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AGENTS BALKED IN BREMER CLUE

Although federal agents found \$5,006 in a safe deposit box which they drilled open after finding it was held by the mother of Arthur R. Barker, kidnaper, they were forced to admit yesterday that it was not part of the \$200,000 ransom paid by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Melvin Purvis, head of the Department of Justice, said the number of the box in the Woodlawn Safe Deposit Company vault had been obtained six months ago in a search of the rooms of Mrs. Catherine Barker, the outlaw's mother, at 2373 E. Seventieth st.

Mrs. Barker and her son, whom the agents hoped to find with her, had fled, and since then, Purvis stated, the box had been under constant observation. Neither the mother, Barker nor Alvin Karpis, his confederate, ever returned, and it was finally decided to open the box. Serial numbers of the bills are being checked against loot in various other kidnappings and robberies.

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

September 17, 1934

Hide Girl To Thwart Kidnapers

Fearing that she may be kidnaped by gangsters, six-year-old Francine Sawyer has been secreted "somewhere in the vicinity of the Twin Cities."

The girl was in custody of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer from May, 1933, until Mrs. Sawyer was jailed in a raid by Cleveland police Sept. 5. In another raid a few minutes later police barely missed capturing three men they believe to be Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis and a third man thought to be either Sawyer or Fred Barker, brother of Arthur. Karpis and "Doc" Barker have been identified as the kidnapers of Edward B. Bremer and suspected of complicity in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping.

The Sawyer girl was brought back to St. Paul by airplane Saturday and was placed under jurisdiction of the Ramsey county child welfare board. Today she was turned over to the state board of control's children's division.

Miss Gertrude E. Cammack, executive secretary of the Ramsey county child welfare board, said today that there would be no information given out concerning the child's whereabouts.

"Gangland would turn over every stone in an attempt to find her," she said, "if they believed the child could tell federal authorities secrets about the underworld. The child is bright and intelligent for her age."

"Mrs. Sawyer shows a genuine fondness for the girl," Miss Dorothy E. Crawford, board investigator, said, "and gave her the best of care. The child had beautiful clothes and seemed to be unusually happy."

While held in custody in Cleveland, Francine is said to have told authorities much concerning the activities of the Sawyers, and her talking is alleged to have resulted in the raid on the suspected headquarters of Karpis and the Barkers.

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TO HAVE NEW GUARDIAN



Fearing she might be kidnaped federal and state authorities have sequestered 6-year-old **FRANCINE SAWYER** "somewhere in the vicinity of the Twin Cities" and today started proceedings in an unnamed Minnesota district court to have the child declared a dependant in order that a proper guardian for her may be appointed. The girl was picked up by Cleveland police in a raid on a rooming house following arrest of Mrs. Harry Sawyer and two other women in a cafe disturbance. Ahead of the raiders, Alvin Karpis and two other men, believed to be either Arthur and Fred Berker, or one of them and Harry Sawyer, fled. Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker are wanted as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm. Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger and alleged "fence," has been "on the lam" from St. Paul since shortly after a \$46,000 raid by Dillinger gangsters on a Sioux Falls (S. D.) bank. Francine was informally "adopted" by the Sawyers.

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BUFFALO--FOUR OF THE \$10 BILLS WHICH EDWARD C. BREMER PAID TO
 EFFECT HIS RELEASE FROM KIDNAPERS, HAVE BEEN FOUND HERE, IT WAS LEARNED
 TODAY. TELLERS OF THE MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY IDENTI-
 FIED THE BILLS AS PART OF THE \$200,000 RANSOM. THEY WERE RECEIVED
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 AUTHORITIES TO BELIEVE THE KIDNAPERS ALSO PLAYED A PART IN THE ABDUC-
 TION OF JOHN S. LABATT.

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From
The Buffalo Evening News
dated
September 21, 1934

Bremer Ransom Money Here Offers Clue to Kidnap Trail

Finding of Four \$10 Notes by Bank Tellers Reveals
Recent Presence of Gangsters in Buffalo.

A substantial clue to the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old banker of St. Paul, who was released only after \$200,000 in small bills had been paid, was uncovered here today when four of the many \$10 bills were identified by tellers of the Manufacturers & Traders' Trust company.

One of the bills was received on Sept. 4 by Charles Dearing, teller of the Grant-Boyd streets branch, who found another one shortly thereafter.

Two others were turned in at the main office at Main and Swan streets a short time after the first bill was found. They have been identified by Tellers Walter Ackerman and Robert Hanlon.

At the same time it was reported that several Federal Reserve notes whose serial numbers were the same as those on another list of ransom bills had been found in banks in Lockport and Niagara Falls.

Federal agents are making a check to determine whether these too were part of the Bremer case or any one of several others in which ransom money was paid.

Positive identification was made by comparing the serial numbers on the bills with a list of numbers taken from the bills paid as ransom to the kidnapers.

Bank officials were high in their praise of the careful work of the tellers. This information immediately was turned over to George V. Doherty, acting special agent in

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BREMER KIDNAPERS SPENT RANSOM HERE

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charge of Buffalo office, division of investigation, Department of Justice.

Federal agents, the Buffalo Evening News revealed on Aug. 15, were seeking Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, Midwest gangsters, in Buffalo because they had definite information these men, believed to have kidnaped Bremer, were in the neighborhood.

Suspicions Confirmed.

The fact that the bills were uncovered shortly thereafter proved their information correct.

These men were believed at the time to have been on their way to Canada because the search for them in their usual haunts in the Midwest was becoming too uncomfortable.

The coincidence of their sojourn in Buffalo and the kidnaping of John S. Labatt a short time later led Federal agents and Canadian authorities to the belief that Karpis and Barker had kidnaped the wealthy Canadian brewer.

Both agencies agreed that the kidnaping of Mr. Labatt was the work of Americans and this fact served to strengthen the link between the Midwest gangsters and the "snatching" of the Canadian brewer.

Federal Reserve Notes.

The bills of the Bremer kidnaping recovered to date were Federal Reserve notes, the type of money handed to the kidnapers before they released the young banker.

Mr. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul on Sept. 17 a short distance from the school to which he had escorted his young daughter. A car crowded his own machine to the curb, a gun was pressed against his side and he was driven out to the haunt of his captors.

After a few weeks of negotiations the young banker was thrown out of a car near Rochester, Minn. The largest ransom on record, \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills, was paid by his family.

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THE DENVER POST
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SEPT. 21, 1934.

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Find Bremer Ransom Bills At Buffalo

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Presence Of Cash Near Labatt Kidnap Scene May Reveal "Snatchers" Were Linked.

Recovery at Buffalo, N. Y., of four of the \$10 bills from the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom money today had federal agents there and in St. Paul checking to determine its source.

Two theories were voiced:

1. That the presence of the bills in Buffalo, only 110 miles from the London, Ont., home of John S. Labatt, Canadian banker who recently was kidnaped and released allegedly without payment of ransom, indicated a tie-up between the two abductions and the recent presence of the Bremer "snatchers" in Buffalo.

2. That the bills were some of the thousands of dollars unrecovered in the recent arrest at Chicago of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, prominent Democratic politician and alleged gambling overlord of that city, for possession of some of the ransom.

Department of justice officials in St. Paul said it was possible that the bills had found their way to Buffalo in the ordinary course of business.

Tellers of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. identified the bills, and reported they were received at four different branches of the bank about three weeks ago.

No trace of the person or persons who passed the bills has been found, although federal agents and police at Buffalo have been work-

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BREMER RANSOM BILLS RECOVERED AT BUFFALO

ing constantly since discovery of the ransom money.

The theory that there was a link between the Bremer kidnaping early this year and that of Labatt two months ago would point to the Canadian "snatching" as a "job" of the Karpis-Barker gang. Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker have been indicted for the Bremer abduction.

Waiting trial on the money-handling charges are "Boss" McLaughlin, his 18-year-old son, John Jr., William Vidler, former convict and Philip Delaney, former alcohol dealer, all of Chicago. Others named in an indictment in connection with the Bremer case are Frankie Wright, Ray Gray, Ivey Jones, "John Doe" and "Richard Roe."

McLaughlin and his aids were allegedly responsible for passing \$53,000 in Bremer ransom money in the Illinois city. Only a few thousands dollars worth of the bills were recovered.

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**FOUR BREMER
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FOUND IN BANK**

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Seek Further Clues.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—(P)—Four \$10 bills identified as part of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money found in Buffalo, N. Y., produced no additional clues to aid in running down the kidnapers, federal officials here said today. Department of justice officials admitted they knew the currency was found, but added that they were without knowledge as to who passed it.

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*Chicago Tribune
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KARPIS, w. a. I.O. #1218
R. BARKER, w.a.I.O. #1219

GEORGE BREMER, Victim
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San Antonio Evening News
Sept. 24, 1934.

Guard Gang's Child

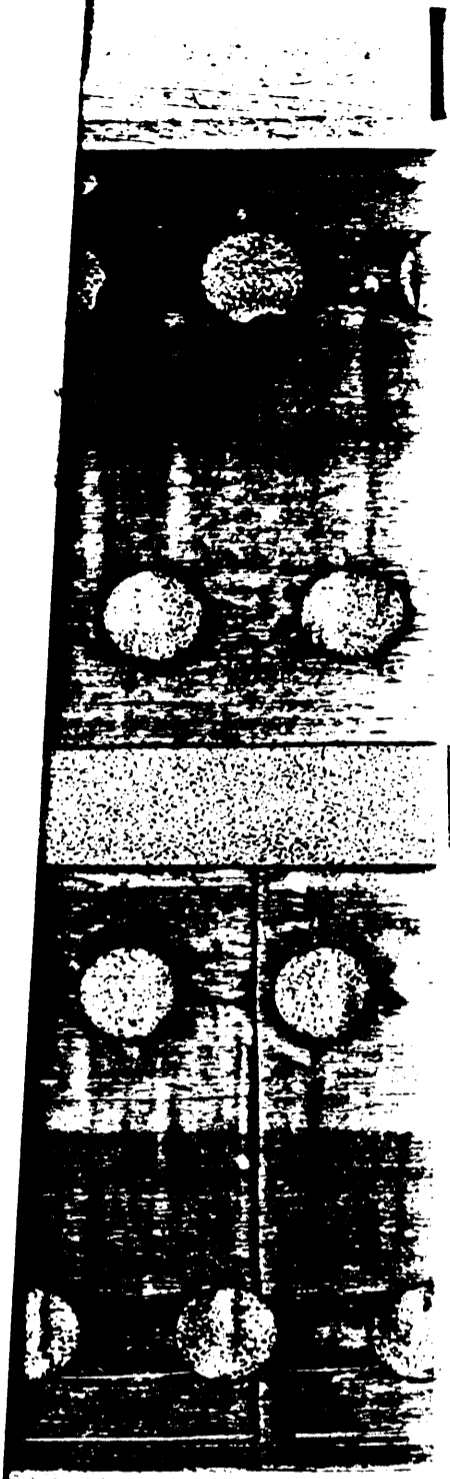


FRANCINE SAWYER

FEARING kidnaping Fed-
eral authorities at St.
Paul, Minn., have hidden 6-
year-old Francine Sawyer,
above, adopted child of Mrs.
Harry Sawyer who was ar-
rested in Cleveland during a
police hunt for kidnapers of
Edward G. Bremer and Wil-
liam Hamm. Police believe
Alvin Karpis and Arthur
Barker, sought in the kid-
naping, fled Cleveland when
alarmed by the arrest of Mrs.
Sawyer and other women in a
night club disturbance.

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SURGEON HUNTED AS HANDLER OF BREMER RANSOM

Dr. Moran, Once Convicted of Manslaughter, Suspected in Kidnaping.

A first-rate surgeon whose scalpel became shaky under the influence of alcohol was the subject of a search by department of justice agents today, proving that science has kept up with crime, or vice versa.

The man sought is Dr. Joseph P. Moran, ex-convict, and one-time up-and-coming surgeon of LaSalle, Ill. It was learned today that the government has sent out a circular requesting his apprehension for questioning in the kidnaping last January of Edward Bremer, St. Paul capitalist and brewer.

The entire resources of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, incidentally, are at present concentrated on the solution of the Bremer case, a particular cinder in the eye of the organization.

Such gangster parties as the bureaus suspected and hoped to pin down to the crime have been disposed of through death or penitentiary sentences in the state courts.

Handled \$200,000 Ransom?

Melvin H. Purvis, the brooding, silent head of the Chicago office of the department of investigation, declined today to discuss the hunt for Dr. Moran, but it was learned from an elevator man in his building that the surgeon was suspected of having handled the \$200,000 paid for the Bremer ransom.

Dr. Moran, it was said, is a veteran of the American air service and carries decorations from several allied governments. He was educated at Tufts college and Harvard, it was said. Settling in LaSalle after his graduation, he achieved a reputation as a surgeon, only to begin slipping under the influence of LaSalle county liquor, notorious throughout Illinois.

Convicted for Murder.

Dr. Moran came to grief in 1928 when he was convicted for manslaughter as a result of what investigators said was his first illegal operation. He spent slightly over two years in Stateville and while there performed a number of operations on prisoners.

Scores of his grateful patients are now at liberty, investigators said, and were more than willing to help their former benefactor in any left-handed manner suggested.

Chicago Daily News
9-27-34

MYSTERY

Woman Freed in Bremer Quiz Puzzles Police Here



MRS. ETHEL MARSCH

Dazed and terrified, Mrs. Ethel Marsch, an associate of the suspected kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, sat in a probate ward strong room here today, on the verge of a breakdown.

Apparently near hysteria, Mrs. Marsch, alias Matterson, alias Haynes, was taken to the ward at county jail from Lakeside hospital last night.

Today, still affected by a sleeping powder given to quiet her nerves, she appeared completely worn out by events since she was taken into the custody of federal authorities Sept. 7 after police arrested her and two other women during a brawl at a downtown hotel. She was held by federal agents only one day, she said, and her whereabouts in the interim are not known.

Edward C. Stanton, attorney who represented Mrs. Marsch, said she, with Mrs. Wyona Wolcott and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, the two who were arrested with her, had appeared at his office Monday evening and obtained some jewelry they had left for safe keeping.

They refused to discuss their movements or whereabouts, Mr. Stanton added.

He previously had received a long-distance telephone call from Chicago from one of the three women, in which she told of her desire to retrieve her property.

Tires of Questions

"Questions, questions, that's all I hear—questions!" she moaned disconsolately as reporters sought to learn more of her movements recently. "I want to go home."

Mrs. Marsch gave her address as 1417 W. 71st st. when taken to the probate ward. She says her real home is near Beaumont, Tex.

"Where have you been since the federal agents released you?"

"For the last couple of weeks I just walked," she said. Later in the interview she said she had "been with a friend" whose identity she declined to reveal.

"The strain cracks you," she added, closing her eyes.

"Why don't you talk freely to these fellows. They are trying to help you. Remember, you aren't held for anything," a police matron told Mrs. Marsch when she appeared reluctant to speak further with the reporters.

Asks About Her Money

"I've been with friends. I don't want him to lose his job," she replied.

"I haven't heard from my husband or anyone else lately," she admitted. "Say, what happened to my ring and money?"

Told that these were being held for her at Lakeside hospital, she appeared relieved. When she was arrested at the hotel brawl, her purse contained six \$100 bills and a \$50 bill.

Mrs. Marsch wandered into the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday evening, seemingly suffering from nervous disorders. She was sent to the hospital. Detective Inspector Cody learned she was there when hospital authorities expressed fear she might become a mental case.

Denies Drinking

Cleveland News
9/27/34

**HUNT PHYSICIAN
AS NEW SUSPECT
IN BREMER CASE**

Dr. Joseph P. Moran, an ex-convict, is being sought for questioning in connection with the kidnaping last January of Edward Bremer, St. Paul brewer and banker, according to Melvin H. Purvis, agent in charge of the Chicago bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

Mr. Purvis would give no further information regarding Moran, but police said that the physician was an intimate of John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former politician now under indictment in the Bremer case, and also was friendly with members of the Touhy gang.

It was reported that federal agents, unable to locate Dr. Moran, have discovered his bank deposits and learned the identity of a woman who was his frequent companion.

Dr. Moran was convicted of murder by abortion in La Salle county in 1928. He was released on parole in 1930 and sent back later for a parole violation. His license to practice was revoked, but was restored following his final release late in 1931. For a time he maintained an office in Maywood and later at 4861 Irving Park boulevard.

Dr. Moran's wife obtained a divorce at the time of his conviction.



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Chicago Tribune
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Gang Attempt To Silence Woman Seen

Cleveland Rooming House Proprietor, Quizzed In Bremer Case, Near Collapse.

By United Press.
CLEVELAND, Sept. 27.—One of three women whom department of justice agents arrested and grilled several weeks ago concerning suspects in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul lay on a cot in county jail today apparently near a complete mental and nervous collapse.

Both police and federal agents were standing guard, completely mystified as to the cause of her condition.

They suspected that the woman, former proprietor of a Cleveland rooming house, had been subjected to a "third degree" by members of the Dillinger-Karpis-Baker gang which feared she might have told the federal government facts which would result in their arrest.

Efforts to question the woman, today, were fruitless. She apparently was out of her senses.

On jail records she is listed as Ethel Marsh, 30, alias Matterson, alias Haines. She was arrested early this month with Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, after a disturbance in a downtown hotel grill room.

Mrs. Matterson appeared suddenly at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday. She was dazed, and was sent to the hospital and later to county jail.

She seemed extremely frightened about something she would not mention, and kept mumbling: "All I hear night and day are questions, questions, questions." She was told she was not a prisoner and was free to leave, but that failed to relieve her mind, police said.

"I want to go home to my father and mother," she moaned. Her parents live in Beaumont, Tex., she said. She would not reveal their names, saying: "I don't want them mixed up in this."



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*St. Paul Daily News
9/27/34*

Feds Pursue Bremer Gang Trio in Ohio

65 U. S. Men Closing in on
Barkers and Karpis, Cleve-
land Newspaper Says It
Learns.

WOMAN QUESTIONED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS

Cleveland, Sept. 27. — (AP) —
The Cleveland News says today
that Federal agents are believed to
be closing in on the abductors of
Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul
banker.

The paper says it has learned
that 65 Federal men were thrown
into the hunt here recently when
it was discovered that Fred and
Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis,
hunted in the kidnaping, had been
living in a west side home.

The suspects fled an hour before
the house was raided. They be-
came alarmed when three women
companions were arrested after a
brawl in a downtown hotel. At the
time the raid was made, police did
not realize the identity of the men
they were after.

The News says it has learned
"from authoritative sources" that
one of the women, Mrs. Ethel
Marsch, alias Matterson, alias
Haynes, was grilled by Federal
agents for more than two weeks.

Terrified and nervous, the woman
was given refuge in the probate
ward of the county jail after she
had been found in a state of near
collapse here Tuesday.

She said she was held only one
day by Federal agents, but the news
says it was "reported" the agents
had quizzed her here, in Akron,
Ohio, and later in Chicago, seeking
to obtain information about Barker
and Karpis.

"Questions, questions, that's all I
hear — questions," Mrs. Marsch
moaned to reporters. "I've been
staying with friends. I want to go
home. For the last couple of weeks,
I just walked around."

Mrs. Marsch says her real home
is near Beaumont, Texas.

An insanity complaint was filed
against Mrs. Marsch today by C. W.
Ladd, state inspector, after he

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Dispatch
7/34

Woman Grilled Near Collapse in Prison

By United Press

CLEVELAND—One of three women who Department of Justice agents arrested and grilled several weeks ago concerning suspects in the Bremer kidnaping lay on a cot in county jail today apparently near the verge of complete mental and nervous collapse.

She is Ethel Marsh, 30, alias Matterson, alias Haines. She is from Cleveland. She was arrested early this month with Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, Toledo, and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, St. Paul, after a drunken disturbance in a downtown hotel grill room.

After questioning them Federal agents rushed to her home here but arrived just too late to seize three men later identified as Arthur and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, ex-convicts and suspects in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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Traced in Ohio**

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Push Hunt For Bremer Kidnap Gang

**District Attorney Holds
Conference In Capital
To Study Drive After
Dillinger Mobsters.**

Search for the fleeing remnants of the shattered Dillinger and Karpis and Barker gangs was doubled today following a conference in Washington Thursday between George Sullivan, federal district attorney in St. Paul, and Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general.

Developments were:

Reported concentration in Cleveland of federal agents and police in an effort to uncover the hiding place of Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers, Arthur (Doc) and Fred, sought in the Bremer kidnaping.

Discovery at Mason City, Ia., of an abandoned automobile bearing fingerprints of Lester M. Gillis, alias George (Baby Face) Nelson.

Identification of Gillis, alias Nelson, known by federal agents as one of the most cold-blooded machine-gun killers the nation has known, as "Jimmy Williams," former St. Paul "tough guy."

Strengthening of the belief that John Hamilton, former chief lieutenant of the slain John Dillinger, was shot and killed near St. Paul Park April 23 in a running gun-battle with Dakota county sheriff's deputies.

Karpis and "Doc" Barker have
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St. Paul Dispatch.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1934.

SAWYER PROPERTY ATTACHED BY WRIT

Issued to Protect Interests of
Physician Suing
for \$1,318.

A writ of attachment for property
owned by Harry J. and Gladys Saw-
yer was issued today by Judge J. C.
Michael in Ramsey county to pro-

tect the interests of a St. Paul physi-
cian suing for \$1,318.55.

The Sawyers are out of the city.
Mrs. Sawyer was arrested recently
in Cleveland, Ohio, and a small girl,
being cared for by Mr. and Mrs.
Sawyer, was returned to St. Paul
where she is now in the care of the
state. Sawyer is wanted for ques-
tioning by Department of Justice
agents who are investigating the
Bremer kidnaping.

The suit was brought by Dr. H. H.
Hall, 636 Lowry building, for profes-
sional services totaling \$734.94 and
expenses attendant on the doctor's

supervision of property in the J. F.
Eisenmenger lake villas totaling
\$363.61.

Under terms of the attachment
the lake property, a city home and
some property in Beltrami county
may be attached pending decision
of the suit.

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Bremer Abduction Hunt Intensified

Search for Two Suspects Centers in Cleveland.

The hunt for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, was being centered by the Department of Justice last night around Cleveland, according to the Associated Press.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan conferred yesterday with United States Attorney George Sullivan, of St. Paul, on the Bremer case.

Justice Department officials would not comment on a report from Cleveland yesterday that Karpis and Barker had been newly sighted there but fled when three women companions had been arrested. J. Edgar Hoover, investigative chief of the department, would not discuss the case.

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DR. JOSEPH B. MORAN.

Wanted for questioning in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer last January; Dr. Joseph B. Moran, former Illinois physician, is being sought by Federal agents. It is believed he may have been the doctor who attended Bremer during his captivity.

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MRS. FRANK NASH HELD

Massacre Victim's Widow Nabbed in Minnesota.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of one of the five victims of the Union station massacre June 17, 1933, was arrested at the home of her mother in Aurora, Minn., Friday, it became known here Wednesday, although local representatives of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, denied knowledge of whether she was being held for St. Paul or Kansas City authorities.

It was reported unofficially that she was to be questioned in regard to the kidnaping in St. Paul of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, and William Hamm, jr., brewery owner.

At about the same time the report of the arrest of Mrs. Nash was being circulated it became known that Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy, a friend of her husband, also had been reported missing since Monday night from his home at 14 East Fifty-sixth street terrace. Both Mrs. Nash and Mulloy are under indictment in connection with the wholesale slaying at the Union station in which Nash and four officers, one of them a department of justice agent, lost their lives.

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WIDOW OF SLAIN GANGSTER IS AR-
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Secrecy Surrounds the Holding of
Woman Whose Husband Was
Killed in Union Station
Massacre Here.

(By the Associated Press.)

DULUTH, MINN., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the gangster slain in the Kansas City union station massacre more than a year ago, was taken by federal agents from the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn., last Friday, it was learned today.

Mrs. Nash was taken out of the county and presumably rushed either to St. Paul or Kansas City, authorities here said.

AGENTS ARE SILENT.

D. M. Ladd, chief of the St. Paul department of justice office, said he knew nothing about the case, although it was recalled the former gangster's widow was taken in custody after authorities had seized three persons in connection with the Homer Van Meter case.

St. Louis County authorities did not know whether Mrs. Nash was still held and St. Paul operatives of the justice department denied knowledge of her.

She had been under surveillance for a month and a half by St. Louis County deputy sheriffs before she was picked up by them at the request of federal operatives.

Two men and a woman still are held in Duluth in connection with the hiding of Van Meter before that late John Dillinger gunner was slain by St. Paul police on a St. Paul street August 23. They are William A. Gray, Thomas Frank Kerwin and Marie McCarthy, all of Chicago.

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COMMENT ON FRITZ MULLOY.

Twelfth Street Can't Explain a Short Disappearance.

The brief disappearance of Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy, 14 East Fifty-sixth street terrace, during which time comment persisted that the government had him in custody in connection with the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case in St. Paul, has had Twelfth street guessing since Monday night.

Mulloy, who has been at odds with the government several times, the latest being immediately after the union station massacre June 17, 1933, disappeared Monday night, according to the accounts told downtown, after telling his wife he was going to a drug store to make a purchase. He did not return to their car, and finally Mrs. Mulloy went to the store at Twelfth and McGee streets and looked for him, without success.

Word that Mulloy was missing spread and the story that the government was questioning him was repeated in the places where he is known, by reputation or through direct connections.

However, R. B. Nathan, special agent in charge of the division of investigation of the department of justice, said today he had not ordered Mulloy taken into custody and had not seen the man. Coupled with that was the fact that Mulloy returned home last midnight.

There is no explanation along the street where Mulloy is known for his disappearance or his midnight return.

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Nash Widow Nabbed For Kidnap Clue

Arrested At Aurora In
Abduction Of Hamm
And Bremer.

Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the outlaw slain in Kansas City massacre June 17, 1933, is under arrest in connection with the kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, wealthy St. Paulites.

Mrs. Nash, who has been living since last December under the name of Mrs. George Miller, the name under which she married Nash, was arrested at Aurora, Minn., northwest of Duluth, by St. Louis county and department of justice agents.

Her husband and four officers were killed in a desperate underworld attempt to free the outlaw as he was being taken to Leavenworth federal prison. The machine gun barrage took place in daylight at the Union Station plaza in Kansas City.

Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oklahoma outlaws, coming from the same vicinity as Frank Nash, have been named as the actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer.

It is understood that a short time after the Bremer snatching, federal agents were at Mrs. Nash's home in Aurora, waiting several days in hopes that the kidnapers would show up.

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**GANGSTER'S WIDOW
REPORTED SEIZED**

**Minnesota Woman, Bereaved
by 'Massacre,' Said to Be
in U. S. Custody.**

Duluth, Oct. 3.—(P)—Mrs. Frank Nash, widow of the gangster who was slain in the Kansas City Union station massacre more than a year ago, was spirited from the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn., Friday by U. S. Department of Justice Agents, the Herald learned today.

Although no official information was revealed, it is presumed that she is being held for questioning in connection with the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings.

Sheriff Sam M. Owens and his chief deputy, Ed B. Hansen, arrived in Aurora Friday morning with two justice agents. They placed Mrs. Nash under arrest and left town immediately with the woman in custody. The agents were accompanied to the county border by the St. Louis county officers and from there they presumably went to St. Paul.

The agents did not reveal where they were taking the woman or what was their purpose. It was learned from unofficial sources that they had received a tip that she knew "something" about the St. Paul kidnaping cases and that she had withheld information when previously questioned about these and other criminal matters.

After her husband and four officers were slain June 17, 1933, when an attempt was made to liberate her husband, she was held on a charge of conspiring to obstruct justice, but subsequently was released. Since December, 1933, she had lived at the home of her parents in Aurora under the name of Mrs. George Miller.

the name Nash used when he married her.

D. M. Ladd, special agent in charge of the Northwestern office of the Department of Justice, denied today any knowledge of the arrest of Mrs. Frank Nash as reported from Duluth.

"Any agents who would be making such an arrest would work from the St. Paul office," he announced, "but I know nothing of any such move."

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MRS. FRANK NASH.

[Associated Press Photo.]

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 3.—[Special.]—The widow of Frank Nash, gangster slain with four officers in the Kansas City Union station in an attempt to liberate him more than a year ago, has been seized for federal agents. It was learned today she was arrested Friday at the home of her parents in Aurora, Minn.

St. Louis county deputy sheriffs had watched her for a month, but said they did not know where the federal operatives still have her or where she is.

Department of justice agents at both St. Paul and Kansas City disclaimed knowledge of the case. There was an unconfirmed report that Mrs. Nash knew something about the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker; another that she was wanted in connection with the hiding of Homer Van Meter, gunner of the John Dillinger mob, at Leech Lake, Minn.

Mrs. Nash had resided at Aurora in the home of her parents since December, 1933. She had used the name of Mrs. George Miller, the name Nash used when he married her.

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Kidnap Accomplice Sought in Hungary

The Department of Justice last night reached across the ocean in its search for Dr. Joseph Moran, wanted as an accomplice in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer. Police in Budapest, Hungary, were urged to search for Dr. Moran, believed to be the young physician who treated Mr. Bremer for diabetes while he was held by kidnapers. Dr. Moran left this country shortly after the Bremer case was solved, it was learned.

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Bremer Kidnap Hunt Spreads

Doctor Sought In Hungary For Questioning.

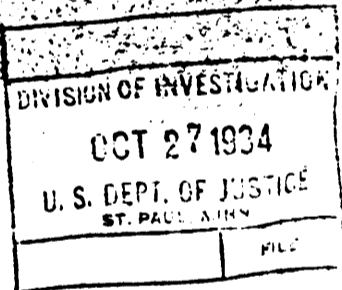
Uncle Sam's law arm is reaching across Atlantic ocean into Hungary to grasp one of the men sought in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul last January.

The justice department today asked Budapest, Hungary, police to detain Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted for questioning in connection with the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Dr. Moran, once a prominent Chicago physician as well as a former convict, is suspected by authorities of having given medical treatment to Mr. Bremer while he was held prior to payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Federal agents refused to state in what connection the Chicago physician was wanted.

Already sought as the actual kidnapers are Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, Oklahoma outlaws. Twice during the past few weeks the outlaws have escaped traps at Cleveland and Chicago.



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**MRS. SANKEY ON
WITNESS STAND
IN OWN DEFENSE**

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Ferne Mae Sankey today denied any part in the \$60,000 kidnaping of Charles Boettcher II., and testified she had no advance knowledge of the abduction engineered by her late husband in February, 1933.

The comely widow of the notorious Verne Sankey took the stand in her own defense after her sister, Mrs. Alvina Ruth Kohler, had testified briefly as first defense witness in her second trial on a kidnaping conspiracy charge.

Hitting at testimony by government witnesses which implicate the defendant in the scheming and execution of the kidnaping, Ben B. Luska, her counsel, asked the defendant:

"Did you ever at any time accompany your husband on trips to collect ransom money?"

"I did not," Mrs. Sankey replied.

Luska was referring to statements by Gordon Alcorn, the government's principal witness against the defendant, that Mrs. Sankey had gone with her husband to St. Paul while he was seeking to collect a ransom for the release of Haskell Bohn, kidnaped in June, 1932. Alcorn was brought here from Alcatraz prison, where he is serving a life term for the Boettcher kidnaping, to aid the government's case.

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**DETENTION ASKED
OF KIDNAP WITNESS**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25 (U.P.)
—The Justice Department has asked Budapest, Hungary, police to detain Joseph Moran, wanted for questioning in the kidnaping in 1933 of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul. Moran, once prominent Chicago physician, is suspected of having treated Bremer while he was held prior to payment of \$200,000 ransom. Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker have been accused by the Justice department as the actual kidnapers.

"MAKE-UP ADVICE" by Antoinette Donnelly, a free leaflet of The News Information Bureau.

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 ST PAUL--THE GOVERNMENT TODAY DISMISSED CHARGES AGAINST JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN, JR., ONE OF FOUR CHICAGO PERSONS UNDER ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNSOLVED, \$200,000 KIDNAPING OF EDWARD G. BREMER, WEALTHY BANKER.

TRIAL OF THE REMAINING THREE WAS POSTPONED FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL APRIL.

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ONE FREED IN BREMER CASE AS TRIAL OF THREE OTHERS IS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL

(Copyright, 1934, by St. Paul Daily News.)
The federal government late Wednesday dismissed charges against one of four Chicagoans held in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and postponed trial of the other three from November to April, it was learned today by The Daily News.

This action was taken pending a court of appeals decision in the appeal of Edward Berman, Minneapolis, from a five-year sentence imposed in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma last year. Berman was found guilty of having some of the ransom money in his possession — the same charge faced by the Chicagoans in connection with the Bremer snatching.

Freed was John J. McLaughlin, Jr., youthful brokerage clerk who has been at liberty on \$5,000 bonds since shortly after arrest of the quartet in June.

Postponed to April were the cases of John J. McLaughlin, Sr., Chicago political boss and alleged gambling overlord; Philip J. Delaney and Edward Vidler. McLaughlin has been at liberty on \$15,000 bonds. Vidler and Delaney have been held in Ramsey county jail. They will be released on \$5,000 bonds each.

More than \$25,000 of the \$200,000 paid for the release of Mr. Bremer after he had been held prisoner by kidnapers for three weeks early this year was allegedly found in possession of the Chicago quartet. Named as the actual kidnapers were Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc.) Barker. They have not been apprehended.

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2 BREMER SUSPECTS FREED PENDING TRIAL

Vidler and Delaney Released
Without Bail Pending
Court Ruling.

Two men charged with handling the ransom money in the Bremer kidnaping case were released Wednesday from the Ramsey county jail on their own recognizance, it was learned today.

The men are William E. Vidler and Phillip J. Delaney, arrested last summer in Chicago with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and his son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., who are charged with the same offense. All were brought here for trial, but the McLaughlins were released under bond. The other two were unable to raise bond and remained in jail.

Release of Vidler and Delaney was recommended by George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, when it was decided that they would not be tried until the term of Federal court here next spring. Originally, the four defendants were scheduled to go on trial at the term starting here Tuesday, but this plan was changed when a question arose as to whether the federal kidnaping law covers the handling of kidnap ransom money.

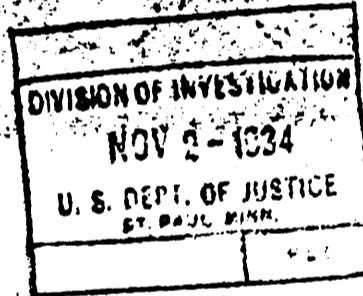
Due to this question, it was decided to postpone the trials here until the point is settled by an appeal now pending before the U. S. Circuit court of the Third district. This appeal was made by Edward (Barney) Berman of Minneapolis, under a five-year prison sentence for handling ransom money paid for the release of Charles F. Urschel, kidnaped Oklahoma City millionaire.

The money which Vidler, Delaney and the McLaughlins are accused of handling was part of the ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kidnaped last winter.

In recommending release of the first two, Mr. Sullivan pointed out that, so long as they cannot make bond, postponement of their trials will mean their serving nearly a year in jail before their cases are disposed of. He agreed to the release after a conference with their attorney, L. L. Drill.

The McLaughlins are scheduled to appear in Federal court here Tuesday. It is expected that their bonds will be continued.

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November 1, 1934.*



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"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN TAKES BREMER RANSOM BLAME.
ST. PAUL, Nov. 2.—In a statement to federal Department of Justice operatives, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, Chicago politician, took full responsibility for handling part of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money, it was learned today.

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FATHER CLEARS M'LAUGHLIN JR.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, West Side politician, it was announced in St. Paul yesterday, has admitted his own responsibility for handling part of the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom fund, and has absolved his son, John Jr., from any part in the deal.

As a result the indictment against the younger man has been quashed by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul, where the father will face trial at the April term.

The elder McLaughlin's bond was reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Similar bonds were accepted from two other defendants, William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

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J. J. McLAUGHLIN ADMITS PART IN KIDNAPING CASE

Son of Chicagoan Freed on Bremer Charge.

(Picture on Back Page.)

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Indictment Is Quashed.

On recommendation of United States District Attorney George Sullivan the indictment against the younger McLaughlin was quashed by Judge M. M. Joyce in federal District court here.

The judge also set the trial of the Chicago politician and two other defendants, Phillip J. Delaney and William E. Vidler, for the April term of court. The \$15,000 bond of the elder McLaughlin, on which he has been at liberty, was reduced to \$5,000 at the request of counsel.

Freed on \$5,000 Bonds.

Vidler and Delaney, who were arrested with the McLaughlins in Chicago last summer on charges the four of them had handled some of the Bremer ransom, were freed earlier this week on \$5,000 bond each.

Federal authorities are still seeking Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, who have been named by the department of justice as the actual kidnapers of the wealthy banker.

HANDLES RANSOM.
J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin
confesses handling part of
Bremer ransom cash.

(Story on page 40.)

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FREED IN BREMER CASE.

**J. J. McLaughlin Jr. Is Cleared by
Father, Who Takes Ransom Blame.**

Special to The New York Times.

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BREMER SUSPECT FREE

ST. PAUL, Nov. 2 (U.P.)—The Federal Government yesterday dismissed charges against John J. McLaughlin, jr., one of four Chicago persons under arrest in connection with the unsolved \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker.

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YOUTH CLEARED IN KIDNAPING

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 3 (I.N. S.)—His action in exonerating his son today left John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, with full responsibility for handling part of the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom.

Both McLaughlin and his son, John, Jr., had been indicted in connection with the kidnaping of the wealthy St. Paul banker. The elder McLaughlin's admission caused Federal Judge M. M. Joyce to quash the indictment against the younger McLaughlin on recommendation of United States District Attorney George Sullivan.

Trial for McLaughlin and two other defendants, William E. Vidler and Phillip J. Delaney, was set for the April term of court and McLaughlin's bail was reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

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'BOSS' M'LAUGHLIN'S TRIAL SET FOR FEB. 1

Arraignment of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, and Joseph Sans, indicted in connection with handling of bonds stolen in the \$250,000 mail robbery here Dec. 6, 1932, was continued today until Feb. 1, when they appeared before U. S. District Judge Barnes.

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Bad News for a Tough.

Alvin Karpis, Chicago tough, had no occasion to give thanks yesterday, when he was accorded the doubtful honor of promotion to the rank of Public Enemy No. 1. There was more bad news than honor in the designation which virtually constitutes a sentence of death. The position of No. 1 has become a very, very temporary one.

A good many newspaper readers will probably want to know who in the nation is Karpis? His name hasn't figured so prominently and sensationally in the news as have the names of some of his now defunct predecessors. When the federals have to pick out an obscure and, virtually unknown gangster for the place it just goes to show how heavy the mortality has been among the Number 1 men. It wasn't long ago that there were candidates all over the place.

But Mr. Karpis, despite his obscurity, is no novice in gangland. He has engaged quite extensively in the business of kidnaping, burglary, larceny, prison breaking and is credited with having had a hand in two or three killings. There is a suspicion that he may have been the unidentified companion of the late unlamented Baby Face. There is plenty of reason why the federals should have him on their list.

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Omaha (Nebr) World-Herald
November 30, 1934.

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Mother Urges Son's Surrender

CHICAGO, Dec. 5 (US).—Mrs. John (Karpis) Karpavics, mother of Alvin Karpis, public enemy, tonight appealed through the Chicago Herald and Examiner for her son to surrender.

The newspaper printed a letter in which the outlaw's mother said she had "been guaranteed that you will get a square deal— if you will surrender. It is the only way to save yourself from being shot down by Government guns."

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ALVIN KARPIS
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Karpis' mother released
this photograph to the Chi-
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Dillinger Gang Tries to Poison Undercover Man

Dose Placed in Beer of Ex-Convict Who Says He Was Trying to Lead Karpis Into Federal Agents' Trap

Chicago, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—An ex-convict turned government undercover man was recuperating Friday, under close guard, from a dose of poison he claimed was administered by remaining members of the John Dillinger gang whom he was trying to lead into a federal trap.

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**Suspected Hideout of
Karpis Watched**

Following a story told by Jack Geonia, ex-convict and self-styled federal informer, police of Joliet today were watching a house in which they believe Alvin Karpis was hiding. Karpis, now public enemy No. 1, and John Hamilton, surviving member of the John Dillinger gang, according to Geonia, poisoned the supposed informer and tossed him from an automobile near Joliet. Geonia is recovering in the Will County jail in Joliet.

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Hunt for Moran.
Northern Illinois authorities and federal agents have concentrated the search for Moran in this region, since the doctor's home originally was La Salle, Ill. Recently Chicago officials of the division of investigation admitted they were hunting Moran on the theory that he may have been the "attending physician" when Bremer was kidnaped.

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HUNT KARPIS AND HAMILTON NEAR JOLIET

**Officers Investigate Geonia's
Story of Gang Reprisal;
Poison Found in Stomach**

Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and John Hamilton, surviving leader of the Dillinger gang, were hunted around Joliet last night on the strength of the story of Jack Geonia, ex-convict and self-styled federal informer, that they poisoned him.

Emerging from questioning of Geonia, now recovering in the Will County jail at Joliet, State's Attorney W. R. McCabe said:

"We are going to look into every angle of this because we believe it is well worth the study. Some of the things he has said sound doubtful, but others are all right."

Geonia had collapsed in the doorway of a roadhouse near Joliet on Thursday. Taken to a hospital he said he was a federal undercover man and that, after he had succeeded in contacting Karpis, Hamilton and two others, they poisoned him and tossed him from a car near Joliet.

It was punishment, he said, for information he gave to officials of Lansing, Kan., penitentiary when he and Karpis were there.

Though federal officials professed disinterest, one government agent visited Geonia in the hospital Thursday night and two others called at the jail yesterday.

Meanwhile Joliet officers were watching a house near that city, where men answering descriptions of the gang members are said to have been seen.

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A NIMERICK-KARPIS LINK

POISONED MAN SAYS THE TWO
OUTLAWS ARE TOGETHER.

The Kansas and Missouri Criminal
Introduced Him to the No. 1
Public Enemy, Alfred Geonia
Asserts at Joliet.

A bizarre tale by Alfred Geonia, released a week ago yesterday from the Kansas state penitentiary, named Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and Clyde Nimerick, Missouri and Kansas criminal, as the men who poisoned him Thursday near Joliet, Ill., where Geonia is being held.

Geonia said he was in prison at Lansing at the same time Karpis served a term there. He went to Northern Illinois, following his release last week, and met a man named Fred Parker, who was accompanied by Nimerick. They arranged for him to go with them to meet Karpis. Geonia recounted, on St. Charles highway near Joliet, Thursday. The four men went to a tavern, where a drink from a ginger ale bottle was proffered Geonia. Karpis remarked to him, Geonia related:

"How do you feel? You're going to die."

Geonia said Karpis told him the poisoning was punishment for warning prison officials of prison breaks. He said also that he had acted as an undercover man for federal agents, but federal authorities denied the assertion.

If there is truth in the story, Nimerick has merged a criminal talent hardened by years of lawlessness, with that of one of the nation's most sought gangsters, Karpis, who is wanted in the Edward G. Bremer abduction. Nimerick has been involved in crimes including bank robberies and burglaries in Missouri and Kansas for several years. He served six years of a 20-year sentence in the Kansas penitentiary for the robbery of the Walton, Kas., State Bank of \$140,000, January 19, 1924. He previously had served two years in the Missouri penitentiary for possession of burglary tools.

Nimerick was named as one of the six bandits who robbed the Interstate National Bank, in the Live-stock Exchange building, of \$45,000, December 10, 1930. He was arrested in Des Moines December 29, 1931, and returned here, where he was released under \$20,000 bond. He failed to appear for preliminary hearing March 21, 1932, forfeiting the bond and has been a fugitive since then. Police officials of Missouri and Kansas regard him as a desperate criminal, although Geonia's story is the first indication he might be associating with nationally known criminals.

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KIDNAPING

Bremer Kidnaping Suspect Makes Tipster Take Poison

Associated Press.
JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 14.—The strange tale of a former prison mate of kidnaping Alvin Karpis put detectives afield thru Northern Illinois tonight in search of Karpis' hideout.

Coming up from the mental fog in which "knockout drops" had enveloped him, Alfred Geonia was held in jail here while Joliet and Chicago police followed up the angles of the story he had told.

Geonia was a fellow convict with Karpis—sought for the Edward Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping—at Kansas state penitentiary several years ago.

He said Karpis had drugged him for being an informer. The government men, silent as ever, denied he was their tipster. Physicians, however, confirmed that Geonia was drugged.

Says He Informed on Karpis

State's Attorney William McCabe quoted the mystery man as saying he learned of Karpis' whereabouts from a fellow prisoner named Enos and that he took his tale to federal agents at Kansas City. Government operatives there, according to his recital, directed him to R. C. Suran of the division of investigation's Chicago staff after he claimed to have learned that Karpis hid from the law near St. Charles, Ill., and "got

his mail" at a tavern near Plainfield, Ill.

Geonia came to Northern Illinois, he said, and met Fred Parker and a man named Woodruff, alias Clyde Nemerick. They told him he could meet Karpis along the St. Charles highway Thursday. Following directions, he was picked up by Karpis, Woodruff and Parker in an automobile and taken to a tavern.

Forces Him to Drink Poison

There, the ex-convict asserted, Karpis ordered him to drink from a ginger ale bottle and when he had done so, the gangster remarked:

"How do you feel? You're going to die."

Geonia said he had been poisoned because he had secretly apprised the prison officials of impending breaks. He became violently ill from the position. Officials determined he had drunk a poison.

Geonia was rushed to a hospital here Thursday after he had staggered into a roadhouse suffering from the effects of poison. He had first identified himself as "Jack Moxie, a federal agent." Later he was removed to jail.

Karpis is widely sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul and an assortment of crimes perpetrated in the Southwest.

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POLICE ACT ON HIS TIP



ALFRED GEONIA.

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MYSTERY MAN HELD BY U.S. IN 'KARPIS' RAID

Legs Bound in Chains, Wrists
Held by Handcuffs; Guarded
by 15 Federal Operatives

'TIP' PHONED NEWSPAPER

House Raided in Effort to Take
Ex-convict and Hamilton;
Geonia Still in County Jail

Further mystery developed last night in the search for Alvin Karpis and John Hamilton, the nation's most sought after public enemies, as several squads of federal agents raided a house in the neighborhood of Seventieth st. and Lowe av., and nabbed an unsuspecting prisoner.

While it was known that police were combing Will and Cook counties for the secret "office" of Karpis, a mysterious telephone call to The Herald and Examiner disclosed the raid in Englewood.

Representatives of this newspaper arrived at a gasoline filling station at Sixty-ninth st. and Lowe av., just as the federal men were walking away with their prisoner. His legs bound by chains, and his hands in handcuffs, the prisoner was surrounded by fifteen operatives.

RUSHED AWAY.

Bareheaded, his suit coat and overcoat thrown over his shoulders, the prisoner shuffled along with difficulty to a large Cadillac car, into which he was thrust and driven away.

Jack Geonia, self-styled federal informer, will lead Will County officers tomorrow in a search of the Joliet area for the secret "office" of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 and suspect in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

STILL IN COUNTY JAIL.

Geonia, former convict, is still in Will County jail, where he has been held since his transfer Wednesday night from a Joliet hospital to which he was taken after collapsing in a roadhouse and telling of being poisoned by Karpis and John Hamilton, surviving Dillinger gang boss.

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'KIDNAPING' LINKED TO GANG DRUG VICTIM

Man of Similar Name Re-
ported Seized by Pair at
Lewistown, Mont.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Alfred Geonia, former convict and a self-styled "Federal informer" was recovering in the county jail tonight from effects of "knock-out drops" as authorities continued their attempts to unravel the mystery of his activities since his release from the Kansas State prison eleven days ago.

Officials searching for Alvin Karpis, public enemy, as a result of Geonia's claim that he was drugged by Karpis while attempting to trap the gangster were investigating a report from Lewistown, Mont., that an oil worker known only as "Coxey," was "kidnaped," handcuffed and driven eastward Wednesday night by two men who said they were Chicago policemen.

Geonia, when first questioned after staggering into a roadhouse near Joliet under the influence of a powerful drug, gave the name "Jack Coxey" and police were attempting to connect that with the name "Coxey."

Authorities were interested in Geonia's claim that Karpis was accompanied by Dr. Joseph Moran, former Chicago surgeon sought with Karpis in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. Recently Chicago members of the division of investigation admitted they were hunting Dr. Moran as the "attending physician" of the Bremer case.

Federal officials have steadfastly denied that Geonia was engaged in undercover work for them.

3 GO ON TRIAL MONDAY IN VAN METER CASE.

Duluth, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Trial of Thomas F. Kirwin, William A. Gray and Mrs. Marie McCarthy on charges of conspiracy to harbor Homer Van Meter, one-time machine gunner of the John Dillinger gang, is scheduled to open, here Monday in Federal District court.

Expected to disclose many phases of the government's hunt in rounding up members of the once potent Dillinger mob, the trial will be centered around alleged activities of the three defendants in connection with Van Meter's flight from the law in St. Paul and at a Leech Lake summer resort last August.

Van Meter was slain by St. Paul police in August, his death marking the end of a long hunt for him—spread throughout half a dozen Midwest states—after he fled with Dillinger from the Little Bohemia resort near Mercer, Wis., last spring, when Federal agents broke in upon the gang of outlaws.

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Federal Agents Link Hamm and Bremer Kidnapings; Hunt Barker-Karpis Gang

Ex-Convicts Named Definitely in Case of St. Paul Banker.

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.
Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—A recently discovered secret link connecting the ransom abductions of the wealthy William A. Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul to the same band of kidnapers today added fresh impetus to the search of special agents of the division of investigation for the Barker-Karpis gang of southwestern desperadoes.

Although guarding closely the new evidence, it is said at the department of justice today that:

"We may clear up the Hamm kidnaping case when Barker and Karpis are captured."

Both paroled convicts, Barker and Karpis, have been identified definitely by the justice department as the abductors of Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, on last Jan. 17, and as the kidnapers who collected \$200,000 in ransom after holding the banker hostage for twenty-two days. They have been the elusive object of the division's search since their actual identification on March 22.

Hamm Case Status "Unsolved"
Chicago's once "Terrible Touhy" gang—obliterated by state court sentences totaling 396 years upon conviction as the kidnapers of John Factor—were tried en masse as the abductors of Hamm but acquitted by a federal court jury in St. Paul. Since then the Hamm case has occupied a more or less "unsolved" status on the record books of the department.

During the interim, however, painstaking investigation by special agents of the division has unearthed a link that moved the justice department to suspect strongly the Bremer kidnapers as being the actual abductors of Hamm.

Department officials described the Barker-Karpis gang as "the most dangerous and most vicious band of criminals now loose."

"As long as they are free we feel we are sitting on the top of

another kidnaping or big bank robbery," they said, and explained that records reveal the gang cleaned up \$500,000 in twelve months through two kidnapings and a couple of bank robberies. Hamm paid \$100,000 ransom to effect his release.

Four Called Principals.

The gang was described as having seven or eight persons in its makeup, only four of whom are principals. The others are mere hangers-on but helpful to their leaders, who were identified as Arthur ("Doc") Barker, his brother and his mother, "Ma" Barker, alleged "brains" of the outfit, and Alvin Karpis.

Fingerprints found on a set of signal lights and on a discarded gasoline can led to the identification of Barker and Karpis as the abductors of Bremer. The lights—of marine searchlight type—were used by the kidnapers to guide a friend of the Bremer family to a lonely side road near Faribault, Minn., where he dropped on the ground a large bundle containing the \$200,000 ransom.

The gasoline can had been taken from a filling station to replenish depleted tanks of the kidnapers' car. Federal fingerprint experts "tugged" the lights and can with a special powder which revealed telltale prints of Barker and Karpis

when checked against the 4,500,000 criminal fingerprints on file in the division of investigation. A nationwide search was instituted immediately for their capture.

Meanwhile, John J. McLaughlin, one-time Chicago political power, his son and two others were taken into federal custody and charged with "fencing" for the gang in disposing of the Bremer ransom money. The former political "boss" later exonerated his son by his own confession and is now out on \$5,000 bond awaiting trial in a St. Paul court in April.

Have Long Records.

Barker and Karpis are paroled convicts with long records behind them. Both had been granted leniency by Oklahoma authorities, although Barker was under life sentence for murder and both were well known to police as bank robbers, kidnapers and jail breakers.

Federal agents secretly launched a nationwide search for the desperado band during weeks following their identification and located an abandoned hideout in St. Paul. They uncovered other evidence linking the gang with the kidnaping of Bremer and discovered the place where the banker had been held captive for almost a month.

Attorney-General Cummings personally made the announcement last

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March that the two gangsters had been "definitely identified" as the kidnapers of Bremer.

Barker first came into conflict with the law in 1918 when he was charged with stealing a federal automobile in Tulsa, Okla. He was jailed, but soon broke out and became a federal fugitive. In 1920 he was picked up by police of Joplin, Mo., on the jailbreaking charge and returned to Tulsa. He "beat the rap" for less than a year later he was arrested nearby on a charge

of attempted bank burglary, imprisoned, but a court order again gave him his freedom four months later.

Paroled on Life Sentence.
Prison authorities at McAlester, Okla., got him back just eight months after his discharge, this time to serve a life sentence for murder. He was paroled Sept. 10, 1932, and promptly joined with Karpis and other outlaws in organizing a gang of bank robbers and kidnapers. Karpis, like his associate and

competitor in crime who recently made a last stand at the battle of Barrington, just outside Chicago—"Baby Face" Nelson—indulged in practical crime at the early age of seventeen years.

Now 25 years old, the tall and slender fugitive then was caught in a burglary, sentenced to ten years in the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kas., but escaped three years later. He was recaptured and returned to the reformatory in 1930, following arrest in

Kansas City for safe-cracking, only to be transferred to the state penitentiary at Lansing, Mich., a few months later.

Apparently he was released from the remainder of his original ten-year term within a year, for in 1931 he was arrested in Tulsa for burglary in Okmulgee, Okla., and sentenced to four years. Three months later he was paroled, and the Barker-Karpis band started on their lawless road to riches via the "snatch racket."

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HAMILTON IN KANSAS HUNT

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Wint Smith, head of the Kansas state highway patrol, said tonight he was convinced John Hamilton, fugitive Dillinger gangster, and Alvin Karpis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, were responsible for three abductions in Kansas last week.

Smith said Kenneth Phillips, filling station operator at Lebo, abducted and released Wednesday night, told him one of his captors addressed the other as "Alvin."

Three persons pointed to pictures of Hamilton as the likeness of a man who abandoned a bloodstained auto after miring it in mud on the banks of the Cottonwood River, Smith said.

Search for the fugitives will be resumed tomorrow.

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TRAIL KARPIS IN KANSAS.

State Patrolmen Believe He and Hamilton Abducted Three.

(By the Associated Press.)

TOPEKA, Dec. 17.—State highway patrolmen searched the flint hills of east Central Kansas today for two men they believe are John Hamilton, lieutenant of the late John Dillinger, and Alvin (Doc) Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, Minneapolis banker.

Wint Smith, head of the highway patrol, blamed the two men for three abductions in the state last week. Smith led a detail of patrolmen over the hills near Strong City, where yesterday they found a barn used as a hideout after the abduction of Art Calkins, chief of police at Herington. Calkins was released in Northern Oklahoma after a day of captivity.

Previously H. W. Burton, Negro school-teacher, was abducted in Topeka, and Kenneth Phillips, filling station operator at Lebo, was kidnaped. Both were released.

Smith said Phillips told him the larger of the two men who abducted him addressed the other as "Alvin."

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KARPIS, HAMILTON HUNTED IN KANSAS

Suspect in 3 Recent Abductions Said to Resemble Dillinger Aid.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 17.—(AP)—State highway patrolmen searched the Flint hills of east central Kansas today for two men they believe are John Hamilton, lieutenant of the late John Dillinger, and Alvin (Doc) Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Wint Smith, head of the highway patrol, blamed the two men for three abductions in the state last week.

Believing the fugitives might still be hiding in the vicinity, Smith led a detail of patrolmen over the hills near Strong City, where Sunday they found a cow barn used as a hide-out after the abduction of Art Calkins, chief of police at Herington. Calkins was released in northern Oklahoma after a day of captivity.

Previously H. W. Burton, Negro school teacher, was abducted in Topeka, and Kenneth Phillips, filling station operator at Lebo, was kidnaped. Both were released.

Burton's bloodstained motor car was found Sunday mired in the bank of a river near Strong City. Smith said three persons who saw a man try to drive the car into the river, identified a picture of Hamilton as resembling the man.

Smith said Phillips told him the larger of the two men who abducted him addressed the other as "Alvin," leading him to believe the man was Karpis, rated by the Department of Justice as one of the nation's ranking public enemies.

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**"Frisco Dutch,"
Bomb Suspect,
Has Long Record**



ROBERT S. SCHMIDT.

Arrested Many Times in Various Parts of the Country Over Term of Years

"Frisco Dutch," held here in the investigation of the bombing of Sam Taran's home last week has a long police record. It is:

April 30, 1927—Robert S. Schmidt, age 42; height, 5 feet, 5 1/2 inches; weight, 195 pounds. Born, New York. Alias—Frisco Dutch.

Charge—Murder. Arrested by Lieutenant Phillip Carroll.

Held—May 2, 1927. No bail. Trial before Judge Gemmill, June 22, 1927. Verdict, not guilty.

Previous record.
As Robert Schmidt—Arrested October 19, 1913, as suspect.

As Robert Schmidt—Arrested May 1, 1913, suspect.

As Robert Rhinehardt—Arrested, St. Louis, May 14, 1913, as pickpocket.

As Robert Schmidt—Arrested Cincinnati, June 2, 1913, as pickpocket.

As Robert Schmidt—Arrested Pittsburgh, July 5, 1916, as pickpocket.

As Robert Schmidt, February 18, 1913—Not guilty—con game.

As Jacob Rosenbloom, arrested Cleveland, May 30, 1918, as suspect.

As Harry Brown, arrested January 14, 1921, for larceny.

As Harry Brown, March 11, 1920. Three months and fined \$1 and costs.

As Harry Brown, July 14, 1921—Fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

As Harry Brown, February 7, 1920—three months and fined \$100 and costs for larceny.

As Harry Brown, June 6, 1922—Fined \$200 and costs for disorderly conduct.

As Harry Brown, April 26, 1922, fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct.

As Joe Smith, arrested Dayton, Ohio, Fined \$25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

As Robert Smith, arrested July 2, 1912, as vagabond. Given hour to leave city.

As Joe Brown, arrested July 3, 1915, for larceny from person. No disposition.

As Robert Schmidt, arrested in Toledo, Ohio, March 3, 1916, for vagrancy. No disposition.

On December 8, 1926, with Eugene McLaughlin, Schmidt was charged with the murder of Joseph Wokral, 2201 North Kostner avenue, Chicago.

McLaughlin since was killed by an unknown person and his body found in the river in 1929.

Frisco Dutch is 49 years old.

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'FRISCO BUTCH' NOT GUILTY HE PLEADS

Released on Bail of \$1,000,
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Case.

Robert Schmidt, alias "Doc" Jones, alias Morris Steiner, and also known in some circles as "Frisco Dutch," pleaded not guilty before Judge Carlton F. McNally today to charges of keeping a roulette wheel at the Mystic Caverns night club September 16, 1933.

Schmidt, who learned of his indictment on gambling charges—so he said—when he surrendered to St. Paul police for investigation in connection with the bombing of Sam Taran's house last week, was released on bail of \$1,000.

While he was in court facing the gambling charges, St. Paul police announced they had completely checked his alibi on the day of the Taran bombing, and that he was cleared of connection with it.

Charles J. Tierney, inspector of detectives, announced that Schmidt's movements had been traced carefully from 10 A. M. of the day preceding the bombing until 2:30 A. M. of the following day, or an hour after the attack, and that he had been in Minneapolis the entire time.

Judge McNally, however, asked Schmidt where he had been since his indictment on March 7, 1934, on the gambling charges. He said he had "been away."

"Didn't you know there were indictments against you?" the judge queried.

"No, sir," Schmidt replied. "Didn't you read the papers?" asked the court.

"Not the St. Paul papers," answered "Doc" Jones.

"Have you been in St. Paul since?" the judge wanted to know.

"No," "Morris Steiner" responded.

"Then you didn't know there were any indictments against you?" the court parried.

"That's it," said "Frisco Dutch." So, on motion of Thomas J. Newman, appearing in the absence of Steiner's attorney, A. M. Cary of Minneapolis, bail was granted, and fixed at \$1,000 on recommendation of Assistant County Attorney John A. Pearson.

Trial was set for January 7, despite a request of Newman for a delay until January 10. The other indictments, one charging operation of a dice and craps table and the other keeping a blackjack table, were held up pending disposition of the present charge.

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Police Capture Sixth Suspect In Bremer Case

Jess Doyle's Arrest in Kansas Ascribed to Feminine Feud.

Kansas City, Feb. 7 (AP).—Jess Doyle, Bremer kidnaping suspect, was captured today, capping a round-up which netted five others as well—because of a feminine feud.

In the arrests, including four women, Detective Chief T. J. Higgins, of Kansas City, saw the smashing of a newly-organized bootlegging and bank robbery gang.

Doyle gave up at Pittsburg, Kans., when his car bogged down after he had shot his way out of one trap set by police and Federal agents.

A woman put officers on the trail of the 34-year-old ex-convict, hunted for months on a charge that he was a money changer in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Feud Over Women Blamed.

"We have developed a theory of enmity among a group of gangsters and their women," Higgins said. "Doyle was the leader."

Doyle, H. C. Stanley, his Pittsburg host, and these women are in custody.

Mrs. Frances Taylor, alias Mrs. Helen Rush, 27, who is near death from bullet wounds in the abdomen suffered on a Kansas City street late Tuesday.

Mrs. Vinita Stacey, 32, sweetheart of Doyle, held on a charge of assault in the shooting of Mrs. Taylor, her apartment neighbor.

Mrs. Edna Murray, 34, "the kissing bandit," sister of Mrs. Stacey. She has been a fugitive since November 5, 1931, when she went over a fence at the Missouri women's prison farm for the second time to escape serving a 25-year term for robbery.

Mrs. H. C. Stanley, unknown to Kansas City police.

Shooting Forces Doyle Out.

The shooting of Mrs. Taylor and the arrest of Mrs. Stacey forced Doyle to quit a Kansas City hide-out Wednesday, police said. With both the wounded woman and Mrs. Stacey under questioning, officers were soon on his trail.

Higgins said the shooting apparently was over division of bootleg money or funds from the Bremer kidnaping in a gang of eight, four men and four women.

Mrs. Murray has a long police record since the State of Arkansas widowed her with the electrocution of her first husband, "Diamond Joe" Sullivan at Little Rock in 1924.

A comely blonde, she won the sobriquet of "kissing bandit" with the regularity of her demand after relieving unapprehended pedestrians in Kansas City of available cash.

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What does he know about this case?

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