer case also will untangle the mystery of the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, federal authorities intimated. They would not say, however, how the cases were connected.

"Christian Kid" Mead entered the picture when it became known he had engineered a \$50,000 swindle upon Martin Wunderlich, contractor friend of Bremer, who advanced the money. The theory is Mead selected Bremer as a good kidnaping victim at that time.

MEXICANS JOIN KIDNAP HUNT

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Continued, spread that the child had been found by her grandfather somewhere south of the Mexican border and was being returned to her home here. First reports had the child located at Magdalena but

AS JAIL DOORS YAWN



Deputy Marshal Ben Goldberg fingerprinting John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17, while Attorney William Parrillo looks on.

Young McLaughlin is being held by the federal government for possessing part of the Bremer kidnap ransom.



Philip Delaney, bartender, who was seized for aiding in handling the Bremer kidnaping ransom money. He is being fingerprinted by Deputy Marshal Ben Goldberg. (Chicago American photo.)

75'S IN PARIS TO STEM RIOTING

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Assembled a battered war-time city with the city hall and the Hotel Grand Central, filled with American tourists, serving as barracks for troops.

Communists defied the mayor's orders not to parade, and as more disorders threatened 340 additional mobile guards were rushed from Versailles to help maintain peace.

The Communist newspaper, L'Humanite, said there were twelve regiments of infantry and twelve squadrons of cavalry on duty in Paris in addition to the thousands of mobile guards permanently stationed in the capital.

The public was warned against rioting by the publication in all papers of photographs of fast caterpillar automobiles and tanks with mounted machine guns, and of horse-drawn carriages also carrying machine guns. Also there were numerous seventy-five millimeter cannon brought into the capital the day.

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DIRECTED GANG TO VICTIM, IS NEW CLUE

W. E. Mead, Notorious "Con" Man, Duped Banker's Friend Of at Least \$50,000

CHICAGO, April 30 (I.N.S.). William E. Mead, notorious swindler, was sought by Federal agents here today as they pushed investigation of the "hot money" syndicate which involves the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for John Dillinger and his gang. Mead's arrest was ordered, it was learned, because Federal operatives believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliations, to Banker Bremer.

The latest development followed closely on the arrest here of John J. ("Boss" McLaughlin, former Chicago political power, and four others as a result of the discovery here of a part of the Bremer ransom money.

Bill Identified

McLaughlin's arrest followed the seizure by Federal agents of William Vidler, and the finding on his person of \$2,800 of the Bremer ransom. According to the Department of Justice Vidler implicated "Boss" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John, jr., is also being held, as are two men whom Federal agents refuse to identify.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation here, refused to say whether or not the two unidentified men held are Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, Dillinger gangsters, sought as the actual kidnapers of Bremer.

Mead, who has served prison sentences in California, Colorado and Florida, entered the investigation of the Bremer case as a suspect of the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, of at least \$50,000, it was learned.

It was also learned that Mr. Wunderlich was lured to South Bend, Ind., by the confidence men, supposedly to arrange a business deal. While waiting for one of the principals to the deal who the confidence men said had been suddenly called to Washington, Mr. Wunderlich was introduced to a "Kentucky Colonel" familiar with system to beat the horse races. After a day or so of moderate winnings the "colonel" announced arrangement of a "winning" bet which that they had won \$900,000. But the gamblers refused to pay off until they were assured Mr. Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

Bremer Gave Money

With one of the conspirators, said to have been Mead, Mr. Wunderlich went to St. Louis and borrowed a large sum of money from Mr. Bremer. He took the money to South Bend and that was the last he saw of it and of his friends.

According to the Federal men, Mr. Wunderlich's call on Mr. Bremer in company with Mead, marked Mr. Bremer for a kidnap victim.

The swindlers, agents said, passed the information to the kidnapers who abducted Bremer.

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Hunt for Kidnapers of Bremer May Give Agents Dillinger Clue

Police Believe Gangsters De-
serted Dillinger; Bremer
Conspirators Arraigned

By United Press
CHICAGO — Like 50-new puzzle
workers fitting together interlocking
pieces, Federal detectives today used
new details of the \$200,000 kidnaping
of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to
formulate new plans for apprehension
of the John Dillinger gang.

With a confession obtained from
John (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago po-
litical leader, that he handled \$53,000
of the Bremer ransom money, and
with three other men under arrest on
conspiracy charges in the case, the
Government sleuths turned their ef-
forts toward capture of the actual
kidnapers.

DILLINGER ASSOCIATES

A half-dozen raids were made
secretly on the Chicago North Side in
a search for Alvin Karpis and Arthur
Barker, named by Atty. Gen. E. A.
Tamm as the men who took
Bremer from an exclusive St. Paul
residential street and held him 22
days.

Both Karpis and Barker are known
to have affiliated with Dillinger since
his "toy gun" escape March 3 from
the Crown Point, Ind., jail.

DESERTED GANG

St. Paul authorities said today they
had learned that Dillinger's crew had
split into two factions as a result of
the "heat" since a series of gun battles
last week ago near Spider Lake, Wis.

Despite the fact that Karpis and
Barker were believed to have desert-
ed the gang, leaving Dillinger sup-
ported only by a handful of his "old
guard," the Federal agents hoped that
tips regarding whereabouts of Karpis
and Barker might lead eventually to
the Indiana outlaw leader.

OTHERS ARRANGED

Legal action was to be taken today
in St. Paul against both McLaughlin
and his associate, Evelyn Paschke,
red-headed sweetheart of Dillinger,
and Beth Green, widow of another of
the outlaws.

The women will be arraigned on
Federal charges of harboring a fugi-
tive.

A Federal grand jury convened to
hear charges against McLaughlin and
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TO HEAR BREMER EVIDENCE
N.Y. TIMES, MAY 2, 1934
Indicting McLaughlin Group.

Special to The New York Times.
CHICAGO, May 1.—Judge Joyce of the Federal court announced today that a grand jury would consider here tomorrow the cases of John J. McLaughlin, his son, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, charged with conspiracy relative to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. If indictments are found, the prisoners, under arrest here, will be sent to St. Paul.
McLaughlin and the three alleged co-conspirators were examined at the county jail today. William Parillo, an attorney, will try to obtain tomorrow the release of young McLaughlin on bail.

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"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN AGAIN

It is with peculiar interest that we of Springfield read the news report of the admission made by a well-known Chicago politician that he "passed" \$63,000 of the \$200,000 ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case.

The name of this particular politician is quite familiar to readers of Springfield newspapers of a few years ago when the Honorable John J. McLaughlin occupied a seat in the lower house of the Illinois General Assembly.

When the corrupt election was held in the Assembly which placed William E. Lorimer in the federal senate, the Honorable John J. McLaughlin, a democrat, was conspicuous among those supporting Lorimer, republican.

It was afterwards revealed that the Lorimer election was brought about by the wholesale use of money.

The State Register drew down upon its head the wrath of many political leaders because this newspaper exposed the election corruption in its news columns and urged editorially that every democrat participating be driven out of public life and pilloried as unfit.

John J. McLaughlin was among those most resentful of this "reflection" upon his integrity. His district renominated him and he accepted that as a "vindication."

Now we find this same very Honorable John J. McLaughlin under indictment in a million-dollar postoffice robbery and admitting complicity in the Bremer kidnaping case.

We await developments with interest. Meanwhile people everywhere should see in this case the need of constant and patriotic activity to keep politics and government clean.

The McLaughlin case is only another reminder that "the chickens come home to roost."

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Hunted Pair May Be Bremer's Kidnapers

By United Press

CABOOL, Mo.—Run to ground in the rough Ozark hills by state and county officers, two men today abandoned their car and woman companion and fled on foot.

Officers aided by bloodhounds were close on the trail and expected the keen-nosed dogs to eventually lead them to the men.

The woman was caught near the car. Capt. A. D. Sheppard of the State Highway Patrol said she was not Bonnie Parker, tough companion of Clyde Barrow, Southwestern desperado.

Capt. Sheppard also said he was sure the men sought were not Barrow or any of his gang. It was possible, he said, they might be Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, wanted on murder charges and suspect in the Bremer kidnaping.

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McLaughlin Denies Bremer Kidnaping

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TRUE BILL ASKED FOR M'LAUGHLIN IN BREMER CASE

U. S. Jury Hears Kidnaped Banker at St. Paul; Asked to Hold 4.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—(AP)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who paid \$200,000 for his release by kidnapers after being imprisoned for twenty-two days, was the first witness called before the federal grand jury which reconvened today to consider indictments against four Chicagoans held for conspiracy under the Lindbergh law.

The grand jury, which adjourned last Saturday after returning indictments against several persons charged with harboring Dillinger, was reconvened following the arrest of William Vidler, former convict, by Chicago police. Bremer ransom money was found in his possession.

John ("Boss") McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John Jr., and Philip Delaney, former bartender, were subsequently arrested and indictments against the four were asked of the grand jury, which was recalled today.

M'LAUGHLIN'S WIFE ASKS ROOSEVELT TO AID HIM

Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, wife of the former state representative who, with their son, is held in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, today telegraphed President Roosevelt as follows:

"I appeal to you in the name of justice as an American lady, wife and mother to delay indictment against my son and husband on charges made by your agent, Mr. Purvis. I am helpless myself financially to reach Washington to ask investigation of federal office here.

"I appeal to you to have indictment and judgment withheld until such investigation of this case. I deny all charges he (Purvis) made against my husband and son, who are in jail unable to speak for themselves. I know charges made by Mr. Purvis that my son possessed marked money are a falsehood. The disgrace of this case is as great an injustice to the federal government as it is to us. I appeal to you very respectfully."

COLLECTORS RUSH FOR MOTHERS' DAY STAMPS

Long lines of stamp collectors as well as commercial purchasers of stamps jammed the main postoffice today when Postmaster Ernest J. Krueger placed on sale the new Mothers' day special issue. It was necessary to open two extra booths when the regular stamp windows were insufficient to accommodate the rush of purchasers.

Mr. Krueger anticipated that the entire issue of

FORCES JOIN TO HUNT DILLINGER IN CHICAGO (Continued from First Page.)

spread the fame of their alma mater so far and wide were under surveillance in the hunt for the desperado.

The discovery of an automobile in which Dillinger and two others escaped in a hail of bullets from South St. Paul last week and the evidence found in it convinced the police that one of the passengers in the car, and most likely Dillinger, had been wounded and bled enough to leave in a state closely approximating death.

Bloodstains in Car.
The automobile, taken by Dillinger and his companions from Roy Francis, a South St. Paul power plant executive, was discovered late yesterday at Roscoe and Leavitt streets, as was related in late editions of The Daily News.

The rear seat of the small new sedan was covered with blood and depleted first-aid kits were scattered on the floor. Several matchbooks were also found, bearing the advertising of Little Bohemia, the resort where Dillinger and five members of his gang escaped a federal trap in northern Wisconsin ten days ago.

The rear window of the sedan was smashed out, presumably

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Lester
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Tamm

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Stamps, 6,000,000 had been assigned to Chicago. So heavy was the demand that he anticipated the supply would be exhausted in a few days.

The new stamp is issued only in the 3-cent denomination and is the size of a special delivery stamp. It is purple, and carries the reproduction of the famous painting, Whistler's "Mother." The inscription reads: "In Memory and in Honor of the Mothers of America."

CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN RELIEF CASE CONTINUED

Conspiracy charges against two men, one a former employe of the Cook county bureau of public welfare and the other a former clerk for the Illinois emergency relief commission, were continued until May 16 today by Judge Howard Hayes of the Felony court.

Assistant State's Attorney Verne Thompson announced that he will go directly to the grand jury to seek indictments against the pair, who are accused of embezzling \$8,700 in funds which were supposed to have been turned over to the welfare bureau by the relief commission.

Stephen Cooney, 3036 South May street, formerly employed by the welfare bureau, and David H. James, formerly employed by the relief commission, 822 East 74th street, are the two defendants.

Dillinger is known to be in an automobile driving, but they are running gunplay, and it was assumed that he occupied the gunman's seat in the rear, where all the blood was found.

A pair of Illinois license plates, stolen from a physician's car in Freeport, a physician's insignia and a Dubuque (Iowa) newspaper dated April 23 indicated that Dillinger and his gang had come down the Mississippi valley on U. S. route 61, thence through Freeport to Chicago over route 8, the Lake street road.

Henry Johnson, 30 year old Negro, was seized at 5504 South Michigan avenue early today on a "tip-off" that he was a pal of Herbert Youngblood, the Negro who escaped with Dillinger from the Crown Point (Ind.) jail and who subsequently was shot to death in a battle with deputies at Port Huron, Mich.

The police information was that Johnson had accepted \$7,000 to safeguard for Youngblood. Johnson denied that he even knew Youngblood, but was held for further questioning.

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JURY TO COMPLETE BREMER SIFT TODAY

Brother of Kidnaped Banker Heard in Case Involving Four Chicagoans.

A Federal grand jury will continue at 9:30 A. M. today its investigation of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in January.

The jury, recalled after discovery in Chicago of a portion of the ransom money, heard approximately a dozen witnesses Thursday, among them the kidnap victim.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, who is presenting the case, said late Thursday that "we will finish in the morning."

Among the witnesses heard at the afternoon session was Adolph Bremer Jr., brother of the kidnap victim. He was in the grand jury room only a few minutes.

The government is believed to be seeking indictments against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago politician, who "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom; his 17-year-old son, John Jr.; William Vidler, former convict, who had \$2,000 of the ransom when arrested, and Philip Delaney, a Chicago bartender. Although lacking in authority,

APPEALS TO ROOSEVELT

Chicago, May 3.—(AP)—Mrs. John J. McLaughlin appealed by telegraph today to President Roosevelt to "delay the indictment" of her husband and her son, John Jr., on charges of possessing ransom money in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

She asked an investigation of the case, asserted that the charge "that my son possessed marked money is a falsehood", and that "the disgrace of this case is as great an injustice to the Federal government as it is to us".

Werner Hanni, district chief of the Department of Justice, attempted late Thursday to prohibit a reporter from entering the fourth floor of the Postoffice building where the jury was in session.

An elevator operator stopped to pick up a reporter and Hanni said: "No reporters can go to the fourth floor."

"By whose orders?" Hanni was asked.

"I'm ordering it," he replied. The reporter walked to the fourth floor and Mr. Hanni made no further attempt to bar him.

Earlier in the day, H. H. Clegg, inspector in charge of the Justice department's hunt for John Dillinger and the Bremer kidnapers, had barred newspaper men with the warning they would be held in contempt of court if they violated his warning.

Federal officials acquainted said the agents cannot restrict any one from entering any part of a public building without an order from the Federal court.

The order barring reporters was issued shortly after Edward G. Bremer entered the grand jury room. A few days ago, when observed by a reporter, Bremer said to Hanni: "I'm never coming into the Postoffice building again."

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BREMER SIFT JURY INSPECTS PICTURES

Photographs of Evidence Placed Before Federal Investigation Body.

Photographs of evidence in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case were taken before a federal grand jury here today by a Department of Justice agent as the jurors considered indictments against four Chicago persons held on conspiracy charges under the Lindbergh law in connection with the abduction.

Armed with a bundle of pictures, the agent slipped into the grand jury room on the fourth floor of the Federal building.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, was before the grand jury, which was recalled Thursday especially to hear evidence in the Bremer case, to seek indictments against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, who is accused of handling \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom money; his 17-year-old son John; Philip Delaney, a bartender, and William E. Vidler, former convict, all four under arrest in Chicago.

Following the arrest of Vidler by Chicago police in a bookmaking establishment part of the Bremer ransom money was found. Arrest of the other three followed shortly afterward.

It was learned that the photos taken into the grand jury room were of flashlights found near where the ransom was paid. Fingerprints found on these flashlights, purchased at Madison, Wis., connected Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Southwest outlaws, with the abduction.

Adding further interest to the proceedings about the Federal building today was the appearance of a mysterious black bag, first observed the day after Bremer returned home the night of February 7.

The jury adjourned at noon with only one more witness to hear in the Bremer case.

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Barker, Karpis Indicted, Belief

The federal grand jury meeting here today returned a secret report in the investigation of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping. Bench warrants for the persons named in the report were issued by Judge M. M. Joyce.

U. S. Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan refused to say how many persons were listed in the report and whether any of those now held by the government in connection with handling of the Bremer ransom were named.

Reports, however, said that Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been mentioned by Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings as the actual kidnapers, were two of the persons named in the report. Both men have been hunted for several weeks, but have never been indicted. If the grand jury returned indictments against the two men, it was merely a normal matter.

The report returned today was only partial. It disposed of all the evidence prepared by the government in connection with the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker, bringing up to date the government's investigation of that crime.

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Former Secretary Flays "At-
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to Grand Jury.

Pittsburgh, May 4.—(AP)—Dis-
closing that the government is
seeking \$1,319,069.90 additional
taxes and a penalty of \$659,540.45
on his 1931 income, Andrew W.
Mellon charged tonight he is being
"railroaded" to a Federal grand
jury without first being given a
hearing by the Treasury.

The former secretary of the treas-
ury characterized the threatened ac-
tion as an "utter disregard of statu-
tory regulations."

He declared the amounts asked are
in addition to "quite a substantial
sum" already paid for 1931 and that
he expects to take an appeal to the
United States board of tax appeals.

Grand Jury Action Scheduled.

The grand jury action, he said,
is scheduled for next week "under a
new tax policy of sending to the Fed-
eral grand juries income tax cases
which under long-settled practice and
in accordance with acts of Congress
would have been disposed of in the
Treasury department."

Confessing himself "as much in
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ELEVEN PERSONS INDICTED HERE IN BREMER CASE

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WARRANTS GO TO CHICAGO

Three Southwest Gunmen
Mentioned by Cummings
Believed Included.

Eleven persons were charged
with conspiracy in connection with
the \$200,000 abduction of Edward
G. Bremer of St. Paul in a secret
indictment returned here late Fri-
day under the Lindbergh kidnap-
ing act by a Federal grand jury.

The number of persons named in
the blanket indictment came as a
surprise, as Federal agents hereto-
fore have named only seven men as
suspects in the case. Identities of
the other four indicted were guarded
with utmost secrecy.

The indictment was returned in a
partial report of the grand jury to
Judge M. M. Joyce and George F.
Sullivan, United States district at-
torney, immediately asked for iss-
uance of bench warrants for those
accused.

His request was granted and sev-
eral warrants were mailed Friday
night to Chicago. These were be-
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som; his son, John J. Jr.; William
Vidler, gambler and former convict
who is alleged to have had \$2,885 of
the ransom money when arrested,
and Philip Delaney, a Chicago bar-
tender. All four are in custody of
Federal agents at Chicago.

It is believed the indictment also
names Alvin Karpis and Arthur
(Doc) and Fred Barker, Southwest
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INDICT IN BREMER KIDNAPING.

Names Not Revealed in St. Paul Grand Jury Action.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, May 4.—Invoking the powers of the so-called Lindbergh kidnaping act, a United States grand jury today returned a secret indictment charging several persons with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, last January.

The department of justice some time ago announced that Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, both former convicts, are sought as members of the kidnap gang.

It was reported the conspiracy indictment included names of persons held in Chicago accused of handling the Bremer ransom money. They are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John, jr., William Vidler, former convict, and Philip Delaney, a bartender.

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11 More Involved in Bremer Kidnap Case

By United Press

CHICAGO—Eleven men were involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the subsequent disposition of the \$200,000 ransom money collected, it was revealed today.

The disclosure came with receipt of a certified warrant from St. Paul, providing for arrest of the eleven.

In addition to the four suspects held here in connection with the case, accused of disposing of the ransom, the warrant named: Frankie Wright, Ray Gray, Alvin Karpavics (alias Karpis), Arthur R. Barker, Izzy Jones and "John and Richard Doe."

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his son Jack, Phillip Delaney and William E. Vidler are the four held for removal to St. Paul on suspicion of having disposed of the marked ransom money.

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**WARRANTS FOR 10
 IN BREMER RANSOM**

**Other Defendants Disclosed in Ar-
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By the Associated Press.
 CHICAGO, May 7.—Ten persons were named in the suppressed warrants on which John J. "Boss" McLaughlin was held as an alleged conspirator handling part of the \$200,000 Edward Bremer ransom, it was disclosed today when McLaughlin was arraigned.
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**BATTLE TO EXTRADITE
M'LAUGHLIN ON TODAY**

St. Paul Pioneer Press
Mon. May 7, 1934
**Keenan Ready to Lead Move
to Bring Prisoner Here in
Bremer Case.**

Chicago, May 6—(UB)—Joseph B. Keenan, star government crime fighter, completed plans tonight for the fight Monday to take John (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul for trial in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Keenan, an assistant attorney general who has led the government attack in many famous criminal trials, decided to come to Chicago to aid other Federal officials in the effort to extradite McLaughlin.

McLaughlin, a pudgy former state representative and political power, is charged with four other men with conspiring in the Bremer case. Melvin H. Purvis, head of the Federal department of investigation here, claims that McLaughlin confessed possessing \$53,000 of the Bremer kidnap money. McLaughlin denies that he confessed.

McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John Jr.; William E. Viedler, a gambler, and Philip Delaney, a bartender, will be arraigned with the "Boss."

Aiding Keenan will be Assistant Attorneys General Harry Connaughton and Leo H. Hassenaur. Purvis and Harry Nathan, first assistant to Edgar A. Hoover of the Department of Justice, also joined in making the plans for the court fight.

That McLaughlin and the others would fight extradition appeared certain. It was understood that McLaughlin would contend in court that he had been accused wrongly and that the charge placed against him was for an alleged crime committed in Illinois rather than Minnesota.

The government has charged that members of the Dillinger and Barrow gangs kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom, obtained the money and brought at least part of it to Chicago, where McLaughlin and others disposed of it through barrooms, race tracks and gambling rooms where money changes hands so quickly it soon becomes difficult to trace it.

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NAMES BARED AS M'LAUGHLIN IS ARRAIGNED

Five Besides Karpis and Barker Still Hunted in Kidnaping Conspiracy.

KEENAN SPURS ACTIVITY

Dillinger Search Speeded Up as U. S. Prosecutor Arrives in Chicago.

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Many Defense Attorneys.

A battery of defense attorneys was on hand when McLaughlin was called for removal proceedings to St. Paul, where the federal grand jury indicted him with the other suspects in the kidnaping plot.

William Parrillo, a former assistant United States district attorney, asked for several days' continuance to familiarize himself with the defense of McLaughlin and study the charges in the indictment. The delay was vigorously opposed, however, by Leo J. Hasenauer, first assistant government prosecutor. Commissioner Edwin K. Wilker postponed the formal hearing until 2 P. M., when extra copies of the indictment would be available for all attorneys. He said he would then

bear arguments for a continuance.

McLaughlin denied today that he had confessed handling \$53,000 of the ransom funds. The alleged confession was announced last week by Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the local bureau of investigation.

McLaughlin's wife was in court, trimly dressed in black with a strand of pearls about her neck. She rushed to her son, kissed him, ran her fingers through his hair and exclaimed to the world:

"If these government men had a spark of Americanism in them they'd be kind to my boy. He is not a hoodlum. He is innocent as a baby. It's a shame that he was indicted. Well, the government is not dealing with hoodlums this time. I'll go to the President. I'll see Vice President Garner too. I have relatives who know Mr. Garner well."

Hunted Men Described.

The 11-page indictment names "Roe" and "Doe" as the men who did the actual kidnaping at St. Paul last January 17.

"Doe" was described as 20 or 25 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 140 pounds in weight and having a light complexion. "Roe" was said to be about 40 years old, sandy in complexion, 165 pounds in weight and the same height as "Doe."

All the defendants are charged with conspiring to perpetrate the kidnaping, but Alvin Karpis is specifically charged with obtaining a signal flashlight and placing in on a highway near Zumbrota, Minn., for the purpose of signaling Walter Magee, friend of Bremer who paid over the ransom.

Barker is accused of escorting Bremer back from Wisconsin, where he was said to have been held captive, to Rochester, Minn., where he was released.

The others are charged with disposing of the money in Chicago.

"Izzy," alias Jones, was described as being 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 170 pounds in weight, about 45 or 50 years old, and having a large nose and pockmarked cheeks.

Dillinger Hunt Speeded.

Meanwhile the federal government sprang afresh into the John Dillinger hunt today, bent on a desperate effort to bring the desperate machine-gunner outlaw to justice.

Joseph E. Keenan, the government's hard-hitting prosecutor of kidnapers and gangsters, arrived on

the scene, hurrying by airplane from Philadelphia.

"Dillinger has had the breaks in fact," said the assistant attorney general, "but they are bound to go against him sooner or later."

A special "flying squad" of city detectives and agents of the state's attorney's office joined the federal forces in pushing the search for the Dillinger lair.

Keenan planned to confer with Melvin Purvis, head of the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is directing the government agents in their hunt for the elusive gunman. Keenan asserted, however, that his chief attention would be devoted to the case of Samuel Insull, former utilities head, and the Bremer kidnaping.

"Several other matters," he said would occupy his time, but he did not disclose what, if any, Dillinger plans were under consideration.

He did say, however, that the government agents who swooped down on the Little Bohemia, Wis., resort two weeks ago might have caught Dillinger if it had not been for "the unfortunate circumstances of an innocent party's failing to heed the agents' warning to halt."

"The resulting gunfire warned the desperado of the presence of his enemies," he said.

Meanwhile the Dillinger "flying squad" headed by Sergeant Frank Reynolds struck here and there in Chicago Sunday at suspected hide-outs of Dillinger's band of mobsters.

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FOULDIS VIOLATED LAW, PROBE FINDS

House Committee Holds He Acted Illegally in Move to Buy Planes

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—A sub-committee of House investigators reported unanimously today that Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the Army Air Corps, acted "in clear violation of existing law" in the proposed purchase of airplanes costing \$7,500,000. Coupled with the criticism of Foulois was a commendation of Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War.

The eight members who agreed to tell the House that Foulois had violated the law were Chairman Rogers (Dem., N. H.) of the aviation sub-committee and Representatives Jill (Dem., Ala.), Mottet (Dem., La.), Harter (Dem., Ohio), James (Rep., Mich.), Goss (Rep., Conn.), Plumley (Rep., Vt.) and Kvale (Farmer-Labor, Minn.).

The report recalled that late in 1933 the PWA set aside \$7,500,000 for the purchase of army airplanes. It asserted that Foulois had decided to buy the planes, without competition, from the Northrup Corporation, the Boeing Airplane Company and the Glenn L. Martin Company.

On Woodring's insistence the plan for direct purchases was dropped and specifications drawn on which competitive bids were asked.

BREMER CASE INDICTMENTS NAME TEN IN CHICAGO

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Gets Final Arguments in
Bremer Case Put Over
Until Wednesday.

Chicago, May 7.—(AP)—Attempts of Federal authorities to speed the removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to answer to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer received a temporary setback today when Edwin K. Walker, United States commissioner, put over final arguments in the hearing until Wednesday afternoon.

That ten other persons were named in the indictment which had been suppressed when it was returned at St. Paul was disclosed at today's hearing.

Besides McLaughlin, those accused are: McLaughlin's son, John Jr.; Alvin Karpavics, alias Karpis, and Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker; Frankie Wright; Roy Gray, alias "Slim," alias Smith; "Iszy" alias Jones; Phil Delaney; William E. Vidler, and two unidentified men named in the indictment as John Doe and Richard Roe.

Four of the eleven are in custody here: McLaughlin and his son and Delaney and Vidler.

Attorney William C. Parrillo of defense counsel asked for a continuance of a week or two to study the indictment. He charged his client had been "pushed around by a lot of Keystone coppers masquerading as Federal agents" and insisted that he should have a chance to defend himself here.

An attempt by young McLaughlin to ask a Federal agent if he really believed him to be guilty of the crime was ruled out of order by Commissioner Walker. At one time McLaughlin made a whispered and dramatic plea to Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general, for the release of his son.

"For God's sake, please let the kid go," begged McLaughlin. "He hasn't done anything. You can do as you please with me, but please let him go back to his mother."

Before the morning hearing opened, McLaughlin made an indignant denial of a statement by Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the bureau of investigation, that McLaughlin had "confessed" handling \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money.

"I had nothing to confess," he said. "I know nothing of the kidnaping."

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**Decision Today
On M'Laughlin**
St Paul Star Press
May 10 - 1934
**Ruling on Removal to St. Paul
Promised by Commissioner.**

Chicago, May 9.—(AP)—United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker today took under advisement the government's demand that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin be removed to St. Paul to stand trial for a part in the Bremer kidnap plot.

Walker may rule Thursday, he indicated after hearing Attorney A. E. Roth argue that the government had shown only a feeble case against McLaughlin. McLaughlin was arrested a week ago and accused of handling \$53,000 of the ransom which Edward G. Bremer paid to his kidnapers.

The commissioner said he would act Thursday, too, on a motion to reduce the bond set for the release of McLaughlin's son, held in the same connection. Two other defendants were awaiting his ruling—William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney, both, with John J. McLaughlin Jr., charged with disposing of part of the kidnap cash.

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Bond Of McLaughlin's Son Reduced In Bremer Case

By United Press. CHICAGO, May 10.—U. S. Commissioner E. K. Walker today ordered the bond of John J. McLaughlin, Jr., 7-year-old son of "Boss" McLaughlin, held in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, reduced from \$30,000 to \$5,000. The smaller bond was not immediately made.

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**M'LAUGHLIN REMOVAL
 DECISION UP MONDAY**
 Chicago, May 12.—(AP)—A decision on the removal of John (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to answer an indictment charging conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping was deferred today until Monday.
 McLaughlin and several others indicted with him are alleged to have handled part of the Bremer ransom money.

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**DECISION ON McLAUGHLIN
REMOVAL IS POSTPONED**

CHICAGO, May 12.—Decision on the removal of John P. (Boss) McLaughlin to St. Paul to face charges of conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping today was postponed until Monday by United States Commissioner Edin K. Walker.

Walker said he wanted additional time to study arguments made by McLaughlin's counsel that the former state legislator and reputed gambling overlord had not been properly identified.

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Torture in Bremer Case Charged to U. S. Agents; Untrue, Keenan Avers

Victim Hung From High Window, Teeth Loosened, Mrs. M'Laughlin Says.

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The McLaughlins and two others, having succeeded Tuesday in obtaining a reduction of bond, will be given a habeas corpus hearing Thursday before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan to determine whether they are held on inadequate evidence.

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Washington, May 16.—(AP)—Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, denied today to news men that the division of investigation used third degree methods.

Mrs. John J. McLaughlin, whose husband and son have been indicted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, made assertions to that effect.

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Keenan said he had not received the telegram Mrs. McLaughlin is reported to have sent the department today, although his office had received several rambling telegrams from Mrs. McLaughlin.



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**Bremer Suspects
Removal Here
Sought By U. S.**

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By United Press.

CHICAGO, May 16. — Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan today will hear a motion by the district attorney's office for issuance of a formal order to remove John J. McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son and two other men to St. Paul for trial as conspirators in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Removal of the McLaughlins, Philip J. Delaney and William E. Vidler was ordered Monday by United States Commissioner Edwin Walker, but halted by writs of habeas corpus issued by Sullivan.

Attorneys for the four men argued that their clients were not adequately identified before a St. Paul

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**CUMMINGS PEEVED
OVER BREMER CASE**

**Attorney General Irritated for
Failure to Remove Defend-
ants to St. Paul.**

By the Associated Press.

Attorney General Cummings appeared irritated today at delay in removal from Chicago to Minnesota of four men indicted in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Asked by reporters about the delay, Cummings said:

"I am going to refrain from making observations because I could not limit myself to parliamentary language."

The Attorney General said the Department of Justice will make a complete check of the William F. Gettle kidnaping case to see whether any of the three men convicted by the State courts in the case committed any Federal offense.

Cummings added that if there are any probable charges of Federal violations they will be placed on file.

"We will do everything to see that these men are not set free on society again."

They will become eligible for parole later.

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Cummings Irritated by Delay in Bremer Case

Cannot "Limit Myself to Parliamentary Language,"
He Says.

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—Attorney General Cummings appeared irritated today at delay in removal from Chicago to Minnesota of four men indicted in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Asked by reporters about the delay, Cummings said:

"I am going to refrain from making observations because I could not limit myself to parliamentary language."

The attorney general said the department of justice will make a complete check of the William F. Gettle kidnaping case to see whether any of the three men convicted by the state courts in the case committed any federal offense.

Cummings added that if there are any provable charges of federal violations they will be placed on file.

"We will do everything to see that these men are not set free on society again."

They will become eligible for parole later.

HABEAS CORPUS ACTION DELAYED UNTIL MAY 21.

Chicago, May 17.—(AP)—Habeas corpus proceedings to defeat removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his son and two other men to St. Paul, on charges of conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case were postponed until May 21 today by Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

The McLaughlins, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, were held for removal last week by U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker. The delay today was granted to permit filing of a complete transcript of the hearing before the commissioner.

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Keenan To Speed Extradition Of McLaughlin Here

WASHINGTON, May 17.—
The department of justice was reported to have sent Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan to Chicago to speed up extradition of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and several associates to St. Paul where they are under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Obviously impatient with the delay in the case, Atty Gen. Homer S. Cummings said, "can't talk about it and still limit myself to parliamentary language."

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**Bremer Was Held
In Wisconsin Home**
CHICAGO, May 17 (U.S.)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul kidnap victim, was held in an old house near Cuba City, Wis., during his three weeks' captivity, federal agents disclosed today.
The Bremer kidnapers' hideout was located near an old stone mill which Bremer recalled. Federal agents said they made their discovery while searching for a trace of John Dillinger and members of his gang.

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BREMER KIDNAP PRISON FOUND

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Reports from Iowa verified the information on the Cuba City Bremer house, and also disclosed the location of an abandoned mine in which Dillinger hid following the shooting affray at the Little Bohemia Lodge at Spider Lake, Wis.

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McLaughlin, 3 Others Ordered to Trial Here

Chicago "Boss" Accused of \$200,000 Ransom Plot in Bremer Case.

Removal of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and three co-defendants to St. Paul for trial on charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom plot against Edward G. Bremer was ordered today in Chicago.

The other three are McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, John Jr.; William E. Vidler, gambler, and Philip Delaney, former bartender.

An Associated Press dispatch said Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, who signed the removal order, overruled motions by attorneys for the prisoners to obtain their release on writs of habeas corpus.

The removal was ordered last week, but was held up temporarily by habeas corpus proceedings to free the defendants. The four have been in custody under bonds ranging from \$5,000 for young McLaughlin to \$25,000 for his father.

Counsel for the four defendants indicated an appeal would be taken from Judge Sullivan's denial of habeas corpus writs, thus further delaying removal to St. Paul for trial.

Officials here had no word of the action at noon.

The government charges the elder McLaughlin disposed of \$53,000 of the \$200,000 ransom collected in the kidnaping of Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January. The others were arrested as conspirators in the same plot.

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2 McLaughlins Are Ordered To Be Brought Here

CHICAGO, May 21.—John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, Jack, and two other men today were ordered removed to St. Paul for trial in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The removal order was entered by Judge Philip L. Sullivan in federal court, who denied the writ of habeas corpus filed in behalf of the McLaughlins and William E. Vidler and Phil Delaney.

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 Others Started
 Here for Trial**
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Chicagoan's Son, Another
 Bremer Defendant, to Fol-
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John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and
 two others charged with conspiracy
 as the result of the \$200,000 kidnap-
 ing of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul
 banker, were on their way to St. Paul
 Monday night to face trial here, an
 Associated Press dispatch from Chi-
 cago announced.

Accompanying McLaughlin as co-
 defendants were William E. Vidler
 and Philip Delaney. A fourth de-
 fendant in the alleged conspiracy to
 dispose of part of the money paid
 for Bremer's release is McLaugh-
 lin's son, John Jr., and he probably
 will leave for St. Paul today, driving
 his own automobile, the United
 States marshal's office in Chicago
 announced. The younger McLaughlin
 is at liberty on bond.

Dispatches did not say how the
 three were being brought to St. Paul,
 but it was assumed the trip was by
 train. Deputy marshals hurried them
 from the Federal building in Chicago
 to start the journey shortly after
 Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan had
 overruled motions for release of the
 defendants on a habeas corpus writ.

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Boss McLaughlin Here; Wants Pinochle Player

"Very Nice Jail," Says Chicagoan as He Settles Down to Await Trial.

(Picture on Page 1, Sec. 2.)

All that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin needs now is another pinochle player.

The Chicago man voiced his need this morning as he arrived with two companions to face Federal indictments charging conspiracy to conceal ransom money in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

"Boss" McLaughlin looked about him approvingly as he took off his coat, unbuttoned his vest and settled down in Ramsey county jail to await the trial date, not yet set.

"This is a very nice jail," he said. "I am impressed by the cleanliness and order apparent everywhere."

A former member of the Illinois senate, he is a statesman-like appearing person of 66, gray haired, with shaggy eyebrows, not unlike the late President Harding.

"I'll be happy here," he said, "if I can only find another pinochle player to help me while away the time."

Philip Delaney, 55 years old, and William E. Vidler, a younger man, are McLaughlin's co-defendants who arrived with him by train today to face like charges.

When a photographer appeared to take their pictures, the black-haired Vidler, who had taken off his necktie, looked about for one, finally borrowed the photographer's to make a presentable appearance.

"You see, this is the first time we have ever been behind steel and we want to look as well as we can," McLaughlin explained.

Mr. McLaughlin is under \$30,000 bond and the other two defendants are under \$25,000 bond each. McLaughlin's son, John Jr., also indicted, is at liberty on bonds of \$5,000 and is expected to motor to St. Paul for the trial.

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HELD IN BREMER KIDNAPING



Three Chicago men, who arrived here today to face a federal grand jury indictment charging conspiracy to conceal ransom money in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, are shown in Ramsey county jail. They are, left to right, William E. Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

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