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The Washington Herald
March 31, 1936.

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THE TULSA TRIBUNE
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TIP FROM TULSA PROMPTED RAID AIMED AT KARPIS

Officers Got Information Here, but No. 1 Enemy 'Fades' as Usual

REPORTS CONFLICT REGARDING RESULTS

Kansas Officer Says None Captured, Early News Says Three Held

By J. NELSON TAYLOR
Of The World Staff.

Underworld sources in Tulsa furnished information used by postal inspectors and members of the Kansas state highway patrol when they raided a summer cottage near Hot Springs, Ark., in an effort to apprehend Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and two of his associates.

It was learned from sources here known to be reliable that Col. Wint Smith, head of the highway patrol, and one of his operatives, Joe Anderson, conferred with Tulsa officers and postal inspectors prior to the raid and got information that Karpis was "cooling off" near the Arkansas resort city.

Reported Unsuccessful.

Whether or not Karpis or his companions were arrested could not be definitely ascertained early Tuesday morning. But Colonel Smith, in a communication to his Topeka headquarters, advised Frank Stone, his assistant, that neither Karpis nor any of his companions were arrested.

Police Chief Joe Wakelin of Hot Springs corroborated Smith's statement.

"Members of the Kansas state highway patrol, post office inspectors and Arkansas officers made a raid on the outskirts of this city for Alvin Karpis," Chief Wakelin said, according to Associated Press dispatches.

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"The raid resulted from information obtained through federal operatives at Tulsa and a man listed as Gover (Burrhead) Keady. There was no one in the house when the raiders arrived. I know that the raid was unsuccessful."

Precautions Futile.

Chief Wakelin said both Colonel Smith and Anderson told him that despite every precaution the fugitives had left the house before the raiders arrived.

The Hot Springs chief's story, however, conflicts with earlier reports of the raid. Associated Press dispatches said two men and a girl were taken into custody and removed from the Arkansas city in an airplane.

It was known that the postal inspectors were searching for Karpis, a second-rate Chicago hoodlum using the name of Harold Johnson and a girl whose name was not revealed.

Although Karpis is primarily wanted in connection with the $200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul in 1934, the raid was in connection with the $46,500 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery November 7, 1935.

Karpis, Harry Campbell, also of Tulsa and four others were named in connection with the mail train robbery after the arrest here February 24 of Keady, Tulsa gambler and underworld bodyguard.

Keady Identified.

Keady was apprehended at a North Main street beer parlor by a picked squad of policemen and postal inspectors and was returned to Cleveland in connection with the mail robbery.

Arraigned in federal court there he is said to have been identified by at least two persons who witnessed the robbery of the Erie passenger train.

Keady's haunts and associates have been checked closely here since he has been in custody and although denied by police, it is known that the Hot Springs tip originated with Keady's Tulsa friends who hoped to help him.

Capt. W. E. Bassham of the Tulsa police department and Lieut. Earl Gardner admitted Monday they knew the Hot Springs raid was planned, but denied department of justice agents participated.

Lieutenant Gardner was the Tulsa officer who arrested Keady when he was taken to Cleveland. He said Keady had been traced for weeks following the Ohio robbery. S. E. Hattrick, Cleveland postal inspector, also had the Tulsa gambler under surveillance for several days before his arrest, believing the Tulsan would join other members of the gang.

Keady, known under a number of aliases, has been a Tulsa underworld character for a number of years. He once served as bodyguard for George Hurford, horse-race bookmaker.

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G-Men's Gas Raid Fails to Net Karpis

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'G' Men Seize Three in Lair

HOT SPRINGS, March 30 (AP) — "G" men descended swiftly on a remote farm house near here today and reputedly whisked away a man and two women, but the justice agents refused to confirm or deny the captures.

Tossing tear bombs into the house after barring access to the roads nearby, the government agents masked their movments in secrecy and sped away.

Through the numerous reports that swept the city after the agents had closed in and occupied the house ran the name of Alvin Karpis, notorious outlaw, wanted for the $200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul in 1934, and once before sought in this neighborhood.

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Karpis Escaped Trap, Is Report

By United Press

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Summer Cottage Invaded, but No One Is There.

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Chief Wakelin said that the raid here resulted from information obtained by the operatives from a man listed as Grover (Burrhead) Keady, Tulsa, Okla., who was in custody.

The Hot Springs officer said there was no one in the house when the raiders arrived. He expressed belief that the quarry would not return to Hot Springs.

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U. S. Agents Raid Farm Near Old Karpis Haunts

House Found Empty on Entry After Tear Gas Attack

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Karpis Reported Taken in Raid

G Men Seize Two Men and Woman After Tear Gas Attack on Arkansas Farm House.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 30 (U. P.).—Department of Justice agents, moving swiftly and secretly, were believed to have captured Alvin Karpis and another man and a woman today in a tear gas raid on a farmhouse near here.

The agents, numbering "twelve to fifteen," refused to comment on the raid. They acted alone. City and county officials were without definite knowledge of their movements.

The belief grew that Karpis or some other desperado was captured in the raid when airport officials revealed that two men and a woman, in custody of G-men, boarded a plane a short time after the raid was completed.

Beyond that brief statement, airport officials were silent, apparently under orders.

Karpis 'Cooling Off' There.

Dutch Ackers, chief of the Hot Springs detectives, told the United Press he had been directing a search for Karpis for two weeks, on a tip he was "cooling off" in and around the city.

Ackers said strange planes had been circling over the city all morning, and that he believed the agents had captured one man and a woman and possibly a second man.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roy Emery said he believed the agents had captured two or three persons in their raid, made about 7 A. M. They surrounded the house and tossed tear and flare gas into it, setting it afire. After a while, they were reported to have extinguished the flames and to have left with a man and a woman in an automobile.

Won't Admit Getting Their Man.

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Neighbors of the two couples who rented the house a month ago expressed belief the agents were after Karpis, sought in connection with the $200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, two years ago.

Karpis eluded pursuit last October after being traced to a resort cabin at Lake Hamilton, a few miles away from the raided farmhouse.

Believe Karpis Again Escaped Federal Trap

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Local authorities also said they were without any knowledge of the raiding party, which was armed heavily.

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They surrounded the house, believed to have been rented about a month ago by Harold Hunter, reputed companion of the desperado, and set it afire by tossing tear and flare gas into it.

After a while, the G-Men reportedly extinguished the flames and entered the house, removing its occupants. The raiders carried machine guns, bullet proof vests, tear and flare gas and gas masks.

Local headquarters denied anyone had been arrested, but reports persisted that one of the three prisoners was Karpis, who more than a year ago blasted his way out of a trap in an Atlantic City hotel.

ALVIN KARPIS
The G-Men trapped this desperado on a farm.

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THE MOBILE PRESS REGISTER,
Mobile, Alabama,
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Re: BREKID.

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RUMORS DECLARE KARPIS IS SEIZED

Federal Agents Deny Capture In Arkansas Raid But Rumors Persist

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 31.—(U.P.)—Nearby residents persisted to believe today that department of justice agents had captured "two or three" persons in their tear and flare gas raid on a farm house near here early yesterday in search for Alvin Karpis.

Agents here and at Little Rock, however, reiterated that no one had been captured in the raid designed to trap Karpis, America's No. 1 public enemy, who is wanted principally on charges he led the $200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

More than a dozen agents, some believed traveling here in one or more planes, closed in on the farm house swiftly and secretly yesterday, while astonished farm residents nearby were shooed back and told not to come near. Tear and flare gas was tossed into the house, which quickly blazed. Agents extinguished it, however.

Nearby residents reported the raiders had captured a man and a woman. One man reported to the sheriff's office here that he was passing near the scene at the time and that he saw the agents leave with two or three persons. His name was not divulged.

City and county officials told the United Press the raid was for Karpis and a companion, believed to be either Harold Hunter or a person described as Harold Johnson.

Agents believed Karpis had been there but had left.

The house was reported to have been rented some time ago by a man believed to be Hunter, or Johnson. It is owned by E. E. Woodcock, who is now in Louisiana. Woodcock's son, Ernest Woodcock, of Hot Springs, said the house was leased about six weeks ago and had been occupied during the past two weeks.

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TRIAL SET HERE IN KARPIS CASE

Four Defendants Will Face Federal Charge of Conspiracy

Joseph H. Adams, Miami dog track and hotel owner, and three co-defendants will be tried in U. S. district court here May 25 on charges of conspiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, America's number one gunman, according to a tentative calendar released by U. S. District Attorney John W. Holland today.

Henry "Duke" Randall, E. G. McDonald and N. H. Heller will be tried with Adams. Indictments were returned against the four last year. Adams and Randall also face a separate charge of harboring.

The charges grow out of Karpis' sojourn here in the fall and early winter of 1934.

The spring term begins Monday, according to the calendar, with Sam Finkel, Arthur Rosenberg and Josephine Kettrell of West Palm Beach going to trial first on charges of violating the white slave laws. Indictments accuse them of bringing girls from New York to West Palm Beach for immoral purposes.

Also set for Monday is the trial of Manfred C. Jensen, alleged operator of a horse race handicapping service. He is charged with using the mails to defraud. Numerous internal revenue cases are also set for the first day.

Clarence O. "Head" Revel, under two indictments here for alleged alien smuggling and one in Tampa for passing counterfeit money orders, will go to trial on the two Miami cases on April 20.

Assistant District Attorney W. Sanders Gramling said here today the calendar is only tentative and is subject to possible revision at the order of Judge Louie W. Strum, who will preside.

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RAID MADE IN ARKANSAS FOR KARPIS

Federal Agents and Police Fail to Find Kidnaper Suspect in Cottage

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TRAP FOR KARPIS FAILS.

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'KARPIS DODGED TRAP'

Word Is Received by Road Patrol Chief.

TOPEKA, March 31.—Kansas highway patrol headquarters here said Tuesday that Mint Smith, patrol director, had advised that Alvin Karpis escaped from a trap set by federal agents near Hot Springs, Ark., Monday.

Smith did not mention any arrests in the raid on the Arkansas farm house, although earlier reports said two or three suspects had been captured.

Two members of the Kansas patrol were present when the raid was made in hope of capturing Karpis, suspect in the Bremer kidnaping and rated the nation's most notorious gangster.

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BUFFALO (N.Y.) COURIER-EXPRESS
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KARPIS ELUDES RAID OF G-MEN

Bremer Kidnaper Flees Before Forces Close In

Lonely Arkansas Cottage Believed His Hideout

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News of the raid, which was conducted with great secrecy, leaked out later in the day, but no one would give any information regarding it. However, Wakelin agreed to discuss the case after he was informed that Wint Smith, chief of the Kansas State Police, had been quoted in an official statement as saying that the raid failed to apprehend Karpis, wanted for the $200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St Paul in 1934. Smith said he believed Karpis had been in the cottage, but had left.

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The Birmingham News
Birmingham, Alabama
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KARPIS ESCAPES TRAP OF G-MEN

No. 1 Public Enemy Gone As Raiders Move On Summer Cottage At Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS—(AP) — Although federal operatives declined to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding their sudden raid on a Summer cottage near here, Hot Springs and Kansas authorities claimed Tuesday it was an unsuccessful effort to apprehend the nation's No. 1 public enemy, Alvin Karpis, wanted for $200,000 Bremer snatch.

ALVIN KARPIS

"I know that the raid was unsuccessful. There was no one in the house when the raiders arrived," declared Police Chief Walelin, of Hot Springs, reporting approximately 15 Kansas State police, postoffice inspectors and Department of Justice men swooped down on the remote farm house Monday in search of Karpis and a companion he described as Harold Johnson, alias Fred King.

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Knoxville, Tennessee.
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RAID ACTIVE MAY BE KARPIS

G-Men Swoop Down On Arkansas House But Refuse To Talk.

By United Press

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 30 Department of Justice Agents, moving swiftly and secretly, were believed to have captured Alvin Karpis and another man and woman in a tear and flare gas raid on a farm house near here today.

The agents, numbering "12 to 15," bluntly refused to comment on the raid. They acted alone and city and county officials were without definite knowledge of their movements.

Leave By Plane

Belief strengthened that Karpis or some other desperado was captured in the raid when airport officials revealed two men and a woman boarded a plane a short time after the raid was completed.

Beyond that brief statement, airport officials were mum, apparently under orders not to comment.

Dutch Ackers, chief of the Hot Springs detectives, told the United Press he had been directing a search for Karpis for two weeks, on a tip he was "cooling off" in and around the city.

Planes Circle City

Ackers said strange planes had been circling over the city all morning and that he believed the agents had captured one man and a woman and possibly a second man.

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KARPIS 'MYSTERY' HAS NEWSPAPERS GUESSING

By United Press.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 31.—Nearby residents persisted to believe today that Department of Justice agents had captured "two or three" persons in their tear and flare gas raid on a farm house near here early yesterday in search for Alvin Karpis.

Agents here and at Little Rock, however, reiterated that no one had been captured in the raid designed to trap Karpis, America's No. 1 public enemy, who is wanted principally on charges that he led the $200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

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KARPIS AGAIN ELUDES PURSUERS AFTER RAID

Hot Springs, Ark., March 31.—The elusive Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, today had once again slipped through the fingers of the law.

Federal agents denied that Karpis was the quarry sought when they raided a house near here yesterday, but from other sources it was learned Karpis and his hoodlum pal, Harold Hunter, were believed hiding in the building.

A Negro maid in the house told newspapermen that a man resembling Hunter had rented the dwelling about a month ago.

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By DEANE ALLEN.
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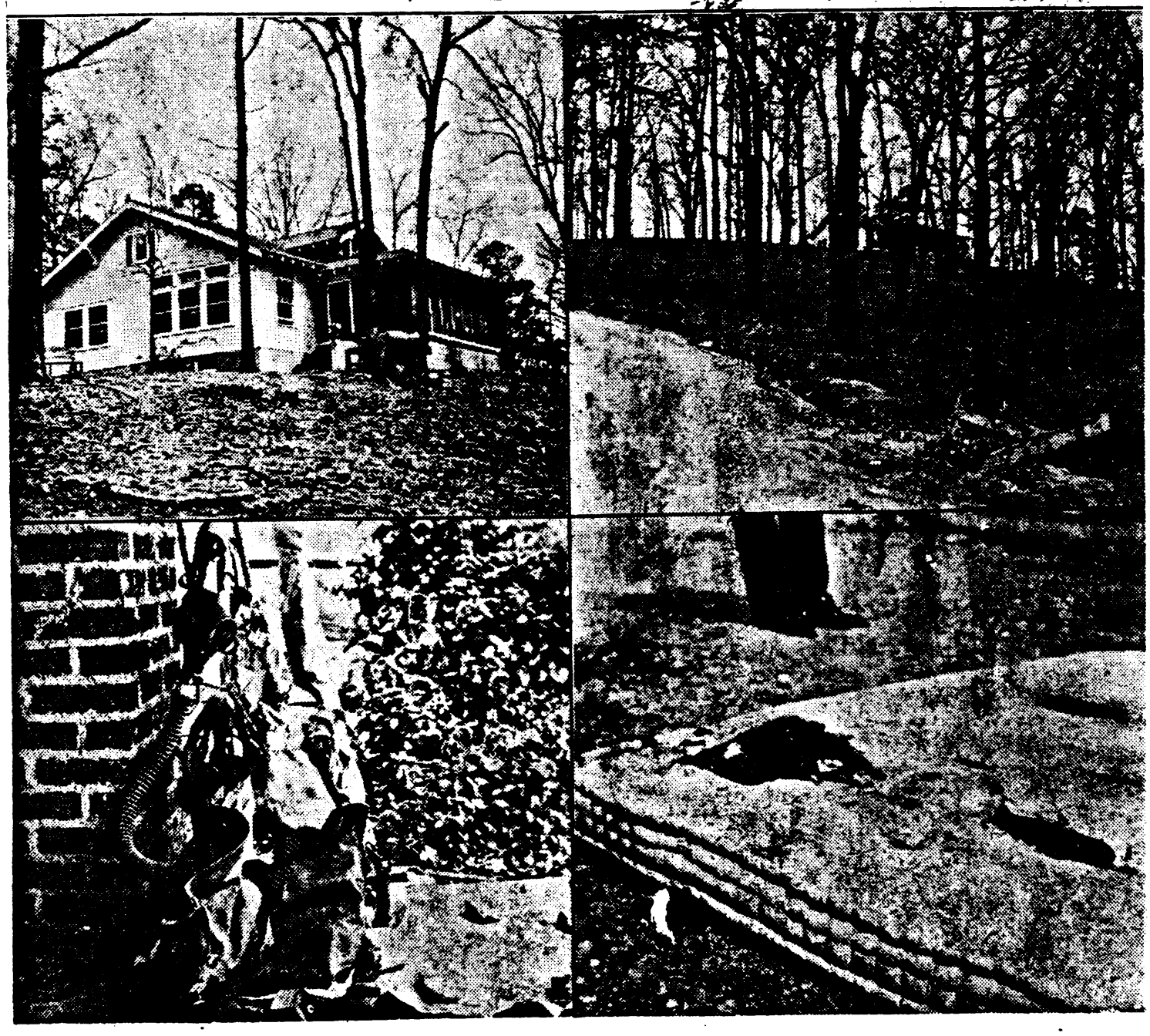
Where Federal Agents Staged Secret Raid



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RAIDERS ASSERT THEY FAILED TO LOCATE KARPIS

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Observer Declares Two Persons Taken Prisoner.

The government men repeated (almost too emphatically, the correspondent thought) that no one was in the house when they broke into it.

However, a man who is well-known to Hot Springs officers and whom they consider thoroughly reliable, told Chief Wakelin and Detective Akers that he saw a car coming out of the grounds containing a government officer who seemed to be guarding a man and a woman.

Hot Springs Police Learn They Had Narrow Escape.

Hot Springs officers learned several weeks ago that Karpis was in this vicinity. They received their first tip on a Sunday when a car stopped in front of a drug store on lower Central avenue and a man went inside to buy bandages and antiseptics. A clerk in the store suggested that the person for whom they were intended might need the services of a physician.

His suggestion was received so coldly that the clerk became suspicious and notified the police.

Police learned, that the occupants of the car had rented a cottage on Lake Hamilton. They went out there the same afternoon but found the cottage apparently deserted. Since they did not have a search warrant, they did not attempt to enter.

Later they learned that Karpis and one of his men were inside the house at the time, prepared to kill the officers if they had attempted to enter.

The occupants of the cottage left immediately following the visit of the police.

Fingerprints obtained from the cottage were said to have established that Karpis had been there.

Hoping to throw the thugs off their guard, however, the police announced that their visit to the cottage was due to a mistaken tip and that they had learned that the cottage was occupied by a well-known and highly respected business man of Toledo, O.

Negro Girl Identifies Photograph of Hunter.

Following their visit to the house, the Hot Springs police officers interviewed a young Negro girl who formerly had worked at the house as a maid.

She said that three weeks ago a man and a woman came there and said that they had rented the house and asked if she would like to continue to stay there and work for them.

The girl told them that she wanted to go back to school and so declined the offer.

She was shown a photograph of Hunter and asked if it resembled the man to whom she had talked.

"Yes, that looks just like him," was the reply. She said that he was the only man she had seen at the place.

The house is owned by E. E. Woodcock of Hot Springs, who is in Louisiana at present. His son, Ernest, said that his father had leased the house about six weeks ago and that it had been occupied for about two weeks. He did not know who leased the house nor how many persons had been occupying it.

Today's raid was made without knowledge of either Garland county or Hot Springs officers.

Karpis Reported to Have Been Frequent Visitor.

It was reported here today that Karpis and his men have been frequent visitors in Hot Springs. It was said that they came here in planes sometimes, but more frequently in cars.

Karpis has long been hunted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, brewer of St. Paul, Minn., who paid $200,000 to obtain his release.

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They ...ed in stolen automobiles. They abducted Dr. H. H. Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa., and took his car, releasing him 25 hours later near Akron.

September 7, 1934, three men, identified from photographs as Karpis, Arthur ("Doc") Barker and the latter's late brother, Fred, escaped from their apartment here after three women companions were arrested because of a downtown hotel brawl. Cleveland police said that news of the women's arrest enabled the gangsters to make a getaway.

Washington officials pronounced as authentic a letter mailed from Dayton, O., last summer, signed by Karpis in which the gunman threatened death to J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men.

The fugitive frequently has been reported in Cleveland, Akron and Toledo.

Karpis Not Captured, Officers In Kansas Announce.

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Two members of the Kansas Highway Patrol went to Hot Springs ahead of Smith and participated in the raid.

"I telephoned authorities at Tulsa," Stone said later, "and they informed me there was nothing to reports of any arrests there in connection with the Karpis chase.

"Our men were co-operating with the federal, who were in charge."

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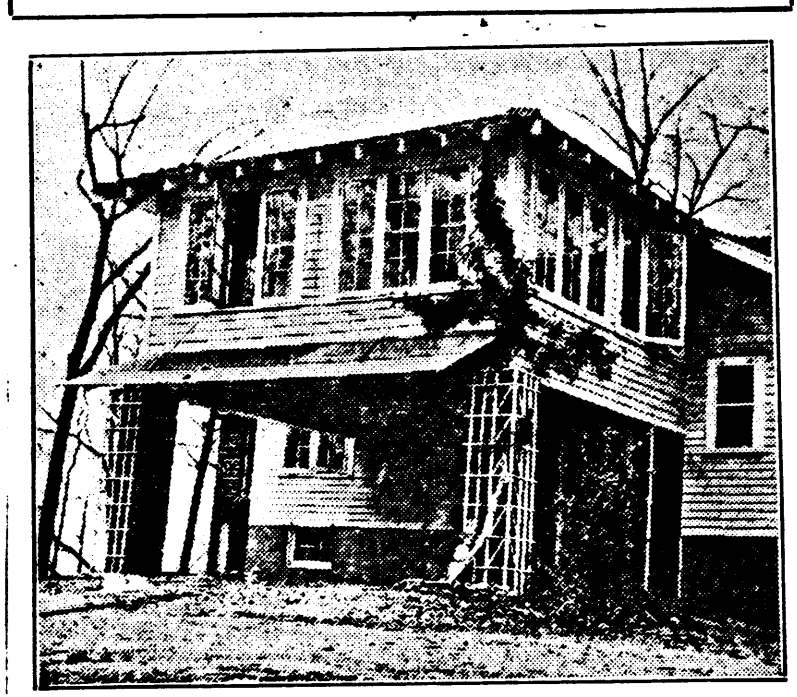

Department of Justice agents who surrounded this comfortable farm-house on a hilltop near Hot Springs, fired tear gas bombs into it and then occupied it in a raid about which they were highly secretive. Members of the raiding party declined to confirm or deny a report that a man and two women were captured in the house or to discuss a report that they were seeking Alvin Karpis. One of the bombs ignited a bed. The partially burned mattress is shown in the left foreground. It was thrown out a window and the blaze beaten out.

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AT LEAST ONE OUTLAW TAKEN IN SWIFT RAID

U. S. Officers Seek Karpis, Campbell.

Special to the Gazette.

Hot Springs, March 30.—It was learned here late tonight that federal officers who raided a cottage on Lake Catherine, six miles southeast of Hot Springs early this morning, arrested at least one man.

There is a possibility that two men might have been arrested.

The prisoner, or prisoners, were rushed away immediately. It is believed that they were taken either to Kansas City or Cleveland.

It was learned that the federal officers were looking for a man named Campbell, as well as for Karpis. Campbell is said to have been implicated in a train robbery, and to have been an associate of Karpis.

Also it was learned that the federal officers who made the raid this morning included postal inspectors and Kansas Highway Patrol officers as well as men from the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

Raiders Say They Failed To Capture Karpis.

A squad of not less than 15 government agents, brought here in airplanes and cars from Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, raided a two-story house at Lawrence Station, southeast of Hot Springs and on the road to Malvern early this morning.

They had hoped to capture Alvin Karpis, the nation's public Enemy No. 1, and his chief lieutenant, Harold Hunter, alias Fred King.

Although the government men announced that they found no one in the house there was an apparently well-founded report that they captured a man and a woman. It was believed that if any prisoners were taken, they were rushed to the Hot Springs airport and taken away in a plane. It was established that several planes arrived and left the airport during the early morning hours.

Hot Springs police said that they know that Karpis and one of his gangsters occupied the house several weeks ago. This was proved by fingerprints. They believed, however that the gunmen left hastily after police paid a visit to the house.

The raided house which is close to Potash Sulphur Springs, is located on a hill that commands a view of Lake Catherine and of the surrounding country, including roads that lead to the house.

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Visitors to Scene of Raid Meet Frosty Reception.

In the raid the federal officers crept close to the house and then shot out the windows with guns that fired tear bombs.

The sound of the shooting caused persons living in that section to hurry to the scene. They met with a frosty reception.

First to arrive at the road that leads from the Hot Springs-Malvern highway to the house was Mac McGuire, 45. He was stopped at the entrance to the grounds and compelled to remain within sight of several armed men hiding behind trees. He was compelled to stand there for about a half-hour, he estimated.

Other persons living in the vicinity were forbidden to enter the grounds.

When news of the raid reached Hot Springs police headquarters, Chief Joe Wakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Lieut. Cecil Brock and newspapermen hurried to the scene.

In the rear of the raided house they were met by a squad of five government men, none of whom would reveal his name.

The man who appeared to be in charge of the quintette, told Chief Wakelin that no one was in the house.

The Gazette correspondent noted that a room on the second floor had been damaged by fire. On the ground beneath a window of the room were a partly burned mattress and pillows. He asked as to the cause of the fire and one of the government men replied that the fire had started when gas bombs and flares were shot into the house. He added that he and his companions had rushed in and extinguished the flames.

All the members of the raiding party were well equipped for their work. Each wore a bullet-proof vest and carried a gas mask.

When the correspondent asked permission to look around, one of the federal officers snapped:

"Don't go in front of the house."

"Why not" asked the newspaper man.

"You might meet with a warm reception. Some of our men are in there and might not recognize you."

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Just Who U. S. Agents Did or Did Not Capture, Big Mystery Of Raid on Hot Springs House

By DEANE ALLEN.
(Staff Correspondent.)

Hot Springs — Just who Federal agents did or did not capture in their early morning raid near Hot Springs yesterday, was the biggest question of the day in this city with dozens of theories and guesses being advanced as to the possible quarry.

The question was almost as important as the one, "Did they make an arrest of any kind?"

One Federal agent described the person as "a big shot." That set newspaper men to discussing who they consider "big shots."

Another officer, when asked the question, "Who are you looking for?" replied: "A fugitive from justice."

Others said they wanted a bank robber, a murderer, a train robber, a kidnapper, etc.

But the general belief was that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was the man the Federal agents either captured or missed and one officer, not a Federal agent, remarked: "There was a $12,000 reward up for the man the agents expected to arrest. Now how many fugitives can you name who are worth that much money?"

He went on to answer his question by saying that there are two rewards up for Karpis, one of $10,000 and the other of $2,000.

Newspapermen and spectators alike were impressed by the way in which Federal agents covered the territory near the summer home following their raid. In charge of a fleet of high-powered sedans, all bearing either Oklahoma or Kansas licenses, the agents sped up and down roads in the vicinity of the house, stopping first here and there to question persons living nearby. And invariably, when the agents questioned a neighbor before newspapermen, those residents were reluctant to discuss the raid or any related incidents with the members of the press.

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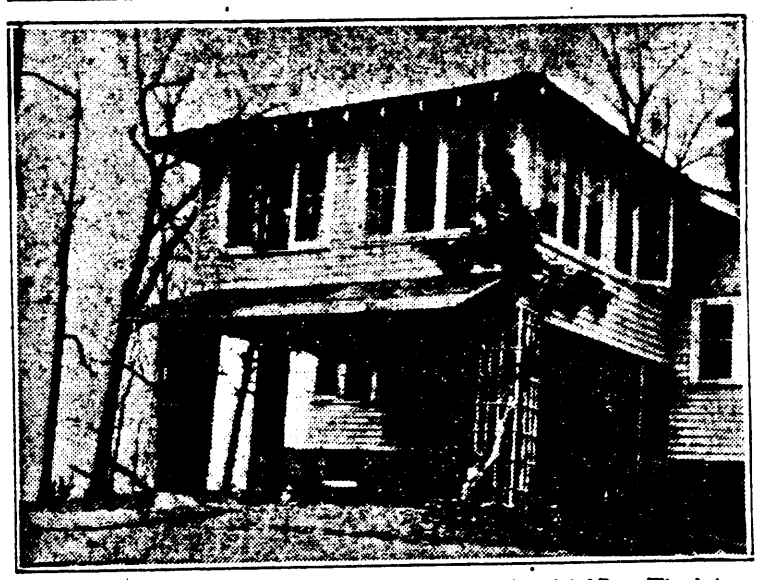

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St Paul Daily News

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State Police Search For Karpis Futile

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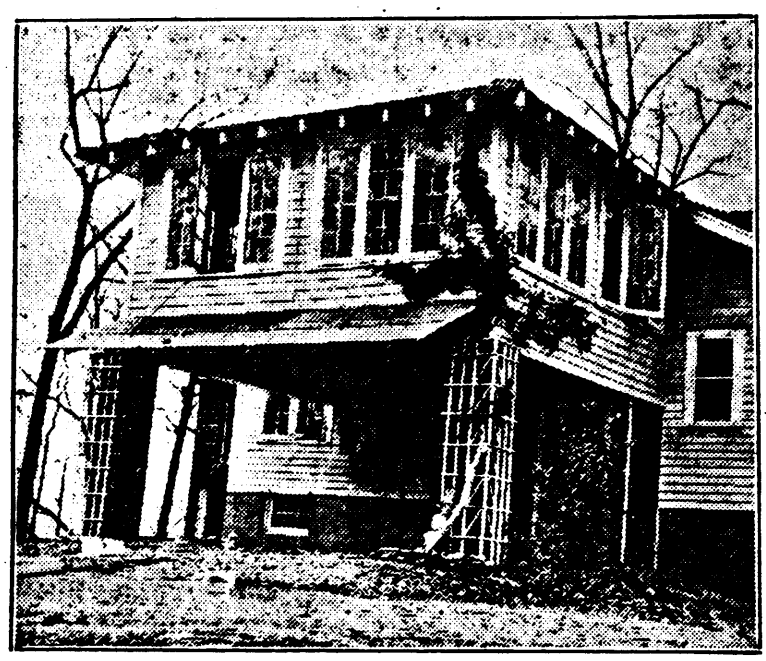

Department of Justice agents who surrounded this comfortable farm house on a hilltop near Hot Springs, fired tear gas bombs into it and then occupied it in a raid about which they were highly secretive. Members of the raiding party declined to confirm or deny a report that a man and two women were captured in the house or to discuss a report that they were seeking Alvin Karpis. One of the bombs ignited a bed. The partially burned mattress is shown in the left foreground. It was thrown out a window and the blaze beaten out.

AT LEAST ONE OUTLAW TAKEN IN SWIFT RAID

U. S. Officers Seek Karpis, Campbell.

Special to the Gazette.

Hot Springs, March 30.—It was learned here late tonight that federal officers who raided a cottage on Lake Catherine six miles southeast of Hot Springs early this morning, arrested at least one man.

There is a possibility that two men might have been arrested.

The prisoner, or prisoners, were rushed away immediately. It is believed that they were taken either to Kansas City or Cleveland.

It was learned that the federal officers were looking for a man named Campbell, as well as for Karpis. Campbell is said to have been implicated in a train robbery, and to have been an associate of Karpis.

Also it was learned that the federal officers who made the raid this morning included postal inspectors and Kansas Highway Patrol officers as well as men from the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

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Raiders Say They Failed To Capture Karpis.

A squad of not less than 15 government agents, brought here in airplanes and cars from Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, raided a two-story house at Lawrence Station, southeast of Hot Springs and on the road to Malvern early this morning.

They had hoped to capture Alvin Karpis, the nation's public Enemy No. 1, and his chief lieutenant, Harold Hunter, alias Fred King.

Although the government men announced that they found no one in the house there was an apparently well-founded report that they captured a man and a woman. It was believed that if any prisoners were taken, they were rushed to the Hot Springs airport and taken away in a plane. It was established that several planes arrived and left the airport during the early morning hours.

Hot Springs police said that they know that Karpis and one of his gangsters occupied the house several weeks ago. This was proved by fingerprints. They believed, however that the gunmen left hastily after police paid a visit to the house.

The raided house which is close to Potash Sulphur Springs, is located on a hill that commands a view of Lake Catherine and of the surrounding country, including roads that lead to the house.

Visitors to Scene of Raid Meet Frosty Reception.

In the raid the federal officers crept close to the house and then shot out the windows with guns that fired tear bombs.

The sound of the shooting caused persons living in that section to hurry to the scene. They met with a frosty reception.

First to arrive at the road that leads from the Hot Springs-Malvern highway to the house was Mac McGuire, 45. He was stopped at the entrance to the grounds and compelled to remain within sight of several armed men hiding behind trees. He was compelled to stand there for about a half-hour, he estimated.

Other persons living in the vicinity were forbidden to enter the grounds.

When news of the raid reached Hot Springs police headquarters, Chief Joe Wakelin, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Lieut. Cecil Brock and newspapermen hurried to the scene.

In the rear of the raided house they were met by a squad of five government men, none of whom would reveal his name.

The man who appeared to be in charge of the quintette, told Chief Wakelin that no one was in the house.

The Gazette correspondent noted that a room on the second floor had been damaged by fire. On the ground beneath a window of the room were a partly burned mattress and pillows. He asked as to the cause of the fire and one of the government men replied that the fire had started when gas bombs and flares were shot into the house. He added that he and his companions had rushed in and extinguished the flames.

All the members of the raiding party were well equipped for their work. Each wore a bullet-proof vest and carried a gas mask.

When the correspondent asked permission to look around, one of the federal officers snapped:

"Don't go in front of the house."

"Why not" asked the newspaper man.

"You might meet with a warm reception. Some of our men are in there and might not recognize you."

Observer Declares Two Persons Taken Prisoner.

The government men repeated (almost too emphatically, the correspondent thought) that no one was in the house when they broke into it.

However, a man who is well-known to Hot Springs officers and whom they consider thoroughly reliable, told Chief Wakelin and Detective Akers that he saw a car coming out of the grounds containing a government officer who seemed to be guarding a man and a woman.

Hot Springs Police Learn They Had Narrow Escape.

Hot Springs officers learned several weeks ago that Karpis was in this vicinity. They received their first tip on a Sunday when a car stopped in front of a drug store on lower Central avenue and a man went inside to buy bandages and antiseptics. A clerk in the store suggested that the person for whom they were intended might need the services of a physician.

His suggestion was received so coldly that the clerk became suspicious and notified the police.

Police learned that the occupants of the car had rented a cottage on Lake Hamilton. They went out there the same afternoon but found the cottage apparently deserted. Since they did not have a search warrant, they did not attempt to enter.

Later they learned that Karpis and one of his men were inside the house at the time, prepared to kill the officers if they had attempted to enter.

The occupants of the cottage left immediately following the visit of the police.

Fingerprints obtained from the cottage were said to have established that Karpis had been there.

Hoping to throw the thugs off their guard, however, the police announced that their visit to the cottage was due to a mistaken tip and that they had learned that the cottage was occupied by a well-known and highly respected business man of Toledo, O.

Negro Girl Identifies Photograph of Hunter.

Following their visit to the house, the Hot Springs police officers interviewed a young Negro girl who formerly had worked at the house as a maid.

She said that three weeks ago a man and a woman came there and said that they had rented the house and asked if she would like to continue to stay there and work for them.

The girl told them that she wanted to go back to school and so declined the offer.

She was shown a photograph of Hunter and asked if it resembled the man to whom she had talked.

"Yes, that looks just like him," was the reply. She said that he was the only man she had seen at the place.

The house is owned by E. E. Woodsock of Hot Springs, who is in Louisiana at present. His son, Ernest, said that his father had leased the house about six weeks ago and that it had been occupied for about two weeks. He did not know who leased the house nor how many persons had been occupying it.

Today's raid was made without knowledge of either Garland county or Hot Springs officers.

Karpis Reported to Have Been Frequent Visitor.

It was reported here today that Karpis and his men have been frequent visitors in Hot Springs. It was said that they came here in planes sometimes, but more frequently in cars.

Karpis has long been hunted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, brewer of St. Paul, Minn., who paid $200,000 to obtain his release.

R. E. JOSEPH

State, County Officers Seek Alvin Karpis

Search Woods Near Malvern All Night as Result of Report.

State Police, Pulaski and Hot Spring county officers early today ended an all-night search of woods near Malvern for a man believed to have been Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, who is wanted in the $200,000 Bremer kidnaping.

Karpis is reported to have been the person sought in a raid on a house near Hot Springs by federal agents early Monday. The Department of Justice has not yet announced whether any arrests were made as a result of the raid.

Superintendent of State Police Gray Albright, Lieut. J. Earl Scroggin, state police identification expert; Pulaski county deputies Narkinsky and Stubbs and Sheriff T. S. Fisher of Malvern participated in the search.

Superintendent Albright said the search was made after Sheriff Fisher received a report that one of three men who drove a large car into the woods near Malvern, resembled newspaper photographs of Karpis.

"A man living in the vicinity told the sheriff that he saw the car, which bore a New Jersey license plate, leave the highway and go into the woods about dusk yesterday," Albright said.

"He said that one of the three men in it looked like Karpis. A short time later, the man reported, a smaller car turned into the woods about the same place. The smaller car was thought to have been one stolen yesterday morning at Hot Springs."

Search Proves Futile.

The state police superintendent said the party of officers went to the scene at about 10:30 last night and searched the woods until 3 a. m. today, finding no trace of either car.

Chapmon Fletcher, agent in charge of the Department of Justice field office here, said today he had not been informed of the raid. He declined to say whether he believed Karpis to be in this section.

Meanwhile, federal men who raided the house near Hot Springs Monday, remained in possession of the property today, still maintaining a guard that was set up following the raid. The agents yesterday met with representatives of the owners of the house to pay for damage caused by the firing of two tear gas projectiles into the home. The windows were shattered and a bed was set on fire when one of the missiles landed upon it.

Mr. Fletcher said he did not know if the agents still were in charge of the property and said he still had no comment to make concerning the raid.

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Just Who U. S. Agents Did or Did Not Capture, Big Mystery Of Raid on Hot Springs House

By DEANE ALLEN.
(Staff Correspondent.)

Hot Springs — Just who Federal agents did or did not capture in their early morning raid near Hot Springs yesterday, was the biggest question of the day in this city with dozens of theories and guesses being advanced as to the possible quarry.

The question was almost as important as the one, "Did they make an arrest of any kind?"

One Federal agent described the person as "a big shot." That set newspaper men to discussing who they consider "big shots."

Another officer, when asked the question, "Who are you looking for?" replied: "A fugitive from justice."

Others said they wanted a bank robber, a murderer, a train robber, a kidnapper, etc.

But the general belief was that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was the man the Federal agents either captured or missed and one officer, not a Federal agent, remarked: "There was a $12,000 reward up for the man the agents expected to arrest. Now how many fugitives can you name who are worth that much money?"

He went on to answer his question by saying that there are two rewards up for Karpis, one of $10,000 and the other of $2,000.

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"I decided it might not be healthy up there so I turned around and drove all the way back to Hot Springs before I got up enough nerve to go back.

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G-Men's Raid Is Veiled in Deep Mystery

Some Claim Desperado Taken, While Agents Give No Hint.

By DEANE ALLEN.
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Hot Springs—Federal agents who early yesterday swooped down upon a lonely summer cottage near this city on the Malvern road, firing tear gas bombs into the structure, prepared to leave the scene of the raid today after standing guard over the house through the night.

The agents still had given no hint as to the success or failure of their surprise move.

Several operatives, apparently in charge, met with representatives of the owners of the house this morning and made arrangements to pay for damage caused by the firing of the tear gas bombs into the house. A bed in one room caught fire when one of the missiles landed upon it.

Meanwhile, only conflicting reports were heard as a reminder of the secret raid, in which some said Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was captured.

There were those who were confident the agents arrested the parties they sought, while others were equally certain that occupants of the house fled before the agents hurled their gas bombs through windows on both sides.

Chief of Police Joe Wakelin of Hot Springs said: "I know the raid was unsuccessful. There was no one in the house when the raiders arrived."

On the other hand, there was the statement of a Hot Springs farmer who told newspapermen he saw two men and a woman apparently in custody of five armed agents, a short time after the raid. Hot Springs officers said they considered the informant thoroughly reliable, and were puzzled at his statement, which conflicted with their reports.

Others who said they were passing by the scene of the raid a short time after agents stormed the house reported seeing several of the cars occupied by agents whisk away in the direction of Malvern, lending strength to reports that the raid was a success.

The agents themselves were noncommittal.

At Little Rock it was learned that one of three agents who arrived there Sunday by plane from Cleveland had been checked out of his hotel by his two fellow agents, indicating that this agent left for some unannounced destination shortly after the raid.

No Trace of Flights.

A check of airports failed to reveal flights by any specially chartered planes in which the G-men might have transferred persons seized in the raid.

The exact number of agents participating in the raid could not be determined, with one agent replying to such a question with the statement: "I didn't count them."

But Chief Wakelin announced that Kansas state police and postoffice department investigators aided the G-men in their raid.

Lieut. Col. Wint Smith, chief of the Kansas state police, telephoned his Topeka office that the drive failed to snare Karpis, expressing the belief that the fugitive had been there but had left. Frank Stone, assistant to Smith, quoted his chief as saying he learned definitely that no arrests were made in the raid but that he did not know whether any had been made elsewhere. He said he was on the scene shortly after the raid.

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Stories of neighboring farmers in the vicinity when the federals took the frame farm house resulted in reports that arrests were made, either two men and a woman or two women and a man, whose identities were not disclosed.

Ben Murray, hog buyer, said he was "stopped by G-men" and questioned when he slowed his car in passing the place while the raid was in progress, observed two men and a woman apparently guarded by five armed agents in a drive near the house but was forced to drive off before determining what disposition was made of them.

Reports of a strange ambulance bringing "several persons" to a hospital also were heard, but a check here and in surrounding towns failed to disclose such a trip.

Officers questioned a negro maid formerly employed in the raided house by previous occupants. She reported she had not worked for those who recently lived there but had seen them when two men and two women arranged to rent the place about a month ago.

Officers reported the place, atop a hill and commanding a view in all directions, was believed to have been used once as a hideout by Pretty Boy Floyd before he was slain. The 27-year-old Karpis, accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul in 1934, also was reported to have gained a hideout in the neighborhood on Lake Hamilton only last fall.

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Hunt For Karpis Unsuccessful

Although the federal bureau of investigation remained silent after a sudden raid on a hilltop farmhouse (above), near Hot Springs, Ark., rumored to be the hiding place of Alvin Karpis, notorious gangster, Hot Springs police said the raid was unsuccessful. G-men surrounded the house, threw tear gas bombs inside, and then occupied it. (AP) Photo.

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GONE AGAIN

Once again the elusive Alvin Karpis got away from the dread G-Men. He is swiftly becoming the hardest public enemy to capture that the government has had to deal with. It is disappointing that he still remains at large. He is a menace to life while free. But every time he escapes a trap, the American people are reassured that the hunt for him still goes on and in the end he will meet the fate that awaits him.

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The Knickerbocker (Albany, N.Y.) Press
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HOOVER SPIKES RUMOR OF HOT SPRINGS ARRESTS

Washington —(AP)— J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, authorized a statement that no arrests were made by federal agents at Hot Springs, Ark His spokesman refused to say whether the federal agents were involved in the raid on a house near there.

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Karpis Is Bagged—Thank the G-Men

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That's what we think of the American Scotland Yard.

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Sen. McKellar, after emotionally indorsing virtually every extravagance of the New Deal, recently went into an economic tantrum and demanded the G-men's appropriations for next year be slashed.

We approve of the spirit of saving suddenly manifest.

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U. S. Sells Karpis' Car for $490

Philadelphia, April 1 (AP).—The Federal Government made $490 today on Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnaper and gunman.

The automobile he abandoned in Atlantic City when he and a companion shot their way out of the resort more than a year ago, was sold at public auction by the United States Marshal.

Primo Colamedici, a dealer in repossessed cars of Kearney, N. J., was the purchaser.

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SIX INDICTED IN 'STRIP' CASE OF 13-YEAR-OLD

Happy Hour and New Casino Heads Among Four Men and Two Women Charged

SHELTON, ANGUS NAMED

Youth Charged With Obtaining 'Work' for Child in Vice Resorts of City

Four men and two women have been indicted by the grand jury as a result of its investigation of conditions at the Happy Hour and New Casino Clubs, it was revealed today.

The Happy Hour resort recently featured a 13-year-old "strip-dancer;" the New Casino, a male chorus in woman's attire. Those named in the indictments are:

Frank Sheldon, proprietor of the Happy Hour Club, charged with employing a minor in a liquor establishment in an injurious occupation which impaired health and injured morals; with employing a minor in shows comprising immoral and indecent exhibitions, and permitting a minor to loiter in a saloon and remain there.

Mae O'Dell and **Maude Adams**, former resort keepers at 717 Monroe Street and 818 Summit Street, respectively, charged with keeping houses of ill fame. The Happy Hour Club "strip-dancer" is said to have performed at both places.

Theodore Angus, proprietor of the New Casino Club, and **Walter Stanton**, waiter, charged with assault and battery on H. Douglas Wilson, patron, on Feb. 29.

Richard Zbieranski, 22, charged with obtaining "work" for the "strip-dancer" at the Happy Hour resort and with having taken her to the Maude Adams resort.

The two women were due to appear for trial at 2 p. m. Friday before Judge James Austin in Juvenile Court on charges of contributing to the delinquency of the girl. The hearing was postponed two weeks ago to await Grand Jury action.

Zbieranski is held in the county jail. The two women are free on $3500 bond each.

With the return of the indictments, the prosecutor's office planned to ask additional bond of $500 from each of the women. Maximum penalty under the latest charges is a fine of $500 or six months in the Workhouse or County Jail or both fine and imprisonment.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES KANSAS CITY MISSOURI APRIL 4, 1936.

ANOTHER RUMOR OF KARPIS.

Correspondence Course Detective Says He Helped Capture Him.

(By the Associated Press.)

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She said Powers wrote that Karpis was being held in Louisville and asked her aid in collecting the reward offered for the capture of the "No. 1 public enemy."

Mrs. Kelly said she placed no credence in the report, though she had written Powers. She said Powers asserted he had taken a correspondence course in detective work. Details which he gave in his description, she said, did not tally with those in circulars describing Karpis.

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ZETZER RETURNS TO HOME IN PT. CLINTON

Missing Boat Builder, Ex-Smuggler, Quizzed in Gold Ring

John Zetzer, 35, boat builder and former liquor smuggler, who was taken from his home in Pt. Clinton last Friday by three men identifying themselves as federal operatives, returned home last night.

Sheriff D. L. Cullenen reported that Zetzer was said to have been held by Department of Justice agents in Cleveland. Operatives here have denied they knew anything of Zetzer's whereabouts.

Zetzer was convicted as a liquor smuggler during prohibition and recently has been under surveillance as the possible "brains" of a gold-smuggling ring bringing high-grade ore into the United States from Canada.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER APRIL 4, 1936

15 PLACES RAIDED AS BOOKIE JOINTS

Police Find 14 Closed; List Given by Radio "Ghost Reporter."

Fifteen two-man police squads made a foray late yesterday afternoon to as many alleged gambling resorts downtown on orders of Safety Director Eliot Ness and found all but one closed.

The raids were ordered, Ness said, after Radio Station WJAY's "Ghost Reporter," who has been predicting a series of raids in bookie joints for the last two days, telephoned a list of resorts he said were being openly conducted.

The squads, assembled from the outlying precincts so that the members would not be recognized, found men playing cards at tables in most of the establishments, with no evidence of gambling in sight, police said. In a smoke shop at 2125 E. 2d Place two policemen confiscated betting slips and arrested Henry Bendau, 29, of 12720 Brackland Avenue N. E., on a charge of recording wagers.

Ness said the "Ghost Reporter," who has been conducting local exposes for nearly a week, said that the administration would be "ribbed" unless something were done about the resorts.

"The raids were ordered as a routine operation," Ness said.

Only 3 Kidnapers Now at Large

G-men today have only three kidnapers to catch—a female impersonator, a "big time" gangster, and a Western thug—to wipe clean the "snatch racket" slate.

All other kidnaping cases since the Lindbergh baby was abducted have been solved and their perpetrators either have been executed or imprisoned. The Department of Justice has participated in solution of 62 abductions, including the Lindbergh case, since June, 1932.

At large now are the following:

Thomas H. Robinson, jr., charged with kidnaping Mrs. Alice V. Stoll in Louisville, Ky., October 8, 1934.

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, who directed the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, on January 17, 1934.

William Mahan, Salt Lake City, who kidnaped young George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash., last summer.

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A raiding party of 15 federal agents made a spectacular but reputedly unsuccessful raid at Hot Springs, Ark., Monday in search of Alvin Karpis, now considered the nation's No. 1 public enemy. The agents hurled tear gas bombs into a farmhouse. Neighbors said they left later with two men and a woman. The agents maintained silence as to the identity of any prisoners.

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KARPIS HELD, LETTER SAYS

Kentuckian Tells of Aiding in Hot Springs Capture of Wanted Bandit

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Claims Karpis Held in South

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Mrs. Kelly said she placed no credence in the report.

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VILIFYING ST. PAUL

CANDIDATE MAHONEY accuses The Daily News of vilifying St. Paul during his administration.

Perhaps he is right.

During those days The Daily News published accounts of the Bohn, Hamm and Bremer kidnapings; the machine-gunning of Roy McCord; half a dozen unsolved murders; sluggings; the presence in St. Paul of John Dillinger, John Hamilton, Verne Sankey, Machine Gun Kelly, Alfred Bates, the Touhy mob, Baby Face Nelson, Eugene Green — practically every major public enemy.

It hasn't been necessary to "vilify" St. Paul since Mr. Mahoney left office because there have been no kidnapings, no gang murders, no "Welcome Gangsters" sign on our door.

Everybody in St. Paul, with the possible exception of Mr. Mahoney, knows that it was the terrific crime record of Mr. Mahoney's police administration, not The Daily News, that vilified St. Paul.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER APRIL 8, 1936

REAMS CALLS PEN SCHOOL OF CRIME

Democratic Lawyers Told He'd Use Toledo Tactics If Attorney General.

Asserting that the Ohio Penitentiary was a crime school which turned out bigger and better criminals, Frazier Reams, Lucas County prosecutor, told the Lawyers Democratic Club at Hotel Hollenden yesterday that if he were elected attorney general he would pursue the same course of action which had helped drive crime out of Toledo.

"I don't believe that crime can be abolished," he said, "but so much of it is unnecessary. For years Toledo had the highest crime record of any city of comparable size in the country. The latest report of the Department of Justice ranks Toledo as having the least crime of any city of comparable size.

"I don't claim all the credit for that. The fact is, conditions began to improve when the people realized how bad the situation was, when they realized how much crime was costing them and that much of it was unnecessary.

"I think the attorney general, as the chief law enforcement officer of the state, should let the people know about these conditions. Then they'll be willing to do something about it."

Pointing out that Ohio had not had a Democratic attorney general for twenty years, Reams said the importance of electing a Democrat to the office was so obvious to Democratic lawyers that it need not be discussed.

"Twenty years of being denied the opportunity of sacrificing ourselves on the altar of public service is enough," he said.

"In the last twenty years Ohio has had Democratic governors most of the time. I sometimes wonder how they have got along as well as they have, when they've been compelled to rely on Republican attorneys general for legal advice.

"If we are to continue to have Democratic governors we ought to have a Democratic attorney general, so there will be some one there to work with the governor and not against him.

"And if anyone thinks we are going to have a Republican governor, then by all means we ought to have a Democratic attorney general to keep an eye on him."

BEN ARONOFF ACQUITTED ON GAME CHARGES

Jurors Free Proprietor of Buckeye After Six Hours' Deliberation.

Ben Aronoff again scored a victory over police when a jury of nine women and three men last night returned a verdict of not guilty on the charges of operating a gambling establishment and exhibiting gambling devices in the Buckeye, 229½ Superior street. The verdict was returned in Judge Homer A. Ramey's police court after six hours and 24 minutes of deliberation.

Aronoff was arrested following a raid by members of Capt. Clarence Fauble's vice squad March 21. The trial lasted three days.

In his final argument Dan McCullough, defense counsel, charged that members of the new city administration and police department were arming themselves with the motto, "Aronoff must be destroyed," in their drive to close the Buckeye.

Branding the trial as a plot to erase Aronoff from Toledo in order to satisfy officials who had other plans for the operation of gambling in the city, Mr. McCullough told the jury that it was the weapon to be used in the defendant's destruction.

Harvey Straub, police prosecutor, laughed at the charge that the entire raid and trial had been a plot to satisfy selfish means, but said he resented the intimation that he was part of such a plot. Mr. Aronoff, he said, had been arrested for violating a state law and not because he was the target for official resentment.

The prosecution placed 13 witnesses on the stand during the three-day session, two of them being men who had participated in games of chance in the place, they said. Besides the vice officers, Mr. Straub had two Toledo business men tell of business transactions made for the Buckeye.

Charge Is Denied

Patrolman George Eckerman, last of the state witnesses, was termed by the defense cleanup man to erase any mistakes made by other officers who already had testified. Mr. McCullough charged the officer with telling Mr. Aronoff that "I am the big, bad wolf of the squad" during a conversation with him in the Buckeye following the raid.

The officer laughed at the charge and said he knew nothing of the statement.

Other witnesses who preceded Mr. Eckerman to the stand yesterday corroborated the statements given by fellow officers during the first two days of the trial. They all told of visiting the Buckeye on numerous occasions since Captain Fauble took charge March 10. Before that time another section of the hoodlum squad under Capt. George Timiney had charge of the daily visits.

Other Places Charged

Mr. McCullough charged that there were several more gambling places in the city, a fact which vice officers bore out in their testimony. Places at 513½ Jefferson avenue and 613½ North St. Clair street were said to have had dice tables although officers said they had found no evidence of gambling.

The dice tables, they said, were taken out along with a table at 120 Superior street, after Captain Fauble took over the squad, and they were warned that the police would stand for no cheating. Patrolman Eckerman said that the table at 120 Superior street had been moved out, but that the tables at the other places had been replaced with pool tables. He said it still was possible to shoot dice on the pool tables, however.

The jury consisted of Mrs. Emma DeLisle, 1701 Locust street; Mrs. Barbara Hawkins, 541 Myers street; Mrs. Nina Adams, 2036 North Kenilson drive; Mrs. Veronica Slater, 3944 Elmhurst drive; John T. Garvin, 232 Eastern avenue; Mrs. Ethel Olzak, 124 East Streicher street; Mrs. Mary E. Blanchard, 551 Yondota street; Mrs. Florence F. O'Neill, 1071 Fernwood avenue; Mrs. Lydia O'Brien, 1871 Ontario street; Mrs. Marie R. Zeller, 2403 Westbrook drive; Robert Carnecki, 1235 Vance street, and Frank Durliat, 1129 Newbury street. Alternate juror was Mrs. Sarah Giles, 422 Sumner street.

The trial cost the state $127.75, court attaches reported. Jurors were paid $110; meals for jurors cost $11.75 and $6 was paid to witnesses.

JURORS CHOSEN FOR ANOTHER TRIAL

Eleven women and a man were chosen today for the jury which will hear the case of George Sodaway and Austin Peasley, who were arrested March 21 in a raid on Ben Aronoff's Buckeye, 229 Superior street, and charged with gambling.

Judge Homer A. Ramey continued the trial until 10:30 A. M. Monday after the jury was selected. The jurors are: Mary G. Mahoney, 926 East Broadway; Frances E. McClellan, 1518 West Bancroft street; Harold Corr, 1851 North Erie srteet; Catherine McLeese, 839 Oak street; Frances Hertzfield, 1406 West Delaware avenue.

Kate Ehrsam, 354 Hefner street; Frances Dooley, 1814 Wayne street; Nelle H. Hall, 355 Irving street; Alice Ackley, 1544 Michigan street; Catherine Buck, 817 Kingston avenue; Catherine Machen, 2118 Cherry street, and Rose G. Whittington, 834 Pinewood avenue.

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TOLEDO BLADE
April 9, 1936

No Martyr, Aronoff

A COLLECTION of evidence constituting what appeared to be one of the strongest gambling cases brought into court by the police in a long time wasn't enough to convict Bennie Aronoff.

Look at the evidence and you wonder if it's necessary to bring a defendant into court and show him running a dice game in order to get a jury to decide he's guilty.

A policeman testified he saw men gathered about two gambling tables shooting dice, that the lights flashed off and on, a man grabbed dice and money from the table, which the officer later recovered and identified in court.

One citizen testified he lost money in a craps game at Aronoff's.

Another said he placed bets on horses.

Another policeman said he bought a horse race ticket, which was jerked from his hands and torn up when employes of the place became suspicious of him.

Still another said he found $800 and a dice cup on a table which was covered hastily as he entered.

Police Captain Clarence Fauble said there were 14 horse race charts in the place. Testimony showed Aronoff present when the raid was made.

Two of these charts, some dice and dice table covers were introduced as evidence.

Yet Bennie Aronoff doesn't run a gambling place.

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THE defense didn't have to introduce a witness. It based much of its argument on the fact that the police were singling out Aronoff for raids and arrests and letting the rest of the gambling boys run unmolested. That seems to us to be an oblique and specious argument, having nothing to do with the actual guilt or innocence of Aronoff.

But it is a charge that has been heard before, and if it is necessary for the police to go out and bring in some of the others to prove that it isn't just Aronoff they're trying to get, then they should accept the challenge of this case and make the best possible case against all the others.

It isn't possible, of course, to turn the whole Police Department into a gambling squad. Men are needed for other police problems, including the vitally important one of traffic control.

But if the police are quite sincere in trying to get the gamblers, let them direct those who can be assigned to gambling to go after all the gambling houses. Aronoff should not be allowed to get the martyr complex. It's up to the police to show the offensive is a general one, and not localized in Aronoff's place.

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PITTSBURGH PRESS

April 13, 1936

Man Named 'Kapis' Starts Police Manhunt for Karpis

A roving miner's boast of a bullet-scarred neck and the similarity of his name to that of Public Ene-No. 1 led state police and county detectives on a futile manhunt for Alvin Karpis early today.

When a Pittsburgh man who had visited Sunday with relatives in East Marianna, Washington County, reported he had been drinking there with a man who displayed a bullet-scarred neck and gave his name as "Karpis," the organized search for him was started.

At daybreak, the party stormed into the house where they were told they would find the man. They augmented their regular equipment with a tear gas gun.

But when the sleeping "Public Enemy No. 1" was found, it developed that he was Mike Kapis instead of Alvin Karpis. He had come to visit his brother, Stephen, after an absence of nine years.

The raid was led by Sergeant William Hanna of the State Police and Lieut. B. W. Smith of East Marianna. They took their prisoner to Washington, Pa., State Police barracks for investigation.

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KIDNAPER OF BREMER MAY BE IN CITY

Dallas Police, Who Hold His Pal, Ask Search in Houston

Alvin Karpis, who succeeded to the "title" of Public Enemy No. 1 after John Dillinger was mowed down by G-Men in Chicago, was sought in Houston today by police.

Information that the Missouri outlaw, ex-convict and head of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, may be in Houston was received by police from Dallas.

One member of Karpis' gang is under arrest in Dallas. He is Lloyd (Blackie) Doyle, who was taken in custody over the week-end with David Sherman, wanted in a dozen cities for burglary and robbery.

Karpis, sought for at least two killings and a string of robberies throughout the Midwest, may have come to Houston with two men and two women, who are known to be members of the Karpis gang.

In Three Cars

One of the men is Eddie Harris, who is believed to have been with Doyle in Dallas.

Harris, two other men and two women left Dallas in three autos, two bearing Nebraska license plates and the other Missouri plates, Houston police were advised by Inspector F. W. Fritz.

One of the "other" men may be Karpis, he told Police Chief Payne.

The party drove to Texas from Chicago and is known to have traveled between Houston and Dallas several times.

The five always stay in bettter class apartments and have plenty of money, Fritz said.

Meanwhile in Dallas 30 burglaries involving $20,000 in loot were solved with the arrest of Doyle and Sherman.

In $6000 Holdup

Both have been identified in a $6000 milk company robbery and a $5000 liquor store "job."

Doyle is a suspect in the kidnaping of August Luer at Alton, Ill., three years ago and also is wanted for slaying his wife in St. Louis.

Two young women, arrested in the men [illegible] been connected with any crime.

Doyle and Sherman will not be surrendered to the various police departments that want them, Fritz said.

"We're going to try them here," he said.

Karpis and his gang were paid $200,000 in the Bremer kidnaping.

Several Sentenced

Fifteen months after the Bremer case "broke" in 1933, prison sentences were given several members of the Karpis gang in Federal Court in St. Paul.

Karpis escaped the nation-wide net spread for him by police and Government agents.

The gang leader was a pal of Arthur (Doc) Barker, his brother, Fred, and their mother, the notorious "Ma" Barker.

Fred and Ma Barker were slain by federal agents in their hideout in Ocklawaha, Fla., ending in a welter of blood the career of the woman who had raised her sons in careers of crime and who directed gang and activities in the Midwest with epithets of scorn for police.

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Pal of Karpis Is Captured

Seized With Friend and 2 Women in Dallas

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Two women who gave their names as Doris Adams, Topeka, Kan., and Lucille Wilson, of Missouri, also were arrested in an apartment said to have been occupied by the men.

Doyle, officers said, was a confederate of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. Rumors that Karpis was with them led to their arrest in an automobile in North Dallas.

Doyle was a hanger-on of the Dillinger gang and a companion of Leo Brothers, St. Louis, who was convicted of the murder of Alfred (Jake) Lingle, Chicago newspaper reporter, police said.

Doyle is wanted for questioning in Kansas City in the slaying of Vivian Chase, his one-time companion, and for numerous lesser crimes.

Sherman served terms in the Missouri penitentiary and in Folsom Prison, California.

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Officers Reported Tracking Karpis

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Dallas officers said the men would be tried here in connection with the holdup before being turned over to Federal authorities.

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GERS IN CADEK QUIZ

This Is the Cop Who Saved $109,000

Captain's Record Silent on How Economic Feat Was Done.

BY RALPH KELLY.

Police department records are surprisingly bare of information on Capt. Louis J. Cadek, the cop who made $109,000.

The records tell brusquely of 28 transfers in 20 years; of one suspension and an acquittal; of another suspension, dismissal and reinstatement, but nothing of how a cop could make $109,000.

The captain joined the police force in September, 1906. He was big, weighing well over 200 pounds, but that was not surprising for a cop. His first reports were not prose masterpieces, but neither was that surprising in a cop.

The records ignore him from 1906 to 1913. He was a number in the Seventh Precinct, 8205 Broadway S. E., and presumably spent his time trying doors at night, inspecting alleys and trying to think of something devastating to say to a sarcastic sergeant.

In February, 1913, he took an examination and was made a sergeant. The records do not so state but shortly before this he met a man named Harry L. Davis who was trying to be mayor and Cadek was of some slight service in helping to spread the idea through the police department that Harry L. Davis was a good guy who would treat a cop right.

As a sergeant he remained in the precinct where he had begun. But he was a boss cop and boss cops get better meals at restaurants, if they are disposed to be reasonable, more polite treatment at saloons, if they are not too great sticklers for police

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LOUIS J. CADEK

GRAND JURY CALLS 9 IN POLICE CAS

Captain Is Relieved of Du Without Salary by Chief; U. S. Opens Inquiry Into Income Tax.

$109,000 SAVINGS CITED TOTAL CITY PAY $67,96

Witness Says He Testifie to Having Paid $2,000 to Officer.

Nine witnesses—all admi ted former bootleggers, ac cording to the county prosecu tor's office—were called befo the county grand jury yeste day in an investigation of th $109,000 in savings accumu lated by Police Captain Loui J. Cadek on a total salary o $67,966 received from the cit since his appointment as a p trolman nearly 30 years ago.

One witness said he had testifi before the grand jury that he ha paid Cadek $2,000 in several pa ments. Other witnesses said th

told the grand jurors they had paid various amounts to collectors who were understood to be gathering the money for the police.

Capt. Cadek could not be reached last night for a statement on this testimony, although reporters waited at his home until nearly midnight. Earlier in the day Cadek had declined to make any statement regarding the savings accounts involved in the investigation.

Friend of Mayor Davis.

The police captain, whose friendship with former Mayor Harry L. Davis was such that he won all his promotions during Davis' first three terms in City Hall, was "relieved of duty without pay" until further notice by Police Chief George J. Matowitz.

Safety Director Eliot Ness said Cadek had been relieved of duty rather than suspended because of the necessity of a hearing within five days in case of a suspension. Ness said he desired to do nothing to embarrass the county prosecutor in the grand jury investigation.

Director Ness and Chief Matowitz telephoned to County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan and offered any assistance that might be within their power in connection with the case.

Called Into Chief's Office.

Capt. Cadek was called to Chief Matowitz's office late yesterday afternoon. This was after the grand jury investigation was well under way. Cadek was in the chief's office only three or four minutes. He left without making any statement. Earlier in the day he had declined to comment on the case.

Chief Matowitz said he had told Cadek he was "relieved of duty pending the outcome of the grand jury investigation, or until we determine whether there is any basis for suspension from the force."

The grand jury will resume the

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GRAND JURY HEARS 9 IN CADEK CASE

All Ex-Bootleggers, Is Word; Captain Relieved of Duty by Chief.

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investigation this morning. Prosecutor Cullitan said subpenas had been prepared for six or eight witnesses. He said he did not know how many more would be called.

While county officials were looking into Cadek's financial affairs yesterday, John R. Kirk, local agent of the federal income tax division, was seeking information on the captain's returns to the government, according to United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed.

Records in possession of Prosecutor Cullitan show that Cadek had accounts totaling $48,154.83 on deposit in the South Side Savings & Loan Co. All but $8,000 of that amount was in accounts under the name of John S. Dacek, according to Cullitan and his chief assistant, Charles J. McNamee, who are taking the witnesses before the grand jury.

At the Pyramid Savings & Loan Co., according to records in the prosecutor's possession, Cadek used the name of John L. Dombrowski for accounts totaling $47,506.02.

Cadek also has an account of $13,000 under his own name in the Twinsburg Banking Co., Twinsburg, O., according to the prosecutor. Records show also, Cullitan said, that Cadek had sold $5,000 in passbooks of the Pyramid Savings & Loan Co. to a woman employe of that concern.

Deposits in the savings and loan company accounts, Cullitan said, were made in the three years from 1929 to 1931 inclusive. The records show that with regularity the police captain made deposits of $100 to $200 each from four to eight times a month.

Tell of $166 Monthly Income.

In 1934 Cadek bought 330 lots in Crown Hill Cemetery with pass books having a face value of $30,000. Out of these, according to Cullitan and McNamee, he has been receiving a monthly income of $166.50 representing a contract at $6 a year for each lot for the exclusive rights to resale of the lots, made with sales agents of the cemetery company.

The status of Capt. Cadek's financial affairs came to light through the search of the records of the Crown Hill Cemetery in the county prosecutor's investigation of the sale of cemetery lots.

Cullitan and McNamee said Cadek's name was linked with the Dacek and Dombrowski accounts in the two savings and loan companies through the records of the Ledogar-Horner Co., a brokerage concern dealing in pass books. Crown Hill

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sold the Cadek pass books through that concern. Cadek's name appeared in the process of the assignments of the pass books involved in the purchase of the 330 cemetery lots. The lots were placed in the name of John S. Dacek, Cullitan said. The prosecutor pointed out that the letters in "Dacek" are a rearrangement of those in "Cadek."

Cadek was taken to the prosecutor's office for questioning yesterday morning. The police captain readily admitted his ownership of the accounts and the use of fictitious names in conection with them, Cullitan said.

"Cadek told us," the prosecutor said, "that he used those names because he did not want his relatives and friends to know he had so much money. He said he was afraid he would be pestered for loans.

Explanation Brief Cullitan Says.

"When we questioned him about the sources of the income that made the large accounts possible, Cadek would say nothing more than that it was 'legal money.' He would make no further explanation."

The taking of testimony by the grand jury began shortly before noon yesterday and continued until 4:30 p. m. when adjournment for the day was announced.

All the witnesses first were taken to the prosecutor's office and then to the grand jury room.

The names of all the witnesses were available through the grand jury subpenas, but the Plain Dealer is refraining from using them in the interest of justice.

Cullitan declined to reveal the manner in which he had selected the witnesses to be examined by the grand jury. He said that he knew nothing of what they would say until they were brought to his office yesterday. He said, however, that the selection was "not entirely at random." All of the witnesses had operated in the Sixth and Seventh Precincts where Cadek had been commanding officer, Cullitan said. Capt. Cadek is now assigned to the Sixteenth Precinct, E. 131st Street and Lambert Avenue S. E.

Cadek was appointed a patrolman Sept. 7, 1906. He was promoted to sergeant Feb. 1, 1913. He was made a lieutenant March 16, 1917, and attained his present rank May 1, 1918.

A computation shows Cadek's total salary as a policeman was:

As patrolman	$ 5,901
As sergeant	5,445
As lieutenant	1,647
As captain (to April 1).	54,973
Total	$67,966

Capt. Cadek twice has been in major difficulties which brought departmental discipline. In 1932 he was suspended as a result of the notorious Nick Satulla case. This involved the "loss" of evidence in a policy game case. Cadek later was reinstated.

In 1933 Capt. Cadek was discharged from the service on charges of being wilfully absent from his post and making a false report. Again he was reinstatement through the Civil Service Commission.

department rules and a great deal of politeness from the precinct underlings.

In March of 1917 he became a lieutenant. Then his travels began. From then until the present he moved successively through most of the precincts where vice, gambling and bootlegging paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to their operators yearly.

In 1918 he became a captain, the third promotion in five years at the hands of Harry L. Davis.

Ruled Own Roost.

Then he served in the Fifth Precinct, one of the centers of the policy games; the Fourth, one of the centers of prostitution, the Eleventh, the home ground of the Mayfield Road boys; the Third, center of policy games, plain and fancy gambling, speakeasies and prostitution.

The captain got into the papers very little. As a captain in charge of a precinct he was a petty czar, except for occasional interference from downtown or from City Hall. The police rule book states the duties of a captain commanding a precinct: He reads reports of the officers under him, assigns special details, makes personal inspections of conditions considered dangerous in his precinct, disciplines the men under him.

The captain was known as a "good guy" to his men, except for those occasions, it was said, when underlings interfered with persons and establishments known to be friendly to the captain. The captain seldom reported men under him for violations of the rules and seldom looked for any.

Lived Quietly.

The captain dressed plainly, drove no large and flashy car, lived in no pretentious house. The house at 3351 E. 65th Street, at which he now lives with his sister, is singularly unpretentious for the residence of a cop who made $109,000. It is a small, unpainted six-room frame house.

To be sure, the captain ate well, smoked a large cigar now and then and drank beer at one or another of the establishments where a captain is always welcome but this was no more than other captains do.

Observers at Central Police Station occasionally noted small occurrences in the captain's precinct which might be characterized as fishy but no one ever reported any major infractions of law or discipline.

In 1931, after 25 years of having almost been buried alive in the police department, at least as far as the public was concerned, the captain turned up as a fire-eating disciplinarian. He was then in command of the Fourth Precinct.

Nine prostitutes complained to Safety Director Edwin D. Barry that a squad under the captain's order had arrested them, taken them to the precinct station, kept them 24 hours incommunicado and had then driven them twenty miles into the country, where they were abandoned.

The girls were indignant and Barry inquired of Cadek whether he believed he was an outright autocrat. It had all been dictated by discipline, the captain said. A good policeman had to be tough.

It nowhere appeared in the official proceedings, but underworld habitues said at the time that the girls, indignant at an unscheduled arrest, had threatened to do some talking about conditions in the Fourth Precinct, where police had usually been complacent about street soliciting, operations of houses of prostitution and operations of speakeasies.

Nothing happened and the captain was merely reprimanded for exceeding his legal rights.

In 1932 the captain was involved in

publicity again. Nick Satulia, gangster now in the Ohio Penitentiary, had been arrested as a policy game operator by a squad in Cadek's precinct. When he came up for trial in Municipal Court one of Cadek's cops reported that the evidence had been lost.

The evidence, several hundred policy slips, was later found in a locker at the Fourth Precinct from which it had never been moved. Cadek was surprised and said he couldn't understand how the patrolman could have made a mistake. He denied having anything to do with sending the patrolman into court to make his statement.

Sent to West Side.

Cadek was acquitted of misconduct in this case, although Safety Director Frank J. Merrick said the police department's conduct concerning Satulia "stinks out loud."

Merrick and former Mayor Ray T. Miller made no secret of their distrust of Cadek. He was transferred around and in May, 1933, went to the Twelfth Precinct on the West Side, his first assignment across the river. Here he had another slight misfortune.

One Sunday night in September of 1933 he wrote his routine report to Acting Deputy Inspector Andrew J. Hagan. He reported the precinct quiet and concluded with the report that he had worked as scheduled until 11 p. m.

The only trouble with his report was that it was written at 8 p. m. and that shortly after 8:30 Hagan entered the station to find Cadek absent. A police squad, sent to investigate the presence of a drunken policeman at a restaurant in the Broadway district, found Cadek at about the same time. Cadek denied being drunk and said he had gone so far from his precinct to sell tickets to the Fire and Police Field Meet because he was well known in that area.

Fired, Reinstated.

At the same time Harry L. Davis, who wanted to be mayor again, was campaigning with the charge that policemen were forced to consort with bootleggers and other underworldlings by their orders to sell field meet tickets. Davis said he was against the order and would permit nothing like it if he were again elected mayor.

Miller and Safety Director E. E. Adams fired Cadek on charges of being absent from his post of duty and the Civil Service Commission reinstated him. Adams sued in the Court of Appeals to force the commission to rescind its order but Davis won the mayoralty just then.

Ezra Z. Shapiro, law director for Davis, dismissed the suit instituted by Adams.

A year later Cadek was in a mild brush with authorities when it was revealed that a dedendant in Police Court showed up with a card written by Cadek to Milton S. Firestone, Police Court lawyer, asking Firestone: "Kindly take care of this man; do not overcharge."

Cadek said he was an enemy of Firestone and couldn't understand the note. He finally admited writing it, but denied he drummed up business for Police Court lawyers. Nothing happened after the usual investigating outcry and things went on as usual.

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Arrest of Kapis Spoils Pittsburgh Karpis Clue

It's "Mike," Not "Alvin" State Police Raiders Get In Raid at Dawn, But Origin of Bullets In Suspects' Shoulder Is Mystery.

Another clue supporting the theory that Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, is hiding out in the Pittsburgh district proved false yesterday when state police and Pittsburgh detectives raided a miner's home in East Marianna, Washington county, and found their quarry was not Karpis.

The raid was staged at dawn on a tip from an unnamed source.

Mike Kapis, the 32-year-old former miner, who had been reported to be the much-sought gangster, was arrested and locked in Washington county jail while West Virginia police and the department of justice at Washington were contacted to determine how Kapis incurred two bullet wounds in the left shoulder.

The risky raid on Karpis' supposed hideout was carried out by Sergeant William Hanna and Private Edward W. Morrison of the state police, City Detectives Dennis Dwyer and Joseph Jackson, Lieutenant B. W. Smith of Marianna and City Bertillon Operator Ralph Scalise.

Sergeant Hanna, in charge of the raiders, delayed advancing on the house until dawn when he learned there were two children in the house. He feared they would be endangered if shooting took place.

Kapis, who had come home after nine years' absence to visit his brother, Steve, 37, father of the two children, was asleep when the raiders broke in the door.

He protested that he was not wanted by police, though the city detectives had reports to the contrary. The bullet wounds in his boulder, he explained as being marks of a fight he had had a colored man in one of the Virginia towns where he he has been working during absence.

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'Double-Cross' Cried In Karpis Aid Case

Charging that department of justice agents used threats, inhuman treatm promises of reward and violated prisoners' common law rights in obtaining dence that was later used against them, Joseph H. Adams and Henry Randall, defendants accused of harboring Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, in Miami in January, 1935, filed motions to suppress the cases against them in United States District court yesterday.

Adams, Miami dog track and hotel owner; Randall, E. G. McDonald and N. H. Heller will be tried on charges of harboring and concealing Karpis when he fled to Miami to elude a nation-wide search. Indictments were returned against them by a federal grand jury February 7, 1935.

Adams, in the motion, claimed he was offered immunity by G-men if he aided in the search for Karpis. He said they told him he needed no counsel and would not be subject to arrest, but after he had written a statement and signed it they said, "We're sorry to do this, Joe, but we'll have to double-cross you."

He said they refused to give him a copy of his statement, and that they used the evidence given by him in the statement to obtain the indictment against him, in violation of his constitutional and common-law rights.

"They (the agents) conspired to extort, by false promises and statements, disclosures that were afterward used against him," the motion declares.

Randall accuses the G-men of failing to give him a hearing before a magistrate when he was arrested. They took him to a downtown hotel, where he was handcuffed to a bed and kept for five days, he charges.

He says he was guarded with a machine gun held on the lap of one of the agents, and that he was threatened with death.

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Police Trap Sprung; 'Alvin Karpis, Enemy NO. 1,' Is Mike Kapis

It was Mike Kapis, 32, and not Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, state police and city detectives found when they raided a miner's home in East Marianna, Washington County.

The police and detectives surrounded the house after receiving a tip that the much-sought desperado was living there.

But Kapis, 32, soon convinced the raiders he wasn't Karpis. He explained that two bullet wounds in his shoulder were incurred during a fight in West Virginia.

He was visiting his brother, Steve, 37, ~~after a~~ nine-year absence.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1936

May Be Beginning.

For years the rumor has kept itself alive that a few men in the Cleveland police department were "on the take." Suspicion had the habit of centering about a fixed small number in the department. Investigations have been started. Proof of guilt seemed impossible to get.

Facts now being unearthed in connection with Police Captain Louis J. Cadek may serve as a starting point for the kind of far-reaching, official inquiry that has long been needed. Cadek is relieved of duty pending the sifting of these charges.

Cadek has for years served in police precincts where vice, gambling and—in other days—bootlegging were reputedly most prevalent. Occasionally he was subject to measures of discipline by his superiors.

In Cadek's years as a policeman he received in wages less than $68,000. Yet it is now shown that he accumulated and deposited to his credit, though sometimes under assumed names, the tidy little fortune of $109,000. The question in which the public and the grand jury are interested is where the captain got the money. If he got it honestly he need not hesitate to say where. If it came to him by methods which thrive best in the dark, that's a concern of the community and the law.

Testimony is now being heard in the grand jury room. Underworld characters are being called in. If "protection" from police interference was bought and paid for, these are the individuals who can tell the story. They know whether money was thus spent to thwart the law and, at least in a general way, to whom it went.

This may well be the beginning of a better day in the police department. Let the trail of alleged corruption lead where it will, and the penalties suit the offense.

The suspended captain must answer to the state if a crime was committed. He must answer to his superiors if their trust in him as a policeman was violated. In either case he must answer to the community whose order and safety he has pretended to cherish and protect.

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ACT TO OUST CADEK

INDICTED IN BRIBE

2 REPORT TO CHIEF TODAY ON CHARGES

Ness Expects Matowitz to Suspend Captain, May Withhold Final Decision Until Verdict.

HUGHES, VEASEY PROBE CASE; BAIL IS $10,000

'Not Guilty' Plea Expected at Arraignment on Five Bribery Counts.

Machinery for the ousting of Capt. Louis J. Cadek from the police department was set in motion late yesterday after his indictment on five counts charging soliciting and acceptance of bribes in the precincts he commanded during prohibition days.

The County grand jury indicted the police captain, who amassed saving accounts totaling $109,000 in three prohibition years while his entire salary for 30 years in the department was only $66,000, had solicited and accepted two automobiles and $36,000 in cash from two men for protection from enforcement of the liquor laws.

Police Chief George J. Matowitz assigned Inspector James J. Hughes and Deputy Inspector James E. Veasey to investigate the charges against Cadek and to make a report today on which departmental charges are expected to be based.

Will Plead Not Guilty.

Safety Director Eliot Ness said he expected Chief Matowitz to suspend Cadek immediately upon filing of the charges. The director said regulations demanded that Cadek be given a hearing within five days after the filing. He said he was advised, however, that he might withhold his decision until disposition was made of the criminal charges.

"That would be the fair thing to do," Ness said. "I don't believe any final action should be taken on the departmental charges until Capt. Cadek has had his day in court on the criminal charges. We can act then on these matters as they affect his status in the department."

Cadek is to be arraigned before Common Pleas Judge Frederick P. Walther today. Gerard J. Pilliod, counsel for the accused captain, was in court when Thomas C. Martinec, foreman of the grand jury, presented the indictment to Judge Walther.

Pilliod said Cadek would plead not guilty to the charges. He said neither Cadek nor he would have any further statement to make.

"We will meet the issues in court," he said.

Bail was set tentatively at $10,000 when Pilliod, County Prosecutor

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TAKES STEPS FOR OUSTER OF CADEK

Chief Assigns Two to Probe Charges; Ness Expects Suspension to Follow.

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Frank T. Cullitan and Chief Assistant County Prosecutor Charles J. McNamee conferred with Judge Walther.

Pilliod asked for time to arrange bail before presenting Cadek in court for arraignment. It is customary to give indicted persons 24 hours in which to appear without the issuance of a capias. Pilliod said he would endeavor to have Cadek in court at 10:30 this morning, but might be detained until later in the day because of bail negotiations.

The penalty for conviction under the bribery laws is imprisonment for one to ten years on each count in the indictment.

Twenty-eight witnesses were called before the grand jury in the investigation of the sources of Cadek's finances which allowed the deposits of $109,000 in three savings accounts. Pass books for accounts totaling $80,000 in two savings and loan companies were used by Cadek in buying 335 lots in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The first count of the indictment charges that on or about Dec. 24, 1924, Cadek "unlawfully and corruptly solicited and accepted a Hudson automobile from John Brodzinski and Henry Zolnowski to influence him with respect to his official duties as captain of police in the enforcement of the laws of the state of Ohio, and the ordinances of the city of Cleveland, O., then in effect, particularly such laws and ordinances as related to the prohibition of the manufacture, possession and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes."

The second count charges that on or about June 9, 1927, Cadek again solicited and accepted an automobile from Brodzinski and Zolnowski, this time an Auburn.

In the third count it is charged that at the time Cadek received the first automobile on or about Dec. 24, 1924—he also accepted a bribe of $1,000 from Brodzinski.

Between July 16, 1926, and Jan. 16, 1931, the fourth count charges, Cadek solicited and accepted bribes totaling approximately $10,000 from Zolnowski. The indictment says the "various sums of money and the specific times at which said sums were so solicited and accepted" are not known to the grand jury.

Cadek solicited and accepted bribes totaling approximately $15,000 from Brodzinski, the fifth count charges. Again the indictment says the grand jury does not know the exact amount of each bribe or the specific time at which it was solicited and accepted.

Townsend Club Party Tonight.

Lakewood Townsend Club No. 4 will sponsor a card party and social at 8 tonight in the annex of Garfield School, 13114 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood.

Spokane, (Wash) Daily Chronicle
April 18, 1936

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First Break in Case.

ST. PAUL, April 18. (AP)—The announcement in Washington by the department of justice today that the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul Brewer, were members of the Alvin Karpis gang, was the first definite identification of the abductors.

Kidnaped June 15, 1933, Hamm was placed on the witness stand two years later at the trial of the Roger Touhy gang of Chicago for the crime, but he failed to identify any of the members as having participated in the abduction, and they were acquitted.

Hamm said his captors had treated him courteously during the five days he was held. He said he believed he had ben taken to Lake Geneva, Wis., before the gang doubled back into Minnesota. It was Hamm's belief he had ben transported across the state line that brought federal agents into the case.

Has Good Record.

CHICAGO, April 18. (AP)—Edward C. Bartholmey, arrested with two other men today in conection with the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, is a railway clerk who became postmaster of suburban Bensenville, the police at Bensenville said today.

Bartholmey, married and the father of a family, did not figure in the investigation of the suburb last year which led to the discovery of the hideout where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was concealed during his kidnaping.

At that time Harold Alderson, occupant of the house in which Bremer was held, was arrested, together with Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keper who was accused of arranging for the hideout.

Bensenville is a Chicago suburb about 14 miles west of the city.

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NOTCH IS ADDED BY G-MEN TO GANG LIST

KARPIS CALLED BANDIT LEADER

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From the Miami (Fla.) Tribune of 4/18/36

Karpis Aid Suspects Cite 'Constitution'

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The motions asked for additional arguments on a demurrer denied Adams by ex-Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter June 4, 1935. The demurrer "challenged the constitutionality of the national firearms act upon the theory that the act was not a revenue measure, but was an attempt to use the police power, which the national government does not possess."

Bart A. Riley, attorney for the two, when questioned on the motion, said he had uncovered several points of constitutional law while in Washington last week and would undertake to prove that the national firearms act was unconstitutional in that it only applied to certain persons.

Randall, through his attorney, adopted Adams' demurrer and asked for a reconsideration of the ruling on the same grounds.

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Kidnap Solved

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CLAIM HAMM ABDUCTION IN ST. PAUL SOLVED

Two Other Men Seized; Link Notorious Gangsters in 'Snatch'

Department of justice agents here today admitted they had arrested Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, 62, several days ago on a "secret underworld tip," in connection with the William A. Hamm jr. kidnaping in St. Paul in 1933. Fitzgerald, discovered living quietly in an apartment house, was taken from Los Angeles secretly "to avoid a repetition of the Kansas City massacre," the G-men said.

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J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau, announced that federal agents, striking simultaneously

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SEIZE SUSPECT HERE IN HAMM KIDNAPING

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at three widely-separated points, arrested:

Charles J. Fitzgerald, in Los Angeles.

Jack Pfeiffer, the alleged "finger man" in St. Paul.

Edward C. Bartholomey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill.

Fitzgerald, the man seized in Los Angeles, is accused of being the man who shook hands with Hamm before two others poked guns in his ribs and ordered him into their car as he strode from his brewery the morning of June 15, 1933. He was said by federal agents to have a long criminal record.

Fitzgerald and the two other suspects are either in St. Paul or on the way there.

Held in the department of justice offices at St. Paul, also, as a material witness in connection with the $100,000 kidnaping was Morris Roisner, proprietor of a liquor store, who himself once was kidnaped in Chicago.

NOT INVOLVED

Roisner, federal authorities emphasized, is not involved in any way in the kidnaping. He, with Bartholmey and Pfeiffer, were being questioned today by a squad of federal agents.

Hoover said in addition to the three men arrested yesterday, the following were involved in the abduction:

Arthur (Doc) Barker, now in Alcatraz prison.

Elmer Farmer, now in Leavenworth penitentiary.

Bryan Bolton, now in jail in St. Paul.

Fred C. Goetz, known as "Shotgun Ziegler," now dead.

Fred Barker, brother of Arthur, now dead.

Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, at large.

CALLED 'FINGER MAN'

Pfeiffer was termed the "finger man" in the kidnaping.

He is proprietor of The Hollyhocks, a St. Paul night club.

His police record extends back to 1924, when he was arrested for general investigation by St. Paul police.

On Feb. 7, 1925, he was arrested in connection with the Northwestern National bank robbery in Milwaukee. He fought extradition successfully and was released.

Bartholmey, the Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, was arrested at his home.

Federal agents said the postmaster had a wife and a 16-year-old son, a high school student.

The kidnaping and hiding of Hamm was prior to the time Bartholmey was appointed postmaster, it was said.

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CLAIM HA[illegible] ABDUCTION IN ST. PAUL SOLVED

Man Arrested Here, Spirited From City; Two Others Are Seized

With the arrest of three men —one of them in Los Angeles— the mysterious kidnaping of William A. Hamm, St. Paul, Minn., millionaire, in 1933 was listed today by G-men as completely solved.

The snatch suspect seized here was Charles J. Fitzgerald, 62. He has a long criminal record as bank robber and bank bandit and is listed

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD
L. A. Suspect in Hamm Kidnaping

under 21 aliases on police files throughout the country, department of justice investigators said.

The other suspects arrested in the east were:

Jack Pfeiffer, night club owner and alleged "finger man," seized at St. Paul.

Edward C. Bartholomey, postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., at whose home Hamm is said to have been held before a $100,000 ransom was paid.

LINK WOMAN IN 'TIP'

Fitzgerald was located at a fashionable Wilshire apartment here, as the result of a "secret underworld tip" involving a woman, local G-men said. He was living alone in comfortable circumstances, with no visitors, the manager of the apartment said.

It was decided, however, to watch Fitzgerald carefully, for a while. An apartment on the same floor was occupied by the federal officers, and others were employed on the house staff.

Finally, when it appeared no more clues could be had by surveillance, the order was given to spring the trap. When Fitzgerald stepped into the hall for his morning walk to a nearby park, he was met by two stern-faced men with leveled automatics.

EXPECTING ARREST

"All right, Fitzgerald, we're federal officers," one of the G-men said quietly.

But the aging suspect already had his hands up.

"I was expecting this," he said philosophically.

The little party left the building, and none of the other occupants of

was being questioned at St. Paul, Minn. Whether this was the same woman whose communication with Fitzgerald led to his apprehension the federal officers did not say.

SPIRITED FROM CITY

After the arrest of Fitzgerald no announcement was made that the much-wanted man had been captured, until he was safely out of the city. As one of the department of justice men put it, "We don't want a repetition of the Kansas City massacre."

The government man referred to the machine-gun ambush on the Union station plaza, June 17, 1933, when a gang attempted to rescue Frank Nash, member of the Harvey Bailey gang. Nash and four federal officers were killed.

The justice department gave this record for Fitzgerald:

Wanted for holdup of Farmers and Merchants bank, Wymore, Neb., in 1928; wanted for holdup of Whitney Loan company, Atlantic, Iowa, in 1928; wanted for bank robbery, Estherville, Iowa, in 1929, and also wanted by the sheriff's office at Lincoln, Neb., as "leader of gang of bank stick-up men who have made some very good hauls in this state"; as Slim Williams, served a term in state reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa; as member of the J. S. Morgan "gang" of safe and bank burglars, who have operated extensively in the central and southwestern part of the country, had served a term previous to 1898 in the state reformatory, Hutchinson, Kas.

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Seize kidnap suspect in L. A

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The kidnaping was one of the few major cases which had been listed on FBI Books as "unsolved." The kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville in 1934 also is listed as "unsolved," but it definitely has been established that the kidnaping was carried out by Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who has successfully evaded law enforcement officers for nearly two years.

In addition to the new arrests, Hoover said four other individuals, now in prison, were involved in the case, as well as Karpis, now sought as Public Enemy No. 1.

Hamm, wealthy president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, was kidnaped on June 15, 1933, and was released on June 19 after payment of $100,000 ransom.

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Karpis Is Only Plotter Still Evading Toils

Three in Prison, Two Dead of Outlaw Band That Snatched Wealthy Brewer and Collected $100,000 in Ransom

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 18—Federal agents today lifted the curtain of mystery from the kidnaping three years ago of William A. Hamm Jr. with announcement that three alleged abductors had been arrested, three are in prison, two are dead and one—the notorious Alvin Karpis—at large.

The $100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, wealthy St. Paul brewer, was one of the few "unsolved" cases on the books of the federal bureau of investigation, which has long waged a search for Karpis as public enemy No. 1.

Widely Separated

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau, announced that federal agents, striking simultaneously at three widely separated points, arrested:

Charles J. Fitzgerald, in Los Angeles.

Jack Pfeiffer, in St. Paul.

Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill.

Hoover said in addition to the men arrested yesterday, the following were involved in the abduction:

Arthur (Doc) Barker, now in Alcatraz prison.

Elmer Farmer, now in Leavenworth penitentiary.

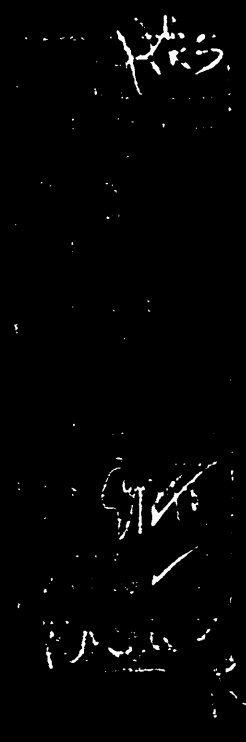
Bryan Bolton, now in jail in St. Paul.

Fred C. Goetz, known as "Shotgun Ziegler," now dead.

Fred Barker, brother of Arthur, now dead.

Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, at large.

The Hamm kidnaping case was one of the most sensational in a series of abductions dating from the Lindbergh crime and drawing the federal agents into a nationwide drive to stamp out the racket.



High Spots in Chase

Karpis once escaped when he shot his way out of an Atlantic City hotel.

Agents arrested "Doc" Barker and held him in Chicago and later closed in on Fred Barker in Florida.

In a machine gun battle with the outlaws, who were hiding out in an isolated house, Fred Barker and his mother, known to gangsters as "Ma" Barker, were killed. The agents said they found a smoking machine gun in the dead woman's hands.

Hamm was abducted shortly after noon on June 15, 1933, just as he left his office for luncheon.

He was taken to the Bensonville hideout, held there until June 19 and then released near Wyoming, Minn., after an intermediary had made the ransom payments.

Hoover told how William W. Dunn, an official of the Hamm Brewing company, received a telephone call less than two hours after the kidnaping, in which an anonymous person told him, "We have Mr. Hamm," and said Hamm was being held for $100,000 ransom.

Ransom Is Paid

On June 16 Dunn received a telephone call at 1:30 a. m., warning him against telling police of the telephonic communications.

Dunn shortly thereafter received detailed instructions for delivery of the money, together with a warning that if instructions were not followed out the ransom would be increased to $150,000.

Dunn delivered the money by dropping the package on highway No. 61 near St. Paul.

"The investigation was continued by special agents of the bureau," Hoover's formal statement continued, "and it has now been definitely ascertained that the kidnaping was perpetrated by Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Charles J. Fitzgerald and William Bryan Bolton.

"Investigation has further disclosed that Mr. Hamm was held at the home of Edward C. Bartholmey, at present postmaster of Bensonville."

Hoover said the warrants were issued by a federal district court judge charging Fitzgerald, Bolton, Karpis, Barker, Pfeiffer, Bartholmey and Farmer with "conspiracy to kidnap William A. Hamm Jr."

G-MEN SOLVE HAMM KIDNAP CASE, 5 JAILED

Night Club Head, Ex-Bootleg King and Woman Quizzed In St. Paul

POSTMASTER HELD

U. S. Agents Say Alvin Karpis Is Only Member of Gang Still At Large

By The United Press

ST. PAUL, April 18—Department of Justice sleuths, striking simultaneously at three widely separated points, tonight had taken four men and a women into custody in connection with the $100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., in St. Paul three years ago.

The smashing climax to the long hunt for the kidnapers of the scion of the wealthy brewing family landed the following men in the toils of the law: John P. (Jack) Peiffer, fashionable night club head, held as the gang's St. Paul agent; Edward C. Bartholomew, postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., at whose home Mr. Hamm is alleged to have been held captive; Charles J. Fitzgerald, of Los Angeles, said to have been the leader of the kidnap gang, and Morris Roisuer, former Midwest botoleg king, held as a material witness. All were brought

The woman in custody was believed to be a friend of Fitzgerald.

Karpis Only One At Large

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, said three men now in prison, all serving sentences in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, were linked with the Hamm kidnaping.

They were 'Doc' Barker, now in Alcatraz; ~~Bryan~~ Bolton, in jail in St. Paul, and Elmer Farmer, now in Leavenworth.

Fred Barker, killed in a gun battle with officers in Florida last year, and Fred C. Goetz, (Shotgun Zieg-ler), now dead, also were implicated in the Hamm crime, Mr. Hoover said.

Alvin Karpis, sought as the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, is the only Hamm kidnaper still at large, according to the G-men.

The new arrests were made on secret warrants issued to Federal agents April 11.

Mr. Hoover said Mr. Hamm was held in Bartholmey's residence at Bensonville during the four days of his confinement. Mr. Hamm recently identified the place, Mr. Hoover added.

Bond Fixed At $100,000

Bartholomey was arraigned today before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce. He pleaded not guilty and bond was set at $100,000. He was returned to the Ramsey County jail. The grand jury was summoned to meet Tuesday to consider the evidence against the suspects.

Postmaster General James A. Farley in Washington today removed Bartholmey as postmaster at Bensenville.

Federal agents disclosed today in Los Angeles they raided a luxurious apartment several days ago and captured Fitzgerald with such secrecy that local police were unaware of the raid.

Fitzgerald was spirited out of Los Angeles and rushed to St. Paul.

They said their secrecy was to prevent possible repetition of the Kansas City railroad station massacre.

'You've Got Me, Boys'

Department of Justice agents walked into the apartment with drawn guns. Fitzgerald raised his hand and said quietly:

"You've got me, boys. I give up."

Federal operatives, without the knowledge of other tenants, rented nearly every vacant apartment in the building and watched Fitzgerald's suite for two weeks.

They found him living alone, apparently plentifully supplied with funds, but with none of the Hamm ransom money in his possession.

He dressed expensively and other tenants believed him a wealthy man of leisure. Fitzgerald had been using an assumed name.

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WIDER CHILD AID URGED IN HUDSON

More Community Guidance Clinics Recommended at Crime Conference.

PLAY SITES HELD VITAL

Police Investigation of Auto Driver Applicants Also Asked at Legion Session.

Resolutions recommending the establishment of child guidance clinics in Hudson County municipalities were adopted yesterday at a conference on crime called by the Hudson County American Legion in the court house in Jersey City.

The clinics would function like the Special Service Bureau of the Jersey City Police Department, which deals with juvenile delinquency problems and psychology and environmental influences.

The conference endorsed the principle of the Maloney bill now before the New Jersey Legislature, which provides for the creation of a commission to investigate the causes in the prevention of crime. Other resolutions adopted urged the utilization of vacant land for playgrounds, police investigation of applications for motor vehicle licenses and the promotion of public interest in jury duty.

Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Superintendent of State police of New Jersey, discussed the necessity of coordinating police activity. Crime, he said, was interstate and could be handled only by coordinated police activity. Without naming the case, he referred to the Lindbergh kidnapping investigation as a "triumph of police coordination," declaring that two States, one county and eight Federal police agencies worked in complete harmony.

The State Department's plan to introduce the use of sound pictures in the detection of crime, he said, would be demonstrated publicly within a month. Discussing the value of sound pictures, he said that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, recently told him that a sound record of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, would be worth $50,000 to the government. Judge Robert V. Kinkead of the Hudson County Court of Common Pleas urged officials of other cities to study the successful methods employed in crime prevention in Jersey City, which he described as "free from rackets and organized crime."

Among others who took part in the discussions were Dr. James A. Nugent, superintendent of Jersey schools; Juvenile Court Judge Morris Barison, Police Court Judge James Erwin, George Ziegler, deputy chief of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Department, and Judge Anthony Botti of the First Criminal Court, Jersey City.

The conference opened in the morning with an attendance of forty and resumed after a luncheon recess, ending about 5 P. M. David A. Nimmo, commander of the Hudson County American Legion, welcomed the conferees. Fred H. Hauser, general chairman of the American Legion, presided.

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Postmaster Captured In $100,000 Kidnap

G-Men Also Arrest Two Others and Hunt Alvin Karpis in Roundup of Gang in St. Paul Abduction

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP).—Justice Department agents chalked up the $100,000 William A. Hamm Jr. kidnaping as virtually solved today with the arrests of three persons, one a postmaster.

In connection with the June, 1933, abduction of the St. Paul brewer, J. Edgar Hoover announced that his agents had arrested Charles J. Fitzgerald in Los Angeles, Jack Pfeiffer in St. Paul and Edward C. Bartholmey in Bensenville, Ill., where he is postmaster.

"I think we have solved the Hamm kidnaping at last," Hoover said, adding, "There may be more arrests soon."

$100,000 Paid

The Bureau of Investigation chief said it was in Bartholomey's home that Hamm was held until his $100,000 ransom was paid.

Figuring in the case is Alvin Karpis, rated as Public Enemy No. 1 since the day John Dillinger was killed in Chicago by Federal agents. Hoover named Karpis, former associate of Ma Barker in the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, as one of the actual perpetrators of the kidnaping.

The arrests today added another notch to the mounting list of G-men victories over kidnapers and gangsters which includes the killing of Dillinger, conviction of sixteen persons in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City, and arrests and conviction in the January, 1934, kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul.

Three Cases Unsolved

Hoover's latest computation credited his agents with the solution of sixty-two kidnapings since the Lindbergh law was enacted in June, 1932, with 136 convictions. The only three cases remaining to be cleared up he listed as those of:

Alvin Karpis, wanted in the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings, and Harry Campbell, wanted with Karpis in the Bremer kidnaping; William Mahan, wanted in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, for which Harmon Waley already has been sentenced to forty-five years in prison; Thomas G. Robinson r., wanted in the $50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville, Ky.

Hamm was kidnaped on June 15, 1933, immediately after he had departed from his office in the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company for luncheon. He was taken to a hideout where he was held until June 19, 1933.

He was released at a point near Wyoming, Minn., after payment of the ransom. Hamm was president of the brewing company.

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G-Men Win Again!

HAMM KIDNAPING BELIEVED SOLVED

L. A. SUSPECT TAKEN

Wilshire District Raid Nets Debonair Captive

Arrest of one man in Los Angeles and two in the Middle West brought to a virtual solution yesterday the $100,000 William J. Hamm Jr., kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., in June, 1933.

Surrounded by Federal agents in an apartment house in the Wilshire district, Charles G. Fitzgerald, debonair "Safecracker No. 1," in Department of Justice annals, surrendered without a word.

Watched for weeks by G-men, and trailed constantly in his leisurely course about town as a gentleman of means, the alleged public enemy was found not to have a gun in his possession.

LAUGHS AT CAPTORS

Laughing at questioners but waiving extradition, the accused "finger man" of the sensational Hamm plot was spirited East. He is believed now in jail at or near St. Paul.

So smoothly did the long arm of "the old man with the whiskers" function that Fitzgerald's apprehension was unknown until it was anounced in Washington yesterday by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

"I think we have solved the Hamm kidnaping at last," Hoover said tersely.

Simultaneously, he announced arrest of Jack Pfeiffer in St. Paul and of Postmaster Edward C. Bartholmey in Bensenville, Ill., in connection with the case, and Morris Roisner as a material witness.

The G-man chief said it was in Bartholmey's home that the wealthy young Minnesota brewer was held until his $100,000 ransom was paid. Fitzgerald, agents declared, was the man who approached Hamm on a St. Paul street and engineered his kidnaping.

KARPIS NAMED

Hoover named Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1" since John Dillinger's death, as one of the actual perpetrators of the abduction.

Describing the weeks of vigilance preceding Fitzgerald's capture in Los Angeles, G-men here revealed it had been believed he was in touch with Karpis, and that they had waited a month for clues to the latter's whereabouts before closing in on the supposed "finger man."

Fitzgerald, who is about 60, is reported wanted in connection with several sensational Middle West bank robberies.

(Additional Hamm case news and picture on Page 5)

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LOS ANGELES EXAMINER
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FIVE ARRESTS WRITE FINALE TO 1933 CASE

Hamm Abduction Sequel Lands 4 Men and Mystery Woman in Government Agents' Net

Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 18. —One of America's most sensational kidnapings — the $100,000 ransom abduction of William A. Hamm Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer— was solved today with the arrest of four men, one of them a respected small-town postmaster, and a mystery woman.

Culminating three years of intensive and relentless activity by G-Men following the Hamm kidnaping in 1933, four of the suspects, including the woman, were in custody in St. Paul, while the fourth man was held by Federal agents in Los Angeles to be brought here by airplane tomorrow.

KARPIS GANG'S WORK

Three of the four men were named as suspects in the actual "snatching" of the wealthy brewer plotted and engineered by the nortorious gang headed by Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, who is still at large.

3 NEW SUSPECTS

The three men held here are:

John P. "Jack" Pfeiffer, St. Paul World War veteran who turned bootlegger and gambler after his return from overseas. Recently reported interested in a Minneapolis night club, Pfeiffer was said by Federal men to have been the "finger man" in the kidnaping.

Edward Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., whose home, according to the G-men, was used as the kidnap hideout for Hamm and for another kidnap victim of the gang, Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker.

Morris Roisner, said by Federal agents to be well-known for his activities in the illicit alcohol

SEIZED IN L. A.

Called Kidnap Plotter

CHARLES G. FITZGERALD, who was arrested by G-Men in Los Angeles as alleged "finger man" in Hamm kidnaping.

(Details of Fitzgerald Arrest on Page 1)

ker-Karpis mobsters for the Bremer kidnaping. Bolton is the man reported to have "talked," linking the present suspects with the Hamm case.

Bartholmey, who was appointed Bensenville postmaster in 1935, was summarily dismissed from office by the Postoffice Department as Hoover made his announcement today.

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None of the $100,000 ransom ever was recovered.

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HAMM RANSOM KIDNAP MARKED ON SOLVED LIST

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Fred C. (Shotgun Zeigler)

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Goetz, reported killed by gangsters.

The arrests brought to 63 the number of cases solved or helped toward a solution by Hoover's men and set them out again upon a new hunt for the three major kidnapers who still are at large. These are:

Alvin Karpis.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., the former law clerk wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Coll at Louisville, Ky., on October 10, 1934. Robinson, who masquerades as a woman at times, has not been seen since he collected $50,000 ransom for the return of the Louisville society leader.

William Ma_an, called "the remaining principal" in the kidnaping of little George Weyerhauser Tacoma, Wash., timber fortune heir, on May 24, 1935.

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Police, G-Men Hear Karpis Is In Town

"We saw Alvin Karpis!"

That declaration by two men late Saturday sent St. Paul police chasing through the city in a futile search of the nation's foremost public enemy, sought for in participation in the William Hamm didnaping.

"Seers' of Karpis were William Wickman, 2911 Hennepin ave., Minneapolis, and Frank Morgan, Faribault. They reported seeing the gangster enter an automobile with another man at Sherburne ave. and Milton st.

Federal agents were notified, but they too, failed to find any clue to substantiate the rumor.

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KARPIS AIDES FACE JURY

Detroit Times

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ST. PAUL, April 20.—In one of the final chapters of the sensational Karpis-Barker gang kidnaping prosecutions, a special federal grand jury is scheduled to meet tomorrow to consider indictments against three prisoners held for the $100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

With announcement a complete solution of the Hamm kidnaping in June, 1932, had been reached, federal authorities revealed they were holding Edward C. Bartholmey, 42-year-old Bensenville, Ill., postmaster; Jack Pfeiffer, St. Paul night club owner, and Charles J. Fitzgerald, ex-convict with a long record, caught in Los Angeles.

The government also held as material witnesses Morris Roisner, big time bootlegger and ex-convict from prohibition days, and a "mystery woman," said to be a sweetheart of Fitzgerald.

Only one major member of the desperate Karpis gang remains at large, Alvin Karpis himself, "Public Enemy No. 1," ringleader both in the Hamm kidnaping and that of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was ransomed for $200,000.

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BENSENVILLE QUIET AFTER KIDNAP FLURRY—
H. O. Kolze (left) chief of police, and Mayor George Runge, after revelation that town was used by gangs as hideaway in Edward Bremer and William Hamm Jr. kidnapings.
[TRIBUNE Photo.]
(Story on page 3.)

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE
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SEEK TO INDICT SEVEN FOR HAMM KIDNAPING TOMORROW IN ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—[Special.] Indictment of seven men on charges of participating in the $100,000 ransome kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, in June, 1933, will be sought here Tuesday when the federal grand jury convenes, according to George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

Alvin Karpis, national Public Enemy No. 1, is sought as the leader of the kidnap gang. The others against whom indictments will be asked are Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster of Bensenville, Ill.; Elmer Farmer, former tavernkeeper in Bensenville; Jack Pfeiffer, St. Paul gambler and night club owner; Charles Fitzgerald, a bank robber; Byron Bolton, and Arthur [Doc] Barker.

Bartholmey and Pfeiffer were arrested at their homes Friday and Fitzgerald was seized Wednesday in Los Angeles and is being brought to St. Paul. Barker is serving a life term in the government prison at Alcatraz for his part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, another wealthy St. Paul brewer, for whose release $200,000 ransom was paid.

Farmer is serving a twenty year sentence at Leavenworth penitentiary for his part in the Bremer abduction. Bolton, now in the county jail at St. Paul, has pleaded guilty to complicity in the Bremer kidnaping and is awaiting sentence.

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like Stickney used to have in the Al Capone days."

The townspeople, Mayor George Runge, Chief of Police Harry Kolzd, and Police Magistrate Julius G. Frey cannot understand why the Barker-Karpis gang chose Bensenville as a hideaway.

With its 1,900 inhabitants, Bensenville has a distinctly rural atmosphere in contrast with other communities of its size within 20 miles of Chicago. York road, a paved north-south highway, and Irving Park boulevard run through the town, and its nearby network of highways includes Lake street and North avenue, giving quick access to the city.

On the eastern outskirts of the town is the Milwaukee railroad roundhouse. Blasts from its whistle, four times a day at 7 a. m., 12 noon, 2:20 p. m., and 3 p. m., recorded themselves so firmly in Bremer's mind that they furnished the government investigators one of the clews with which they narrowed the search for Bremer's prison to Bensenville. Switchmen, laborers, and trainmen come and go in the town, some of them boarding there, strangers among their number almost unnoticed.

Huge Railway Yards Near.

The myriad railroad tracks in the area—the Bensenville switchyard is only a few miles from the great Proviso yards known as the largest in the world—offer a means of flight to any one pushed to the extremity of fleeing on a freight train.

The Bremer kidnapers used Alderton's house for a hideaway and congregated in Elmer Farmer's tavern. Elmer and his brother, James, who still lives in Bensenville, came to the town about 20 years ago. Both were bachelors. They opened a hotel, but it failed within a few years. Elmer then ran a restaurant and sold beer. The brothers were considered respectable.

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KIDNAP HIDEOUT HAMLET LONGS FOR OBSCURITY

Quiet Bensenville Shrinks from $300,000 Crimes.

(Picture on back page.)

In 1873 the Milwaukee railroad pushed its rails into Du Page through what is now the town of Bensenville. After the usual flurry of excitement attendant upon the coming of a railroad subsided, the farmers of the countryside settled down to the everyday business of using the town as a milk depot, the railroad established an office, and peace enveloped the community.

That same peace prevailed for more than 50 years, when suddenly the people of Bensenville were jolted out of their complacence on learning that one of the most daring band of outlaws in the country's history had used two of their respected neighbors as keepers of two millionaire kidnaping victims who were held for a total of $300,000 ransom.

Bremer Case as an Opener.

The first revelation came last year when federal agents of the department of justice arrested Harold Alderton, with the announcement that his home at 180 South May street in the suburb was the prison where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was held in January, 1934, until the Barker-Karpis gang collected $200,000 for his release.

Alderton was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. Then last Friday the federal agents upset the town's complacence anew when three men called upon Postmaster Edward C. Bartholmey, said they were postoffice inspectors and invited him out to dinner. They didn't tell Bartholmey, but their dinner engagement was in Minneapolis, whither they went by plane.

Another Famous Abduction.

On Saturday Bensenville again was the center of a blast of publicity. D. M. Ladd, head of the Chicago office of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, and Edgar Hoover in Washington announced that Bartholmey's arrest solved the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, in June, 1933. Hamm, the agents said, was held prisoner in Bartholmey's house until the Barker-Karpis gang got $100,000 for returning him to his family.

The arrest of the postmaster, who was politically active in the town for 15 years, was the main topic of conversation at street corner gatherings after church meetings, in stores, and in the several highly respectable family taverns.

Different from Good Old Days.

Mrs. Sophie Thiemann, who is 72 years old, a widow, and a member of the old German section of the community, still runs the tavern her husband opened in 1895 to serve the farmers and the railroad men from the nearby roundhouse. She expressed the village sentiment concerning its unwanted notoriety this way:

"Nothing like this ever happened here before, and it's too bad. It's much worse than the time a farmer's wife jumped in a cistern and killed herself. Of course, we all feel sorry for Mrs. Bartholmey. She is a nice woman. But give them time and people will forget. Anyway, it's not like the old days. Nothing ever happened then."

The principal reaction of the townspeople was a surprise. After that, the consensus was:

"Pretty soon, we'll have a name

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RAZOR BLADE 'KEYS' FOUND HIDDEN ON VOLNEY DAVIS, BREMER KIDNAPING CONVICT

Four razor blades, cleverly filed to permit opening of locks, were found concealed in the clothing of Volney Davis, convicted kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, as he entered Leavenworth prison a few months ago, it was revealed today as a Federal grand jury reconvened to consider indictments against seven persons for the William Hamm Jr., abduction.

Authorities here believe the blades were smuggled to Davis, considered one of the toughest members of the Barker-Karpis mob, either while he was in the Ramsey county jail or shortly after he was taken by United States deputy marshals to serve a life term meted out to him after he peladed guilty.

En route to Leavenworth, Davis frequently begged the Federal officers to remove the leg-irons but his requests were refused. One officer advanced the theory he planned to open the handcuffs and, with the leg-irons removed, dive through a window of the train.

Davis, while en route to St. Paul by airplane wtih two Federal agents, once escaped at Yorkville, Ill., after knocking down one of the officers while the other telephoned the Chicago Department of Justice office to report the plane was forced to land. He was recaptured several weeks later.

One of the blades was concealed in a cuff of his trousers, another underneath his trouser-belt, and the others tucked away under his shirt.

hen guards at Leavenworth prison found them, they removed his clothing and burned them.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavernkeeper who was given a 20-year term for his part in the $200,000 Bremer kidnaping, was taken to Leavenworth prison at the same time, but authorities here were without knowledge as to whether he had any part in the matter. Both were placed in the dungeon.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, today asked the grand jury to indict Farmer, Bartholmey, John Peifer, St. Paul gambler; Arthur (Doc) Barker, serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction; Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy at large; Charles Fitzgerald, arrested in Los Angeles last week, and Byron "Machine Gun" Bolton, who is awaiting sentence after pleading guilty as a conspirator in the Bremer case. Bolton also appeared before the grand jury today. He was the government's ace witness in two other trials that resulted in conviction of Doc Barker and a group of henchmen.

The grand jury heard Harry K. Maihori of Minneapolis, Japanese cook and then called in another Japanese, Sam Tanaka, alleged to have been working for Peifer up to the time of Peifer's arrest a few days ago. Maihori is alleged to have cooked for Alvin Karpis in the summer of 1933 in a cottage north of St. Paul.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney presenting the case, said that the jury would not make any partial report today, which indicated that the Hamm case would not be completed today.

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SUSPECTED 'FINGER MAN' QUESTIONED

Man Seized Here Arrives in St. Paul as Government Speeds Hamm Case

ST. PAUL, April 20. (AP)—Shackled and under heavy guard Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, charged with being one of the principals in the $100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., young brewery head, was brought here from Los Angeles by train today. Two others already are held in jail here.

Fitzgerald was named by the Department of Justice as the man who clasped Hamm's hand on June 1, 1933, and said, "Hello, Mr. Hamm," as two accomplices seized and forced him into an automobile a block from his office.

Taken to the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by a squad of agents who accompanied him here from California, Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the abduction as George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, prepared to ask a special grand jury tomorrow to indict at least seven men in connection with the case.

Sullivan said he will not arraign Fitzgerald until after tomorrow's grand jury makes its report.

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from the current issue:

Karpis: Most Elusive Public Enemy

U. S. Still Hunting Aid of Mother Barker in "Spawn of Hell" Gang

On the lonely pinnacle of crime occupied by each successive Public Enemy No. 1 the jittery occupant scrambles about till a bullet or prison nips his career.

It was so with Al Capone, first Public Enemy No. 1, now in Alcatraz Prison—with John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, all of whom died amid a rataplan of gunfire.

But "the most dangerous lawbreaker" in the experience of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, was never known as No. 1.

"Strange as it may seem to some people, that person was not John Dillinger, 'Baby Face' Nelson, nor any of the rest of our so-called No. 1 public enemies, but a woman," says Mr. Hoover in an *American Magazine* article on which Courtney Ryley Cooper collaborated.

"The most vicious, dangerous, and resourceful criminal brain this country has produced for many years belonged to a person called 'Mother Barker' by scores of satellites.

"Spawn of Hell"—"In her sixty years or so this woman reared a spawn of hell. Of her four sons, one was a mail robber, another a holdup man, and the remaining pair were highwaymen, kidnapers, wanton murderers. To a great extent their criminal careers were directly traceable to their mother; to her they looked for guidance, for daring - resourcefulness. They obeyed her implicitly. So, too, did the other members of the Barker-Karpis gang of hoodlums, highwaymen, kidnapers, and murderers which she headed.

"Yet, she liked to hum hymns, and at one time in her life, at least, she was deeply religious and a church attendant.

"Going from place to place, she would travel into strange places for [illegible] reached

New Enemy No. 1—One of Mother Barker's associates, Alvin Karpis, a slender man of twenty-six with brown hair and blue eyes, now holds the title of Public Enemy No. 1. Unofficial, it has been conferred by newspapers and the public. Only one criminal ever has been officially designated No. 1 by the Government. He was John Dillinger, and the designation was made by Attorney General Cummings.

Capone, commonly regarded as the vice overlord of Chicago, got his No. 1 title from the Chicago Crime Commission in 1930. Successful in eluding prosecution for any racketeering association, he was tripped for failing to pay his income tax and sentenced to serve eleven years.

As current holder of the No. 1 title, Karpis is wanted chiefly for questioning in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. Bremer, a thirty-seven-year-old bank President, was released twenty-two days later, after the kidnapers extorted $200,000.

Since then Karpis has been hunted all over the country. He has shot his way out of two ambuscades. Only a week or two ago, Federal agents raided an Arkansas farmhouse, but Karpis was not there. His record includes sentences for burglary, two escapes from prison.

Unofficially designated as Public Enemies No. 2 and No. 3 are William Mahan and Thomas H. Robinson.

Mahan, who is known by no fewer than twenty-seven aliases, was born in North Dakota thirty-three years ago. He is of medium weight and height, has black hair and brown eyes. Sentenced to serve twenty years for robbery in Idaho in 1927, he was pardoned by the State Pardon Board in 1933 and less than two years later was being hunted on the kidnaping charge.

This was the abduction of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, of Tacoma, heir to a lumber fortune, who was released unharmed eight days after his abduction on May 24, 1935. A ransom of $200,000 was paid to get him back.

As Public Enemy No. 3, Thomas H. Robinson, a tall, slender man of twenty-nine, with black hair and gray eyes, is wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, member of a prominent Louisville, Kentucky, family, on October 10, 1934. She was released after her family paid a ransom of $50,000. Because of Robinson's eccentricities, the police expected his early capture, but he has eluded them for two and one-half years.

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Alvin Karpis—"Public En[illegible]

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PRICE ON KARPIS' HEAD

$5,000 Offered For Him, $2,500 For Pal, Campbell

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The rewards were offered in special "wanted" notices carrying pictures of each of the outlaws.

Karpis was named Saturday as one of the plotters in the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, in June, 1933.

The reward offer is the first since the government offered $10,000 for the capture of John Dillinger and $5,000 for information leading to his arrest. At the same time $5,000 was offered for capture of Lester M. Gillis, better known as "Babyface" Nelson, and $2,500 for information leading to his arrest. Both Dillinger and Nelson were killed by federal agents.

Justice Department officials said no reward was offered for the arrest of Karpis and Campbell because it was found in previous cases that such a reward encouraged police officers to withhold information in the hope of making the arrest themselves.

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By United Press.

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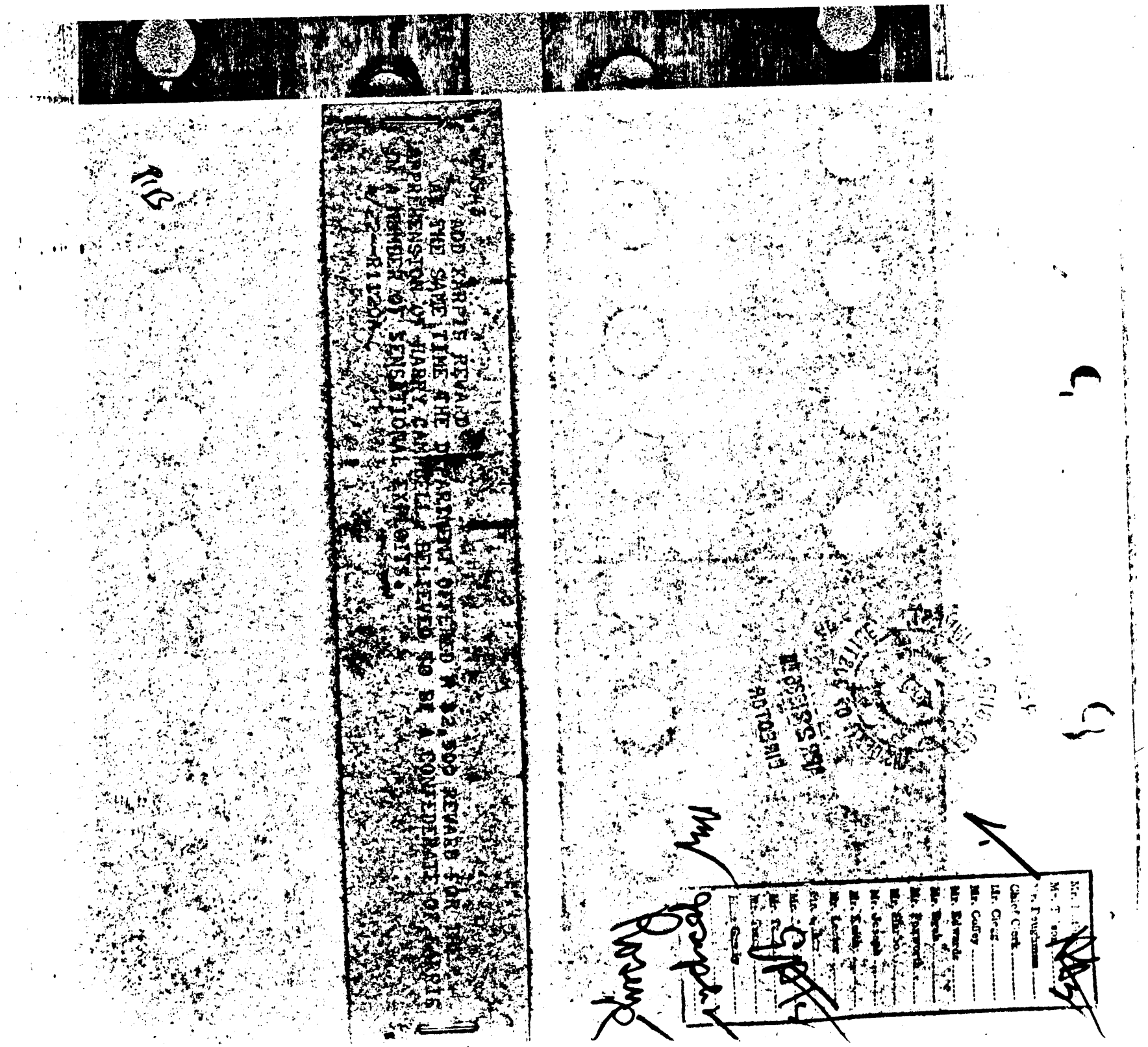
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BY REX COLLIER.

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International News Service

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Uncle Sam Offers $5,000 For Karpis

—Daily News Photo.

Once a "tough guy"—a gangland machine gunner—BYRON BOLTON (center), confessed Bremer kidnaper who turned state's evidence against his former underworld pals at previous trials, is pictured as he was being taken from Ramsey county jail (his home for more than a year past) to the federal court to appear before a special grand jury which is expected to return indictments against Barker-Karpis mobsters and alleged aids in the Hamm kidnaping.

Harry Campbell Is Linked In Hamm Snatch; $2,500 If He's Caught.

Terming him the nation's "most desperate uncaptured public enemy," the United States government today offered a reward of $5,000 for information leading to the capture of Alvin Karpis.

Another reward of $2,500 was offered, under the same conditions, for Harry Campbell, lieutenant of Karpis, believed to be his aid in a number of sensational exploits of outlawry.

News of the reward offers came in press dispatches from Washington today as, in St. Paul, a special federal grand jury heard additional evidence on which to base at least seven indictments in the $100,000 kidnaping, in 1933, of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer.

Plot Cottage Revealed.

As the jury continued its deliberation today, it was learned that federal bureau of investigation agents had located an aged couple who allegedly had rented a cottage near White Bear to Karpis and his mobsters early in the spring of 1933.

It was in this cottage apparently that the kidnaping plot was hatched. It is understood that the cottage had rented for the season and that $500 had been paid in advance. However, within a week or 10 days the mobsters were tipped off and they vacated the premises and moved to the now well known Vernon ave. address.

It was from the latter place that the mob made its sensational getaway while Mr. Hamm was still a captive.

Trial In Missouri.

Simultaneously, it was learned from reliable sources that Karpis—if and when he is caught and if alive when he is—will not be brought to trial in St. Paul, but will be taken to Missouri to face a state charge. Missouri has capital punishment and Karpis is wanted for the slaying of a West Plaines, Mo., sheriff Dec. 19, 1931.

Karpis, according to a formal statement issued several days ago by J. Edgar Hoover, nation's No. 1 G-man, was one of Mr. Hamm's

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kidnapers. Today's announcement of rewards was taken to indicate that Campbell, too, is suspected of having taken part in the abduction.

By Skin Of Their Teeth.

Karpis and Campbell are under indictment in the later $200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, Commercial State bank president, and have escaped capture by federal agents "by the skin of their teeth" on several occasions in the last 18 months.

Karpis and Campbell are two of the last four fugitives sought by the federal government in kidnapings. The other two are William Mahan, wanted in the George Weyerhaeuser abduction at Tacoma, Wash., and Thomas Robinson, Jr., sought in the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Bolton Before Jury.

Byron Bolton, whose testimony brought about the conviction of 10 persons and a plea of guilty from another in the Bremer kidnaping, was called before the jury today to tell what he knows of the Hamm kidnaping and what part Barker-Karpis mobsters played in the $100,000 snatch.

Also called today was Morris Roisner, in custody as a witness in the case. Roisner is a former Cleveland alcohol conspirator and a familiar figure of the prerepeal days.

At the federal building, still being questioned by FBI men today, were Charles J. Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, and a Mankato, Minn., woman, also held as a witness.

Fitzgerald, Edward Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., former postmaster, and John P. (Jack) Peiffer, night club proprietor, are held in the Hamm kidnaping. Indictments also are being sought against Karpis, Elmer Farmer, now in Leavenworth for the Bremer abduction; Arthur (Doc) Barker, serving life at Alcatraz for the Bremer snatch, and Bolton. Indictment of possibly an eighth unnamed man may be sought.

Only other previous award offered by the department of justice was the $5,000 for the arrest of the late John Dillinger, mowed down in Chicago in July, 1934.

Rock Island Argus,
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4-22-36.

Re: BREKID.

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PRICE IS PLACED ON KARPIS' HEAD

Cummings Also Offers Reward for Information on Campbell.

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The attorney general's statement, however, did not list charges on which the two men are sought.

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PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH

April 22, 1936

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EVENING BULLETIN
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
APRIL 22, 1936.

$5,000 PRICE PUT ON KARPIS' HEAD

Attorney General Cummings Also Offers $2,500 for His Pal Campbell

MONEY FOR INFORMATION

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Campbell is wanted for the Bremer kidnaping. They are the last remnants of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang.

Announcing the reward, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, added:

"If you are in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, communicate immediate-

...phone, or telegraph, collect, ...rest office of the Federal ...vestigation."

...cribed in the "want-...llows: "Age, appears ...25 or 26 years; height, 5 feet ...inches; weight, 135 pounds; ...ld, slender; hair, brown; eyes, blue-gray; complexion, fair; marks, one inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger."

Campbell was described as follows: "Age, 36 years; born, January 1, 1900, at McClintocville, Pa.; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weight, 135 to 140 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, ruddy-medium; marks, scar corner left eye, vaccination scar upper left arm, lame in right leg; teeth, decayed."

Karpis and Campbell shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City in January 20, 1935. In their flight they kidnaped Dr. Horace H. Hunsicker, Philadelphia physician, but released him unharmed in Ohio.

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OKLAHOMA NEWS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 22, 1936

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REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF KARPIS

Okla News 4/22/36

U. S. Acts to Cleanup Kidnaping Ring

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Attorney General Homer S. Cummings today offered a $5000 reward for information leading to capture of Alvin Karpis, America's No. 1 public enemy, and $2500 reward for the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

Karpis and Campbell are two of the four public enemies still hunted by the justice department in its cleanup of the kidnap racket.

The other two are William Mahan, wanted in the Geeorge Weyerhaeuser case and Thomas Robinson Jr., wanted in the Stoll kidnaping in Louisville, Ky.

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U. S. Offers $5,000 Reward For Karpis, $2,500 for Pal

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New York Post

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$5,000 Price Put on Karpis

'G' Men Also Post $2,500 Reward for Desperado's Pal, Harry Campbell

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Kidnap Suspects Linked to Killing

St. Paul, Minn.-(AP)-Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60-year-old suspect in the $100,000 William Hamm kidnaping, was named Wednesday by Harold E. Stassen, Dakota county attorney, as the "signal man" in the spectacular $30,000 South St. Paul packing plant payroll hold-up, Aug. 30, 1933, when a patrolman was slain and another seriously wounded.

Stassen, after nearly three years investigation of what he termed one of the most cold blooded crimes in Minnesota's history, said he would summon a grand jury to indict Fitzgerald on a first degree murder charge, and revealed that he has "definite evidence" linking the Barker-Karpis gang with the hold-up.

In addition to Fitzgerald, Stassen accused Alvin Karpis, alleged ringleader in the Edward G. Bremer and Hamm abductions; Arthur (Doc) Barker, sentenced to a life term in Alcatraz prison for the Bremer crime, and Fred Barker, who with his mother, "Ma" Kate Barker, was shot to death by "G" men at Oklawaha, Fla., in January, 1935.

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
APRIL 22, 1936.

U.S. Offers Reward of $5000 for Alvin Karpis

By Associated Press

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'PRICES' ON THEIR HEADS
Alvin Karpis, at Top, and Harry Campbell, Second Photo

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LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXPRESS
APR 22 1936

JOHNSON CITY PRESS
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
APRIL 22, 1936

RE: BREKID

$5,000 Price Put On Karpis' Head To Speed Arrest

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INDIANAPOLIS NEWS
April 22, 1936

Price Put on Heads

ALVIN KARPIS $5,000

HARRY CAMPBELL . . . $2,500

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THE DETROIT TIMES
April 22, 1936

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Offer $5,000 Reward For Capture of Karpis

Detroit Times 4/22/36

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(INS)—In a new offensive against Alvin Karpis, public enemy number one, the department of justice today offered $5,000 reward for his capture.

Atty. Gen. Homer S. Cummings also posted a $2,500 reward for apprehension of Harry Campbell, lieutenant of Karpis.

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KARPIS REWARD OFFERED

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Submitted by SAC
Salt Lake City

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OFFER $5,000 FOR 'HEAD' OF ALVIN KARPIS

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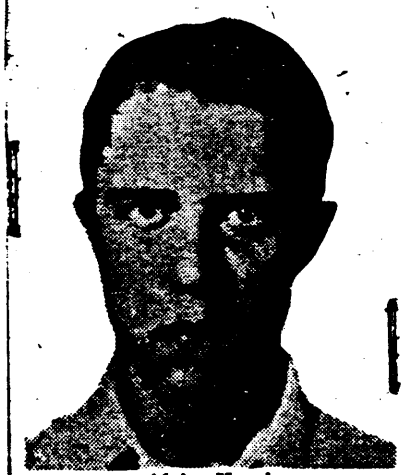

Alvin Karpis

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CHICAGO DAILY TIMES

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Bullet Tests Link Karpis with Police Killing Here

U. S. Offers Rewards

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The murder of Policeman Miles Cunningham of the Desplaines street station, who was shot to death at Halsted and Adams street Sept. 21, 1933, was definitely linked to Alvin Karpis today. Karpis, a product of the northwest side, is the last of the post-prohibition desperadoes still alive or at large. He is Public Enemy No. 1, with no company.

Harold E. Stassen, county attorney at South St. Paul, Minn., revealed the connection of Karpis and his gang with the killing of Policeman Cunningham. Stassen accused Karpis and three other gangsters also of a $30,000 pay-roll robbery in South St. Paul a week before Cunningham was shot. A policeman was killed in the South St. Paul robbery, also.

Cunningham was killed by the gangsters when he sought to question them after a crackup of their car at Halsted and Adams streets. The gunmen at the time were fleeing from a holdup of a Federal Reserve bank messenger on Jackson boulevard. This holdup netted them a bagful of old newspapers and canceled checks.

County Attorney Stassen at South St. Paul said that the bullets that killed Policeman Cunningham came from the same machine gun used in the murder holdup a week before.

Charles ("Big Fritz") Fitzgerald, 60 years old, was named by County Attorney Stassen as the tip-off man in the South St. Paul robbery. Fitzgerald is also a suspect held in connection with the William V. Hamm kidnaping.

Named with Karpis and Fitzgerald in the South St. Paul robbery, and presumably the Chicago killing of Policeman Cunningham are Arthur ("Doc") Barker, doing life in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping; and Fred Barker, who, with his mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, was slain by federal men in Okawaha, Fla., in January, 1935.

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$5,000 REWARD FOR KARPIS

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Karpis was named Saturday as one of the plotters in the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul, Minn., brewer, in June, 1933.

Today's reward offer is the first since the government offered $10,000 for the capture of John Dillinger and $5,000 for information leading to his arrest. At the same time $5,000 was offered for capture of Lester M. Gillis, better known as "Babyface" Nelson and $2,500 for information leading to his arrest.

Both Dillinger and Nelson were killed by federal agents.

THE CHICAGO AMERICAN
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$5,000 Price Put On Karpis by U. S.

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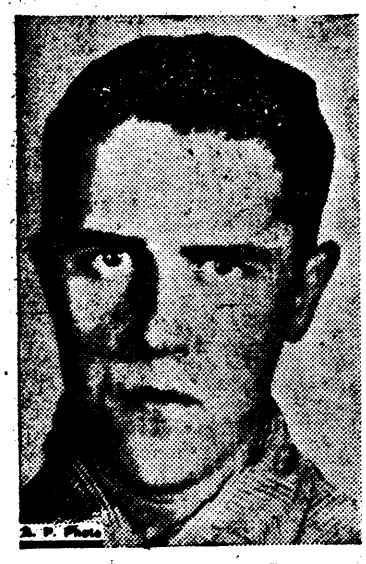
$5000 FOR TIP ON PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

Atty. Gen. Cummings Offers Rewards For Information on Karpis

HARRY CAMPBELL



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The Attorney General's statement did not list charges on which the two men are sought, however.

As to the reward, he said:

"All claims to the aforesaid reward and all questions and disputes that may arise as among claimants to the foregoing reward shall be passed upon by the Attorney General and his decision shall be final and conclusive.

brown; eyes, blue-gray; complexion, fair; marks, one-inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

Campbell, with aliases of Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, George F. Sumners, was described as follows:

"Age. 36 years; born Jan 1, 1900, at McClintockville, Pa; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weight, 135 to 140 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, ruddy-medium; marks, scar corner left eye, vaccination scar upper left arm, lame in right leg; teeth, decayed."

Cummings said the rewards were offered under authority vested in him by Congress on June 6, 1934.

Can Be Divided

"The right is reserved to divide and allocate portions of any of said reward as between several claimants. No part of the aforesaid reward shall be paid to any official, or employee, of the Department of Justice."

Announcing the reward, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, added:

"If you are in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis (and Harry Campbell), communicate immediately by telephone, or telegraph, collect to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice."

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Boston Evening Globe
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ALBANY (N.Y.) EVENING NEWS
4/22/36

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