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# JUSTICE REFUSES WEAVER PROPOSAL

**Suspect in Bremer Case Offers to Change Plea to Free Paramour.**

BY REX COLLIER.

Adhering to its established policy of refusing to bargain with gangsters, the Department of Justice today rejected a "compromise" proposal by William Weaver, alleged conspirator in the Bremer kidnaping, designed to assure freedom to his paramour, Myrtle Eaton, another alleged conspirator.

Weaver, captured with the Eaton woman last Labor day when G-men raided a farm in Florida, is reported to have offered to change his "not guilty" plea in the Bremer case if the government would nolle prosequi charges pending against the woman.

**Both Under Indictment.**

Both are under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., with 22 others, for alleged conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul bank president. Of the total originally indicted several have been killed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in raids. Among these were Kate "Ma" Barker and one of her sons, Fred Barker, who were killed when they turned machine guns on Federal agents at their hideout in Florida.

Alvin Karpis, one of the ringleaders of the gang which kidnaped Bremer, is the only important member of the gang remaining at large. Arthur Barker, another ringleader, was captured last year and sent to Alcatraz Penitentiary.

**Living on Florida Farm.**

Weaver and the Eaton woman were living as man and wife on a remote Florida farm, with an adopted son, two years old. They were masquerading under assumed names.

A raiding party of special agents of the F. B. I. went to the house occupied by the couple and lay in wait until Weaver emerged from the house to pick up a morning paper at the door. The agents shouted a warning: "Reach up, not down," as they covered him with guns. Weaver surrendered.

The pair were taken by plane to St. Paul and have been awaiting trial there since.

Justice officials interpreted Weaver's overtures as a plan to gain leniency for himself, as well as for the woman. If he should stand trial and be convicted of the conspiracy charge under the Lindbergh law, he might receive a life sentence in Alcatraz Prison. A guilty plea might bring a lesser sentence, it was pointed out.

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# **BURY VIVIAN CHASE**

## **Mysterious Man Delivers Check for Funeral.**

Vivian Chase, gang woman, whose body was found last Sunday morning in a motor car in the parking lot of St. Luke's hospital, was buried Friday afternoon in Greenlawn cemetery.

Thursday night H. C. Bergman of the Bergman mortuary received a telephone call from a man who told him to "go ahead with the funeral—everything will be paid for." Friday morning a taxicab delivered to the mortuary a cashier's check, drawn on the Columbia National bank, sufficient to pay for a modest funeral.

Detectives and federal agents who sought to learn the identity of the check donor were unsuccessful. Neither did they discover at the funeral the presence of anyone who might have been connected with the gang woman before a bullet ended her life in the hospital parking lot.

Seventeen persons attended the services at the Bergman chapel, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Haggett, pastor of the West Side Baptist church. Eight of those present were federal men, city detectives and newspaper men. There were six floral offerings, three of them signed "A Friend."

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# Girl Gangster to Mystery Grave

**Vivid Vivian Chase  
Buried; but Who  
Paid Bills?**

## POLICE ATTEND

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Red-haired Vivian Chase, who lived by the gun and died by the gun, was buried today on a Missouri hillside, the least important figure at her own funeral.

There were seventeen mourners, seven in an official capacity, at the



**VIVIAN CHASE.**

*Lived and died by the gun.*

burial of the young gunwoman whose slender body was found, bullet-torn, in a stolen automobile here Sunday.

### MYSTERY IN BURIAL.

Notorious in life as a suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer, Alton, Ill., banker, she reached the obscurity of a mere "decoy" in death. Her burial provided only a game of "hare and hounds" for police and federal agents, who sought to learn who paid the funeral bill.

This much they knew—and not much more—that the woman was spared a pauper's grave by a mysterious telephone call and an equally mysterious cashier's check on a Kansas City bank.

### MOURNERS ANONYMOUS.

Her mourners preferred anonymity. One young woman broke into convulsive sobs as she stepped before the coffin, and wept again as she walked away from the grave. Would she mind giving her name?

"I most certainly would mind," she replied.

None of the nine women—and one man—who were present as mourners signed the undertaker's register.

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You can tell Author Kingsley of "Dead End" that if he needs any support he can point to the aged mother of Alvin Karpis (P. E. No. 1).  
 He asked a newspaper man to report in his papers: "Alvin, come home and give yourself up to the G-men—Mother."  
 She knows they'll kill him on sight!

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# Gangster's Plea To Save Woman Denied by U.S.

## Bremer Kidnap Suspect Offers to Plead Guilty to Free Companion.

By the Associated Press.

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## K. C. Man, Childhood Sweetheart of Vivian Chase, Gives Glimpse of Past

### Respected Business Leader Tells of Knowing Her in Iowa Before She Became Outlaw.

A mourner who visited Vivian Chase, slain gunman, to view her for the last time as she lay in her casket at the Bergman mortuary last week, gave police a glimpse into her past Saturday night when his identity became known to Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives.

The mourner, a respected Kansas City business man, revealed a heretofore unsuspected romance which had its inception in her home town in Iowa before she became an associate of bandits and killers.

One night last week a neatly dressed man walked in the Bergman undertaking rooms. He inquired if the body of Vivian Chase were there.

Directed to the casket, the visitor stood looking down upon the dead face of the woman who had been labeled No. 1 woman public enemy of the United States.

**License Number Taken.**

Apparently oblivious to his surroundings, he gazed at the form in the casket for several minutes. Then,

he bent over and kissed her face. He looked into the casket for another minute and then lifted a hand and pressed it to his lips.

He offered no explanation of his actions, but turned and left the

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witness saw him enter and drive rapidly. The witness took the license number and turned it over to Chief Higgins on the bare chance it might furnish a clue to the woman's slayer.

The detective chief often had heard of the strange fascination Vivian Chase had for men. He believed that even her slayer regretted his act and rushed her to the vicinity of St. Luke's hospital early last Sunday in the hope she would be found in time to save her life. If he

was actuated by any love for the woman, it was in vain, because she was dead when the presence of the parked motor car and what it contained was discovered.

**Confer for Hour.**

When the business man called at police headquarters Saturday night in response to Higgins' summons, the two entered an office and the door was closed and locked. After an hour the stranger left the building alone.

Chief Higgins refused to disclose the name of his visitor or any of the details of the conversation they had in the locked room.

He did say, however, that the stranger and Vivian Chase had been childhood sweethearts in the Iowa town in which both lived. At one time the two planned to be married.

**Husband Is Slain.**

Then, in 1921, Vivian met George Chase. The newcomer won her away from her sweetheart and the two left together. Chase, even then a bandit and a killer, later was slain in a western town during a holdup.

The glamour of the underworld held Vivian and she never returned to her home in Iowa, Higgins' visitor told him. In the meantime, he came to Kansas City, entered business and prospered. While he met another woman, whom he later married, the stranger confessed to Higgins that he still had loved the woman who deserted him for a criminal.

Higgins pledged himself to secrecy concerning his visitor's identity, after he had heard the story.

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# GUNMAN LOSES FIGHT TO SAVE WOMAN FRIEND

## William Weaver to Face Trial as Kidnap.

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### Woman Also Is Accused.

Myrtle Eaton was wanted on a conspiracy charge in the Bremer case, the government also charging her with harboring a criminal. Weaver now is awaiting trial in St. Paul.

District attorneys in Florida and in St. Paul both have recommended Weaver's offer be accepted, but the department ruled against it.

The department believed Weaver might have preferred the prospect of court leniency on his plea to the penalty following a conviction. Other persons in the case have drawn life sentences.

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### Convicted of Killing.

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## GANGSTER OFFERS PLEA TO SAVE GIRL

Government Rejects Proposal  
to Serve Time Made by  
Barker-Karpis Aide.

COMPROMISES ARE BARRED

Weaver, Held in St. Paul, Is Told  
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**Pretty, Yes, But  
She's a Gang-  
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A woman of  
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Myrtle Eaton—Must Stand Trial.

## BAR KIDNAP PLEA TO FREE WOMAN

WASHINGTON.—The Federal Government has turned its back on the courtly gesture of William Weaver, about to be tried in St. Paul as one of the Bremer kidnapers.

whom they had adopted to lend respectability to their presence in the Florida community.

In refusing to make a bargain with Weaver, Department of Justice officials pointed out that the Federal prosecution forces have a rule that no bargaining is to be done with criminals. That was a precedent established before the trial of Al Capone. Furthermore, they believe that if the Court accepts a plea of "guilty" the sentence may incline to leniency. Weaver, one of the few survivors of the notorious Alvin Karpis-Doc Barker gang was a fellow prisoner of the first-named while serving six years of a life sentence in Oklahoma for murder.

The Eaton woman, under a number of aliases, is a convicted shoplifter with a police record in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was born 32 years ago.

It was disclosed yesterday that Weaver offered to plead guilty to kidnaping if the Government prosecutors would free Myrtle Eaton, his notorious gang-consort. She is soon to go on trial for harboring known criminals.

Flatly refusing Weaver's proposal, Federal prosecutors saw in it a desperate gesture to weasel out of a life sentence that faces him rather than a cavalier bow toward Myrtle. A force of G-Men, acting on a tip, captured Weaver and the Eaton woman on a chicken ranch in Annandale, Fla., early last September.

Prosecutors say they operated the ranch with the proceeds from the \$200,000 ransom paid more than a year ago for the return of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul millionaire. With them, at the time of their arrest, Weaver and Myrtle

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## GUN MOLLS LOSE IN WAR WITH LAW

**"Ma" Barker Is Remembered As Worst  
Menace Among Women**

### LIST OF DEAD IS LONG

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—In the underworld, too, the woman pays—often with her life.

Vivian Chase, "Woman Public Enemy No. 1", who was murdered in Kansas City last week, was far from being the first of her sex to die that way. The

list of "losers" among the nation's gun women is as long, comparatively, as that of gangsters themselves.

Government men who had been hunting Vivian Chase in connection with the 1933 kidnaping of the Alton, Ill., capitalist, August Luer, regarded her as the No. 1 menace among women; but the woman from whom she took the title by descent was far more dangerous than she.

That was "Ma" Barker who bore four sons, three of whom grew to be public enemies. "Ma" herself, lacking any vestige of the glamor that is associated with "gun molls," died with a machine gun cradled in her arms. That was last January when a dozen officers surrounded her Florida home and poured hundreds of bullets into it. With her died one of her sons, "Red" Barker.

"Ma," who was neither pretty nor young, is conceded now to have been one of the few shrewd brains among all the forces of outlawry born in the Middle West. The Edward Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, many officers think, was surely the result of her scheming. She

plotted and planned; the Barker boys, "Red" and "Doc," with their gang, executed.

Lottie Coll, now serving time for a New York robbery, came nearer measuring up physically to the pulp magazine pictures of the modern gun-girl. She elected to cast her life with one of the town's most heartless gunners, Vincent (Baby Face) Coll. When gang guns changed her status from wife to widow, she went on playing the outlaw game alone. The law got her.

Vivian Gordon, of the underworld but not of the gangs, was the siren type, attractive despite her increasing years. Her wickedness, which police said extended over many years, was abruptly ended by a strangler, and her body was dumped from a car in Van Cortlandt Park, the Bronx.

Most of the girls who "played around" with John Dillinger, Harry Van Meter, and the others in the coterie of Western renegades, have been put behind bars. Even the mysterious "woman in red" who put Dillinger on the spot for the Federal men, has been ordered deported.

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## TRY SWINDLE ON TOMASELLO

Contractor Fails to Fall  
for "Big Detroit Job"

An attempted swindle in which gangsters sought to obtain \$250,000 from Joseph A. Tomasello, prominent Boston contractor and Democratic leader, by luring him to Detroit on the promise of a huge contract, was revealed last night when Boston police learned that one of the principals in the plot had jumped bail in Philadelphia.

The attempt to lure Tomasello to Detroit was made last July. At that time he was to be offered a fraudulent contract for \$250,000. The money was to be paid in cash. It was later learned that the contractor was dealing with racketeers and every effort of the Boston police department to round up the men had been made since then.

The game, according to the police, is the "pay-off" racket in which a contractor was to put up a large sum of cash to get the contract.

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# CONTRACTOR ELUDES TRAP ON BREMER MODEL

Man Wanted in Case Said  
To Have Jumped Bail  
In Philadelphia

BOGUS \$250,000 JOB  
WAS USED AS LURE

Intended Victim Got Sus-  
picious—Was Asked to  
Go to Detroit

By RICHARD JACOBSON

Joseph A. Tomasello, promi-  
nent Boston contractor and Dem-  
ocratic leader, narrowly escaped  
kidnappers attempting to lure  
him to Detroit and hold him for  
ransom, it was learned here last  
night.

The kidnapping of the contrac-  
tor and president of the Boston  
Italian Chamber of Commerce,  
who lives at 21 Pond street, Ja-  
malca Plain, was planned along  
the line of the famous Bremer  
case, according to police who  
helped Mr. Tomasello to foil the  
plot at the last minute.

Lt. George Augusta and Detec-  
tive Arthur Tiernan, who aided  
the Democratic leader, yesterday  
were informed that John Nobile,  
alias George Falotico, wanted in  
the kidnapping plot, escaped  
from Philadelphia.

## WANTED IN SWINDLE

Nobile is also wanted in the \$30,000  
swindle perpetrated on John Cap-  
obianco of 129 Chiswick road, Brite-  
ton.

Arrested in Philadelphia on a  
similar charge, he offered the patrol-  
man a bribe of \$10,000, Boston police  
were informed. Spurning the bribe,  
the officer took Nobile before a  
magistrate, where he was ordered  
held in \$5000 bail, according to po-  
lice.

Nobile furnished the cash and  
promptly "jumped bail," failing to  
appear when his case was called.

Nobile, according to police, tele-  
phoned Tomasello's office at 260  
Stuart street, asking for an inter-  
view regarding a large construction  
job in Bar Harbor. Pressed by other  
business, the contractor sent Earl  
Conn, one of his engineers, to a

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## TOO WIDE A NET FOR KIDNAPPER



(Photo by Bachrach)  
JOSEPH A. TOMASELLO

## PLOT TO KIDNAP TOMASELLO FOILED

Contractor's Suspensions  
Aroused by Pair

A plot to kidnap Joseph A. Toma-  
sello, prominent Boston contractor  
and president of the Italian Chamber  
of Commerce, was foiled at the last  
minute, Boston police revealed to-  
day.

The plan to lure the contractor to  
Detroit, where he was to have been  
held for ransom, was disrupted when  
Tomasello sought the aid of police  
after his suspicions had been aroused.

The men sought by police in con-  
nection with the plot are John  
Nobile, alias George Falotico, and  
John Bongfeld, alias Australian Mack  
and Big Mack, against whom indict-  
ments were obtained for the alleged  
swindle of another Boston contractor,  
John Capobianco of Brighton, who  
was robbed of \$30,000.

Lieut. George Augusta of Police  
Headquarters said today that when  
the plot against Tomasello fell  
through the two swindlers turned to  
Capobianco as their victim.

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## PLOT IS FOILED BY TOMASELLO

Contractor Eludes Kid-  
napping Trap on the  
Bremer Model

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Boston hotel where Nobile had engaged a luxurious suite.

Nobile angrily refused to discuss the details of the large "job" with Conn and, after a series of telephone calls, Tomasello, accompanied by W. J. Reed of 31 Kahler avenue, Milton, his general manager, called at the hotel.

The two men were shown an elaborate plan for a wall to be erected about a large estate at a cost of about \$250,000.

Both Tomasello and Reed became suspicious when they noted that the plan failed to carry the name of the architect or a name and address of the estate.

Acting on Reed's suggestion, Tomasello telephoned a Cleveland club, which Nobile claimed as a home address, and found that the man was unknown there.

"He doesn't look like an Italian," Reed told the contractor. "When we see him next time, try speaking to him in Italian, and we'll see if he is an Italian, as he claims."

The contractor followed his advice. Nobile failed to understand him.

Although suspicious of Nobile, the contractor allowed him to unfold his plan. These were the details, according to the police:

The estate about which the wall was to be built was owned by a widow of a wealthy automobile manufacturer, Nobile confided. The executor of the manufacturer's will was eager to have the work done because of the large fee that he would receive, Nobile said.

The contract would have to be drawn and executed in Detroit, Nobile explained, but the money would be deposited in escrow in a Boston bank just as soon as the necessary papers were signed.

When would Tomasello be ready to start for Detroit, Nobile asked. The contractor delayed answering.

Meeting Lt. Augusta and Detective Tiernan on the street, Tomasello told them of the proposition and explained his suspicions.

Furnished with his description of the dapper, 40-year-old confidence man, the officers called in Railway Express and Pinkerton detectives. With their aid, they obtained a

as that of Nobile, comparing it with others in the rogues' gallery.

Convinced that the plan was to lure Tomasello away from home and hold him for ransom, the detectives warned Tomasello and immediately started a search for Nobile.

Nobile, in turn, however, had become suspicious of Tomasello's delay and turned his attentions to Capobianco, soon succeeding in drawing the Brighton man to Detroit, where he and his confederates obtained \$30,000 and escaped. Capobianco was not held because the kidnappers could not expect a large ransom, the police believe.

TOLEDO BLADE

Nov. 19th 1935

Re: BREKID

### Fleming Dismissed by Liquor Chief

Lucian Fleming, Toledo, and Robert Landfair, Mansfield, veteran members of the state liquor enforcement division, were dismissed in Columbus today.

Alfred Humphrey, enforcement chief, said the dismissals were for "the good of the service." Fleming and Landfair were enforcement agents during prohibition days and when the state monopoly system was introduced, they became inspectors.

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**COFFEYVILLE, KAS., Nov. 20.**—(UP)—Tommy Hill, a suspect in the \$3,800 robbery of the Union Gas company here in January, 1931, was captured near here Tuesday night. He was taken to Independence, Kas., Wednesday for arraignment. Other suspects in the robbery include Harry Campbell, listed now as "Public Enemy No. 2" and pal of Alvin Karpis, the nation's top-ranking gangster, and Glen Roy Wright, former Tulsa gangster.

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# Wife of Public Enemy No. 1 Granted Divorce

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce on grounds of desertion from the fugitive public enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, county records revealed today.

WISCONSIN NEWS  
NOVEMBER 26, 1935

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ST PAUL DAILY NEWS 11-26-1935

## Wife Granted Divorce From Alvin Karpis

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 26.—(INS)—Dorothy Karpis, pretty 22-year-old wife of Alvin Karpis, notorious public enemy No. 1, was granted a divorce in district court here today from her fugitive husband.

Ground for the action was "desertion." The woman's maiden name, Dorothy Slayman, was restored. She left Tulsa immediately for an unannounced destination.

The suit was uncontested. That is, when court officials mailed formal notice to Karpis at West Plains, Mo., his last known address, it was returned marked "undelivered."

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  - Mr. Schilder ☒
  - Mr. Tamm ☒
  - Tracy ☒
  - Gandy ☒
- W. J. Tamm*

**Court Grants Divorce  
To Alvin Karpis' Wife**

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 26 (AP).—Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce on ground of desertion from the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, county records revealed today.

The former Mrs. Karpis, who married the fugitive outlaw in October, 1931, won restoration of her maiden name and has left Tulsa, officers said. The couple had no children and lived together only a short time, the petition stated.

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# **Alvin Karpis' Wife Is Granted Divorce**

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce on grounds of desertion from the fugitive public enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, records revealed today. The former Mrs. Karpis, who married the fugitive outlaw in October, 1931, won restoration of her maiden name.

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NOVEMBER 27, 1935

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THE HERALD DISPATCH November 27, 1935  
(Huntington, W. Va.)

**MRS. KARPIS GIVEN  
DIVORCE, OWN NAME**

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 26. (AP)—Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce on grounds of desertion from the fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Karpis, who married the fugitive outlaw in October, 1931, won restoration of her maiden name and has left Tulsa, officers said. The couple had no children and lived together only a short time, the petition stated.

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**ALVIN KARPIS  
DIVORCED**

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 26.—(I.N.S.)—Dorothy Karpis, pretty 22-year-old wife of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was granted a divorce here today.

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## BLOOD MONEY TRAILS

*Left by Public Enemies*



ALVIN KARPIS      WILLIAM MAHAN      T. H. ROBINSON JR.  
*These Three Public Enemies Still Dodge G-Men*

Mahan, Robinson, Karpis Leave Clues Over Nation, but  
Few Persons Examine Currency to Aid Federals  
in Tracing Sought Criminals

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## Guard \$200,000 Cargo Against Raid by Karpis

Government agents and Chicago police, armed with machine guns, convoyed \$200,000 from Chicago to Lake Forest today. The heavy convoy was ordered on a report that Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, had planned to seize the money.

There was considerable mystery as to where the authorities received their "tip" that Karpis and his gang planned to stage the daring robbery, but the informer seemed to know of the movement of the sizable sum of money and the authorities took precautions.

### Search Made on Train.

Postal inspectors under J. R. McWhorter, agents from the federal bureau of investigation assigned by D. M. Ladd, and a detail from State's Attorney Thomas J. Courtney's force under Lieut. William Drury convoyed the money to the North Western terminal.

Other agents and police had been sent on to Lake Forest to keep an eye out for suspicious movements near the railroad station there.

A careful search of the train was made as it was moving northward. On safe arrival at Lake Forest, the agents and police formed a guard as the money was being placed in a mail truck for movement to the postoffice there. Then the convoy formed and the money reached its destination safely. An adequate

guard will be maintained there for the brief time in which the money will be held, it was said.

### Karpis Reported in City.

Reports have cropped up from time to time that Karpis has been moving in and out of Chicago at frequent intervals. From authoritative sources it was learned that at least on one occasion a trap had been set for Karpis in Chicago but that he failed to appear during the days when the authorities lay in ambush for him.

Police said it was possible that aids of Karpis may have been "casing" either the Chicago station or the Lake Forest station and were frightened away by the show of force.

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*St. Paul Pioneer Press*  
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**G-MEN CONVOY \$200,000  
ON TIP KARPIS PLANS RAID**

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(P)—A heavy guard of Federal agents convoyed \$200,000 to the postoffice at suburban Lake Forest today on an advance tip that Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was aware of the plan to ship the money and meant to seize it.

Postal inspectors kept the source of the tip secret, but took every precaution for protection, the informer's knowledge of the Postoffice department's shipping plans accepted as evidence that the underworld was on the alert.

"G-men," special police, and a state's attorney's detail armed with machine guns rode with the money on a train that was carefully searched on the 25-mile run north from Chicago.

Stations at both ends of the trip were watched, and it was said a guard will be maintained over the money for the time it is held at Lake Forest.

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**Arraign Alleged Cash  
"Cooler" Next Monday**

Cassius McDonald, Detroit politician and alleged "cooler" of \$72,000 of the Bremer kidnap ransom money, will be arraigned in federal district court here Monday.

McDonald, in Ramsey county jail a month, is scheduled to go on trial Jan. 6 with William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, charged with being the actual kidnapers of the St. Paul banker.

The men will be tried on conspiracy charges, with Weaver and Sawyer each having a second indictment against them charging the actual kidnaping.

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# Three 'Big Shot' Kidnap Suspects Remain at Large

Washington, D. C. (AP)—The Caleb Milne kidnaping case comes at a time when the federal bureau of investigation—the "G" men's unit—believes the chances of a successful time of that type are slim indeed.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau, recently expressed the opinion that "the back of the racket" had been broken.

Few kidnapers are free to gainsay the federal men. Hoover attributed a general paring down of crime to the work of all law enforcement officers and public support.

The "wanted" list of "big shot" abductors has been thinned perceptibly during the year, leaving only Alvin Karpis, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer; Thomas H. Robinson, jr., for the abduction of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, and William Mahan, charged with having engineered the most spectacular kidnaping of the year, that of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.

The killing of Fred Barker, also a Bremer kidnaper, and "Ma" Barker, his mother, and the capture and imprisonment of Harmon Walcy and his wife for their part in the Weyerhaeuser affair, left the federal men freer to devote more time to the branches of crime.

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Mr. Quinn	✓
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Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓
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PITTSBURGH PRESS December 20, 1935

## KARPIS IS HUNTED AS MILNE KIDNAPER

No. 1 Public Enemy Linked to Crime  
By U. S. Agents

By The United Press

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Dec. 20—  
Clues found at an abandoned  
mountain farm, and fingerprints on  
ransom notes have revealed the  
identity of at least one of the four  
kidnapers of Caleb J. Milne IV, it  
was reported today.

The young textile heir who disap-  
peared in New York Saturday and  
was found bound and gagged in a  
ditch near Doylestown yesterday,  
gave Federal agents information  
that sent them in quest of a gang  
of such efficiency and discipline as  
to indicate that a major criminal is  
its leader.

Evidence that 45 Federal agents  
had turned their search to Ohio—  
particularly the vicinity of Cleve-  
land—caused reports they suspected  
Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1,  
seen in Cleveland within the last  
few weeks.

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# FIND KIDNAP 'HIDEOUT'

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## Public Enemy 'Al' Karpis Hunted By 'G-Men'

Special Dispatch to the Daily Mirror.  
**DOYLESTOWN, Pa.**—The first break for the G-men who started a man-hunt for the kidnapers of Caleb J. Milne, 4th, came when late yesterday afternoon they located the "hide-out" where for five days the abductors had held captive the young textile heir while one of the mob "contacted" the youth's millionaire grandfather in Germantown, Pa.

It is a shambles of an abandoned Pennsylvania farmhouse on the outskirts of Wrightstown, in Bucks County, about 10 miles from where he was "bounced" into a ditch from a speeding automobile more dead than alive. In the yard they found empty food tins and a hypodermic syringe. And it is this hypodermic syringe that is expected to lead the relentless G-men to the lair of the "snatchers."



All day long the "G-men" led by Harold Nathan, Assistant Chief, had sat beside the bed of the unconscious boy in his room in the Doylestown Hospital. He was delirious. His body twitched. His eyes open, but unseeing, as he shrieked:  
"Don't let them jab that needle into my arm any more."  
And an examination disclosed

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that on his left arm were 20 punctures of the needle of a hypodermic syringe.

Reports that a search had been begun for Alvin Karpis, current public enemy number one, mentioned as a suspect exclusively in the Daily Mirror the day following the kidnaping, went without denial on the part of Federal agents. Four men were described by young Milne. Descriptions were flashed to the State Police of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and to all offices of Federal agents.

All day long the "G" men had sat beside the bed of the delirious youth in the Doylestown hospital. As the day wore on consciousness began to return. Then full realization.

#### STRENGTH FAILS.

Gently they questioned him. Desperately he tried to answer. Time and again his strength failed him and he would lapse into a coma. And then he would shudder and moan:

"Cold—I'm so cold—put something over me—I'm freezing—so cold—"

It was an incoherent story of his awful suffering on the kidnapers' rack. Of torment and anguish. His pathetic condition proved his acute torture. Then a fleeting few seconds of consciousness and then—

"One a big man—a thin man—four in all—"

Still dazed he wasn't able to clarify his mind as to just where he had been taken captive. He knew he had started for Philadelphia upon the receipt of the hoax telegram that his grandfather was desperately ill, and had sent for him.

"They put me in an automobile. They taped my eyes and mouth and bound me hand and foot and said they'd kill me if I didn't obey orders," he gasped.

"There were four voices. I will

know them by their voices. I got a good look at the 'big man' and the 'thin man' before they taped my eyes.

"We traveled around a lot in the car—it was awfully bumpy. The road must have been very rough. I was so cold I could not think."

"Bumpy"—"rough"—and on these two words the astute "G" men deduced that the "hide out" was a deserted farmhouse, or barn, on a little used road. And they threw out a net from all points from where the boy was found in the ditch on the old York Road near here and 10 miles away they came upon the farm house in Bucks County.

"I was all in when they got me there," whispered the boy. "Then they began to 'jab a needle' in my arm. I fought them. I battled as hard as I could. They beat me up. Tore my overcoat to pieces. And they took off my shoes and stockings and kept me in my bare feet. It was so cold. And when I asked for water—they laughed at me—although the 'thin man' gave me a sip now and then. They were all the time going in and out but for long periods I was left alone. Kept with my eyes taped so I could not tell whether it was day or night. And I was so frightfully cold. I thought I'd perish—and then I thought of mother and prayed for strength to keep alive—"

#### SYRINGE KARPIS LINK.

That Alvin Karpis "caged" the kidnaping is virtually admitted by the "G" men although they are doing no talking. The hypodermic syringe is a strong tie up, for Karpis "plies the needle" on his "snatch" victims.

It is now revealed that the kidnapers "turned loose" the youth without any ransom money being paid. They got cold feet. The boy's grandfather went to a rendezvous named in a ransom note and deposited a package containing \$50,000. The kidnapers got a "tip" and did not go near it, fearing that the spot was rimmed with "G" men, which it was.

Jack Keaser, Robert Keaser,

Max Riekin and Lance Smith, of Doylestown, are the ones who identified the "man sized bundle" as young Milne when he was discovered half unconscious in the ditch.

#### PICTURE IDENTIFICATION.

"We recognized him from his pictures in the Daily Mirror," they explained.

It was reported here tonight that from the story they pieced together from the disconnected tale of the boy and from others, the G-men know the identity of one or more of the kidnapers. Last night the twenty men were afield with orders to "bring in these men—dead or alive." A link in their evidence was a store keeper in Wrightsville from whom one of the snatch mob bought some canned goods.

"I'll know him the second I see him again," he said.

The finding of the "hide out" farm house disposes of the whispered report that the kidnaping was a hoax to give the youth, who is an actor, a "break on corking line publicity."

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## MCDONALD ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

**Detroit Engineer Denies Part  
in Bremer Kidnaping  
Conspiracy.**

Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, pleaded not guilty today in federal court here to conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Judge M. M. Joyce set his trial for January 6. He will be tried with Harry Sawyer, who is alleged to have pointed out Bremer to his abductors, and William Weaver, named as one of the actual kidnapers.

McDonald, a middle-aged man of medium height and build, with iron gray hair and a ruddy complexion, appeared calm during the arraignment which occupied only a few minutes. He was dressed in a brown suit, light green shirt and green spotted tie.

He is accused of changing about \$104,000 of the Bremer ransom at a dog track which he operated in Havana, Cuba. He was arrested by federal agents last September at his home in Grosse Point, Mich., fashionable Detroit suburb. At that time he was at liberty under bond on a previous charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader, in Florida.

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### Bremer Ransom Link Denied by Detrouiter

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23.—  
(INS)—Cassius McDonald, Detroit  
politician charged with handling  
\$72,000 of the \$200,000 ransom  
money in the Edward G. Bremer  
kidnaping, pleaded not guilty to a  
conspiracy charge before Federal  
Judge M. M. Joyce today.

Trial was set for January 8, at  
which time Harry Sawyer, St. Paul,  
alleged "finger man," and William  
Weaver, Barker-Karpis machine  
gunner, also will face a jury.

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## Detroiter Denies Part in Kidnaping

**McDonald Trial Date  
Set at St. Paul**

Cassius M. McDonald, engineer who was arrested Sept. 26 in his Grosse Pointe Park home as a suspect in the kidnaping of Edward J. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, pleaded not guilty to conspiracy charges Monday in Federal Court at St. Paul.

His trial was set for Jan. 6, when Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, who have been implicated in the kidnaping, also will be tried.

McDonald, a Florida gambler in the winter and an engineer and Michigan timber consultant in the summer, is accused of passing more than half of the \$200,000 ransom money at a race track he operated in Havana.

Although McDonald had lived at 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe Park for nine years, few of his neighbors knew anything about him. The luxurious home was usually guarded by police dogs.

## Hijackers Attack Driver of a Truck

**Blackjack Is Used by  
Cigaret Thiefs**

PONTIAC, Dec. 23—Joseph Barnett, a truck driver who lives at 1800 Harrison St., Flint, told Sunday how he was blackjacked Saturday night in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the hijacking of part of a fellow trucker's load.

The fellow trucker, Earl Thompson, of 1613 New York St., Flint, was hauling a load of cigarets north on the Dixie Highway. He felt his load growing lighter and stopped at Waterford to investigate.

Barnett was parked where Thompson stopped, and he saw a man jump off the back of Thompson's truck. Barnett chased the man and caught him at Waterford Hill. There two other men drove up in a sedan, slugged Barnett with the blackjack and drove off with their confederate.

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# **OUTLAW'S DAD, GIRL ASPHYXIATED**

SHREVEPORT, La. (UP).—

Two bodies, one that of a young woman and the other identified as that of J. H. Hamilton, father of the late Raymond Hamilton, notorious outlaw, executed in Texas Penitentiary several months ago, were found late yesterday in a tourist cabin near Vivian. Both had died from asphyxiation.

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PUBLIC ENEMIES AT LARGE

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

DEC. 30, 1935

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# THESE ARE NAMES

**Alvin Karpis**




Age 26. Candidate for title of Public Enemy No. 1. Wanted for Bremer kidnaping. Sentenced to Kansas Reformatory for burglary in 1926. Escaped in 1929, recaptured 1930. Arrested Kansas City, Mo., as safecracker, 1930, and returned to reformatory. Sentenced for burglary 1931, for 4 years, paroled.

**Dr. Joseph B. Moran**



Age 33. Convicted of performing an illegal operation in 1928, sent to Joliet Penitentiary, Illinois, released on parole, 1930; taken as parole violator, 1930; released on parole, 1931. Was licensed physician and surgeon. Wanted as member of the Karpis gang.

**Clarence Stevens**



Age 30. Charged with kidnaping of Miss Mary McElroy from her home in Kansas City, Mo., in May, 1933. One man sentenced to die, but his punishment changed to life on plea of Miss McElroy. Arrested at Kansas City, Mo., in 1932, as vagrant.

**Francis Leo Oley**



Age 25. Wanted in connection with the O'Connell kidnaping. No previous record.

**Thomas H. Robinson Jr.**



Age 22. Wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Ky. Arrested in June, 1929, at Nashville, Tenn., charged with impersonating an officer, committed to insane asylum for observation, released, charge dismissed. Nashville robbery charge still pending.

**Harry Campbell**



Age 35. Charged with complicity in the Bremer kidnaping. First arrested at Tulsa, Okla. Fined \$19. Sent to Oklahoma penitentiary January 30, 1921, for bank robbery, discharged by court order, 1921. Tulsa burglary charge, released on bail, case pending.

**Walter Holland**



Alias Walter "Irish" O'Malley. Age 32. Wanted in connection with the Luer kidnaping. Arrested in St. Louis, 1921, charged with burglary and kidnaping. Dismissed. Arrested Chicago, 1922, sentenced to 1 to 20 years in penitentiary. Paroled.

**William Mahan**



Age 22. Charged with kidnaping George Philip Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma last May. Escaped from police in Butte, Mont. Arrested Valley County, Mont., for auto theft. Paroled December, 1924. Sentenced in 1927 to Idaho penitentiary 20 years for robbery, paroled.

**John Joseph Oley**




Age 23. Wanted for O'Connell kidnaping. Arrested Albany for interstate larceny, given five years, 1923. Paroled, 1926. Arrested for impersonating Federal officer, Albany, one year in Federal prison at Atlanta.

**Lloyd Davis**



Age 33. Wanted in Luer kidnaping. Arrested 1926 for robbery, St. Louis, dismissed. Arrested St. Louis, 1923, robbery, dismissed. Arrested St. Louis, 1932, suspicion of kidnap, dismissed. Arrested St. Louis, 1932, suspicion of bank robbery, dismissed. Arrested, 1 released.

**Percy Geary**



Known as "Angel" Fa. Age 29. Wanted in kidnaping of John J. O'Connell of Albany, N. Y. Arrested for burglary New York, 1916 and 1917. B dismissed. Arrested New York for grand larceny, sent to reformatory for eight months, 1917. Long record arrests, sentences. Paroled 1

# G-MEN WANT THE

Over the names of America's most dangerous criminals, the Department of Justice yesterday



ALVIN KARPIS, wanted for Bremer kidnaping, and now rated as Public Enemy No. 1.

has underscored the word, "WANTED!" Under the lash of public opin-



WALTER HOLLAND, who with Lloyd Dole is still being hunted in August Luer abduction case.

son, suddenly "crime-conscious" because of the flight to England of the Lindberghs and their in-

fant son, G-men renewed their manhunt for a dozen men.

Prominent in the list of public enemies prepared in Washington are the kidnapers. Fear of them caused the secret exodus of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh and their child, Jon.

## KARPIS HEADS LIST

Now holder of the usually fatal title, "Public Enemy No. 1," is Alvin Karpis. At 26 years of age, he qualified for the head of the roll with adventures in kidnaping, burglary and safecracking. Karpis currently is wanted for the Bremer kidnaping.

"Public Enemy No. 2" is W.



HARRY CAMPBELL, sought by G-Men for his asserted complicity in Bremer kidnaping plot.

liam Mahan, 32, charged with the kidnaping of George Philip Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma last May. Mahan graduated from auto theft to robbery to kidnaping.

In the list of kidnapers appears the name of Harry Campbell, 35, charged with complicity in the Bremer kidnaping. Bank robbery and burglary is his background.

Three members of the gang believed to have kidnaped John J. O'Connell in Albany, N. Y., are on the "wanted" list of G-men. They

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are "Angel Face" Percy Geary, cap a career in lesser crime—the Kansas City (Mo.) home in May, 1933. 39; John Joseph Oley, 23, and Luer kidnaping. Thomas H. Robinson Jr., 22, Francis Lee Oley, 26. Long criminal records are behind Geary and John Joseph Oley. Here are others with long over- wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Ky.

Lloyd Dole, 25, and Walter Holland, 32, won the attention of the



**WILLIAM MAHAN**, Public Enemy No. 2, who is charged with Weyerhaeuser kidnaping. Department of Justice by what officers believe was the coup to



**THOMAS H. ROBINSON JR.**, the elusive quarry in ransoming of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll.

—International News photographs

due appointments with the G-men:

Clarence Stevens, 32, charged with implication in the kidnaping of Mary McElroy from her Kan-

Dr. Joseph B. Moran, 38, wanted as a member of the Alvin Karpis gang.

# KARPIS GETS AWAY, PAL CAPTURED

Outlaw Flees in Auto  
After Gun Battle with  
Kansas City Police

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31 (I.N.S.).—On a report that Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, had "holed up" at a tourist camp outside this city, 12 city detectives and three G-Men armed to the teeth with machine guns and bombs rushed to the camp late today.

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The man believed to be Karpis escaped in a black sedan which the pair were driving, while Fanning, who had been forced to flee afoot, was found crouching in a schoolhouse several hours later by police.

When last seen the driver of the fugitive car was fleeing east on United States Highway 40 at a speed estimated by police at 90 miles an hour.

Fanning said that he and Karpis served prison terms together at the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., from 1927 to 1929.

Police files did not immediately disclose Fanning's record.

Reformatory records show that Karpis was sent to the institution in February, 1925, at the age of 16 to serve a term for robbery. He and another prisoner escaped from the prison in 1929.

Fanning and his companion this morning fought a desperate running gun battle with Patrolmen Leonard Johnson and Chester Decker after the two policemen had attempted to stop their car.

When Fanning and his companion attempted flight the patrolmen gave chase. Careening around a street corner in the heart of the Kansas City residential district, the fugitive hit a curb, throwing Fanning out into the street.

## Comes Up Shooting

Fanning came to his feet firing a revolver. The man believed to be Karpis, who was driving the car, thrust the nose of a machine gun out of the car and began spraying the patrol car with bullets.

Fanning fled on foot, with Johnson in pursuit. The driver of the car got it started again and Decker followed him in the police car, exchanging shots as he drove.

Decker lost track of the car and phoned police headquarters for aid. Another patrol car received the call and a moment later sighted the car supposedly being driven by the fleeing Karpis.

At that moment the second patrol car received radioed instructions to rush to the aid of Johnson, who had Fanning cornered in a schoolhouse, and chase of the car was abandoned.

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of Kansas City detectives, immediately ordered all police reserves to the neighborhood and a blockade was set up on the highway at the city limits.

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Detectives took Fanning to police headquarters, locked him in a room and began to grill him. They refused to reveal the outcome of their questioning, beyond saying that Fanning had asserted his companion was Karpis.

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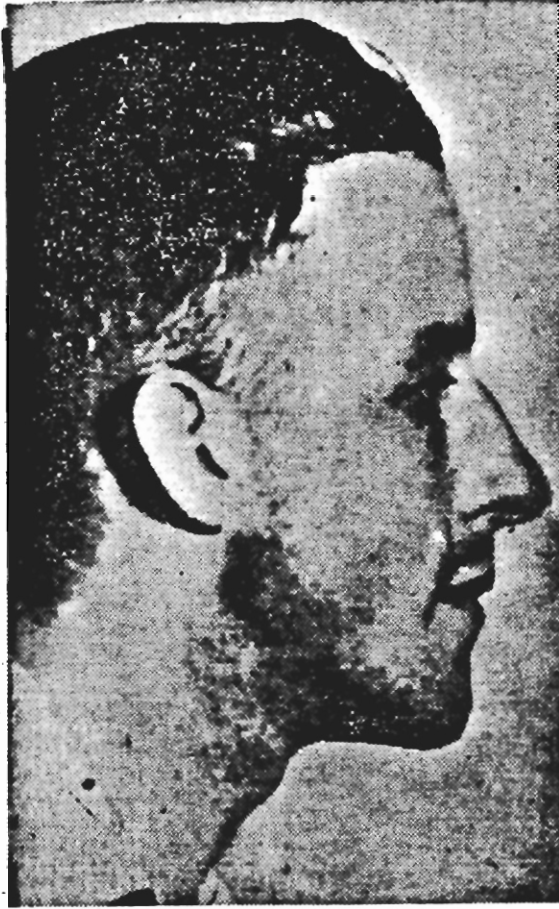
## Escapes Again



ALVIN KARPIS, Public Enemy No. 1, wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, is believed to be hiding out in Kansas City, Mo. Karpis escaped and a companion was captured by Kansas City police in a gun battle.

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#### WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPER

Here is Harmon Waley, who made the front page when he was captured and convicted with his wife in the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

(AP Wirephoto)



#### LONG'S ASSASSIN

This is Carl Weiss, Jr., who startled the nation and leaped into the criminal limelight when he assassinated "Kingfish" Huey Long.

(AP Wirephoto)

# Front Page Headliners in the News of Crime During the Year of 1935



**PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1**

Alvin Karpis, notorious kidnaper and gunman, now rated as country's Public Enemy No. 1, for whom "G" men are still searching.

(AP Wirephoto)



**HAUPTMANN ACCUSER**

Arthur Koehler, wood expert who provided damaging evidence against Bruno Hauptmann by linking the suspect with Lindbergh kidnaping ladder.

(AP Wirephoto)

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## Claims Karpis in New Gun Escape

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—  
(UP)—One of two men who engaged officers in a running gun battle today, said after his capture that his companion who escaped was Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The prisoner, an ex-convict, refused to divulge his own identity, but police, convinced his story of Karpis was true.

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# Karpis Escapes, Pal Captured in Running Gunfight

By United Press  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—  
One of two men who engaged officers in a running gun battle today, said after his capture that his companion who escaped was Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1.  
The prisoner was identified as Homer Fanning, ex-convict. Police, convinced his story of Karpis was true, sent every available officer into the hunt was the much wanted killer and kidnaper. The police were armed with machine guns, rifles and revolvers.

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DIES IN PRISON



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

## M'LAUGHLIN'S BURIAL IS HELD HERE SECRETLY

Serving Term for His Part  
in the Kidnaping of  
Bremer.

### VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician and gambler, convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Karpis-Davis gang \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping, died yesterday in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., it became known here today.

McLaughlin was buried here secretly today. Services were held at St. Patrick's church, Desplaines and Adams street, and burial was at Calvary cemetery.

McLaughlin, who was sentenced to five years, had served less than seven months of his sentence. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia. McLaughlin received the lightest sentence of any of the conspirators convicted in the case, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce of St. Paul saying that he inflicted the minimum sentence because of McLaughlin's ill health. He had long been a victim of diabetes.

McLaughlin, had he lived until Jan. 2, would have been 68 years old. He was born on Chicago's west side, and after graduation from business college started the contracting business. He was president of a sand and gravel company when he entered politics.

#### Was State Representative

He was elected state representative from the old 19th district in 1902 and served several terms in the legislature. One of the overlords of west side gambling, his activities brought him into contact with many underworld characters, and these associations eventually led to his downfall.

He was questioned in connection with the slaying of Jake Lingle, when it was reported that he had threatened Lingle because the latter had refused to help him in opening a gambling house.

#### Indicted in Robbery

In the fall of 1933, he was indicted by the federal grand jury as a receiver of bonds stolen in a \$250,000 mail robbery. This and other indictments kept him in the courts until his indictment in the Bremer case. Here part of the ransom money was traced to him.

McLaughlin was one of numerous politicians on the pay rolls of the sanitary district during the "whoopie" era. It was shown that he had made fifty-nine trips to Beardstown to investigate flood conditions on the Illinois river, running up expense accounts of nearly \$4,000 in addition to his regular salary.

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# KANSAS CITY POLICE GIVEN KARPIS CLEW

Manhunt Starts After Captured  
Fugitive Names Companion  
*By United Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31—Alvin Karpis, killer and kidnaper, was hunted in Kansas City today.

Homer Fanning, ex-convict, captured when his companion escaped, told police the man who got away was Karpis.

Police sent every available officer into the hunt for the much wanted killer. They were armed with machine guns, rifles and revolvers.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—TWO POLICEMEN AND A PAIR OF SUSPECTS ENGAGED EACH OTHER IN A SPECTACULAR RUNNING GUN BATTLE THROUGH CITY STREETS TODAY BUT THE SUSPECTS ESCAPED, ONE OF THEM BY JUMPING FROM THE SECOND STORY OF A SCHOOL HOUSE.  
 NEITHER OF THE POLICEMEN WAS INJURED AND THEY DOUBTED THAT ANY OF THEIR BULLETS STRUCK THE SUSPECTS WHO WERE SIGHTED IN AN AUTOMOBILE BEARING A STOLEN NEBRASKA LICENSE PLATE.  
 THE OFFICERS, LEONARD JOHNSON AND CHESTER DECKER, TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE SUSPECTS AS DAVE SHERMAN OF KANSAS CITY, WANTED AS ONE OF FOUR BANDITS WHO HELD UP 100 CUSTOMERS IN A DRUG STORE ROBBERY HERE LAST SPRING AND TOOK \$2,000.

KANSAS CITY—ONE OF TWO MEN WHO ENGAGED OFFICERS IN A RUNNING GUN BATTLE TODAY, SAID AFTER HIS CAPTURE THAT HIS COMPANION WHO ESCAPED WAS ALVIN KARPIS.

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AND BANDITS, KANSAS CITY  
 THE PRISONER, AN EX-CONVICT, REFUSED TO DIVULGE HIS OWN IDENTITY,  
 BUT POLICE WERE CONVINCED HIS STORY OF KARPIS WAS TRUE.  
 KARPIS AND HIS COMPANION FIRST WERE PLUSHED BY TWO RADIO CAR  
 PATROLMEN WHEN IT WAS NOTED THEIR CAR CARRIED LICENSE PLATES STOLEN  
 RECENTLY IN NEBRASKA.  
 THE MAN SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED TOOK REFUGE IN A SCHOOL HOUSE,  
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 MACHINE GUN. SEVERAL SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED, AND AS KARPIS FLED IN  
 THE CAR HE LOOSE A BLAST FROM THE MACHINE GUN.  
 THE SECTION IN WHICH THE KARPIS SEARCH CENTERED IS ON THE EAST  
 SIDE OF THE CITY, NEAR HIGHWAYS LEADING TO ST. LOUIS. IT WAS OUT  
 OF THESE ROUTES THAT KARPIS FLED AFTER THE FIRST ENCOUNTER.  
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AND BANDITS, KANSAS CITY  
 THE CAPTURED MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS HOMER FANNING, AN EX-  
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## BREMER CASE FIGURE DIES

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (I.N.S.).  
 The sudden death and secret  
 burial of John J. "Boss"  
 McLaughlin, old time Chicago po-  
 litical boss, who was serving a  
 five-year term in Leavenworth  
 for conspiracy in the Bremer kid-  
 naping case, was revealed today.

McLaughlin died in Leaven-  
 worth prison Monday of bron-  
 chial pneumonia. The body was  
 prepared for burial there, and  
 on arrival here early yesterday  
 was taken directly to St. Pat-  
 rick's Church from where, after  
 services, it was taken to Calvary  
 Cemetery for burial. Only his  
 widow and a few close friends  
 attended the services and the in-  
 terment.

In Federal Court in St. Paul  
 last June, McLaughlin was con-  
 victed of being the prime mover  
 in disposing of \$57,000 of the  
 \$200,000 ransom paid nearly two  
 years ago for the release of Ed-  
 ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul  
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# CAMP PROPRIETOR AIDS KARPIS HUNT

Agents Press for Capture  
After Arrest of "Com-  
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By the Associated Press.

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Fanning Declared Insane.

"We don't know how much of Fanning's story to believe," the bureau chief said. "He was declared insane in Iowa in 1934, after making a lot of extravagant claims when he was arrested there."

"Psychologists at the University of Iowa examined him and reported he had been dropped on his head as a baby, suffering a skull injury which affected his mind."

"Our files show a jury declared him officially insane."

Fanning, questioned until this morning by Kansas City police and Federal agents, clung tenaciously to his story that Karpis was his companion.

"I ought to know," he insisted. "I've been with him constantly for the last four months and I served a sentence with him once at Arkansas City, Kans."

Acquaintance Established.

Smith said Fanning had been an inmate of the Kansas State Reformatory while Karpis served a sentence there, and "probably knew him."

At Kirksville, Mo., where Fanning had operated a photographic shop for several months, officers raided his hotel room. They reported they found several pistols and a number of radio receiving sets.

Fanning was arrested yesterday after leaping from a stolen car police were pursuing. His companion escaped in the machine, driving madly over curbs and through shrubbery to elude the officers.

Fanning concealed himself in a schoolhouse and was arrested when he left the building after hiding for several hours.

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# **CAPTURED THUG LEADS OFFICERS IN VAIN SEARCH**

**Famous Outlaw Gone From  
Hideout As Squads Arrive  
On Tip Given by Ex-Pal**

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## KANSAS CITY POLICE PRESS KARPIS HUNT

Cabin Camp Owner Identifies Photograph Of Public Enemy No. 1

Man Held On Auto Theft Charge Insists Bandit Was Companion

[By the Associated Press]

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Smith said the picture, taken four year ago, resembled Fanning's companion.

Fanning, meanwhile, continued to insist his companion was Karpis. "I ought to know," he told police

questioners tonight. "I've been with him constantly for the last four months and I once served a sentence with him at Kansas City, Kan."

Police said Federal agents had taken over the cabin and were searching for finger prints.

The Federal officers said earlier they doubted Fanning's story. W. A. Smith, head of the Bureau of Investigation Office here, said he was informed Fanning had been adjudged insane at Iowa City, Iowa, in January, 1934.

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Camp Owner Partially  
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# **PRESS HUNT FOR KARPIS.**

**Federal Agents Seek Bandit in Kansas City.**

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# Karpis Shoots Way Out of Police Trap

Kansas City, Dec. 31 (U.P.).—Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, shot his way out of a police trap here today, but his companion, a former cellmate, was caught. Tonight heavily armed squads of G-Men and police were systematically combing the city for the desperate fugitive.

## CITY STARTS TO WRING OUT '35 6 HOURS EARLY

Happy New Year jumped the gun last night and swept through the town from Mayfair to Maspeth six hours ahead of his formal arrival on the midnight chimes.

The noisiest, most irresponsible celebration since 1929 began to jell at 6 P. M. Hun-

The gun battle started when radio police spotted two men in a car bearing stolen



Alvin Karpis

Shoots his way to freedom again. Nebraska license plates. As the squad car ordered the car to stop, it sped away. Bottled by heavy traffic and forced to slow down, Karpis and his companion, Homer (Slim) Fanning, jumped from their car and fled in opposite directions.

Several shots were fired at the pair and the policemen chased Fanning. He broke into a school house, leaped from a second-floor window and momentarily escaped. Karpis seized the opportunity to circle back to his car.

### Outdrives Police.

When the plice saw him and pursued, he loosed a blast of machine gun fire and made his getaway. The police abandoned the hunt for Fanning and chased Karpis, who outdrove them on the open highway outside the city. Then, they believe, he dodged back into the city.

Fanning was trapped several hours later in the school house which he had re-entered. Then for the first time the police learned the other man was Karpis. A

loaded revolver and \$110 in cash were taken from Fanning. He was taken with police as Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins and fifteen policemen went out in four scout cars to join the hunt for Karpis. They were issued ma-

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chine guns and automatic rifles and ordered to shoot on sight.

Karpis and Fanning served time together in the Hutchinson, Kan., reformatory ten years ago. Police are satisfied Fanning's identification of his comrade was correct.

Karpis succeeded to the title of Public Enemy No. 1 after John Dillinger and George (Baby Face) Nelson were killed by G-men. He has been the object of an intense search and several times his capture has seemed near. More than a year ago he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City. Later he was reported in Havana, on the West Coast, and in principal cities throughout the nation.

Karpis was co-leader with the slain Fred Barker of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul. Last fall he was located in Cleveland, but escaped just before a raid.

Several months ago he sent a telegram to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, threatening to kill the G-man.

### **Karpis, Like Dillinger, Has His Face Lifted.**

(Special to The News)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Taking a leaf from the book of John Dillinger, his late predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis recently had his face remodeled and his fingerprints altered by plastic surgery.

This was revealed today by agents of the Department of Justice, which has had men on the desperado's trail since March, 1934, when he was identified as the brains of the Bremer kidnaping.

Unlike the amateurish job performed on Dillinger's chill countenance, the operations on Karpis' face and fingertips were said to be works of art. They have changed his appearance so radically that the hunt for him has been made immeasurably harder.

G-Men assigned to the Karpis case know who did the work on the bandit. When he is captured, the outlaw surgeon also will be arrested.

James J. Probasco, ex-convict, who was accused by the Government of lifting Dillinger's face, committed suicide while being questioned. He leaped from the nineteenth floor Department of Justice offices in the heart of Chicago on July 26, a few days after Dillinger himself was killed by G-Men.

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## KARPIS SLIPS OUT OF NET

*Fleeing Gunman Identified  
by Pal in Kansas City as  
Public Enemy No. 1*

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Instead they found new scraps of evidence to support Fanning's tale. Fanning was captured this morning after police forced his companion to skid a fleeing automobile into a school grounds.

### MACHINE-GUN FIRE

Fanning fled afoot. The companion drove Policemen Chester Decker and Leonard Johnson back with machine-gun fire and then drove his sedan across the rough ground to another highway.

Ollie Smith, night attendant at a tourist camp where Fanning and his companion stopped last night, was asked for a description of the companion, but was not informed of Fanning's statement.

### DESCRIPTION TALLIES

Smith gave detectives a description which tallied perfectly with Karpis.

Fanning was captured a few hours after the gun fight by Detective John Costello, who saw him run from a house to a taxicab. Detective traced the address given the cab driver and took into custody Dr. Arthur Blum, an acquaintance of Fanning.

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## Burial Secret in Bremer Kidnap Aide Death

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(UP)—John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, "money-changer" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, for which Alvin Karpis is sought, was buried secretly today in Chicago.

The Rev. Thomas Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, said funeral services for McLaughlin, whose



JOHN J. M'LAUGHLIN

death of diabetes at Leavenworth Penitentiary went unannounced by officials, had been held this morning.

### UNAWARE OF IDENTITY

"At the time," Father Hayes said, "we did not know he was Boss McLaughlin. I wish I had known."

The priest explained that Undertaker P. J. Hursten had delivered a letter from Our Lady of Sorrows parish, to which McLaughlin formerly belonged, authorizing the pastor of St. Patrick's to give one John J. McLaughlin Christian burial.

"It was a simple formality, merely giving the name of the deceased," the priest said. "We did not know his connections."

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery on the North Side.

### PASTOR ALSO IGNORANT

The Rev. J. Mulhern, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, said he did not know of the undertaker's note, but explained that any of his curates might have written it without knowledge of McLaughlin's character. He had not known that McLaughlin was dead, he said.

It was believed the change of funeral services was to protect the secrecy which surrounded McLaughlin's death at Leavenworth.

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Half a dozen scout cars patrolled the southeastern section of the city in the belief that Fanning's companion was hiding there. The policemen carried machine guns and tear gas bombs.

A check of Fanning's record showed that he had been in prison not only with Karpis but also with half a dozen other "hot" gunmen.

Higgins warned his men to use great caution in seeking Karpis.

"Blast him first and ask questions afterwards," Higgins ordered.

Policemen Decker and Johnson followed an automobile this morning

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when they noted its Nebraska license plates corresponded with number of their stolen car list. As soon as the gunmen were aware that they were being followed, they drove at break-neck pace, running red lights and skidding around corners.

Once the bandit car skidded so badly that it jumped a curbstone. Fanning opened a door and fled on foot. The driver exchanged fire with the officers, pitting a machine gun against their shotguns. Then he wheeled the car across a school grounds and escaped.

Detective John Costello captured Fanning when the latter ran from a house and leaped into a taxicab.

An hour later, a policeman on foot notified headquarters that the bandit car had been driven back to the school grounds apparently to pick up Fanning.

Police were unable to locate it several minutes later, however. Department of Justice agents, meanwhile, were reported to have joined in the hunt for the escaped gunman.

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## POLICE GIVE KARPIS SEARCH NEW VIGOR

No. 1 Enemy's Photo Tentatively Identified as Man Chased by Officers.

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### Insists Man Is Karpis.

Smith said the picture, taken four years ago, resembled Fanning's companion.

Fanning, meanwhile, continued to insist his companion was Karpis.

"I ought to know," he told police questioners tonight. "I've been with him constantly for the last four months and I once served a sentence with him at Arkansas City, Kas."

Police said Federal agents had taken over the cabin and were searching for fingerprints.

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## BREMER KIDNAP AIDE IS BURIED

### 'Boss' McLaughlin Dies In Prison of Bronchial Pneumonia

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. (AP)—A furtive funeral today ended the varied career of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, 67, who died yesterday in Leavenworth prison where he was serving a five year sentence for participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

A death certificate filed with the Leavenworth, Kas., city clerk ascribed the death of the one time Illinois state representative, who was convicted as a principal changer of the ransom bills for the actual kidnapers, to chronic bronchitis and bronchial pneumonia.

Not until the funeral, attended by members of his family, was over and interment made in Calvary cemetery here did word of the one time west side gambler's death become public.

The Rev. Joseph King, of St. Patrick's church, said relatives had asked that no information be given regarding the service.

McLaughlin was arrested here April 28, 1934, on charges of conspiring to violate the "Lindbergh" law. Federal agents announced later he had admitted passing \$53,000 of the ransom paid for the release of Bremer.

McLaughlin's 17-year-old son, Jack, seized with some of the alleged kidnap money, was released before his father's conviction at St. Paul. The son and widow survive.

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**Fugitive in Gun Battle  
Said to Be Alvin Karpis**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31—(A. P.) —Arrest of a man who said that he was Homer Fanning, 26 years old, led G-men and police to maintain a sharp lookout for Alvin Karpis, now Public Enemy No. 1. Fanning said that Karpis was with him when they fled from police gunfire here today.

Fanning was arrested after officers fired on a stolen car driven by two men. As officers pursued the car, one of its occupants leaped out and escaped through a school building.

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# KARPIS IN DUEL

## Bandit Escapes Police Trap

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The nation-wide manhunt for Alvin Karpis, United State Public Enemy No. 1, is focused on Kansas City, following the capture of an armed ex-convict, Homer Fanning, 26, who told police his companion in a gun battle with them earlier in the day is the long sought gunman.

The man identified by Fanning as Karpis escaped in a black sedan, and when last seen was speeding eastward at an estimated speed of 90 miles an hour.

### LICENSE PLATES STOLEN.

Fanning and Karpis yesterday fought a desperate running gun battle with Patrolmen Leonard Johnson and Chester Decker after the officers tried to stop the car they were in.

The radio car policemen first flushed the two gunmen when they noted their car carried license plates stolen recently in Nebraska. When the officers tried to overtake the sedan, the pair put on speed.

Carreening around a street corner in the heart of the city's residential district, Karpis, at the wheel, hit a curb, throwing Fanning out into the street.

Fanning came to his feet firing with a revolver. Karpis thrust the nose of a machine gun out of the car and began spraying the police with bullets.

### GUNMAN CAPTURED.

With Johnson in pursuit, Fanning ran. Meanwhile, Karpis started his machine and Decker followed in the police car, exchanging shots. Losing track of the mobster, Decker phoned headquarters for help. Another car received the call and spotted Karpis.

At that moment, they received instructions to rush to the aid of Johnson, who had Fanning cornered in a schoolhouse. He was captured, and had on him \$110 and one revolver.

Fanning said he and Karpis served time together at the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., from 1927 to 1929. Karpis and another prisoner, police said, escaped from the institution in the latter year, but they could not say it had been Fanning.

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## KARPIS ESCAPES TRAP Machine Gun Covers Flight

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31 (US).—Alvin Karpis, kill-crazy desperado and Public Enemy No. 1, escaped capture today after a gun-battle with police, covering his flight with a hail of machine-gun bullets.

His gunman pal, Homer Fanning, ex-convict who was caught when he fell from the running-board of the car identified Karpis as the driver.

The running battle came when two patrolmen attempted to stop their car. The gunmen's answer was a spray of bullets. When Fanning was thrown from the auto as it jolted around a corner, Karpis halted pursuing police with a stream from a machine gun.

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## G-MEN DOUBT KARPIS TALE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 2 (I.N.S.)—Federal agents here today cast doubt on the story of Homer Fanning, 26-year-old ex-convict, that Alvin Karpis was his companion in a gun battle with police here two days ago.

W. A. Smith, special agent in charge, said Fanning's story had been "checked and re-checked and about checked out." He added:

"It is, of course, possible that Karpis was here. We are over-looking no bets. But the only thing we've found that would point to it is Fanning's story."

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, said he was still holding Fanning, who had stuck to his story despite severe grilling. Higgins said he still had men assigned to the case and that the search for Karpis "continues as far as we are concerned."



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## Police Ordered To Seek Sedan Used by Karpis

**Gangster Believed to Have  
Abandoned Car; Com-  
panion Seized.**

*By the United Press.*

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 1.—The bullet-pierced sedan from which a man identified as Alvin Karpis, the Nation's most widely-hunted outlaw, exchanged shots with police, was sought tonight as a clue to his trail.

Detective Chief Thomas J. Higgins instructed his men and State and county officers to watch for a large, black Buick with two bullet holes in the rear window.

Higgins believed that Karpis abandoned the automobile in the suburbs or within 25 miles of the city after yesterday's encounter with police. The desperado was pressed so closely by Policemen Chester Decker and Leonard Johnson that his companion fled afoot and was captured.

The captive was Homer (Slim) Fanning, an erratic former convict who once aided Karpis to escape from the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson. From Fanning, police drew the first inkling that the man who had turned a machine gun at them was the Nation's Public Enemy No. 1.

Decker was certain that at least two of his rifle shots had punctured the glass in the Buick's rear window.

The man believed to be Karpis escaped by driving the automobile across a school ground. Later, he was sighted by other policemen but he outdistanced their scout cars.

Higgins and agents from the office of W. A. Smith, division of investigation chief here, discounted Fanning's identification of Karpis until a tourist-camp operator also identified Fanning's companion at the camp Monday night as the outlaw.

Fanning said that Karpis carried five guns in the automobile and would shoot it out rather than be captured. Higgins asked Chief of Police John Boles, of Kirksville, Mo., to check Fanning's home there. A small arsenal was uncovered.

Lengthy questioning of Fanning revealed that he had another automobile prepared for a getaway in Kansas City.

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## G-MEN TRAIL KARPIS

### Close Behind Kill-Crazy Badman

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 14 — Karpis, formerly head of the (U.S.)—Convinced they are at last close on the trail of kill-crazy Alvin Karpis, Federal men tonight joined in a State-wide search for the No. 1 public enemy.

Karpis-Barker mob of desperate bank robbers and kidnapers, engaged in a gunbattle with Kansas City police yesterday in the residential district. The entire department has been combing hide-ways since.

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## Police Seek Karpis Auto As Trail Key

**Bullet-Pierced Sedan  
Believed Abandoned  
in Kansas City**

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### Gunner Named

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Lengthy questioning of Fanning revealed that he had another automobile prepared for a getaway in Kansas City. It was in the garage of Dr. R. H. Blum, former Kirksville, Mo., student.

Blum said he purchased the car for Fanning and was paid \$200. From this automobile police took several watches, diamonds and other valuables. Fanning admitted ownership of the automobile but when confronted with the jewelry he said: "What are you trying to do—frame me?"

### Doctor Identifies

Blum said that Fanning's most frequent companion was a man known as "Smitty." Fanning said

that "Smitty" was Alvin Smith, in reality, Alvin Karpis. Blum failed to verify the identification.

Karpis visited frequently at Fanning's home during the past four months, the former convict told Higgins. None of the visits were for more than a day at a time. Several times Fanning went on trips with the outlaw into Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Oklahoma, he said.

"We never once turned a job, though," Fanning added.

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## NO. 1 U. S. OUTLAW FREE AFTER BATTLE

Karpis Flees in Auto Pierced  
By Bullets

By The United Press

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# KARPIS TRAILED BY PRINTS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP).—Police yesterday were convinced that Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, was the man who escaped from them Tuesday, after a gun battle.



A statement by Homer Fanning, three times a convict and once adjudged insane, that his companion in the battle was Karpis, was expected to be verified by fingerprints, police said.

The prints were obtained when Federal agents and police went to a tourist camp where Fanning and his companion stayed.

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Homer Fanning, held in Kansas City as companion of Alvin Karpis. (AP Wirephoto)

## KARPIS HUNT GIVEN SPUR

Public Enemy No. 1 Said to Have Been Seen in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1, (AP)—The nation-wide hunt for Alvin Karpis was centered here today on the basis of reports the nation's No. 1 public enemy had paid the city a visit.

New impetus was given the search when a cabin camp proprietor said a picture of Karpis strongly resembles the companion of Homer (Slim) Fanning, 27 years of age, who told officers when arrested here yesterday that he had been traveling with the notorious outlaw.

Ollie Smith, proprietor of the camp, said the two men had occupied a cabin there Monday night.

W. A. Smith, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation here, said Federal agents were pressing the search for Karpis, although they have nothing definite to go on.

"We don't know how much of Fanning's story to believe," the bureau chief said. "He was declared insane in Iowa in 1934, after making a lot of extravagant claims when he was arrested there."

Smith said Fanning had been an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary while Karpis served a sentence there, and probably knew him.

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## Near-Capture Spurs Hunt for No. 1 Criminal

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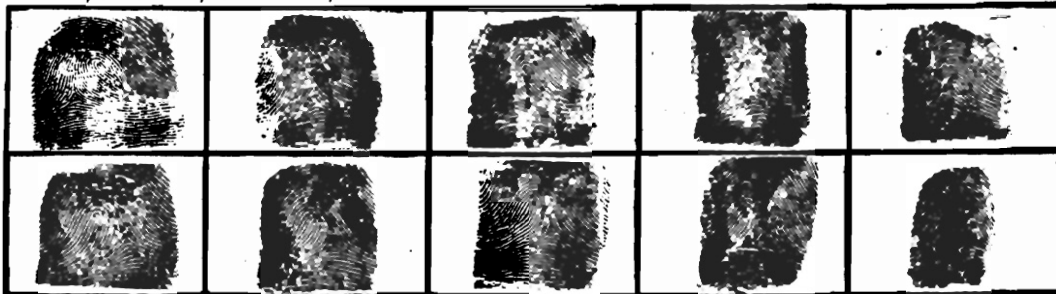
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### WANTED

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.

### KIDNAPING



### DESCRIPTION

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,  
5-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds;  
Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes,  
blue; Complexion, fair;  
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle  
left index finger.

### RELATIVES:

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Veltus, sister,  
1829 West Erie Street, Chicago,  
Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Agella) Brooks, sister,  
1234 North Monroe Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



*Alvin Karpis*

### CRIMINAL RECORD

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State  
Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas,  
February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd  
degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March  
9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Hadley, #17902, arrested  
Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and  
safe blow; released to State Industrial  
Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an  
escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State  
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 -  
transferred from State Industrial Reformatory;  
crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10  
years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police  
Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;  
charge, investigation-burglary; delivered  
Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary;  
sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

Target of a far-flung hunt through Missouri and Kansas, Alvin Karpis, the nation's "No. 1 bad man," again made a spectacular getaway from pursuing policemen, after a companion, Homer Fanning, had been captured in Kansas City, Mo. Above is shown the federal identification order, sent all over the country to aid in the search for the notorious bandit, wanted on several charges of kidnaping, robbery, jail breaking, and murder.

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## Brains Behind Karpis Gang Dead, Purvis Says

The brains behind the Karpis kidnap gang which is now back in the headlines, are dead, declares Melvin Purvis, former "ace of G-men." Telling how the gang was ruled by gray-haired "Ma" Barker, and, incidentally, giving advice as to how to act when kidnaped, he says in his own story in Redbook Magazine for February:

"People sometimes ask me what a kidnaping victim can do until deliverance comes. My answer always is the same: 'See all you can, hear all you can, remember all you can.' Here is another vitally important tip: Try to engage your guards in conversation. The long hours of sentinel duty will pass as dully for them as for you, and they may welcome talk. Later on you may be able to identify them by their voices. A vastly important bit of advice is this: Leave your fingerprints every where possible in the place of incarceration, on the smooth surfaces of chairs and tables, on dishes, water-glasses and mirrors.

"In the department of justice we have worked out a series of questions calculated to stimulate the memory of a person who has been held for ransom. We ask the victim if he heard chickens crowing, dogs barking, church-bells ringing, whistles blowing, children going to and from school. Did he smell any unusual odors—coal-smoke, fresh asphalt, flowers in bloom, hay fields, garlic? These are only a few of the queries, but they illustrate the kind of detail which may be valuable.

trains. These plainly were inter-urbans; he had been hidden within commuting distance of a great center. Probably Chicago, we surmised. The village (we found out later) was Bensenville, Illinois, a Chicago suburb.

### Remembered Gas Cans.

"Bremer's most triumphant feat of recollection had to do with his motor trip from Bensenville to the point outside Rochester where he was released. He remembered that the bandits had carried with them an extra supply of gasoline and that it had been in 5-gallon tins. Bremer remembered that the gasoline tins, once emptied, were thrown to the vanishing highway. We found one of the tins a few miles from the outskirts of Rochester. We discovered on its smooth and mirrored surface the delicate smudge of fingerprints. These were dusted and photographed and sent to Washington. The prints were those of Alvin Karpis!

### "Ma" Barker Good Shot.

"There had been a tendency, among the casually informed, to assume that most of our desperate criminals are recruited from the racial groups of south Europe. The fact is that most of the top-flight hoodlums of the middle west were 100 per cent American boys with no foreign background whatever. This was true of the Dillinger outfit; it was true also of the Barker-Karpis gang. Alvin Karpis, known to his associates as 'Old Creepy' because of his cold, silent malevolence, was

### Urschel Memory Good.

"Charles F. Urschel, the Oklahoma oil millionaire, probably will go down in history as the perfect prosecutor's witness. Urschel's shrewdness and astounding recollection solved the mystery of his own kidnaping and sent Machine-gun Kelly and a number of associates to prison for the job. Urschel was concealed on a small ranch located in the Texas Pan-handle. He found out from over-hearing conversations that he was in drouth territory, and he heard an airplane pass overhead every morning and evening. He managed to get a peek at his watch and timed the morning plane at 9:45 and the evening plane at 5:45; he noticed also that on a certain rainy Sunday the plane did not fly over. The discovery of the hide-away led directly to the solving of the case.

Bremer's memory also was excellent and aided in cutting through the mystery surrounding his kidnaping. He was able to calculate roughly the distance between Rochester, where he was released, and the place where he had been confined. While held prisoner he had heard children's voices, the bark of a big dog and the bark of a small dog on neighboring lawns. There were whistles but no town whistle which blew promptly at 6 p. m. Two things indicated that he had been quartered near a large city. One was the fact that he had been served strawberries out of season. The other was that he heard many trains at the beginning and end of the day—not steam trains but electric

once a day. Urschel is a player in Topeka, Kan. The sonnet of the band of Bremer was a sinister but intelligent one. The brains behind their kidnappings were those of George Ziegler, and that a woman, Mrs. Kate Barker. Mr. er, grim, gray-haired, well in fifties, was a criminal here the mother of three criminals. Lloyd was in Leavenworth. Fred killed a policeman who looked on Arthur, who distended himself by escaping from jail, was given a life sentence in the Oklahoma State prison. After serving 10 years paroled. Ma Barker could handle a machine-gun as well as a man when the occasion demanded. And indeed she subsequently with a deadly weapon in her hand. Between mother and sons there was a savage love and loyalty they went out on the bank she planned, their first day the job was complete, was phone their mother that he was safe and sound.

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## Doubt Cast on Karpis' Clew

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2. (AP)—Doubt that Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was the man who eluded police in an automobile chase here Tuesday, was expressed today by W. A. Smith, chief of the local Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Smith said fingerprints in a tourist cabin occupied Monday night by Homer Fanning, ex-convict and self-styled pal of Karpis, failed to tally with those of the fugitive wanted for the Bremer kidnaping and other crimes.

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## 'Blushing Bride' Days Forgotten

LONDON, Jan. 4.—There are no blushing brides in London nowadays. So declares Walter J. Pickley, for 22 years registrar at the central marriage bureau. He said: "Nowadays the bride is generally more composed than the groom."

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## FANNING IS FOUND SANE

HE ONCE PRETENDED TO BE INSANE TO WIN LIGHT SENTENCE.

Prisoner Who Battled Police and Said Alvin Karpis Was With Him Is Taken to Macon, Mo., for Robbery Investigation.

Homer (Slim) Fanning, the self-styled associate of Alvin Karpis, public enemy, had a busy day in the hands of psychiatrists, prosecutors, detectives, federal agents and state highway patrolmen yesterday. Freed on bond at last, he was re-arrested and started toward Macon, Mo., by Capt. William Baxter of the state highway patrol.

The arrest by Captain Baxter came while Fanning's lawyer, Ralph Latshaw, left police headquarters to obtain a sandwich early last night. A few hours before, the lawyer had obtained Fanning's freedom from jail on a writ of habeas corpus.

Fanning was taken to the prosecutor's office where a charge of carrying concealed weapons was filed against him. A bond of \$1,000 was supplied after he had been arraigned in the justice court of Edward J. Noonan, where his preliminary hearing was set for January 16.

### START FOR MACON.

Latshaw reappeared at police headquarters with his client in tow. United States postal inspectors and federal agents began questioning him. State highway patrolmen entered. Latshaw, tiring of the long siege without food, left and when he returned Captain Baxter had started to drive to Macon with Fanning.

Officers in several towns, including Macon and Kirksville, wanted to question Fanning, Captain Baxter said, in connection with holdups. He left word that he would call Latshaw somewhere along the highway.

Before his trip to the prosecutor's, Fanning scored his one triumph of the day. He convinced two psychiatrists there is nothing wrong with his mental processes, as he has declared stoutly since he was arrested Tuesday after a revolver battle with police.

Dr. E. C. White and Dr. M. J. Bills were called to police headquarters by Otto P. Higgins, director of police. Fanning told them he had served two prison terms and that he once was adjudged insane by psychiatrists at the University of Iowa.

"That was simple, though," Fanning said. "My lawyer told me to act goofy. I was accused of forty robberies and the lawyer thought I might make things easier if I could convince the sheriff at Anamosa, Ia., that I was nuts."

### RECOVERS IN THREE WEEKS.

The plan, Fanning said, succeeded. He pursued so many eccentric habits the sheriff shipped him off to Iowa City, where he maintained his odd behavior. After he had been adjudged insane, he said he "recovered" in three weeks and got only a light sentence.

"I don't want to associate with criminals or steal," Fanning volunteered. "To tell you the truth, my conscience hurts me. But my prison record causes these fellows to look me up, and then I'm back at it again."

Karpis was with him in a motor car on Linwood boulevard just east of Benton Tuesday when officers accosted them, Fanning asserted. He said since he had made a payment on a new car, he had been thinking of turning Karpis over to authorities in order to collect the reward and finish paying for the car.

"Do you think Karpis is smart?" Higgins inquired.

### NOT SMART TO HIM.

"No, he's not smart," Fanning replied. "Karpis is a small-time thief. 'Doc' Barker was the brains of the mob; Karpis was in a couple of kidnappings, including the Bremer case, but he didn't do any of the brain work. He hasn't pulled anything but small jobs since Barker was killed."

Dr. Bills and Dr. White questioned Fanning more than an hour. cursory physical examination, Dr. Bills said, indicated Fanning was in good health, and he said he was certain the man was sane.

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## KARPIS' FACE HAS BEEN LIFTED, HIS 'PAL' AVERS HERE

'Slim' Fanning Says Public  
Enemy Had Eyebrows  
Arched.

Taking a leaf from the book of John Dillinger, cold-faced killer who was slain by federal agents in Chicago, Alvin Karpis, new "public enemy No. 1," has had his facial appearance altered by plastic surgery.

That fact was revealed to police late Friday by Homer (Slim) Fanning, erstwhile Kirksville photographer and former convict, who was captured Tuesday following a gun fight in which he and Karpis engaged with police. Fanning since has been held in jail here.

Fanning told police that Karpis had submitted to an operation which had resulted in his eyebrows being lifted and arched, greatly changing his facial appearance.

"He didn't tell me about the operation," Fanning told police, "but I know that his appearance had been changed greatly and that nothing but plastic surgery could have brought about such a change."

That Fanning was correct was indicated by a dispatch from New York, which said government men on the trail of Karpis not only knew he had undergone an operation at the hands of a plastic surgeon, but that the agents knew the name of the surgeon and would effect his arrest as soon as Karpis was apprehended.

The New York dispatch was to the effect that when Dillinger had his face lifted by James J. Probasco, who later committed suicide by jumping from the twentieth floor of a Chicago building, the result was not satisfactory to the outlaw. That was because Probasco was not skilled. Karpis, the government agents have been informed, visited a skilled surgeon for his operation. His features were changed and his fingertips altered. Fanning, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was arraigned Friday before Edward J. Noonan, justice of the peace. Justice Noonan set his bond at \$1,000, pending his preliminary hearing January 16.

Fanning's arraignment came after two psychiatrists, called to police headquarters by Otto P. Higgins, director of police, had examined him and expressed the opinion that the prisoner was sane.

Ralph Latshaw, attorney for Fanning, then made arrangements to supply his client's bond. That done, Latshaw went to a restaurant for a cup of coffee. While he was in the restaurant Capt. William Baxter of the state highway patrol arrested Fanning and started with him for Macon, Mo., where, Captain Baxter said, authorities desired to question him concerning several holdups.

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Markus, however, chose to remain in South Jersey, barely earning enough to live on. Now he will not have to worry. The \$11,000 will be sufficient to let him live on the remainder of the year.

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## Alvin Karpis' Face 'Remodeled'

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Surgeon Who Aided  
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Thomas J. Higgins, chief of Kansas City detectives, who made the announcement today, said his informant was Homer Fanning, 26-year-old ex-convict, captured here Tuesday after a gun battle with police.

Fanning told Higgins his companion, who escaped in the Fanning gun battle, was Karpis, and that he had met the desperado in Chicago several months ago. He has accompanied him since that time, he said.

Fanning's statement checked with reports from Federal agents in New York. The identity of the plastic surgeon is reported to be known to the G-men.

Karpis' features, according to Fanning, have been changed considerably, especially his eyebrows, which are highly arched.



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### GANG 'WIDOWS' ACCUSE THREE

By United Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 4.—Three gangland "widows" will face two gangsters and an alleged money changer as government witnesses in the Bremer kidnaping trial that opens in federal district court Monday.

The women, lodged in the Ramsey county jail today, all are serving federal prison terms in connection with activities of the Barker-Karpis gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, for \$200,000 and held him captive three weeks.

They will testify in the trial of William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, indicted for conspiracy, and Cassius McDonald, arrested in Detroit as a money changer.

The women are Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, and Dolores Delaney, companion of Alvin Karpis. Karpis and Campbell are the only two fugitives of the 26 indicted for the crime.

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## Trio Will Face Bremer Charge

New Suspects In St. Paul  
Kidnaping Will Go On  
Trial Tomorrow

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4. (AP)—Another chapter in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case will start here Monday when three more defendants go on trial in federal court for the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker.

The three are Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger accused of being the "finger man" who pointed out Bremer to his abductors; William Weaver, gangster named as one of the actual kidnapers, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer said to be one of the ransom money changers.

All three will be tried for conspiracy in the case, which carries the same maximum penalty — life imprisonment—as the charge of actual kidnaping.

The trial is expected to be before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce and probably will occupy at least two weeks. It will cover a period starting before the kidnaping, which was staged Jan. 17, 1934, and ending with the changing of the last ransom money, allegedly at a dog track operated by McDonald in Havana, Cuba.

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# **TRIED FOR KIDNAPING**

ST. PAUL, January 6 (AP).—Three suspects in the \$200,000 kidnaping in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were to go on trial in Federal Court here today.  
 Charged with conspiracy in the abduction and facing possible life sentences if convicted, the three defendants are Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger; Cassius McDonald of Detroit and William Weaver, gangster.  
 Sawyer is accused of pointing out Bremer to the kidnapers, McDonald is charged with passing some of the ransom money and Weaver is alleged to have been one of the actual kidnapers.

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## LEAVES JAIL FOR TRIAL



Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, left the county jail today for Federal court where he and two others went on trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Sawyer is shown here at the right, handcuffed to Oscar Bakke, deputy United States marshal. Another Federal guard is in the rear.

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## COURT QUIZZES PROSPECTIVE JURORS IN SAWYER TRIAL

Selection of the jury in the trial of three defendants in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, started this afternoon with twelve prospective jurors being questioned by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.

The defendants are Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, alleged "finger man," who pointed out Bremer to the abductors; William Weaver, Barker Karpis, mobster, named as one of the actual kidnapers, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, accused of passing some of the ransom money.

The first prospective juror to be questioned was Emil E. Schultze of Blakely, Scott county, who said he is a farmer, is married and has five children. In addition to the routine questions, the court asked Schultze whether he ever had any dealings with the Schmidt brewery, in which the Bremer family has a large interest, or with any of the Bremer banks. Schultze answered no.

Judge Nordbye then asked whether Schultze had read about the case and whether these articles had prejudiced him. Schultze replied he had seen some articles, but had not been prejudiced. He said he knows no members of the St. Paul or Minneapolis police force. He said, however, he knows George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney and head of government counsel in the

Judge Nordbye then started questioning Rex Cudde of Austin, Minn. questioning the prospective jurors, the court outlined the case in which the defendants are charged to have conspired with Bremer and to kidnap Bremer and demand ransom. He then named the three counsel and government.

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# Alleged Bremer Conspirators App In Court; Two Are Jolly, One C



Displaying a variety of emotions, three men faced federal court today on charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president.

Brought into court before Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye this morning, the defendants made a series of minor motions, taken under advisement by Judge Nordbye, and selection of a jury was put over until this afternoon.

To **HARRY SAWYER**, alleged finger man, shown in the light hat to the right of **DEPUTY MARSHAL EARL BOCKE**, at the extreme left, his entrance into the court building was a jovial occasion. He smiled broadly as his picture was taken. To **WILLIAM (PHOENIX DONALD) WEAVER**, charged with having participated in the actual snatch, his entrance was something to hide, as he cringed behind his handkerchief; **CASSIUS McDONALD**, Detroit, charged with changing \$72,000 of the ransom money, took the whole thing nonchalantly and with a lean and hungry look, smoked and lowered his head.

**DEPUTY C. E. MORRISON** is at the extreme right. **MRS. HARRY SAWYER**, whose first action when she reached the courtroom, was to rush over and kiss

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## Companion Avers Karpis Has Used Plastic Surgery

Rogues Gallery Pictures  
No Longer Can Aid in  
Hunt for Outlaw

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5 (UP) — Rogues gallery pictures of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, no longer can aid in the hunt for the notorious desperado, police believed tonight.

From Homer Fanning, Kirksville, Mo., ex-convict, police learned that Karpis has undergone plastic surgery to change his appearance. Fanning recently was captured after a gun fight between police and two gunmen.

### Identifies Outlaw

The ex-convict said his companion in the battle was the long sought outlaw. An operator of a tourist camp at which Fanning and his companion stopped made a partial identification of Karpis from police pictures, but others who had seen the men together could not make identification from such pictures.

Fanning's statements about his companion have been so complete that police believe he is telling the truth.

Fanning pictured Karpis as no longer the "big shot" gunman, accustomed to operate with other major gang leaders such as the Barker brothers and the late John Dillinger gang.

### Not Real Brains

"Barker (Doc) was the real brains of their gang," Fanning said. "Karpis was in a couple of kidnappings with the Barkers but he didn't do any of the thinking."

"Karpis hasn't done a big job since they separated, he's now just

a small time punk again." Fanning once aided Karpis in an escape from the Kansas state reformatory at Hutchinson and asserts that he has accompanied Karpis many times during the past four months.

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SALT LAKE TELEGRAM  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
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# Doesn't Know Karpis, Prisoner Confesses

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 6 (AP)—Colonel B. Marvin Casteel of the state patrol today said Homer Fanning admitted he didn't know Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1; he was just lying to protect his pal, Alfred Schmidt.

Schmidt, who became Fanning's buddy while they were undergrads in the Iowa state penitentiary, declined to comment.

Fanning's story about Karpis being the one who got away distressed Kansas City police Tuesday after they fired three bullets into a stolen automobile and arrested Fanning.

Schmidt was taken in custody in Iowa City, Iowa, yesterday.

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Sheriffs said they found six pistols and a shotgun in Schmidt's room. Schmidt is being taken to Kirksville, Mo., where officers said he would be held in connection with 15 robberies.

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**THREE KIDNAP SUSPECTS GO ON TRIAL TODAY.**

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WOMAN TO BE WITNESS



WYNONA BURDETTE  
Taken from jail to court.

3 GANGSTER WIDOWS  
TESTIFY IN ST. PAUL

Bremer Kidnaping Case  
Again to Be Tried

By The United Press

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6—Three gangland "widows" will face two gangsters and an alleged money changer as Government witnesses in the Bremer kidnaping trial scheduled to open in Federal District Court today.

The women, lodged in the Ramsey County Jail, all are serving Federal Prison terms in connection with activities of the Barker-Karpis gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Jan. 17, 1934, for \$200,000 and held him captive three weeks.

They will testify in the trial of William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, indicted for conspiracy, and Cassius McDonald, arrested in Detroit as a money changer.

The women are Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, and Dolores Delaney, companion of Alvin Karpis. Karpis and Campbell are the only two fugitives of the 26 indicted for the crime.

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## Just Kidding

He's Not 'Pal' of Karpis

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — (P) — Homer Fanning's day of fame had closed Sunday night—he really didn't know Karpis.

Col. Martin P. Casteel of the state patrol, who brought Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, both former Iowa convicts, here, said Fanning told him he was lying when he told Kansas City police last Tuesday that the man who escaped when he was caught in a running gun chase there was Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. Casteel said Fanning admitted he was attempting to protect Schmidt.

Schmidt, Fanning and Dr. R. K. Blum, Kansas City dentist who has been studying osteopathy here, were in jail Sunday night in connection with a large amount of allegedly stolen property found in their rooms at a hotel here.

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## FALSE "KARPIS" IS HELD

FANNING ACCOMPANIES OFFICERS  
WHO ARREST ALFRED SCHMIDT.

Name of No. 1 Public Enemy Was  
Given to Aid Flight of Com-  
panion in Gun Bat-  
tle Here.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 5.—Homer (Slim) Fanning owes Kansas City detectives and Alvin Karpis his apologies. All his on-the-record, I-swear-it's-true chatter the last week was just little white lies.

In a dash today to Iowa City, Ia., officers arrested Alfred Schmidt, the "Karpis" with Fanning in a running gun battle with Kansas City police last Tuesday. Fanning settled down in a cell at the jail here tonight. Schmidt was in another cell. And as for Karpis, whose face has been lifted and who is a small-time thief with no intelligence, as Fanning has been broadcasting, there's nothing to it.

"I was shielding Schmidt," Fanning informed Sheriff Charles Novinger and Col. Marvin P. Casteel of the state highway patrol. "I thought I'd give him a break by bringing in Karpis so he could make his getaway."

### AIDED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Federal agents, Iowa officers, Missouri highway patrolmen and deputies under Sheriff Novinger forced Fanning to accompany them to Iowa City. There, from his relatives, they learned Fanning's sister, Maxine Montgomery, and Schmidt were at an Iowa City hotel.

The officers let themselves into the couple's room shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. The man and woman were asleep when officers shook them and took them into custody. Sheriff Novinger said motor car accessories, six pistols and a shotgun were found in the room.

Schmidt refused to discuss the Kansas City affair. Officers said he drove to Kirksville in the black Buick motor car in which he and Fanning were riding when they were accosted. There he changed to another car which he had stored in a barn, and drove into Iowa. The Buick, officers said, had been pierced by two bullets from Kansas City police revolvers and a third missile grazed the hood of the machine.

### A THIRD MAN IS HELD.

The two men will be questioned tomorrow concerning almost a score of robberies that have occurred in the Kirksville area in recent weeks. Dr. R. K. Blum, Colonel Casteel said, also is under arrest here in connection with a large amount of allegedly stolen property found in his quarters. Dr. Blum surrendered himself today and was placed in jail on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Fanning and Schmidt met while they were serving penitentiary terms in Iowa, officers said. Schmidt has served five years in the Iowa state penitentiary at Fort Madison for grand larceny. Fanning was committed to Anamosa reformatory as criminally insane after he was arrested in Iowa City two years ago, following a fight with police.

Freed on a writ of habeas corpus in Kansas City Friday night, Fanning was rearrested promptly by state highway patrolmen and brought to Kirksville.

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## IN A WILD CHASE

Police Finally Capture One Man,  
While Other Gets Away  
in Automobile.

### SAYS KARPIS WAS IN CAR

The Prisoner, Homer Fanning,  
Known to Be a Friend of  
Public Enemy No. 1.

### AN INTENSE SEARCH IS ON

Director Higgins Sends Twenty  
Detectives to Scour the  
East Side.

The dark name of America's No. 1  
criminal, Alvin Karpis, was brought  
into Kansas City this afternoon.

A man captured by policemen after  
a chase on the East Side, in which  
rifle shots were fired at a fleeing  
car, said that Karpis was his com-  
panion in the car.

#### Twenty Detectives Out.

While he was not convinced that  
the prisoner, who gave his name as  
Homer (Slim) Fanning, was telling  
the truth about Karpis being his  
companion in the earlier chase, Otto  
P. Higgins, director of police, said he  
was taking no chances, and ordered  
twenty detectives to go to the East  
side and join the hunt for the other  
man.

"Blast the fellow out of the car  
and ask no questions," Director Hig-  
gins ordered.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D.  
Lane, 3016 College avenue, where  
Fanning asked that a taxicab be  
called, the police were able to pick  
up a trail which led to his capture  
in the 3300 block on east Thirtieth  
street. At first he declined to give  
his name when he was taken to po-  
lice headquarters and admitted only  
that he was on parole from Iowa in-  
termediary prison at Anamosa, and  
that in 1927 he had been released  
from the Kansas reformatory at  
Hutchinson.

#### Said He Was Ill.

Fanning, tall and lithe, appeared at  
the back door of the Lane home and  
Mrs. Lane appeared in answer to his  
knock.

"Lady, I am very ill. May I call a  
car over your telephone?"

Mrs. Lane was suspicious, but de-  
cided to permit Fanning to make the  
call. He went to the telephone in a  
hall and seemed to grow very weak  
as he peered the instrument. He  
asked Mrs. Lane to call the cab for  
him. She called one and then asked  
the man, who had then walked into  
her living room, if she should call a  
doctor or bring him a drink of water.

"No, thank you, lady, I'll be all  
right," he said.

The cab arrived. Fanning walked  
from the Lane home and pulled open  
the cab door, leaped inside, and fell  
on his face.

John Costello, a city detective, in  
his own motor car, happened to be  
cruising in the block near the Lane  
home and saw the man plunge into  
the cab, face down. He cruised along  
back of the taxicab, realizing that he  
must be on the trail of one of the  
men who had escaped in the previous  
police chase.

#### Picks Up Help.

Costello happened to see a police  
car approaching as he kept up with  
the taxicab. In that police car were  
Sergeant C. J. Michaels and John Set-  
tley, a patrolman. Costello began to  
motion to his fellow officers that he  
had picked up a "hot" trail and for  
them to drift along with him.

In the 3300 block on East Thirtieth  
street, Costello and the other police-  
men converged their cars so that the  
taxicab, driven by F. E. Huddleston,  
was forced to the curb. The three  
officers, weapons alert, pulled the  
tall man from the back seat of the  
machine. He did not resist, although  
a large revolver and rounds of am-  
munition were found on his person.  
The taxicab driver was released later  
at headquarters.

Fanning had in his pockets \$118,  
two diamonds, a rabbit's foot, and a  
lucky coin. He had not been shot  
as a result of the rifle fire by of-  
ficers in the previous chase.

#### Report Car Returned.

The car, which had been "jumped  
up" previously and chased east on  
Linwood by two policemen who recog-  
nized a stolen license number from  
Nebraska, had been seen going out of  
the city on No. 40 cut-off. A report  
was received that the car had been  
seen again in the vicinity of Thirtieth  
and Benton. It may have been  
that the man in the car had decided  
to return to the scene and try to pick  
up his partner—the man who was  
captured on College avenue.

In fact, Fanning admitted that he  
had returned to the Benton school  
after he had jumped out of a second  
story window and that he hid in the  
school basement. Later, he said, he  
had ventured out and walked back  
of houses and down side streets un-  
til he arrived at the Lane home on  
College avenue.

#### Served With Karpis.

Police records show that Fanning  
was in the Hutchinson reformatory in  
1926 and 1927, the same time that  
Karpis served time there. He also  
served a sentence at the Leavenworth  
federal prison for violation of the  
Dyer act. He was sentenced on that  
charge in Oklahoma City. On Sep-  
tember 27, 1933, he was paroled to  
his father from the reformatory at  
Anamosa, Ia., where he had been sent  
for a series of burglaries in Iowa City.  
He entered the Iowa reformatory in  
1931.

Here is how the chase started to-  
day:

Chester Decker and Leonard John-  
son, Flora avenue station, were rid-  
ing in their police cruising car about  
9:30 o'clock, when they saw a man  
covered coach containing two men  
and bearing Nebraska license 64-3468,  
traveling west on Linwood.

"That number is on our list of  
stolen out-of-town cars," Decker said  
to Johnson.

Away the police car sped in pursuit.

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of the coach, west on Linwood. At Benton boulevard, the car dashed through a red light. One of the men—the one not driving—thrust an arm out of the pursued car and the policemen saw the glint of a revolver in the outthrust hand. That was the response to the sounding of a siren by the policemen.

There was no shot fired, however, as the pursued car turned north on Chestnut avenue, then attempted to turn east on Twenty-ninth street. The car skidded, jumped a curb, rolled onto a sidewalk and almost turned over toward Benton boulevard. The man with the revolver leaped from the car and started to run. Decker and Johnson left their car and opened fire with rifles at the car, hoping to put it out of commission.

### Through School Shrubs.

Continuing its erratic course, the car, a new Pontiac sedan, jumped the curbing on the north side of the Benton school, drove into the school grounds, and entered Benton boulevard on the east, after driving wildly over bushes on the school grounds, and headed south on Benton.

With Johnson and Decker in hot pursuit, the man on foot turned north on Benton and ran across a lawn at 2918 Benton. He passed within a few feet of Mrs. Marie Hoenshell, 42 years old, who had gone out on the porch when she heard the shouts. Johnson and Decker fired at the fleeing man as his long, lumbering strides took him around the Frank A. DeMayo residence at 2904 Benton.

The officers caught sight of him again running south between two houses and fired their revolvers. Then at the spot where the chase on foot had begun, on the south side of Benton school, the man smashed a window of the school on the west side with his elbow and climbed into the building. Johnson and Decker, coming up breathlessly, hesitated, undecided whether to enter the school or watch it from the outside.

### A 15-Foot Drop.

Decker was moving around to the

### U. S. INTO CAPTIVE'S STORY.

#### Highways Into St. Louis Are Watched for Trace of "Karpis."

Special agents of the federal bureau of investigation have begun an investigation of Homer Fanning's story and of the events prior to the escape of the man identified as Karpis in the chase with police today.

W. A. Smith, special agent in charge of the bureau here, said he had not heard of Fanning as a companion of Karpis. He said the bureau would "make a complete investigation of Fanning's past record." In the meantime, the St. Louis office of the bureau of investigation was watching all highways into St. Louis in an attempt to arrest the driver of the elusive car.

R. E. Vetterli, agent in charge at St. Louis, formerly was in charge of the Kansas City office of the bureau.

Federal agents here say that Fanning, while in jail at Waterloo, Ia., on a charge of interstate transportation of a stolen motor car, attempted to escape, and the sheriff there took Fanning to the University of Iowa, where he was said to be suffering from a mental ailment.

### THRILL REACHES NEBRASKA.

#### Sheriff's Office Listens to Chase on Police Radio Here.

While the Kansas City police radio was broadcasting the chase after the car with the Nebraska license today, persons in the sheriff's office at Auburn, Neb., were listening, recognizing the digits "44" on the license plate mentioned in the broadcast as from that vicinity.

It was not long until the Kansas City police department called the sheriff's office in Auburn. C. J. Rapp, deputy sheriff, informed the Kansas City police that two months ago a Nebraska license plate, 44-3461, was stolen from a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan belonging to Carl Yoker, a government engineer. Mr. Rapp said he had no information regarding the car which was pursued by Kansas City policemen.

south side of the building and Johnson was at the west side when a shout was heard at the north side. The man had dropped fifteen feet from a window above the north entrance and run east. He was not in sight when the patrolmen attempted to pick up the trail a second time. A search in the vicinity was futile.

In the meantime the trail of the car headed south on Benton was picked up by another cruising car containing Sergt. C. J. Michaels and John Setley. Back east on Linwood boulevard the cars sped. At Thirty-first and Raytown road, where a few minutes before the pursuit began, the cars went east on the No. 40 highway cutoff. After a chase of fifteen miles the police car was outdistanced by the newer and faster fleeing car.

Johnson and Decker believe the man they pursued was wounded at least once. In the chase Johnson sprained an ankle, at a moment when he had a clear view of the fleeing man.

Neighbors east and north of the school left their homes to point out to the curious the wild career of the car.

Loren Samples, radio dispatcher at police headquarters, was greatly responsible for bringing Fanning into custody, since he immediately sent several motor cars to the scene, equipped with 2-way radio sets.



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## 3 Go on Trial as Kidnapers

Trio Accused in \$200,000  
Bremer Case

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.—(P)—Disposition of the second Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial, involving three defendants the Government linked with the Barker-Karpis mob, was docketed in Federal District Court today.

Facing charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker are Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man," William Weaver, named as one of the actual kidnapers, and Cassius MacDonald, of Detroit, accused of "peddling" part of the ransom money in Cuba.

Myrtle Eaton, arrested in Florida as she and Weaver posed as chicken ranchers under the names of "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne," also was indicted as a conspirator but George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, announced she would not be brought to trial with the others.

Department of Justice officials indicated she would be called as a Government witness, then sent to Florida to face another charge—harboring Weaver.

In the first trial Arthur (Doc) Barker and four others were convicted and given terms from five years to life imprisonment.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Volney Davis, who delivered the ransom notes, and Byron Bolton, alleged machine-gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, pleaded guilty. Farmer and Davis were given prison terms but Bolton, the Government's star witness, has not been sentenced yet.

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, indicted as kidnapers, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician, are still uncaptured.

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Schmidt was taken immediately to Kirksville, Mo., where officers said he would be held in connection with 15 robberies.

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### MORE ARRESTS SEEN IN 'KARPIS' ROBBERY

Further Loot Recovered in  
Burglary Series at Kirks-  
ville, Mo.

Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 7. (P)—  
Sheriff Charles Novinger today pre-  
dicted more arrests in connection  
with a long series of burglaries of  
which Homer Fanning and Alfred  
Schmidt are suspected.

"We recovered more loot yester-  
day and now have about a car-  
load," the sheriff said. "We'll have  
a definite announcement in a few  
hours."

Fanning, captured by Kansas City  
officers after a chase in which  
Schmidt escaped last Monday, had  
told them his companion was Alvin  
Karpis, public enemy No. 1. Schmidt  
was arrested at Iowa City, Iowa,  
Sunday.

Five charges of robbery and one  
of automobile larceny were filed  
at Keokuk, Iowa, Monday against  
Fanning, Schmidt and R. H. Blum,  
former Keokuk boxer, also held in  
jail here. Bond was fixed at \$5,000  
on each charge.

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# SULLIVAN DELIVERS OPENING ADDRESS

"Association and friendship" between Harry Sawyer of St. Paul and members of the Barker-Karpis mob, accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was charged today by George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, in his opening address at the trial of Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald for conspiracy in the abduction.

Weaver, a member of the gang, was named by Sullivan as one of the actual kidnapers, who seized Bremer the morning of January 17, 1934, at Goodrich and Lexington avenues. The district attorney said that McDonald, a Detroit engineer, entered the conspiracy later as a passer of some of the \$200,000 paid for the banker's release.

In his address, Sullivan first described the kidnaping and told how Bremer was taken by mobsters to Bensenville, Ill., where he was held captive until his release February 7, 1934. He said evidence in the case will show that Sawyer and members of the Barker-Karpis mob were in constant contact in St. Paul for a period previous to the abduction.

He said it will be proved that Weaver and Sawyer met with the other conspirators on at least one occasion prior to the kidnaping and that Sawyer made a trip to Chicago during the time Bremer was held captive. On that trip, Sawyer visited the apartment of George Ziegler, one of the gang leaders and discussed Bremer's captivity. Sullivan said the evidence will show.

Sullivan then traced the passing of the ransom money, saying it will be brought out that McDonald made at least two trips to Havana, changing \$72,000 on one occasion and \$11,000 on the other.

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## U. S. BRINGING 14 FROM CUBA IN KIDNAP CASE

Brokers, Bankers, Hotel Men  
to Link M'Donald With Ran-  
som Passing.

JURY IS COMPLETED;  
BREMER FIRST WITNESS

Fourteen witnesses will come from Cuba to St. Paul to aid the government in its trial of Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was learned today.

Twelve regular jurors, including one woman, and two alternate jurors, also including one woman, were selected and were sworn in at 12:55 P. M. today. At the afternoon session of court, George H. Sullivan, United States attorney, began his opening address to the jury, outlining the government's case.

### Names of Jurors.

The jurors are:  
Rex Cutter, Austin, Minn., wholesale notions dealer.  
Ernest Graskamp, Fountain, Minn., hardware store proprietor.  
Elmer W. Johnson, Winona, railroad telegrapher.  
Charles M. Gove, 2274 Carter avenue, St. Paul, insurance company official.

Roy Hackbarth, Houston, Minn., farmer.  
William H. Forsythe, Cleveland avenue and County Road A2, Rosetown, furniture department manager.  
Bert R. Lonnes, 757 Case street, utilities clerk.  
Herman Hansen, Hayfield, Minn., farm laborer.  
A. W. Doerer, Winona, tavern supply manufacturer.  
Howard Amundson, Hayfield, farmer.  
Mrs. P. E. Siebert, Hastings, Minn., wife of an electrician.  
D. J. Huseby, Adams, Minn., farmer.

The alternate jurors are:  
Mrs. Margaret Johnies, 1440 Grand avenue, St. Paul, widow.  
Samuel Reuler, 1037 Goodrich avenue, St. Paul, proprietor of a store at Faribault, Minn.  
The jurors will be kept in custody during the trial and will be locked in a hotel at night.

### To Tell of Money Passing.

The Cuban witnesses, all men, included hotel employees and officials, money brokers and bankers, from Havana. They will testify regarding the government's allegations that McDonald, whose home is in Detroit, but who was interested in dog racing in Florida and Cuba, exchanged

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\$104,000 of the Bremer ransom money for the kidnapers.

McDonald is accused of two overt acts in the conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. Both are trips from Miami, Fla., to Havana, in September, 1934, to exchange kidnap ransom money. On one trip, it is alleged, he exchanged \$72,000 worth of the money and on another trip, \$11,000.

Mr. Bremer will be the government's first witness against the three men charged with kidnaping him. Though he never has identified any of the men, he has identified the hideout where he was held, the home of Harold Alderton, at Bensenville, Ill. Alderton was convicted last year and is serving a sentence.

Sawyer, a former St. Paul bootlegger, is charged with being the "finger man" in the kidnaping, and Weaver is alleged to have been one of the six men who committed the actual abduction.

Six new prospective jurors were called to the box today for examination as the defense used six of its ten peremptory challenges on those already tentatively seated. The six were George C. Gullickson of Spring Valley, Frank A. Miller of Wabasha, Ralph A. Nelson of St. Paul, Bert R. Lones, 757 Case street, St. Paul; Herman Hanson of Hayfield, and A. C. Boerer of Winona. The government has not yet used any of its six peremptory challenges.

Prospects were that no testimony would be taken today. Selection of the jury continued at the afternoon session, with the opening address of the government to follow. Indications were that two alternate jurors would be selected and added to the jury by Judge Gunnar Nordbye who is hearing the case, to prevent a mistrial in case any of the regular jurors becomes ill or incapacitated.

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## KIDNAP CONSPIRACY CASE JURY SELECTED; BREMER TO TESTIFY

A jury of 11 men and one woman was chosen this afternoon to try three men on charge of conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

With the government outlining its case immediately to the jury, taking of testimony was to begin later today, with Mr. Bremer as first witness. He will re-tell the story of his abduction and the 21 days of terror.

On trial are Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man" in the snatch; William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, alleged to have taken part in the actual abduction, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit, charged with having changed \$72,000 of the hot ransom money.

McDonald announced today that he is changing lawyers; that Everett Jennings, Chicago, is withdrawing from the case; will be replaced by Edward Bernard, Detroit, now on the way here.

The jury personnel is:  
Rex Cutter, Austin, wholesaler;  
Ernest Graskamp, Fountain, hardware dealer; Elmer Johnson, Winona, telegraph operator; C. M. Gove, 2274 Carter ave., St. Paul, insurance salesman; Ray Hackbarth, Houston, farmer; William Forsythe, Rosetown, buyer for The Emporium; Bert L. Lonnes, 757 Case st., St. Paul, clerk in Northern States Power Co.; Herman Hansen, Hatfield, farmer; A. W. Doerer, Winona, tavern supplies; Howard Amundson, Hatfield, farmer; Mrs. P. E. Seivert, Hastings, housewife; D. J. Huseby, Adams, farmer.

Alternates - Samuel Ruler, 1037 Goodrich ave., St. Paul, merchant; Mrs. Margaret Johnies, St. Paul, telephone operator.

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# FANNING'S "PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1" AND HIS ARSENAL



**CACHED IN HOTEL ROOM**—Alfred J. Schmidt, former Iowa convict, who was described as Alvin Karpis by Homer Fanning following a Kansas City revolver fight with police last week, was arrested Sunday in a hotel room in Iowa City, Ia. Officers found pistols and shotguns in Schmidt's room. He is held at Kirksville for investigation in connection with robberies.

**IN THE RAID (Inset)**—Sheriff Charles Novinger of Kirksville who helped members of the highway patrol, federal agents and Iowa officers capture Schmidt.



**"LITTLE WHITE LIES"**—Fanning said he had shielded Schmidt's identity to provide his associate a better chance to escape. Schmidt is shown after his removal from Iowa City to Kirksville.

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**KEOKUK CHARGES FOR THREE.**

**Fanning, Schmidt and R. H. Blum  
Are Accused.**

(By the Associated Press.)

KEOKUK, Ia., Jan. 6.—Robbery charges were filed here today against Homer Fanning, who told Kansas City officers he had been associating with Karpis; Alfred Schmidt, whose arrest in Iowa City revealed him as the "Karpis" companion, and R. H. Blum, former Keokuk boxer.

Fanning is held at Macon, Mo., and Blum and Schmidt are held at Kirksville, Mo.

Charges filed in superior court included five of robbery and one of motor car larceny against each man. Bond was fixed at \$5,000 for each charge.

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**FALSE KARPIS.**—In jail at  
 Kirksville, Md., is Alfred  
 Schmidt, captured after erst-  
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## BREMER WEEPS ON STAND

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Kidnapers set upon Bremer shortly after he had taken his small daughter to school Jan. 1, 1934.

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# BREMER WEEPS AT KIDNAP TRIAL

Tears Interrupt Questioning  
 in Case of Trio Accused  
 in Abduction.

By the Associated Press.  
 ST. PAUL, January 8.—Edward B. Bremer, St. Paul banker, wept today when he recalled for a Federal Court jury the details of how he was kidnaped a year ago and held for \$200,000 ransom.  
 Bremer, first Government witness in the trial of Cassius McDonald, William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, accused conspirators, began weeping when counsel asked the name of his companion the morning of his abduction. The questioning was temporarily halted.  
 Kidnapers set upon Bremer shortly after he had taken his small daughter to school January 17, 1934.  
 Eugene O'Sullivan, counsel for Sawyer, alleged "finger man," leaped to his feet, objecting to "the witness putting on such a demonstration."  
 The Government moved for a recess, but it was denied.  
 In his opening statement yesterday, District Attorney George F. Sullivan said the prosecution would show that McDonald, Detroit, Mich., engineer, exchanged \$104,000 of the "hot" money in Cuba; that Sawyer was the "contact man" for the Barker-Karpis mob that executed the kidnaping, and that Weaver was a member of the actual "snatch" squad.  
 Bremer recounted how he was kidnaped a few moments after he drove his daughter to school, slugged on the head as he sat at the driver's wheel, trundled into a second car a few miles from the kidnap scene and driven to a hideout in Bensenville, Ill.

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## FIFTH HELD IN FANNING GANG HUNT

**Student Nabbed in Missouri  
on Charge of Taking  
Stolen Goods.**

Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 8.—  
(AP) — Sheriff Charles A. Novinger announced Tuesday Harry F. Maloney of Denver, a college student here, had been arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property in connection with a series of holdups of which Homer Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, also in custody, are suspected.

This brought to five the number arrested as a sequel to the capture of Fanning in a police chase at Kansas City in which his companion, Schmidt, escaped. Schmidt, whom Fanning falsely identified as Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, later was captured at Iowa City.

Also in custody are Mrs. Maxine Montgomery, found at an Iowa city hotel with Schmidt, and Dr. R. H. Blum of Kansas City, a student here, who roomed at the same place as Maloney.

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## BREMER WEEPS AS HE TELLS OF KIDNAPING

Judge Rebukes Defense Counsel for Protesting "Demonstration."

### COURT PROCEDURE HALTED FOR MOMENT

Emotions excited by recalling his abduction overcame Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker today, and



Mr. Bremer.

Kidnapers set upon Bremer shortly after he had taken his small daughter to school January 17, 1934. Bremer began weeping at the question and court progress ceased for the moment.

In the midst of this Eugene O'Sullivan, counsel for Sawyer, St. Paul underworld character, leaped to his feet, objecting to "the witness putting on such a demonstration."

George Heisey, assistant U. S. district attorney, moved for a recess, denied by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, who said:

"It was not that kind of demon-

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## EDWARD BREMER WEEPS AS HE TELLS OF KIDNAPING

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stration," referring to O'Sullivan's complaint.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said Tuesday the prosecution will attempt to show that McDonald, a Detroit engineer, exchanged \$104,000 of the "hot" money in Cuba; that Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, was the "contact man" for the Barker-Karpis mob that executed the kidnaping, and that Weaver was a member of the actual "snatch" squad.

When Bremer wept the court inquired whether he desired to continue and, fully composing himself while counsel argued, the witness said emphatically:

"I will continue."

### Attorneys in Tiff.

District Attorney George F. Sullivan and L. L. Drill, former U. S. district attorney who is associated with counsel for Sawyer, engaged in a tiff during the former's questioning of the witness.

When Sullivan asked Bremer whether he bled when he was slugged on the head, Drill interrupted: "I think that's immaterial. I don't see any reason for such a question about the blood."

Sullivan, swiftly turning in his chair to Drill, declared:

"Now, Mr. Drill, never mind commenting on how I conduct my case."

Sullivan questioned Bremer: "Q. When you went to the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich what happened?"

### Beaten by Two Persons.

A. As I stopped, one man opened the door on the right side of my automobile. I was going to drive off, hoping I could get away. But at that moment there was a car that appeared from—I don't know where—blocking my car. Then I opened the left door of my car, hoping to get out on that side. But a man on the right got into the car and began beating me over the head with some object. As I opened the door, I put my left foot out of the car in hopes that I could stay there long enough for some

one to drive up. But I was being beaten over the head by both persons, and blood was streaming over my eyes. I could not see. Then I started to become faint. Both men got into my automobile and started away in my car. I was barely on the seat between the two men with my head under the cowl.

Q. Who put your head there?

A. The man on the right. Goggles were placed over my eyes right away, or shortly after the car started. I believe there was tape over the glass.

Q. For how long did you continue driving after leaving the Goodrich-Lexington location?

A. About five or ten minutes.

Q. Then what happened?

### Put in Another Car.

A. I was taken out of the car and put into another car. I was led out of my machine and put on the floor of the other automobile. They asked me who I wanted as contact man and at that time they told me I was kidnaped. I said I wanted Walter Magee as contact man.

Q. How many men were at the location where you transferred from one car to the other?

A. I would say in excess of five.

Q. Before you left this location, what further instructions or orders did these men give you?

A. I was requested to sign sev-

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eral pieces of paper—I think there were four.

Q. In signing these four pieces of paper, how did you go about that?

A. They tipped the glasses (Bremer demonstrating with his hands to his eyes) so I could see. They held the paper in front of me and gave me a pencil. I was sitting on the floor of the car.

Q. Will you describe the goggles?

Like Welder's Goggles.

A. I believe I saw the glasses similar to those that people use in welding. They have glass in the front and rubber around the sides that fit tight around the face and it seemed they put tape over the glass.

Q. What occurred next?

A. We left this place and drove for about one-half hour or an hour. Drivers were changed. We continued on then for hours. I was sitting on the floor. We stopped again several hours later and it felt like we pulled off the main road onto a side road. The car stopped and another car pulled up.

Q. What is your recollection of what happened?

A. It sounded like they were refueling. The car I was in.

Q. How long did you stop?

A. About five or ten minutes.

Q. What occurred after that?

A. We stopped again later in the afternoon and they gave me something to eat.

Q. What did you have to eat?

A. One-half of a chicken sandwich.

After Mr. Sullivan had led the witness in his questioning to the time when he was taken to the "hideout," the district attorney asked him what happened there.

"As I entered the door," he said, "I was led to the right. I walked across the room and then turned to the left. At my left there was a stove because I could feel the heat. Then I was led into another room.

"I was seated on a chair and then asked if they would not look at me cuts. They did this and washed me cuts off. I asked them if they would mind cutting the hair off so no infection would set in. After my hair was cut they placed a basin of soap and water in front of me and removed the goggles. I was led to wash my face and hands. After I had washed they bandaged my head, eyes and ears."

Bremer was still on the stand when court recessed at 12:35 P. M. At 2 P. M. He identified a number of ransom notes and letters signed and written by him during his captivity.

When the recess was taken he was calling how he was freed by his doctors, driven to Rochester and here instructed to take a bus to Paul.

"I was told," he said, "to get to my father's house in such a manner that no newspaper report of my return home would be in the morning paper."

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# Guard At Hideout Became Friendly, Banker Testifies

Sensational testimony, never revealed before, came from the lips of Edward G. Bremer this afternoon when he calmly related in court how one of the kidnap mob promised "Some way, sometime if you don't find out for yourself, I'll tell you the name of the finger-man."

The startling testimony, which was not developed further, came after the bank president had resumed on the witness stand in the trial of Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin; Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 snatch of Mr. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934.

The government charges that Sawyer was the "local contact" of the mob, that he helped lay plans for the kidnaping, and that he served as "fingerman" for the Barker-Karpis mob.

Relating the story of his captivity at Bensenville, Ill., Mr. Bremer said that there was one member of the mob who became friendly with him.

"I never saw his face, but I would recognize his voice anywhere," Mr. Bremer said.

This statement tended to indicate that the government plans to pursue this line of inquiry further in its attempt to link Sawyer with the abduction.

Mr. Bremer testified that this mobster talked with him quite a lot, that on one occasion he brought him a highball "when I was feeling low," and that once he told him, "The fellow who's handling the Twin Cities end of this job has fallen down on us. I mean the finger."

Later, Mr. Bremer testified that the man told him that "Some way, some time, if you don't find out for yourself, I'll tell you his name."

The government dropped the line of inquiry for a time and began to question Mr. Bremer about the hideout.

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## Five Persons Held in Roundup of Iowa and Missouri Gang

### Arrest of Homer Fanning in Kansas City Implies 4 Others

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Sheriff Charles A. Novinger today announced Harry F. Maloney of Denver, Colo., a college student here, had been arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property in connection with a series of holdups of which Homer Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, also in custody, are suspected.

This brought to five the number arrested as a sequel to the capture of Fanning in a police gun-chase at Kansas City in which his companion, Schmidt, escaped. Schmidt, whom Fanning falsely identified as Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, later was captured at Iowa City, Ia.

Also in custody are Mrs. Makine Montgomery, found at an Iowa City hotel with Schmidt, and Dr. R. H. Blum of Kansas City, a student here, who roomed at the same place as Maloney.

State Highway Patrolman Maurice Parker said the Fanning-Schmidt investigation definitely linked them with robberies at Keokuk, Ia., Quincy and Jacksonville, Ill., and Kirksville and Macon, Mo.

Parker disclosed that a letter found in Fanning's effects here with return address of "A. J. Schmidt, Griggsville, Ill.," was the key to Schmidt's capture. Officers visited Griggsville and got information which led to Iowa City where Fanning's relatives told where Schmidt was, he said.

Keokuk and Quincy officers arrived to view loot which has been recovered. Fanning, Schmidt and Blum are charged with robbery and automobile larceny at Keokuk.

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# **BREMER SOBS ON STAND AS TRIO GO ON TRIAL**

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Bremer, first government witness in the trial of Cassius McDonald, William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, accused conspirators, broke down when counsel asked the name of his companion the morning of his abduction. Kidnapers set upon Bremer shortly after he had taken his small daughter to school Jan. 17, 1934. Bremer began weeping at the question and court progress ceased for the moment.

Eugene O'Sullivan, Omaha counsel for Sawyer, alleged "Fingerman" leaped to his feet, objecting to "the witness putting on such a demonstration."

Assistant United States District Attorney George Heise moved for a recess, denied by Federal Judge Gunnar N. Nordbye, who said: "It was not that kind of a demonstration," referring to O'Sullivan's complaint.

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# Bremer Recounts Story of Kidnaping

By the Associated Press.  
St. Paul, Jan. 8.—Edward G. Bremer told the story of his abduction and 22-day captivity to a Federal court jury for the second time today in the trial of three persons charged with conspiracy in the crime.

Last July his testimony was part of the Government case which led to conviction of five men, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, for parts in the plot.

Bremer wept on the stand this morning as he told how he was seized after taking his small daughter to school. He testified at the afternoon session that a condition of nervousness has persisted since he was freed after payment of \$200,000 ransom. He was kidnaped January 17, 1934.

The banker stated he knew Harry Sawyer, one of the defendants, "well enough to say hello to him." Sawyer is charged with pointing out Bremer to the actual kidnapers. The other defendants are Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer charged with exchanging \$104,000 of the ransom money in Cuba, and William Weaver, indicted as one of the actual kidnapers.

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## TELLS OF PARTY IN APARTMENT OF MRS. EATON HERE

Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, on trial in Federal court here with Cassius McDonald for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, were linked as associates of the Barker-Karpis gang today by two more witnesses for the government.

Edna (Rabbits) Murray, woman bandit, companion of Volney Davis of the Barker-Karpis gang, and at that time an escaped prisoner from a Missouri penitentiary, told of a gay dinner at Sawyer's home in Ramsey county, north of St. Paul, in July, 1933.

Attending the dinner, she said, were herself and Davis, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, as well as Sawyer and his wife Gladys.

It occurred, she said, when she, Davis, Barker and the Harmon woman drove to Minneapolis from Long Lake, Ill., where they had been living previously in a cottage. At Long Lake, she said, Weaver was a visitor, as well as Alvin Karpis, still hunted for his alleged participation in the kidnaping as well as other crimes.

Sawyer, she said, was the only person the group of four knew in this section when they arrived here. They went to call on him in the afternoon and stayed for the dinner.

Sawyer is accused by the government of being the "finger man" in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Bremer. Weaver is alleged to be one of the actual abductors and McDonald is accused of being a "money changer" for the kidnapers.

At the afternoon session of the trial, Miss Rosina Kaether, 437 Marshall avenue, a nurse, confirmed the identification of Weaver made earlier in the day by Dr. Henry H. Hall as a habitue of an apartment at 656 Portland avenue where members of the Barker-Karpis gang lived for a time. The apartment was that of Mrs. Myrtle Eaton. Weaver lived there as "Clarence Eaton," husband of Myrtle, though the real Clarence Eaton was then in the Northwest. Miss Kaether identified pictures, as did Dr. Hall, of Freddie and "Ma" Barker, later killed by

federal agents in their hunt for the kidnap gang, as occupants of or visitors at the apartment.

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## DOCTOR TELLS OF SEEING HIM IN GANG'S FLAT

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### 14 CUBANS ARRIVE AS BREMER WITNESSES

One of three Bremer kidnaping case defendants on trial in Federal court here was identified positively today as an occupant of an apartment where the Barker-Karpis gang, which did the kidnaping, congregated in St. Paul.

He is William Weaver, alleged to be one of the actual abductors of Bremer.

Dr. Henry Hall, St. Paul physician, who was called several times to the apartment of Mrs. Myrtle Eaton, at 565 Portland avenue, stepped from the witness stand and pointed to Weaver. He said that Weaver was known to him at the apartment as "Clarence Eaton," the name of Mrs. Eaton's husband. He said he treated Weaver for a cold.

Others he saw at the apartment he said were Freddie and "Ma" Barker, whom he identified from pictures. They were killed in a machine-gun battle in Florida with Justice department agents who were hunting them for the Bremer kidnaping. Dr. Hall's visits, he said, occurred in the fall of 1933.

#### Bremer Held 22 Days.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934 and held 22 days before his release after \$200,000 ransom was paid.

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Walter Magee, St. Paul contractor who was an intermediary in the kidnaping, testified for the first time that an attempt was made to get the kidnapers to halve their \$200,000 ransom demand.

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**Names Weaver**



A St. Paul physician, Dr. Henry H. Hall, stepped from the witness stand today and positively identified William Weaver, Bremer kidnap case defendant, as an associate of Freddie and "Ma" Barker and Myrtle Eaton, in a St. Paul apartment. The Barkers were killed by federal agents when resisting arrest for the Bremer kidnaping.



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Father Deere's name was given to the kidnapers by Bremer as a person to be trusted to get a ransom note to the family. Volney Davis, now serving a life term for the kidnaping, admitted he was the man who delivered the note to Father Deere. The priest was to have been a witness at the trial, now in progress, of three alleged members of the kidnap conspiracy.

He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and received his training for the priesthood at Thurles college in the same county. He was ordained in 1903 and came with two classmates to serve in the archdiocese of St. Paul. The two are Rev. Richard Lee of St. Patrick's church, St. Paul, and Rev. Patrick Molloney of Glencoe, Minn.

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assigned to St. Stephen's church, Minneapolis, where he served for three years, and then he went to the parish at Prior Lake where he was for 30 years.

At Prior Lake, Father Deere gained many friends, not only in his own parish but in the Twin Cities and other parts of the Northwest.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 A. M., Monday at St. Michael's church at Prior Lake with Archbishop John Gregory Murray celebrating pontifical high mass. Preceding the mass, the office of the dead will be chanted with Rev. Francis Missia of St. Paul Seminary conducting a priests' choir.

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### Karpis Case Rivalry

Postmaster-General James A. Farley credited his Postoffice inspectors today with having "brought into view the end of the trail for Alvin Karpis and other members of his gang."

Rivalries between Federal investigative units were indicated by some officials after the Justice Department's agents captured Karpis, once "Public Enemy No. 1," in New Orleans last spring.

Asked about reports of Postoffice aid in trailing Karpis, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Justice Agents, said then, "We received no information and no co-operation of any kind from the Postoffice inspectors which gave us any assistance in capturing Karpis."

Farley, in his annual report, said today that Postoffice agents "brought into view the end of the trail" when they discovered that Karpis was the leader of five bandits who held up a mail train at Garrettsville, O., on Nov. 7, 1935.

In March, 1936, Farley added, Postoffice inspectors and a member of the Kansas State Police apprehended one of the gang. Postoffice inspectors have established the identity of the fifth bandit, the only one remaining at large, Farley added.

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## Weaver Also Named As Mob Member

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The testimony was given by Edna (Rabbits) Murray, Kansas City kissing bandit, against whom kidnaping charges were dropped last spring.

Called to the stand by the government, she told how she, Volney (Curley) Davis and the late Fred Barker, and Paula Harmon came to Minnesota in August, 1933, and that the first person they visited here was Sawyer, reputed "finger-man" in the kidnaping.

### Weaver Accused

William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, who with Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, is on trial was again linked with the Barker-Karpis mob this afternoon. Rosina Kaether, 437 Marshall ave., a registered nurse, told of trips to the apartment of Mrs. Myrtle Eaton, wife of Clarence (Doc) Eaton, former convict, and how she saw Weaver and Fred and Ma Barker there, too. The apartment was at 565 Portland ave.

When Miss Murray was called to the stand she was pale and appeared extremely nervous.

She first testified that she was with Davis in Long Lake, Ill. in 1933. She said that the Harmon woman and Fred Barker were also there.

### Met At Long Lake

She was asked, "Do you know Bill Weaver?"

A. Yes. I met him in Long Lake in 1933.

Q. Was Weaver living there?

A. I couldn't say.

Q. How long did you live at Long Lake?

A. About a month.

Q. Did Fred Barker and Paula (Harmon) leave the same time.

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have visitors there?

A. Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker (convicted last spring in the kidnaping).

### Visited Harry Sawyer

Then she added, "I don't recall all of them."

Q. Where did you go from Long Lake?

A. To Minneapolis in August.

Q. Who went with you?

A. Fred Barker, Paula, and Volney Davis.

Q. Who did you see when you got to Minnesota?

A. Harry Sawyer.

Q. Was Fred Barker with you?

A. Yes. We visited Harry at his country home.

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In contacting Havana money brokers, Sullivan said, McDonald offered to buy gold, explaining that he got the money from a gambling game.

"We will show," Sullivan said, "that McDonald bought \$11,000 worth of gold and paid for it with \$5 and \$10 bills of Bremer ransom notes."

The Rev. John Deere, 58, of Prior Lake, Catholic priest who received a ransom note for delivery to the Bremer family, died Thursday.

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## TEARS MARK KIDNAP TRIAL

*Bremer, St. Paul Banker,  
Weeps as He Testifies  
Against Suspects*

ST. PAUL, Jan. 8. (AP)—Edward B. Bremer, St. Paul banker, wept today when he recalled for a Federal court jury the details of how he was kidnaped a year ago and held for \$200,000 ransom.

Bremer, first government witness in the trial of Cassius McDonald, William Weaver and Harry Sawyer, accused conspirators, began crying when counsel asked the name of his companion the morning of his abduction. The questioning was temporarily halted.

Kidnapers set upon Bremer shortly after he had taken his small daughter to school, January 17, 1934.

Eugene O'Sullivan, counsel for Sawyer, asserted "finger man" leaped to his feet, objecting to "the witness putting on such a demonstration."

In his opening statement Dist. Atty. Sullivan said the prosecution would show that McDonald, Detroit, Mich., engineer, exchanged \$104,000 of the "hot" money in Cuba; that Sawyer was the "contact man" for the Barker-Karpis mob that executed the kidnaping; and that Weaver was a member of the actual "snatch" squad.

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# KIDNAPING LEAVES ITS MARK.

Still Nervous From 1934 Ordeal,  
Bremer Says on Stand.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, Jan. 8.—Revealing he still is nervous from the strain of twenty-two days captivity two years ago, Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, who rose from messenger boy to bank president, recited on the witness stand in federal court today his experiences from the day he was abducted until his release.

Bremer was the government's first witness in the trial of Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping January 17, 1934.

The kidnap victim's admission that the prolonged horrors he encountered in a "hide-out" at Bensenville, Ill., still affects his physical condition came when the prosecutor questioned him concerning his health after his release February 7, 1934.

"I did not feel very good," Bremer said. "I could not walk very well. I was very nervous and could not sleep. I had lost considerable weight. I couldn't be left alone."

When asked how long this condi-

tion continued, Bremer, showing traces of nervousness, slowly answered:

"It still continues."

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# M'Donald's Conviction Demanded

International News Service Wire

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—De-  
termined to obtain conviction of  
Cassius McDonald, Detroit con-  
tractor, in the Edward G. Bremer  
kidnaping case, J. Edgar Hoover,  
chief of the department of justice,  
today telephoned G-men here with  
last-minute information and in-  
structions for his prosecution.

He ordered operatives and prose-  
cutors in St. Paul to "shoot the  
works on McDonald."

As a result of these orders the  
prosecution will contend McDon-  
ald's connection with the kidnap-  
ing was in the nature of a com-  
plete "cover up" for the entire  
Barker-Karpis mob.

Simultaneously it became known  
today G-men have made an investi-  
gation of McDonald's hunting lodge  
in Michigan in an effort to deter-  
mine if it was used as a hideout  
for Alvin Karpis, America's public  
enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell,  
after their escape from a police trap  
a year ago at Atlantic City.

Outcome of the investigation is  
not known, but it was reported  
charges of harboring fugitives would  
be filed against him if evidence war-  
rants.

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# Bremer Has Day in Court

Tells How His Memory Trapped Gang

By JOHN M. CARLISLE

(Staff Correspondent of The Detroit News.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—For 17 of the 22 days and nights of terrible uncertainty, with death always lingering in the room, the captive sat on a rickety chair in a corner of the kidnapers' hideaway, not daring to turn around, not daring to move, just staring at the wallpaper.

Through all those long hours of despair, Edward G. Bremer, president of a St. Paul bank and the 38-year-old scion of one of St. Paul's first families, thought it was good to sit there and just stare at the wallpaper.

It was good because of the five preceding days, when his kidnapers had placed him on a dirty bed. They bandaged his eyes and his mouth and his ears, and those bandages were drawn tight so they cut. After those days it was good to look at wallpaper.

It was, Bremer wrote to his father during the ransom negotiations, "a living hell" there in the hands of the kidnaping gang.

## THE MARKS REMAIN

As Bremer testified for the Government Wednesday here in Federal Court in the second so-called Bremer kidnaping trial, you could see those terrible memories were still engraved on his mind, and three times his voice broke and tears welled in his eyes as he told his story.

It was a story of an astounding episode. Defense lawyers tried unsuccessfully to muffle Bremer by admitting he had been kidnaped and returned to his family upon payment of \$200,000 ransom. But Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye would not permit him to be muffled.

Bremer had his day in court again and the three co-defendants, who are charged with conspiracy to kidnap him, and face life sentences if they are convicted, studiously avoided looking him in the eye.

Cassius (Cash) McDonald, Detroit consulting engineer, who lived in a mansion at 700 Trombley road, Grosse Pointe Park, and owned a \$100,000 hunting lodge in Upper Michigan, stared straight ahead of him. McDonald is accused of being "the contact man" for the Karpis-

## THEY STARE AHEAD

Tough Willie Weaver, a parole violator, who killed a deputy sheriff in Oklahoma, among other things, and who still looks more like a high school principal than a kidnaper, stared through his gold-rimmed glasses at the wall ahead.

Weaver is accused of being one of the actual "snatch men," and alongside of him sat Harry Sawyer, the purported "finger man" in the case, first smirking and sniveling to himself at the testimony, and then scowling.

For it developed, as Bremer's story unfolded, that this helpless captive in the hands of a mob of eight or more desperadoes had more than held his own.

Defenseless as he was, with his head still aching from the blows they had rained upon him as they abducted him in downtown St. Paul almost a year ago, he had out-thought them and outwitted them there in the hideaway. For, after the ransom had been paid, after he had stumbled home a nervous wreck, Bremer became the perfect kidnaping witness for agents of the Department of Justice.

## VALUABLE FACTS

Bremer estimated the number of minutes it took to ride to the hideaway. He knew when the kidnapers' car turned off the main road to a side road. He remembered when they unloaded a can of gasoline and filled the tank.

Bremer studied the wallpaper and later he was able to identify it because of the peculiar design. He found the floor creaked in the corner where he sat. He peeked out of the corner of his eyes, and noted a crack in the corner of the wall that started at the floor and wandered toward the ceiling.

So it developed that the Federal agents took all these facts Bremer was able to supply, and forged their first link of evidence. They found the gasoline can he talked about. On it was Alvin Karpis' fingerprints, and they knew the members of his mob. They found his hideaway from Bremer's description of the

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—Associated Press Wirephoto.  
**SUSPECT SMILES.** Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld leader, smiles broadly on his way to court to be tried with two others as a kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer in 1933 at St. Paul.

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## Rookie Is Given Gun and Badge—He's a Policeman

BY CHADS O. SKINNER.

"They gave me a gun, which I had no experience in using, and a badge, and put me to work without even furnishing a book of rules, which I haven't been able to get yet."—The statement of a cadet patrolman on the Cleveland police force.

This city's police department, which is more archaic in many respects than some of its ancient, dilapidated vehicles, literally hands a .38-caliber revolver to an ex-baker or a former shoe clerk and tells him to go out and cope with organized crime, racketeering, vandalism and vice.

One of the dominant reasons why the force is, to state it charitably, no better than it is, why it cannot utilize fully the potentialities for service it does possess, is the appalling lack of training given rookies and the callous unconcern of city officials toward that condition.

It is difficult to believe a sup-

posedly civilized city must depend for law enforcement on untrained men. Yet here is the story of a rookie, appointed within the last year, as he related it to this writer:

"After I was sworn in and got my badge and gun, I dug up a uniform and was ordered to report to the Precinct. Any training in using a gun? None at all.

"For two weeks I cruised around in a car with a couple of other men, picking up what information and tips I could. After that I was sent out to patrol a beat (in a section of the city that is frequently scarred with violence and which is populated with a highly cosmopolitan population). No one went with me to show me where to go or what to do. I was just sent out.

Older Men Helpful.

"I have run into situations where I didn't know whether to pull my gun and fire, or just what to do.

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In accordance with an advanced step taken when Mayor Harold H. Burton was acting mayor four years ago, the rookie, as well as every other member of the force, is required to go to the police range in the Grays Armory at least once a month for target practice. The rookie I talked to said he and several of his colleagues went oftener in the hope of developing their marksmanship, a task they had to start from scratch.

So far as all-around training is concerned, the Cleveland Police Department has fallen to an estate lower than existed ten or fifteen years ago. For Cleveland at one time did give its rookie policemen pretty fair training. Police recruits were at least taught the rudiments of their work, how to handle themselves in dangerous situations, how to keep themselves in condition, and how to note properly what they saw.

The school was started in 1917 in the Eighth Precinct Station at W. 22th Street and Detroit Avenue N. W., under former Chief Frank W. Smith, who remarked only the other day, in a conversation with some of his former colleagues, that he considered it as dangerous to "take a store clerk and put him at police duty as it would be to pick a man up off the street to be the engineer

Andrew J. Hagan, then a sergeant, who had legal training qualifying him for law practice, as well as his police experience. The rookies in those days, because of the school, were appointed in "classes" as large as 75. They had class room work, gymnasium workouts and revolver practice, to say nothing of a large chunk of daily "home work," for a month to six weeks.

After that they were assigned to precincts and did regular duty under the supervision of older patrolmen and officers. Then they returned to school for six weeks.

The training school as then set up was discontinued on a moment's notice when a milk strike broke out late in 1921 and the cadets were pressed into full duty. The school was never continued on the same basis, but Jacob Graul, police chief at the time, said some instruction was given to rookies, who attended classes in the mornings and did regular duty in the afternoons, but for how long a period he could not recall.

But the fact remains that police training is gone and what little attempt has been made to make better policemen of those on the force has been undertaken by a few officers on their own initiative and by the League for Justice, which a few years ago conducted lectures on police work in the City Council chamber and is now co-operating in weekly classes on police procedure organized by Capt. James E. Ferrie. The men who attend those classes do so on their own volition and time, and laudable as it may be, it lacks facilities and cannot have a broad, comprehensive program.

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BY CHADS O. SKINNER.

"They gave me a gun, which I had no experience in using, and a badge and put me to work with a gun. I haven't been shot yet."

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# N, BADGE—SEE, HE'S A POLICEMAN

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That doesn't help your self-confidence any.

"I will say this, though; the older men have been mighty helpful in giving suggestions and are more than willing to answer your questions. But the trouble is that you get about as many different answers to the same question as the number of men you ask them of."

"I don't see why they can't give us a little training, just show us some of the things we have to know for our own protection and in order not to go haywire. There are tricks to all trades, you know. One of the men at my station just happened to tell me, for example, that it was courting death to search a suspected gunman or criminal while standing directly in front of him."

"If you're in that position he can easily bring his knee up and knock you over, or bring his hands down and pin your arms to your side. You are supposed, so I learned, to stand to the side of a suspect and a little back when you are 'frisking' him. In that position, if he makes a move you can step back and draw your gun while he's turning around."

"A lot of things are covered in the rule book, but I have tried everywhere to get one and can't. Some of the other young fellows have, too."

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# Gambling and Vice Go Into Fadeout as Police Crack Down at Last

Police at last are cracking down on keepers of gambling and vice resorts in Cleveland.

Policy games which survived crusades for a decade have been closed.

Vice dens which flourished for years in the once "Roaring Third" precinct are being driven out.

Police captains in every precinct in the city have received orders to clean up their districts.

Never before has the lid been clamped down tighter in the city.

## Calls in Policy Operators

On orders from Safety Director Ness a meeting of policy operators was called by Deputy Inspector Frank W. Story at the E. 35th st.-Longwood ct. police station Tuesday night.

"Fold up of your own accord or we will fold you up," Inspector Story told them. They agreed to stop operations after the drawing Tuesday midnight.

But once outside the station, they reconsidered among themselves and decided to risk carrying on.

A raid last night that interrupted a drawing at 2682 E. 47th st. where 150 men were found, was the police department's answer to their decision.

## Get Orders to Move

Along lower Scovill ave., once the most open vice district in the city, officers are visiting houses and ordering all transient girls to move out of the city. Only those who can prove their legitimate homes are in the houses are being permitted to remain.

Bookmakers still exist, doing a curb or telephone business, but the gambling resorts have disappeared. Gambler who prospered in Cleveland last year are reported to have either left town or to be making plans to head for other cities where the law enforcement is more casual.

Vacant offices and storerooms where gambling joints ran wide open only a few months ago, tell the story of police activity.

## Captains Held Responsible

Director Ness is holding each precinct captain responsible for his own district. Under this arrangement there can be no passing of responsibility from one officer to another.

The order has gone out for the cleanup.

The police department knows Director Ness means business. Vice and gambling resort operators are beginning to realize the same business.