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## BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY TO KIDNAPING BREMER

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—Byron Bolton, Chicago, charged as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, pleaded guilty today as he and 11 others were brought into Federal Court for trial.

Bolton and three others were charged in the indictment with seizing Bremer on a St. Paul street on January 17, 1933. As the three others in the actual abduction, the Government named Arthur (Doc) Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang, Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, the latter both of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held for 22 days.

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## 12 on Trial Today In Bremer Case

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 14 (I.N.S.)—The remnant of the Barker-Karpis gang shattered by the long arm of the Government, will stand trial tomorrow in Federal Court here on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker.

Of the 26 persons indicted a few months ago in connection with the sensational abduction in which \$200,000 ransom money was paid, 12 will face the charges in court.

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  - Mr. Gandy
- Handwritten initials: "H. S. T." and "Newly"*

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*Handwritten initials: "AB"*

## 12 TENTATIVE BREMER CASE JURORS PICKED; 3 ARE WOMEN

Four additional members of the Bremer kidnaping trial jury were selected this afternoon by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, bringing the total tentative selections to twelve.

The additions are Earl Bateman, Plainview truck operator; Mrs. William Root of Medford, wife of a mailman; Lee M. Sparks, Kason farmer; and F. C. Wagner, 1032 Linwood place, 72 years old and a former police lieutenant under the late Chief John O'Connor.

Selection of Mrs. Root brought the number of women in the panel to three.

The questioning of Wagner brought smiles to the faces of spectators. Judge Joyce asked him if he knew anything about the case.

"Only what I read in the newspapers," the former policeman replied, "but of course I know that, because the newspapers always are right."

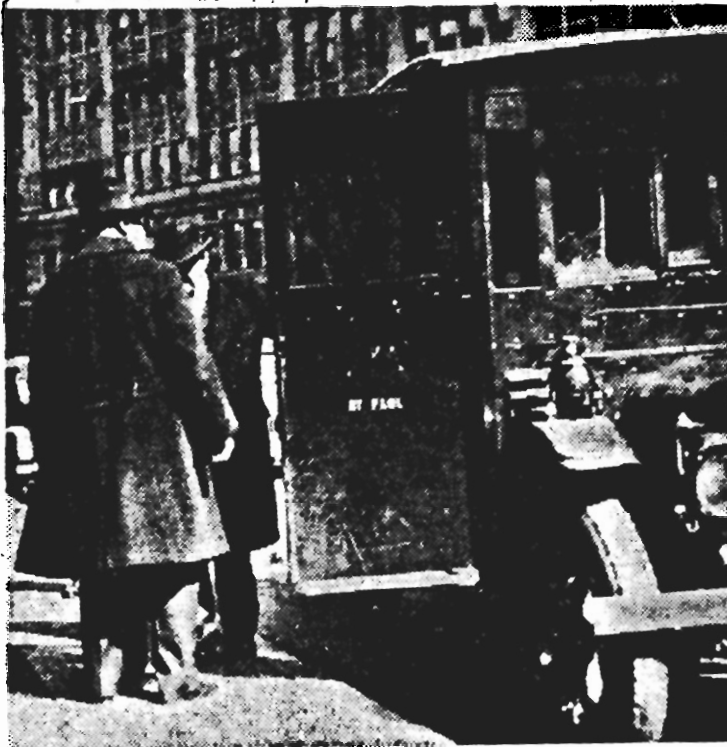
At which Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, leaned in the direction of the reporters covering the trial and said out of the side of his mouth: Oh, SURE!

Following tentative selection of the twelve jurors, counsel for both sides conferred as to which would be acceptable. The prosecution may exercise six peremptory challenges and the defense ten.

The jurors are being chosen to try ten defendants for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Originally, twelve defendants were scheduled to be tried, but one, Byron Bolton, pleaded guilty earlier in the day, and the government has decided not to try another, Bruno (Whitey) Austin, at the present session.

Besides Farmer, the ten to be tried are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton, Jess Doyle, Edna (Rabbits) Murray, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler, Philip Delaney, Oliver Berg and James Wilson.

## TAKES PRISONERS RIDING



Half an inch of chilled steel separates the accused in the Bremer kidnap trial from freedom or possibility of rescue as they are transported to and from the court room in the Federal Court building. The picture shows the "money car" of a local detective agency which is used as a means of transportation for the prisoners. Armed guards also protect the car.



BYRON BOLTON.

## KARPIS HARBORERS WILL BE INDICTED.

San Francisco, April 15.—(AP)—Federal indictments will be sought against about a dozen persons on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, Midwest desperado. United States Attorney Henry H. McPike disclosed here.

Hideouts in Marin and Sonoma counties, reportedly used by Karpis, were said by McPike to be under investigation, although he declared the indictments would not be pressed until capture of Karpis.

None of those under suspicion was involved in the "Baby Face" Nelson harboring case, in which four men were convicted last week, the United States attorney indicated.

*See Dispatch*

# ST PAUL DISPATCH

Monday, April 15, 1935

## BOLTON ADMITS CONSPIRACY IN KIDNAPING

Sentencing of Alleged Barker-Karpis Machine Gunner Deferred.

### ELEVEN OTHERS ON TRIAL

Armored Car Transports Defendants From County Jail.

Byron Bolton, alleged machine-gunner of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty in Federal court here today to conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

He made the plea just as he and eleven other defendants were about to go on trial for the abduction before Judge M. M. Joyce.

The court called the names of the defendants, then said to Bolton: "Mr. Bolton, you are not represented by counsel?"

Bolton, who previously had entered a plea of not guilty, arose in his seat.

"I desire to plead guilty," he said.

#### Sentence Deferred.

He then stepped before the bench and entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy indictment. He also is under indictment for the actual kidnaping, but his plea of not guilty to this charge remained unchanged. Both charges carry maximum penalties of life imprisonment.

At the suggestion of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Judge Joyce deferred sentence until after the trial and ordered Bolton returned to the county jail.

Of youthful appearance, with dark hair and eyes and somewhat sallow complexion, Bolton had entered the courtroom a few minutes before, handcuffed to Jess Doyle, another defendant. The alleged machine gunner was wearing a dark overcoat with the collar turned up, which he kept on all the time he was in court. He was chewing gum and showed no signs of apprehension except for a habit of rubbing one side of his face with his hand.

Besides Bolton and Doyle, the latter a Kansas City mobster, the defendants taken into court today include Arthur (Doc) Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis mob, which is accused of the abduction; Oliver Berg, life-term convict from Illinois; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, James Wilson and Bruno (Whitney) Austin, all of Chicago.

#### Moved in Armored Car.

The defendants were taken from the county jail to the Federal Courts

building in an armored money car, which made two trips about ten minutes apart. The first six arrived at 10:30 A. M., handcuffed in pairs. First to enter the courtroom were Barker and Berg, then Alderton and Farmer, followed by Doyle and Bolton.

The Murray woman and McLaughlin were the first of the next batch to arrive and were the only ones not handcuffed. They were followed by Delaney and Wilson, then by Vidler and Austin.

Arriving in the courtroom, their handcuffs were removed and they were seated in two rows behind their counsel.

The proceedings opened with a roll of the prospective jurors called by Joseph Lynch, deputy clerk of court, to which about 60 talesmen responded. Judge Joyce excused seven who offered miscellaneous reasons why they should not serve.

The court then called the roll of the defendants, and Bolton's name followed.

As the trial opened, a large crowd milled about the Court building and filled the main floor, apparently anxious to catch a glimpse of the defendants. On the third floor, however, where the courtroom is situated, a strong guard of Federal agents and city police was stationed, and admittance was granted only to those connected with the trial.

While the holstered pistols of the city police were the only weapons to be seen, an arsenal of machine guns and sawed-off shotguns was available to the officers.

When the roll of defendants was called, Austin's name was omitted. He has not been arraigned to date and it was announced previously that he will be tried with the others. He remained in the court room only a short time today, being taken back to the county jail with Bolton.

In questioning prospective jurors, Judge Joyce queried each as to whether he were acquainted with the Bremer family and whether he ever had been involved in a kidnaping or extortion case. The court also warned that "this trial may take several weeks."

Eight jurors were selected tentatively at the morning session. They are Hubert Frank, retired Caledonia grocer; Bert Earl, packing company employe from Austin; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, 681 East Wheelock parkway, wife of a University of Minnesota dental college faculty member; Robert Barkhuff, Austin barber; Mrs. L. E. Oberg, wife of a Lake City newspaper owner; E. P. Egan, 1343 Thomas street, clerk at the Minnesota Transfer; Ole Olson of Blooming Prairie, inspector for the Production Credit corporation, and Homer Blanchard, 71-year-old retired Lake City business man.

Egan said he had been in a St. Thomas college cadet company with Bremer but was accepted tentatively when he explained it was 24 years ago.

F. J. Adams, St. Paul insurance man, was excused when he said his offices were in the Bremer arcade and that he was a friend of the Bremer family. C. Edwin Johnson, insurance man from Center City, was excused when he admitted having formed an opinion in the case.

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## BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY

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His plea, while not entirely unex-  
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the case into the hands of the  
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gangster's pals.



Guilty!

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Suspect Ordered  
Trial Is Delayed  
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Because of the reported  
one of the principal defendants  
of two men and a woman  
of keeping a house of ill  
scheduled for 10 a. m. today  
postponed in Ramsey county  
court until 2 p. m. pending  
cal examination.  
Reported ill and confined to his  
home at 123 W. Summit ave.,  
P. McCabe, co-owner of the Pe-  
wick cafe, 250 W. Kellogg boulevard,  
who, with Leonard Feldman and  
Ruth Hinse, was indicted last  
week following a raid on an alleged  
brothel house at 200 W. Kellogg  
boulevard.  
Feldman and the woman  
present in court when the case

Wins Delay in vice trial

## PLEADS GUILTY

International News Service, the Greatest Worldwide Services.

PAUL, MINN., MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1935

WEATHER: Fair tonight and Tuesday;  
Not so cold Tuesday.

PRICE THREE

## PLEADS GUILTY

Dredging Of 9-Foot River Basin  
Here Expected To Be Started Soon

Will Provide Turning  
Space, Clearance For  
Boats And Barges.

Early start on the work of  
dredging a basin nine feet deep and  
from 40 to 1,100 feet wide in the  
Mississippi river here was seen to-  
day. Maj. D. F. Johns, district  
engineer, upon  
Edward M. Mann, chief of  
operations, had recommended  
the project, which would extend  
from the Robert st. bridge to slight-  
ly past the Eye island barge  
basin, a distance of 2.7 miles.  
The project also includes the cost of  
dredging material to the  
basin of the river to be used  
for a proposed highway  
from the Robert st. bridge to the

3-Hour Boiler Crew Strike  
Gives Solons And Capitol  
Employees Chilly Morning

Quick Action  
On Omnibus  
Tax Blocked

Hot Senate Debate  
Marks Move To Put  
Bill On Special Order.

In a turbulent session to-

A chilling 30-mile-an-hour north-  
west wind and Gov. Olson today aid-  
ed eight state capitol boiler room  
employees a partial victory in their  
demand for union wages.  
The victory came following a confer-  
ence after a three-hour strike of  
the employees had left the capitol  
and state office building cold and  
dark.  
The strike was called off at 12:40  
p. m., after Gov. Olson, John Eng-  
land, business representative for the  
strikers; Sen. A. J. Rockne, finance  
committee chairman, and Rep. J. R.  
Sweitzer, appropriations committee  
head, had conferred in the gover-  
nor's office. Result of the conference  
was a promise by the governor to  
urge the legislature to restore the

Scandinavia  
Asks Milder  
Nazi Rebuke

Norwegian Minister Urges  
French Resolutions  
Be Toned Down To  
Soothe Germany.

GENEVA, April 14.—(UP)—The  
Scandinavian nations started a  
strong movement at the council ses-  
sion of the league of nations today  
to placate Germany and tone down  
a strong French resolution against  
the reich.  
Peter Munch, Norwegian foreign  
minister, on behalf of the Scan-  
davian nations, conferred with  
John Simon, British foreign sec-  
retary, and urged a more moderate  
not condemning Germany.  
The council, after a session  
lasting only an hour, adjourned  
until Tuesday.

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(Pictures on Pages 2 and 3.)

Byron Bolton, Barker-Karpis gangster, today pleaded guilty as trial opened in federal district court of 12 men and women charged with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping, Jan. 17, 1934, of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

His plea, while not entirely unexpected by federal officials, threw consternation into the ranks of the 11 other defendants.

Bolton is expected to turn state's evidence and become one of the principal witnesses against his former gangland pals and their alleged aides.

Sentencing Deferred.  
Sentence of Bolton was deferred by Judge M. M. Joyce until the conclusion of the trial.

### Guilty!



BYRON BOLTON.

### Don't Know Bolton

Indicated by The Daily News that Bolton had pleaded guilty, Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, said today.

### Dust Nips City

In High Wind

## Prosecution Doubts Plea McCabe Sifted

### Doctor's Sift Of Space, Clean Suspect Ordered Boats And Trial Is Delayed Forfeited.

Because of the reports of a body found in the Mississippi river here, one of the principal defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case, Maj. D. F. McCabe, co-owner of the Ramsey cafe, 250 W. Kellogg boulevard, was postponed in Ramsey county court until 2 p. m. pending a medical examination.

Reported ill and confined to his home at 123 W. Summit ave., McCabe, co-owner of the Ramsey cafe, 250 W. Kellogg boulevard, was postponed in Ramsey county court until 2 p. m. pending a medical examination.

Feldman and the woman were present in court when McCabe was called, but John J. McDermott, counsel for the three, told Judge D. O'Brien that McCabe was ill and produced a physician's certificate stating he would be confined for a week or 10 days. James Lynch, assistant county attorney, asked if McCabe's bond of \$2,500 be forfeited.

Judge O'Brien ordered the temporarily suspended McCabe and suggestion of a continuance. Attorney directed McCabe to 1125 Lowry.

## SER

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## RIGUE

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## Niagara's Honeymoon Rock Slides Into Gorge

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 15. (UP)—Massive rocks tore loose from a once famous honeymooners' site along the Niagara cliff today and crashed into the gorge, 200 feet below.

The rocks, weighing several tons, shattered trees and shrubbery as the slide down the cliff, forming a new path to the river.

The site, closed several years ago by government engineers, was virtually demolished.

## Thunder Rises

Southwestern States. A heavy rain fell over the region.

However, St. Paul and vicinity were not nearly as severely hit as the wheat country of western Minnesota, eastern Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma.

A bright sun today brought the temperature here to 18 degrees above zero at noon.

Recorded during the early morning. The wind velocity at noon was 34 miles per hour, little less severe than the 37-mile-an-hour gale which brought snow and sleet Sunday afternoon, during which time the mercury tumbled from a high of 45 at 1 p. m. to 30 at 8 p. m.

Broken windows in stores, office buildings and homes and torn awnings on stores today gave evidence of the velocity of Sunday's gale.

Velocity of the wind is expected to diminish slowly today, with cool weather to prevail until at least Tuesday. The wind and storm, which swept over the northwest area from Canada, today was striking in eastern Great Lakes vicinity.

Only injury to a person reported by the storm was that sustained by Mrs. Joseph Novotny, 61, who suffered a fracture of hip Sunday afternoon when she fell from a porch and she had been on her porch and three feet to ground. Mrs. Novotny, mother of Lt. Earl Novotny, military engineer expert, was at 1244 Jess st. She was taken to Arthur hospital.

The most affected area today extended from central Kansas west and southwest. Dust was carried by northwest winds ranging up to 50 miles an hour in velocity.

Dust clouds also billowed east and into Missouri, southern Indiana and Iowa, reaching east.

## Fascists Failed To Muzzle College Peace Protest

THE peace demonstrators, who on April 12 in the nation, indicated their opposition to the war, were not intimidated by the threat of arrest.

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## Legislative Clock

**MONDAY, APRIL 13.**  
**HOUSE—74TH DAY.**  
**SENATE—89TH DAY.**

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- 3. Act compelling physicians, nurses and hospital employees to re-firearm injuries to police.
- 4. Act providing judges, in sentencing, must specify a probation period equal to the length of the original sentence but allowing for extension of the probation period if necessary.
- 5. Act specifying potato grades and regulating labeling and transition thereof.
- 6. Act extending 1935 automobile license deadline to May 1.
- 7. Act to abolish certain boards and class cities.
- 8. Act providing for renewal of charter of corporate existence of native companies and associations and validating certain contracts entered into by such companies.
- 9. Act amending laws defining jurisdiction of a legal newspaper.
- 10. Acts amending laws to provide for title mortgage abstracts.
- 11. Acts amending laws relating to title mortgages.
- 12. Act relating to police pensions in class cities with an assessment over \$8,000,000 ex-moneys and credits.
- 13. Act relating to the financial control of and prescribing liability of officers and employees of certain range villages.

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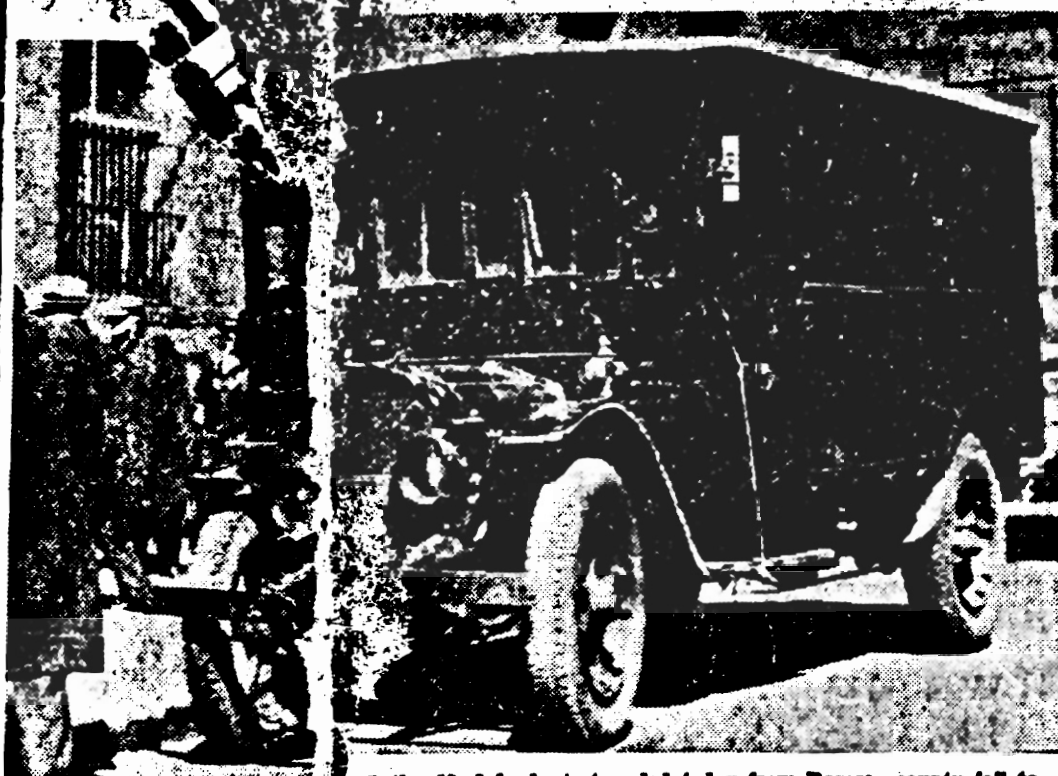
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## Ride In Armored Car



In this armored "mob" the federal courts building president.

On" the 12 defendants traveled today from Ramsey county jail to trial for the kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934, of Edward G. Bremer, bank

# Deputies Daily Armed



ble. Six uniformed St. Paul police under Sgt. David Foley guarded the halls outside the courtroom admitting only those with proper credentials. They will be on duty the duration of the trial.

Within the courtroom department of justice agents and marshals were stationed everywhere. Several of the deputy marshals dismissed when Mr. Farrell took office had been redeputized and were on duty.

On one side of the counsel table sat George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and his assistant, George Heisey, ready to match wits with a battery of defense counsel, seated on the opposite side of the table. Defense attorneys included ~~James~~ **James F. Matthews**, Lewis F. Drill, ~~James~~ **James** United States district attorney; ~~Thomas~~ **Thomas McMeekin**, Thomas J. ~~Jerome~~ **Jerome Hoffman** and ~~John~~ **John DeCourcy**.

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GENEVA, Apr. 10.—The League of nations forced Italy and her grave dispute over her territory in Africa today. The quarrel was the preparation for the council. The council dispute would be settled under the terms of the treaty of 1928, which reserved an appeal to the council.

**Plan Church Representative**  
churches in St. Paul today at community and Pan-Asianists for the Lutheran welfare Alfred Holten for St. Paul.

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## Push Bremer Case Before Bar



Conducting the prosecution in the Bremer kidnaping trial will be GEORGE F. SULLIVAN (left) United States district attorney and GEORGE A. HEISEY (right) his chief assistant.

## Gives Trial Oath



Swearing of witnesses in the Bremer kidnaping trial and picking out the names for the jury box are the duties of MARGARET L. MULLANE, clerk of the United States district court.

*See Daily News*

## "Snatch" Defendants' Legal Battery



A small army of legal talent is representing the 12 defendants on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Byron Bolton and Bruno Austin are the only defendants without counsel. The defense attorneys are: Upper, left to right—EUGENE F. MATTHEWS, representing Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and Harold Alderton; LEWIS L. DRILL, former United States district attorney, for John McLaughlin; THOMAS McMEEKIN for Philip Delaney and Elmer Farmer. Lower, left to right—THOMAS J. NEWMAN for James Wilson; A. JEROME HOFFMAN for William E. Vidler, and JOHN DeCOURCY for Edna Murray and Arthur (Doc) Barker.

*St. Paul Daily News*

ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

Monday, April 15, 1935

## Bruno Austin Not In Court; May Be Tried Separately

Bruno Austin, under conspiracy indictment in connection with the Bremer kidnaping was not in court this afternoon when selection of the jury to try the alleged kidnapers was resumed in Federal Court building.

Austin had not been arraigned and unless he is brought before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce to enter a plea he will not be tried with the other 10 defendants. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said today that Austin may be arraigned after the jury is selected.

Eleven tentative jurors were seated in the jury box at 2 p. m. Five of the 16 questioned by Judge Joyce were excused for cause. Those tentatively selected are Hubert Frank, Caledonia; Bert Earl, Austin; Mrs. L. E. O'Berg, Lake City; E. P. Egan, St. Paul; Ole Olson, Blooming Prairie; Homer Blanchard, Lake City; Mrs. William Root, Medford; Lee M. Sparks, Kasson; Michael C. McGahegan, Owatonna; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, St. Paul; Robert Garkhuff, Austin, and Earl Bateman, Plainview.

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# ADMITS BREMER KIDNAPING

Bolton, One of the Defendants,  
Pleads Guilty as Trial Nears.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—Byron Bolton, one of twelve defendants going on trial in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, pleaded guilty as court convened today. It was anticipated he would turn State's evidence.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, reputed leader of the gang, was carried in an armored car from jail to the Federal Building. The others, including Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," were escorted to the courtroom under the guns of federal agents and a corps of police.

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Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Cuddy.....

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## BREMER KIDNAPER ADMITS HIS GUILT

Chicagoan Pleads as 10 Other  
Men and Women Go on  
Trial in St. Paul

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# ONE PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER CASE

## Acts at Court Opening— Eleven Others on Trial.

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Mr. Bremer was released on the payment of \$200,000 in ransom.

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# Karpis Mob Trial Today For Kidnap

ST. PAUL, April 14.—(U. P.).  
Shattered by Federal machine  
gun bullets, worn down by the  
months' long hunt, 12 members of  
the Barker-Karpis gang, including  
Dapper Little Arthur (Doc) Bar-  
ker himself, will go on trial here  
Monday, accused of the \$200,000  
Edward G. Bremer abduction.

A few months ago a Federal  
grand jury indicted 26 persons as  
participants in the kidnaping, an  
abduction which drew the greatest  
ransom of recent years.

The victim's father, Adolf  
Bremer, is a personal friend of  
President Roosevelt.

Of the 26 persons originally in-  
dicted, four have been killed by  
the straight-shooting Federal De-  
partment of Justice agents, ten  
are still at large, and 12 face  
trial.

The defendants are:  
Arthur (Doc) Barker, Byron  
Bolton, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray,  
Oliver Berg, Bruno (Whitey) Aus-  
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er, James Wilson, John J. Mc-  
Laughlin, William E. Vidler and  
Philip Delaney.

Berg, pleaded "not guilty" at  
his arraignment. He was brought  
from Joliet, Ill., penitentiary,  
where he was serving a sentence  
on another charge.

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## BREMER TRIAL ON TODAY

TWELVE ACCUSED PERSONS FACE COURT IN ST. PAUL.

The Government Terms Doc Barker as the Leader in the \$200,000 Abduction of the Banker.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, April 14.—Snared in the crime net spread by the department of justice, a dozen persons—eleven men and one woman—will appear in federal court here tomorrow to stand trial in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, January 17, 1934.

Various walks of life will be represented in those twelve defendants, who include a former Illinois legislator, tavern keeper, prison lifer, escaped convicts, confessed bank robber, "bookie" and woman bandit.

Regarded by the government as the No. 1 man is Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged coleader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, whose surrender on a North Side Chicago street without a gunfight surprised federal agents. His friend, Alvin Karpis, still is sought as one of the principal kidnapers.

Three others in the group, charged with the actual kidnaping, are Harold E. Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the banker allegedly was held prisoner for twenty-three days; Elmer Farmer, who operated a tavern a few blocks away from the Bremer "hide-out," and Byron Bolton, Chicago. Bolton was seized by the law, alive, because he didn't put up a struggle, while his partner, Russell Gibson, was mowed down by federal machine gun bullets a short distance away.

The eight others are accused of having furthered the conspiracy of the kidnaping, either by helping dispose of the ransom money or by assisting certain persons in making "contacts."

Alleged conspirators who will face trial include Jess Doyle, Kansas City hoodlum who has confessed several

bank robberies; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit" who escaped from a Missouri prison while serving a 25-year term for robbery; Oliver A. Berg, serving a life term in Joliet, Ill., prison; Bruno (Whitie) Austin, Edward E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago.

Doyle surrendered voluntarily at Girard, Kas., several weeks ago after eluding gunfire of federal agents at Pittsburg, Kas. His car stuck in the mud twenty miles away, he walked to a farmhouse, telephoned a sheriff and said "Come and get me—I'm a much wanted man." While held in Kansas City he made a written confession naming the Barker-Karpis gang as the perpetrators of the third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, when two policemen were slain, and claimed Leonard Hankins, serving a life term in state prison for the killings, was "innocent."

Ten others indicted for the kidnaping still are at large.

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## 12 on Trial Today in Bremer Case

### Four Charged With Actual Kidnaping of Banker

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George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the government will take two to three weeks to present its case, calling on nearly 100 witnesses.

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.

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# BREMER KIDNAP GANG ON TRIAL TODAY IN ST. PAUL

(Pictures on back page.)

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The prisoners include:  
Arthur [Doc] Barker, alleged co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis mob. Alvin Karpis has not been seized.

Harold E. Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, all charged with the actual kidnaping and hiding of Bremer at Bensenville, near Chicago.  
Jess Doyle, Kansas City hoodlum.

Edna [Rabbits] Marry, known as "the kissing bandit"; Oliver A. Berg, serving a life term in Joliet, Ill., prison; Bruno [Whitie] Austin, Edward E. Vilder, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago. They are accused of various roles in the plot and handling of the ransom.

Vilder, a "bookie," was arrested in Chicago last summer and more than \$3,000 identified as the ransom money found in his possession. Soon afterward McLaughlin, one time political power and former state legislator, was arrested, the government charging he was responsible for "changing" considerable part of the ransom cash.

Those indicted for the kidnaping plot but still at large, besides Karpis, are Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Harry Smawyer, William J. Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and two others, names unknown.

Bremer was kidnaped after he drove his daughter to school. The kidnaper blocked his car at a street intersection and slugged him because he struggled. Walter W. Magee, his close friend, delivered the ransom money.

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**SEEKS CONVICTION.**  
U. S. Attorney George Sullivan heads prosecution of 12 in Bremer trial.



**KIDNAP TRIAL JUDGE**  
M. M. Joyce, who will preside over Bremer case trial starting today.

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# BOLTON PLEADS GUILTY AT START OF BREMER TRIAL

Sentence Is Deferred; 11  
Others Face Court in  
Kidnaping.

St. Paul, April 15.—(P)—Byron Bolton, Chicago, one of the defendants charged with actual participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, pleaded guilty as trial of a dozen defendants opened in federal court here today.

Immediately after Judge M. M. Joyce called the names of the defendants for trial, he said to Bolton: "Mr. Bolton, you are, not represented by counsel?"

Bolton, youthful looking, arose from his chair and in a clear voice said:

"I desire to plead guilty."

Delays Sentencing Bolton.

Judge Joyce, before suggesting that Bolton be taken back to the county jail, said he would pronounce sentence at the termination of the trial of the other defendants.

A demand for a bill of particulars and demurrer to the indictment then was filed by Eugene Matthews, attorney, on behalf of Oliver Berg, alleged conspirator brought here from Joliet (Ill.) prison, where he is serving a life term.

Before the defendants were brought in, Judge Joyce questioned talesmen, excusing seven.

Unusual precautions were taken to guard against any possibility of escape by the eleven men and one woman charged with kidnaping or conspiracy in the abduction. The government also had an armored car to transport the defendants, whose fate will be left to a jury.

## Four Called Actual Kidnapers.

Four men are charged with the actual kidnaping of Bremer on a street here Jan. 17, 1934, and releasing him twenty-three days later after payment of \$200,000 ransom. They are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Missouri outlaw; Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both of Bensenville, Ill., and Bolton.

Those accused of conspiracy are Mrs. Edna Murray, the "kissing" bandit; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; Oliver A. Berg, convict at the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary, and Bruno ("Whitie") Austin, Edward A. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, all of Chicago.

Ten of the twenty-two persons indicted for the crime still are at large, including Alvin Karpis, United States public enemy No. 1 and alleged co-leader with Barker in the actual kidnaping.

## Nearly 100 U. S. Witnesses.

The government was expected to present nearly 100 witnesses in the trial, which probably will last a month.

Killings, bank raids and kidnapings—the monetary loot estimated in excess of \$500,000—are charged by federal authorities to the Barker-Karpis gang.

The government has information linking the mob with at least six killings, in addition to data reportedly connecting the mobsters with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, for which the Touhy combination was tried here and acquitted.

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Among the ten other co-defendants on trial with Bolton are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin and four other Chicagoans.

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan will direct the prosecution.

### KARPIS STILL SOUGHT

Barker and his pal, Alvin Karpis, are charged with the actual engineering of the abduction. Karpis is at large, having shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City several months ago.

Barker's mother, "Ma" Barker, and another son, Fred, also indicted in connection with the kidnaping, chose to shoot it out with federal officers in Florida, and were shot to death.

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## Bremer May Narrate Story of Kidnaping in Court Room Today

**Armed Guards Posted About  
Room as Trial of 10 Men and  
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By United Press

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This was the testimony of Mr. Bremer late today in Federal Court, just before adjournment until tomorrow.

The deal was proposed after the Barker-Karpis gangsters had collected the \$200,000 in small bills from Walter W. Magee, close friend of Mr. Bremer, the banker testified.

"Several men whose voices I had not heard before came to the house (at Bensenville, Ill.) and tried to make a deal to have my abductors turn me over to them so they could demand another ransom payment."

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Bremer, the first of approximately 100 government witnesses, related how he was first slugged, as he was driving to his bank after taking his daughter to school, then transferred to another car a short distance away, and driven from morning to night as he lay on the floor in the back of his kidnapers car. He stopped the flow of blood, temporarily with a handkerchief, he related, but later was given what felt like a mauler to put over his head.

## Tells of Death Threat

In answer to questions of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Bremer disclosed that he was threatened with death if he did not obey orders.

Bremer told how he endeavored to fight off his kidnapers by sticking his foot in the open door, in an effort to stall until some one might arrive, but that he was then clubbed with the pistol butt and weakened from loss of blood, forced to carry out the commands.

"What did the man on the right side with the gun say to you?"

"Don't move or I'll kill you," Bremer replied.

Speaking softly, his eyes blinking constantly as if from nervousness, the 37-year-old banker presented a graphic picture of how he was led into a bedroom, seated on a chair, his wounds treated and then his eyes, ears and head bandaged.

Barker, scowling, fixed his eyes steadily on the witness, in contrast to his attitude during the questioning of the jurors. Harold Alderson, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Bremer was kept prisoner, also stared constantly at Bremer.

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"My head was bandaged and eyes were bandaged. Then my trousers were removed and I was put in bed. My ears were clotted with wet cotton and a large pad of cotton put over my ears and head. After the bandages were put on—about three or four rolls—adhesive tape was placed over the bandages."

The district attorney then asked Bremer how many men were in the hideout.

"Perhaps four, five, six, seven or eight. I heard many voices."

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The jury was completed shortly after the opening of court this morning.

Mr. Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection January 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

#### Co-defendants Listed.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer allegedly was kept prisoner for 21 days; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; and Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago. Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty to conspiracy when the trial opened Monday.

In his opening statement, Mr. Sullivan disclosed for the first time since the kidnaping that \$57,000 of the ransom money was "peddled" in Chicago, mostly to banks, within four days by "money changers." In the statement he made no mention of Jess Doyle or Edna Murray, and also gave no indication of the evidence the government holds against two St. Paul defendants, Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton, both of whom are fugitives.

#### Bremer Story Repeated.

More than half of his statement was a repetition of the story told by Mr. Bremer on his return by the kidnapers. Mr. Sullivan inserted in this story the names of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler and Byron Bolton as the men who took part in the actual kidnaping, negotiations for ransom, collection of the ransom and release of Bremer.

Sullivan promised the jurors detailed statements of the actual proceedings during the captivity of the St. Paul banker. He said that all of the persons actively engaged in carrying out the kidnaping had been fugitives, with one exception. He said that the kidnap mobsters went to Elmer Farmer, a tavern keeper in Bensenville, Ill., to obtain a hideout, and that Farmer arranged with Harold Alderton for use of the latter's home.

In his discussion of the "money changers" in the case, Sullivan enumerated Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, fugitive defendant, Jim-

my Wilson, Moran's employe who is now on trial, Oliver Berg, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, as principals in disposing of the ransom funds.

#### One of Group Dead.

"This combination," he said, "including one Slim Gibson, now dead, passed in Chicago in four or five days about \$57,000 of the ransom money."

"The evidence will show that Berg, Moran and Gibson sat in a room in the Irving hotel in Chicago and passed out this money, three blocks of \$10,000 each and two blocks of \$15,000 each, to McLaughlin. It will show that McLaughlin, with Vidler and Delaney, would go up and down the street and change this money at banks and other places. It will show that Vidler, for example, would go into a bank with, say, \$1,500 and change it into \$100 bills. It will show that Delaney changed \$24,000 at one bank."

Sullivan said it was determined that Vidler would go to Louisville to change \$3,000 of the ransom money, that he was about to take a train when apprehended with \$2,500 of the money.

During the recitation of the case by Sullivan, the defendants, with the exception of Barker, seemed entirely indifferent and little interested. Barker sat and scowled continuously at Sullivan throughout. For the first time during the trial, Barker's sharp black eyes did not roll continuously over the courtroom, but stared steadily at Sullivan.

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As court was resumed, Judge M. J. Joyce addressed the jurors. "Has any one sought to communicate with them?" "No," they answered. "All the jurors shook their heads in the negative. The court admonished the tentative jurors, as he permitted them to go to their homes at the conclusion of court Monday, to talk to no one about the case and that it was their duty to remain in the prosecution."

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His eyes glinting with determination, Mr. Bremer looked straight at George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and answered questions put by Mr. Sullivan in a voice that could be heard plainly throughout the courtroom.

#### BARKER GLARES.

While Mr. Bremer gave his testimony, Arthur (Doc) Barker, glared icily at him. The youthful banker never turned his eyes slightly to view the defendants but centered them upon Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Bremer was garbed in a neatly English oxford gray suit, a white shirt, polka dot tie and tan shoes. He smiled several times at Mr. Sullivan when the attorney asked questions that Mr. Bremer felt he was unable to answer.

He told of the attack at Goodrich and Lexington aves. and of the trip that followed.

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Mr. Bremer took the stand at 2:03 p. m., with Mr. Sullivan questioning. After the usual preliminary inquiries, Mr. Bremer said he was 37 years old, married, and has one daughter, age 9. He said he had been with the Commercial State bank for 16 years.

He said that on the day of the kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934, he left his home at 92 N. Mississippi River boulevard. About 8:15 a. m., with his daughter, Betty, and took her to the Summit school at Goodrich ave. near Lexington ave.

"After leaving the school, did you make any stops?" "Yes, near Lexington ave., because it is a 'stop' street."

"How long were you in the car?" "Ten minutes."

"Then what?" "I was taken out of my car and placed in another, on the floor."

"Was anything said?" "I'm not positive. They might have told me to get out."

"What was the approximate time you were at Goodrich and Lexington aves?" "8:25."

After he was transferred to another car, he was asked to name a contact man, Mr. Bremer said.

"Who did you name?" "Walter Magee."

"Anybody else?"

#### Forced To Sign Name.

"I gave them names of Walter Arnold, Mike Curley and Ed Lauer. They gave me pen and paper and asked me to sign my name three or four times."

"Anything said to you about the contents of the papers?"

"They told me, and then my goggles were pulled forward and I could see three lines of type. They took watch and chain and told me they were for identification."

"What happened after you signed the note?"

"We drove off. Two men were in the back seat and two were in front and I was on the floor blindfolded."

#### Snow On Ground.

"What was the condition of the road?"

"There was snow on the ground."

"How long did you drive?"

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"When the car started again, did you get back on the good road?"

"It felt that way."

"Then what happened?"

"After that stop I was given a sandwich—it tasted like chicken. I ate it while lying down."

"Then what happened?"

"They told me that as soon as it was dark they would let me sit up."

#### Cruising For Contact.

"Yes. Then what?"

"They told me they were merely cruising around until they got a contact. They let me sit up. One man was in the back seat. After a while they told me to get down again. While on the floor I heard street car wheels. After 15 minutes or so I was told to sit up again."

After four or five hours the car was turned off again. I was told to get out and the car drove off leaving me with two men. I was cold and asked them to walk about with me, which they did. After a time the car returned and I got in. We drove another few hours."

"You say, 'They told me'?"

#### Arrive At Hideout.

"Well, all three talked to me at different times. They told me we were at the hideout."

"What happened then?"

"First I heard was some dogs barking. I was led into a house."

"On entering the house what observation did you make?"

"I walked into the house, walked a short distance, turned to the right and sat down."

**Gun Thrust In Door.**

"Now tell what happened."

"As I stopped, the right door was opened, and a gun was stuck in and a man told me to start up or I would be killed. I put the car in low gear but I noticed another car in front of my car."

"Did you see the man with the gun?" "No, all I saw was an arm."

"What else occurred?" "When I saw I was blocked I tried to get out on the left side of the car. When I opened the door, I felt blows on my head, probably from the man who got on the right side of the car."

"When did you feel the blows on the head?"

"When I started to open the left door of the car."

"What direction did the blows come?"

"I don't know, I was hit on top of the head."

"What then?"

"I had my foot outside the car trying to draw attention, but I was losing too much blood and was getting dizzy, so I thought it would be best to obey."

"Then what?"

"Some one said something about starting the car. I don't know whether I started it for them or not. The man on the right got in the car and I was pushed into the center of the seat."

"Were you sitting up?"

"No."

"Where were you?"

"The driver was at the left, another man on the right, and I was lying between them."

"Could you see?"

"No, my head was down below under shelter."

"Were you injured?"

"I was bleeding, and put my handkerchief over my head. The man on my right gave me a muffler."

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Hubert Frank, 55, Caledonia, retired grocer; Homer Blanchard, 71, Lake City, retired liveryman; Earl Bateman, Plainview, trucking business operator; Mrs. Alice Hall, 681 E. Wheelock parkway, wife of University of Minnesota dental school faculty member; Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber; J. Maud Brown, St. Paul, seamstress; Miss Mary McQuade, 505 Selby ave., St. Paul, former pattern department manager; Frank Beaty, Lake City, electrical worker; Ben Buckminster, Lake City, retired boat builder; George Gultier, Racine, farmer; William Sherf, Spentanac, farmer, and Harry Jones, Austin, apartment house operator.

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How he was viciously beaten by kidnapers when he resisted their efforts was told to a United States district court jury today by Edward B. Bremer.

Taking the stand as the government's principal witness against 10 members of the Alvin Karpis-Doc Barker gang who are on trial for conspiracy to kidnap, Mr. Bremer in a calm, even voice narrated the details of his snatching.

His eyes glinting with determination, Mr. Bremer looked straight at George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and answered questions put by Mr. Sullivan in a voice that could be heard plainly throughout the courtroom.

#### BARKER GLARES.

While Mr. Bremer gave his testimony, Arthur (Doc) Barker, glared icily at him. The youthful banker never turned his eyes slightly to view the defendants but centered them upon Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Bremer was garbed in a natty English oxford gray suit, a white shirt, polka dot tie and tan shoes. He smiled several times at Mr. Sullivan when the attorney asked questions that Mr. Bremer felt he was unable to answer.

He told of the attack at Goodrich and Lexington aves. and of the trip that followed.

At the kidnap lair, Mr. Bremer testified he asked the men how badly he had been cut by blows from the gun. The men told him the cuts were bad but they could be worse. Mr. Bremer testified they washed his head in hot water and at his request shaved around the wounds to prevent an infection. Examination of Mr. Bremer follows:

#### Bremer Takes Stand.

Mr. Bremer took the stand at 2:03 p. m., with Mr. Sullivan questioning. After the usual preliminary inquiries, Mr. Bremer said he was 37 years old, married, and has one daughter, age 9. He said he had been with the Commercial State bank for 16 years.

He said that on the day of the kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934, he left his home at 82 N. Mississippi River boulevard. About 8:15 a. m., with his daughter, Betty, and took her to the Summit school at Goodrich ave. near Lexington ave.

"After leaving the school, did you make any stops?" "Yes, near Lexington ave., because it is a 'stop' street."

#### Gun Thrust In Door.

"Now tell what happened."

"As I stopped, the right door was opened, and a gun was stuck in and a man told me to start up or I would be killed. I put the car in low gear but I noticed another car in front of my car."

"Did you see the man with the gun?" "No, all I saw was an arm."

"What else occurred?" "When I saw I was blocked I tried to get out on the left side of the car. When I opened the door, I felt blows on my head, probably from the man who got on the right side of the car."

"When did you feel the blows on the head?"

"When I started to open the left door of the car."

"What direction did the blows come?"

"I don't know, I was hit on top of the head."

"What then?"

"I had my foot outside the car trying to draw attention, but I was losing too much blood and was getting dizzy, so I thought it would be best to obey."

"Then what?"

"Some one said something about starting the car. I don't know whether I started it for them or not. The man on the right got in the car and I was pushed into the center of the seat."

"Were you sitting up?"

"No."

"Where were you?"

"The driver was at the left, another man on the right, and I was lying between them."

"Could you see?"

"No, my head was down below under shelter."

"Were you injured?"

"I was bleeding, and put my handkerchief over my head. The man on my right gave me a muffler."

"Were goggles placed over your eyes?"

"Yes, within a few minutes."

"How long were you in the car?"

"Ten minutes."

"Then what?"

"I was taken out of my car and placed in another, on the floor."

"Was anything said?"

"I'm not positive. They might have told me to get out."

"What was the approximate time you were at Goodrich and Lexington aves?"

"8:25."

After he was transferred to another car, he was asked to name a contact man, Mr. Bremer said:

"Who did you name?"

"Walter Magee."

"Anything else?"

#### Forced To Sign Name.

"I gave them names of Walter Arnold, Mike Curley and Ed Lester. They gave me pen and paper and asked me to sign my name three or four times."

"Anything said to you about the contents of the papers?"

"They told me, and then my goggles were pulled forward and I could see three lines of type. They took watch and chain and told me they were for identification."

"What happened after you signed the note?"

"We drove off. Two men were in the back seat and two were in front and I was on the floor blindfolded."

#### Snow On Ground.

"What was the condition of the road?"

"There was snow on the ground."

"How long did you drive?"

"Until sometime in the afternoon. I can't tell exactly. When we did stop another car drove up and it sounded like they were refilling the car with gas. It felt as though we were pulled off the main road. I heard the noise of cans in back of the car. It sounded like refueling."

"When the car started again, did you get back on the good road?"

"It felt that way."

"Then what happened?"

"After that stop I was given a sandwich—it tasted like chicken. I ate it while lying down."

"Then what happened?"

"They told me that as soon as it was dark they would let me sit up."

#### Cruising For Contact.

"Yes. Then what?"

"They told me they were merely cruising around until they got in contact. They let me sit up. One man was in the back seat. After a while they told me to get down again. While on the floor I heard street car wheels. After 15 minutes or so I was told to sit up again. After four or five hours the car was turned off again. I was told to get out and the car drove off leaving me with two men. I was cold and asked them to talk about with me, which they did. After a time the car returned and I got in. We drove another few hours."

"You say, 'They told me...'"

"Well, all three talked to me at different times. They told me we were at the hideout."

"What happened then?"

"First I heard was some dogs barking. I was led into a house."

"On entering the house what observation did you make?"

"I walked into the house, walked

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a short distance, turned to the right and sat down.

"How were you led?"

"I don't know."

"What kind of a room were you placed in?"

"Just a room. I felt I passed a stove because I could feel heat."

Washed Head.

"What was done in the room where you were placed?"

"I had my head washed. They told me the cuts could be worse. They told me if I hadn't put up a fight, I wouldn't have got hurt. I think they put mercurochrome on. They shaved the hair from the cuts."

"How many men were there?"

"I think seven or eight."

"Did you still have on the goggles?"

"Yes. Later they let me take them off to wash, and then my head was bandaged and I was put to bed."

"How many men were in the room?"

Eyes Bandaged.

"The room was dark so I don't know how many were there. They bandaged my eyes with gauze and plugged my ears with cotton and taped it down with adhesive."

The judge interrupted to ask "How was the bandage placed on the eyes?"

"Can you tell the jury what you did in the morning?"

"I got up and went to the bathroom. I could feel the heat in one room. Then I went through a door and could feel a rise in the floor in the doorway."

"On Jan. 18, the first day you were there, what happened?"

"I was taken to the bathroom, and there I waited. The bandages were still on."

Felt Sorry For Him.

"When did they remove the bandages for any length of time?"

"After four or five days."

"How did it come about?"

"A man came to see me and said it looked like a drawn-out affair, and that he felt sorry for me. He said he'd remove the bandages if I promised not to move my head and to look straight ahead. I did, and they kept their promise."

"When did they put the bandages back on you?"

"Every time I wanted to go to the bathroom or to bed."

"What happened to you on the night of Jan. 18?"

"I wrote the ransom notes."

Addressed To Three.

"Who did you address them to?"

"Walter Magee and Dr. Nippert and my wife." He referred to Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln ave.

"How did you address your wife?"

"Patz. It's a nickname I have for my wife. I forgot to mention although I wrote these notes on Thursday, they were dated Friday."

"Were you told what to write?"

"Yes, the man who directed me was rather gruff."

Letters Offered.

Mr. Sullivan then offered as evidence letters written by Mr. Bremer. Mr. Bremer identified them as those he had written on Thursday and dated for Friday.

"Were there any special suggestions about this letter?" Mr. Sullivan continued.

"None, except to say the enclosed letter was to be delivered to my father."

Mr. Sullivan then brought out more letters for identification. Mr. Bremer identified his own handwriting and said that he has told to tell Magee to be sure not to work with the police.

"After the first four days were your eyes bandaged more often?"

"Yes—but I could never leave my chair without the bandages. When they brought meals, or when I went to the bathroom I had a towel placed over my head."

Identifies Exhibit.

Sullivan then brought out more papers labeled exhibits No. 7 to 13. Mr. Bremer identified exhibit No. 7, as being the one he signed when first kidnaped in St. Paul.

"Did you type the letter?"

"No, I just signed it."

"No, I just signed it."

Court recessed at 3:15 p. m.

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# ONE PLEADS GUILTY IN BREMER KIDNAPPING

Chicagoan Admits Conspiracy—  
St. Paul Trial Opens With  
Ten Defendants Left.

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—A plea of guilty by one defendant and failure to arraign another apparently reduced the list of defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping trial to ten as the case opened in Federal court here today.

Byron Bolton of Chicago, alleged to be one of the actual kidnapers and charged with conspiracy in the case, pleaded guilty to the latter charge. He faces a possible sentence, deferred by the court until completion of the trial, of from one year to life, at the discretion of the court. Kidnapping carries the same penalty.

After Eugene Matthews, attorney for Oliver Berg, alleged conspirator brought here from the Joliet, Ill., prison, had demanded a bill of particulars, Judge Joyce proceeded to question prospective jurors. Eleven were accepted, subject to government and defense challenge.

Other defendants are: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold E. Alderson and Elmer Farmer, all charged with actual kidnapping as well as conspiracy; Mrs. Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson and John J. McLaughlin, accused of conspiracy.

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**BREMER KIDNAPING  
JURY IS COMPLETED**

**Will Try Ten Defendants In  
\$200,000 Ransom Case**

ST. PAUL, April 16 (AP).—A jury to try ten defendants, charged with complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was completed today.

Both the Government and defense counsel waived four remaining peremptory challenges and announced the jury, including three women, was acceptable. Selection of two alternate jurors was expected to follow.

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# PLEADS GUILTY IN KIDNAPING OF BREMER

St. Paul, April 15 (AP).— Trial of twelve of twenty-two persons indicted in the nation's richest kidnaping, that of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, opened today with a dramatic plea of guilty by one of the defendants.

Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster, stepped up to the Federal Court bench of Judge M. M. Joyce and announced he wished to plead guilty to a charge of kidnaping conspiracy. The plea was accepted and sentence deferred.

Bolton, it was expected, will turn State's evidence in the effort to link Arthur (Doc) Barker and his companions, including Edna Murray, the Kissing Bandit, with abduction of Bremer for \$200,000 early last year. Barker and the others face a penalty of life imprisonment.

Twelve tentative jurors were seated when court adjourned. It was expected that most of tomorrow would be needed to complete the panel.

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# 10 on Trial in Kidnaping Of Bremer; 1 Guilty Plea

12th Defendant Not Arraigned;  
May Be U. S. Witness

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Byron Bolton, of Chicago, alleged to be one of the actual kidnapers and charged with conspiracy in the case, pleaded guilty to the latter charge. He faces a possible sentence, deferred by the court until completion of the trial, of from one year to life, at the discretion of the court. Kidnaping carries the same penalty.

His plea occasioned no surprise either among fellow defendants or among court attaches, some of whom had expected him to plead guilty when he was arraigned two weeks ago.

Bruno ("Whitley") Austin, under a conspiracy indictment in the case, who was removed here from Chicago last week, was brought into the courtroom from the county jail under heavy guard with others held in the case. When Judge M. M. Joyce read the names of the defendants, Austin was not among them. Since he has not been arraigned, it was indicated he might be used as a government witness.

Other defendants are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Harold E. Alderton and Elmer Farmer, all charged with actual kidnaping as well as conspiracy; Mrs. Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson, John J. McLaughlin, Oliver A. Berg and Philip J. Deane, accused of conspiracy.

Eleven jurors had been selected tentatively when court adjourned for the day.

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Judge Joyce then proceeded to question prospective jurors. Twelve were accepted, subject to Government and defense challenge. Two alternates will be chosen tomorrow.

The defendants are: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold E. Alderson, Elmer Farmer, Mrs. Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, Edward A. Vidler, James J. Wilson, John J. McLaughlin, Oliver Berg and Philip J. Delaney.

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# FACE BREMER

## Victim to Take Stand



**COVERING UP!**—Arthur ("Doc") Barker, wearing a light hat and no overcoat, and Byron Bolton, behind him, also wearing a light hat, are shown as they went into the St. Paul federal court yesterday for trial in the Bremer kidnaping case. Bremer is to take the stand today.—International News photo.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 15.—(U.S.)—Edward G. Bremer, who the government charges was kidnaped by the Barker-Karpis gang last year, will testify in federal court here tomorrow against eleven defendants on trial before Judge M. M. Joyce.

Byron Bolton, one of the defendants, today pleaded guilty, surprising the defense and government attorneys. It was indicated the government might use him as a witness against Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Almer Farmer, Harold Alder-

ton, charged with the actual kidnaping, and others including Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, James Wilson, John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, William Vidler, Oliver Berg and Phillip Delaney.

In the latter group, McLaughlin, former Illinois legislator and political boss, Vidler and Delaney are said by the government to have passed the ransom money in Chicago. The jury is expected to be completed tomorrow afternoon.

Alvin Karpis, also named as an actual kidnaper is sought by the government.

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# START TRIAL OF 12 IN KIDNAPING OF EDW. BREMER

## One Pleads Guilty as Court Opens.

St. Paul, Minn., April 15.—[Special.]—A plea of guilty by one opened the trial today of eleven accused in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a year ago last January. Close of the first day in the heavily guarded court of Federal Judge M. M. Joyce saw the jury still incomplete.

Pleading guilty as the trial was opened was Byron Bolton of Chicago, alleged machine gunner of the Barker-Karpis gang. He was not represented by counsel and stepped before the bench to enter a plea of guilty to an indictment of conspiracy to kidnap. He also is under indictment for the actual kidnaping, but his previous plea of not guilty to this count stands unchanged. Both charges carry maximum penalties of life imprisonment.

McLaughlin in Dock.  
Others on trial are Jess Doyle, Kan-

sas City mobster; Arthur [Boss] Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis mob; Oliver Berg, life term convict from Illinois; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive; Edna [Rabbits] Murray, known as the kissing bandit; John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, William Vidler, and James Wilson of Chicago.

Bruno [Whitey] Austin was brought in with the rest, but he was not listed as a defendant by the judge. It was indicated he may be a government witness.

Barker, Farmer and Alderton, in addition to Bolton, are charged with the actual kidnaping. The others face conspiracy charges growing out of the disposition of the ransom money.

At the morning session of the court 11 jurors were temporarily chosen. Late in the afternoon this number had been increased to 18 and reduced to 13 when three challenges were exercised by the defense and two by government attorneys.

Expect Jury Today Noon.

Completion of the jury is expected to take at least until noon tomorrow.

Two women were among the 13 left in the jury box this afternoon.

Armed men guarded the three blocks from the jail to the federal building as the defendants were transferred in an armored truck. All were handcuffed except the Murray woman and McLaughlin. Once inside the courtroom the manacles were removed from all but Barker, who, according to the guards, will be kept cuffed throughout the trial.

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# **KARPIS BOBS UP IN A BOTTLE AND JAIL CLAIMS 'PAL**

There was magic in the whisky that James Burke, 26 years old, 1354 West 79th street, drank Sunday evening.

He went to the phone and called the detective bureau.

"If you want to catch Alvin Karpis," he said, "go to a saloon at 916 West 63rd street. He's 'lapping 'em up there.'"

Then at 11 p. m. a stranger walked into the bureau and asked to see Karpis.

"I'm the fellow who told you where to get him," he said.

It was James Burke—identifying himself as one James Radcliffe of Bishop street, and adding: "Karpis was down in Michigan City with me and Dillinger; we're old pals."

Karpis' record was looked up and failed to show he ever had been in Michigan City prison. There was no record of James Radcliffe. But Mr. Radcliffe-Burke was locked up for the night.

Yesterday he had forgotten that he was "Karpis' old pal" and couldn't figure out why he was in a cell. His mother eventually gave him and police the explanation.

"He is a good boy," she said, "but when he drinks that stuff he thinks up wild stories."

Chief of Detectives Sullivan let Burke go home.

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# **BREMER KIDNAPING**

# **JURY COMPLETED**

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# **\$200,000 PLOT VICTIM READY TO TELL ALL**

St. Paul, April 16 (AP).—A jury in the trial of 10 defendants charged with complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was completed a few minutes after court opened this morning.



Edward Bremer

Surprising the crowded courtroom, both the government and defense counsel waived foru remaining peremptory challenges and announced the jury, including three women, was acceptable to them.

Selection of two alternate jurors was expected to follow.

John Y. Brown, assistant attorney general from Washington, arrived here today to assist George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, and George Heisey, assistant U. S. district attorney, in the prosecution.

## **FATE IN THEIR HANDS**

The 12 jurors accepted are: Hubert Frank, Caledonia, retired grocer; Mrs. Alice C. Hall, St. Paul, dentist's wife; Homer Blanchard, Lake City, retired livery operator; Earl Bateman, Plainview, truckman; Harry Jones, Austin, apartment house owner; Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber; William Scherf, Frontenac, painter; Miss J. Maude Brown, St. Paul, seamstress; Miss Mary McQuade, St. Paul, former business woman; Frank Beaty, Lake City, unemployed electrical worker; George Guiter, Racine, farmer; Ben Bucminister, Lake City, retired boat builder.

## **ADMONISHES JURORS**

As court was resumed, Judge M. M. Joyce asked the jurors:

"Has anyone sought to communicate with you?" All the jurors shook their heads.

The court admonished the tentative jurors, as he permitted them to go to their homes at the conclusion of yesterday's court session, to talk to one one about the case and that it was their obligation to report to the court if anyone attempted to communicate with them.

Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a conspiracy charge, was brought to the federal building this morning with the other defendants. Department of justice officials talked to him in the marshal's office. George L. Sullivan would not say why he was brought to the federal building.

Bremer was under summons to take the witness stand and unfold publicly for the first time the "inside story" of the \$200,000 kidnaping and slugging in January, 1934.

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**KEEPING A DATE IN COURT**



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An official auto unloading Edna (Kissing Bandit) Murray and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin (center) at court in St. Paul, where both are on trial as participants in the Bremer kidnaping.

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## U. S. Outlines Bremer Case; Jury Chosen

St. Paul, Minn., April 16.—(AP)—The names of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and several of their henchmen today were linked with the actual kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, delivered his opening statement to the jury in the trial of ten charged in the abduction.

Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection here Jan. 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home Feb. 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer is alleged to have been kept prisoner; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; Mrs. Edna ("Rabbits") Murray, known as "the kissing bandit"; Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago.

Byron Bolton, Chicago, pleaded guilty when the trial opened Monday.

"The evidence will show," Mr. Sullivan said, "that when this gang arrived in Bensenville, George Ziegler, now dead, Karpis and Bolton, through the agency of the defendant Farmer and the occupant of the house [the hideout—that is, Alderton—were there."

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# **Pick Jury in Bremer Kidnaping Trial**

ST. PAUL, April 16.—(P)—Selection of a jury was completed this morning in the trial of eleven persons in Federal Court here for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934. The chief defendant is Arthur (Doc) Barker, chief aid of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The banker was expected to take the stand and tell the inside story of his abduction.

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### Doc Barker Named

ST. PAUL—Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, was described by one of his henchmen, Harold Alderton, as the guiding hand behind the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, John Brennan, a Federal agent testified today.

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## 2 of 10 Defendants Admitted Kidnaping to Him, Says Bremer

Banker Identifies Wallpaper as Pieces From House in Which He Was Held Captive

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, walked across a tensely silent Federal courtroom today and pointed out two of 10 persons on trial for his \$200,000 kidnaping as having confessed to participation in the crime.

The banker's identification came near the close of his testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

### IDENTIFIES WALLPAPER

He identified a piece of cheap, gaudy wallpaper from a house at Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room where he was held captive for 21 days.

Early this year, he said, he went to the house with several Federal agents and met two men. He stepped from the witness stand to identify Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer as the men.

Following Bremer on the stand, Leon Rose, Chicago, photographer for the Federal division of investigation, identified five photographers and pencil sketches of the Bensenville house. Raymond Suran, Justice Department agent, testified to visiting the hideout last Jan. 1. He likewise identified photographs and floor sketches.

Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to kidnaping conspiracy charges Monday, may reverse his plea, it was learned today. Such a move, it was seen, would impair the Government's case, inasmuch as Bolton had been expected to turn state's evidence and be a star witness against Barker and his companions.

WASH. NEWS

## BREMER HANDS DEFENSE BLOW

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17 (I.N.S.)—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Bank president for whose release kidnapers were paid \$200,000 in February, 1934, today completed his testimony in the trial of the Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the "snatching."

A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Mr. Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensenville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping. The witness said:

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Cross-examination of Mr. Bremer was brief, and he was excused at 10:50 a. m.

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### Bremer Reveals Second Gang Offer

Sought to 'Buy' Him From  
Kidnapers, Testimony.

By the Associated Press

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The testimony was given in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others for conspiracy in connection with Bremer's abduction January 7, 1934. Bremer, relating the horror of 21 days of captivity,

said that as he was freed at Rochester, Minn., after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," Bremer said, "I was told that they had kept their promise. (To release him after ransom payment). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

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Minnesota Weather.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, except light rain in east tonight; foggy Thursday in southeast.

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# Ship Reaches in Record Time

## SAVES RAT FROM FIRE



When fire broke out in a large box factory at Hammond, La., recently, Dorothy Round, 8 years old, thought first of her pet rat. She saved it in the midst of the havoc. The fire caused \$173,000 damage to Hammond, strawberry center of Louisiana.

## Buddy of Ray Hamilton Trapped, Seized in Texas

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Mr. Bremer said Alderton told him that first news of the actual identity of the prisoner came from a newspaper the day after Bremer's arrival at the hideout.

On cross-examination, Eugene F. Matthews attorney for Alderton, had read into the records a statement from Bremer that Alderton, in his conversation with the banker, had said: "I didn't know it was a kidnaping. They told me they were just bringing in some one who was hot."

### Tells of Alderton's Fear.

Bremer also testified on cross-examination that Alderton said he believed he was watched all the time he went out to purchase groceries and was in fear of the kidnap gang constantly.

Bremer then was dismissed and Leon G. Rose, Chicago photographer, was the next witness. He identified photographs he took of the interior of the Alderton home in Bensenville January 16, 1935.

All the defendants, with the exception of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago political leader, appeared intensely interested in the proceedings as Bremer testified.

All eyes were turned on the banker as he told of his conversations with Alderton and Farmer but McLaughlin, demonstrating lesser interest, dozed off in his swivel chair several times. Barker chewed gum constantly.

Alderton and Farmer, contrary to their previous sullen attitude, perked up their heads and listened intently. Several times they leaned over and talked to each other.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce indicated that court would be in session Good Friday.

Raymond C. Suran, department of justice agent of Chicago, identified sketches he made of the interior of the hideout and the exhibits were accepted as evidence.

### Court Excuses Jury.

Near the close of the forenoon session the court excused the jury while John J. Brennan, Department of Justice agent, was cross-examined by Eugene Matthews, attorney for Alderton.

When Mr. Sullivan asked Brennan to recall the conversation he and Bremer had with Alderton at the county jail, Matthews objected.

The jury subsequently was excused and Matthews permitted to cross-examine Brennan. Matthews apparently was attempting to lay the foundation that certain admissions obtained from Alderton were made under duress.

"When you went to the jail, Mr. Brennan," asked Matthews, "did you apprise Alderton of the fact that he was going to be questioned by either you or Mr. Bremer relative to the crime charged?"

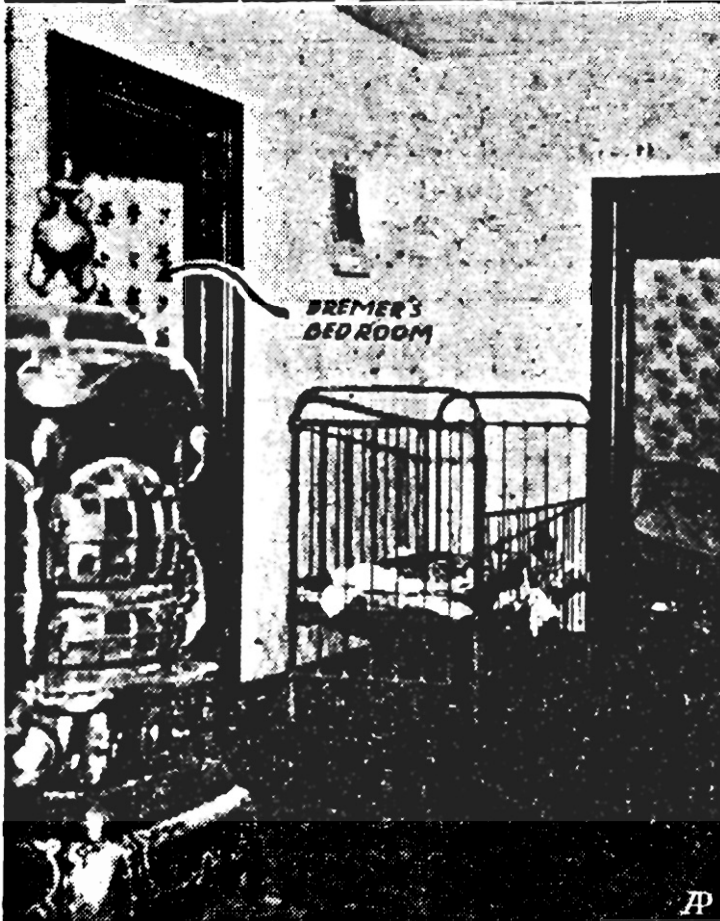
### Helsey Objects.

At this point George Helsey, assistant district attorney, objected to the line of questioning by Matthews. Permitted to continue, and before Mr. Brennan had answered the previous question, Alderton's attorney charged that "it was a prearranged plan by the Department of Justice to go to Alderton and obtain certain admissions."

Matthews questioned Brennan.

Q. Did you introduce Brennan to Alderton?

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## CLIPPER SHIP BEATS PACIFIC HOP RECORD

Reaches Honolulu From U. S. 7 Hours Ahead of Best Previous Mark.

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the moonlight as it skimmed through the clouds.

Majestic in its flight, the clipper dipped a greeting to the thousands of residents who gathered early to await its arrival.

### Appears Through Mists.

Through the gray mists the huge silver wings and large hull of the clipper suddenly appeared near the islands.

Exactly on schedule, Captain Edwin C. Musick and Pilot R. O. Sullivan pointed its nose direct

**Judge Joyce.**

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## **\$100,000 OF HUGE RANSOM 'PEDDLED' IN CUBAN CAPITAL**

Of the \$200,000 ransom paid kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, \$100,000 was "peddled" in Havana, Cuba, the Dispatch learned today.

The information was gained while ten defendants were on trial for the abduction before Judge M. M. Joyce in Federal court. Whether it will be brought out at the trial is not known.

The information in question accounts for disposal of all but about \$40,000 of the ransom money. In his address at the opening of the trial, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, asserted that \$57,000 of the money was "peddled" in Chicago and about \$2,500 more was found in the possession of William Vidler, one of the defendants, when he was arrested there.

## Kidnaper foe



JOHN YOUNG BROWN.

Recently a member of Congress, Joe Young Brown now is in St. Paul in his new capacity of assistant United States attorney general to assist in the prosecution of ten defendants on trial in Federal court here for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. He hails from Kentucky and served in the Kentucky House from 1930 to 1932, being speaker the latter year. He was elected to Congress as a representative from Kentucky for the term starting in 1933.

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# ALDERTON TOLD OF COOKING FOR KIDNAP VICTIM, AGENT SAYS

Amid shouts of "it's a lie" from one of the defendants, a Department of Justice agent repeated today a conversation he had with the alleged occupant of the home in which Edward G. Bremer was held prisoner as the kidnaping trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates took on a lively aspect this afternoon.

John Brennan, Federal agent, claimed today that Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, told him that Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler (alias Fred Goetz), who was slain by members of his own gang in Chicago, and a man named "Tubby" participated in the kidnaping of the 37-year-old banker.

A few minutes after Brennan ascended the stand he told how Alderton informed him he "got more heat about that fish I cooked for you (Bremer) than anything else."

At this point, Alderton, his black eyes flashing and his sallow complexion flushing, said in a clear voice, "It's a lie."

Before Brennan began his recitation, Judge M. M. Joyce admonished the jury that it was not to consider as evidence any statements involving any of the defendants in the case with the exception of Alderton and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper who also was interviewed by Brennan and Bremer the same day they visited Alderton.

Disregarding the interruption by Alderton, Brennan continued with his story as follows:

"Mr. Bremer and I went over to the Ramsey county jail to talk to Alderton and Farmer. I told Alderton we had a new cellmate for him. He said, 'What are you trying to do, kid me?'"

"Farmer then said: 'Why, that looks like Mr. Bremer. I saw a picture of him in the newspaper.'"

"Alderton then said to Mr. Bremer: 'What the hell is the matter with that fish I cooked for you? I got more heat about that fish than about anything else.'"

"Bremer then asked Alderton if it was perch. Alderton said it was bullheads. He said he procured some fish and ordered bullheads but that there might have been some perch."

"Bremer then asked who was the tough guy. Alderton asked if he meant that fellow with the raspy voice and a lot of volume. When Bremer said yes, Alderton said, 'That might be George Ziegler.'"

"Bremer then asked who was one of the fellows who brought him there. Alderton said, 'That must have been Doc Barker.' Bremer then asked what time of day he arrived and Alderton replied it was around 11 o'clock that same night as he immediately went to Farmer's place and Farmer already had closed up."

"Alderton said he had driven up to Farmer's place in Doc Barker's coupe. Bremer asked what time he got up in the morning and Alderton said it was around 10 or 11 o'clock."

"There was a discussion as to some steps Bremer walked down at the hideout. Alderton said he did not know of any steps unless it was a concrete slab in the alley. They (Bremer and Alderton) laughed about it and decided maybe they were trying to make him believe he was held in a basement."

"Alderton said it was about 10 o'clock in the morning when they left with Bremer the day he was released. Karpis, Campbell and

Ziegler left about the same time, Alderton said. He also said that Doc Barker and Ziegler left in a coupe and that later Ziegler came back without Doc or Bremer."

"Alderton said the first he knew of the identity of the man held there was the morning after he arrived when he secured a copy of the Chicago Tribune. He said when he began reading that Bremer had been kidnaped, the mob grabbed the paper away. He said he asked Doc if it was Bremer that was being held in the next room. Doc told him to look for himself. Alderton said. He did look for himself and he said he saw Bremer seated in a corner of the bedroom and that he had a bandage of some kind over his head."

"Bremer asked who dressed his wound and Alderton said a man named 'Heavy.' ('Heavy' is the name by which William Weaver, still uncaptured as a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping, is known)."

"He said the morning Bremer arrived some one told him to buy some food. He went to Farmer's place and talked to Farmer. He

said he asked him if he knew anything about the Bremer kidnaping. Farmer said the only thing he knew was that Ziegler asked him for some place for some 'hots to cool off.'"

"Alderton said when the thing was over with he got tangled up with these people and there was no way to get out. Alderton said he noticed Bremer was pretty wobbly the day I brought to the jail."

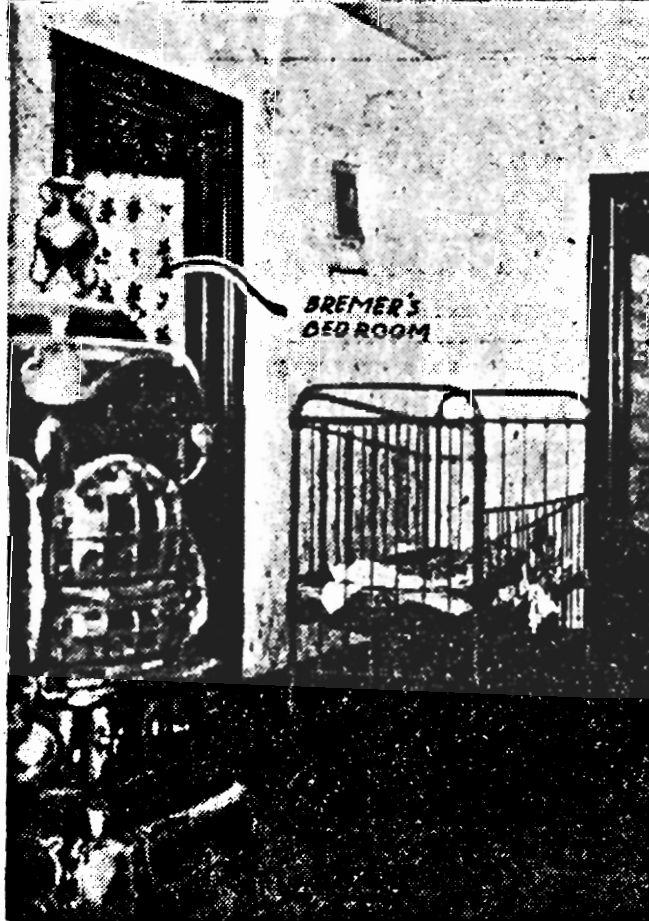
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## Banker Fails To Identify Defendants

U. S. Attorneys Don't Indicate Whether He Will Return To Testify Again.

Without definitely identifying any of the 10 defendants on trial in United States district court for his kidnaping, but linking two of the men to the crime through a conversation early this year, Edward G. Bremer left the witness stand after brief cross-examination today.

Government attorneys did not indicate whether the St. Paul banker would be recalled to the witness stand later to make identifications.

The defendants linked to the crime by Mr. Bremer were Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges Bremer was held captive for 21 days until his family paid \$200,000 ransom.

### Admitted Cooking Meal

According to Mr. Bremer's testimony, Alderton admitted in a conversation with him in Ramsey county jail in January this year that he cooked meals while the kidnap victim was a captive.

In the conversation Alderton also admitted being present when Mr. Bremer was released and is said to have told Mr. Bremer that he was taken away in a Chevrolet coupe.

"Did you have any other conversation?" Mr. George Sullivan, United States attorney, asked.

"Mr. Farmer said he had never seen my face, but recognized me from pictures in the paper," Mr. Bremer replied. "He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

Other developments today were: Possibility of Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty Monday after his original plea of not guilty, again changing his mind and pleading not guilty. Under the law he must do this today or Thursday.

Announcement of federal officials that Joseph B. Keenan, special assistant attorney general, will arrive in St. Paul tonight to confer with prosecutors but will not take part in the trial.

Revelation by Mr. Bremer that abductors told him before his release that another "gang" had offered to "buy" him after payment of the \$200,000 ransom for the purpose of collecting additional ransom money.

### Identifies Wallpaper.

As Mr. Bremer resumed the witness stand at 10 a. m. today Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan continued the questioning by which he is identifying a Bensenville, Ill., house as the place where the kidnaping victim was held prisoner for three weeks.

Two pieces of wallpaper were positively identified by the witness as having come from the wall of the Bensenville house. Mr. Bremer was asked to identify the handle of a watercloset, and said "It feels like it."

In answer to further questions, he stated there were boards covering the windows when he was held there in January and February, 1934, and that he saw the holes where the boards had been nailed when he visited the place in January of this year in company of a federal agent.

"When you were held in 1934 did you observe anything about the bedroom floor?" he was asked.

"The floor squeaked," he answered. "And when you went back in 1935?"

"The floor still squeaked." "Did you call at the county jail there?"

"Yes, I did."

"Who did you see there?"

"Two men. I was told one was Mr. Alderton and the other Mr. Farmer." (Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both among the 10 now on trial.)

"Can you identify them in this courtroom?"

Mr. Bremer stepped down and pointed to Alderton and Farmer.

### Defense Attorneys Object.

"What conversation did you have?" Here Eugene Matthews and Thomas J. Newman, defense counsel, entered the first objection of the trial. Judge M. M. Joyce overruled it.

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"Did you have any other conversation?"

"Mr. Farmer said he had never seen my face, but recognized me from pictures in the papers. He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

"What was the nature of the conversation?"

"Just general."

"Was anything said about a newspaper?"

"Mr. Alderton said that the morning after I was taken, a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the paper."

### Got Groceries At Night.

"Was there anything said in his talk with Alderton as to the way you were brought to Alderton's house?"

"Not that I recall."

"Was there anything said about the way you left the hideout?"

"Yes, Mr. Alderton said I was driven away in a Chevrolet coupe."

"Did you have any talk about getting groceries to the use?"

"Yes, Alderton said he made trips at night. He said he usually took his time because he liked to get away from the place a while. He said they kidded about making believe that I was held in the basement."

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"Was there any examination made as to how you got in the house?" "I believe Mr. Alderton said I was fooled in stepping off a concrete step."

After examining a pair of goggles, Mr. Bremer said they felt like the ones which his kidnapers had taped to his head.

Mr. Matthews, counsel for Jess Doyle and Alderton, took up the cross examination as the government concluded its direct questioning.

#### Alderton Denied Complicity.

"What newspaper was exhibited?"

"I don't know."

"Did Alderton indicate that he was being watched?"

"I believed he said he was watched every time he went out for groceries."

"Did he say he was more glad to get me out than you were to go?"

"I believe he did."

"Did he try to tell you he wasn't connected with the gang?"

"He stated he did not know he had anything to do with any kidnaping until I arrived on the scene. He thought the arrangements were made to hide someone there who was 'hot.'"

"Did he state he was unacquainted with the abductors?"

"I don't believe he made a statement like that. He indicated he was unacquainted with some of them."

Leon G. Rose, a Chicago photographer for the federal division of investigation, identified five photographs and pencil sketches of the house at 180 May st., Bensenville.

There was no cross examination of Mr. Rose.

Raymond C. Suran, department of justice agent since 1930, testified to visiting the Bensenville house Jan. 16, this year. He identified photographs and floor sketches.

#### Tells Of Kidnap House.

Under cross-examination by Matthews, Suran told of having seen the alleged kidnap house at Bensenville prior to Jan. 16 but that he could not testify whether the house was in the same condition as when Bremer is alleged to have been held there.

Last witness heard before recess was called at 12:30 p. m. was John C. Brennan, special agent for 18 years and in St. Paul since January, 1934. He told of viewing the house Jan. 19 with Bremer and, in answer to questions by Sullivan, described the location and construction of the house. Objections by the defense that the descriptions of the house as of the date of Brennan's visit were too remote to have bearing in the case were overruled by Judge Joyce.

Brennan also told of his visit to the county jail last January in company with Bremer while Alderton and Farmer were in custody there. The agent, in answer to defense questions, stated that both Bremer and the prisoners knew each other's identity. Purpose of the visit, the agent said, was to discuss the case.

The jurors had been excused during Brennan's testimony relative to the jail visit and when questioning lagged, Judge Joyce declared a recess.

#### Bolton May Change Plea.

That Bolton may change his plea to not guilty and ask that he be put on trial with the other defendants was learned authoritatively by The Daily News today.

Bolton was one of the 12 defendants brought into federal court Monday to face charges of conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker. When asked by Judge M. M. Joyce if he had an attorney, Bolton said he did not and wished to enter a plea of guilty. He was removed from the courtroom as was Bruno (Whitey) Austin, who had not been arraigned and therefore could not stand trial.

Mr. Bremer returned to the stand when court was resumed to day to continue his story of the abduction. At the conclusion of Tuesday's testimony Mr. Bremer had given the handful of spectators a thrill when he said that his abductors had told him that another gang had "offered them a pile of money" if they would turn Bremer over to them after the \$200,000 demanded ransom had been paid. Mr. Bremer told the court that the gangsters told him the reason they did not turn him over to the other gang was that "that because you kept your word with us we will do the same by you."

#### To Identify Wallpaper.

As Mr. Bremer resumes his testimony today under direct examination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, he is expected to identify a piece of wallpaper as similar to the wallpaper in the bedroom of the Bensenville (Ill.) residence where he was held captive for 22 days. The pattern of that wallpaper consisted of numerous little trees and what appeared to him as a number of fence posts.

On the stand Tuesday Mr. Bremer identified photographs of the house where he was alleged to have been held captive. The photograph of the bedroom in which he was held was identified by the wallpaper pattern, the height of the window and a crack in the wall on the left side of the window. He was also able to identify the room from an electric light cord which hung directly over the chair he was permitted to occupy a few hours daily during which time the handgags were removed

from his eyes—providing he looked straight ahead and did not try to steal a look at his captors. He said that there were always two or three men sitting directly behind him to make sure that he was not disobeying their orders.

#### Recognizes Letters.

He also identified a number of letters he was forced to sign as well as write during the time he was a captive. Several of the typewritten letters he said he signed while in St. Paul but those written in long hand were written while he was at the house.

In the courtroom while Mr. Bremer was testifying were Mrs. Bremer and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Magee. It was Mr. Magee who was named as contact man and delivered the ransom money to the kidnapers.

Mr. Bremer made an excellent witness. Bothered with a bad head cold he had to stop during the course of his story to clear his throat but otherwise his voice carried well. He could be heard all through the court room.

#### Cool On Stand.

He was cool and collected on the stand and not once did he look at the 10 defendants, who were seated at a slight angle in front of him.

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The defendants, however, showed a great deal of interest. Oliver Berg was nervously chewing gum, Barker never took his eyes off the witness and Alderton was another one who seemed greatly interested. Farmer was leaning forward during the greater part of the testimony as if anxious not to miss a single word. The others at times permitted their eyes to roam about the court room but as a rule Mr. Bremer was their chief object.

#### No Defense Objections.

One of the features of Tuesday's day in the court was that not a single objection was voiced by the defense counsel. So carefully and cleverly did Mr. Sullivan lead his witness through the direct examination that he did not leave a single loophole for the defense to take advantage of.

Only once was Mr. Sullivan checked and that was by the court itself. That was when he asked the witness to point out to the jury what he meant by "fence posts" in the photograph of the wall paper in the bed room. The court reminded the attorney that the photographs had not been accepted as evidence and therefore could not be shown to the jury. They already had been offered as exhibits.

The jury of 11 men and three women, including two alternates, is quartered at Hotel St. Paul.

### Driver Of Armored Car



Personally in charge of his firm's armored car used to transport Bremer kidnap defendants from the Ramsey county jail to the federal building is JOHN SWEENEY, vice president of the Sweeney Detective Agency. The armored car, usually employed to haul money about the city between banking institutions, has become a familiar sight since it assumed its new role. Mr. Sweeney does all the driving.

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## BREMER PICKS 2 AS KIDNAPER\$

Also Identifies Some Wallpaper  
Taken from Where He Was  
Held Captive.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 17.—Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, today pointed out two of ten persons on trial for his \$200,000 kidnaping as having confessed to participation in the crime.

The banker's identification came near the close of his testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

He identified a piece of cheap, gaudy wallpaper from a house in Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room where he was held captive for twenty-one days. He also identified other features of the house, including bathroom equipment and certain floor boards that squeaked as he walked over them.

Throughout the twenty-one days of his imprisonment he was blindfolded, he said.

Early this year, he said, he went to the house with several federal agents and met two men. Then he stepped from the witness stand and walked to where Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer sat in the tow of manacled defendants.

"Mr. Farmer and I discussed the kidnaping," said Mr. Bremer. "He said he recognized me from pictures in the paper."

"I also talked with Mr. Alderton and he said that the morning after I was taken to the house a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the kidnaping articles."

Mr. Bremer said Alderton admitted getting food for him, making trips to a grocery store at night.

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## ANOTHER GANG BID TO HOLD BREMER

His Kidnappers Had Offer to  
Turn Him Over to Second  
'Mob,' He Testifies.

### HIDE-OUT IS IDENTIFIED

St. Paul Banker Links Room  
Where He Was Prisoner to Home  
of Barker Band Member.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, April 16.—Edward  
G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, testi-  
fied today that, while cold, hungry  
and almost sightless, he sat  
through twenty-two days of cap-  
tivity, a rival gang of extortionists  
tried to buy him from the gang who  
kidnapped him and collected \$200,-  
000 ransom.

The gangsters who held him,  
however, proud of their boast that  
they would keep their word, re-  
fused to sell their captive, and re-  
leased him, as safe as possible af-  
ter his ordeal, at Rochester, Minn.,  
after twenty-two days of captivity.  
Through the twenty-two days,  
Mr. Bremer testified, he wrote or  
signed thirteen notes which were  
delivered by the kidnappers to  
various persons.

The days of horror, starting with  
vicious blows on the head with a  
gun, when he was kidnapped were  
described by Mr. Bremer as he took  
the witness stand in Federal court  
in the conspiracy trial of Arthur  
(Doc) Barker and nine co-de-  
fendants.

Mr. Bremer related how he was  
first slugged as he was driving to  
his bank after taking his daughter  
to school, then transferred to an-  
other car a short distance away and  
driven from morning to night as  
he lay on the floor in the back of  
his kidnappers' car.

He stopped the flow of blood tem-  
porarily with a handkerchief, he  
said, but later was given what felt  
like a muffler to put over his head.

In answer to questions of George  
F. Sullivan, United States District  
Attorney, Mr. Bremer disclosed that  
he was threatened with death if he  
did not obey orders.

The 37-year-old banker presented  
a graphic picture of how he was led  
into a bedroom, seated on a chair  
his wounds treated and then his  
eyes, ears and head bandaged.

Barker, scowling, fixed his eyes  
steadily on the witness. Harold  
Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., the government charges  
Mr. Bremer was kept prisoner, also  
stared constantly at the witness.

Alderton's home was identified as  
the kidnappers' hide-out by Mr.  
Bremer. He had visited the place  
with Federal agents and recognized  
the room in which he was a pris-  
oner.

"The first thing I heard when I  
was taken from the car as I was  
brought to the hide-out, was some  
dogs barking," he testified.

"I was led into a house and then  
into another room. I was placed  
on a chair. My hat was removed  
and after a while they washed my  
head with hot water.

"I asked them if the cuts looked  
bad. They said if I had not put up  
a fuss I would not have been hurt.  
It was washed, I believe, with some  
mercurochrome. I asked them to  
shave the hair around the cuts so  
no infection would set in. I heard  
many voices. The lights were turned  
off, my goggles taken off and I was  
told to wash my face and hands  
after my head was cleaned up.

"My head was bandaged and eyes  
were bandaged. Then my trousers  
were removed and I was put in bed.  
My ears were clotted with wet cot-  
ton and a large pad of cotton put  
over my ears and head.

"After the bandages were put on  
—about three or four rolls—adhesive  
tape was placed over the bandages."

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## TWO IDENTIFIED BY BREMER

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17 (By International News Service).—Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul Bank President for whose release kidnapers were paid \$200,000 in February, 1934, today completed his testimony in the trial of the Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the "snatching."

A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensonville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping.

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## Bremer Says Kidnapers Had Gang Offer for Him

St. Paul, April 16 (AP).—Edward G. Bremer publicly related for the first time today his own vivid account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death and held captive for twenty-one horror-filled days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told the graphic inside story of his grueling experience from the witness stand in Federal Court.

Bremer's testimony reached a high point when he related that his kidnapers had told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another mob. He did not identify the bargaining gang but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the record ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," the witness stated, "I was told that they had kept their promise (to release Bremer). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur (Doc) Barker, scion of a notorious family and co-leader with the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis of the underworld group accused of engineering the Bremer snatch, scowled at the banker.

Speaking softly, the 37-year-old banker said he had taken his daughter to school Jan. 17, 1934, and was on his way back when



Arthur Barker

his car was stopped at a traffic light. There he was slugged with a pistol butt and, despite his frantic struggles, transferred to another machine by his armed abductors. He was driven from morning to night through several States as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to staunch it with his

handkerchief. Despite the painful wound, Bremer said he continued his attempts to escape but finally ceased his futile efforts when one of the thugs pointed a revolver at him and ordered:

"Don't move or I'll kill you."

The journey ended, the Government charges, in the Barker-Karpis gang hideout at Bensenville, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

United State Attorney George Sullivan asked the banker how many men were in the hideout. Bremer replied:

"Perhaps four, five, six, seven or eight. I heard many voices."

Bremer identified photographs of the hideout room by the wallpaper, fixtures and a crack in the wall.

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# BREMER BARES 20 KIDNAP PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 16 (AP).

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, testified in Federal Court today his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" if they would turn him over to another gang.

The testimony was given in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others on charges of conspiracy in connection with Bremer's abduction January 7, 1934. Bremer, relating the horror of 21 days of captivity and his liberation at Rochester, Minn., after payment of \$200,000 ransom testified:

"I was told they had kept their promise. (To release him after ransom payment.) They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Bremer related how he was slugged, after he had driven his daughter to school, then transferred to another car, and driven from morning to night through several States as he lay on the floor of the kidnapers' car.

Bremer disclosed he was threatened with death if he did not obey orders.

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## TELLS HOW HE WAS BEATEN BY ABDUCTORS

**'Doc' Barker Squirms in  
Chair as Photos Are  
Identified.**

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—  
(I. N. S.)—Edward G. Bremer,  
wealthy banker, Wednesday con-  
cluded the dramatic account of  
his \$200,000 abduction for which  
Arthur (Doc) Barker and ten others  
are on trial in federal court here.

In a calm voice Bremer told of be-  
ing seized on Jan. 17, 1934, brutally  
beaten by the abductors and carried  
off to a Bensenville, Ill., hideout,  
where he was held captive for three  
weeks.

The banker for the first time dis-  
closed that his kidnapers, before re-  
leasing him at Rochester, Minn., had  
warned that another gang was bid-  
ding for his custody and that his ab-  
ductors had been offered a sum of  
money to surrender him to the other  
outlaws after the ransom was paid.

The manacled defendant, Barker,  
accused with the fugitive outlaw, Al-  
vin Karpis, as the "brains" of the  
kidnaping, wriggled in his chair as  
Bremer identified photographs of the  
room in which he was held prisoner.

This was in the Bensenville, Ill.,  
home occupied by Harold Alderton,  
one of the defendants, Prosecutor  
George F. Sullivan charged.

Bremer said he was seized in his  
automobile after taking his daughter  
to school. In fighting to escape his  
kidnapers the banker said he was  
beaten savagely over the head with  
a pistol and threatened with death  
unless he submitted.

Not until the kidnapers had taken  
him, by a circuitous route thru sev-  
eral states, to the hideout in Illinois  
were the bleeding wounds on his  
head given treatment.

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## SECOND GANG BID FOR HIM, SAYS BREMER

Court Hears Banker's Own  
Amazing Story of 21-Day  
Horror; Life Threatened

ST. PAUL, April 16.—(A.P.)—Edward G. Bremer related for the first time today his own vivid account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death and held captive for twenty-one horror-filled days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told the graphic inside story of his grueling experience from the witness stand in a federal courtroom.

### TELLS OF OTHER 'MOB.'

Bremer's testimony reached a high point when he related his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another mob. He did not identify the bargaining gang, but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the record ransom. Bremer testified:

"After giving me instructions to count fifteen slowly before removing my goggles, I was told they had kept their promise (to release Bremer). They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur ("Doc") Barker, notorious outlaw and co-leader with the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis of the underworld group accused of engineering the Bremer snatch, scowled at the banker and fixed a steady eye upon him.

### HIS CAR STOPPED.

The banker testified he had taken his daughter to school January 17, 1934, and was on his way back when his car was stopped at a traffic light.

He was driven from morning to night through several states as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to stanch it with his handkerchief.

The journey ended, according to the government's story, in the Barker-Karpis gang hideout at Bensenville, Ill., a Chicago suburb. It was not until he was led into the bedroom there, Bremer said, that his wounds were treated.

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## RIVAL GANG'S OFFER TO "BUY" BREMER TOLD

### Victim Reveals Story at Abduction Trial.

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 16.—(AP)—Edward G. Bremer related for the first time today his own account of how he was kidnaped, beaten, threatened with death, and held captive 21 days.

Facing ten persons on trial for participation in his \$200,000 abduction, the St. Paul banker told of the kidnaping from the witness stand in a federal courtroom.

His testimony reached a high point when he related his kidnapers told him they had been offered a "certain amount of money" to turn him over to another "mob."

#### Captors Tell of Offer.

He did not identify the bargaining gang but said his captors informed him another outlaw band "wanted him" as he was being freed in Rochester, Minn., after payment of the ransom.

"After giving me instructions to count 15 slowly before removing my goggles," he testified, "I was told they had kept their promise [to release Bremer]. They said they had been offered a certain amount of money to turn me over to another gang."

Arthur [Doc] Barker, co-leader with the fugitive Alvin Karpis accused of engineering the kidnaping, scowled at Bremer as the testimony was given.

#### Bremer Describes Abduction.

Speaking softly, the 37 year old banker said he had taken his daughter to school Jan. 17, 1934, and was on his way back when his car was stopped at a traffic light. There he was slugged with a pistol butt and despite his frantic struggles transferred to another car by his abductors. He was driven from morning to night through several states as he lay on the floor of the kidnap car.



#### LINKED BY PROSECUTOR IN BREMER PLOT

John J. "Boss" McLaughlin (center), mentioned in Bremer kidnaping trial at St. Paul yesterday, with Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," and guard. Both are defendants.

Blood flowed from his wounded head, the witness related, and he attempted to stanch it with his handkerchief. Despite of the painful wound, Bremer said he continued his attempts to escape but ceased when one of the kidnapers pointed a revolver at him and ordered:

"Don't move or I'll kill you!"

#### Banker Identifies "Hideout."

The journey ended, according to the government's story in the Barker-Karpis gang "hideout" at Bensenville, Ill. It was not until he was led into the bedroom there, Bremer said, that his wounds were treated. He was seated on a chair and his eyes, ears, and head were bandaged.

Bremer identified photographs of the "hideout" room by the wall paper, fixtures, and a crack in the wall. The room is the bedroom of a home occupied by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

Bremer said the kidnapers dropped plans for his immediate release when they became suspicious that Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and close friend of the banker, was working with the police.

#### Ransom Notes Introduced.

The banker was the first of 300 listed government witnesses. He testified after a jury of nine men and three women had been completed and United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan had outlined his case.

A series of ransom notes, giving directions for payment of the \$200,000, was introduced into evidence.

In his opening statement Sullivan asserted evidence will be offered placing Karpis, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, and Alderton at the "hideout" when Bremer was brought there. Bolton, a Chicagoan, pleaded guilty when the trial opened yesterday.

#### Chicagoans on Trial.

Linked with the plot in Sullivan's statement as "peddlers" of \$57,000 of the ransom money were James J. Wilson, William Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, and John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, all of Chicago, and Oliver Berg, now an inmate of the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary, defendants in the trial.

The prosecutor also said that Harry Campbell, a fugitive since he and Karpis shot their way out of an Atlantic City, N. J., trap, was at the hideout the day Bremer was freed.

Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, other defendants, were not mentioned in Sullivan's statement.

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# WALL PAPER LINKS TEN TO KIDNAPING

St. Paul, April 17 (UP).—A bit of cheap flowered wall paper became evidence of major importance today in the trial of 10 persons accused of conspiring to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker whose father is a close friend of President Roosevelt.

Bremer, returning to the witness stand to complete the story of his seizure on a St. Paul street and 21 days of negotiation for a \$200,000 ransom, was prepared to use the scrap of paper to connect the defendants with the crime.

The paper is from the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, in Bensenville, Ill. Bremer will be asked to identify it as coming from the room where he was held, almost continuously blindfolded, for three weeks.

## TESTIMONY HITS GANG

The 37-year-old financier attacked his accused abductors yesterday with almost a full day of detailed narration of his ordeal. Erect in the witness chair and seemingly enjoying the climax of his adventure, he laid the groundwork for evidence which may ultimately send 20 or more persons to penitentiaries for life. Twenty-one men and one woman have been indicted for conspiracy in the kidnaping.

He revealed for the first time that his kidnapers "saved" him from another gang by refusing to "sell" him after ransom was collected.

When he was released in Rochester, Minn., he said one of his captors told him they had been offered "a certain amount of money" to turn him over to a second gang which would collect another ransom.

"We're playing fair," the man said.

## CAN'T IDENTIFY SUSPECTS

Bremer probably will be asked to try to identify some of the accused persons, but has indicated he will be unable to do so.

He was blinded with goggles immediately after being slugged in his motor car and kept blindfolded except at rare intervals, until his release.

Defense attorneys planned to subject Bremer to an exhaustive cross-examination which may keep him on the stand all day. They will attempt to break down his identification of photographs of Alderton's home and show that he could not have made the minute observations claimed.

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## BREMER SWEARS TWO CONFESSED KIDNAPING ROLE

Springs Surprise by Citing  
Two of 10 Defendants  
at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—(U.P.)—Two of the ten defendants on trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping admitted to Bremer early this year that they had participated in his abduction, the St. Paul bankier testified today.

Bremer, on the witness stand in the trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine associates, made this startling revelation shortly after he had identified wallpaper from a house at Bensenville, Ill., as that which covered the room in which he was held captive twenty-one days.

Early this year, Bremer said, he went to the Bensenville house in the company of a federal operative. There he saw two men.

Stepping down from the witness chair, he identified the men as Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, two of the defendants.

"Mr. Farmer and I discussed my kidnaping," Bremer said.

"He said he had never seen my face but recognized me from pictures in the paper. He also said when he received information that it was me that was being held that he almost fell over."

Traces Newspaper Clerk  
United States District Attorney George H. Sullivan, conducting examination of Bremer, asked:  
"Was anything said about a newspaper?"

"Mr. Alderton said that the morning after I was taken a newspaper was brought in and he was told I was the man described in the paper," Bremer answered.

Q.—Was there anything said about the way you left the house?

A.—Yes. Mr. Alderton said I was driven away in a Chevrolet coupe.

Q.—Did you have any talk about getting groceries to the house?

A.—Yes. Alderton said he himself got the groceries, making the trips at night.

Goggles Felt Like Pair Used.

Sullivan handed Bremer a pair of goggles. Bremer said they felt like the pair kept over his eyes from the moment he was kidnaped in St. Paul until he arrived at the hideout.

Bremer said that on his trip to the house early this year he found nail holes in the windows of the room in which he was captive. These corresponded with nails used to board the windows, he testified. He also identified bathroom equipment from the house and again found that certain boards in the floor of the room still squeaked.

During that visit, he said, Alderton told him that he was acquainted with some members of the gang but that others were unknown to him.

"Did Alderton talk freely?" Sullivan asked.

He did. He answered all my questions regarding my captivity," Bremer answered.

Bremer was turned over to the defense for cross-examination.

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## Bremer Identifies Paper from Wall of His 'Prison'

St. Paul, Minn., April 17.—(UP)—Two soiled sections of flowered wallpaper were identified by Edward G. Bremer today as pieces taken from the room in a house at Bensenville, Ill., where he was held captive for twenty-one days while his kidnapers negotiated for ransom.

The identification, made by Bremer in the trial of his accused kidnapers, was one of the major links in the government's case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine confederates.

Lying in the darkened room with his head bandaged and his eyes taped much of the time, Bremer

said that nevertheless he was able to make studied observation of the cheap, poorly designed wallpaper.

### Identifies Both Fixtures.

Strips of the paper were placed before Bremer by United States District Attorney George H. Sullivan.

"Is this the wallpaper that was in that room?" Sullivan asked.

"That's it," the youthful banker replied.

Sullivan then placed before Bremer bathroom equipment taken from the house. Bremer also identified these.

Describing the room, Bremer said that boards covered the windows when he was held there in January and February of last year. When he returned there early this year, in the company of a federal agent, he saw holes of the nails that held the boards in place, he testified.

### Recalls Floor Squeaked.

"Did you observe anything about the bedroom floor?" Sullivan asked.

"The floor squeaked," Bremer replied.

Q.—And when you went back there in 1935? A.—The floor still squeaked.

Q.—Whom did you see there at that time? A.—Two men. I was told one was Mr. Alderton and the other Mr. Farmer. (Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, both defendants.)

Q.—Can you identify these men in this courtroom?

Bremer stepped down from the witness chair, walked a few paces to where the ten defendants were clustered and pointed out Alderton and Farmer.

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## BREMER TELLS KIDNAP TALE

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A hard blow to the defense was believed to have been struck when Bremer was permitted to testify that he had in January of this year, conversed at some length with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer at the Bensenville, Ill., house where he was held prisoner for three weeks, and that they had admitted their part in the kidnaping. Bremer said:

"Alderton asked me why I didn't like the fish he had cooked for me. I said I had no objection to it, and that I thought it was perch. He said it was bullhead. Farmer told me that when he received information it was me being held, that he almost fell over."

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# Father of Bremer Will Testify Today at Kidnaping Trial

Millionaire, Friend of F. D., to Aid in Attempt to Link Gang to Abduction in 1934

By United Press  
ST. PAUL — Federal prosecutors planned today to summon Adolf Bremer, friend of President Roosevelt and head of a millionaire family, to relive before a jury the 21 agonizing days when his son was held by kidnapers demanding \$200,000.

The white-haired banker and Brewer will collaborate on the witness stand with Walter Magee, "contact" agent in ransom negotiations, to make several important points against nine men and a woman accused of abducting Edward G. Bremer in January, 1934.

Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan, convinced he has proved a case of interstate kidnaping and linked at least three of the defendants with the crime, called Bremer and Magee to complete groundwork of proof of payment of the richest ransom in American history.

## IDENTIFIES TWO

The victim himself completed the trial's important testimony yesterday, identifying two residents of Bensenville, Ill., as among the men who held him captive three weeks.

He pointed out Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, defendants, and said both discussed the kidnaping with him after their arrest. He identified soiled scraps of wall paper from Alderton's Bensenville home as from the bedroom where he was confined, blindfolded except at rare intervals.

From photographs he identified a crack in the room's wall and he testified that when he visited the house early this year he found the same boards squeaking as when he was a prisoner.

## LINKS BARKER

The major sensation of the trial was testimony of John Brennan, agent of the Federal Justice Department, connecting Arthur (Doc) Barker with the crime.

Barker is the diminutive machine gunner who shared leadership of a notorious gang of Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas with Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1.

Brennan recounted a conversation with Alderton in the St. Paul jail last January.

"He told me then," the agent said, "that the guy who talked enough to

Bremer must have been Barker himself." Bremer testified yesterday that one of his captors was noticeably more abrupt and gruff than the others.

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"Are you the father of Edward Bremer?" Sullivan asked.

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### Identifies Ransom Notes

Mr. Bremer also identified several of the ransom notes sent by the kidnapers to various persons in the course of the abduction. Among those receiving the notes whom he identified were Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician; Miss Lillian Dickman, Edward Bremer's secretary; John Miller, recreation company head who found a note in a coffee can on his porch; and Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake.

Mr. Bremer also identified a note left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, for which Magee received the check.

Mr. Bremer wept again, after answering questions for nearly an hour without a break, when Mr. Sullivan asked him how his son looked when he saw him the night of his return.

### "Looked Like Wild Man"

In broken tones, between sobs, the aged man said, "he looked like a wild man. He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad. His face was drawn."

"What other things did you observe about your son outside of his

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usual appearance," asked the district attorney.

"He was talking—I thought he was out of his head," the father testified. "He said he promised that no one would be told about his return so that it would not appear in the morning paper. We wanted him to go to bed, he was so nervous. But he said that he would not go to bed because he could not sleep. He finally went to bed several hours later. He looked terrible. I never saw a man look so bad."

Tracing the course of the \$200,000 ransom paid for his son's release, Mr. Bremer said he obtained the money from the American National bank at the direction of his brother, Otto Bremer. He said the money was ready February 4, 1934, and was taken from the bank to his home at 855 West Seventh street, about midnight the following day by his brother and a Mr. Smith, who carried it in two suitcases.

The witness said the money was kept in his bedroom until February 6, when his youngest son, Adolf Jr., took it away and transferred it to Magee about 7:45 P. M. that day. Magee then drove out University avenue, in accordance with instructions from the kidnapers, Mr. Bremer said. He explained that the contractor had been instructed to carry the money in a small coupe, later discovered to have been stolen, in which was a note containing further directions.

The testimony of the first witness called at today's court session indicated that there had been a "hitch" in the ransom negotiations. The witness was Arthur B. Murray, son of a Faribault hotel and bus depot operator, who told of a ransom note which was never delivered.

The youth said that the note and a package to which it was attached by a string were handed him by a stranger with orders to deliver them to "a gentleman due on the 10:30 bus." About an hour later, however, the stranger returned and said the "gentleman" had missed the bus.

Murray said the package and letter remained unclaimed at the hotel until after Bremer's return, when they were opened. The package, he said, contained nothing but corn meal. He did not testify as to the contents of the letter, which he said was sent to postal authorities at St. Paul.

The youth's father, George W. Murray, then took the stand and corroborated his son's testimony.

Another witness this morning was Lillian Dickman, who told of receiving three ransom notes. She said they were given her by a man who appeared at her back door the night of February 5, 1934, who handed them to her with the admonition that they were "important and should be taken care of immediately." One of the notes was addressed to Adolf Bremer, a second to Magee and the third to herself, she testified. She identified Edward Bremer's signature on all three letters.

# SPARE NO TIME, FRANTIC APPEAL FOR AID ADDED

Contents of Ransom Notes Re-  
vealed for First Time at  
Kidnap Trial.

## AVOID POLICE, HE PLEADED

Missives to Others Seeking His  
Release Throw New Light  
on Ordeal.

A letter from Edward G. Bremer to his father, Adolf, in which the son described his incarceration while he was kidnaped as a "living hell" was introduced with the ransom notes today in Federal court here.

It was the first time that the contents of the ransom notes and letters in the \$200,000 kidnaping has been disclosed.

Edward Bremer's frantic appeal for relief from his "living hell" is given in the accompanying letter, which was introduced as evidence in the trial of ten men as the kidnapers:

### Text of Letter.

My Dear Father: I've seen the newspaper in which it states that you have made arrangements for every one to lay off for three days so that this letter can reach you and contact be made to pay off. I am sure that your word is good and that it will be as the paper stated, namely the boys can get this letter to you and make arrangements to receive the money and also get the money without any one but you and the man that is to pay off knowing anything about it. That means that no police or government officers will know anything about it and it can all be done on the quiet. Even though the police and government officers know nothing of these pay-off arrangements they will not be active in any way whatever during this three-day period so that there will not be any slip-up.

I told the boys that you were a man of your word when you said that there would not be any prosecution on your part and they are absolutely relying on that.

They also told me that they have tried to deal with you right along but that the government men have made it impossible. They said the government told you that they were

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# CAPTIVITY "LIVING HELL," BREMER SAID IN LETTER

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not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

Now Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected and am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

Pa, please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power to rush it through and relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to and don't lose any time. The sooner the better.

Pa, I am relying on you. This is most unbearable. It's just a living hell. I'm trying the best that's in me to fight this thing so I can see you and the family and Hertz again. Your

EDWARD.

Other ransom correspondence follows:

## FRIDAY EVENING.

Dearest Patz—Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out all right. Tell Hertz to be a good little girl. Her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you and her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bled a lot but it has been dressed and is all right now. Tell Pa not to worry. I'm treated nice and the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely. Yours ED.

This letter was written in the hideout the first night of Bremer's captivity and enclosed in the Nippert communication.

Friday evening.

Dear Walter: I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old stand by. Assure Emily and Pa that I'm all right. I knew you would use your head and work on this ALL ALONE—no police. The people that have me have given the impression that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone and I'm sure everything will come out all right. Be sure now—no strings attached. You and you alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions

—and again I say—alone. No police—just you.

(signed) Edward E. G. Bremer.

Friday evening.

Dr. H. T. Nippert,  
Lowry Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor—I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house—855 West Seventh street—or at the office wherever he may be. It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means all to me. Be sure however not to say a word to any one else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

(Signed) EDWARD G. BREMER.

This note was tossed through the front door of the Nippert home two days after the kidnaping.

## "Has You to Thank."

Charles McGee—You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance—the LAST.

FIRST OF ALL, ALL COPPERS MUST BE PULLED OFF.

Second, THE DOUGH MUST BE READY.

Third, we must have a new signal. When YOU are READY to meet OUR terms PLACE a NRA STICKER in the CENTER OF EACH of YOUR OFFICE WINDOWS. Well KNOW if the coppers ARE pulled off or NOT.

REMAIN at YOUR office daily from noon until 8:00 P. M.

Have the dough READY and WHERE YOU CAN GET IT WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES.

You will be instructed how to deliver it.

The MONEY MUST NOT BE HOT as it WILL BE EXAMINED before bremer is released.

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

We'll try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DON'T duck it.

MR. CHAS. MCGEE

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. BREMER.

Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)—

We now CANCEL previous instruction.

FOLLOW THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

TAKE THE MONEY and GET OFF THIS BUS at the next town called Owatonna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe.

The car is black and has a black tire cover WITH A ROUND WHITE SPOT PAINTED IN THE CENTER OF THE COVER.

PLACE THE MONEY IN THIS CAR and GET INTO IT AT ONCE.

Your next instructions are on the STEERING POST OF THE CAR.

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#### Work Full Day Friday.

Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit" who is one of the 10 defendants now on trial, showed up in a new seal skin jacket.

The jury, given the option by Trial Judge M. M. Joyce of "working" either a full day or half day Friday, chose the full session.

Many photographs introduced as government exhibits Wednesday were accepted as evidence today and were passed around among the jurors. The photographs are of both interior and exterior of the house at Bensenville, Ill., where Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks in January and February, 1934.

#### Package Left In Hotel.

First witness as court resumed at 10 a. m. today was Arthur G. Murray, Faribault, whose parents operate a hotel in which a bus station is located in that southern Minnesota city.

"Did your hotel ever receive a package during the time Mr. Bremer was kidnaped?" asked District Attorney George F. Sullivan.

"Yes, it was a package 10 by 8 inches. It was delivered to me by a man," Murray answered.

"What instructions did you get?"

"I was told to deliver the package to a man to arrive on the bus. The man didn't show up, so the man who gave it to me told me to hold it until called for."

The package was not called for, so it was opened about three weeks after Mr. Bremer was released, he said.

"In the box there was just some cornmeal," Murray said. "There was a letter tied on the outside."

He identified the letter, government exhibit No. 40, and stated that his parents had opened it.

#### Find Note To Bremer.

George W. Murray, father of the preceding witness, was called to the stand when the defense did not cross-examine him.

He testified that Mrs. Murray had opened the letter concerned during the time Mr. Bremer was held captive and that he sent it to the de-

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### Bremer's Father Sobs Telling Kidnap Story

partment of Justice. There was no cross-examination.

Mrs. Grace Miller, 1209 Hague ave., St. Paul, and her husband, John Miller, secretary-treasurer of the St. Paul Recreation club, testified to finding a letter addressed to Adolf Bremer in a coffee can on the porch of their home Jan. 17, 1934, after Mr. Miller had received a mysterious telephone call telling him to find it before some kids playing around there got hold of it. There was no cross-examination.

Lillian J. Dickman, secretary to Mr. Bremer at the Commercial State bank, testified that at 7:45 p. m. Feb. 5 a man rapped at the back door of her home at 1085 Portland ave. and handed her a letter.

"In the letter were two envelopes, one addressed to Adolf Bremer and the other to Mr. Magee," she testified. She said she delivered all the letters to Adolf Bremer. There was no cross-examination.

#### Adolf Bremer Testifies.

Adolf Bremer revealed obvious signs of emotion as he took the witness stand. He testified he had been in business here since 1877.

"When did you learn of the kidnaping?"

"When Walter Magee told me the car was near Highland park—but we couldn't find it."

"Who is Mr. Magee?"

"An old friend."

"What did you do then?"

"We went to my daughter's home, and later continued our search for the car. We found it about a half mile from Thornton's home on Edgumbe road."

"When did Dr. Nippert call?"

"Jan. 20, early in the morning—about 8 a. m.—He delivered a letter."

Mr. Bremer's eyes filled with tears,

#### Identifies Letters.

Mr. Bremer identified a series of letters he had received from Dr. H. T. Nippert, family physician.

"Do you call Jan. 22?" he was asked.

"Yes, I received a letter sent to Mr. Behrens on that day."

"When did you next get a letter?"

"Jan. 25, at home, from John Miller of the St. Paul Recreation."

"When did you next hear?"

"Walter Magee found a letter in a satchel he was told to call for at the bus depot."

"When did you receive the next one?"

"On Feb. 5, from Miss Dickman, after supper."

"When next did you hear?"

"From Father Deere (Prior Lake), Feb. 6, an old, old friend of our family. He called about 5:30 in the evening and handed me some letters."

Here Mr. Bremer broke down

"What preparations did you make as to getting any money?" Adolf Bremer was asked as he resumed the witness stand after the recess.

"My brother (Otto Bremer, he of the American National bank) and I made out a note to the American National bank," he answered.

"When was the money moved from the bank to your house?"

"Feb. 5, 1934, about midnight."

"How was it moved out?"

"In my own automobile."

"It was in two packages?"

"Yes."

"What was done with it?"

"It was put in my bedroom."

"When was it taken from your house?"

"Feb. 6, at 8:15 p. m., by a younger son, Adolf, Jr."

"Where did you meet your son?"

"On my front porch at midnight."

"Will you describe the appearance of Edward on his return?"

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Heavily Armed Pair Headed  
That Way, Broadcast  
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Kansas City, April 18.—(P)—Po-  
lice broadcasting stations here and  
in Kansas City, Kan., have ordered  
officers to be on the lookout for  
Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No.  
1" reported to be nearing this vicin-  
ity.

The officers were instructed to  
watch for a dark sedan, carrying  
two occupants, and to exert cau-  
tion as the men were heavily arm-  
ed.

The broadcast was based on re-  
ports received from Topeka, Kan.,  
that a motor car headed east from  
there carrying two men, one re-  
sembling descriptions of Karpis.

## TAXIMAN SAYS "FARE" RESEMBLED KARPIS.

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lice and state highway patrolmen  
today were investigating activities  
of a man who chartered a taxicab  
and ordered the driver to take him  
south of the city where he entered  
an automobile in which a second  
man was waiting.

After broadcasting a warning for  
authorities to be on the lookout for  
the car, officers said William Gay-  
nor, the cab driver, had said the  
man resembled Alvin Karpis.

Frank Stone, Sr., chief of police,  
and Wayne Horning, chief of detec-  
tives, were skeptical, however, say-  
ing Gaynor pictured his passenger  
as a much older man than Karpis.

Karpis is well known here, many  
of the police officers having been  
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As they approached the car, Magee noticed blood on the front seat, Mr. Bremer said. He added that the contractor would not let him get into the car, apparently because of the blood-soaked cushions.

### Identifies Ransom Notes.

Mr. Bremer also identified several of the ransom notes sent by the kidnapers to various persons in the course of the abduction. Among those receiving the notes whom he identified were Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician; Miss Lillian Dickman, Edward Bremer's secretary; John Miller, recreation company head who found a note in a coffee can on his porch; and Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake.

Mr. Bremer also identified a note left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, for which Magee received the check.

Mr. Bremer wept again, after answering questions for nearly an hour without a break, when Mr. Sullivan asked him how his son looked when he saw him the night of his return.

### "Looked Like Wild Man."

In broken tones, between sobs, the aged man said "he looked like a wild man. He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad. His face was drawn."

"What other things did you observe about your son outside of his

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usual appearance?" asked the district attorney.

"He was talking—I thought he was out of his head," the father testified. "He said he promised that no one would be told about his return so that it would not appear in the morning paper. We wanted him to go to bed, he was so nervous. But he said that he would not go to bed because he could not sleep. He finally went to bed several hours later. He looked terrible. I never saw a man look so bad."

Tracing the course of the \$200,000 ransom paid for his son's release, Mr. Bremer said he obtained the money from the American National bank at the direction of his brother, Otto Bremer. He said the money was ready February 4, 1934, and was taken from the bank to his home at 855 West Seventh street, about midnight the following day by his brother and a Mr. Smith, who carried it in two suitcases.

The witness said the money was kept in his bedroom until February 6, when his youngest son, Adolf Jr., took it away and transferred it to Magee about 7:45 P. M. that day. Magee then drove out University avenue, in accordance with instructions from the kidnapers. Mr. Bremer said. He explained that the contractor had been instructed to carry the money in a small coupe, later discovered to have been stolen, in which was a note containing further directions.

The testimony of the first witness called at today's court session indicated that there had been a "hitch" in the ransom negotiations. The witness was Arthur B. Murray, son of a Faribault hotel and bus depot operator, who told of a ransom note which was never delivered.

The youth said that the note and a package to which it was attached by a string were handed him by a stranger with orders to deliver them to "a gentleman due on the 10:30 bus." About an hour later, however, the stranger returned and said the "gentleman" had missed the bus.

Murray said the package and letter remained unclaimed at the hotel until after Bremer's return, when they were opened. The package, he said, contained nothing but corn meal. He did not testify as to the contents of the letter, which he said was sent to postal authorities at St. Paul.

The youth's father, George W. Murray, then took the stand and corroborated his son's testimony.

Another witness this morning was Lillian Dickman, who told of receiving three ransom notes. She said they were given her by a man who appeared at her back door the night of February 5, 1934, who handed them to her with the admonition that they were "important and should be taken care of immediately." One of the notes was addressed to Adolf Bremer, a second to Magee and the third to herself, she testified. She identified Edward Bremer's signature on all three letters.

not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

Now Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper. I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected and am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

Pa, please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power to rush it through and relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to and don't lose any time. The sooner the better.

Pa, I am relying on you. This is most unbearable. I am a living hell. I'm trying the best that's in me to fight this thing so I can see you and the family and Hertz again. Your

EDWARD.

Other ransom correspondence follows:

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

Dearest Patz—Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out all right. Tell Hertz to be a good little girl. Her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you and her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bled a lot but it has been dressed and is all right now. Tell Pa not to worry. I'm treated nice and the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely. Yours ED.

This letter was written in the hideout the first night of Bremer's captivity and enclosed in the Nippert communication.

Friday evening.

Dear Walter: I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old stand by. Assume Emily and Pa that I'm all right. I know you would use your head and work on this ALL ALONE—No police. The people that have me have given the impression that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will far and I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone and I'm sure everything will come out all right. Be sure now—no strings attached. You and you alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their direction.

—and again I say—alone. No police—just you.

(Signed) Edward E. G. Bremer.

Friday evening.

Dr. H. T. Nippert,  
Lowry Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor—I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house—855 West Seventh street—or at the office wherever he may be. It is very important that they be delivered right away as it means all to me. Be sure however not to say a word to any one else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

(Signed) EDWARD G. BREMER.

This note was tossed through the front door of the Nippert home two days after the kidnaping.

#### "Has You to Thank."

Charles McGee—You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance—the LAST.

FIRST OF ALL, ALL COPPERS

MUST BE PULLED OFF.

Second, THE DOUGH MUST BE

READY.

Third, we must have a new signal. When YOU are READY to meet OUR terms PLACE a NRA STICKER in the CENTER of EACH of YOUR OFFICE WINDOWS. Well KNOW if the coppers ARE pulled off or NOT.

REMAIN at YOUR office daily from noon until 8:00 P. M.

Have the dough **READY** and  
**WHERE YOU CAN GET IT WITH-**  
**IN THIRTY MINUTES.**  
You will be instructed how to  
deliver it.

**The MONEY MUST NOT BE HOT**  
as it **WILL BE EXAMINED** before  
Bremer is released.

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you  
can send him out with the dough.

We'll try to be ready for any  
trickery if attempted.

This is positively our **LAST** at-  
tempt. **DON'T** duck it.

**MR. CHAS. MCGEE**  
I have named you as payoff man.

You are responsible for my safety.  
I am responsible for the full amount  
of the money.

**E. BREMER.**

**Chas. McGee or Payoff Man**  
(John B. Brakeham)—

We now **CANCEL** previous in-  
struction.

**FOLLOW THESE NEW IN-**  
**STRUCTIONS.**

**TAKE THE MONEY and GET**  
**OFF THIS BUS** at the next town  
called Owatonna.

About 50 foot west of where this  
bus stops at the station you will  
find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe.

The car is black and has a black  
tire cover **WITH A ROUND**  
**WHITE SPOT PAINTED IN THE**  
**CENTER OF THE COVER.**

**PLACE THE MONEY IN THIS**  
**CAR and GET INTO IT AT ONCE.**

Your next instructions are on  
the **STEERING POST OF THE**  
**CAR.**

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

Thurs., Apr. 12, 1935

# FINAL RANSOM NOTE BARES THREAT OF DEATH TO VICTIM

The kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, gave their victim's father a "last chance" to pay \$200,000 ransom if he wanted to see his son alive and threatened to boost the ransom figure to half a million dollars if directions were not followed.

This was revealed when the final ransom note, giving directions for ransom payment, was read this afternoon in Federal court at the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine other defendants charged with the abduction.

It also was revealed at the afternoon session how original plans to carry the ransom money to a hotel in Des Moines were thwarted by a time lock. This testimony was given by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and contact man in the ransom negotiations.

The final ransom note was received by Rev. John Deere, Prior Lake priest, accompanied by a note from the kidnap victim asking that it be delivered secretly to his father, Adolf Bremer. "I am calling on you as a man of God to do something for me," Edward Bremer wrote. "It must be secret."

The ransom note was delivered to the elder Bremer during the 72-hour period in which he had promised to have no contacts with the authorities in order to give the kidnapers an opportunity to contact him some time following the abduction, January 17, 1934.

"We don't care nothing about your 72 hours grace," the note said. "Tonight is your last chance." After threatening that Edward Bremer would be "brought back stiff," the note added that "\$500,000 is the price if you don't follow directions immediately."

The instructions were that the "pay-off man," who in this case was Magee, go to 969 University avenue at 8 P. M., February 6. There he would find a small coupe, in the pocket of which there would be a note containing further instructions, the note said. Magee followed these instructions and found the car, which later proved to have been stolen.

The first witness called at this afternoon's session, Magee told of a

telephone call he received shortly after the kidnaping was staged the morning of January 17. The unidentified caller told him Bremer's automobile, which the banker was driving at the time of the abduction, would be found in Highland park south of the water tower. Magee also was directed to look for a note behind the stairs back of his office.

The witness then told of finding the blood-soaked car, in company with the victim's father, and the note demanding \$200,000.

In a subsequent note, left in a satchel checked at the St. Paul bus depot, Magee said he was directed to take a bus to Des Moines at 8 P. M. the same day and register at the Fort Des Moines hotel under the name of "John Brakeham," taking the ransom money with him.

"The instructions were not fulfilled," he explained, "because at that time the money was in the American National bank and the time lock was on."

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ST PAUL DISPATCH  
Thurs., Apr. 18, 1936

# KANSAS CITY COPS WATCH FOR KARPIS

Heavily Armed Pair Headed  
That Way, Broadcast  
Announces.

Kansas City, April 18.—(P)—Police broadcasting stations here and in Kansas City, Kan., have ordered officers to be on the lookout for Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1" reported to be nearing this vicinity.

The officers were instructed to watch for a dark sedan, carrying two occupants, and to exert caution as the men were heavily armed.

The broadcast was based on reports received from Topeka, Kan., that a motor car headed east from there carrying two men, one resembling descriptions of Karpis.

## TAXIMAN SAYS "FARE" RESEMBLED KARPIS.

Topeka, Kan., April 18.—(P)—Police and state highway patrolmen today were investigating activities of a man who chartered a taxicab and ordered the driver to take him south of the city where he entered an automobile in which a second man was waiting.

After broadcasting a warning for authorities to be on the lookout for the car, officers said William Gaynor, the cab driver, had said the man resembled Alvin Karpis.

Frank Stone, Sr., chief of police, and Wayne Horning, chief of detectives, were skeptical, however, saying Gaynor pictured his passenger as a much older man than Karpis.

Karpis is well known here, many of the police officers having been acquainted with him while he was a pupil at the Branner school a decade ago.

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

Thurs., Apr. 18, 1935

## Describes Contact With Kidnapers

Walter Magee, contact and pay-off man in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, took the stand in United States district court today to describe receipt of the first kidnap note which demanded \$200,000 ransom.

The St. Paul contractor, one of the government's principal witnesses at the trial of 10 persons charged with kidnap conspiracy, told of receiving a telephone call at 10:30 a. m. Jan. 17, 1934, the day Mr. Bremer was snatched.

"I got a telephone call saying that I was in a tough spot," Mr. Magee testified. "I was told about the kidnaping and that I would find a note under the steps at the rear of my office, 118 W. Central ave."

George Sullivan, United States district attorney, showed Mr. Magee a note and asked him if it was the one he found when he followed instructions.

Mr. Magee said it was and the note was offered in evidence.

The note follows:

"Mr. Charles McGee: Your it. Your friend is in a tough spot. You follow directions and don't communicate with police or your friend will be in a worse condition than he is now. We want \$200,000 in 5's and 10's. Don't try to stall. Don't try to communicate with us. We will do the directing. Don't plead poverty because we know how much money they've got in the bank. Don't get in touch with the cops because you are being watched. Insert ad in the personal column of the Minneapolis Tribune to read 'We are ready. Alice! You will hear further from us.'"

At the bottom were two lines written by Mr. Bremer:

"Dear Charles McGee," they read, "please follow instructions because I am responsible for the full payment of the money. Edward G. Bremer."

Went To Ryan Hotel.

"After receiving the note, did you go to the Ryan hotel?" Mr. Sullivan asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Magee. "Charles Tierney, Thomas Brown, Otto and Adolf Bremer were there." (Tierney and Brown are police detectives.)

"What else was told you in the telephone conversation?"

"I was told we would find Mr. Bremer's car south of the water tower in Highland park. We found it, after much difficulty, between Hamline and Snelling aves., on Edgumbe road."

"At the conference at the Ryan hotel did you exhibit the letter?"

"Yes."

"What did you do with Ed's car?"

Blood On Car.

"I saw it was all spattered with blood. I couldn't get it started, and Adolf Bremer was going to help me. I got him away without his seeing the blood. I had the car started by a man from a garage."

"Did you receive any other communications?"

"Yes, on Jan. 20. Mr. Bremer (Adolf) gave me a note addressed to me and delivered to him by Dr. Nippert, when I called at his home."

"Did you place NRA stickers on your windows as directed on this letter?"

"Yes."

"Did you get any more letters?"

"Yes, on Jan. 22. I got one delivered by Behrens."

"When next?"

"When Mr. Bremer called me to come to his home immediately. Mr. John Miller was there, delivering another letter. There was a claim check in the letter, which I took to the bus depot, receiving in return a bag in which was placed a letter. This was on the evening of Jan. 25. It was a black grip."

Couldn't Get Money.

"Why didn't you follow instructions?"

"We couldn't because the money was in the bank and the time lock was on."

"When was the money prepared?"

"I don't know. I wasn't present."

"Do you recall the note Father

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John Deere delivered to Mr. Bremer?"

"Yes, about 5 p. m. Feb. 6, 1934."

"Did you follow those instructions?"

"Yes, I did."

"What was done the evening of Feb. 6?"

**Got Instructions.**

"I went out to Mr. Bremer's house and got the instructions. We talked over how to get the money out of the house without being seen. We decided Adolf, Jr., would drive out Pleasant ave. to the Jefferson ave. intersection. There the money was to be handed to me. I then went to 969 University ave., got into the Chevrolet coupe. I placed the money packages and after getting keys and instructions from the right hand pocket of the car I drove to Farmington and followed the 9:15 Rochester bus until I came to four red lights. I turned to the left on the first cross road."

"When you got out on the highway where the red lights were which way did you turn?"

"To the left."

"What hour did you get to Farmington?"

"About 9 p. m. I waited for the bus."

"Did you follow the bus?"

"Yes."

"Then what?"

"When I passed out of Zumbrota, I saw the red lights on the east side of the road."

**Left Cash On Ground.**

"What did you do when you left the highway?"

"When I swung to the left down the road, a car swung in behind me, flashed its lights five times and so I got out, deposited the money on the ground and drove to Zumbrota where I called Adolf Bremer. I then returned to St. Paul and turned the car over to the department of justice."

"Did you notice any notices in the public press?"

"Yes, two notices."

**Hanni Called.**

Upon objection of the defense attorneys the description of the notices

was interrupted and Magee was excused without cross-examination.

Warner Hanni, special agent of the department of justice, Omaha, Neb., and formerly in charge in St. Paul in January, 1934, was the next witness. Questioning of Mr. Hanni started.

"Did you accompany Mr. Magee to Zumbrota?"

"Yes, on Feb. 8, 1934."

"What results?"

"We searched the grounds along the road and found three large flashlight (tube type) and one flashlight (box type)."

"Are these the ones (showing the exhibits)?"

**Had Red Lens.**

"Yes, though all had red lights when we found them." (One of the exhibits did not have a red lens.)

"Where did you find them?"

"Facing the main road in a straight line on the crest of the hill just before the small road on which Magee turned off."

"What did you do with the flashlights?"

"I sent them to Washington."

"Were you in charge of the St. Paul office, division of investigation?"

"Yes."

Defense claimed the flashlights have not been properly identified.

## ELDER BREMER SOBS STORY OF KIDNAPING

Tells of the Family's Anguish  
While Son Was Gone.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, April 18.—Adolph Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, broke down with sobs on the witness stand today as he told of his family's anguish while his son was held by a kidnap gang for three weeks for \$200,000 ransom. The witness is president of a brewing company and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

He was called to identify ransom letters in the kidnaping trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

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## SENIOR BREMER TO TESTIFY

ST. PAUL, April 18.—Adolf Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, kidnap victim, and Walter Magee, contact man for the Bremers who met agents of the Karpis-Barker gang to pay \$200,000 ransom money, were to testify here in Federal Court today against the ten defendants charged with kidnaping, and conspiracy.

The Government established the fact that Bremer was transported from Minnesota to Illinois, being held in a house at Bensenville, near Chicago, where Harold Alderton, a defendant, lived.

Bremer himself, completed his testimony yesterday, declaring that both Alderton and Elmer Farmer had admitted the kidnaping. He told of being held a prisoner at Bensenville, and of conversations the kidnapers had with him.

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## Bremer's Accusing Finger

### He Identifies 2 in Court



BREMER

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## PAIR IDENTIFIED IN BREMER CASE

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#### House Is Identified.

Bremer, who completed his testimony in the morning session, also identified pieces of wall paper taken from the room where the government says he was held.

Leon G. Rose, Chicago photographer, identified pictures of the interior of the Alderton house, and Raymond C. Suran, Chicago department of justice agent, identified sketches he made.

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## BREMER'S DAD- SOBS ON STAND IN KIDNAP CASE

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Indications of a "hitch" in negotiations that followed the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, were revealed in testimony in the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

Arthur B. Murray, whose parents operate a bus depot at Fairbault, Minn., told of a package, with a letter tied to it, which he received from a stranger who informed him "a man on the 10:30 o'clock bus will call for it." This occurred while Bremer was a captive.

The letter was undelivered and not opened until after Bremer's release, several days later, at Rochester, south of Fairbault.

Eugene F. Matthews, attorney for Harold Alderton, Jess Doyle and Oliver A. Berg, and Thomas W. McMeekin, counsel for Philip Delaney, objected to the line of questioning by George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, on the grounds that they were not familiar with the contents of the letter, but both were overruled by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Under further questioning by Sullivan, Murray testified that the package, opened after the St. Paul banker's release, was found to contain cornmeal.

It was shown to opposing attorneys. Before Murray was called, photographs of the alleged kidnap hideout at Bensenville, Ill., were distributed among the jurors.

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## Father of Bremer Sobs as He Tells of Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn., April 18.—(UP)—Adolf Bremer, elderly, white-haired father of Edward G. Bremer, broke down on the witness stand today as he related in a voice shaken with sobs the days of anguish the family suffered while young Bremer was in the hands of a kidnap mob.

Tears welled into the eyes of the aged man, president of a brewing company and personal friend of President Roosevelt, as he told of the family's suffering while kidnapers held his son for \$200,000 ransom. His testimony was stopped for minutes at a time as he struggled to regain his composure.

The elder Bremer was called to the witness stand by United States District Attorney George Sullivan while a hush gripped the courtroom. Young Bremer waited in an ante-room while his father testified.

Under the low-voiced questioning of Sullivan Bremer led up to the day of Jan. 17, 1934, when his son was seized and viciously beaten a

few moments after he had taken his daughter to school.

"When did you first learn of the kidnaping," Sullivan asked.

"When Walter Magee told me the car was near Highland Park—but we couldn't find it," Bremer answered.

Q.—What did you do then? A.—We went to my daughter's house. We continued the search for the car. We found it on Edgemoor road.

Q.—When did Dr. Nippert call? (Dr. H. T. Nippert, a friend of the family and one of the persons who received letters to be delivered to Bremer). A.—Jan. 20, early in the morning. He had been waiting for word. He delivered a letter.

Here Bremer's eyes filled with tears. He leaned forward in the witness chair and shook with emotion.

Sullivan held a letter before him. Q.—Is this the letter? A.—Yes.

The answer was barely audible. Sullivan paused a moment then

showed Bremer a series of letters he had received from Dr. Nippert.

Q.—Do you recall Jan. 22? A.—Yes, I received a letter sent to Mr. Behrens that day.

Q.—When did you next get a letter? A.—Jan. 25, at home, from John Miller a St. Paul business man.

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—Walter Magee found a letter in a satchel he was told to call for at a bus depot.

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—On Feb. 5, from Miss Dickman (secretary to young Bremer).

Q.—When did you next hear? A.—From Father Deere (of Prior lake) Feb. 6, an old, old friend of our family. He called one evening and handed me some letters.

Bremer's voice broke. He wiped his eyes with his hand.

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## BREMER FATHER SOBS ON STAND

ST. PAUL, April 18. (AP)—Adolph Bremer Sr., father of Edward Bremer, victim in a \$200,000 kidnaping, broke down on the witness stand today in the trial of ten persons charged with complicity in the crime, sobbing repeatedly.

The 66-year-old man, head of a brewery firm, was being questioned by District Attorney George F. Sullivan.

At Sullivan's second question, "Are you the father of Edward Bremer?" the elder Bremer faltered, "Yes," and began sobbing.

He identified Walter Magee, kidnap contact man, who aided in ransom negotiations, as "a close friend."

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# BARKER, KARPIS AND AIDS CITED BY SULLIVAN

Prosecutor Reveals \$57,000  
of Ransom Was Peddled in  
First Four Days.

PROMISES FULL DETAILS

Charges That McLaughlin and  
Others Changed Blocks of  
Bills in Chicago.

The names of Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and several of their henchmen today were linked with the actual kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, made his opening statement to the jury in Federal court.

The jury was completed shortly after the opening of court this morning.

Mr. Sullivan traced the kidnaping from the time the banker was slugged on the head at a street intersection January 17, 1934, until the time he was returned home February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

## Co-defendants Listed.

Co-defendants with Barker, all being tried on a conspiracy charge which carries a sentence up to life imprisonment under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are:

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer allegedly was kept prisoner for 21 days; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Oliver A. Berg, Illinois prisoner serving a life term; Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster; Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit"; and Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John J. McLaughlin, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago. Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty to conspiracy when the trial opened Monday.

In his opening statement, Mr. Sullivan disclosed for the first time since the kidnaping that \$57,000 of the ransom money was "peddled" in Chicago, mostly to banks, within four days by "money changers." In the statement he made no mention of Jess Doyle or Edna Murray, and also gave no indication of the evidence the government holds against two St. Paul defendants, Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton, both of whom are fugitives.

**Bremer Story Repeated.**  
More than half of his statement was a repetition of the story told by Mr. Bremer on his return by the kidnapers. Mr. Sullivan inserted in this story the names of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, George Ziegler and Byron Bolton as the men who took part in the actual kidnaping, negotiations for ransom, collection of the ransom and release of Bremer.

Sullivan promised the jurors detailed statements of the actual proceedings during the captivity of the St. Paul banker. He said that all of the persons actively engaged in carrying out the kidnaping had been fugitives, with one exception. He said that the kidnap mobsters went to Elmer Farmer, a tavern keeper in Bensenville, Ill., to obtain a hideout, and that Farmer arranged with Harold Alderton for use of the latter's home.

In his discussion of the "money changers" in the case, Sullivan enumerated Dr. Joseph Patrick Moran of Chicago, fugitive defendant, Minn.

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## Barker, Karpis and Aids Named in Prosecutor's Opening Statement.

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my Wilson, Moran's employe who is now on trial, Oliver Berg, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip J. Delaney, as principals in disposing of the ransom funds.

## One of Group Dead.

"This combination," he said, "including one Slim Gibson, now dead, passed in Chicago in four or five days about \$57,000 of the ransom money."

"The evidence will show that Berg, Moran and Gibson sat in a room in the Irving hotel in Chicago and passed out this money, three blocks of \$10,000 each and two blocks of \$15,000 each, to McLaughlin. It will show that McLaughlin, with Vidler and Delaney, would go up and down the street and change this money at banks and other places. It will show that Vidler, for example, would go into a bank with, say, \$1,500 and change it into \$100 bills. It will show that Delaney changed \$24,000 at one bank."

Sullivan said it was determined that Vidler would go to Louisville to change \$3,000 of the ransom money, that he was about to take a train when apprehended with \$2,500 of the money.

During the recitation of the case by Sullivan, the defendants, with the exception of Barker, seemed entirely indifferent and little interested. Barker sat and scowled continuously at Sullivan throughout. For the first time during the trial, Barker's sharp black eyes did not roll continuously over the court room, but stared steadily at Sullivan.

## List of Jurors.

The jurors are:  
Hubert P. ... 44 years old, Caledonia, former grocer.  
Homer Blanchard, 71, Lake City, retired liveryman.  
Earl Bateman, Plainview, trucking business operator.  
Mrs. Alice Hall, 681 East Wheelock parkway, St. Paul, housewife.

Robert Barkhuff, Austin, barber.  
Miss J. Maud Brown, 1833 Laurel avenue, St. Paul, seamstress.

Miss Mary McQuade, 505 Selby avenue, St. Paul, former pattern department manager.  
Frank Beaty, Lake City, electrical worker.

George Guiter, Racine, farmer.  
Ben Buckminster, Lake City, retired boat builder.

William Scherf, Frontenac, painter and farmer.  
Harry Jones, Austin, apartment and rooming house operator.

The two alternate jurors chosen are:

Francis McCrady, Waseca, county highway worker.  
Frank Bolstorf, Lansing, Minn., farmer.

As court was resumed, Judge M. M. Joyce addressed the jurors.

"Has any one sought to communicate with you?" All the jurors shook their heads in the negative.

The court admonished the tentative jurors, as he permitted them to go to their homes at the conclusion of court Monday, to talk to no one about the case and that it was their obligation to report to the court if any one attempted to communicate with them.

John Y. Brown, assistant attorney general from Washington, arrived here today to assist George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, and George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, in the prosecution.

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# ELDER BREMER TELLS OF PLOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 19 (U.S.).—Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan yesterday scored a decisive point in the prosecution of 10 defendants charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, when Judge M. M. Joyce admitted as evidence four flashlights, which the Government contends were purchased by Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang boss.

The final contact instructions sent by the kidnapers to Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, and Walter W. Magee to arrange the \$200,000 ransom also were described. Mr. Magee is business manager for the Bremer interests.

The aged father of Bremer testified, his voice choking and tears streaming down his face as he relived the moments when he feared for his son's life.

Karpis, pal of Arthur "Doc" Barker and other defendants, has never been caught. Late yesterday he was reported to have escaped another ambush at a California mountain resort.

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# Fingerprint Men Face Bremer Suspect Today

## Experts Called to Identify Suspects in Trial for Bremer Kidnaping

By United Press

ST. PAUL.—Fingerprint experts of the Justice Department were called today to identify Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker as directors of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Dist. Atty. George Sullivan said the experts would testify that finger prints of both Barker and Karpis were found on three large flashlights used to signal a "contact" man when the richest ransom in American history was paid.

Bremer, 37-year-old banker, son of Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer, was slugged and kidnaped on a St. Paul street in January of 1934 and held captive 21 days before being released. Twenty-two persons have been indicted for the crime, but only 10 are on trial. Barker is chief of the defendants. Karpis is a fugitive.

Prosecutors won a major victory in closing minutes of yesterday's court session when Judge M. M. Joyce admitted into evidence the three flashlights.

They were found, each with a red bulb, at the roadside spot near Rochester, Minn., where Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who acted as "contact" man, was signaled by red lights. Defense attorneys argued that their connection with the case was not demonstrable and demanded their exclusion.

The finger print experts also will testify, Sullivan said, that prints on an empty gasoline can found near the same spot were made by Barker and Karpis.

## ROW OPENS BREMER KIDNAP TRIAL OF 10

### Attorneys Argue as Oklahoman Identifies Barker as Man He Photographed.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, April 19.—Prosecution and defense counsel argued heatedly over the admissibility of a photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker at the opening today of the trial of 10 defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

John G. Duncan, formerly employed in the Oklahoma prison at McAlester, where the photograph was taken, was on the stand as the first Government witness. Questioning of him by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, brought objections by defense attorneys.

The Oklahoma official stepped down to point out Barker, one of the defendants. John C. Decourcy ordered his client to "stand up" before Duncan could get close enough. Defense attorneys charged that the maneuver of the Government was "prejudicial."

"Do you recognize Doc Barker as the man you photographed in this court room?" asked Sullivan.

"Yes," Duncan replied.

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## Elder Bremer Sobs Son's Kidnap Story

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 18.—The death-threatening ransom notes which demanded payment of as much as twice the \$200,000 finally yielded for his release were introduced today in the trial of ten alleged conspirators in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Just before their introduction, Adolph Bremer, sr., father of the victim, had told of receiving them and in broken tones of his anguish on his son's return from his 21-day captivity.

"He looked like a wild man," the 66-year-old brewery head described his son. "He could not stand up. He looked terribly bad."

The elder Bremer wept freely and on several occasions the court ordered a delay until he had regained his composure.

Running through the ransom notes were repeated demands that "the coppers must be pulled off."

An apparent attempt at trickery in connection with ransom negotiations was related by the day's first witness, Arthur Murray, whose parents operate a bus depot at Faribault, Minn. He said a package and a letter were left at the depot to be called for. This was while Bremer was held. After his release, the package, still uncalled for, was opened and found to contain corn meal. Contents of the letter were not brought out in court.

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# St. Paul Girl's Story Unshaken Under Severe Grilling

A terrific bombardment of questions by defense attorneys late today failed to shatter the damaging story told by a government witness, a young St. Paul woman, at the trial in United States district court of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

When Florence Humphrey, 529 Holly ave., left the witness stand her story that she sold flashlights the government contends were used to signal the payoff man in the kidnaping to Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, was unshaken.

Further weight to her story was added when a federal agent and a former agent testified that a cap similar to the one Miss Humphrey said Karpis wore was found in the Chevrolet coupe which Walter Magee contact man, used to drive to the spot where the \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Miss Humphrey identified a picture of Karpis as the man she sold the flashlights to.

Cross-examination by John De Courcy, Eugene Matthews, A. Jerome Hoffman and Thomas Newman failed to alter her story an iota. he was one of the best government witnesses to date. Miss Humphrey is a clerk at the Grand-Silver store, 7th and Cedar sts.

In response to questions of prosecuting attorneys, and with no sign of stress or emotion as she faced the 10 alleged gangsters and aids who are on trial on kidnaping conspiracy charges, she testified that on Jan. 27, 1934, she sold three flashlights to a man whom she later identified from a photograph as Alvin Karpis, gunmen and co-leader of the now broken kidnap mob.

## Accuses Karpis



To the witness stand in United States district court today the government called FLORENCE HUMPHREY, 529 Holly ave., clerk in the Grand-Silver department store in an effort to show that she sold flashlights used to signal the payoff man in the Bremer kidnaping to Alvin Karpis, member of the Karpis-Barker gang.



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These flashlights, the government contends, were the ones used by the kidnapers to signal Walter W. Magee, "payoff man," on the night he turned over \$200,000 in small bills to effect the release of Mr. Bremer.

#### Identifies Photo.

Miss Humphrey was neatly dressed in black, with a yellow lace collar, a fox choker and tan coat.

She was first shown government exhibit 58, a picture of Alvin Karpis. "Have you ever seen this man before?"

"Yes, on Jan. 27, in the electric department of the store," she said. "I waited on him and he said he wanted three flashlights."

"How was he dressed?" "He had a dark uniform, high lace boots, and a dark blue cap."

A cap answering that description was introduced in evidence.

"Is this the same cap?"

"It is the same kind."

"What else did he say?"

#### Was Nervous.

"He was nervous and said he was in a hurry. He said he was going into the woods with them. There were two dark flashlights and one nickel-plated one."

"Are these the flashlights?" she was asked, as the three flashlights which already have been introduced in evidence were shown her.

"They are the same kind."

"What else did he buy?"

"He had a red lens in his hand and asked me if we had any of them. I told him no."

"Did he pay for the flashlights?"

"Yes, with a \$5 bill."

"Did they have plain glass lenses?"

"Yes."

"What batteries?"

"Two Everready, and one had Arrow batteries."

"What next?"

"He went out."

#### Barber Called.

Edward Bishop, former Bensenville barber, was the first afternoon

witness. He said that since June, 1934, he has lived in Wisconsin. He said he knew Alderton for some time having met him in his barber shop. He identified Alderton when the latter was requested to stand up. He also identified Alderton's home from a photograph.

"What was on the west side of Alderton's home in January, 1934?"

"A garage and alley."

"Where was your home in reference to the alley?"

"About 150 feet away."

"Did you rent your garage?"

"Yes, I rented it in the middle of January, 1934."

"To who did you rent this garage?"

"To Harold Alderton."

"Did you and Alderton have a talk about it?"

"In the middle part of December, 1933."

#### Put Locks On Doors.

"Where did you have this talk?"

"In Bensenville."

"Did you make terms?"

"\$5 a month."

"Did he pay you?"

"I think that same day and in the middle part of January, 1934."

"After he rented the garage did he do anything to it?"

"He put locks on the back door and the screen door leading to the other half of the double garage."

"That's all."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"How long had you known Alderton?"

"Since 1930."

"When he paid you, was it cash or checks?"

"Cash."

"Who lived with Alderton?"

"His mother, an elderly woman."

"How soon after he rented did he put on the locks?"

"I don't know."

"Were they ordinary locks?"

"Yes. Cheap padlocks."

Is Cross-Examined.

Cross examination by DeCourty:

"When did you make the sale?"

"Jan. 7, 1934."

"Who after that date talked to you about the lights?"

"Mr Hanni about six weeks later."

"You wait on a lot of customers?"

"How many batteries go into a light?"

"Three."

"How many in the lantern type?"

"Four."

"In your department do you carry red bulbs?"

"No."

"You sent him to Western Auto Supply?"

"Yes. Because we try to please customers."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"Did he show you the photo?"

(Karpis). "I picked it out myself."

"Do you see the man you identified in this courtroom?"

"No."

"Did you ever see him since or before?"

"No."

Was Unusual Sale.

"Can you remember the dress of every person and the change given on every purchase?"

"It was unusual to buy three flashlights at one time."

"Do you remember the conversation of every customer?"

"No. But this one was so unusual."

Cross-examination by Matthews:

"When he came in to buy flashlights did he ask for three?"

"Yes."

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# UNDERWORLD FIGURE CALLED 'FINGER MAN'

Oklahoma Prison Attache  
Leaves Stand and Points  
Out Barker.

## OTHER PICTURES OFFERED

Likenesses of Men Listed as  
Fugitives Identified by  
Police Officers.

The name of Harry Sawyer, former lieutenant of "Dapper Dan" Hogan, slain underworld kingpin, was brought today into the Federal court trial of ten defendants for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.



Sawyer, now a fugitive from justice, Harry Sawyer, is named by the government as the "finger man" in the abduction—that is, the man who pointed out Bremer to the actual kidnapers.

His picture was introduced as evidence in the trial today, with enough other photographs of others accused of the abduction to stock a fair sized rogues' gallery.

Picture of S. J. Nielsen, identified by Hans J. Nielsen, for six years superintendent of the Omaha police bureau of identification, who

## MISSOURI WANTS EDNA

If Edna Murray, who escaped from the Missouri penitentiary, is released by the Federal court here as an accomplice in the Bremer kidnaping, she will be returned to that institution.

Telegraphic orders for the return were received today by Sheriff Thomas Gibbons.

said he had taken it at Omaha police headquarters. Nielsen said he knew Sawyer also as "Harry J. Porche," "Harry Sandlovich" and "Harry Sandovich."

## Fight Over Barker Photo.

Strenuous objection by the defense greeted efforts to introduce a picture and fingerprints of Arthur (Doc) Barker, defendant in the trial and alleged leader of the kidnap gang, which were taken when he was a convict in the Oklahoma state penitentiary.

Identification of the picture and prints was made by Dr. J. G. Duncan, formerly connected with the prison and now with the Oklahoma state started to comply with the examination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney. Asked if he recognized Barker as the man he photographed, Duncan answered in the affirmative.

"Will you step down and point him out?" Sullivan asked the witness.

Duncan left the stand and pointed in Barker's direction. "He is the third man down," the Oklahoma official said.

Sullivan then asked Duncan to step around the guard rail and point out Barker. As the Oklahoma crime bureau, under request, a storm of objections arose from defense counsel. One of the counsel, A. J. Hoffman, made his objection as Judge M. M. Joyce started to speak.

## Judge Warns Lawyer.

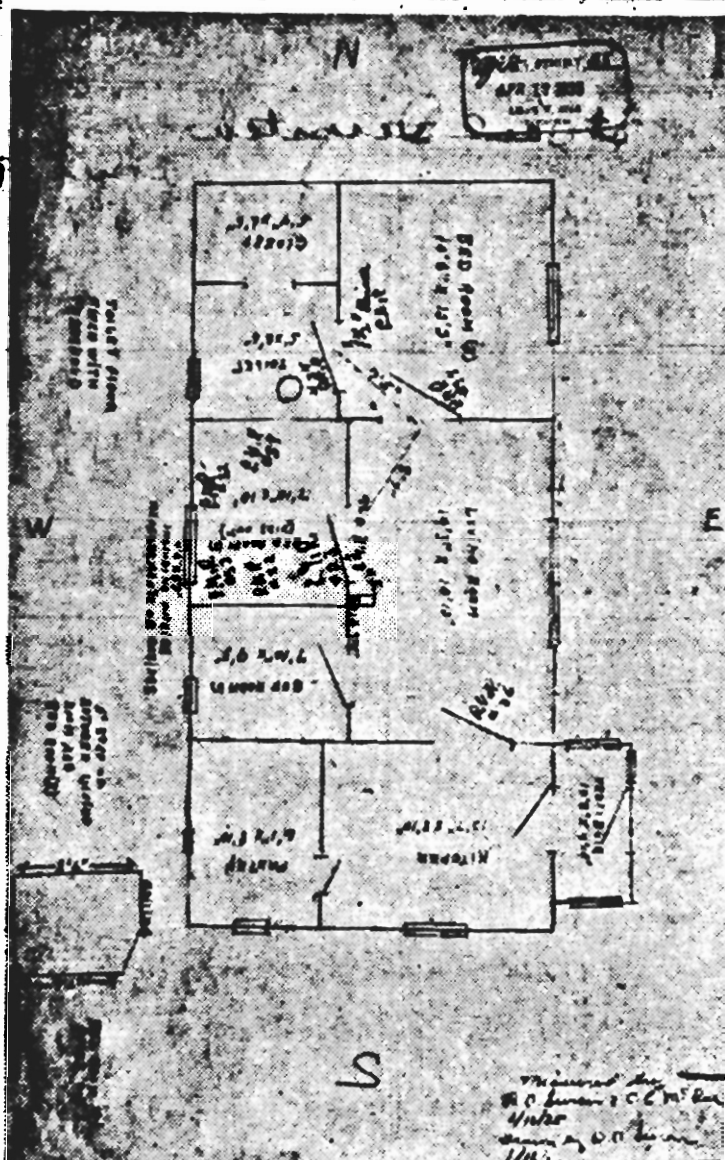
"Just a moment, Mr. Hoffman, I don't want any interruption," the judge admonished.

As Duncan approached Barker, the gangster's attorney, John DeCourcy, ordered his client to stand

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# FIGURE IN BREMER CASE



Introduced as evidence in the trial of ten defendants for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, is the floor plan shown above, prepared by Department of Justice agents. The plan is of the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, at Bensenville, Ill., where the government charges Bremer was held captive. The bedroom marked with several initials is the room in which the prosecution alleges the banker was kept. Below at the left is Alvin Karpis, fugitive gangster, alleged to have purchased the flashlights used to mark the place south of Zumbrota where the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money was to be left for the kidnaper. At the right is Werner Hanni, former chief of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation here, whose failure to mark the lights permanently for identification led to a court battle Thursday over their admissibility as evidence. They finally were admitted over defense objections.

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# U. S. EXPERTS CALLED IN BREMER KIDNAPING

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Found on "Contact" Flashlight,  
Says Prosecutor.

By the United Press.

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## DEATH NOTES READ AT BREMER TRIAL

**Kidnappers Demanded Double  
Ransom if Payment Was  
Not Made at Once.**

**FATHER WEEPS ON STAND**

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The same note said the "price" would be raised to \$500,000 if demands for \$200,000 ransom were not met immediately. Earlier testimony had also told that the younger Bremer was threatened with death when he was abducted.

In notes to his wife and daugh-

ter, Edward Bremer was reassuring, but in another, to his father, the captive pleaded "please hurry, as this is a matter of living years every day. It's just a living hell."

Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family, who acted as intermediary and pay-off man, followed. Adolph Bremer to the stand.

He testified that a time lock blocked one plan for payment of the ransom. He had been instructed to bring the money to a Des Moines, Iowa, hotel, traveling by bus, he told the jury. But the money was in a bank under time lock at the time set and the plan had to be abandoned.

The ransom finally was paid on a road near Zumbrota, Minn.

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# Father of Bremer Weeps As He Tells of Kidnaping

## Jury Told Gang Asked More Than Twice \$200,000 Paid

ST. PAUL, April 15 (AP).—Ransom notes which demanded more than twice the \$200,000 finally paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were introduced today in the trial of ten alleged conspirators in the abduction.

Just before their introduction, Adolph Bremer sr., father of the victim, told of receiving them and of his son's alarming appearance on his return from his twenty-one-day captivity. "He looked like a wild man," the sixty-six-year-old brewery head said.

The elder Bremer wept and on several occasions the court ordered a delay until he had regained his composure.

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Federal agents are reported investigating a tip on the plan which called for the shooting of Bremer as he walked to or from his daily lunch at a restaurant.

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**ON GUARD**—Tommy Gibbons, ex-prize fighter, now a sheriff, directs guards watching over the Bremer kidnapers.

International News photo.

## U. S. Wins Point in Bremer Trial; Federal Attorney SCORES

Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan scored a decisive point yesterday in the prosecution of ten defendants charged with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer when Judge M. M. Joyce in St. Paul admitted as evidence four flashlights which the government contends were purchased by Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader.

ent by the kidnapers to Adolph Bremer, father of the victim, and Walter W. Magee, to arrange the \$200,000 ransom also were described in the final hour of yesterday's testimony when the ransom note was read.

Earlier the aged father of Bremer testified, his voice choking with sobs and tears streaming down his face as he relived the moments when he feared for his son's life.

Magee is business manager for the Bremer interests. Bremer was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released the following February 6.

Karpis, pal of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and other defendants, has never been caught.

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**SOBS DURING TRIAL**  
 Adolph Bremer, father of  
 kidnap victim, who testified  
 yesterday in St. Paul.

**BREMER RANSOM  
 NOTES REVEALED  
 AT KIDNAP TRIAL**

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 18.—[Special.]  
 —Adolph Bremer, 66, millionaire St.  
 Paul brewer, and father of Edward G.  
 Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was kid-  
 naped Jan. 17, 1934, sobbed repeatedly  
 today as he told a jury trying Arthur  
 [Doc] Barker and nine other defend-

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 served as go-between payoff man for  
 the family.

Magee followed Bremer to the stand  
 and told of ransom negotiations with  
 the kidnapers, among whom have been  
 named besides Barker, Alvin, Karpis

and Harry Campbell, fugitives, and  
 George Zeigler, now dead.

Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill.,  
 farmer, in whose home Bremer was  
 held captive; Elmer Farmer, tavern  
 keeper, accused of having transmitted  
 information for the gang, and John  
 J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago, ac-  
 cused of having passed part of the  
 ransom money, also are on trial.

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## BREMER'S LIFE THREATENED BY GANG FUGITIVES

### U. S. Agents Reveal Effort to Halt Kidnaping Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—(UP)—The remnants of the Barker-Karpis gang, ten members of which are on trial her for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, have made recent threats to kill the wealthy banker, it was revealed today.

The threats to put Bremer "on the spot" were made by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitive members of the gang, according to department of justice investigators.

As a result, special guards have been assigned to Bremer, who is in daily attendance at the federal court trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine others on the kidnaping charges.

#### Followed Talk with Two.

The death warnings were received by Bremer, member of a family of wealthy brewers, after he had "talked things over" with Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, two of the accused kidnapers. The banker testified that Alderton and Farmer confessed their part of the kidnaping to him.

The plans of Karpis and Davis called for the shooting of Bremer on his way to a St. Paul restaurant, the government agents said. The plot was believed to have been hatched when the fugitive gunman learned of Bremer's talk with Alderton and Farmer and feared the two confederates may have named Barker and Karpis as leaders of the gang.

In his testimony Bremer did not mention the name of either Karpis or Barker. This information was given to the jury later, however, by John Brennan, a federal agent.

#### Barker Identified.

The start of Barker's criminal career a decade ago in the wild Cookston hills of Oklahoma was injected into the trial.

The government called John Duncan of the Oklahoma state division of investigation to tell the jury of nine men and three women of Barker's first criminal record.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan if he could identify Barker, the western peace officer stepped down from the witness stand and strode to the cluster of defendants near the rail.

#### Stands Up Red-Faced.

There was a flurry of excitement as the court instructed Barker to stand up. The little gangster's face was livid red as he rose to his feet.

Duncan identified him as the man whose picture and fingerprints he had taken on Feb. 10, 1922, the date of Barker's first encounter with the law. Over vigorous objection of counsel the court ruled that the fingerprints should be admitted as evidence.

By them it was anticipated the government later planned to show that they corresponded to fingerprints on equipment alleged to have been used by the Bremer kidnapers and thus definitely link Barker with the abduction.

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## FINGERPRINTS ACCUSE TWO IN KIDNAPING

St. Paul, April 19 (UP).—Finger-print experts of the federal justice department were called today to identify Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, successors to John Dillinger as the nation's first public enemies, as directors of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Their entrance into the trial of 10 persons accused of an international conspiracy in the crime inaugurated a new phase of testimony, in which government attorneys will attempt to show the part played by each defendant.

Dist. Atty. Sullivan said the experts would testify that fingerprints of both Barker and Karpis were found on three large flashlights used to signal a "contact" man when the richest ransom in American history was paid.

Bremer, 37-year-old banker son of Adolf Bremer, wealthy brewer, democratic party leader and friend of President Roosevelt, was slugged and kidnaped on a St. Paul street in January of 1934 and held captive 21 days before being released. Twenty-two persons have been indicted for the crime, but only 10 are on trial. Barker is chief of the defendants. Karpis is a fugitive.

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By the Associated Press.  
 St. Paul, April 19.—From a woman department store employe the Government today drew testimony linking Alvin Karpis, hunted public enemy No. 1, with the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping for which 10 others—among them Arthur (Doc) Barker, named as Karpis' partner—are on trial.  
 Her testimony came near the end of a session given over chiefly to introduction of exhibits as the Gov-

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## Bremer Witness Identifies Karpis

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Karpis is not on trial, being at large, but the testimony served to link his gang, 10 of whom are being tried here, with the kidnaping.

Florence Humphrey, department store clerk, made the identification.

## Police Guard Bremer From Gang Bullets; Fear Revenge Move

### Banker Received Threat Note Three Months Ago Signed by Alvin Karpis, Agents Reveal

By United Press

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Justice Department agents revealed yesterday that the wealthy banker is in constant danger of gang bullets, threatened with vengeance by hunted members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang.

#### WARNED BY KARPIS

The Government manhunters said warnings of retribution reached Bremer three months ago. They named Alvin Karpis, the Nation's Public Enemy No. 1, and Volney Davis, Kansas City gangster, as authors.

Both are fugitives, indicted with 20 others for a part in Bremer's abduction in January 1934. The banker was held 21 days in a Bensenville, Ill., house, blindfolded and suffering from head wounds inflicted when he resisted seizure.

Karpis and Davis planned to shoot Bremer two months ago on a St. Paul street, the agents said. He has been guarded since that time. Precautions were doubled today to protect him in his week-end movements.

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She said positively, despite determined cross examination, that she sold three such lamps to Alvin Karpis. She identified Karpis from photos.

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## KARPIS IDENTIFIED BY BREMER WITNESS

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Florence Humphrey, department store clerk, made the identification. She was shown a photograph of the outlaw and District Attorney George F. Sullivan asked:

"Did you ever see this man?"

She answered quietly:

"Yes, on January 27, I waited on him and he said he wanted three flashlights."

Shown the flashlights, she identified them. The Government asserts they bore Karpis' fingerprints.

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# CANS TO BE EVIDENCE

*Offered to Prove Bremer  
Was Taken From State.*

ST. PAUL, April 20 (A. P.).—Gasoline cans allegedly bearing finger prints of Arthur (Doc) Barker will be offered in evidence Monday in the trial of ten defendants charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The District Attorney will call witnesses who found the gasoline cans near Portage, Wis., and will attempt to prove that they bore the prints of the reputed coleader with Alvin Karpis in the \$200,000 abduction.

The cans, the Government will charge, were discarded by the Barker-Karpis mob as they were transporting Bremer from St. Paul

on January 17, 1934, to the hideout in Bensenville, Ill. Through this evidence the prosecution hopes to bring out that Bremer was carried across the State line and thus establish the Federal Government's jurisdiction in the case under the Lindbergh law.

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# REVEAL PLOT TO KILL BREMER AFTER RELEASE

**Witness Tells Plan in Court;  
Karpis Chief Factor; Ident-  
fied as Flashlight Buyer**

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 19.—Threats to put Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, "on the spot" were reported today as the trial of ten Barker-Karpis mobsters, charged with kidnaping the banker, was resumed in federal court.

The death plans were formulated by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitive members of the gang, after Bremer, in company with federal agents, revisited the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where he was held captive in January and February, 1934.

The plot was hatched, it was believed, when the fugitive gunmen learned that during their conversation with Bremer, Alderton and Farmer mentioned the names of both Arthur (Doc) Barker, now on trial, and Karpis, as well as several others.

Mrs. Florence Humphry, saleswoman in a department store here, today identified a photograph of Karpis as that of the man to whom she sold three flashlights. The flashlights, already in evidence, were found on the lonely road near Humboldt, Minn., where the ransom was paid. The government contends they were used for signaling.

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## LIFE OF BREMER THREATENED BY GANG, JURY TOLD

### Karpis Named Buyer of Signal Lights.

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, fugitive leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, today was identified definitely as the man who purchased flashlights used as the payoff signal in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, for which ten persons are on trial in United States District court here.

A picture of Karpis was identified by Mrs. Florence Humphrey, employé in a St. Paul department store, as that of the man who bought the signal lights and red lenses from her last Jan. 27, when Bremer was a captive. The lights, put in evidence yesterday by the government, were found near Mazeppa, Minn., where the payoff was made by Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor and friend of the Bremer family.

#### Bremer Again Threatened.

Other developments of the fifth day of the trial in which Arthur ["Doc"] Barker, and nine others, including John J. ["Boss"] McLaughlin of Chicago are charged with kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap included:

Revelation that threats to put Bremer "on the spot" have been made by remnants of the Barker-Karpis gang within the last three months.

Identification of a number of photographs of fugitives who are sought in connection with the kidnaping, including Dr. Joseph P. Moran of Chicago, former intimate of McLaughlin, who is reported to have treated Bremer's wounds during his stay at Bensenville and William Harrison, former Chicago golf professional.

Introduction of fingerprints of Barker as matching prints on gasoline cans found along the route driven by Bremer's abductors from Bensenville, Ill., to Rochester, Minn., when they released him.

#### Rented Garage to Alderton.

Testimony by Edward R. Bishop of Tomahawk, Wis., formerly of Bensenville, that he had rented a garage to Harold Alderton, Bensenville farmer and one of the defendants.

Coincident with the revelation that Bremer's life has been threatened, it was learned that the wealthy young banker is guarded constantly.

Plans to kill Bremer, reported made by Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, fugitives, were started after he visited Bensenville early this year and identified the house where he had been held for 21 days after his kidnaping on Jan. 17, 1934. The plan, department of justice agents learned, was to shoot Bremer on a St. Paul street.

#### Describes Career of Crime.

The start of Barker's criminal career a decade ago in Oklahoma was injected into the trial today as the government put John Duncan of the Oklahoma state division of investigation on the stand.

Duncan also identified a photograph of Volney Davis, who was known as the boy friend of Edna Murray, another of the defendants. Davis escaped from federal agents at Yorkville, Ill.

Davis was taken by airplane from Kansas City and the ship was forced down at Yorkville. While a federal agent was phoning Chicago headquarters another agent stood drinking beer with Davis. Suddenly Davis dashed the beer in the agent's face, leaped through a window, and fled.

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# GUARD BREMER AGAINST DEATH THREAT OF GANG

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# **Bremer Jury to Go To Church Easter**

St. Paul, April 20 (P).—Jurors hearing evidence against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others in the Bremer kidnap trial will get a reprieve from hotel-room confinement Sunday—to attend Easter services at St. Paul churches. Escorted by bailiffs, the jurors will go to churches of their choice. The jurors will return to court Monday, start of the second week of the trial, to get the "gasoline can" evidence. Court was in recess today.

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**BREMER KIDNAP PROSECUTION IS DEALT HARD BLOW**

**Confession in Plot Is Withdrawn.**

St. Paul, Minn., April 20.—[Special.]—Chances for a successful prosecution of ten alleged members of the Barker-Karpis gang for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer today were struck a smashing blow when it was reported that Byron Bolton, confessed member of the gang, had recanted his confession and asked to take his place beside the other defendants with a plea of not guilty.

Bolton pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to kidnap when the trial started Monday.

According to the report, federal

agents have warned Bolton all week in an attempt to bolster his desire to be a witness against other members of the gang.

**Fear Gangland Penalty.**

Evidence of fear of the gangland law of "death for the squealer" has been indicated by the vigilance of guards at the Ramsey county jail where Bolton is lodged and over every movement of the principals in the trial before Judge M. M. Joyce in United States District court.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney who heads the prosecution, while refusing all week to state definitely whether he intends to put Bolton on the stand as a government witness, apparently had been expecting to do so.

**Guard Against Karpis Move.**

Review of testimony during the first week of the trial to a certain extent bore out the belief that witnesses were in fear of Alvin Karpis, fugitive lead-

er, and other leaders of the gang still at large.

Bremer passed two days on the stand telling about the year old kidnaping. Testimony of John E. Brennan, special agent, as to statements made by Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, added to testimony of Bremer, showed that members of the gang came and went during most of the 21 day period during which the young St. Paul banker was held.

Two gasoline cans used by kidnapers in returning Bremer from his Bensenville captivity will be produced by the government Monday. Government experts will show that fingerprints found on the cans are those of Doc Barker. Prison fingerprints of the defendant already are in evidence.

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## Fingerprints Used in Barker Trial

By United Press

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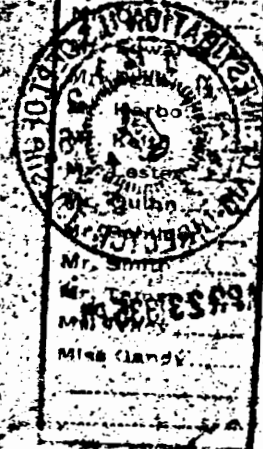
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Gas Cans Offered As  
Bremer Case Evidence

## Fingerprints Expected To Link Karpis

**Drouth-Hit Farmer, Who  
Couldn't See Why  
Cans Were Thrown  
Away, Testifies.**

The inherited trait of economy of a drouth-hit Wisconsin farmer, and his inability to understand why anyone should discard four perfectly good five-gallon gasoline cans and an equally good funnel, today was aiding the federal government's efforts to identify Barker-Karpis mobsters as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

When he found the cans and the funnel in the snow alongside the side road near Portage, Wis., where his farm is located, he carefully picked them up, took them home and placed them on a shelf in his garage, Reuben F. Grossman testified as the second week of the trial of gangsters and alleged aids got under way in federal district court.

After several days the mystery still bothered him, he said, so he telephoned the sheriff's office at Portage—and today the cans and funnel, said to contain the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, fugitive co-leader of the indicted kidnap gang, and maybe others, were introduced as evidence against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others.

The kidnapers used the cans to refuel the car which was carrying the kidnap victim from the Bensenville, Ill., house where he had been held prisoner for three weeks, to Rochester, Minn., where he was turned loose after relatives and friends had paid \$200,000 ransom, the government intends to show.

Court was delayed beyond the  
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usual opening time of 10 a. m. by the tardiness of John De Courcy, attorney for "Doc" Barker and Edna Murray. Judge M. M. Joyce cautioned him to arrange his affairs in other courts so as not to interfere with the Bremer trial.

Ernest J. Malasch, farmer near Portage, Wis., was the first witness as the government began the testimony which it expects will make possible identification of some of those on trial through fingerprints found on gasoline cans. Malasch's farm is on a side road north of United States highway 16.

He testified, under questioning by District Attorney George F. Sullivan, that on Feb. 7, 1934, about 4 p. m., he saw a car pull into the side road, two men standing in back of it, but said he could not see what they were doing.

After locating the scene on a map, he was excused without cross-examination.

Malasch's neighbor Reuben F. Grossman, was the next witness.

Returning home from fishing, late in the day of Feb. 7, he found four gasoline cans, "two near wheel tracks in the snow and two just off the road about three-quarters of a mile off the main road," he testified.

"Anything besides the gasoline cans?"

"A small funnel."

He testified that he smelled the cans, looked for and found the screw caps, and took them all home. Four five-gallon cans and a funnel were introduced in evidence and identified by Grossman.

"Did you talk to anyone about them?"

"Yes, a deputy sheriff, about four days later."

"What did you do?"

He took the gasoline cans and funnel to Portage.

Two or three days later a federal agent named McKee visited the farm, questioned Grossman, and was shown where the cans were found.

**Sheriff's Deputy Testifies.**

Grossman was cross-examined by Mr. De Courcy. He said that no member of the family had handled the cans, so far as he knew.

Harry N. Hibner, sheriff's deputy, testified to getting the cans from Grossman and taking them to Portage. He said he had viewed the place where the cans were found.

"What about car tracks?"

"There was nothing distinct, but marks did show a car had turned around there."

The funnel was mailed to the department of justice at St. Paul Feb. 13 after telegraphic communication regarding the finding of the cans and the funnel, Hibner said.

Sam M. McKee, agent of the di-

vision of investigation, corroborated the testimony of Grossman and Hibner, and told of bringing the cans to St. Paul, and turning them, together with funnel which he had received by parcels post, over to Werner Hanni, then in charge of the department of justice offices.

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# BREMER TRIAL WITNESS BALKS

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 22.—Although alarmed over unverified reports that Byron Bolton, confessed Bremer kidnap gangster, would repudiate his confession and refuse to testify for the Government here today in the trial of the kidnapers, Federal District Attorney Sullivan nevertheless declared his plans, would not be disturbed.

Bolton, it was reported from the Ramsey County jail, is in fear of his life because Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang which collected \$200,000 from the family of Edward Bremer last February, is still at large.

Sheriff Tommy Gibbons has doubled his guard at the jail. Bolton is kept in a separate cell where U.S. deputy marshals watch over him day and night, armed with machine guns to prevent any raids upon the jail.

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**BOLTON ON STAND  
IN BREMER TRIAL**

**Expected to Give Evidence  
Clinching Conviction  
Of Kidnapers.**

ST. PAUL, April 21—(P)—With the hitherto untold inside story of the captivity of Edward G. Bremer, victim of the record \$200,000 abduction plot, federal prosecutors today announced they would pursue efforts to convict the ten defendants on trial for his kidnaping.

At the opening of the trial's second week tomorrow, Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in the case, is slated to take the stand as a government witness.

Bolton has signed statements outlining roles many of the defendants carried out in the actual abduction and in Bremer's 21 days of captivity, federal authorities asserted.

Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan indicated the prosecution depended heavily on Bolton to clinch its case.

Identification of finger prints, federal agents assert are those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader of the kidnap mob, on two five-gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wis., will constitute another government thrust in its effort to show he had a part in the kidnaping.

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## BOLTON TO TELL BREMER STORY

ST. PAUL, April 21.—(AP)—The inside story of the kidnaping of Edward Bremer and will bring the trial of ten alleged abductors to a new climax this week.

Byron Bolton is to testify tomorrow for the government revealing the details of the \$200,000 ransom job and name the members of the criminal band.

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Earnest J. Malasch, a young farmer, testified he saw a car stop near his farm, six miles from Portage, Feb. 7, 1934, the day the 37-year-old bank president returned home, and observed one man "crouching" near the car while a second was standing erect near him.

A neighbor of Malasch, Ruben Grossman, was the second witness. He said he found the four cans the night of Feb. 7 near his farm as he was returning home.

The cans then were identified by Grossman as similar to those he found.

Court opening was delayed about five minutes by absence of John D. De Courcy, counsel for Barker.

The court warned De Courcy to be "ready to proceed" when court opens daily.

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Barker is charged with being the alleged co-leader with Alvin Karpis in the kidnaping here in January, 1934. Barker is on trial, but Karpis has not been apprehended.

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# BREMER JURORS SEE GAS CANS

ST. PAUL, April 22.—(AP)—Two discarded gasoline cans containing fingerprints of alleged kidnapers were brought into federal court today as the government resumed its case against ten defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, banker.

The cans were found on a road near Portage, Wis., by a farmer.

The cans, the government contends, bore the fingerprints of Arthur ("Doc") Barker, alleged co-leader with Alvin Karpis in the kidnaping of Bremer here in January, 1934. Barker is on trial, but Karpis has not been apprehended.

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## Barker Link Offered In Bremer Plot Trial

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 22.—Fingerprint evidence linking Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of ten persons on trial for complicity in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, with the automobile in which the Government charges Bremer was brought to Rochester, Minn., to be freed was presented in Federal court here late today.

Aaron Kohn, Bureau of Investigation fingerprint expert, testified he had found the print of Barker's index finger on a gasoline container found near Portage, Wis., February 7, 1934, a few hours before Bremer was released after a 21-day captivity.

The tin can was one of two introduced in evidence following testimony by Ruben Grossman, a Wisconsin farmer, who said he found four cans and funnel near his home February 7. Following that and the testimony of various officers to show how the tins were handled, marked and sent to Washington for

examination. Barker's fingerprints, taken in Chicago at the time of his arrest, January 8, 1935, also were presented as evidence.

Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty as the trial started a week ago, had not been called to the stand late today. Government attorneys have indicated he will give important testimony.

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# Barker Mutilated Own Finger Tips

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Arthur (Doc) Barker faced a vital battle today in the seventh day of his trial with nine other persons on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom.

Yesterday a Justice Department expert, Aaron Kohn of Washington, identified fingerprints offered in evidence as those of Barker and Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1. In cross-examination today Barker's counsel must discredit the expert to the jury.

The prints were on four gasoline cans picked up at the spot where 16 months ago three red lights signaled Bremer's contact man to drop \$200,000 in the dust of a road.

Another Justice Department agent disclosed, incidentally, that Barker

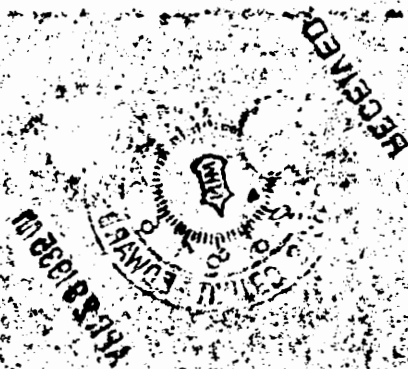
had mutilated his finger tips in a painful operation to alter his finger markings. The mutilation was not sufficient, however, to conceal the distinguishing whorls and loops.

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# NAB YOUTHFUL EMBEZZLER IN A CHICAGO HIDEOUT

Kansas State Police Arrest  
Charles O'Brien in Big  
City Apartment After  
Chase in Several States.

## BIG RAID IN TOPEKA FOLLOWS

Andy Yocum Arrested, Large  
Stock of Liquor Seized by  
Sheriff Rogers and Chief  
Frank Stone, sr.

Trailing Karpis gangsters, Topeka officers came into possession of information that resulted last night in the arrest of Andy Yocum, Topeka bootlegger, and Charles O'Brien, admitted embezzler from the National Bank of Topeka.

A sketchy web of circumstances leads a weird trail between Yocum's bootlegging activities; the kidnaping of Don Hassebrook, National Bank of Topeka teller, and the attempted robbery of the bank; influential liquor racketeers in Galesburg, Ill., Peoria, Ill., and Chicago, and the ultimate arrest of O'Brien who admitted the embezzlement of \$6,000 from the bank.

### Arrest Kept Secret.

O'Brien's arrest in a North Side Chicago apartment last Friday by Kansas highway patrolmen directed by Maj. Wint Smith, was kept a secret until last night when a raid on Yocum's cafe, the Green Nook at 1016 1/2 East Sixth, and his liquor "plant" in a garage at 917 Huntoon, netted 18 cases of whisky and alcohol along with Yocum's arrest and the arrest of Myrtle McPeak, associated with Yocum in his ventures here for several years.

The raids last night were conducted by Sheriff Dean Rogers and Chief of Police Frank Stone, sr. Information concerning Yocum has been gathered for weeks. It was learned that he provided money to send O'Brien to Galesburg and that he suggested O'Brien contact the Waner brothers, liquor dealers. From there he went to Chicago and he received money from Yocum at various times.

### Met at Yocum's.

In a statement given to the officers, O'Brien told how he and a group of clerks and tellers from the bank congregated at Yocum's Green Nook and became well acquainted with the widely known bootlegger. He told of trips to the Century of Progress, the Ozarks and elsewhere with Yocum, Mrs. McPeak and his girl.

In his statement, O'Brien recounted the details of how he started going down to Yocum's Green Nook along with other employees of the bank. He recited how he started "catching checks" during the bank moratorium and that along with other employees he embezzled the \$6,000 with this process.

### Written for Large Sums.

"Catching" checks consist of writing checks for large sums of money to some merchant and having a fellow employee "catch" the check until it was charged against the account of some large firm that did not keep a close tally upon its bank statement. The checks

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were usually written for \$110 or \$120.

O'Brien said Yocum probably learned of this practice by listening to the boys talk while they were at the Green Nook. Shortly after this Yocum and O'Brien became very friendly and the acquaintanceship resulted in the trips and finally to Yocum's giving O'Brien money with which to get to Galesburg and the Waner brothers.

During O'Brien's absence from Topeka he corresponded with Yocum.

### Bought Boyd Farm.

In his statement, O'Brien told of Yocum's purchase of the former Tom B. Boyd farm. He related that he had accompanied Yocum on liquor deliveries in Topeka, but he asserted that Yocum did not talk about his affairs much and that he did not know much about Yocum's activities.

A swarm of officers swooped down on Yocum's "plant" and captured him and Mrs. McPeak in a car in front of the Green Nook shortly before midnight. Five half pints of alcohol were taken from the car at that time. No liquor was found in the Green Nook, but the officers indicated they would make further search today. Likewise an examination of the Yocum farm is to be made for further information.

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## BARKER LINKED TO BREMER CASE BY FINGER PRINTS

St. Paul, Minn., April 22.—[Special.]—Finger prints of Arthur [Doc] Barker were introduced into evidence today as the trial of Barker and nine others in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer entered its second week.

Details of Barker's arrest in Chicago Jan. 8, 1935, were described by Maxwell Chaffetz, department of justice operative in the Chicago bureau. He stepped from the stand to identify Barker as the man arrested under the name of "A. R. Esser."

Chaffetz revealed for the first time from the witness stand that an attempt had been made by Barker to obliterate his finger prints. Asked if any portions of the prints had been clear, he testified they had. The prints were introduced.

The next step in the government's case was to show that Barker's finger prints match those found on four gasoline cans abandoned on a country road near Portage, Wis., where the prosecution contends Bremer's kidnapers stopped to replenish their gasoline supply during the trip a year ago in which they brought Bremer from the hide out at Bensenville, Ill.

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## Barker Defense Lawyer Stepped On By Judge Hoffman Is Told To Mind His Own Case

### Attorney Fails To Break Down U. S. Testimony Linking Mobster To \$200,000 "Snatch."

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# PROSECUTION SEEKS TO IDENTIFY 7 AS 'MONEY CHANGERS'

Through testimony of several Department of Justice agents the government this afternoon began laying the ground work for identifying seven of ten defendants as "money changers" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Werner Hanni, former Department of Justice district chief here, was the first witness this afternoon. Questioned by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, Hanni disclosed that he received 25 pages containing serial numbers of the \$200,000 ransom money from the American National bank here. Next on the stand was Rolf T. Harbo, special agent in charge of the statistical section, Department of Justice, who testified concerning receipt of the type-written sheets containing numbers of 25,000 bills from the Bureau of Investigation office in St. Paul.

Charged by the government with being the money-passers are John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago; Oliver Berg, life term in Joliet prison; Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster; Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," said James J. Wilson of Chicago.

These defendants are facing trial on a conspiracy charge but the other three also are indicted for the actual kidnaping. They are Arthur (Doc) Barker, Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer.

Byron Bolton of Chicago, pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence.

Two other government agents, Lee A. Beckstead, formerly of Washington but now in the Chi-

cago investigation bureau, and Harry E. Wild of Chicago testified concerning the printing and distribution of the lists containing the serial numbers of the ransom bills.

Beckstead said that two batches of the ransom lists, 1,086 copies each, were printed in Washington under his supervision when he was stationed there, while Wild, a clerk in the Department of Justice, testified that he received the copies printed in Washington and distributed them in the mails to the various banks in the Chicago district. Among the banks he said he mailed a copy to was the Lake View Trust and Savings bank in Chicago.

The government, it is believed, proposes to show that some of the ransom money was found in that bank.

While the testimony concerning the ransom lists was being given the jurors perceptibly appeared disinterested in the proceedings. One of the jurors seemed to have a difficult time staying awake while the others leaned back in their chairs and assumed an indifferent attitude.

The lists were admitted in evidence over the objections of Robert Rensch, attorney for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, and Eugene Matthews, attorney for three of the other defendants.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

Tues., Apr. 23, 1935

# MAN WHO MADE MARK EXCITED, EXPERT ASSERTS

Bremer Witness Shows Court  
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## JUDGE REBUKES LAWYER

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Testimony indicating that a fingerprint found on a gasoline can, allegedly that of Arthur (Doc) Barker, was made by a person under stress of nervous excitement, "like a criminal during the commission of a crime," was given today in the Federal court trial of Barker and nine others accused of kidnaping

### NOT A CHANCE

If two fingerprints have six similar points the chances are "48 times the population of the earth" to one that they were made by the same finger.

If they have eight similar points, the chances are "two million times the population of the earth" to one that they were left by the same digit.

The answers were furnished today by Aaron Kohn, government fingerprint expert, testifying in the Bremer kidnaping trial. He left it for mathematical wizards to figure out the chances for fourteen similar points—the number he claims are shared by a print found on a gasoline can allegedly used by the kidnapers and a fingerprint of Arthur (Doc) Barker, one of the defendants.

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The can is said to have been left by the kidnapers beside a road near Portage, Wis., as they were taking Bremer from their hideout in Bensenville, Ill., to Rochester, Minn., where he was released. Three other gas cans and a funnel also were found beside the road on February 7, 1934, the day of the release.

The print was identified as having been made by Barker's right index finger by Aaron Kohn, government fingerprint expert from Washington, who explained the effect weather has on such impressions.

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Previously, Kohn showed the jury two transparent films, one showing the print on the can and the other a print of Barker's right index finger. Superimposing one print on the other, he pointed out how they tallied.

Kohn's testimony was given over a barrage of defense objections, featured by a rebuke administered by Judge M. M. Joyce to A. J. Hoffman of defense counsel. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, had asked the witness a question to which the defense objected on grounds that it was unintelligible.

"Do you understand the question?" Hoffman demanded of Kohn. The witness started to reply, when Hoffman demanded again:

"I want to know whether you understand the question."

"That will be all, Mr. Hoffman," Judge Joyce interposed. "You perform your functions, and I will perform mine."

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naping of Edward G. Bremer, St.  
Paul banker, was started at the trial  
in United States district court late  
today of 10 persons charged with  
conspiracy in the snatching.

Werner Hannel, department of  
justice agent formerly in charge of  
the St. Paul office, was recalled to  
the stand to identify a list of the  
serial numbers of \$200,000 in \$5 and  
\$10 bills.

He was followed on the stand by  
Rolf Harbo, Washington, special  
agent of the federal bureau of in-

vestigation in charge of the statisti-  
cal section. Mr. Harbo told of tabu-  
lating serial numbers on the bills  
and putting them in numerical  
order.

"We made 25,000 cards," he testi-  
fied, "one card for each \$5 bill and  
each \$10 bill from which a printed  
list was made containing in nu-  
merical order the actual number of  
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other special agent, told of multi-  
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NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1935.

## OFFERS FINGERPRINTS IN BREMER CASE TRIAL

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its second week.

Details of Barker's arrest in Chi-  
cago Jan. 8, 1935, were described by  
Maxwell Chaffetz, Department of  
Justice operative in the Chicago  
Bureau. He stepped from the wit-  
ness stand to identify Barker as  
the man arrested under the name  
of "A. R. Esser."

Chaffetz revealed that an attempt  
had been made by Barker to oblit-  
erate his fingerprints. Asked if  
any portions of the prints had been  
clear, he testified they had. The  
prints were introduced.

The next step in the government's  
case will be to show that Barker's  
fingerprints match those found on  
four gasoline cans abandoned on a  
country road near Portage, Wis.,  
where the prosecution contends Mr.  
Bremer's kidnapers stopped to re-  
plenish their gasoline supply dur-  
ing the trip a year ago in which  
they brought their captive from the  
hideout at Bensenville, Ill.

Ernest J. Malasch, a farmer near  
Portage, testified to seeing a car  
stop near his farm the afternoon  
of the day that Mr. Bremer was  
returned home. Later Reuben F.  
Grossman, who also testified, said  
he saw the cans and took them  
some where they remained until  
seized by a deputy sheriff four days  
later.

Besides the prints of Barker,  
those of Alvin Karpis, fugitive  
gangster, were reported to have  
been found on the cans.

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Portions of the fingerprint markings remained clear, he declared, and this permitted their identification as his. The Government contends the prints were on three flashlights used in the kidnaping and on a gasoline can from which the kidnap car's fuel was replenished.

On the flashlights, according to the Government, they were intermixed with fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, head of the Karpis-Barker gang and now a fugitive from justice.

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# FINGERPRINT SEWS BARKER IN KIDNAP NET

St. Paul, Minn., April 22 (AP).—Fingerprints of Arthur (Doc) Barker were found on gasoline cans hurled from an automobile in which the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer were riding, a witness for the Government testified today.

The identification was one of the Government's principal points in its effort to convict Barker and nine others in the \$200,000 abduction of the banker.

Simultaneously it was revealed that Barker made painful but futile efforts to so mar his fingertips that prints of them would be impossible.

Bringing out the first positive link between Barker and the Bremer kidnaping, Aaron Kohn, fingerprint expert for the Department of Justice, testified that prints he found on the gasoline cans were identical with those taken from Barker when he was arrested in Chicago early this year.

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## U. S. Witnesses Trace Ransom In Bremer Trial

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**Prosecution Seeks to Link  
7 Suspects With  
Kidnap Cash.**

*By the Associated Press.*

St. Paul, April 23.—The Government today finished its fingerprint testimony and began its effort to convict seven defendants in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case of handling part of the \$200,000 ransom money.

George Halsey, assistant district attorney, offered in evidence serial numbers of the ransom bills. Several Federal agents testified the numbers were obtained from the American National Bank, where the ransom was prepared, sent to Washington and then distributed to various banks in the Chicago district.

Of the seven accused of passing ransom bills, John J. McLaughlin, is a former Chicago politician, and William Vidler, Philip Delany and James J. Wilson are from that city. The other three the Government has accused in this particular phase of the kidnap plot are Oliver Berg, Joliet, Ill., prison convict; Jess Doyle, Kansas City, and Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit."

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Bremer "Cash Changer"Say Vidler  
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Ransom CashChicago Tellers Deliver  
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Three Chicago bank tellers today left the witness stand in the Bremer kidnaping trial in federal court to point out William Vidler, one of 10 now on trial for conspiracy, as one of the "money changers" who exchanged part of the \$200,000 ransom money for "cool dough."

Defense attorneys, fighting in vain to block the introduction of testimony extremely damaging to the Barker-Karpis mobsters and alleged aids, wrangled among themselves as the federal government drove home blow after blow in its efforts to send the defendants to Alcatraz prison.

Vidler, Chicago gambler, is one of three charged by the federal government with being "money changers." The other two are John J. McLaughlin, Democratic political boss and gambling overlord, and Phil Delaney, bartender.

## 31 Identified Bills.

There were 31 \$5 bills from the \$200,000 paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, after he had been held prisoner for three weeks in January and February, 1934, among \$2,000 given by Vidler in exchange for one \$1,000 and 10 \$100 bills at the Lakeview Trust & Savings bank, William Bleschke, bank employe, testified.

## Lawyers Wrangle.

The half dozen defense attorneys earlier had fired blast after blast at St. Paul Police Lieut. John T. Tierney, fingerprint expert, as he continued the testimony which apparently is linking Arthur (Doc) Barker inextricably with the snatching.

When John DeCourcy, one of the defense crew, was offering to concede some of the government testimony, Eugene Matthews, another attorney, shouted an interruption and told DeCourcy that his opinion might not be the opinion of the entire defense legal staff.

The name of Har / Sawyer, once king of St. Paul's gangland, and other St. Paul mobsters and satellites, was brought into the case late Tuesday when the government introduced testimony to reveal that this city was the favorite hangout of a dozen notorious kidnapers, murderers and bandits.

## Lieut. Tierney Testifies.

The government resumed its fingerprint testimony as court opened today, calling Lieut. John T. Tierney, St. Paul police fingerprint expert. The defense, as during previous sessions, fired round after round of objections and questions at the witness in an effort to trip him.

Lieut. Tierney identified prints of "Doc" Barker taken when under arrest in January of this year, and when in prison in Oklahoma in 1922, as identical with those taken from one of four gasoline cans the government contends were used to refuel the automobile in which Barker-Karpis gangsters returned Mr. Bremer to Minnesota from the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where he was held prisoner for three weeks in 1934.

"Is there any difference in the prints?" Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan asked.

"On exhibit 76 (the prints taken this year) the cores have been mutilated," Lieut. Tierney said.

Examining transparencies of prints taken from justice department records and from the gasoline

can Lieut. Tierney said there is "but one chance in 64,000,000 that they could belong to any but the same man when even one point is identical." He said 14 points are identical.

A. J. Hoffman, attorney for William Vidler, led the crew of six defense attorneys in throwing in objections and in closely cross-questioning the witness.

John DeCourcy, counsel for Barker and Edna Murray, took up the cudgel, then Thomas W. McMeekin, attorney for Elmer Farmer and Phil J. Delaney, fired a barrage.

Showing Lieut. Tierney government exhibit 76, the fingerprints taken of Barker when he was arrested in Chicago this year, he asked whether the apparent mutilation of the print had wiped out any points of dissimilarity.

"It wiped out the center portion," Tierney said.

"You mean one of those 14 points?"

Tierney showed four of the points which had been wiped out.

The defense attorneys were interrupting each other in their eagerness to question the witness, and George Heisey, assistant district attorney, objected. He said the defense should "get together" on its examination. Judge M. M. Joyce overruled the objection.

"We are perfectly willing to concede to the government..." began Mr. DeCourcy, when Eugene Mat-

thews, counsel for Jess Doyle and Harold Alderton, interrupted him.

"Just a minute," he said. "What you are willing to concede and what we are willing to concede are two different things."

Mr. DeCourcy did not finish his statement.

The cross-examination continued, with Lieut. Tierney standing up under a veritable barrage of questions.

## Banker Points Out Vidler.

When Lieut. Tierney stepped from the stand, the jury was shown a printed list containing the numbers of the \$200,000 ransom money bills.

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William H. Bleschke, 5849 N. Whipple st., Chicago, teller at the Lakeview Trust & Savings bank, was called.

"Do you recall any ransom money transactions?" he was asked.

"Yes, on April 23, 1934."

"What happened?"

"A party changed \$1,000 in fives and \$1,000 in tens and asked for larger bills, which I gave him. I noticed some were from the Minneapolis federal reserve bank."

"Did you have this list at the time?"

"Yes."

"What time of the day did the man appear at the bank?"

About 11 a. m. He had the money in two packages."

"What did he say?"

"He said he was a bootlegger, was paid with that money, and wanted larger bills as he was going to Wisconsin. I gave him one \$1,000 bill and 10 \$100 bills."

"Do you see that man in this room?" Step down, please."

"As far as I can recall this is the man," Bleschke said, pointing to William Vidler. At Mr. Hoffman's request, Vidler stood up.

"Yes, to my knowledge, he is the man," said Bleschke.

Vidler did not change expression.

#### Checked Cash With Ransom.

"On April 23, how much money passed out of your bank?"

"Our average is \$150,000 a day."

"At any time April 23 did you check the money in your bank with the numbers of the Bremer ransom bills?"

"Yes, in the afternoon, about 3:15 or 3:30."

"Did you personally engage in the check?"

"Yes."

Looking through the list of bills, he said, he found 31 of the ransom bills among those given him by Vidler—all \$5 bills.

"Is the bank with which you are connected a large bank?" Mr. Hoffman asked.

"Yes."

"Do you work alone in a so-called cage?"

"Yes."

#### Teller Corroborates Story.

"A good portion of those who come to your window are strangers to you?"

"We don't cash checks for strangers."

"Is this man, (Vidler), the one you saw in the Bankers' building shortly after April 23?"

"He resembles him very much."

"You say he resembles him?"

"Yes."

When the cross-examination ended Bruno Althaus, another teller at the bank, was called and corroborated Mr. Bleschke's testimony and identified Vidler.

There was no cross-examination.

#### Changed Ransom Bills.

John Jeskewich of the Uptown State bank, Chicago, was the next witness. He told of making change for a man he identified as Vidler.

"Do you recall any transaction?" Jeskewich was asked. He replied that "about a year ago this time" a party came in and asked for \$100 bills for some fives and twenties. He wanted 10 \$100 bills."

Jeskewich, in answer to questions, replied that he noticed "this fact that practically all of the bills were from the Minneapolis reserve bank."

The witness then told of checking the money numbers with the ransom bills list after the transaction was completed, after which he called the department of justice.

"Is the man in the room who handed you the money?" Jeskewich was asked.

In answer the witness stepped from the stand and pointed to Vidler.

Laying the foundation to prove

that Harry Sawyer, St. Paul fugitive, was the finger man in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, was started Tuesday.

The surprise switch in the testimony by government witnesses came during the afternoon session after an hour of dull testimony by department of justice agents as to the manner in which the serial numbers of the ransom money was circulated throughout the country.

Betty I. Baerwald, maid at Hotel St. Paul, who was employed at the Sawyer farm on Rice st., 10 miles north of St. Paul from July, 1933, until May, 1934, identified pictures of Fred Barker and William Weaver as frequent visitors to the Sawyer farm and told of the two bringing two girls to the farm for a Christmas dinner in 1933. She was positive the women remained there for dinner but was not so sure that

## Saw Gang Visits



As a maid at the Harry Sawyer farm 10 miles north of St. Paul from July 1933 to May 1934, BETTY I. BAERWALD Tuesday testified in federal court that she saw Fred Barker and William Weaver visit the place several times during the late fall of 1933. The men, she said, brought out two women for a Christmas dinner in 1933.

Barker and Weaver did. Barker was killed a few months ago in Florida when federal agents raided a cottage. Ma Barker also was slain. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, other gang members, escaped. William Weaver, also indicted for the kidnaping, is a fugitive.

#### Link Woman With Gang.

Having laid the foundation for the "finger man," the government then proceeded to link Myrtle Eaton, another fugitive, with the gang. This the government did by placing Dr. Henry H. Hall and Rosena Kaether on the stand. The latter is a registered nurse.

Dr. Hall testified that he gave Myrtle Eaton medical attention at her apartment, 565 Portland ave. During this testimony Roy McCord, St. Paul radio operator, seriously wounded a few days prior to the kidnaping, was one of the most interested spectators in the court room. Mr. McCord, it will be recalled, went with a friend, H. W. Cowin, to the latter's apartment at 562 Holly ave., to frighten away a prowler. The windows of the Cowin apartment living room faced directly across the alley from the living room windows of the Eaton apartment. McCord was shot at St. Albans st., near Portland ave., after a chase of an automobile from the back of Cowin's and Eaton's apartments.

Dr. Hall also testified that he treated a man known as "Doc" Eaton while taking care of Myrtle Eaton. He later identified a picture of William Weaver as the man he knew as "Doc Eaton."

Rosena Kaether stated that she treated a woman, whom she identified from a photograph as Kate (Ma) Barker, and said she saw Weaver at the Eaton apartment several times during the six days she

was there. She identified Weaver from a photograph.

#### Government Halts Case.

The government's case was suddenly halted for the day when Martin Bader, caretaker of an apartment building at 7162 Sea Shore drive, Chicago, took the stand. The witness had just identified the picture of Kate Barker as the "Mrs. Anderson" who had apartment A1 in his building and identified the photograph of Fred Barker as the man who lived at the apartment with "Mrs. Anderson" and was asked by Mr. Sullivan if he recalled anything unusual happening outside of the apartment one night in October, 1934, when the defense objected.

Sullivan, John De Courcy, counsel for Barker, and Rober V. Rensch, counsel for John J. McLaughlin, went into a conference with Judge Joyce and after a few minutes Judge Joyce adjourned court until today.



## U. S. TRAINS GUNS ON M'LAUGHLIN AND SIX IN KIDNAPING TRIAL

Minneapolis, Minn., April 23.—[Special.]—After further connecting Arthur [Doc] Barker to the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping through more fingerprint testimony, the government late today shifted its attack in an effort to implicate seven of the ten defendants as handlers of the \$200,000 ransom money.

The seven alleged to have been "money changers" are John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, Chicago politician; William Vidler, James Wilson, and Philip Delaney also of Chicago; Oliver Berg, life term in Joliet prison; Jess Doyle, Kansas City, and Mrs. Edna Murray.

In the course of this attack, government witnesses disclosed that 60,000 copies of serial numbers on the 25,000 bills making up the ransom money, were distributed through department of justice bureaus. These went to banks, police departments, sheriffs and other organizations throughout the country.

Werner Hanni, former chief of the St. Paul department of justice office, testified to getting from the American National bank of St. Paul, the original list of the serial numbers. These had been copied by clerks from the ransom bills before the money was withdrawn from the bank.

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# CHICAGO BANKER NAMES BREMER MONEY PASSER

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—(P)—A Chicago banker today stepped down from the witness stand in the kidnap trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine codefendants and partially identified William Vidler of Chicago as a man who passed \$2,000 of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money in his bank last April.

Shifting from fingerprint evidence to phases of the case involving seven "money changers," the government called William H. Bleschke, Chicago, a teller in the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, to the witness stand.

Asked by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, to "look across this table and tell us whether there is a man there who passed this money on April 23, 1934," Bleschke walked over to the table where Vidler sat and said: "The gentleman sitting there looks like the man. As far as I can recall, he is the man."

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# U. S. TO START ROUNDUP OF 500 CRIME LEADERS

50 Federal Agents Ready at  
St. Paul; Karpis and Entire  
Gang To Be Caught Soon

By RAY BRENNAN

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 24 (U.S.)—With 50 of the Government's best agents gathered here for instructions, Uncle Sam tonight was poised to begin the most crushing crusade on crime in the nation's history—seizure of 500 underworld kingpins.

Evidence for raids that will extend into the crime circles of every city it was learned, has been gathered during the investigation that has placed Arthur "Doc" Barker, notorious "public enemy," and eight others on trial for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnapping of 13 months ago.

Directing the drive against kidnapers, bank robbers and gunmen, will be Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, who left for Washington last night after mapping out plans with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan of St. Paul, prosecutor in the Bremer case.

## DRIVE ADMITTED

Ostensibly, the crack Government sleuths are here to testify and to guard witnesses in the kidnap trial, but Federal authorities admitted the impending coast-to-coast war on crime is the real reason for their presence.

Mr. Sullivan acknowledged the Government has 100 key underworld figures under surveillance as a result of the Bremer investigation. In addition, four times that many suspects will be seized for having given refuge, provided weapons and otherwise aided fugitive outlaws. Mr. Sullivan said:

## WORKINGS SHOWN

"Solution of the Bremer case has shown us the inner workings of the Arthur Barker-Alvin Karpis mob, and how the gang spread its operations like a cancerous growth—robbing banks, kidnaping, and murdering—from Ohio to Missouri, and formed alliances with other gangs.

"It took lots of help to keep an outfit like that operating, and before many days the Government will have every person in any way connected with it in jail, including Alvin Karpis."

The prosecutor estimated the Barker-Karpis gang took "at least a million dollars, conservatively speaking."

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Washington Herald  
April 25, 1935

# The Governor Speaks

This is Gov. Floyd B. Olson's own column. In it he has been invited to write freely on any subject he chooses, whether or not his ideas conflict with the editorial ideas of The Daily News. No words will be changed, no censorship permitted. —Editor.

By Floyd B. Olson

## Declares Session Lobbyists More Dangerous Than Reds



Gov. Olson

### Judge And Wife Slain By Callous Student-Son, 21

AUSTIN, Tex., April 25.—(INS)—While all Texas mourned the shocking double murder of W. P. Pierson, associate justice of the supreme court, and Mrs. Pierson, the confessed parricide demanded a comb and mirror from his jailer today before posing for photographers. Howard Pierson, student, 21, confessed today that he killed his mother and father for their property, including \$17,000 insurance. He confessed that he took them into the rugged hill country west of Austin, lured them from the car, shot them down with a second hand five-shooter pistol he bought for \$8.50 in Galveston, Saturday.

THE most conspicuous feature of this legislative session has been the presence in the capitol, throughout the session, of an army of lobbyists. Legislative observers who have attended many sessions inform me that this session attracted not only the largest army of lobbyists within their experience, but also the best organized and best equipped army of lobbyists.

### GANGED UP TOGETHER

The remarkable thing about the session was that whenever necessary, they all ganged up together. Of course, the people who would have been obliged to pay a sales tax out of their meager incomes, had no lobbyists to represent them. Fortunately, however, a liberal group in the legislature kept their interests at heart without the influence of lobbyists. These lobbyists not only frequent the corridors of the capitol, but they maintained their offices in the committee rooms of the legislature. Every opportunity was given them to transact their business. From the committee-room base of operations they could, whenever fancy or necessity moved them, order the various conservative leaders to withdraw from the legislative chambers and appear before them in the committee rooms in which they held forth. In view of their remarkable equipment for transacting business, it seems to me that it would be an act of generosity on their part if they would donate a considerable sum to the state as rent for the use of space occupied by them in the committee rooms.

### MOVE DANGEROUS THAN REDS

All of this brings the reflection that it is not the Reds who are the danger to democratic government, but rather, the lobbyists who use more insidious methods than vocal denunciation. It also brings the reflection that the investigating spirit of the session might well be carried out by an investigation of the activities of the lobbyists. Of course that investigation could not be carried on by a conservative committee of the legislature. (A family does not investigate the skeletons in its own closet. But it could well be carried on by a person or group of persons who are under no obligation to the lobbyists. Perhaps it will.)

### Minnesotans Will Be Capital Dinner Guests

A dinner for all Minnesota men in Washington is being arranged as a side attraction of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States next week. St. Paul will be represented by eight men, Minneapolis by twice that number and other cities in the state also will send delegates. The tentative list of St. Paul delegates includes Leo E. Owens, president, Ditpatch-Pioneer Press Co.; N. F. Helmers, of Siems, Helmers, Inc.; Aas G. Briggs, attorney; B. W. Scandrett, executive vice president, Northern Pacific; W. P. Kenney, president, Great Northern; Charles Donnelly, president, Northern Pacific; Frank H. Delaney, First National bank, and Fred P. Fellows, secretary, St. Paul Association.

## Defense Fails To Prove Any Third Degree

### Currency Used To Release Banker Introduced In Evidence By U. S., Shown To Jury.

William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," had \$2,825 in Bremer ransom bills in his pockets when seized by "G-men" April 26, 1934, the government revealed in federal court today as defense efforts to show that the defendant had been "third degree" failed. The money, Vidler told federal agents when they nabbed him in a Chicago "bookie joint" had been thrown into the open window of his automobile as he drove across a viaduct. The evidence given by the agents under a rapid-fire of objections and rigid cross-examination by defense attorneys, followed Wednesday's testimony that Vidler had exchanged many thousands of dollars of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom \$5 and \$10 bills at Chicago banks for bills of larger denomination.

### Visited "Bookie Joint"

Absent from the court room today was Mildred Kuhlman, "girl friend" of Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis mob and principal of the 10 defendants now on trial for the \$200,000 "snatching" of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, Jan. 17, 1934. Miss Kuhlman, attractive brunette, has been in court for a few moments almost every day since the trial began and she and Barker have frequently exchanged smiles during recesses. She will not be called as a government witness, and defense attorneys indicated they would not call her.

Miss Kuhlman was reported to have been taken into custody when Barker was arrested in Chicago early this year, but was not held. First witness of the morning was Harold L. Scott, Chicago special agent of the justice department. He testified that on April 26, 1934, he went to the City National Bank & Trust Co. and interviewed Carl Zoch, teller, relative to Bremer ransom money which had been exchanged at the bank for bills of large denomination.

### Seeks To Prove "Third Degree"

In company with two other agents and Mr. Zoch he then went to a second floor "bookie joint," (horse race gambling office) at 226 S. Wells st., where Mr. Zoch identified Vidler as the man who had changed the bills. "Vidler walked around the room and then headed for the elevator, but was told to come back," Mr. Scott testified under questioning by (Continued On Page 2, Col. 1.)

### Charles Strong Leaves \$59,372 To Widow, Kin

Charles D. Strong, a former superintendent of the West Publishing Co., left an estate of \$59,372.66, mostly in stocks and bonds, when he died Jan. 24, 1935, it was revealed when an inventory was filed in Ramsey county probate court today. The widow, Mrs. Julie Strong, 2129 Sargent ave., was left a trust fund providing \$250 monthly. After bequeathing \$2,000 to Mildred A. Yost, 565 Portland ave., a niece, the balance of the estate is left to two children, Mrs. Dorothy Clure, Bald Eagle, and George F. Strong, Vancouver, B. C.

### F. R. Appoints Edison's Son To Recovery Board

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(UP)—President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of Charles Edison, son of the late Thomas A. Edison, West Orange, N. J., as a member of the national industrial recovery board.

## Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round

(Continued From Page 1.)

which a 5-inch image of a living and talking nude woman was made to appear sitting in a fishbowl. When the exhibit was first put on, an inspector from the police censorship bureau looked it over, though a little dubious, he let pass.

But the day after the daughter arrived, police headquarters was deluged with indignant complaints.

The theater manager finally was notified he would have to do something about the matter. He did.

He clothed the blond model in strawberry-colored bathing suit.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Members of the California congressional delegation report that Upton Sinclair's EPIC followers are busy preparing for a recall movement against Gov. Merriam this summer. Texas' scrappy Rep. Maury Maverick continues to score in his duel of wits with Tammany Rep. Sam Dickstein. Maverick's latest victory was frightening Dickstein into shepherding a bill which would give the army and navy police power to arrest civilians. Rep. Emanuel Celler thinks the country's invention genius is deteriorating. He has introduced a bill giving inventors a \$50,000 income tax exemption on royalties derived from their own creations.

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### Bremer Ransom Cash Was Found On Vidler

George Heisey, assistant district attorney, said today that the ransom money for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer was found on William E. Vidler, one of the 10 defendants in the Bremer kidnap trial.

"We asked him," Heisey began, but was interrupted by an objection from A. J. Hoffman, one of the defense counsel crew. Trial Judge M. M. Joyce permitted the answer.

"We asked him if he wasn't the man who changed the \$5 and \$10 bills a short time ago. He said he was. Then he pulled out two or three packages of money and said 'Here's the rest of the money.' He said he didn't know it was counterfeit, and said someone threw it into his car as he was crossing a viaduct."

Apparently in an effort to show that Vidler had been subjected to "third degree" methods of questioning immediately following his apprehension, Atty. Hoffman cross-examined the witness closely as to events which took place in the department of justice offices.

"Did you tell him he was under arrest?"

"No, I didn't consider him under arrest."

"In what office did you first put Vidler?"

"On the west side of the building; the office faces the alley."

"How many windows in that office?"

"I think there is one window."

"Who went with you when you took him into this office?"

"Mr. Rice, Mr. Nichols and myself."

"Where was Mr. Billings?"

"I guess he was in the office."

"Was Harold Nathan (ace agent of the justice forces at Washington) there?"

"I don't know. He was in Chicago that morning."

"What time did you take Vidler into the room?"

"About 12:30 p. m."

**Fails To Remember.**

"Who was in charge of the questioning?"

"It was general."

"It was thrown at him by all four of you?"

"Oh, no; just general."

"How long did you keep him in that room?"

"I don't know. He was there when I left about 5 p. m."

"Did you return to the office that night?"

"I don't know."

"When did you next see Vidler?"

"I don't recall."

**Agents Searched Vidler.**

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## Call Vidler Money Changer



Two of these four Chicago bank tellers identified William E. Vidler, one of the 10 defendants in the Bremer kidnap trial, as the man who changed money in their banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934. Left to right—CHESTER E. BOOKER, Howard Ave. Trust & Savings bank, who could not identify the defendant; CARL A. ZOCH, City National Bank & Trust Co., who led federal agents to the "bookie" place where Vidler was arrested; VINCENT W. BECKING, Howard Ave. bank, who with Booker checked over the list of serial numbers. Insert is of JOHN USHERWICH, Uptown State bank, who said he gave Vidler 10 \$100 bills for \$5 and \$20 bills.

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"Was Vidler searched?"

"Yes. A yellow piece of memorandum paper was found." This was produced and entered as government exhibit 96.

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Cross-examining Agent Rice, Mr. Hoffman again touched upon the question of the treatment accorded Vidler after his apprehension.

"What type of glass is there in Billings' office?" he asked.

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"How many desks are there?"

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"It is your recollection that as soon as Vidler came in he took the money out of his pocket and put it on the desk?"

"No, he hesitated a bit."

The witness testified that he had no conversation with Vidler in an outer office, where he was held for about ten minutes before entering Agent Billings' office, except to tell him to sit down and to ask him his name.

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"Did you see Vidler later that day?" pursued Hoffman.

"Yes, in the evening around 8 or 9 o'clock. He was in the bureau office, next to Mr. Purvis' office."

"Was he alone?"

"No. I don't recall who was with him, but they were agents. There might have been only one."

Robert A. Knittle, Pittsburgh special agent, was called. He identified Vidler as the man he saw in the Chicago office April 26.

"Was Scott 'there?' asked Mr. Heisey.

**\$2,000 Were Bremer Bills.**

"Yes. He gave me some packages

Grady L. Bentwright, St. Paul chief of the federal secret service examined the bills and declared that they were good money.

Signed statements of defendants in the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer were expected to be introduced today in federal district court.

The statements, if they gain admission as evidence, will link several of the present defendants with the conspiracy. It was rumored at the close of Wednesday's session.

Vidler, John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and James Wilson are charged by the federal government with being the passers of part of \$200,000 ransom paid by the Bremer family Feb. 6, 1934, for the release of the St. Paul banker after he had been kidnaped at Lexington parkway and Goodrich ave., on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

**Name Vidler Money Changer.**

Several Chicago bank tellers and cashiers were called to the stand by the government Wednesday, and five of them pointed out Vidler as the man who visited their respective "cages" in the banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934, and changed ransom money into other cash.

Carl Zoch, teller at the City National Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, brought the day of identifications to a climax when told of the capture of Vidler in a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts., Chicago, on the afternoon of April 26.

Zoch told the court that earlier in the day a man resembling Vidler entered his bank and asked for 100 \$1 bills in exchange for 10 \$10 bills.

Zoch said he asked the man where he was from and the latter mumbled "bookie" at Wells and Jackson sts.

**Checked With Ransom List.**

After the money had changed hands Zoch checked the ransom list and found that nine of the 10 \$10 bills corresponded with the serial numbers on the ransom list. He said that he notified federal department of justice agents and along with three agents and the bank detective went to a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts. (near Jackson st.)

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"At the time you asked Vidler about the money did he say 'What's the matter with it?'"

"I don't recall."

Julius H. Rice, special agent from Oklahoma City, testified that he accompanied Agents Scott and Nichols when Vidler was taken into custody.

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"Yes, in the evening around 8 or 9 o'clock. He was in the bureau office, next to Mr. Purvis' office."

"Was he alone?"

"No. I don't recall who was with him, but they were agents. There might have been only one."

Robert A. Knittle, Pittsburgh special agent, was called. He identified Vidler as the man he saw in the Chicago office April 26.

"Was Scott there?" asked Mr. Halsey.

#### \$2,500 Were Bremer Bills.

"Yes. He gave me some packages of money taken from Vidler, to be checked against the list of serial numbers of the ransom money. I sorted out the \$5 and \$10 bills."

"Then what was done?"

"We checked the numbers on the list. There was \$3,185. Of this we found that \$75 in \$5 and \$2,550 in \$10 bills checked with the list of Bremer ransom bills."

#### Money Put In Evidence.

The bills were introduced in evidence.

The jury fingered the packages of currency curiously, but satisfied

them against the Bremer ransom bills.

Grady L. Boatwright, St. Paul chief of the federal secret service, examined the bills and declared that they were good money.

Signed statements of defendants in the trial of 19 persons charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer were expected to be introduced today in federal district court.

The statements, if they gain admission as evidence, will link several of the present defendants with the conspiracy, it was rumored at the close of Wednesday's session.

Vidler, John J. McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, Jess Doyle, Oliver Berg and James Wilson are charged by the federal government with being the passers of part of \$200,000 ransom paid by the Bremer family Feb. 8, 1934, for the release of the St. Paul banker after he had been kidnaped at Lexington parkway and Goodrich ave., on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

#### Name Vidler Money Changed.

Several Chicago bank tellers and cashiers were called to the stand by the government Wednesday, and five of them pointed out Vidler as the man who visited their respective "cages" in the banks between April 23 and April 26, 1934, and changed ransom money into other cash.

Carl Zoch, teller at the City National Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, brought the day of identifications to a climax when told of the capture of Vidler in a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts., Chicago, on the afternoon of April 26.

Zoch told the court that earlier in the day a man resembling Vidler entered his bank and asked for 100 \$1 bills in exchange for 10 \$10 bills. Zoch said he asked the man where he was from and the latter mumbled "bookie" at Wells and Jackson sts.

#### Checked With Ransom List.

After the money had changed hands Zoch checked the ransom list and found that nine of the 10 \$10 bills corresponded with the serial numbers on the ransom list. He said that he notified federal department of justice agents and along with three agents and the bank detective went to a "bookie" place at Wells and Quincy sts. (near Jackson st.)

There, he said they found Vidler with three, four or five other men. He said that Vidler denied that he had been to the bank earlier in the day and changed any bills. He said that Vidler started to walk away toward the door and was grabbed by two federal agents. He said the last he saw of Vidler was with the three federal agents on their way out of the bookie place.

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## U. S. Begins Gangster Roundup

International News Service.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.—An outcome of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, for which 10 persons are now on trial, more than two-score federal agents were gathered here today for the reported purpose of launching a far-reaching offensive against organized crime in the United States.

Plans for the crusade were reported completed with the departure of Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Kennan after lengthy conferences with United States Attorney George S. Sullivan.

Sullivan, in charge of the Bremer kidnaping trial prosecution, was given charge of the criminal roundup. Evidence gathered against the Arthur Barker-Alvin Karpis gang, which is accused of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, has singled out 100 important figures of the underworld for close scrutiny, Prosecutor Sullivan admitted.

Sullivan said that Karpis and "every person in any way connected with the gang and its operations" will be in jail within a short time.

Barker is one of the 10 defendants on trial here charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker. Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is still at large.

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Scott was one of the Chicago Department of Justice operatives who arrested Vidler, who with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and Philip Delaney is on trial with Arthur (Doc) Barker and six others.

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# BREMER KIDNAP CASH TRACED BY BANK TELLER

**Bills Exchanged by Alleged  
Agent of 'Boss' McLaughlin;  
\$100 Slip Betrayed Gang**

ST. PAUL, April 24.—How thousands of dollars in "hot money" from the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap ransom was exchanged on Chicago banks, and how the plot was foiled by a \$100 slipup was told today at the federal District Court trial of Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine others in the kidnaping.

In each transaction the handler of the ransom money was William E. Vidler, Chicago bookmaker and alleged agent for John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, political power and a defendant in the case, in handling the dangerous cash, the witness said.

## IDENTIFIED BY TELLER.

Leonard Rabin, teller of the Main State Bank at 1965 Milwaukee av., testified Vidler came three times to his window and exchanged a total of \$5,600 in \$5 and \$10 bills for currency of larger denominations.

He pointed out Vidler, who posed as a bootlegger or gambler in changing the ransom money at half a dozen banks during April of 1934, as the man in the transaction. So did employees of the Uptown State, Lake View Trust & Savings and Howard Street Trust & Savings Bank.

## BILLS IN RANSOM LIST.

It remained for Carl A. Zoch, teller at the City National Bank, to trip Vidler, the testimony revealed.

Vidler exchanged ten \$10 bills at his window for one hundred \$1 notes, Zoch testified, and a second later he became suspicious, checked a list in the bank and found the serial numbers on the bills he had accepted coincided with the numbers of the ransom bills.

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# U. S. TO SEIZE CRIME CHIEFS IN BIG DRIVE

Record Roundup of 500 Aimed  
at Smashing Last Gangs;  
Evidence From Bremer Case

By Ray Brennan,  
Herald and Examiner-Universal Staff  
Correspondent.  
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ST. PAUL, April 24.—  
With fifty of the govern-  
ment's best agents gathered  
here for instructions, Uncle  
Sam tonight was poised to  
begin the most crushing cru-  
sade on crime in the nation's  
history—seizure of 500 un-  
derworld kingpins.

Evidence for raids that will  
extend into the crime circles of  
every city has been gathered  
during the Bremer kidnaping  
trial.

## Keenan Leader

Assistant Attorney General Jo-  
seph B. Keenan, who left for Wash-  
ington last night after mapping out  
the plans with United States Atto-  
rney George S. Sullivan of St. Paul,  
prosecutor in the Bremer case, will  
direct the roundup.

Sullivan acknowledged that the  
government has 100 key underworld  
figures under surveillance as a re-  
sult of the Bremer investigation.  
In addition, four times that many  
suspects will be seized for having  
given refuge to, provided weapons  
for and otherwise aided outlaws.

## Quick Action

Sullivan said:

"Solution of the Bremer case  
has shown us the inner workings  
of the Arthur Barker-Alvin Kar-  
pis mob, and how the gang spread  
its operations like a cancerous  
growth, kidnaping, murdering, and  
robbing banks from Ohio to Mis-  
souri, and formed alliances with  
other gangs.

"It took lots of help to keep an  
outfit like that operating, and  
before many days the government  
will have every person in any  
way connected with it in jail, in-  
cluding Alvin Karpis."

The prosecutor estimated the  
Barker-Karpis gang took "at least  
a million dollars, conservatively  
speaking," in bank holdups over the  
last three years, in addition to hun-  
dreds of thousands of dollars in  
ransom money for kidnapings.

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# **TELLERS NAME VIDLER AS PASSER OF BREMER CASH**

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—(P)—Four Chicago bank employes pointed out William Vidler of Chicago today as the man who exchanged \$11,650 of the \$200,000 turned over to a kidnaping gang to ransom Edward G. Bremer.

They made their identifications from the witness stand in federal court as the government swung into the prosecution of the alleged money changers among the ten defendants on trial for complicity in the sensational abduction.

John Jeskewich, paying teller of the Uptown State bank, identified Vidler as the passer of \$1,000 in ransom bills.

William H. Bleschke, teller in the Lake View Trust and Savings bank, told the court, "as far as I can recall," Vidler was the man who, on April 23, 1934, exchanged \$2,000 in ransom bills for currency of larger denominations.

Bruno Althouse, teller at the same bank, said Vidler "resembled" a man who had exchanged \$2,000 three days earlier.

Leonard Rabin, teller for the Main State bank, pointed out Vidler as the man who exchanged \$2,000 of ransom money on April 21, 1934, and \$4,650 two days later. Among other defendants the government charges aided in exchanging ransom bills are John McLaughlin, Philip Delaney, and James J. Wilson, all of Chicago.



**IDENTIFIED**—William Vidler, Chicago, named as passer of part of Bremer ransom, in trial at St. Paul yesterday. (Story on page 11.)

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## U.S. FIRES ON 'BOSS,' TWO

ST. PAUL, April 25.—(AP)—The government today pointed an accusing finger at John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Philip Delaney and William Vidler, as it continued its attack against the money "peddlers" in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case.

The government presented testimony designed to link Delaney as the man who exchanged \$24,000 of the ransom bills in one Chicago bank after McLaughlin, former legislator and political power, reputedly "fixed" the arrangements.

The government thus far has accounted for \$13,000 allegedly passed by Vidler, but proposed to show that the "bookie" succeeded in exchanging \$33,000 of the \$57,000 distributed in Chicago. It is known that \$107,000 ransom money was traded in Havana, Cuba, but the government, it was learned, does not intend to bring this into the case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine co-defendants.

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