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## KARPIS KIDNAP PLOT FOILED

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20 (US).—A daring plot to kidnap Louis W. Hill, Sr., former head of the Great Northern Railway, and Richard C. Lilly, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, for \$1,000,000 ransom, was asserted today in usually reliable quarters to have been frustrated by the recent break-up of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Federal agents have been informed Hill and Lilly were to have been held for \$500,000 ransom each. An alleged "finger man" in the plot was said to be a St. Paul man who asked \$200,000 as his cut of the total ransom "take."

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# PLAN TO KIDNAP HILL

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20 (US).—In a copyrighted story, the St. Paul Daily News today revealed plans had been made for the kidnaping and million dollar ransoming of two of St. Paul's most prominent and wealthy citizens—Louis W. Hill, Sr., and Richard C. Lilly.

The newspaper said that plans for the "snatching" were discussed at the Bensonville, Ill., hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, was held prisoner for three weeks by kidnapers early in 1934.

Breaking up of the Barker-Karpis mob by Federal agents may have prevented the actual carrying out of the plans, the newspaper said.

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## BREMER CASE FIGURE SLAIN

Chief of Police Herman Wagner of Bensenville, suburban village northwest of Chicago, where Edward G. Bremer was held captive until \$200,000 ransom was paid, was found shot to death yesterday, an apparent suicide.

Chief Wagner's death came within twenty-four hours after reports from St. Paul, Bremer's home, that while the wealthy brewer was held, plans had been laid in Bensenville for a \$1,000,000 kidnaping of two of Minnesota's wealthiest men—Louis W. Hill Sr. and Richard C. Lilly.

The police chief was found seated on an upturned bucket in a garage at the rear of Bensenville's village hall, a bullet wound in his head and his service pistol beside him.

Village President George Runge said Chief Wagner's work had been unsatisfactory for some time and that his resignation was asked yesterday morning.

Relatives said Chief Wagner, who was 36, had been moody since the Bremer hiding place was exposed.

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The exclusive story of America's most notorious feminine criminal

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# MA BARKER

## Deadly Spider Woman

*The Gruesome Slaughter of an Officer, Adding a Doubly Bloody Fillip to the Triple Murder That Marked a St. Paul Payroll Snatch.—Another Chapter in the Life-Story of This Gun-Mad Mother and Her Breed of Assassins.*

I was the old Jesse James trail all over again—for Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and their gang—before that final blow-off at Oklawaha, Fla., which wiped out a viper's nest and its evil spawn. There were bank and post office jobs in Shamrock, Tyrone, Ripley, Boley, Inola and Bixby—Oklahoma towns; also Concordia, Benton and Oxford, Kansas, with a broad and bloody trail leading through Missouri.

And all this time the withered fingers of spidery, crafty Ma Barker, like satanic tentacles, controlled the skeins on which dangled the fate of desperadoes whose activities hit the headlines on an average of once a week.

One of Ma's minor satellites, Harry Sawyer, hid out Dillinger. Ma may even have done so herself, down there by the railroad tracks in Tulsa, for she was the "roundhouse" of all criminal information. But from Ma nothing could be learned. Any time there was a stick-up or a killing the cops always arrived too late.

"Yeh, I know," she used to greet them at the door, "Willie's been knocked off. Now, beat it. There's nobody here."

There never was. Ma was always

tipped—sometimes ahead of the press association reports—and any outlaws she was harboring had a chance to "lam."

They were all living up in St. Paul with Dunlop. Old Man Barker's successor, renting a residence under an assumed name—Karpis, Fred Barker, Ma and Old Arthur. Then, one morning, they found Old Arthur's body on the shores of a Minnesota lake, surrounded by the tracks of two men and a woman. The latter were never traced. Neither—for some years to come—were Ma and Fred and Alvin. It was said at the time that Dunlop was in the way. He was too old to get around when they had to jump town, for one reason or another—and mostly both. Lucky, perhaps, that his predecessor, Old Arthur Dunlop, Hubby No. 1—now an honest and harmless auto camp attendant near Joplin, Mo.—had left Ma when he did.

Another of Ma's men, Eddy Hogan, carelessly stepped on his auto starter one day in St. Paul and was blown to perdition. Before this encouraging development, however, Hogan was understood to have had some part in the St. Valentine Day massacre of the "Bugs" Moran mob in Chicago. More than that, Hogan and Sawyer, according to the relentless Burns pursuers, were even in on one of the biggest underworld murders of the generation—they were with the unidentified men who bought the gun that killed Arnold Rothstein!

Yes, Ma and the boys were riding high and even going higher. A little more than a year ago Edward Bremer was picked out of the routine of his life at Rochester, Mich., and not returned until the sum of \$200,000 was duly paid and posted. William Hamm, a St. Paul brewer, was also "lifted"



*Her Itching Trigger-Fingers Worked So Fast That She Fairly Ran to Meet Her Fate.*

were suspected on general principles, nothing definite was ever proved against them. Ma liked to do her jobs clean!

They even claim—that is, Ma and Fred and the rest—they had no connection with the Union Station massacre in Kansas City, although the Barkers were in town that day and the prisoner the assassins attempted to "deliver" was Frank Nash, a member of their old Central Park gang back in Tulsa!

But quite the most malicious job was the way Ma's darlings finished that cop in St. Paul three years ago. They shot, both of them, without giv-

ing the man a chance for his life. They could have avoided actual murder. But apparently they didn't want to. They quite obviously wanted the man dead.

It all grew out of a payroll snatch, one policeman having accompanied the messengers into the bank, where all three were knocked off without ceremony. Meantime, there was a cop at the curb in his automobile and he was potted by a man at a hamburger stand—these Burns accounts are so vivid—15 feet up the street.

The hamburger fancier hadn't waited for developments. He shot while all was tranquil and serene. More than that, having scored his bull's-eye, he went over to the officer on the floor of the car and drilled him again.

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In other words, he didn't want to incapacitate this gent. He desired to have him completely over with.

Nor was that all. The payroll boys, stepping out of the cowed bank a minute later with their arms full of heavily-laden canvas sacks and an impulsive machine gun or two, were ready to spray the street, but, seeing no need, they did the next best thing. They went over to that already dead policeman on the floor of his car and gave it to him again, just by way of emphasis and for good measure.

Such was the Barker-Karpis gang, with old Ma, inspired by an innate hate of cops, who, she believed, had convicted two sons without benefit of

We wouldn't care a damn for a career of highly successful crime to an end because Ma made snap judgments. Rather, we would say that she made three. She thought too little of her son, Doc, who squealed. She

**When Gallant Sheriff Kelly Fell, His Wife Swore to Avenge His Murder and She Stalked Ma Barker to Her Appalling Finish.**



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## MA BARKER--Deadly Spider Woman

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thought too little of the United States Government.

But, worse than that, she had those trigger-fingers working so fast that two of them went off and killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly down in West Plains, Mo.,—without warning or reason.

"Only a hick peace officer," must have been the thought as Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis mowed him down, disdainfully. "Served him right for asking questions." And then they gave it no further thought—because

their thought was all concentrated upon a getaway from the scene.

These trivial interruptions were a fly in their ointment—just a fly. They had just stuck up a store—just a little \$2,000 jest between-times, with the really important jobs ahead, and already fermenting in that master-minding brain of Ma Barker. But the mere fly must have been a dragon-fly. They had such scant time to get out of town, with the news of the most cold-blooded murder of the territory spreading like wildfire, that one leaped from the car and dodged through the streets and alleys of the town to effect his escape from the gathering mob while the other threw his car in second or high and started with a jerk that would shake off anyone who might have jumped the running-board.

They both got away—that is, they got away from the usual type of pursuit. It was a snap, so these arrogant "big shot" executioners told each other, to give the slip to these country mobs who were so imbued with a sense of fearlessness that they thought it necessary to advertise their advent by sticking out their chests—and making excellent targets of themselves.

But there was one, the most interested of them all, among the outraged citizens they had left behind, who, later developments proved, was not playing the game that way. She—for it was a she—matched their skill, and outmatched it. If Ma Barker was partly an Indian, as is claimed, this woman, although 100 per cent Caucasian, might have been a full-blooded savage, for she stalked her prey as only a full-blooded redskin could. And, with that same all-consuming passion for vengeance, hounded and worried Ma as a mastiff might please to prolong the life of a rat.

That woman was Mrs. C. R. (Lulu) Kelly, wife of the slain sheriff. And it was now woman against woman. At last Ma Barker had overmatched herself.

**NEXT WEEK:** The graphic fact-story, in all its amazing details, of how Ma Barker, she-devil of America's most brutal outlaw band, sicked the remnants of her blood-mad murderers on their last job.

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## KARPIS GIRL AIDES GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Two Sentenced After Secret Hearing  
for Harboring Public  
Enemy.

By the Associated Press.

MIAMI, Fla., March 25.—Winona Burdette and Delores Delaney, the girls Alvin Karpis left behind, unexpectedly were brought into Federal court today and at a secret hearing before Judge Halsted L. Ritter were sentenced to five years' imprisonment on charges of harboring the public enemy No. 1.

A cordon of Federal agents, heavily armed with machine guns and revolvers, suddenly rushed the two girls into the chambers of Judge Ritter and 40 minutes later sped away from the Federal Building to an unannounced destination.

United States District Attorney John Holland revealed that the prisoners were brought here last night from a jail at Jacksonville, but other than that neither he nor any other Government agents would discuss the case.

It is possible the place of their confinement will be at the Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, W. Va.

The women were brought to Miami February 17, following their arrest in Atlantic City when Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, shot their way out of a police trap.

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**5 YEARS!**



Winona Burdette, 21, who, with Dolores Delaney, 19, was sentenced today in Miami, Fla., to serve five years in the penitentiary. The two, friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, desperadoes, were arrested at Atlantic City when Karpis and Campbell shot their way through a police trap. The girl pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Ritter to harboring the criminals. (International News photo.)

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## 2 KARPIS GIRLS GET 5 YEARS

Two young gang "molls" left behind when Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of a trap at Atlantic City were sentenced to prison today at Miami, Fla.

They are Dolores Delaney, 19, and Winona Burdette, 21, and their sentences were five years each for harboring the murderous pair of gangsters.

So much secrecy surrounded their trial that the judge would not reveal the prison to which they were taken immediately afterward.

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## Two Girl Friends Of Karpis Jailed

### Plead Guilty to Harboring Bremer Suspects.

By the Associated Press.

Miami, Fla., March 25.—Two "girl friends" of fugitive Alvin Karpis, wanted in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, today were sentenced to five years in Federal prison.

Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, brought before Federal Judge H. L. Ritter, pleaded guilty to five indictments charging them with harboring and concealing Karpis.

Karpis and his pal, Harry Campbell, abandoned the women last January in Atlantic City, N. J., after police routed them out of their hotel with gunfire.

District Attorney John E. Holland said they would be assigned to some Federal women's institution by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings.

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## JAIL TWO GIRLS LEFT BEHIND IN KARPIS' ESCAPE

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two girls into the chamber of Judge Ritter, and forty minutes later sped away from the Federal Building to an unannounced destination. Armed guards stood outside the locked chambers door while the hearing was in progress.

Each of the two women was named in five Federal indictments charging them with concealing Karpis in Miami while Federal agents were hunting for him in the kidnaping of E. G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and brewer.

The girls, who lived with Karpis

and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, during a short sojourn here, were captured in Atlantic City after the two gunmen shot their way out of a police trap.

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**GETS FIVE YEARS.**

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'Alvin Karpis' girls, sen-  
tenced in Florida.

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*Chicago Tribune*

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# **Karpis' Girl—** **Wynona and Dolores,** **Aids of Gunman,** **Get 5 Years**

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five years in federal prison after being whisked into Miami under conditions akin to their hunted life with the public enemy. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, brought before Federal Judge H. L. Ritter in his heavily guarded chambers,

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**Karpis Aid Identified  
In \$50,000 Holdup**

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## BREMER KIDNAPING TRIAL DATE FIXED.

### 11 Defendants Slated for Arraignment in Court Here Tuesday.

Defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case will be arraigned in Federal court here Tuesday, the opening day of the spring court term, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, announced today.

Sullivan also stated that, when the defendants are arraigned, he will move that the trial of those who plead not guilty be set for April 15.

Those to be arraigned include seven defendants now being held in Ramsey county jail, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, James Wilson and Edna Murray. Others scheduled for arraignment are John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, now at liberty under bond but due to report to Federal authorities here Tuesday. Another defendant, Bruno (Whitey) Austin, also will be arraigned if he arrives here in time from Chicago, where he is under arrest.

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## DOGGED SEARCH FOR AL KARPIS PROCEEDS

**Government Unrelenting in  
Hunt for Bremer Kidnap-  
ing Suspect.**

Chicago, March 29.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's most-hunted criminal, has done the most complete fadeout midwestern law officials can remember, but they haven't given up hope.

Last of the big-shot public enemies, Karpis will turn up sooner or later, police say, and they expect an early reappearance of the gangster who machine-gunned his way from an Atlantic City hotel January 21 and went into hiding. No trace of him has been found since.

Wanted by the Federal government for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, January 17, 1934, Karpis has evaded capture for more than thirteen months.

Although Karpis and Harry Campbell, an accomplice, shot their way from the Atlantic City police trap, authorities arrested two gang "molls" who were left behind. The two women, Winona Burdette, 21 years old, and Dolores Delaney, 19, have been sentenced to prison for harboring the criminals.

The hunt for Karpis, regarded as the nation's No. 1 public enemy, never ceases. During the recent Federal nationwide raids a big part of what the raiders were seeking was a tip to Karpis' hideaway.

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# RENO IS SUSPECTED AS CAPITAL OF CRIME

U. S. Inquiry Points to City as  
Gangsters' Hangout.

By the United Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—  
Reno may contain the switchboard  
from which much of the nation's  
crimes are directed, it appeared to-  
day, as evidence presented by the  
Department of Justice against nine  
persons accused of shielding George  
(Baby Face) Nelson appeared to  
show that the divorce capital, where  
"anything goes," was the center of a  
ring directing, or at least connected  
closely with, many outlaws.  
Nelson found employment, ammu-  
nition, transportation and shelter  
there when he was being most  
hunted, and Alvin Karpis, the only  
big time gangster surviving, fled

there after shooting his way out of  
a trap in Atlantic City.  
At a trial in New York last year  
it was testified the greatest bunc-  
king in national history used Reno  
as its headquarters.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN  
 Nashville, Tennessee  
 March 29, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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# BANDIT IDENTIFIED

Tulsa Desperado Branded Aide in  
 Tulsa \$50,000 Robbery.

TULSA, Okla., March 28—(P)—  
 Volney Davis, Tulsa desperado and  
 alleged companion of Alvin Karpis,  
 the nation's current No. 1 outlaw,  
 was identified today by photo-  
 graphs as one of the three men  
 who robbed Ben Goldberg, jeweler  
 of \$50,000 in diamonds and money  
 yesterday.

Davis was identified as one of  
 the bandits by M. Coe, watch re-  
 pairman in the Goldberg store.

Coe was one of the five persons  
 bound and gagged by the trio.

John Evans, Tulsa county deputy  
 sheriff, announced the identifica-  
 tion.

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# THE APPALLING FINISH OF MA BARKER

*How Fate Finally Trapped and Crushed the Amazon Crime Queen in the Shambles of a Machine Gun Battle.*

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*—Deadly Spider Woman*

*The Story of Sheriff Lulu, the Relentless—Ma's Nemesis; of the Finger-Pointing Episode of Squealer "Doc" Barker; of the Trapping of the Tarantula Tribe, and the Epithet That Machine Guns Wrote—Told Comprehensively for the First Time in This Thrilling Conclusion of the Epic Phase in America's Crime Crusade.*

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

**M**A BARKER, the strangely contradictory character who could—and did—cherish pamphlets from Raymond T. Richey, Texas evangelist; sing psalms with the best of churchgoers, exchange love letters with her sons and kill without conscience, finally over-matched herself. She took on too many opponents.

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port making the better program. Instead, the man in the car further than miles out of town, where he bogged down, in a mud hole.

Fate here interposed, producing an innocent farmer driving into town for a big day at the horse trough. He detached his team, hauled the bandit out of the ditch, accepted his thanks and continued on into a suddenly insane town.

By that time, in fact, the entire county was aroused, with the result that the female spider who lurked within the recesses of the web was routed out for the first time. Ma Barker was definitely on the "lam," with the law in full cry.

They all jammed so rapidly that they left their letters and insurance policies behind them. Also a great deal of entertaining data, including the fact that the Thayer, Mo., hideout was vir-

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One of them was the last she ever looked for, a son, Arthur ("Doc") Barker, upon whom they finally put the collar for the Bremer business and who, lacking foundation, pointed "the finger" to Oklawaha. Another opponent was the United State Government, plus the Burns men. A third was a woman.

Probably Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis thought little of the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. Just another incident, perhaps, in the trail of blood they left from one end of the Ozarks to the other.

But actually this was the blowoff for the Barkers. From that moment, they were always on the defensive. They never recovered. Why?

There were several reasons but probably the most impelling was that the successor to Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo., was Mrs. Lulu Kelly, his wife. Ma Barker, indeed, had outmatched herself. She wasn't playing around with a lot of dolts now. It was female against female!

Letters, posters, descriptions and antecedents flooded the mails from Mrs. Lulu Kelly's office.

"We want the murderers of Sheriff C. R. Kelly," was her insistent message to all sources of surveillance. "They are Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis."

From that moment, Barker and Karpis were more than wanted men. They were hunted everywhere they went, followed, often preceded, by graphic and revealing descriptions. Mrs. Lulu Kelly was very much on the job. She still is. In fact, the lady sheriff of West Plains will stay on the job up to and including one development. She has promised to resign the moment the killers of Sheriff C. R. Kelly are accounted for.

She must have loved this man with rare devotion and, in truth, it would seem from the record that this gallant officer did not die in vain.

It was a particularly brutal—not a journeyman job but just such a one as might be conceived in the brain of Ma Barker, engaged in an eternal vendetta with the police.

Mrs. Lulu Kelly undoubtedly was just like any other housewife in West Plains, Mo., until the day a couple of outlaws happened into town and stuck up a store. It was a small, trivial job—a stick-up for \$2,000.

Somebody told the sheriff that

Drawing  
by  
Borah.



### The Guiding Hands Behind a Series of Merciless Crimes.

there were a couple of strangers having a job done at the town garage and he ambled down to see what it was all about.

"What are you fellows doing in town?" he asked, approaching Barker and Karpis, both sitting tight in the front of the car. Without parley, they opened fire, shooting Kelly down

as though he was a stuffed shirt.

With that, the killers separated, one of them—identity not developed—jumped from the car and took it on the run up the street. The other murderer stuck with the car, heading the other way.

Both ultimately got back to their hideaway at Thayer, Mo., the one on



Ma Barker's Last Stand—the House at Oklawaha Where She Was Machine-Gunned with Her Son.

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Karpis was known in Thayer as George Dunn. Fred Barker called himself Ray Hamilton, which is worth talking about, in view of the fact that Ray Hamilton, Southwest bandit, sometimes was known as Fred Barker.

Anyhow, the West Plains incident, apparently unimportant except to a certain Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, was an abiding factor in the ultimate fate of the Barkers.

Ma Arizon Clark Barker, had sponsored the killers of a woman's husband—and Mrs. Lulu Kelly, it was a cinch, wouldn't rest until one and all were brought to book.

From that moment began the great battle, the enraged female against the untutored, unwholesome mother who thought up evil ideas faster than the underworld could use them. Ma never knew, of course.

All she was able to grasp was that, every time they moved into a new town, they had to jump. The cops, strangely, were onto them. They had no resting place—and little wonder!

Lulu, the lady sheriff, had them billed in advance!

Every post office, police station and government agent had a likeness of the men who had wantonly killed her husband. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had the red mark of Cain upon them and Lulu, once on the trail, never stopped riding it.

She rode it finally into Chicago where, with the aid of Federal agents and the Burns men, she finally began to close in on this female spider.

The first thing they did was to collar Arthur ("Doc") Barker and put the screws on him so hard that the lives of Fred and Ma seemed trivial. In any case, the police have yet to deny that Doc pointed the fatal finger toward Oklawaha, Fla.

All we know, in fact, is that six hours of machine-gun and tear gas attack finally turned up two grim and grisly exhibits, the final and ultimate word from the all-too-conclusive dictum of the law:

"You can't get away with it!"

(THE END.)

## Girl Friends Who Aided Bandits Sent to "Alcatraz for Women"

By the Associated Press.

The gangster girl friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, much-sought outlaws, were disclosed yesterday to have been rushed in secret from Miami, Fla., to the Government's "Alcatraz for women" at Milan, Mich.

Sanford Bates, director of Federal prisons, made known that Wyona Burdette and Delores Delancey, erstwhile companions of the gangsters, had been transferred secretly for fear that Karpis and Campbell might seek to rescue them.

Both were sentenced to five years each after entering pleas of guilty on Monday to charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.

Karpis and Campbell were forced to abandon the women last January at Atlantic City, N. J., after a gun duel with police.

At Milan the women will find several others who were sentenced because of association with gangsters. They include Evelyn Frechette, friend of the late John Dillinger; Kathryn Kelly, wife of George "Machine Gun"

Kelly, and her mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon.

Kathryn, under life sentence, and her mother were placed in Milan after threats by "Machine Gun" that he would break jail and free them.

Director Bates said yesterday there are 18 woman convicts segregated at the Milan prison farm "under more secure detention than possible at Alderson, W. Va., the regular Federal reformatory, where 400 women are housed."

The women are on the top-floor tier inside the Milan prison block, which has been walled off from the adjacent cells of men prisoners.

"The only man outside the superintendent they see is the prison doctor as he makes his regular calls," Bates said.

Opaque glass has been installed to shut out any view of the men prisoners. On the roof above is a yard guarded by steel barriers where the women may exercise. Their attendants are four woman matrons, three of them formerly at Alderson Reformatory.

## AGENTS GUARD 3 WOMEN FROM RAY HAMILTON

One Tells Police Desperado  
Quit Trio When Chase in  
Flight From Bank Was Hot

JACKSON, Miss., March 30 (U.P.).—Federal agents and county officers guarded the Hinds county jail tonight against any possible effort by Raymond Hamilton, notorious desperado, to rescue three women who are being held in connection with his holdup of a bank in Prentiss, Miss.

Two of the women, Dorothy and Estelle Davis, are reported to have had other bandit connections before they became associated with Hamilton, who gave a score of Mississippi posse the slip in a daring flight across the State Friday.

The third woman, Mrs. Virgie Johnson, a native of Jeff Davis county, and a fellow prisoner with the Davis women in the Shreveport jail, was brought to the Hinds county prison Saturday morning.

Federal agents questioned the women in an effort to learn more about Hamilton and to obtain a clue as to his destination. The Davis woman claims Mrs. Johnson had nothing to do with planning the bank robbery.

All three women, each in separate cells, are held incommunicado on Federal orders. Police quoted them as saying Hamilton led the raid on the bank and "forced" them to take part. When the chase for Hamilton became too hot, the women said he deserted them. Hamilton escaped into Arkansas with a companion.

### Hot Springs Joins Search

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 30 (U.P.).—Hot Springs officers joined the search tonight for Raymond Hamilton, Texas bad man who has terrorized the South for three days.

Hamilton may have come here from Memphis where two Mississippi hostages escaped from his abandoned coupe yesterday, local officers believe. The Texas desperado knows the town well, the officers said, and may be hiding here.

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# BREMER KIDNAP GANG IS LINKED WITH DILLINGER

Karpis Assisted 'Killer, Says  
Mobster Who 'Squeals' to  
U. S., Baring Bandit Secrets

By STEVE RICHARDS

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Doyle, Edna Murray, Kansas City "kissing bandit," her sister and brother-in-law, were surprised by Crawford county authorities in Pittsburg, Kas., several weeks ago. After a gun battle, Doyle escaped, only to surrender a few hours later when his car became mired in the mud south of Girard, Kas.

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#### Another Confession.

One other member of the gang, his name not revealed, likewise has made a full confession and given agents complete corroboration of the startling story revealed by Doyle.

Agents said the confessions probably were without parallel. They will clear up, in addition to minor crimes:

The \$25,000 robbery December 16,

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## JESS DOYLE TURNS STATE'S EVIDENCE, TELLING 'PLENTY'

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1932, of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis.

Murder of Ira Evans and Leo Gorskias, Minneapolis patrolmen. They responded to the bank robbery alarm.

Brutal slaying in Como park, St. Paul, on the same day, of Oscar Erickson, as he chanced upon the bandits as they transferred the loot from one car to another.

Slaying of Theodore Kidder, Minneapolis, shortly after Dillinger escaped from Crown Point, Ind., jail.

#### Score of Bank Robberies.

Fully a score of bank robberies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Kansas, in which the loot totaled more than \$1,000,000.

The shooting of Roy McCord, Northwest airlines operator, by gangsters who feared he had recognized them.

The information was said to prove that Leonard Hankins, serving a life term in the state prison for the Northwestern bank robbery and subsequent murders, was wrongly convicted. Larry Devol, who pleaded guilty to the same charge and also is serving a life term, apparently did so in preference to being returned to Missouri to face trial and a possible death in connection with the murder of John Rose, Kirksville, Mo., policeman, November 17, 1930.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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## BANDIT TALKS; MAN IN PRISON MAY BE FREED

Confession Blames Slayings  
On Barker-Karpis Gang  
In Minnesota.

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Eugene Rerat, Minneapolis attorney representing Hankins, said he would ask Hennepin county officers to reopen the case and seek an indictment against Doyle for the murder, and that he would make an application for pardon, in view of the newly-found evidence, to the state pardon board.



Alvin Karpis

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# SUSPECT 'TALKS,' BLAMES KARPIS GANG IN SLAYINGS

## Confession Exonerates Minnesota Lifer.

St. Paul, Minn., March 30.—(P)—A lifer in Stillwater prison was exonerated and the Barker-Karpis mob named as the murderous raiders of the Minneapolis Third Northwestern National bank holdup on which two policemen and a St. Paul motorist were slain, in a written confession by a Bremer kidnaping defendant, the Associated Press learned tonight from an unimpeachable source.

This authoritative source said Jess Doyle, indicted as the money-changer in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, admitted he drove the bandit car, claimed Leonard Hankins, serving a life term for the murder of the Minneapolis policemen, is innocent, and confessed the same gang was responsible for the spectacular holdup of the First National bank at Fairbury, Neb., two years ago, when seven were wounded.

### Policeman Was Slain.

The confession presumably cleared up the slaying of Patrolmen Leo Gorski and Ira Evans of Minneapolis, mowed down by machine gun bullets in front of the bank on Dec. 16, 1932, and the killing of Oscar Erickson, 29, of St. Paul, who unwittingly stared at the bandits as they changed escape cars in Como park, St. Paul.

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### Informed of Confession.

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It was not known whether Doyle will be turned over to Minneapolis authorities or brought to trial first on the Bremer charge. Arraignment of Bremer defendants is slated for next Tuesday, with trial expected to get under way April 15.

A month ago the Minnesota Supreme court denied a review of an appeal in Hankins' case. The appeal was turned down Nov. 16, 1934.

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## Lifer Exonerated by Confession



Leonard Hankins, above, serving a life term for the murder of two policemen and a St. Paul motorist, has been absolved of guilt in a confession by a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. — Associated Press Photo.

## GANGSTER'S CONFESSION SOLVES THREE MURDERS

Life term exonerated as Barker-Karpis henchman talks

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According to the authoritative source Doyle's statements describe how he wore a regulation uniform and drove the big car to the bank, with Karpis sitting next to him. He then related how Devol, who pleaded guilty to the murder charge rather than face hanging for a killing in Missouri, turned his machine gun on the two policemen as they responded to a radio alarm—trouble at the bank.

# MA BARKER

## Deadly Spider Woman

The Exclusive Story of the Amazing Double Life of America's Most Notorious Feminine Criminal

A Terrific Gun Battle with Besieging G-Men Spelled the Finish of the Incredible Machine-Gun Mother—Continuing the Exclusive Story of Her Bloody Career and Inevitable End.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

SIX hours of constant bombardment had passed, during which 1,500 rounds of ammunition had been poured into the upper windows of the Barker citadel, where "Ma" Barker, the "brains" of the ruthless band of bandits of that name, crouched with her son Fred, weakling spawn of the outlaw breed, firing back between choking spells as tear gas bombs spread their acrid stench.

Then came a lull in the firing. "Come out, Ma; nobody'll get hurt," shouted a G-man.

Derisive laughter, and a salvo of shots, was the answer—a fusillade that almost tore away the cover behind which the Federal officer crouched.

And when, moments later, another appealed to Fred to give his mother a chance, the old crone croaked:

"He ain't giving himself up and I don't want a chance from the likes of you. Come and get me."

Hours later, they came and got her—all that was left to get. In one corner lay this pampered, psychopathic son, eleven slugs in one shoulder and three in his head. By the window was all that was left of Arrie Kate Barker, the inevitable machine gun cradled in her blousy old bosom.

One shot had finished her. She never knew that another of the clan, Arthur "Doc" Barker, had given her the finger when arrested in Chicago.

She was his mother and he loved her, as apparently all the Barkers loved. She also was reputedly The Brain that planned, executed and successfully carried through the \$200,000 Bremer "snatch," perhaps even the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, perhaps the William Hamm job and innumerable bank and payroll coups that brought Doc and his brothers at least a half million dollars in less than a year.

But police pressure must have been heavy or else Doc elected to forget

the old hag's teachings, for he hardly lived up to the Barker tradition. Neither did another brother, Lloyd, now in Leavenworth. But, at least, they lived.

That's more than can be said for the rest of the family, unless you want to include the father, George, who quite pointedly doesn't wish to be included. He quit them cold a dozen years ago when he saw where they were headed and now is a humble but honest auto camp attendant near Joplin, Mo. Herman, another son, either was killed or committed suicide while resisting arrest.

Yes, old George lives. But another of Ma's husbands doesn't. Benign as a deacon in appearance, his name was George W. Dunlop, the father of a St. Louis policeman. And one morning, the cops found old Dunlop, nude to the neckband and "shot through and through," as the reports of the Burns men so aptly put it, on the shore of a Minnesota lake. The tracks of two men and a woman were found by the body.

The Burns men, who had followed the bloody trail of the Barkers through Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and a good part of the North American continent, seemed to entertain few doubts as to who the woman was who made these tracks.

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After all, they knew their woman!

Hadn't they spent patient, tedious months trying to catch up with this withered, unseen hand that pulled the strings and made the puppets dance? Hadn't the G-men gone after Fred and "Doc" and the elusive Alvin Karpis largely with the idea that, if they got these murderous errand boys, they must inevitably get The Brain?

The Feds and the Burns men quite obviously operated together on this premise, as J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, practically admitted after the Oklawaha executions:

"They were the most dangerous and intelligent gang we had to cope with. No individual was safe as long as they operated. And Ma Barker was the directing genius. We had to get her—and we did!"

Ironically, the combination Female Fagin and Calamity Jane had to die to hit the headlines. Before that, nobody knew her—so wily was she—except the G-men, the Burns men and the trigger men of the underworld.

Dillinger, it seems, knew her quite well. So apparently did Harvey Bailey and "Machine Gun" Kelly, the Urschel snatchers. Her manifold activities caused her to cross paths with theirs, one of her men being implicated in the St. Valentine massacre at Chicago and another, now a fugitive from charges of having harbored Dillinger, being hooked up with the purchase of the gun that shot Arnold Rothstein!

In the same way as befell the associates of that legendary gun-woman, Calamity Jane, whose weird Wild West career strangely parallels that of her modern prototype, so did many of the Barkers under Ma come to an unfortunate finish. Fred, her pet killer and light of her filial eye, lay with her on the floor of that Florida hideaway. Herman died apparently by his own hand, Arthur "Doc," the only conspirator available, probably will do life or worse for the Bremer business and other things—many other things. Old Man Dunlop, his receptively mild features long since composed in death, met his finish when the gang decided he was an encumbrance—probably a too garrulous encumbrance. And Son Lloyd is in Leavenworth.

Dressed in buckskin and with a face that might cause horses to climb telegraph poles, Calamity stares forth from the pages of history upon a now decadent age of lawsuits and pink teas and a total disregard of a person's liberty. And when they picked up Ma in that room down there in Florida, she was seamed and bloated and ugly, with a face as hard as a stove lid.

It apparently had not always been so. Once in these dead, old days back there in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, she seemingly had been small, even a little petite. They say she was blonde, weighed about a hundred pounds and had small features. Her devotion to her sons, even then headed toward lawlessness, was the only thing about her that seemed to impress the neighbors.

She minded her own business, went to church regularly—and never tangled with the law. Indeed, she spent much of her time trying to get her boys out of its clutches.

Some say she followed them across the dead line just to be with them. Others insist that, in spite of her fair hair, she had Indian blood in her

veins and that she was motivated by a spirit of rancorous vengeance, a sense of injustice that might very well inspire one of Indian blood to run amuck.

Anyhow, they put the collar on Lloyd for a mail-pouch job he claimed was the work of another. And they once sent "Doc" up for life in connection with the murder of a night watchman. He always maintained that he was framed.

Be that as it might, Ma Barker soon was launched upon a career of crime that has known few parallels in history. They say she wasn't a bad looking dame at the start but when they picked her up in a dust pan down in Florida, the guesses on her age ranged anywhere from 55 to 67.

She looked more like 80 in her red checkered house dress, her seamed countenance and her fat, blousy middle. Beyond a doubt, said the God-fearing neighbors before the shooting, this mysterious woman from the North was badly in need of a beauty parlor and beyond any further doubt, she had traveled far down the ladder of even outward respectability with her bad-boy sons. Why, she hadn't even been able to make good her boast of dying with her boots on.

When G-men finally moved "in on" Ma's dead body, they found it bare footed.

The long arm of coincidence—or was it the pointing finger of fate, as it grew upon the horny hand of the smug-faced, squealing Arthur "Doc" Barker—figured dramatically in this bloody denouement, for it was a year almost to the day and hour since Edward G. Bremer had been lifted from the bosom of his family by Ma's gang when the G-men cautiously closed in on the smoking and now silent sot-tage at Oklawaha, Fla., to mop up what was left of the crass kidnaping combination.

Gazing on Ma's remains at that time, it would have been difficult to persuade the distressed Bremer that the most perfect "snatch" plot of modern times had been hatched in



that acute but started mind.

Dillinger certainly didn't think that he was placing himself in jeopardy when he sought sanctuary in her organization when the minions of the law became "unreasonable"—he had no idea that Ma was the mastermind and that her vicinity was a "hot-spot" in which to seek security.

"Shoot to kill," was Ma's dictum to her four sons, when once she entered actively into their schemes. Later, it was only two sons because Herman, the eldest, was snuffed out in an affray with peace officers and Lloyd wound up doing a 20-year stretch at Leavenworth prison.

"Shoot 'em," she usually added, "and if they want to ask questions after that, make a date with them in the morgue. Never be taken alive."

Down in Oklawaha, she and Fred obeyed the Barker tradition to the last shuddering breath, and even in death, her black eyes were vindictive.

Why?

They saw Ma, in spite of her blond hair, was of Indian blood. She was born Arizona (that sounds Indian, doesn't it?) Clark in the Ozark foothills of Missouri. They also say that once, when small and petite and more than passable pretty, she had been a devoted housewife and mother. She went to church regularly, minded her own business (even when the "boys" didn't mind their's) and, in the words of the family physician in the old days around Joplin, Mo.:

"She was an honest, hard-working woman."

All that time, the "boys" were in jail and out—Fred for unexplained possession of a "shot" car; Doc for bumping an aged, harmless night watchman; Herman for almost anything.

At the age of fourteen, Herman

lifted a diamond ring of his mother's and the Burns records show that Ma had to wrestle for it. He didn't last long but, from the standpoint of the Barker boys, he had the right idea. And from the standpoint of Ma at that time, her boys were perfect.

"My boys would be good boys if the police would let them alone," she used to say, a little plaintively and with misguided optimism.

She was busy at that time, trying to keep the boys in order and her real husband, George Barker appeased. The blow-off came about ten years ago. George drifted away, seeking only peace and quiet. Ma, on the other hand, boldly cast her lot with her pampered sons.

She turned against law

and, in doing so, she completely

right-about-face. And of becoming a passive accessory, she went all the way and became the "brain," the ring-leader of the most desperate band of criminals that America in all probability has yet known.

"Neither an individual nor his property was safe while they lasted," says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice. "In many ways they were the smartest outlaws we've encountered. And Ma was the mind behind their operations. She was so smart that we never got anything on her—although we know plenty. We had to kill her to catch up with her."

And, again we ask, why this abrupt transition from respectability to dishonor, from trig young womanhood to a steamy, hard-faced, vindictive old war horse?

Down in the Ozark country and through Oklahoma, Kansas and neighboring States (note the parallel to the James Boys), they say that Ma made her decision after "Doc" was convicted of the night watchman murder and Lloyd went up for unseemly familiarity with a Government mail pouch.

From that moment, Ma is said to have given up the unequal struggle. She had dressed her boys well in Missouri, where Husband George was an ore-handler. She had sent them to school, where their marks were above the average, and she had cooked and scrubbed and kept house for the lot. And now she was through!

So was old George. He was through paying fines and cringing every time the door bell rang. He jumped out on his own and finally wound up as the poor but honest caretaker of an auto camp outside Joplin.

"Keep me out of it," he now says, rather bitterly, and there isn't much difficulty about doing that. Old George undoubtedly has been out of it for more than ten years.

Old Ma, meantime, was very much in. Her sons were adjudged guilty, even when innocent, she insisted. All right; she was a guilty outlaw, too.

They say it was the Indian blood. An Indian, you know, is never so dangerous as when he feels a sense of injustice. While this is a theory, there must be something to account for this woman of amazing contradictions.

They killed and gloated over it; yet Ma remained somewhat religious, with a particular complex for the teachings of Raymond T. Richey, the Texas evangelist.

Maybe she was consistent enough with this not to order any killings on Sunday! We doubt it. Apparently, the Barkers, with Alvin Karpis, killed who and where they pleased—and it usually pleased them no end.

Yet, with each other, they were an almost unwholesomely devoted clan.

"To my darling little pal," writes Lloyd from jail, and then winds up with the conventional x's the lover sends to his sweetheart—and these words:

"Love and kisses to my darling little pal."

His darling little pal was then not less than 55 and looked 80, with a paunch that only an ex-brewer could



Artist Burck's Conception of the Deadly Spider Woman and the Murderous Activities of Her Sons Which She Directed. Three of the Boys Are Shown at Left—Herman, Arthur "Doc" and Freddy, Two Dead, the Other in Jail.





*"Ma Barker" Looking a Little  
More Gentle Than She Did  
When Federal Agents Closed  
in on the Barker Citadel and  
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# WILSON ONLY BREMER SUSPECT TO ADMIT GUILT; NINE OTHERS LIKELY TO ASK FOR SEPARATE TRIALS

## BARKER PALES WITH READING OF CHARGES; COURT REMANDS PRISONERS TO COUNTY JAIL

Counsel For Edna Murray Asks Bill Of Particulars; Bonds of McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney Raised To \$25,000 Each; Prisoners Under Heavy Guard.

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J. J. Wilson, chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, Chicago, pleaded guilty to kidnaping conspiracy when 19 of the 23 Edward G. Bremer "snatching" defendants were arraigned today in United States district court.

All others pleaded not guilty, including Arthur (Doc) Barker co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, Byron Bolton, one of the gang "heavies," and Jess Doyle, alleged "money-changer," who was earlier reported to have "talked plenty" about activities of both the Barker-Karpis and Dillinger gangs.

Despite the strong rumors that at least two members of the gang were ready to offer guilty pleas and possibly to turn state's evidence, all other defendants turned amazed looks at Wilson when, after being the only one to insist that the indictment be read, he started to tell Judge M. M. Joyce that he was guilty of certain of the allegations in the indictment.

### Barker Pales.

As the indictment was read, Barker, who has from time to time while in jail exhibited signs of extreme nervousness, chewed his gum rapidly. His face paled noticeably even through his jail pallor.

Accepting the guilty plea, Judge Joyce advised Wilson to obtain and confer with an attorney, and told him that he had the privilege of later changing his plea.

Through their joint attorneys, the defendants offered motions, the nature of which was not revealed. It was expected they were for separate trials. Hearing on these motions was set for 2 p. m. Wednesday. Judge Joyce set trial for 10 a. m. Monday, April 15.

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Judge Joyce ordered all of the defendants remanded to Ramsey county jail in lack of bonds. Bonds of J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, Chicago, alleged "money changers," were ordered increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. They drove up here in McLaughlin's car for the arraignment.

#### "Case Looks Different."

Attorneys immediately protested. "The case looks different now than it did when their bonds were fixed at \$5,000," Judge Joyce returned, refusing the request.

A bill of particulars against Edna Murray, Kansas City, "kissing bandit" and girl friend of the fugitive Volney Davis, was asked by John DeCourcy, her attorney. Action on this will also be had at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Four of the prisoners had no counsel: Bolton, Wilson, Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton. Bolton allegedly took an active part in the abduction and later \$200,000 ransom collecting; Doyle is named as a "money changer," and Alderton as one of two men who arranged for the Bensenville, Ill., house where Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks following his kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934.

#### All Defendants Nervous.

Elmer Farmer, Alderton's alleged partner, and Delaney were represented by Thomas W. McMeekin. McLaughlin was represented by L. L. Drill, former United States district attorney in St. Paul. Barker and the Murray woman were represented by

Mr. DeCourcy. Vidler's lawyer is A. J. Hoffman.

All of the defendants were nervous during the reading of the indictments. Four were charged with kidnaping: Barker, Bolton, Alderton and Farmer; and the rest with conspiracy.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the federal men in the transporting of the prisoners to the federal courts building at 8th and Market sts. from the Ramsey county jail at 4th and St. Peter sts.

Barker occupied one car, surrounded by deputy United States marshals to whom he was handcuffed and manacled. Edna Murray likewise had a car to herself—except for a strong guard of officers.

The other prisoners rode in a third car. Submachine gun-armed federal agents and county deputies were on guard.

## Bremer Case Defendant Furnished Lawyer After Entering Plea Of Guilty

Thomas Newman late today was named attorney for J. J. Wilson, who pleaded guilty in United States district court today to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Newman, whose lawyer charged him with not guilty if he was the attorney for J. J. Wilson, Mr. Newman was named by Judge M. M. Joyce who heard pleas of other defendants today. Attorneys have yet to be named for Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, and Jess Doyle.

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Handcuffed together as they were led down the back stairs of Ramsey county jail are JESS DOYLE (left) and J. J. WILSON, who pleaded guilty.

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Rather surprised were federal government officials when **BYRON BOLTON** (left) pleaded "not guilty." **ELMER FARMER** is on the right of Bolton as they are leaving Ramsey county jail.

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Waiting the arrival of other defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case EDNA MURRAY, charged with conspiracy, is pictured as she stepped from the automobile in front of the federal courts building.

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NEW YORK SUN, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1935

## TEN FACE COURT AS KIDNAP GANG

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## FIGHTS EXTRADITION

Among others indicted are Bruno (Whitney) Austin, now held in Chicago, fighting removal to St. Paul, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago, alleged to have treated Bremer while



John J. McLaughlin

he was held captive. Dr. Moran is a fugitive.

No definite time was announced for the arraignments, nor for the transportation of the prisoners from the county jail to the federal building, three blocks away. It was learned, however, department of justice agents would take every precaution against possible attempts at escape or delivery.

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## NINE-PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

James Wilson, Tenth Defendant, Enters Plea of Guilt.

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Judge M. M. Joyce set April 15 for the trial, as requested by the district attorney.

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## KILLING OF BANKER LINKED TO GANG

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The paper says officials reported that the automobile used had been recovered.

In testimony in the harboring trial Nelson and Chase were linked by inference to Frisch's disappearance. An asserted statement by Frank Cochran, Reno aviator and garageman, introduced by the prosecution, said the two men were in Reno just before and after Frisch vanished on March 22, 1934.

Cochran, who took the stand yesterday in his own defense, said he knew Nelson only as Jimmy Funnell.

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## Nine Plead Not Guilty As Bremer Kidnapers

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Counsel representing six of the defendants late today filed demurrers attacking the Lindbergh kidnaping law, under which all will be tried, as unconstitutional because "transportation of human beings cannot be determined to be in interstate commerce."

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# TEN ARRAIGNED AS KIDNAPERS OF E. J. BREMER

Chauffeur Wilson Pleads Guilty;  
St. Paul Judge Sets Trial  
of Others; Hears Motions

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## Police Killer Escapes Bremer Charge

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# Believe Outlaw Karpis May Have Had

## Gangster Is Hunted in Far West After Woman Aide Is Seen

Doctor to Be Questioned About Bremer Kidnap, Pal; May Have Undergone Operation

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO—The Federal agency that wiped out John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd intensified its search in the Far West today for Alvin Karpis, last "big shot" gangster remaining at large.

Justice Department agents, proud of their record in previous outlaw hunts, were scattered between Reno, Nev., and San Francisco with orders to get the man who figured in the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn., and who late last year shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J.

There was evidence that Karpis might have had his face "lifted" to prevent identification. Agents were checking the records of a Vallejo, Calif., hospital to determine whether Karpis or Arthur (Doc) Barker, his companion in many desperate crimes, had submitted to a face-lifting operation at the hospital where George (Baby Face) Nelson and his wife at one time found shelter.

### DOCTOR TO BE QUIZZED

A physician was to be questioned about such an operation, said to have been performed just before the outlaw pair returned to the Mid West to kidnap Edward Bremer, scion of a prominent banking family.

Searchers believed that Karpis had contacts in Reno where Baby Face Nelson found assistance, funds, and ammunition before he returned to the Mid West to fall before the guns of Justice Department agents.

### WOMAN HUNTED

A red-headed woman, believed to be the consort of Volney Davis, minor figure in the Karpis-Barker gang, was seen in Reno Sunday. She fled in an auto believed driven by Davis.

The car fled toward the California state line but did not reach it, according to highway police checking at the border.

Karpis' trail led straight across the country from Atlantic City to the Pacific Coast. Several weeks ago a machine identified as his was found in the Truckee River near here. Employees of a gold dredge near Auburn, Calif., reported seeing a man answering his description. Several raids on cabins smuggled in the remote high Sierras were made fruitlessly.

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# Karpis May Have Had Face Lifted



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## Identify Doyle As Bank Raider

OKMULGEE, Okla., April 4 (UP)—Jess Doyle has been identified tentatively, from photographs, as one of the gang of six which robbed two banks at Okemah last Dec. 22, Olean A. Summers, United States district attorney, said today. Doyle, now held as one of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, has been charged with a part in the robbery and probably will be returned to Oklahoma for trial at Muskogee, Summers said.



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## Girl To Give Evidence In Bremer Case

**Winona Burdette To Be Brought Here From Michigan Cell.**

Winona Burdette, "lady-friend" of Harry Campbell, fugitive and one of the alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, will be brought from a Michigan prison cell to testify against her former associates at the trial of 10 Bremer kidnap defendants.

This was learned today when Federal Judge M. M. Joyce signed a writ of habeas corpus requiring authorities at the Milan, Mich., women's reformatory to bring Miss Burdette to St. Paul for the trial.

Miss Burdette with Delores Delaney, former St. Paul girl and "moll" of the fugitive Alvin Karpis, is serving five years in the Milan institution for harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang in southern Florida.

The two were captured when Karpis and Campbell blasted their way out of an Atlantic City ambush several months ago. Miss Delaney has since given birth to a child.

With five members of the gang losing their legal skirmish with the government Wednesday when Judge Joyce denied demurrers and refused bills of particulars, three others will hear their attorneys' plea for demurrers and bills Friday.

The three are James Wilson, who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy but who will change his plea; Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton.

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 She now is a prisoner in the Milan, Mich., Women's Reformatory.

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## Bremer Captives— Lose Court Plea

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## JOYCE TO PRESIDE IN BREMER CASE HERE

Kidnaping Trial of 11 De-  
fendants to Start Some Time  
After April 8.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce drew the assignment today to preside at the trial of eleven defendants under indictment for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The trial will be held in the Federal Courts building here during the April term of court. The term opens April 2, but the trial will not begin until some time after April 8, the date when the jurors are to report for duty.

The names of the 125 persons who will make up the jury panel were drawn today in the office of Margaret Mullane, clerk of Federal court, but will be kept secret until the jurors are called.

Of the defendants to go on trial, seven now are being held in the Ramsey county jail. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the alleged leaders of the kidnap mob; Byron Bolton, Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, alleged members of the gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; and James Wilson, chauffeur of a physician said to have attended Bremer during his captivity. The physician, Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, also is under indictment in connection with the case, but has not been apprehended.

Other defendants will be John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the kidnap ransom money now at liberty under bond. The eleventh defendant is Bruno (Whitey) Austin, recently arrested in Chicago and expected to be brought here.

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# BREMER SUSPECT TELLS

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# TELLS OF KILLINGS

UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED?



Leonard Hankins, shown here, serving a life sentence in Stillwater penitentiary for conviction on a charge of robbing the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis, may again see the light of day without the shadow of iron bars. According to confession by Jess Doyle, in the Ramsey county jail under accusation in the Bremer kidnaping, the holdup and killing was the work of the Barker-Karpis gang, several other members of which also face kidnaping charges here.

## Barker-Karpis Mob Named in Murder Here

Jess Doyle Confession Clears Leonard Hankins, Stillwater Lifer, of Blame in Slaying of Oscar Erickson in Como Park After Mob Shot Two Policemen in Third Northwestern National Bank Holdup.

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Lawrence DeVol, alias Larry Cotton, serving a life term in Stillwater penitentiary, and named as the machine gunner who cut down the Mill City patrolmen.

William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, a paroled lifer who is sought as one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer.

Verne Miller, notorious outlaw found shot to death in Detroit, November 29, 1933, and one of the ringleaders in the Kansas City depot massacre in June, 1933.

Fred Barker, a brother of "Doc" Barker, who with his mother, "Ma" Kate Barker, were slain last January by Federal agents in Florida.

The confession, it was learned, was obtained by Federal agents in Kansas City after Doyle surrendered voluntarily at Girard, Kan., after successfully eluding a Federal trap at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Hankins, a tall and strapping Kentuckian from Dawson Springs, was summoned from the prison porter Saturday and informed.

Visibly affected by the new few moments.

### "THANK GOD

Embracing his informer with "Thank God—I knew the truth—innocent—God in heaven knows Doyle, nor do I know members if he admits he was the driver

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# **Chicagoan Changes Bremer Kidnap Plea**

ST. PAUL, April 5.—(AP)—James  
 J. Wilson of Chicago, the only one  
 of ten defendants in the \$200,000  
 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case  
 who pleaded guilty, today changed  
 his plea to not guilty in Federal  
 Court.

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*Chicago American*  
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ST PAUL PIONEER PRESS

Sat., April 6, 1935.

## DOYLE'S CONFESSION FALSE, BARKER SAYS

Bremer Kidnap Suspect Sees  
'Duress or Bodily Harm'  
Behind Document.

Denial that he participated in the Third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis December 16, 1932, as alleged in a reported confession of Jess Doyle, was made by Arthur (Doc) Barker, defendant in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, who branded publication of the story as "solely for the purpose of influencing prospective jurors."

In a written statement obtained by the Associated Press, Barker challenged victims of the bank holdup, in which two policemen were killed to "come down to the jail" and identify him.

Doyle, who reportedly confessed he was the driver of the bandit car, said the Barker-Karpis mob staged the Minneapolis bank raid and absolved Leonard Hankins, Stillwater lifer convicted for the killing of the patrolmen, of connection with the crime.

Barker also said he has "nothing to fear" if he receives a trial by twelve "unprejudiced citizens" on a charge of kidnaping Bremer.

"With reference to the charge that

I participated in the Northwest National Bank robbery some years ago where two policemen were killed and which Jess Doyle was supposed to have stated that I was a member of that gang," Barker continued, "that is false, and to support my denial I will be more than glad to have the bank employees who were present at that time come down to the jail, and if they will identify me I am satisfied, because I know I was not there and consequently it will be impossible to make such identification."

"I cannot understand why Doyle states that I was present at that holdup unless this confession was obtained under duress or fear of bodily punishment such as I received at the time of my arrest."

"Since I have been arrested in this Bremer case, I have become convinced that a defendant charged with an offense has very few actual legal rights, regardless of the many that there may be in the lawbooks for his protection, and I have also found that the officers in their treatment of prisoners are guilty of serious assaults."

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# CHICAGO BREMER SUSPECT ALTERS HIS GUILTY PLEA

St. Paul, Minn., April 5.—[Special.]  
—James J. Wilson of Chicago, the only one of ten defendants who last Tuesday pleaded guilty to federal charges in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping case, today changed his plea to not guilty.

Wilson had pleaded guilty conditionally and without advice of counsel. After talking with Thomas J. Newman, attorney appointed by the court, he decided to change his stand. According to federal authorities Wilson was chauffeur for Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician accused of having treated Bremer during his captivity. Moran has been indicted on the conspiracy but is still at large.

Wilson's demurrer to the indictment as well as his motion for a bill of particulars were overruled today by Judge M. M. Joyce. The court similarly overruled motions on behalf of Harold Alpert, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Bremer was kept prisoner for 23 days.

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# **CALL ILLINOIS CONVICT BEFORE ST. PAUL COURT**

Joliet, Ill., April 6.—(UP)—Warden Frank H. Whipp of the Illinois state penitentiary today received a writ from the United States District court at St. Paul ordering him to present Otto Berg, a prisoner, at the April term of the court.

Berg is under indictment in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He was originally sentenced for ten years to life on a charge of armed robbery at Champaign, Ill., in 1920, and served time in Menard and Joliet prisons until August, 1927, when he was freed by Superior Judge James Kelly of Cook county.

The Supreme court later reversed Kelly's decision, but prison officials were unable to find Berg. He was apprehended in August, 1934, and returned to Joliet. He was free from prison at the time of the Bremer kidnaping.

*Chicago Daily News*

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# **JOLIET PRISONER— WILL FACE TRIAL IN BREMER CASE**

Otto Berg, a prisoner in the Joliet penitentiary, who is charged with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, will be tried with the other Bremer suspects in St. Paul this month. A writ for Berg's appearance in federal court there was served on Warden Frank Whipp yesterday.

Berg is alleged to have been involved in the kidnaping in January, 1934, while he was at liberty from the penitentiary on a writ issued here by Judge James J. Kelly. This writ was dissolved soon afterward by the Supreme court which ordered Berg remanded to the prison, but he was not rearrested until last August.

# Believe Outlaw Karpis

Gangster Is Hunted  
in Far West After  
Woman Aide Is Seen

May Have Had  
Face Lifted

Doctor to Be Questioned About  
Bremer Kidnap, Pal; May  
Have Undergone Operation

By United Press  
SAN FRANCISCO—The Federal  
agency that wiped out John Dillinger,  
Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy  
Floyd intensified its search in the Far  
West today for Alvin Karpis, last "big  
shot" gangster remaining at large.

Justice Department agents, proud  
of their record in previous outlaw  
hunts, were scattered between Reno,  
Nev., and San Francisco with orders  
to get the man who figured in the  
Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn.,  
and who late last year shot his way  
out of a police trap in Atlantic City,  
N. J.

There was evidence that Karpis  
might have had his face "lifted"  
to prevent identification. Agents  
were checking the records of a  
Vallejo, Calif., hospital to determine  
whether Karpis or Arthur (Doc)  
Barker, his companion in many  
desperate crimes, had submitted to  
a face-lifting operation at the hos-  
pital where George (Baby Face)  
Nelson and his wife at one time  
found shelter.

#### DOCTOR TO BE QUIZZED

A physician was to be questioned  
about such an operation, said to have  
been performed just before the out-  
law pair returned to the Mid West to  
kidnap Edward Bremer, scion of a  
prominent banking family.

Searchers believed that Karpis had  
contacts in Reno where Baby Face  
Nelson found assistance, funds, and  
ammunition before he returned to the  
Mid West to fall before the guns of  
Justice Department agents.

#### WOMAN HUNTED

A red-headed woman, believed to  
be the consort of Volney Davis,  
minor figure in the Karpis-Barker  
gang, was seen in Reno Sunday.  
She fled in an auto believed driven  
by Davis.

The car fled toward the California  
state line but did not reach it, ac-  
cording to highway police checking  
at the border.

Karpis' trail led straight across the  
country from Atlantic City to the  
Pacific Coast. Several weeks ago a  
machine identified as his was found  
in the Truckee River near here. Em-  
ployees of a gold dredge near Auburn,  
Calif., reported seeing a man answer-  
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cabins snuggled in the remote high  
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*Herald 4/8/35*  
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The attendant notified Sheriff Ray Root, who went to a gambling hall just as an automobile bearing a man resembling Davis and the woman drove away.

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# **KARPIS, GANGSTER, SOUGHT IN RENO.**

Reno, Monday, April 8.—(United News.)—Search for Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 public enemy, was underway here last night. Authorities also sought a red-headed woman, believed to be the consort of Volney Davis, member of the Barker-Karpis gang of bank robbers and kidnapers.

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## TRIAL DATE SET FOR MIAMI MEN IN KARPIS CASE

### Four Plead Not Guilty to Charge of Harboring Public Enemy

Attorneys for Joe Adams, manager of the Biscayne Kennel club; E. G. McDonald, Nathan Heller and Henry Randall, charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, Bremer kidnaping suspect, in Miami, pleaded "not guilty" today in U. S. district court. Only defendant to appear in the court room was McDonald.

Walter L. Barlow, special assistant to U. S. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, appeared in the case today and asked Judge Halsted L. Ritter to set trials for the four during the week of June 17. This was granted. Barlow will have charge of their prosecution.

Judge Ritter allowed Bart Riley, attorney for Adams and Heller; J. Walter Kehoe, sr., for McDonald, and William E. Walsh, jr., for Randall, 10 days to file demurrers to the 11 indictments.

A separate trial for McDonald, Detroit and West Palm Beach promoter, may be sought, Kehoe said in court.

Barlow, who has been in Miami for a week, consulting with W. Sanders Gramling, assistant U. S. district attorney, came here from Louisiana where he successfully completed prosecution of "bucket shop" operators under federal security laws. He plans to leave Miami Wednesday to return to Washington until May.

Adams is at liberty under \$5,000 bond; McDonald, under \$15,000; Heller, under \$1,000. Randall is in Dade county jail in default of \$10,000 bail.

*Miami Daily News*  
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## Woman's Call Steers Karpis Hunt to Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8 (By International News Service).—Search for Alvin Karpis, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang, and his chief lieutenant, Arthur "Doc" Barker, switched to the Pacific Coast today after a red-headed woman made a mysterious telephone call in a Reno garage to a "Bob Barker."

The woman asked where the county jail was, and, on being informed it was next door, uttered an oath and fled.

Anyone can own a home—find out how in announcements of the Evening Journal Model Home in Saturday's Evening Journal.

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## Karpis Hunt Grows Warm In Far West

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The search started tonight, after a woman, acting in a nervous manner, entered a local garage, dialed a telephone number, using her coat to conceal the number from the attendant, and asked the person answering the call for "Bob Barker."

She told "Barker" to meet her at the garage within 30 minutes and later at a local gambling establishment.

The attendant notified Sheriff Ray Root, who went to the gambling hall as an automobile bearing a man resembling Davis and the woman drove away from the curb.

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# ALVIN KARPIS NOW HUNTED IN CALIFORNIA

## Recently Had Face Lifted at Vallejo; Barker Trailed

San Francisco, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Search for Alvin Karpis, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang, and his chief lieutenant, Arthur (Doc) Barker, switched to the Pacific coast Monday.

It was revealed that a red-headed woman made a mysterious telephone call in a Reno garage to a "Bob Barker."

Robert Nason, a Reno garage attendant, told police the woman used his phone, hid the dial from his sight, but spoke to a "Bob Barker," and made an engagement.

A moment later, said Nason, the woman asked where the county jail was and on being informed it was next door, uttered an oath and fled.

Following this disclosure, it was also revealed by United States District Attorney Henry H. McPike that evidence has been uncovered that Karpis underwent a secret operation in a Vallejo hospital last October to have his face lifted.

The operation was performed in the hospital managed by Thomas C. (Tobe) Williams, who with three other men, were convicted last week of harboring from justice "Baby Face" Nelson.

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**FOUND IN PRISON**



Oliver A. Berg, hunted on conspiracy charge in kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, has been found in Joliet penitentiary, serving sentence for robbery. Berg is alleged to have been involved in kidnaping while free on writ issued in Chicago by Judge James J. Kelly.  
[Acme Photo.]

*Chicago Tribune*

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**Moll To Testify**



In Ramsey county jail, brought here from Milan, Mich., women's prison, is **WINONA BURDETTE**, gangster moll, who will be a government witness in the trial of alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

**Winona Burdette  
Here To Testify  
In Bremer Case**

Ramsey county jail's "colony" of alleged kidnapers and their "molls" increased by one today.

Winona Burdette, Harry Campbell's sweetheart, was brought to St. Paul from Milan, Mich., where she is serving a five-year term on charges of harboring Karpis-Barker gangsters in Florida last January. She is to appear as a witness next week when gang members go on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

With Dolores Delaney, St. Paul, she was left behind when Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell shot their way out of an Atlantic City apartment hotel.

Bruno (Whitey) Austin, indicted here in connection with the kidnaping, will know Thursday whether he has to come to St. Paul. Austin is held in Chicago. Tuesday the federal government asked for his removal to St. Paul. A decision will be given Thursday.

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**SEEK KARPIS IN CUBA**

Government Agents Search for Gunmen Who Eluded Police Trap.

By the United Press.

HAVANA, April 10.—United States government agents have been working in Cuba on the trail of Alvin Karpis, the United Press learned today.

Five Department of Justice men have been assigned to Havana to run down the fugitive gunman, who escaped from a police trap at Atlantic City over a month ago.

Karpis, according to the information, has been in Cuba, receiving medical treatment.

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DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1935

## FEDERAL AGENTS SEEK TO SNARE KARPIS IN CUBA

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A squad of five Department of Justice men have been assigned to Havana to run down the fugitive, who escaped from a police trap at Atlantic City more than a month ago.

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## Cuba Rounds Up 20 Suspects In \$300,000 Kidnaping Case

By the United Press.

Havana, Cuba, April 10.—Havana police tonight had seized 20 suspects in connection with the kidnaping of Eutimo Falla Bonnet, Cuban capitalist, who was released after the payment of a \$300,000 ransom.

Since Falla's release, his family has received two anonymous letters threatening them with death unless police withdraw the case. Police guards have been assigned to the family.

Last Wednesday night a group of men seized Falla in his automobile in the suburb of Vedado and rushed him to a house where he was held until the ransom money was paid. It represents one of the largest ransom payments on record.

Among the suspects arrested by police today was a woman, Isolina Castro. She was seized when she

allegedly attempted to deposit six \$100 bills bearing serial numbers of the ransom bills at a local branch of the National City Bank. The ransom was paid in United States \$100 bills, serial numbers of which had been recorded. Two other persons were released following investigation, but police still held 20 suspects in custody.

Police also found eight of the \$100 ransom bills in a branch of the Nova Scotia Bank, making a total of \$1,400 already recovered of the huge ransom sum.

President Carlos Mendieta ordered federal secret service men to cooperate with police in search for the kidnapers. Presidential palace attaches intimated that the oppositionist organization known as

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## Cuba Arrests 20 In Kidnap Hunt

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"Young Cubans" might be connected with the kidnaping.

Another theory involved a gang headed by Alvin Karpis, American gangster, although police maintained that a group of Cubans were the real abductors. The Karpis theory arose from a police raid on the Hotel Park View in an unsuccessful search for arms. The management attributed the search to "the malicious complaint of a discharged employee."

The manager of the Hotel Park View is Nathan Heller, now at liberty on \$1,000 bail from the Florida Federal court, awaiting trial on a charge of harboring Karpis. Heller revealed that Falla had lived in the hotel until recently.

Heller said that Falla during his stay in the hotel almost never left his room. Falla's secretary gave up the room yesterday.

Falla is the son of one of the heirs of Laureano Falla Gutierrez, who died a few years ago, leaving one of the largest estates in Cuba. The heirs recently collected \$500,000 as insurance payment for losses incurred in a paper mill fire.

Miami, Fla., April 10 U.P.—Reports that Eutimo Falla Bonnet, ransomed for \$300,000, came to Miami from Havana after being released by kidnapers were confirmed tonight by Cuban political refugees. They said they did not know his whereabouts now. The immigration office said it had not issued a visa but complained Falla Bonnet might be an American citizen.

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## \$300,000 PAID CUBA KIDNAPERS

Universal Service Special Cable

HAVANA, April 10.—Details of a sensational kidnap plot were revealed by Cuban police today when it was learned that Eutimio Falla Bonet, Havana multimillionaire, was released by a kidnap gang after payment of \$300,000 ransom.

Bonet, sugar magnate, was reported to have departed for the United States by plane after the record ransom. Police said the capitalist was held captive a week, until his associates paid the ransom, after threats of death.

Lieut. Juan Francisco Padron, of the department of investigation, said at least 20 persons, including one woman, have been arrested through ransom bills which were seized when passed. The kidnapers, said police, were paid in \$100 bills, six of which have been recovered.

It was rumored that Alvin Karpis, notorious American gangster recently believed in Havana, was implicated.

Police today raided the Hotel Parkview, where Karpis was believed to have stayed. No trace of the gangster was found, although the hotel manager, Nathaniel Heller, is now under a \$1,000 bond charged with harboring Karpis.

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**Bruno Austin Ordered  
to Trial in Bremer Case**

Federal Judge John P. Barnes yesterday ordered the removal of Bruno Austin, 26 years old, 1630 South Kedzie avenue, to St. Paul, where he must stand trial April 15 with Arthur [Doc] Barker and others on charges of complicity in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer. Austin, who was arrested here Jan. 20 as he left church after his wedding, recently was acquitted by a jury in state court on charges of robbery.

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## Dozen to Face Trial This Week In Bremer Case

U. S. Opens Prosecution of Alleged Kidnapers of Banker Tomorrow

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 13.—A dozen persons charged by the Government with a hand in the kidnaping in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will go on trial in United States District Court here Monday. George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the Government will take two to three weeks to present its case, calling on nearly 100 witnesses in its effort to convict the defendants.

Bremer was seized on a street here January 17, 1934, and released February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Four of the defendants are charged with the actual kidnaping. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged leader of the abduction gang; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was reported to have been held captive, and Byron Bolton.

Facing conspiracy charges are Edna Murray, known to police as the "kissing bandit;" John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged handlers of the ransom money; Jess Doyle, James Wilson, Chicago, and Bruno Austin.

Oliver Berg, serving a life term in the Illinois penitentiary, also will be brought into court for trial on a conspiracy count.

The case against almost all of the 22 persons named in the indictment will be fully presented during the trial, Sullivan said, in order to outline clearly the alleged participation of those on trial. Defendants still at large include Alvin Karpis.

Under Federal court rules, Judge M. M. Joyce will conduct the entire examination of prospective jurors. Attorneys may not examine the jurors directly, but must submit questions to them through the court.

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# NEW ARRESTS REPORTED IN BREMER CASE

One or Two More Suspects  
Reported Held—Federal  
Men Refuse Comment.

12 to Face Charges in St.  
Paul Court Monday in  
Kidnaping.

Department of justice agents in St. Paul Saturday night were reported to have made either one or two additional arrests in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. Federal men were silent concerning the matter, and J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the justice department in Washington, also declined to give any information.

It was reported that a man who sought to get in touch with a St. Paul resident in connection with the case had been placed under arrest, and that the St. Paul resident, too, had been placed in custody. At the federal building, however, it was intimated that only one man was held.

The prisoner or prisoners were said to be held in the department of justice offices on the second floor of the federal courts building in St. Paul. Such a procedure has been followed by the department elsewhere in the country when arrests have been made in the past.

## Dozen to Go on Trial.

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Oliver Berg, who is serving a term of 10 years to life in the state prison at Joliet, Ill., was brought to St. Paul Saturday to stand trial also in connection with the Bremer case. He pleaded not guilty to the conspiracy charge when arraigned, said he was penniless and without friends. The court appointed an attorney, Eugene Matthews, to defend him. Matthews said he would file a demurrer in Berg's behalf Monday morning and also ask for a bill of particulars.

It is the contention of the government that Berg became involved in the Bremer case while he was at liberty pending an appeal of his case in Illinois.

## Judge to Qualify Jurors.

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Under federal court rules, Judge M. M. Joyce will conduct the entire examination of prospective

jurors. Attorneys may not examine the jurors directly but must submit questions to them through the court.

Twenty eight prospective jurors will be qualified by Judge Joyce, who then will allow attorneys for the defense and government to strike 10 and six names, respectively, leaving 12 to try the case.

Then five prospective alternate jurors will be selected, with the defense allowed to strike two and the government one, leaving two who will hear the entire case with the first 12.

An armored money express car is to be used to transport the defendants between the Ramsey county jail and the scene of the trial, the federal courts building. Guards will include eight deputy United States marshals, six specially deputized guards, six policemen, a number of detectives, a force of uniformed and plain clothes deputy sheriffs and approximately 40 agents of the department of justice.

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