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Fears Trial Delay

Sullivan Says McLaughlin Case Likely To Come Up in Fall.

There is little likelihood of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, and three co-defendants going to trial in St. Paul before fall, to answer to charges of conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, according to George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney.

McLaughlin, his 17-year-old son, John Jr., William Vidler and Philip Delaney are charged with handling part of \$200,000 ransom money paid by the Bremer family to kidnapers for the release of the St. Paul banker early in February.

The four are expected to be arraigned Saturday morning to enter a plea. The elder McLaughlin is held under \$30,000 bond, the son is out on \$500 bond and Delaney and Vidler are held under \$25,000 bond each.

All but the younger McLaughlin are lodged in Ramsey county jail.

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BREMER KIDNAPPING

1 Phone Lines Tapped During Bremer Hunt

State Furnishes List in
Explanation of Bill
Sent City.

Twenty-one telephone lines were
tapped by the Tri-State Telephone
company during the kidnaping hunt
for E. G. Bremer, according to a
letter of explanation sent today to
Clyde R. May, commissioner of public
utilities.

The letter was from Thomas Dahill,
chief of police, who told of the nec-
essity for the work and explained
the bill for \$811 sent to the city
council Thursday. The bill will again
be considered Tuesday.

On the list of those whose tele-
phones were tapped are: Adolph
Bremer, Schmidt Brewing company,
American National bank, Commercial
State bank, Paul G. Bremer, at
the bank, George H. Hurd Realty
Co., W. W. Magee at home and at
the office, Otto Bremer, Paul G.
Bremer home, Harry Johnson, C. E.
Newcomb, H. M. Kalscheuer, Ray
Rossberg, Frank H. Matson, E. G.
Bremer, Miles Burke and the De-
partment of Justice. At some of
these locations more than one tele-
phone line was tapped.

Included in the list of expenses
were the services of special operators
at Cedar, Dale, Elkhurst, Garfield,
Midway and Emerson exchanges.

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Boss McLaughlin And Companions Hearing Slated

Three to Face Court on Con-
spiracy Charges in Bremer
Ransom Case.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and two companions, all of Chicago, will be arraigned in United States District court here at 10 A. M. Monday on charges of conspiracy to conceal part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money, George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, announced today.

The two other men to be arraigned with McLaughlin are William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

Thomas McMeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, announced that he will seek reduction of his client's bond from \$30,000 to \$10,000. At the same time it was expected Mr. Sullivan would ask for a bond increase for all three defendants. The other two defendants besides McLaughlin are held in bonds of \$25,000 each. All are in Ramsey county jail.

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Big Time Kidnap Rings Smashed; U.S. Chasing Remnants Of Gangs

This is the fifth of a series of six absorbing stories on the nation's outlaws who have met marred end by bullet or rope or have landed behind prison bars, and the present-day "most-wanted" criminals, their records and detailed descriptions.

BY WILLIS THORNTON.

In the wave of kidnaping which swept the country during the last few months, the United States department of justice acquitted itself splendidly. Speedily it put behind the bars most of the principals in such cases as those of Mary McElroy and Nell Donnelly in Kansas City, Peggy McMath in Massachusetts, Jackie Thompson in Detroit, Adolphus Busch Orthwein in St. Louis, August Luer in Alton, Ill., Benjamin P. Bower in Denver, Gordon H. Sawyer in Tucson, and Charles Urschel in Oklahoma.

Put to make this record even more sweeping, and prove very definitely that there is nothing in kidnaping but discovery and prison, federal sleuths would like to round up at least five more "left-overs" from these and other kidnapings.

They are: Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker, believed to have been concerned in the Bremer kidnaping case, and also suspected of having operated with Clyde Barrow's gang and John Dillinger's.

Three also remain of those suspected in the Luer kidnaping case: Walter O'Malley, Lloyd Doyle and Mrs. G. M. Chase.

These five will be welcome callers at the department of justice.

Brutal To Aged Banker.

Six of the Luer kidnap gang are already in jail. But the case was so repulsive that the government is anxious to round up the rest.

August Luer is a feeble 77-year-old banker of Alton, Ill. The kidnapers entered his home, roughly handled both the aged man and his wife, and bundled him off in an auto.

In a foul and cramped basement they kept him confined for nearly a week — then they blindfolded him and released him on an open road. The kidnapers had been unable to make a safe contact to collect the \$100,000 ransom they had demanded.

Federal forces worked unceasingly on the case, and excellent co-operation was achieved with local authorities. Mrs. Luer identified the picture of a former burglar and thug, "The Dice-box Kid," as one of the kidnapers.

Police went out and found him



Mrs. George M. Chase



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old.

wanted to round out the complete mop-up of the Luer case.

Bremer Case Baffling.

St. Paul's Bremer kidnaping case was a harder nut to crack. For 22 days thugs held concealed Edward G. Bremer, 37-year-old bank president, son of a prominent brewer, who is a friend of the President himself.

A gang of 10 or 12 men descended on Bremer just after he had taken his 8-year-old daughter to school one morning, beat him about the head, and carried him off.

This time the abductors carried on their negotiations successfully, and collected \$200,000 in unmarked bills. They then released Bremer at Rochester, Minn.

Two months went by without any very tangible results. But now the case is beginning to open up. Chicago police have arrested a former state representative, and charged him with conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping. They believe his arrest is the beginning of the breaking up of a "hot money" ring in Chicago which has specialized in disposal of ransom money and stolen bonds.

Fingerprints Are Found.

Six men and two women, with a miscellaneous crime record behind every one of them, were rounded up in a bloodless raid on a farm near Mannford, Okla. Police gathered at night at Mannford in force, armed with every modern protection and offensive device, and descended on the farmhouse just as the sun rose.

The house surrounded, officers kicked in the door and arrested all the sleepy inmates before they could offer resistance. But they were small fry, wanted all over the Unit-

ed States, it is true, for various crimes, but still small fry.

The best things found on the raid were fingerprints. The tell-tale prints of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis were found on gas line cans and flashlights about the farmhouse. Already under indictment in the Bremer case, these two known desperadoes are suspected of having played the major part in it, and to have been closely enough allied with John Dillinger that he himself may have had something to do with this kidnaping.

So the hunt for Barker and Karpis was speeded up.

Paroled; Back In Crime.

Though he has twice escaped from custody, and was finally sentenced to life in the Oklahoma state penitentiary for murder, Barker was paroled in September, 1932, after serving 10 years. Since then he has been apparently active in a long series of crimes.

Barker has gone by the name of Bob Barker and Claude Dale, and has a brother Lloyd serving time in Ft. Leavenworth.

Karpis, his probable comrade, is also a professional criminal who has served time for burglary, larceny, and safe-blowing. Karpis or Karpavics, has also gone under the names of Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton and Ray Hunter.

When these two are rounded up, it is not unlikely that they may be found in connection with John Dillinger and his gang, for there is evidence that they have worked with them in recent months.

And that would make a round-up really worth going after.

and trapped him into admission that led to uncovering of the whole affair.

Ringleader Still Free.

Though five men and a woman are now serving from five to 20 years for this cowardly crime, one of the suspected ringleaders in the plot is still at large. He is Walter Holland, known also as Walter or "Irish" O'Malley, burglar and hijacker.

With him is sought Lloyd (Blackie) Doyle, a man with no very black previous record, but who now stands indicted in the Luer case. The third is a woman, Mrs. George M. Chase, who has gone by the various names of Vivian Davis, Vivian Chase, Alice White, Vivian McDowell, Alice Waite and Grace Hickey.

Mrs. Chase, though she, too, has no convictions behind her, is badly

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**MOVE TO DISBAR
GINSBERG CLOSED**

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**Accused Fails to Appear in
Court When Hearings Are
Resumed.**

Disbarment proceedings against Abe Ginsberg, Minneapolis attorney, were ordered closed Monday by District Judge Albert P. Stolberg of Center City when Ginsberg and his attorney, Benjamin Rigler, failed to appear in Hennepin county court in Minneapolis when hearings were resumed from last April.

Judge Stolberg, appointed by the Minnesota Supreme court to conduct the hearing said the testimony and his recommendations would be submitted to the Supreme court in the next two weeks, for final action on the disbarment proceedings.

Disbarment proceedings against Ginsberg were brought by the state board of bar examiners last April. Ginsberg was granted a continuance until June when he told the court he wished to secure depositions in his behalf in Chicago.

Ginsberg was convicted in Ramsey county district court of swindling Rev. A. J. Carey. He also stands trial in Nicollet county for an alleged attempt to swindle Rev. F. Pozek of New Ulm.

At the hearings in April Rev. A. Wermer Skirchen of Hokah, and Rev. James Walcher of Melrose both testified they paid Ginsberg money for alleged swindle deals.

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and taken to the office of the Board of Health in Panama, where it will be examined to determine whether it is a virus.

Chicagoans Deny Bremer Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, June 16 (AP).—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator, and three co-defendants, including his son, today pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer.

Arraigned before Federal Judge Joyce, the four Chicagoans sought reduction in bail. Judge Joyce set Wednesday for a hearing.

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RENO POLITICIANS' FRAUD TRIAL SET

Judge Fixes on July 2 After
Brief Argument by
Lawyers.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, June 18.—Federal Judge William Bondy today set down "for disposition" July 2 the case of James C. McKay and William J. Graham, politically powerful Reno, Nev., men charged with using the mails to defraud.

The judge acted after a 15-minute argument by attorneys as to when the case should be tried.

The defense contended that it had been put off too long and insisted it was ready to go to trial. Government counsel asked the case be postponed until July 16.

Judge Bondy said that it was the right of the defense to have a speedy trial, as a man accused of a crime is presumed to be innocent until he is convicted. He then set the case for July 2 for disposition by either Judge Hicks or Judge Meekin.

U. S. Cites Other Cases.

"I'll set this case down for disposition on July 2," Judge Bondy said. "I can't make a disposition. Thank God, I'm without the power."

The Government asked for delay until July 16 on the ground that there were many other cases that deserved consideration because the defendants were too poor to furnish bail and had to languish in jail.

John Taffe of San Francisco, of defense counsel, demanded that if the case was set for July 16 it be ordered dismissed if the Government was not ready for trial on that date.

Judge Bondy waived aside this suggestion and set the earlier date.

All Lawyers Talk at Once.

During the argument four or five attorneys spoke, sometimes all of them at once. Judge Bondy interrupted each of them with the statement that "a man accused of a crime is entitled to a speedy trial."

Taffe told the court that on representations of the Government that the case would go to trial June 11: the defense had brought three witnesses all the way across the country. He said the defense counsel was forced to wait here and wanted either to go ahead, have the case dismissed, or have the trial definitely put over until Fall, so that they could go home.

Even after the court had made his ruling, counsel continued arguing, with the result that Judge Bondy repeated his ruling several times.

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**McLAUGHLIN RANSOM
 TRIAL ARGUMENTS ON**

Arguments were scheduled to begin at 2 P. M. today in Federal District court for an immediate trial of four Chicagoans charged with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnap ransom money.

Defendants are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr.

The hearing before Judge M. M. Joyce also was expected to include argument toward increasing bail of the senior McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney to \$100,000 each. McLaughlin is under \$30,000 bond and Vidler and Delaney under bonds of \$25,000 each. Young McLaughlin is at liberty under \$5,000 bail.

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M'LAUGHLIN TRIAL SET FOR NOVEMBER

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Reduced Bonds Set for Alleged
Conspirators in Handling
Bremer Ransom.

The trial of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. McLaughlin Jr., charged with conspiracy in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was set Wednesday by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce for the November term of Federal court.

At the same time Judge Joyce fixed bond for the first three defendants at \$30,000 each. Young McLaughlin, son of the "Boss," is at liberty on \$5,000 bond.

The new figure represents a drastic reduction from the bond of \$100,000 each which Judge Joyce ordered following the trio's arraignment here, at which all pleaded not guilty. It also represents the last of a long series of bonds set here and in Chicago, where all the defendants were arrested. Bond first was fixed in Chicago at \$100,000 each, then at \$100,000 for the elder McLaughlin and \$75,000 for Vidler and Delaney, and later at \$30,000 for McLaughlin and \$25,000 for the other two.

The defendants were represented Wednesday by Thomas W. McMeekin of St. Paul, who moved for an immediate trial and a bond cut.

The specific charge against the four is that they disposed of part of the \$200,000 ransom which was paid for Bremer's release 22 days after he was kidnaped January 17. Vidler allegedly had \$2,265 of the ransom money in his possession when he was arrested and Federal agents asserted McLaughlin admitted disposing of \$53,000 of the ransom, although the former legislative "boss" denied making any such admission.

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ADMITS ATTEMPT TO EXTORT MONEY, GETS 10-YEAR TERM

Jack Neely, Ex-Convict, Sentenced
for Letters to Bremer, St.
Paul Brewer.

Jack Neely, a former convict, today was sentenced to 10 years in Leavenworth penitentiary on his plea of guilty before Federal Judge Davis to a charge of attempting to extort money from the Bremer family of St. Paul, Minn. Neely was indicted under the Cochran Act.

Arrested last April by St. Louis detectives, who traced him through personal advertisements in newspapers, Neely admitted, police said, writing extortion letters to Adolph Bremer, wealthy brewer, and the latter's son, Edward G. Bremer, who was kidnaped last January. The letters demanded \$200,000 at first, and later \$25,000, and contained threats of "grave harm" to the Bremer family if police were notified. In 1922 Neely was sentenced to 10 years in prison for forgery.

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**WRITER OF THREAT NOTES
 TO BREMER GETS 10 YEARS**

St. Louis, June 27.—(AP)—Jack W. Neely, a former convict, pleaded guilty in Federal court here today to writing extortion letters to Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced to ten years in Leavenworth penitentiary.

Neely confessed, Federal authorities said, that he sent five letters to Bremer, the first demanding \$200,000 and the last \$2,500, after the banker had been released by kidnapers.

The last letter threatened Bremer, his wife and daughter with "grave danger" unless \$2,500 was delivered to a St. Louis address.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT CAUGHT

Portland (Me.) Man Is
Called 'Brains of Gang.'

PORTLAND, Me., July 16.—(United News.)—Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, described as "the brains of the gang" responsible for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was arrested at his so-called novelty manufacturing plant here late today.

Federal and local officers collaborating in the raid also arrested a woman described as Mrs. Christina Craig, 32, wife of Craig; and Everett B. Hunter, 40, of South Portland.

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REGAIN \$87,000 IN GEMS

MRS. ADOLPH ZUKOR GETS BACK
STOLEN JEWELS.

Two Women Carried Out the Rob-
bery, Chicago Police Announce
—A Bremer Kidnaping
Link Is Seen.

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 16.—A ¼-million-dol-
lar mail robbery and the \$200,000 un-
solved kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, re-
echoed tonight as authorities claimed
solution of the \$87,000 Zukor jewel
robbery.

In custody were six women and two
men. William Shoemaker, detective
chief, asserted two of the women,
whom he refused to designate, stole
the jewels from Mrs. Adolph Zukor,
wife of the movie magnate, while she
slept in her hotel room July 14. The
loot was recovered. Those detained
were:

James Weinberg, 33, his wife, Eula,
33; her sister, Elsie Delaney, 28; Miss
Delaney's roommate, Dorothy Jacobs,
27; Robert Vestal, 26; Helen, his wife,
32; Estelle Melton, 26, and Mrs. Jean
Edgel, 38.

INDICTED IN MAIL ROBBERY.

Shoemaker said Weinberg, a saloon
and cafe operator, was under indict-
ment with several others as a result
of a ¼-million-dollar mail robbery
in Chicago's loop December 6, 1932.
Also indicted was John J. (Boss) Mc-
Laughlin, former state assemblyman,
and Edgar Lebensberger, owner of
the 225 Club.

Lebensberger was found dead, a
bullet in his head and a revolver by
his side in his luxurious apartment,
a few hours before the indictments
were made public. He was accused
of disposing of securities taken in
the mail robbery.

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dicted recently on charges of pos-
sessing ransom money in the Bremer
case led to the supposition that there
was some link between persons in-
volved in both the mail robbery and
the Bremer abduction, police said.

Melvin H. Purvis, head of the local
office of the federal bureau of in-
vestigation, said he planned to have
operatives question Weinberg con-
cerning the Bremer case.

Tapping of telephone wires by po-
lice and Clarence Converse, a federal
operative, led to the arrests. They
said they heard telephone conversa-
tions offering the jewels for sale in
New York and St. Paul.

Vestal and Weinberg were arrested
first. Weinberg then led officers to
the loot, Shoemaker said, but insisted
he was innocent of the robbery. He
asserted two women left the jewelry
in a package at his place when two
men came in and the women fled in
fright remarking: "Those men look
like detectives."

The bureau of investigation said
Mrs. Weinberg was arrested in St.
Louis.

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The bureau of investigation said
Mrs. Weinberg was arrested in St.
Louis in 1919 in connection with a
robbery and slaying in Kansas City.
Police did not know who was slain
or how the case was disposed of.

ARRESTED UNDER OTHER NAMES.

The record also said that in
December, 1929, Mrs. Weinberg was
arrested under the name of Edna
Clark in St. Louis for larceny, and
as Pauline Van Meyers she was de-
tained in St. Louis as a suspected
hotel prowler.

Once in the hunt one of the sus-
pected persons almost ruined the in-
vestigators' schemes by being ar-
rested. Mrs. Vestal was seized two
weeks ago in a minor hotel burglary.
That charge was dismissed, however,
before it could interfere with the in-
vestigation of the jewel case.

A necklace of sixty-nine pearls
valued at about \$80,000 was the big-
gest individual piece of loot. There
were also two diamond studded
lorgnettes, each worth approximately
\$1,100, and a platinum mounted
diamond dinner ring.

Rewards totaling \$8,000 had been
offered for their recovery.

Mrs. Weinberg is believed to have
been the associate of Walter Majors,
member of the notorious Majors's
gang of bank bandits, who was con-
victed of the slaying of Frank Gard-
ner in the holdup of Harry Trues-
dell's gambling house, 1209 Grand ave-
nue, September 5, 1919. She gave the
name then of Pauline von Myre.
When arrested she had \$1,200 in cur-
rency concealed in her shoes. She
said she had known Majors a year
and had been living with him a
month. She supposed he was a
traveling salesman. She was released
later. Majors died in the Missouri
penitentiary.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD

PORTLAND, Me., July 17.—
Rated by police as the man who
"engineered" the \$200,000 kidnap-
ing of Edward G. Bremer, St.
Paul, Minn., banker, Theodore
Craig, alias Bentz, 31, wanted for
bank robberies in Danville, Vt.,
and other cities, had been arrest-
ed at gun-point at his home here
today.

With him was arrested his wife,
Christiana, 32, charged with har-
boring a fugitive from justice, and
Everett B. Hunter, held on sus-
picion. Craig, who has served
time in Seattle, Wash., is a fugi-
tive from Texas.

Authorities would not elaborate
beyond saying that Craig is the
"brains" of the gang responsible
for the kidnaping of Bremer in
January. Bremer was held cap-
tive 22 days and released on pay-
ment of \$200,000 ransom. He
never saw his abductors, but
claims he can identify them by
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ZUKOR GEM THEFT TIED TO KIDNAPING

6 Arrested Suspected of Con-
nection With Bremer Case
and Big Mail Robbery

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CHICAGO, July 17.—Author-
ities studied today a possible link
between the recovery of stolen
jewels worth \$65,200, a \$250,000
mail robbery and the \$200,000 Ed-
ward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Four women and two men were
in custody, and Detective Chief
William Shoemaker said two of the
women, whom he refused to
designate, stole the jewels on June
14 from the hotel room of Mrs.
Adolph Zukor, wife of the movie
magnate.

Those detained were James Wein-
berg, thirty-three; his wife, Eula,
thirty-three; her sister, Elsie De-
laney, twenty-eight; Miss De-
laney's room-mate, Dorothy Jacobs,
twenty-seven; Robert Vestal, twen-
ty-nine, and his wife, Helen, thir-
ty-two.

Link to Other Crimes

Police said Weinberg, saloon and
cafe operator, was under indict-
ment as the result of a \$250,000 mail
robbery in Chicago's Loop on De-
cember 6, 1932. Among others
named in the charge was John J.
(Boss) McLaughlin, former State
Assemblyman, later indicted for
possessing ransom money paid for
the release of Bremer, wealthy St.
Paul brewer.

This, police said, indicated a pos-
sible connection between the three
crimes.

Wire tapping by police and
Clarence Converse, a Federal op-
erative, led to the arrest of those
held. The officers said they over-
heard conversations offering the
jewels for sale in New York and
St. Paul.

Weinberg took officers to the
loot, but denied any part in the
burglary. He claimed two women
abandoned the jewelry in a tavern,
fearing that detectives were follow-
ing them.

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'Brains' of Bremer Kidnaping Caught

PORTLAND, Me., July 16 (U. S.).—Rated by police as the man who engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, Theodore Craig, alias Bentz, 31, wanted for bank robberies in Danville, Vt., and other cities, was arrested at gun point at his home here today.

With him were arrested his wife, Christiana, 32, charged with harboring a fugitive from justice, and Everett B. Hunter, held on suspicion.

The specific charge against Craig is that he, with four others, stole \$10,000 from the Caledonia National Bank at Danville, Vt.

Authorities would not elaborate beyond saying that Craig is the "brain" of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Bremer in January. Bremer was held captive 22 days and released on payment of \$200,000 ransom. He never saw his abductors, but claims he can identify them by their voices. There was a woman in the gang. St. Paul police have been notified.

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Man Held in Maine Faces Questioning in Kidnaping

By United Press
 PORTLAND, Me.—A garage hold-up which netted only \$50 led today to the arrest of Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, and a \$10,000 Vermont bank robbery.

Indications were that he might also be questioned regarding the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man, for word from Chicago was that Federal authorities listed Craig as an associate of George (Machine Gun) Kelley and Albert Bates, both in prison for the Urschel abduction.

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Bremer Case Suspect Arrested in Robbery

Portland, Me., July 16 (AP).—Theodore Craig, alias Theodore Bentz, 31, was arrested here today on a Federal warrant charging him with robbing the Caledonian National Bank of Danville, Vt., of \$10,000. Authorities said he also was wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy Milwaukee brewer.

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McLaughlin Bond Reduced

Plea Of Illness Wins Cut
To \$15,000.

Bond of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, held in St. Paul for conspiracy in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, today was reduced to \$15,000.

The reduction was granted by Judge M. M. Joyce after McLaughlin's attorney presented a physician's certificate declaring the Chicagoan is 67, diabetic and can't possibly obtain the necessary food, exercise and treatment at the Ramsey county jail.

Bail originally was set at \$100,000, and reduced June 20 to \$30,000. McLaughlin expected to raise bond of that sum until it was found out of state property could not be pledged. With the bond cut to \$15,000, it was explained McLaughlin believed he could secure bond from a professional bondsman.

Judge Joyce criticized department of justice agents for placing McLaughlin where he could not obtain proper treatment for the disease.

McLaughlin was arrested after federal agents said they found him in possession of \$65,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.--A REDUCTION OF \$15,000 IN THE BOND OF JOHN J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN, CHICAGO, HELD ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING OF EDWARD BREMER, WAS MADE TODAY.

THE REDUCTION WAS GRANTED BY JUDGE M. M. JOYCE AFTER McLAUGHLIN'S ATTORNEY PRESENTED A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE DECLARING THE CHICAGO POLITICIAN WAS 67 YEARS OLD, DIABETIC AND COULD NOT OBTAIN THE PROPER FOOD, EXERCISE AND TREATMENT IN THE RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL. THE BAIL ORIGINALLY WAS SET AT \$100,000 AND WAS REDUCED JUNE 20 TO \$30,000.

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'Boss' McLaughlin Has Bail Reduced

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—(P)—Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today ordered the bail of John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago, held in jail here on charges of possessing part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom, reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000. Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, said his client has diabetes and might die if kept in jail.

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J. J. McLAUGHLIN WINS BAIL CUT IN BREMER CASE

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 4.—[Special.]—John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago politician, held in jail here for trial on charges of possessing part of the \$200,000 ransom Edward G. Bremer paid for the release from kidnapers, won a reduction in bail today from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

ordered the reduction, acted on a petition by Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for McLaughlin, who told the court his client suffered from diabetes, and because of his age—67 years—might die if kept in jail. He pointed out that McLaughlin is also suffering from an old hip injury.

McMeekin presented an affidavit from a doctor supporting his contention. He also stated that McLaughlin could furnish the original bail if Illinois bondsmen were permitted to operate in Minnesota. In an attempt to

prevent McLaughlin's release, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, also presented a doctor's certificate that jail diet and routine are not harmful to the prisoner. McLaughlin is expected to be tried at the fall term of the federal court.

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Attempt to Kidnap Ex-Supreme Judge

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Three men were sought tonight in what police described as an apparent attempt to kidnap Robert A. Hefner Sr., wealthy oil man and socially prominent former justice of the state Supreme Court.

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The final report is expected to be in the form of a grand jury presentment. It will recommend charges against the whole organization.

Ransom Collector Flees U. S. Traps

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BREMER KIDNAPERS KNOWN TO U. S. AGENTS; SOLUTION TO CLOSE LAST OF 26 CASES

J. Edgar Hoover Reveals Justice Department's Tactics in Drive

By JOHN T. LAMBERT

The Department of Justice knows who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, the St. Paul banker, for whom a ransom of \$200,000 was paid.

All that remains is to locate and arrest the kidnapers.

This done, there will have been brought to dramatic and successful close the last of the twenty-six extortion cases which have been solved with brains, battles and bullets in the most furious war upon organized crime in the history of this country.

HOOVER'S VIEWS

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Investigation, who has spun the web against crime into the far-reaches of the country, revealed yesterday some of the striking events while he spoke his own philosophy of the gunmen, their molls, the men who hunt them and the courts that dispose of them. He said:

"The gangster is a yellow cur. I wouldn't call him a dog; that would disgrace the dog.

"Give him a machine gun and steel vest, against an unarmed person; oh, yes, he can afford to be brave.

"In his heart he fears arrest, conviction, death.

"Machine-Gun Kelley was a brave one, they said.

"Yet he came out of his cottage in Memphis with his arms in the air and his guns on the bed.

"We asked him why he didn't fight. 'I know you G-men (government-men) would kill me,' he said.

"They hire lawyers to get them off.

"They want a stretch in prison, because there is a chance to get out, instead of a stretch in the chair, from which there is no hope.

"There is no honor among thieves. They turn tail on each other, when they get on the spot themselves.

16 ARRESTED

"We have arrested sixteen people in the Bremer case. There were only three kidnapers. We want the fellow who handles the ransom money, the fellow who sells gasoline, the fellow who shelters them in his house.

"We want the underworld to know that not only when they commit crime but when they touch crime, the Federal agents will be after them.

"In the John Dillinger case, we will arrest more than 16. We want the fellow who 'doctored' his fingerprints, who hired apartments for him, who treated his wounds, who gave him food and who otherwise aided in his temporary liberty.

"The parole and probation system in this country has been tainted, sometimes with corruption, sometimes with favoritism, sometimes with maudlin sentiment.

"All the Dillinger gang were in and out of jail.

"The three women in the case were let off, one by a 'tender-hearted' Federal judge who thought she could be reformed.

"All of them went back to the gang. They acted as decoys and advance agents. They hired apartments. They made negotiations with the physicians.

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"A crook can't afford to be arrested with 'doctored' fingerprints. They are a sign of alarm to the officers who seize them.

"We are receiving 2,500 prints daily of arrested persons. We have a record of 1,500,000, as compared to 550,000 in Scotland Yard. Last year 4,356 fugitives of justice were identified and held through recognition of their prints by our bureau here in Washington.

"We have 400 investigators now. One of them last week was offered several thousand dollars to effect the release of a notorious prisoner. Our men don't speak that language.

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Mr. Hoover spoke freely and

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modestly of other matters, among them this:

"We are on the high crest of popularity. We must become neither lazy nor officious. We must treat American citizens with respect, because they pay our expenses. We must avoid promiscuous shootings. We must try to keep and maintain that respect."

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KIDNAP SUSPECT HELD WRONG MAN

**Prisoner Jailed in Kentucky
Not Karpis, Says Federal
Agent at Paducah.**

By the Associated Press.
PADUCAH, Ky., August 11.—He's not Karpis, but who is he? After his identification by local police as Alvin Karpis, suspect in the Edward Bremer kidnaping case, a man held in the Paducah jail tonight was viewed by a Department of Justice agent from Indianapolis who said the prisoner definitely is not Karpis.

A study of the man's fingerprints had led Chief of Detectives Kelly Franklin to announce earlier that he was Karpis, and the man's actions seemed to bear out Franklin's theory. The prisoner had spent several hours trying to rub off his fingerprints on the concrete floor of the jail.

Tonight C. J. Van Landingham, Department of Justice agent, spoiled the theory. The prisoner then broke the silence which he has generally held since his arrest. He said he was Blackburn Jackson. His testimony ended there.

Police believed the man must have some kind of criminal record, as at one time he said:

"You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs."

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Native of Canada.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 11 (AP)—The arrest in Paducah, Ky., of Alvin Karpis, brought to heel one of the gang that Federal officers consider the most dangerous outlaws left at large in the Nation today.

At least three other suspected with Karpis in the Bremer kidnaping bear reputations for being more cunning than Karpis.

These are Harry Campbell and the Barker brothers, Fred and Arthur (Doc). Another member of this gang of hoodlums is Russell (Rusty) Gibson, who escaped from jail at Oklahoma City in 1929 after he had been arrested for a \$75,000 bank messenger robbery.

Karpis is a native of Canada, but first began his career of crime in Kansas, where he served a term for burglary. Upon being paroled, he and Fred Barker allegedly fired the shots that killed Sheriff R. C. Kelly at West Plains, Mo.

He also was accused with Barker of killing the latter's father-in-law, A. W. Duhlopp, of West St. Paul, Minn.

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Karpis Seized At Paducah in Bremer Case

Suspect in Kidnaping of
St. Paul Banker Is
Held in Kentucky.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 11 (AP).—Chief of Detectives Kelly Franklin announced late today that a man arrested here had been identified as Alvin Karpis, alias R. E. Hamilton, long-sought for his alleged part in the kidnaping last January of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

Karpis was arrested early today as he was asleep under a tree on the outskirts of the city. Detectives seized a pistol lying beside him, Franklin said, as the man squirmed and reached for the weapon.

Police refused to disclose Karpis' identity until after a study of fingerprints.

A truck gardener's report to police that "I think there's a dead man out in my field" led to the arrest. Detectives Herbert Sheehan and Barber Daily went to the field and flashed their lights on the sleeping man. Daily sighted the pistol and grabbed it.

"Are you cops?" Karpis asked. When the officers answered "yes," he consented to be searched and let his captors take him to jail without trying to resist.

Searched at headquarters, police found Karpis carried two clips of .45-caliber cartridges for his automatic, about 50 loose cartridges tied in two socks and 20 cents.

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Paducah Holds Karpis, Suspect In Bremer Case

Leader in Kidnaping of
St. Paul Banker Is
Under Arrest.

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The serial number had been filed from the pistol.

Detective Chief Franklin attempted to question the man, but each query was met by cold silence. Finally Franklin asked him:

"What did you grab that gun when the boys covered you for?"

"I wanted to kill a couple of men who woke me up," Karpis replied. He added: "You're right when you think I'm hot. You got my picture upstairs. Now go find it—I'm not telling you a thing."

He had attempted to hide his identity. Not a scrap of paper could be found on his person, and labels had been removed from his clothing.

Karpis spent several hours, police said, rubbing his fingertips against the concrete floor of his cell before he was printed. Several of the prints blurred, police said, while others stood up. Prisoners in the jail reported to Jailer Tom King that Karpis did nothing but "lie flat on his stomach and rub his fingers."

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Bremer Refuses Comment

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Kinhead said that, although he took an active part in the search for the Bremer kidnap gang, no effort would be made tonight to discuss the case with the victim.

When informed of Karpis' apprehension, Bremer said, "I will not discuss the case."

Bremer was kidnaped here the morning of January 17, after he had taken a daughter to a private school.

The banker, who is 37 years old, was held 21 days for \$200,000 ransom and finally was released in Rochester, Minn., after the money was paid.

Karpis was identified as one of the abductors through fingerprints on gasoline tins thrown from the car in which the kidnapers took their victim to Rochester.

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Lambert Revealed "Finger" Was on Karpis

"The Department of Justice knows who kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, the St. Paul banker..."

That was the statement of John T. Lambert in the Washington Herald three days ago.

Lambert, in his Thursday article, quoted J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, as saying:

"The gangster is a yellow cur."

"Machine-Gun Kelly was a brave one—they said."

"Yet he came out of his cottage in Memphis with his hands in the air and his guns on the bed."

Yesterday, Karpis came out the same way. Although one of the nation's "public enemies," he meekly surrendered to authorities and was disarmed without a shot being fired.

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BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT TAKEN IN PADUCAH, KY.

Alvin Karpis Unable to Use
Pistol When Surprised As
He Takes His Ease in Dixie

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 11. (U.P.)—Alvin Karpis, who dealt in big stakes, was captured today and held as a suspect in two daring kidnappings.

Authorities believed Karpis was directly involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, son of an old St. Paul banking family, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer.

Karpis was one of the most notorious gunmen alive since the demise of John Dillinger.

TOO GROGGY TO RESIST

In addition to his alleged part in the abductions, two of the most spectacular of a series that swept the Middle West last year, Karpis was linked by authorities with Fred Barker, in the most recent machine gun slaying of Johnny Lazia in Kansas City.

A report from Chris Burger, truck gardener, that "there's a dead man out in my field," led police to the tree under which Karpis lay asleep.

Before rousing the sleeping fugitive, the officers removed a loaded pistol that Karpis had lying within easy reach of his hand.

The cocked .45 calibre pistol at the desperado's side caught Detective Dalley's eye. As he removed it Karpis squirmed and his hand moved toward the place where his weapon lay.

"Are you ~~captured~~" he inquired as he rolled back and looked up at the men.

FULLY IDENTIFIED

"Yes, get up," Sheehan ordered. As Karpis rose he reached toward his left pocket, but Sheehan jammed his pistol into the suspect's back and ordered him to raise his hands.

Karpis' pockets contained two clips of cartridges, 50 loose cartridges wrapped in a white sock, apparently to form a blackjack. He had only 20 cents.

His fingerprints were taken and, police said, identified him as the long-sought kidnap suspect.

When he was aroused he was too groggy to resist.

Both Karpis and Barker were

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free on parole from the Oklahoma State penitentiary. Karpis had served part of a four-year sentence for burglary and Barker had served 10 years of a life sentence for murder.

Karpis was accused, with Barker and several others whose names were not disclosed, as perpetrators of the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Barker were identified as occupants of the St. Paul residence from which Verne Sankey and his wife fled shortly before a police raid while Hamm was in the hands of his kidnapers.

Sankey, who was captured and confessed the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher 2d, in Denver, was the abductor of Haskell Bohn in St. Paul and the master mind behind the Hamm case. Sankey hanged himself in a Sioux Falls, S. D., jail while awaiting arraignment in the Boettcher case.

CAPTURED



ALVIN KARPIS, wanted in famous Bremer kidnaping case, captured in Paducah, Ky., and held for Federal authorities.

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a pistol lying beside him. Frank-
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think there's a dead man out in
my field," led to the arrest.

Arthur (Doc) Barker was in-
dicted along with Karpis and
others in the Bremer kidnaping
last May 4. Barker is still at
large. Both are reputed to have
joined the Dillinger gang this
year.

Franklin attempted to question
Karpis, but each query was met by
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JUNIOR BIRDMEN
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Special attention is given
the activities of the Junior
Birdmen in this issue. You
will find the new depart-
ment on Page 5, Part 1. This
feature will be carried regu-
larly each Sunday, replac-
ing the daily Junior Bird-
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CULBERTSON BRIDGE SYSTEM—Jo-
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exclusive series of articles on this sub-
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'Dillinger' His Lost Son, Kentucky Man Declares

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—(AP.)—Convinced from a newspaper photograph that the man slain as John Dillinger was his own son, R. M. Green, of London, Ky., has written the Cook County coroner asking his aid in establishing the identification.

Coroner Frank J. Walsh informed Green, however, that the body of the gangster had been positively identified through fingerprints as Dillinger and had been claimed by his father and buried.

The letter from Green, dated August 8, read:

"I have a picture of the Dillinger slain that resembles my son Billy B. Green. The picture is in the Courier Journal Monday morning, July 23.

"He is 27, 5 feet 8 inches in shoes. Weighed about 145. Hair black—eyes gray. Complexion medium and black thin beard on chin. He had no scars in his face as I remember as I last saw him six years ago. But had a broken collar bone. I can identify him for the picture is exactly like him.

"It has been four years since I've known his whereabouts—

"Want to hear from you at once. I can show good proof as to whether he is my son or not

—I have all the pictures I can find of the so-called Dillinger and would have been there but was financially unable and also physically. My age is 77 years."

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BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT CAPTURED

**Alvin Karpis Taken While
Asleep in Paducah**

By The United Press
 PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 11—Alvin Karpis, one of the most hunted men in the United States since the death of John Dillinger, was captured tonight and held as a suspect in two kidnappings.
 Authorities believed Karpis was directly involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, son of an old St. Paul banking family, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. He also was linked with Fred Barker in the recent machine gun slaying of Johnny Liza, Kansas City politician.
 Karpis was captured by officers who found him peacefully sleeping under a tree at the outskirts of Paducah. There was no resistance.

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"INDIANAPOLIS STAR"
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SUSPECT IN BREMER KIDNAPING ARRESTED SLEEPING UNDER TREE

Kentucky Detectives Seize Pistol Lying Beside Desperado—'I Wanted to Kill a Couple of Men Who Woke Me Up,' He Tells Police Later.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

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Karpis was arrested shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday morning as he was asleep under a tree on the outskirts of the city. Detectives seized a pistol lying beside him, Franklin said, as the sleeping man squirmed and reached for the weapon.

A truck gardener's report to police that "I think there's a dead man out in my field" led to the arrest. Detectives Herbert Sheehan and Barber Daily went to the field and flashed their lights on the sleeping man. Daily sighted the pistol and grabbed it.

"Are you cops?" Karpis asked. When the officers answered "Yes," he consented to be searched and let his captors take him to the city jail without trying to resist.

Searched at headquarters, police found Karpis carried two clips of 45-caliber pistol cartridges for his automatic, about fifty loose cartridges tied in two sox, and 20 cents in money. The serial number had been filed from the pistol, Chief of Police W. E. Bryant said.

Detective Franklin attempted to question the man during the morning, but each query was met by cold silence. Finally Franklin asked him:

"Why did you grab that gun when the boys covered you?"

**RUBS FINGER TIPS
ON CONCRETE FLOOR.**

"I wanted to kill a couple of men who woke me up," Karpis replied. He added:

"You're right when you think I'm not. You got my picture upstairs. Now go find it—I'm not telling you a thing."

The man had attempted to hide his identity. Not a scrap of paper could

be found on his person, and the labels had been removed from his clothing. Also, Karpis spent several hours, police said, rubbing his finger tips against the concrete floor of his cellhouse before he was fingerprinted. Several of the prints blurred, police said, while others stood up. Prisoners in the jail reported to Jailer Tom King that Karpis did nothing but "lie flat on his stomach and rub at his fingers."

Karpis Also Wanted For Two Murders

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The department of justice here has a warrant for him in connection with the Bremer case.

Bremer was kidnaped here the morning of Jan. 17 after he had taken a daughter to a private school.

The banker, who is 37, was held twenty-one days for \$200,000 ransom and finally was released in Rochester, Minn., after the money was paid.

Karpis was identified as one of the participants in the abduction thru fingerprints found on gasoline tins thrown from the car in which the kidnapers took their victim to Rochester.

At the same time fingerprints also were found of Harold Barker, ring leader of a desperado mob known as the Barker-Karpis gang which operated thru the midwest.

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BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Caught



ALVIN KARPIS

KARPIS FOUND ASLEEP UNDER KENTUCKY TREE

Suspect wanted in Bremer kidnaping yields without struggle

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Bremer Suspect Texas Jail-Breaker

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 12 (AP).—Police tonight announced that a man arrested here yesterday, at first believed to be Alvin Karpis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, had been identified as Joe Palmer, one of the men who fled in a sensational escape from the Texas prison death house at Huntsville three weeks ago today.

Palmer, with two companions—Raymond Hamilton and Blackie Thompson—are regarded as the three most desperate killers in the Southwest. They escaped in a daring break in which a convict was killed, two others wounded and a guard shot.

James A. (Boss) Patterson, Texas penitentiary guard, will go on trial at Huntsville tomorrow for aiding the three desperadoes to escape July 22. The three, eluding the gunfire of guards which mowed down three other prisoners, escaped over the prison walls into waiting automobiles.

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N. Y. DAILY MIRROR
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Belton Held in Paducah Not Karpis

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 12 (US). —A suspect held as Alvin Karpis, kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, was identified late today as Joe Palmer, escaped convict from the prison farm at Huntsville, Texas.

Fingerprints were forwarded to Washington for checking at the Bureau of Identification. A Department of Justice agent from Indianapolis said the man positively was not Karpis.

The presence of a revolver and 50 cartridges found on the suspect as he was asleep beneath a tree prompted police here to hold him.

Palmer escaped prison with Clyde Hamilton a month ago.

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McLaughlin Is Set Free on \$15,000 Bail

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 15.—(UP)—
 John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chi-
 cago, who has been in the Ramsey
 county jail here since last May on
 charge of complicity in the kid-
 napping of Edward G. Bremer, was
 freed today on \$15,000 bond.

Attired in a new gray suit and
 carrying a swagger stick, Mc-
 Laughlin strode into the office of
 the United States District court,
 filed his bond and departed. He
 said he intended to return to Chi-
 cago.

"As fine a little jail as any one
 would want," McLaughlin com-
 mented. "Nice food and nice treat-
 ment." He waved a "So long, boys,"
 with his cane to the other inmates
 and left smiling.

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**"BOSS" McLAUGHLIN
LINKED WITH BREMER
CASE, OUT ON BAIL**

St. Paul, Aug. 15 (AP).—John J. McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator charged with handling part of the ransom money in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was released pending trial at the fall term of federal court when he furnished \$15,000 bail. Bail had been cut from \$30,000 after claims of his attorney that McLaughlin "might die in jail" if subjected to confinement.

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Kidnap Suspect Liberated on Bail

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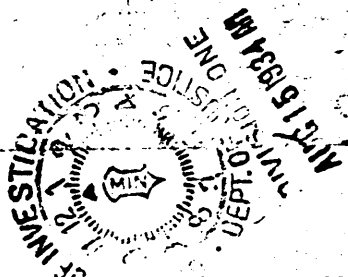
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ST. PAUL--JOHN J. (BOSS) MCLAUGHLIN, CHICAGO, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE
 RAMSEY COUNTY JAIL HERE SINCE LAST MAY ON A CHARGE OF COMPLICITY IN THE
 KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER, WAS FREE ON \$15,000 BOND TODAY.
 HE SAID HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO CHICAGO.

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BUFFALO, N.Y.--THE BUFFALO EVENING NEWS SAID TODAY THAT BUFFALO
FEDERAL AGENTS HAD SPURRED THEIR HUNT FOR ALVIN KARPIS AND ARTHUR
BARKER, MIDWEST GANGSTERS, IN BELIEF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN KIDNAPING
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KARPIS AND BARKER ARE WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING LAST
JANUARY OF EDWARD G. BREMER, ST. PAUL BANKER.

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CONVICT, FREED, GETS 'VACATION'

He then released Berman in \$5,000 bail. Hearing on proceedings to remove the accused to Superior, Wis., where the robbery occurred, was set for Sept. 5.

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ROBBER IS SENT BACK TO JOLIET

Oliver A. Berg, 54, was back in a prison cell at Joliet today after a year and a half of freedom during which he was sought by local, state and federal authorities. Federal operatives finally found him in Chicago.

Berg was sentenced in 1926 to ten years to life for robbing a jewelry salesman in Champaign. In November, 1933, his lawyers filed habeas corpus proceedings in Cook County and a Superior Court judge ordered Berg freed.

The State Supreme Court, how-

ever, expunged that order and directed that Berg serve the rest of his term. The convict, however, had disappeared and was not located until a few days ago. He was returned to the old prison at Joliet today.

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Bremer Kidnap Tip Proves 'Dud'

Fifty detectives and plainclothesmen, heavily armed, swooped down on a house at W. 73d st. and Franklin blvd. today.

They emerged a few minutes later empty handed.

At detective headquarters it was said the sudden mobilization and raid was ordered after a tip had been received that the house was a new hideout for the Bremer kidnap gang which eluded police here last week.

Suspicious Husband Ends Up in Jail

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Kidnap Fears Force U. S. to Hide Child

Disclosures that five-year-old Francine Saugman has been spirited away by federal secret service men to avoid her possible kidnaping was made today by Superintendent Dorothy Doan Henry of the detention home.

Francine was found by police-women in the company of three women who, it developed, were living at the hideout here of three Oklahoma outlaws sought in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Last Sunday night, Miss Henry said, the night watchman at the juvenile court building noticed suspicious-looking cars outside.

When a two-night vigil failed of results, Francine was removed to a place outside the city by W. A. Peters, secret service agent here.

The child is being held pending her return to St. Paul, where one of the women tried to adopt her.

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3 Women Freed In Kidnaping

Three women who lived at the hideout of a trio of outlaws wanted in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were free today after questioning by W. E. Peters, department of justice agent here.

"There's nothing we can hold them on," said Mr. Peters. It was suspected that the women were let go in order that their subsequent actions might lead agents to the new hideout of the desperados.

Meanwhile, five-year-old Francine Faugman, who was found with the women, was being held at the detention home awaiting word from the Minnesota children's bureau, of which she is a ward. One of the three women was seeking to adopt the girl.

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Raiders Raided---Police Hunting Gang Surround Gang Hunters

Twoscore heavily armed plain-clothesmen and uniformed police swarmed to the West Side today on a report that a gangster hideout had been found on W. 71st street near Franklin boulevard.

Citizens of the district reported that five men had gone into the place. All were carrying revolvers and one had a sub-machine gun.

Lieut. Oliver Torrence and a squad of uniformed men were the first to reach the house on W. 71st street. Other squads arrived and all were preparing to invade the place, when Lieut. Torrence, who had been investigating, called them off.

"False alarm," he explained. "Just some feds."

It developed that W. E. Peters, a Department of Justice agent, had received a tip that Alvin Karpis, Arthur and Fred Barker, St. Paul gangsters and kidnapers who eluded police here last week, were in the W. 71st street house.

He and four companions had hurried to the house, hoping to make a capture. They were searching the place when police descended upon them. No trace of the kidnapers was found.

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Federal Men Hold 3 Women In Bremer Quiz

Three women abandoned by a trio of desperadoes wanted in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were turned over to department of justice agents for investigation today.

Charges of suspicious persons against the three women were nolleed at the request of Detective Inspector Cody when W. A. Peters, justice department agent, asked for custody of the three in the hunt for the kidnaping suspects.

The gangsters, Arthur and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, escaped from their hideouts here at 9 p. m. Wednesday, several hours after the women had been arrested in a drunken brawl in a downtown hotel.

The women held gave their names as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, of 4419 W. 171st st.; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of 2221 121st st.; and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 38, of R. F. D. Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, Minn.

A five-year-old girl, Francine Faugman, also was found with the women. Papers for her adoption sought by Mrs. Sawyer have been refused, and the girl will be returned to the Minnesota children's bureau at St. Paul.

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The child said her name was Francine Sawyer, but could not tell where she lived or who her parents are.

The three women, meanwhile, hedged with tight-lipped answers at questions of an agent of the Department of Justice and police who were attempting to link them with associates of John Dillinger, slain gangster.

Although the number of Dillinger's henchmen has been decreased rapidly by police bullets, "Baby Face" Nelson is yet at large. Officers believe the women may know the whereabouts of this much-sought gangster.

One of the women was found to have more than \$600 in her purse. All wore diamond rings, wrist watches, bracelets and other valuable jewelry.

Policewoman Mildred Wilcox, who answered the complaint of the hotel, had to call the assistance of several

patrolmen to take the women into custody. All were intoxicated, she said, and one of them struck her under the left eye. They are being held at Central Police Station.

At Juvenile Detention Home the child told officers that the women had a large automobile parked downtown. In it police found a loaded .38 revolver.

She also said that three men ordinarily accompanied the women. "They never work and they have lots of money," she said.

"Do the men ride around in the Packard, too?" police asked.

"Oh, no!" Francine replied. "They go out in the little car they get in just outside of town. They put blue licenses on it first."

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GIRLS' CAPTURE TIPS KIDNAPERS

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Accidental arrest of three women believed to have been companions of three notorious Northwest kidnaping suspects apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture here.

A man whose identity was withheld today identified photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, sought for two St. Paul, Minn., kidnapings, as the men who had occupied a home in the west side recently.

After the identification a detective revealed that an informant Wednesday told detectives there were several "suspicious persons" living in the house.

That night three well-dressed women became involved in a drunken brawl in a downtown hotel, and were arrested.

In an automobile in the rear of the hotel police found a slip of paper giving the address of the west side house. They raided the place only to be informed that three men had rushed into the house and departed hurriedly.

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Suspect and Victim



ARTHUR R. BARKER.



FINGERPRINTS TELL HIDE-OUT STORY IN CITY

3 Flashy Women Held In-communicado Reveal West Boulevard Address.

4 MYSTERY MEN FLEE HOUSE AND FEDERAL NET.

Description of Little Girl Tallies With St. Paul Records.

Possibility that part of the gang sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, last January, may have been hiding out in Cleveland for the last several weeks and escaped from the city early yesterday developed last night as police continued their investigation of three women arrested in a brawl in a downtown hotel grill room Wednesday night.

Although the Cleveland police were maintaining much secrecy about the case, they revealed that the story of a pretty, blond, five-year-old girl, the adopted daughter of one of the women, had led to the obtaining of evidence which convinced them Arthur R. Barker, wanted as one of the Bremer kidnapers, had been here most of the summer.

They said that a slip of paper found in a house near West Boulevard and Lorain Avenue bore a set of figures which proved to be the classification number of the fingerprints of Barker, suspected not only in the Bremer kidnaping but in the kidnaping in the summer of 1933 of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Moreover, the police revealed, a picture of Barker was tentatively identified by Clevelanders residing near the West Side house as looking like one of four men who had been staying at the place for the last several weeks, and who left hurriedly.

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SUSPECT KIDNAP GANG HIDDEN HERE

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riedly, a few hours ahead of police early yesterday, some time after the arrest of the three women.

It was the information given by the five-year-old girl, found with the three women when they were arrested and now being held at the County Detention Home, which nearly resulted in the capture of the four men in Cleveland.

Suspicious of the police that the three women, well dressed and carrying large sums of money and quantities of jewels, might be members of a "mob" were aroused soon after their arrest.

The little girl was questioned and revealed that the three had parked a large car in the rear of a downtown department store. Police found the car and in it a loaded revolver and a slip of paper bearing two addresses.

One was for the house near West Boulevard and Lorain Avenue. The other was for another West Side house. At the second address neighbors said the persons under suspicion had left about three months ago. Neighbors of the first address, however, told of seeing the four men acting suspiciously for several weeks, coming in late at night or early in the morning.

Early yesterday, the neighbors said, the four men were seen to rush into the house, pull down the shades and a few minutes later leave hurriedly. Police did not reveal whether their information was that the quartet left by auto or afoot. No evidence other than the slip of paper with its tell-tale figures was found in the suspected hide-out.

The three women have refused to talk to police except to say that they are the wives of gamblers, police said. One said she was a Cleveland, and had as her guests a woman from Toledo and another from St. Paul.

Farm Believed Hide-out.

The woman from St. Paul said the little girl was her adopted daughter. The little girl told the police of living on a farm near St. Paul, where she said her "daddy" had given her a goat and a pony.

The St. Paul Pioneer-Press said last night that the description of the little girl—whose chief characteristic is her brightness in replying to questions and her self-assurance—tallied with that of the adopted daughter of a former St. Paul bootlegger who lived on a farm near that city and who has been missing from St. Paul since last spring, when he was sought by police there for questioning in connection with a number of legger were and her foster mother.

Police here linked the farm and the fact that the little girl is an adopted child with the knowledge that kidnap gangs usually have farm hide-outs and often adopt small children to take with them to avoid suspicion.

Bremer was kidnapped late in January as he was driving his daughter to school. He was held captive three weeks before his release was effected by payment of a \$200,000 ransom. An international search was instituted for his abductors, and a number of arrests were made. Hamm, kidnapped last summer, was released on payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Barker and Alvin Karpis, St. Paul authorities said last night, were linked to the Bremer kidnaping by finger prints and were also under suspicion in the Hamm kidnaping.

Both Barker and Karpis are out on parole from Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Barker served ten years of a life sentence for murder before getting his freedom and Karpis was paroled after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. The men have long strings of aliases, officials said.

A brother of Barker—Fred Barker—is wanted in St. Paul for the murder of his step-father while making a getaway from police there in 1932. The Pioneer-Press told the Plain Dealer.

The three women were arrested after it was reported to police Wednesday night that they were creating a disturbance in the hotel grill room downtown. They were intoxicated. Policewoman Mildred Wilcox went to the hotel in a police car. When she had difficulty getting the women into the car she got the aid of a traffic policeman.

Even then the three offered so much resistance that another traffic policeman was picked up as the car drove through Public Square.

On the way to the police station, the police said, the women threw some of their belongings out of the window. The police thought some of

these belongings were bank books. One of the women had with her \$600 in small bills, another \$50 and all had quantities of expensive jewelry.

The little girl told police that her family never worked, but always was "on the go." The large sedan, which was found parked back of the department store, the girl said, was used in town, and often, she said, the people she was with would drive out of town and the men would get into a smaller car with blue license plates.

Police here said last night they would turn facts of the case over to federal Department of Justice agents today. Pictures of the three women have been sent by air mail to St. Paul to see if they are wanted by police there. The three can be charged here with intoxication, assault on a policewoman and resisting arrest, police said.

Misses Her 'Mommie' When It's Time to Be Tucked In



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By DEANSON STONE. — A young girl, who is the law's first victim of justice, the girl who is at the juvenile detention home that she misses her "mommie," one of three women held at police headquarters as police investigate presence of a kidnap gang here.

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AT DETENTION HOME—Unaware of her importance to the law's grim pursuit of justice, five-year-old Francine sits at the juvenile detention home that she misses her "mommie," one of three women held at police headquarters as police investigate presence of a kidnap gang here.

FRANCINE today should be learning to read her Mother Goose stories in a kindergarten.

Instead of that, Francine, who is five, puckered her tiny brows over Bertillon photos which policewomen were showing her in the Juvenile Detention home.

Police do not know just who Francine is—yet. They found her two nights ago in the company of three women arrested in a brawl in a downtown hotel grillroom. It was the arrest of these women which led to the discovery of the hideout of three suspects in the Bremer kidnaping.

"That is my mommie," Francine lisped, as she pointed to a photo of one of the three who are now being held in jail.

"And that," she went on, "is Paula. I don't know the other lady's name. I always called her 'hey!'"

Says Man Came to House

In one breath Francine says "we lived on a street where they got married and buried," and in the next exclaims, "it's way out on a farm, millions of miles from here."

Asked who came to her mommie's house, Francine said: "Three men. They talked to daddy."

"What did they talk about?" policewomen asked.

"I don't know. I was too busy with my mud pies."

"How did your mommie call the

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Misses "Mommie"

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men when supper was ready?" policewomen asked.

"Soup's on!" Francine trilled.

Her daddy, she said, never called her mother anything but "honey."

"But sometimes he gets mad at me and calls me names. When mommie was around he always called me 'baby.'"

Francine prattled about Shetland ponies, playrooms, a maid named "Betty" and how she used to "lift the recorder up and listen on the phone."

"Nobody Ever Worked"

"Nobody ever worked at our house. We have a Packard and a coop."

Policewomen asked her whether the mail man ever called at her house.

"Mommie and daddy got their letters at a bank. Only Paula used to get mail from the mail man," Francine said.

Her mommie, she said, "is usually awful nice. 'Course, once in a while she spanks me, but all us childrens need spankin' once in a while."

The only difference Francine could see between her obviously luxurious home and the one she occupies at present was:

"At night my mommie tucks me in and kisses me goodnight. Here I don't say my prayers, even."

Two Bigamists Freed

Two convicted Cleveland bigamists, Nellie V. Moore and Gertrude Colby, have been paroled from Marysville state reformatory, effective Sept. 15.

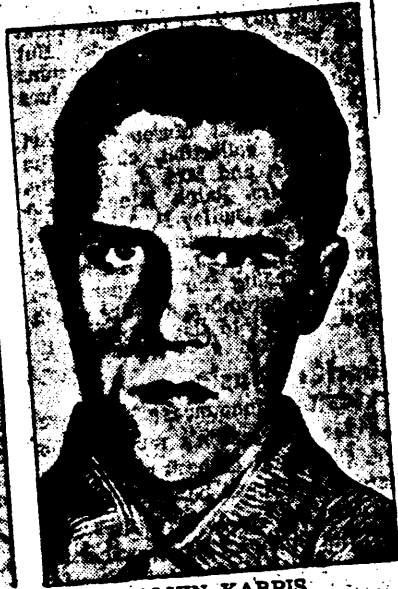
FIGURES IN BUNGLING



ARTHUR BARKER



FRED BARKER



ALVIN KARPIS



GLADYS SAWYER



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Police Delay W. End Raid, Gang Flees

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at the request of Inspector Cody. They will be arraigned tomorrow in police court.

"This thing broke the wrong way," Inspector Cody explained when asked why police had not acted at once on the tipoff.

"Our informant, to begin with, gave us the wrong address. It was next door to the Matterson place. He looked over various Bertillon pictures on the assumption the suspects were connected with the old Dillinger mob.

"He didn't mention the Barker boys or Karpis. We intended to go out to investigate that (Wednesday) evening. Then, before we went, these women were arrested.

"The men no doubt got wind of the arrests and fled. The thing just broke the wrong way," Inspector Cody said.

Asked why police showed such sudden and intense interest when they found the W. 171st st. address in the women's automobile, Inspector Cody said:

"One of the detectives must have remembered the address given by the informant, which was nearly the same. Then, the women were well dressed and had considerable money with them."

Identify 3 Photos

Neighbors of the 4419 W. 171st st. address, shown pictures of the Barker brothers and Karpis by Detective Lieutenant Kurt B. Gloeckner, identified Arthur Barker and Karpis as two of the three men.

Going to an address at 10515 Parkhurst dr., where the gang allegedly lived until a month ago, Lieutenant Gloeckner found witnesses who identified Fred Barker and Karpis as among the former occupants of the house.

All three women and a little girl were identified by neighbors of the W. 171st st. house as its former occupants. The girl, Francine Sawyer, five, foster-daughter of Mrs. Sawyer, is held in the detention home.

Reporters for The News, armed with Bertillon pictures, found witnesses who identified each of the three desperadoes as having lived in the W. 171st st. house the last month.

"They kept three or four new Ford V-8 cars around all the time and frequently made trips, carrying large suitcases," one neighbor said.

S. Agents Busy

Department of justice agents are making an active interest in the case. W. E. Peters of the local city jail for more than an hour. He would not comment on what he had learned.

At the same time, federal agents in St. Paul raided the farm of Harry Sawyer, husband of one of the women held here, and picked up an elderly man and a young girl for questioning.

Sawyer, a former St. Paul bootlegger, has been missing for some time. He is being sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping.

Pictures of the three women held here were mailed by Inspector Cody to St. Paul authorities with the request that they be shown Mr. Bremer for possible identification.

Additional, although hazy, evidence pointing to Fred Barker as a member of the W. 171st st. mob was a slip of paper bearing these numbers, 29-30, 1-0 and 30-22, found in the lately deserted home.

The numbers are the primary Bertillon classification for fingerprints, and Fred's fingerprints are

Arthur Barker was first arrested in Tulsa, Okla., in 1918 on a theft charge. In 1921 he was sent to Oklahoma penitentiary for robbery and, the following year, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was pardoned two years ago.

Fred Barker is sought in connection with two murders—the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Howell county, Missouri, on Dec. 19, 1931, and the more recent killing of Barker's stepfather.

Karpis, an escaped convict, is wanted for murder in Oklahoma, and is a known criminal who operates under seven aliases.

Karpis and Arthur Barker have been identified positively as the men who "snatched" Bremer. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings said. He said the identification was made from fingerprints taken from a gasoline can discarded by the abductors.

The men identified as the outlaws lived in unobtrusive fashion, save that they were wont to enter and leave their residential section homes at odd hours.

William J. Mitchell, from whom Mrs. Matterson rented the W. 171st st. house, according to neighbors, was reported to be vacationing with his family in Canada.

"There seemed to be a lot of visitors," one neighbor said. "There were always several small cars around, but I never saw any big ones. They had a chow dog, and on Wednesday about 4 o'clock

the three men playing with the dog in the yard."

Tells About Girl

Sometimes, another neighbor said, the men would take Francine, the little girl, for an automobile ride. She played with a neighbor boy, but never was allowed to play elsewhere than in her own yard, he said.

"About noon on Labor day I saw Arthur Barker in the backyard," the neighbor continued. "I said 'hello' in friendly fashion. He turned his back and walked into the house without saying anything. I never saw any wild parties in the house."

Another neighbor was perturbed yesterday by the appearance of a girl of about 10 at her house. The girl, who was selling pots and pans, asked so many questions, once she was inside the house, that the neighbor became alarmed and told her to leave.

"When they moved in," another neighbor said of the Matterson group, "they bought expensive furniture. They were always well-dressed. The people who came to rent the house were Arthur Barker, Francine and one of the women."

The mail carrier on the route said that no out-of-town letters were received by the occupants of

3 Bremer Suspects Escape

Three desperados sought in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, slipped through the fingers of Cleveland police when they delayed 12 hours in raiding the outlaws' hideout here.

The arrest of three women in a brawl at a downtown hotel, plus police delay in acting on a tipoff, allowed the kidnaping suspects, Arthur "Doc" Barker, his brother, Fred Barker, and Alvin Karpis, to make their getaway.

Detectives arrived at the hideout, a quiet home at 4419 W. 171st st., at 10 p. m. Wednesday. Their quarry had fled an hour before, warned by the arrest earlier in the evening of the three women.

The women today gave police their names as: Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, 4419 W. 171st st.; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of 2831 121st st., Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 38, of R. F. D., Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, Minn.

"They Won't Talk"

"They won't talk," Detective Inspector Cody said after his men had questioned the women for hours.

Edward C. Stanton, former county prosecutor, was retained to represent Mrs. Matterson. Mr. Stanton said his information so far indicated no connection between his client and the kidnaping suspects.

The three women were charged with being suspicious persons and were held under bonds of \$5,000 each, set by Police Judge Tenney.

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TRY TO IDENTIFY BILLS AS PART OF RANSOM FEE

Police Learn Bremer Kidnap
Suspect Was in City;
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from an informer whose identity they kept secret.

Members of the gang, Arthur and Fred Barker, wanted in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer; Alvin Karpis, murderer, and another unidentified man, fled the city Wednesday night after the arrest of three women in a downtown hotel.

Night before last police were called to quiet three fashionably-dressed women who were drinking heavily and creating a disturbance in a downtown hotel.

Found Women Drunk

Policewoman Mildred Wilcox found the three women drunk and with them a 5-year-old girl, Francine Sawyer. They resisted the policewoman's efforts to arrest them and one of them punched her in the face.

Miss Wilcox called for help and took the three to Central Station where they refused to talk. All were bejeweled and one of them had \$650 in cash in her purse.

Police today learned their names: Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 4419 W. 171st street; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, foster-mother of the little girl.

Police raided the W. 171st street home of Mrs. Matterson and found signs of a hurried exit.

In the house was a fingerprint classification of Fred Barker, brother of Arthur Barker, suspect in the St. Paul kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Served Time for Murder

Both Barkers have served time for murder and Fred is now wanted for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Howell county, Missouri, on Dec. 19, 1931.

Residents of W. 171st street were able to recognize a seven-year-old picture of Fred Barker as one of the men who had occupied the house for some time and left hurriedly with three other men Wednesday evening.

A house in West boulevard near Lorain avenue, which the gang occupied before moving to W. 171st street, was raided and searched by detectives without results.

Denies Knowing Barkers

Mrs. Sawyer said she lives on a farm outside of St. Paul and is the wife of Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger. She denied knowing the Barkers who are supposed to have operated from a farm near St. Paul in plotting and executing the Bremer kidnaping.

Judge George Tenesey placed the women under \$5000 bail each today after Inspector Cody said suspicious person charges would be placed against them.

Inspector Cody said the three women can be held on charges of intoxication, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. No other charges can be lodged against them. Mrs. Sawyer is not wanted in St. Paul.

Women Held Here in Bremer Kidnap Probe

Francine Sawyer

Winona Welcott

Edith Matterson

Grace Sawyer



Arthur Barker

These three women were placed under \$5000 bail today as the suspected companions of Arthur Barker and other members of the gang wanted for the kid-

napping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Little Francine, adopted daughter of Mrs. Sawyer, was with the women when they were arrested in a downtown hotel.

TRY TO IDENTIFY RANSOM CASH

Police Learn Bremer Kidnap Suspect Was in City; Money Seized

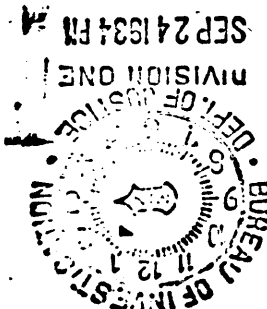
Police today checked the serial numbers on six \$100 bills found yesterday in the purse of a woman arrested here to determine whether they were part of the \$200,000 ransom money paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

St. Paul police were asked to compare the numbers on the bills found here with their list of serial numbers of the ransom money.

The comparison was requested by Detective Inspector C. W. Cody and Department of Justice agents after the federal operators definitely established the fact that Fred Barker linked by fingerprints in the Bremer kidnaping, and a mob of notorious gangsters have made Cleveland their headquarters in recent weeks.

Photographs of three of the gang members also were positively identified by neighbors as being the men who had lived at 4419 W. 171st street and in a Parkhurst avenue home in recent weeks. Detective Lieutenant Kurt Glocker reported that detectives got their facts

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KIDNAPING GANG ESCAPES IN RAID

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Bremer Suspects Flee Cleve-
land Home After Women
Are Seized in Row.

By the United Press.

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Girl Gives Clues.

Police obtained the names of the women as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Mrs. Winona Wolcott and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. Mrs. Sawyer, who had \$650 in cash in her possession, is foster mother of a 5-year-old girl, Francene Sawyer, who gave police the leads on which the investigation was grounded.

The little girl told officers that the three women drove about the country in an expensive automobile, accompanied by the four men. The men, she said, always left the big car when coming into a big city, and continued in a small automobile.

Following the girl's directions police found the large car.

Picture Identified.

In it was a .32 calibre revolver. They raided Mrs. Matterson's home and found signs of a hurried exit. In the house was a fingerprint classification of Fred Barker, who, in addition to the Bremer kidnaping is wanted for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of Howell County, in 1931.

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Kidnap Gang Escapes; 3 Women Held

Karpis And Two Barker Brothers Wanted For Bremer Case, Flee Trap In Cleveland.

Indictments on charges of harboring fugitives are to be sought next week by federal authorities against the three women arrested in Cleveland Thursday as Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers (Arthur and Fred), wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last winter, made their escape from a police trap.

The other escaped male member of the gang, second only to the Dillinger gang in widespread kidnaping, bank robbery and murder, is believed to be Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, who is wanted by St. Paul authorities for questioning in connection with numerous underworld activities in St. Paul during the past year.

Hold Three Women.

Cleveland police are holding three women who gave their names as Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Cleveland, and Mrs. Winona Wolcott, Toledo. The three women were arrested Wednesday night after a fight in a Cleveland hotel which resulted in a Cleveland policewoman being struck by one of the women.

A raid was made on Mrs. Master-son's rooming house a few minutes after the men had made their escape. This raid resulted from information given to the police by Frachine Sawyer, Mrs. Sawyer's 8-year-old adopted daughter, who was with her foster mother when the arrest was made.

The little girl was unable to give the police the exact address of the rooming house, but told them that the automobile belonging to the women was parked in back of the hotel where they were arrested. The police, failing to obtain the desired information from the women, searched the automobile, finding a loaded .38-caliber pistol and a book containing several addresses. One of these addresses was of the Master-son rooming house, and it was there that the police arrived too late to capture the men.

Seek Clues In Money.

Investigation of the serial numbers of bills totaling \$650 found on Mrs. Sawyer, as well as the money taken from the other two women, is being made today. The numbers are being checked against those of the ransom money paid by Mr. Bremer's family for the young banker's release from the kidnapers last February, three weeks after he had been seized.

Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were named last winter by Atty. Gen. Cummings as the actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer.

The Barker brothers and Karpis also are wanted in St. Paul for the slaying of Arthur W. Dunlap, West St. Paul, whose bullet-pierced body was found near Webster, Wis., in April, 1933.

In the Cleveland rooming house police found a finger classification of Fred Barker, who also is wanted in Missouri for the slaying of C. R. Kelly, sheriff of Howell county, Mo.

The federal grand jury meets in St. Paul Tuesday.

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Sawyer's Farm North of St.
Paul Visited by U. S.
Agents.

Three alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and possibly of William Hamm, both of St. Paul, escaped arrest in Cleveland, it was learned today, as Federal Department of Justice agents detained two persons after a farm raid this morning near St. Paul.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cleveland said the accidental arrest of three women, believed to have been companions of the notorious outlaws, apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture.

The three suspects have been identified as Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker. They "lammed" after the three women were jailed for raising a drunken disturbance in a fashionable Cleveland hotel.

The women gave their names as Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, who said she lived on a farm at Dayton's Bluff station, route No. 4, near St. Paul; Winona Wolcott, wife of a Toledo dredgeman; and Mrs. Ethel Matterson, who said her husband is a Cleveland gambler.

Mrs. Sawyer is believed to be the wife of Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, who is sought by federal investiga-

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tors for questioning. He at first was believed to have been one of the men who fled in Cleveland. With Mrs. Sawyer, who said her husband is a gambler, was a 5-year-old girl, Francine.

Detention of Mrs. Sawyer was followed by the Department of Justice raid on Sawyer's ten-acre farm near the Hodgson and Snail lake roads, north of St. Paul.

Occupants of the farmhouse were an elderly man and a woman who shot and killed a man in self-defense about five years ago. She is on probation for liquor law violation.

Agents brought the couple to their office in downtown St. Paul, but refused to divulge what they wanted them for or what they intended to question them about.

In Cleveland, the three women still were held today. They and the kidnap suspects are reported to have occupied a house in West 171st street.

Two neighbors who feared to let their identity become known identified photographs of Karpis and Arthur Barker, while a third man identified those two and also that of Fred Barker.

After the identification, C. W. Gody, detective inspector, revealed that an informant Wednesday told detectives there were several "suspicious persons" living in the house.

Inspector Gody said police at that time did not know the "suspicious persons" might be the St. Paul suspects, and the house was not raided immediately.

That night, three well-dressed women became involved in a drunken brawl in a fashionable downtown hotel, and were arrested after they had struck a policewoman who tried to quiet them.

In an automobile in the rear of the hotel police found a pistol and a slip of paper giving the address of the West side house. Upon finding that it coincided with the address given by the informant, they raided the place, only to be informed by neighbors that three or four men had rushed into the house an hour before, pulled down the door and departed hurriedly, ap-

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Arthur Barker and Karpis have been named by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings at Washington as having been positively identified as leaders of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker. Bremer was freed on payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Identification of the pair was made, Cummings said, through fingerprints found on gasoline cans discarded by the abductors when they collected the ransom money.

Both men, too, are suspected in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, whose relatives paid \$100,000 for his release. They are on parole from the Oklahoma penitentiary.

A slip of paper found in the house here, police revealed, bore the fingerprint classification of Arthur Barker.

Department of Justice agents aided police in questioning the women, but police announced nothing was learned from them.

Asked where their husbands were, one replied, "I'd rather not say." Another answered, "I'd rather go to jail."

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3 Women May Be Linked in Bremer Kidnap Plot

By United Press

CLEVELAND — Possible links between three women held here and the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, were being checked today by police.

Officers believed that Arthur R. Barker, wanted as one of the kidnapers, had been in Cleveland most of the summer, possibly with other members of the gang.

The story of a blond 5-year-old girl, adopted daughter of one of the women, who said she was from St. Paul, led to evidence, police said, which convinced them Barker may have been here.

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By United Press

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Bremer Kidnapers Traced to Hideout

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7 (I.N.S.).
A west side Cleveland home has been used for weeks as the hideout of members of the notorious Barker outlaw gang, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was established today when photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Albert Barker were identified as those of three men who had been seen at the west side home and who fled yesterday in the company of a fourth man.

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WOMEN'S ARREST AIDS BREMER GANG

Three Suspects Believed to
Have Fled After Seizure of
"Companions"

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7 (AP).—The accidental arrest of three women, believed to have been companions of three notorious Northwest kidnaping suspects, apparently enabled the fugitives to escape capture here.

A man who asked that his identity be withheld today identified photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, sought for two St. Paul kidnappings, as the men who had accused a dame in West 171st Street recently. Two other neighbors also feared to list their identity to become known identified photographs of Karpis and Arthur Barker.

Women Seized in Brawl

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U.S. WILL TAKE UP KIDNAP TRAIL HERE

Agents Expected Today;
Women Left Behind Are
Held for Quiz.

Federal officials today are expected to step in and take charge of investigating the escape here Wednesday night of three western desperadoes, two of them wanted in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings in St. Paul.

Three women, arrested during a brawl in a downtown hotel an hour before police raided an empty house in W. 171st Street and found the three fugitives gone, were ordered held without bail yesterday by Department of Justice Agent W. A. Peters, who indicated federal operatives would take over custody of the women today. The trail of the western suspects was revealed through the arrest of the women. Police indicated also that the Department of Justice would take over custody of Francine Faugman, five-year-old girl found with the woman. Officials were investigating to learn whether the child had been taken from Minnesota illegally. Should this be the case, kidnapping charges might be involved, it was said.

Detectives, meanwhile, were investigating the possibility that the three men, instead of using Cleveland as a hide-out, had come here for the purpose of kidnaping some well-known Clevelanders. It was pointed out that the gang habitually had operated in the west and undoubtedly had maintained hide-outs there.

Maps found in the deserted house, detectives said, contained well-penciled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada, indicating that the gang may have been planning a getaway after the seizure of a victim here.

Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis are the two men wanted in the kidnappings of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. Fred Barker, the other member of the trio to escape Cleveland police, is sought

in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Howell County, Missouri, in 1931.

The three women identified themselves as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 30, of the West Side address; Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of Toledo; and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 23, of St. Paul. Suspicious person charges were lodged against them, pending the arrival of Department of Justice officials.

Police learned from St. Paul that the Faugman child had been in the custody of the Children's Bureau there and that Mrs. Sawyer and her husband, (supposed to be Harry Sawyer, sought by federal officials for questioning), had applied for her custody. Upon being refused by the Probate Court in St. Paul, the two took the child, police said. No information had been forwarded from St. Paul late last night as to whether serial numbers of the bills found in possession of the three women tallied with those of the bills with which Bremer was ransomed.

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INFORMER. Pretty, five-year-old Francine Faugman gave Cleveland police information which led to the discovery that Cleveland probably had been the hideout this summer of a St. Paul kidnaping gang.

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Held by Cleveland police on suspicion of connection with the Bremer kidnaping are three women who gave their names as (2) WINONA WOLCOTT, Toledo; (3) ETHEL MATTERSON, Cleveland, their hostess and (4) GRACE SAWYER, St. Paul, said to be the wife of Harry Sawyer, former Wabasha st. bar operator, now sought for questioning. They were picked up on an intoxication charge. Male companions said to be Sawyer, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis (wanted for the Bremer "snatch") and others did not happen to be present at the roundup.

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Man, Woman, Held Here In Gang Cleanup

Evidence pointing to a St. Paul underworld leader and "lamster" as the "big shot" in middle west criminal depredations was believed today to be in the hands of federal agents, with further developments expected Monday.

Their activities cloaked in secrecy, department of justice agents in Cleveland and St. Paul were reported working feverishly to complete a net of information intended to bring to justice the "higher ups" in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings, the \$46,000 Sioux Falls (S.D.) bank robbery, and the shielding of Homer Van Meter and other members of the Dillinger gang.

Developments included:

Reports that an unidentified man and woman arrested by federal agents Friday morning at the Harry Sawyer farm, northern Ramsey county, are being questioned in connection with the recent killing by police of Homer Van Meter, "tommy expert" of the Dillinger mob.

Turning over to department of justice agents in Cleveland, following arraignment in police court, of three women jailed by police there in connection with the alleged harboring of three long-sought gangsters. The women are Mrs. Harry Sawyer, St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Matterson, Cleveland, and Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo.

Doubling of efforts of the federal department to locate "for questioning" Harry Sawyer, former operator of a notorious bootleg parlor on Wabasha st., scene of at least one murder. Sawyer was successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, murdered fence and gangland "big shot."

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WARD OF SAWYER NOT LEGALLY THEIRS

Child Who Gave Information to
Officers Never Formally
Adopted, Records Show.

Francine, 5-year-old ward of Harry Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, never was formally adopted by them though they made an attempt to adopt her, records showed today.

Mrs. Sawyer was arrested in Cleveland Thursday night, and information given by the child led authorities to a house from which men, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, fled a few minutes before. Sawyer was first reported to be among the three who fled. Later, it was reported that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis fled but Sawyer did not.

Charles Hall, head of the children's bureau of the State Board of Control, said today his organization has telegraphed Cleveland asking return of Francine to St. Paul where she will be in custody of the Ramsey County Juvenile court. She never has been legally adopted by the Sawyers.

"We found," Hall said, "that the girl was not placed with the Sawyers by any reputable child-placing agency. She apparently was given to them by her mother."

Word from Cleveland today was that authorities there were preparing to return the child to Minnesota in accordance with a telegraphic request of the children's bureau of the Board of Control.

The man and woman who were detained Friday by Department of Justice agents after a raid on the Harry Sawyer farm, Hodgson and Snail lake roads, north of St. Paul, still were being questioned today, but the purpose of the quizzing was kept secret. The pair was found in the farmhouse.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEIZES THREE WOMEN.

Cleveland, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Department of Justice took custody today of three women abandoned here Wednesday by a trio of desperadoes wanted for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

Charges of being suspicious persons were dismissed at the request of Detective Cornelius Cody, inspector, when W. A. Peters, Justice department agent, asked for custody of the three.

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U. S. NEARING END OF HUNT FOR LEADER OF BREMER KIDNAP GANG

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 8.—[U.P.]—Police and federal agents are nearing the end of the trail in their search for the gang chieftain who plotted the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, it was learned tonight.

Evidence pointing to a St. Paul underworld leader as the guiding hand behind numerous midwest gang plundering was in the hands of federal agents. A "big development" was expected Monday.

A nearly complete chain of information has been drawn about "higher ups" not only in the Hamm and Bremmer kidnapers, but also in the \$46,000 Sioux Falls, S. D., bank robbery, and the shielding of Homer Vin Meter and other members of the Billings gang.

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WOMEN HELD IN GANG QUIZ FREED

Three Released by U. S. After
Kidnap Probe, but At-
torney Is Puzzled

Three women, held in connection with the escape of two St. Paul gangsters suspected of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul business man, have "disappeared."

The women are Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer of St. Paul; Mrs. Winona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 4419 W. 171st street.

W. E. Peters, Department of Justice operative here, said today the women had been released from custody because "we had nothing on them here."

Edward C. Stanton, attorney for the women, remarked, "That's funny."

Mr. Stanton said today he had made a tour of local jails seeking his clients.

"The last time I saw them was at City Jail on Friday," he said. "Maybe they were released, but I'd like to know."

Cleveland police said they did not know the whereabouts of the three women.

Other officials were of the opinion the women had been released to St. Paul authorities for questioning.

A five-year-old girl, foster daughter of one of the women, still is being held at Detention Home.

The women were taken into custody last week during a disturbance at a downtown hotel. Police said that charges of intoxication, resisting an officer and suspicion could be placed against them.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT



Wynona Wolcott, who is one of three women who were questioned by Cleveland police in connection with the suspected presence of a kidnap gang in that city.
(The Associated Press.)

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HELD FOR QUIZ



(A. P. Photo)
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DENY HOLDING TRIO IN KIDNAPING PROBE

Department of Justice Agents Re-
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Department of Justice agents to-
day denied they knew the where-
abouts of three women picked up by
police a week ago on suspicion of
being kidnapers' accomplices, as
was reported yesterday.

The three were Mrs. Gladys R.
Sawyer of St. Paul, Mrs. Winona
Wolcott of Toledo and Mrs. Ethel
Mattersom of 4419 W. 171st street.
A 5-year-old girl, foster-daughter of
one of the women, is being held at
the Detention Home. Police sus-
pected the women were companions
of the gangsters who kidnaped Ed-
ward G. Bremer, St. Paul business-
man, and turned them over to De-
partment of Justice agents. W. E.
Peters, federal operative here, said
they were released when he could
find no charges to hold them on.

Yesterday's report said they had
been taken by Department of Jus-
tice agents to Youngstown and then
to Chicago for further investigation.
Mr. Peters today declared that re-
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Raiders Raided---Police Hunting
Gang Surround Gang Hunters

Twoscore heavily armed plain-clothesmen and uniformed police swarmed to the West Side today on a report that a gangster hideout had been found on W. 71st street near Franklin boulevard. Citizens of the district reported that five men had gone into the place. All were carrying revolvers and one had a sub-machine gun. Lieut. Oliver Torrence and a squad of uniformed men were the first to

reach the house on W. 71st street. Other squads arrived and all were preparing to invade the place, when Lieut. Torrence, who had been investigating, called them off. "False alarm," he explained. "Just some feds." It developed that W. E. Peters, a Department of Justice agent, had received a tip that Alvin Karpis, Arthur and Fred Barker, St. Paul gangsters and kidnapers who eluded police here last week, were in the W. 71st street house. He and four companions had hurried to the house, hoping to make a capture. They were searching the place when police descended upon them. No trace of the kidnapers was found.

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State Takes Girl, 6, From Sawyers, Wanted In Quiz

Six-year-old Francine Sawyer isn't going to travel around the country anymore in big automobiles with tough looking men.

Francine is going to be brought back to St. Paul where the children's bureau of the state board of control will try to find a permanent home for the girl.

The girl has been in custody of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer since May, 1933. Mrs. Sawyer was jailed in a raid by Cleveland police last Wednesday night. In another raid a few minutes later, police barely missed capturing three men they believe to be Sawyer and the notorious Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Department of justice agents would like to meet the trio and question them concerning two important St. Paul kidnappings, those of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer.

It was Francine who gave Cleveland police information that led to the near capture of the trio.

The girl has been traveling with the Sawyers since they failed in an effort to adopt her in 1933. Francine was born March 8, 1928, but early in 1933 her mother turned her over to the Sawyers because she was unable to support the child.

In May, 1933, the Sawyers petitioned the Ramsey county district court for permission to adopt the girl. The children's bureau investigated the case when it learned of Sawyer's record and recommended denial of the petition. Before the court could act, the Sawyers withdrew their petition and were not heard of until the raids in Cleveland.

Francine now is in custody of the Cleveland police matron and the children's bureau here has ordered that she be returned to St. Paul, where the Ramsey county juvenile court will appoint a guardian to care for her.

The guardian may commit the girl to an orphanage or can place her in a private home for care.

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Police Guard Bankers; Kidnap Plot Feared

Topeka, Sept. 10 (AP).—The Daily Capital says that police are maintaining a guard about the homes of two Topeka bankers, following tips that the Barker and Karpis gang may be planning a kidnap raid in Topeka.

The two bankers under guard, the paper says, are Carl W. McKeen, president, and Henry D. Wolf, cashier of the National Bank of Topeka, the city's largest financial institution.

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\$5,000 IS FOUND IN SAFETY BOX BARKER RENTED

This morning agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice drilled open a safe deposit box at the Woodlawn State Bank, 1180 West 63d street, and took out \$5,000 in currency left there by Arthur Barker, indicted in the kidnaping several months ago by Edward G. Bremer, millionaire brewer of St. Paul, Minn.

The box had been rented last spring by Barker, who went under the name of Ray Gordon, and his mother, Mrs. Catherine Gordon, both of whom were living in a hotel at 2372 East 70th street, the government men said.

However the serial numbers of the bills, ten of which were of \$100 denomination, did not correspond with those of the \$200,000 paid in the Bremer kidnaping.

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FEDERAL AGENTS DRILL SAFE IN RANSOM SEARCH

One Roy Gordon will learn soon his safe deposit box at the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Co. is not so safe—at least from Uncle Sam.

Armed with search warrants, U. S. deputy marshals drilled the box open, searching for part of the \$200,000 ransom paid in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jr., St. Paul brewer. The federal men suspected that "Roy Gordon" was an alias for Arthur R. Barker, fugitive outlaw, indicted for the kidnaping.

A few bills were found in the box, but were not part of the Bremer ransom. Their serial numbers were to be checked with lists of bills paid in other kidnapings.

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VAULT IS RAIDED IN U. S. HUNT FOR BREMER RANSOM

Several deputy United States marshals, on the trail of the \$200,000 ransom paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, broke into a safety deposit box yesterday in the Woodlawn Safety Deposit company at 1180 East 63d street. Some currency was found, but not with the serial numbers the marshals were seeking. The numbers were taken and will be compared with those on other bills paid to kidnapers.

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**FIND NO BREMER CLUE
IN BANK SAFETY BOX**

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Several deputy United States marshals reported today that their seizure of a safety deposit box in an outlying bank had failed to yield any of the \$200,000 ransom money paid to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The deputy marshals broke into the safety box Tuesday after receiving a tip that it had been rented by Catherine Gordon, wife of Roy Gordon. Gordon was said to have been an alias used by Arthur R. Barker, under indictment in the kidnaping but never apprehended.

The federal officials found some money but not with the serial numbers they sought.

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**BANK BOX DRILLED OPEN
IN BREMER RANSOM HUNT.**

United States deputy marshals, seeking part of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and kidnap victim, drilled open a safety deposit box in a South side bank in Chicago Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Only a small amount of money in bills was found in the box rented under the name of "Roy Gordon" which the officers said was an alias used by Arthur R. Barker, indicted member of the kidnap gang.

Austin Hall, assistant United States district attorney, said the deputies did not find any of the money paid for the St. Paul banker's release but added that they took the serial numbers of the bills for further checking.

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Arrested in Bremer Kidnaping



Grace Sawyer. Ethel Matterson. Winona Wolcott.
Possibility that a trio of flashily dressed women arrested in a brawl in a Cleveland hotel are members of the gang sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul, Minn., banker, is advanced by Cleveland police investigating the story of the adopted young daughter of one of the women, connecting them with Arthur R. Barker, one of the alleged abductors. Here they are, left to right, Grace Sawyer, Ethel Matterson and Winona Wolcott, with Francine Sawyer, the daughter, inset.

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U. S. Picks Up Trail Of Barker, Bremer Captor

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Federal agents said today they believed they had picked up the trail of Fred Barker, sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, here.

They raided a room at the Orlando hotel, where they reported finding clothing identified as belonging to Barker and his mother. Employees of the hotel identified pictures of the former occupants of the room as Barker and his mother.

A guard was placed about the hotel, but the agents believed that Barker had fled. Barker left Cleveland last week just prior to a raid in which three women were arrested.

He is sought, along with Alvin Karpis and Roy Gordon, in connection with the kidnaping of Bremer and the collection of \$200,000 ransom.

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Bremer Ransom Seekers 'Crack' Bank Safety Box

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DEPOSIT BOX DRILLED FOR BREMER RANSOM

**Chicago Safe Believed Rented by
Arthur Barker, Fugitive
Suspect.**

By the Associated Press.
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