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Karpis's Pal Is Still at Large

Harry Campbell, Last of Criminals of the Depression Years, Eludes Capture.

By Associated Press.

A lone, limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old Southwest. He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal agents at New Orleans last night.

Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa, Okla., criminal lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnappings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

But he was a solitary figure, with every official hand reaching to land him in a State prison, in the electric chair or in the Federal "Devil's Island"—Alcatraz.

His fellows have gone—died under the guns of the law or landed behind the bars for long terms, many for life. They were far different from the Dalton, Starr and other bands of two decades ago.

Not Like Old Outlaws.

So different were they, in fact, that many in the wealthy midcontinent oil and cattle country have clothed the old-timers in an aura of romance.

Not thus the gangsters of the depression era. These have been mowed down or captured, singly and in groups.

Karpis was the latest to be taken.

The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, Ma, were killed by Federal agents at Ocklawaha, Fla.

His brother, Arthur (Doc), is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kan., either by his own hand or under the guns of peace officers.

Russell (Rusty) Gibson, Karpis associate in the Bremer case, was killed by peace officers. His biggest previous job was the \$75,000 robbery of an Oklahoma City bank messenger about six years ago.

Other Notorious Outlaws

More or less directly associated—through intimacy or similarity of operation—were these:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester Prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, Federal agent slain by the late Baby Face Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm.

Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

Winn (Slippery) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes.

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under peace officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen.

Tri-State Terror Slain.

Willbur Underhill (the Tri-State terror) was slain by Federal and Oklahoma peace officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the spectacular Lansing, Kan., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas State police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber, who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kan., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnapping.

Pretty Boy Shot Dead.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by Federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City Union Station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas-Ranger-led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

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MAHAN IS ON SPOT KARPIS JUST LEFT

Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping Sus-
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***Karpis Just as Tough
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TOPEKA, Kan., May 2 (AP).—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names.

His real one—Raymond Karpavitz — became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin Karpis.

His nicknames, and why:

Slim—because of his build.

Old Creepy—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

Chi—because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

KARPIS IN IRONS RUSHED BY AIR UP TO ST. PAUL

G-Men Speed to Scene
of Kidnapings After
New Orleans Coup

SHOTLESS CAPTURE
MADE BY HOOVER

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP).—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was headed in this direction today by a plane from New Orleans, where Federal agents led by J. Edgar Hoover captured him without a struggle last night.

Hoover himself supervised the shackling of the desperado and then boarded the plane with his agents.

He did not say where they were taking Karpis, but the course of the flight indicated that they were coming here, where Karpis is wanted for two major kidnapings.

Stops at St. Louis

The plane halted at St. Louis, was forced down by fog at Kansas City, and took off again. Airport officials said it was bound for St. Paul, with a possible stop at Omaha if the weather is bad.

At the St. Paul airport five automobiles filled with Federal agents appeared just after daybreak, waiting the arrival of their chief and his prisoner.

Hoover on Scene

Karpis and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans last night in the first arrest ever made in person by Hoover.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were leveled by fifteen or twenty agents to take the fight out of the man wanted for the \$100,000 abduction of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later.

Karpis lifted his hands and surrendered. He was carrying a gun.

Arrested with him in his car near a pretentious Canal Street apartment were a red-haired young woman, identified only as Ruth, who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, thirty-seven, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7, 1935.

Prisoners Off by Plane

Swiftly the agents shackled the men hand and foot and took them and the woman to the Post Office Building for questioning.

Other agents were posted about the apartment, where Karpis had been known as Ed O'Hara, a mild-mannered devotee of fishing.

Karpis, whose criminal record covers ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed from the Post Office to the New Orleans Airport at 8:30 P. M. and placed aboard a chartered plane with six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane

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took off.

Victims Praise Capture

Victims of the St. Paul kidnapings were cheered by the news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis's associates in the gang dominated by the late Kate Ma Barker are dead and the others are all imprisoned. "Congratulations again to the Department of Justice," said Hamm, "for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

Brewer termed it a further tribute to the Department.

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville postoffice robbery.

As Simple As That

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to reporters in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said:

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

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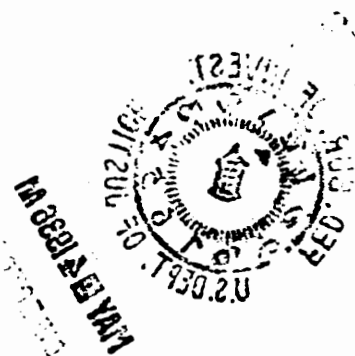
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Life Sentence to Alcatraz Next Week Seen for Karpis

Captive Ready to Plead Guilty to Two Kidnapings, G-Men Hear

By ISAAC McANALLY
Alvin Karpis will plead guilty to the Bremer kidnaping and be sentenced to Alcatraz for life before the end of next week, it was reliably reported in Government circles here today.
Grateful that he was not killed, bewildered by the swiftness and unexpectedness of his capture in New Orleans by a special squad under direction of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Karpis was said already to have confessed to his part in the Bremer and Hamm kidnapings and to have asked for speedy arraignment in St. Paul.

When Mr. Hoover gave Karpis the order to get his hands up, the outlaw obeyed with alacrity.

Expected Death

"I thought you fellows would kill me sure," Karpis was reported to have said.
Had he reached for his gun he would have been riddled with bullets.

Mr. Hoover was said by subordinates in New York, who have been in communication with him, to be greatly pleased that it was not necessary to kill Karpis. Recently the director was known to have

expressed the hope that Karpis would not try to shoot it out when the FBI finally closed in on him.

One of Gang at Large

The capture of Karpis removed from public activity the last but one of the old Karpis-Barker gang. Seven have been killed, four are serving life in Alcatraz, one awaits sentence and one is still a fugitive. Now the G-men will concentrate on getting persons who harbored Karpis.

Delores Delany, who was living with Karpis until her arrest, is in prison. A child born after she was arrested, of whom Karpis is the father, is being reared by Karpis's parents in Chicago.

The seven who are dead:

Mrs. Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Verne Miller, Eddie Green, Frank Nash, Fred Goetz and Earl Christman.

When Karpis gets to Alcatraz, he will be in the same prison with Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Jess Doyle and Harry Sawyer. Byron Bolton will not be long in joining them as he is awaiting sentence in St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping.

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Bremer Kidnap Trials

By The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, a criminal of national notoriety, was captured tonight at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot by a squad of fifteen to twenty officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Several hours later Karpis was placed aboard an airplane under heavy guard and the ship proceeded North, arriving in St. Louis just before midnight. He was heavily manacled and accompanied by a half dozen Federal agents. It was reported, without confirmation, that he was being taken to St. Paul, where he is under indictment for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, thirty-seven-year-old suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and a woman whose name was not revealed. Karpis had been living with a woman who posed as his wife.

Seized Leaving Apartment

Among other crimes for which Karpis has been sought was the murder of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931. Ed Threkeld, Sheriff of Howell County, of which West Plains is the seat, put in a claim for the gangster tonight. "We'll hang him if we get him," the Sheriff said.

Hoover himself announced the capture of the three. They were seized as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal Street, a half mile from the center of the business district.

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said. "The agents called upon them to surrender, and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for an hour before their capture was announced. Then Hoover called in reporters.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," he said, smiling slightly.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as Public Enemy No. 1, but not to us," he said simply.

He didn't say who was his department's "Public Enemy No. 1."

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which ended three years' search from coast to coast, and even to Cuba.

Capture Made Quietly

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons near by were aware of the Federal agents' latest success.

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk and crisply commanded them to surrender. When the desperadoes made no move they were grabbed and rushed from the scene.

Just before 8 p. m. (10 p. m. New York time) Hoover and almost a score of Federal agents left the Federal Postoffice Building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" Hoover was asked.

"For the last two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the last two

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Captures Notorious Outlaw



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"How many men participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He Never Had a Chance"

"He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We got him sitting in the automobile."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Karpis had a Federal price of \$7,000 on his head—\$5,000 offered by the Bureau of Investigation and \$2,000 by the Postal Inspection Service.

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the Post-office Building between two special agents.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and manager of the apartment building, said Karpis rented the apartment about three months ago, paying the rent for one month and telling her he and his wife expected to stay there two or three months. She said he had purchased a used automobile.

She said she "just couldn't believe" the man, who gave his name as "Ed O'Hara," was Karpis.

"Nice, Quiet Little Man"

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said. "He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow being as bad as they say he is. And his wife is very nice."

She said he was "not a bit scared or nervous and never displayed large amounts of money." She asserted that only this afternoon Karpis aided her in breaking a lock on a door leading to a basement storeroom.

"He was very nice about it," she said. "He couldn't do anything with the lock at first, but I told him to go ahead and break it. That's the way we got in the storeroom."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado, unaware of his identity.

"I saw him three times," Hoffman said. "He came up to me, did not mention his name, told me he stayed in the corner apartment, and asked if he could keep the car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street."

"I said I guess it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 would be a fair price. He took the bills out of his pocket right then and paid me."

"I didn't pay much attention to the man, seeing him only a few times, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

He's "Mr. O'Hara" to janitor John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner," he said. "He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and some one said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" was the first person arrested, the janitor said, adding that "O'Hara" and the woman who posed as his wife were the only two of the arrested persons who resided in the apartment house.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Bought a Car With \$100 Bills

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (UP)—So great was the secrecy with which J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, operated in the capture of Alvin Karpis tonight that his own Washington office did not know he was in New Orleans. He fled here yesterday from New York where local operatives informed him the Karpis trap was ready to be sprung.

So sure were the Department of Justice men of their quarry that they had chartered a special airplane to take Karpis to St. Paul even before they sprang their trap.

An automobile salesman named Clarence Pucheu was credited in Federal circles tonight with circulating a rumor that gave the Federal agents their first tip.

The automobile salesman sold Karpis a car two weeks ago and was amazed when he was paid in \$100 bills.

Pucheu, employed by a Plymouth agency here, said that Karpis went to the salesroom two weeks ago and asked about a new car. He introduced himself as Edward O'Hara. "He would not stand on the salesroom floor but insisted on our going back into the shop at the rear of the building," the salesman was quoted as saying. "He asked me if the governor on the motor could be removed. A few days later I sold him the car. He paid for it in \$100 bills."

"I was suspicious of him from the start. He looked a little too fast and slick. He talked fast and had shifty eyes."

"He told me when he bought the car that he had to take a trip to Corpus Christi, Tex., he came back two days later and the speedometer on his new car showed 1,900 miles."

"I told him he must be a fast worker. He said he was the fastest worker in the United States."

Last Wednesday he came back to the automobile salesroom and asked the price of a new Chrysler, but I never saw him again."

The salesman said that one evening recently while he was riding with his wife, he saw the car he had sold parked at the apartment house that was the scene of the capture.

"I remarked to my wife that the man's face looked familiar. I told her I was thinking about going to the Federal Bureau of Identification office and trying to identify him. He resembled pictures of Karpis, I thought."

The salesman did not go to the F. B. I. office, but it was believed he and his wife voiced their suspicions among friends, and they quickly reached attentive ears of the Federal agents.

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Off on Wrong Foot, Met Barker in Prison, Became a Killer

Alvin Karpis, who was captured last night at New Orleans by Federal agents, is an underweight young man who once was champion marble shooter of his school in Topeka, Kan.

He is known variously as A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter. His family name is Karpavics, his parents being Lithuanian.

Karpis was born in Canada on



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Alvin Karpis

August 10, 1909. There were three sisters in his family. He was brought to Topeka in his childhood and when he was sixteen years old was arrested as a tire thief. He was sentenced to ten years in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for second degree burglary. With Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton, now serving a life sentence for a Minneapolis bank holdup in which two policemen were killed, he sawed the cell bars and escaped after having served three years.

A year later, on March 23, 1930, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City in an automobile loaded with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was returned to Hutchinson, and when knives were found in his possession he was transferred to the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kan. He was released a year later.

At the Lansing Prison he met Freddie Barker, son of the notorious Kate ("Ma") Barker, the woman who was said to have been the directing genius in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934. Bremer was released the following February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

With Barker, Karpis planned a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla. Karpis was arrested at Tulsa in June, 1931, and was sentenced to four years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., but was never taken to the prison; he was paroled by the trial judge after three months in the county jail. Karpis thereupon swung into action in a felonious career which made him the most widely sought criminal in the United States.

He and Fred Barker were wanted in the 1931 slaying of Sheriff C. E. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. Kelly was shot to death when he tried to question them in a robbery in which Federal agents have said Karpis and Barker had no part.

They were wanted as well of Arthur W. Dunlap, of West St. Paul, "Ma" Barker's second husband, who was suspected of giving information to the authorities in their hunt for the Barker-Karpis gang in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 16, 1933. Hamm was released four days later after payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker, eldest son of "Ma" Barker, were indicted last May for the Bremer kidnaping. "Doc" Barker, who was captured at Chicago in January, 1935, was sentenced to life imprisonment and is now in Alcatraz Prison.

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Five days later Karpis and Harry Campbell, his hanger-on, were surrounded in the Hotel Danmor, a quiet resort hotel a few yards from the waterfront at Atlantic City. In a battle in which more than 300 shots were exchanged, Karpis and Campbell with machine guns blazed their way through a police cordon and escaped. Two women whom they abandoned, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, were sentenced to five years in prison for harboring and concealing Karpis and were lodged in the government's so-called "Alcatraz for women" at Milan, Mich., where Evelyn Frechette, friend of the late John Dillinger, and Kathryn Kelly, wife of George ("Machine Gun") Kelly, also are prisoners.

It has been suggested that Karpis, Thomas Touhy, Chicago gangster, or John Hamilton, a Dillinger lieutenant, was the companion of George ("Baby Face") Nelson in a gun battle at Barrington, Ill., on November 28, 1934, when Samuel P. Cowley and Herman E. Hollis, government agents, were killed. Nelson's body, marked by seventeen bullet wounds which he suffered in the battle, was found a few miles away in Niles Center the next day.

Karpis also was wanted in the hold-up of a bank at Concordia, Kan., and only ten days ago was indicted at St. Paul for participation in the Hamm kidnaping.

Karpis is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds and has brown hair and blue eyes. He is known to the underworld as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," the latter because he got on the nerves of his lieutenants, who were said to have feared and hated him.

The capture of Karpis leaves two major kidnapers at large. They are Thomas H. Robinson Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, in October, 1934, and William Mahan, wanted for the abduction of George Weyschaeuser, nine years old, of Tacoma, Wash., last May.

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CHICAGO, May 1 (P).—John Karpavicz, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was non-committal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis's capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded, and that terminated the conversation. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz. His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building.

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TOPEKA, Kan., May 1 (P).—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said tonight the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw. He met newspaper men at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis's sister.

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When it became apparent that there had been a "leak" in connection with the Hamm kidnapping, members of the gang suspected Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband. Fred Barker invited his step-father for a ride. Always willing to oblige a pal, Karpis went along. Dunlap's

bullet-riddled body was found by the roadside next day.

During his career in the Twin Cities, Karpis met Dolores Delaney, a pretty St. Paul girl. "Ma" Barker introduced them. She became Karpis' girl. The girls don't care much for "Creepy." His surly ways are hardly attractive. But Dolores has been loyal.

When it began to look as if the Federal men were getting close on their trail, the Barkers and Karpis hid out in Florida. That was in the Fall of 1934. Dolores went with them. They stayed in Miami two or three months and made a brief trip to Havana.

TRAIL GROWS HOT.

But the Federal men were still after them, and the trail was getting hot. In December, 1934, Department of Justice agents surrounded the house occupied by the Barkers in the little town of Ocklawaha, Fla., and shot it out with Fred and "Ma."

The two stood the agents off with machine-guns until both were mowed down. Luckily Karpis and Harry Campbell, with their two girl friends, were not there at the time.

TRAILED BY OFFICER.

Stealing an automobile, Karpis and Campbell and the two girls sped for Atlantic City, N. J. A policeman, noticing the stolen automobile in a garage, traced them to a hotel and laid a trap for them.

Police surrounded the building and two officers went up to the room occupied by Campbell and Karpis. The girls were in the next room.

KARPIS OPENS FIRE.

"Stick 'em up!" called one of the officers, throwing open the door.

"Stick 'em up yourself, copper! We're coming!" Karpis replied, spraying the doorway with a hail of machine gun bullets.

As the policemen backed down the corridor to escape that stream of lead, Karpis and Campbell came out shooting. They escaped down a back stairway, stole another automobile, and were on their way.

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TRAILED TO MISSOURI.

It was a year later before police and Federal agents again caught up with Karpis. This time it was in his old stamping ground, Kansas City.

Karpis was in an automobile with Homer Fanning, one of his old pals from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. Closely pursued through residential streets by police armed only with revolve and shotguns, Fanning stood the off with a machine gun while Karpis drove.

PAL CAPTURED.

Slewing around a corner, the car all but turned over and re upon a curb. Fanning leaped the street and fled on foot, but was quickly captured. Karpis stayed with the car and got away.

He was next heard from when an Erie Railroad train was held up at Garrettsville, Ohio, only few weeks ago and \$46,000 taken from the mail car. Karpis was positively identified as one of the six holdup men who made the haul. Assistant U. S. Attorney Frank Weldeman, of Cleveland, swore out an affidavit charging Karpis with this crime only last Monday. The loot was \$34,000 cash and more than \$12,000 securities, so that Karpis was

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Within an hour after Karpis, the hunted killer, had been captured by G-men in New Orleans, a reporter rapped for Karpivicz to the door of the apartment he occupies with his wife, Anna, and yelled:

"Your son has been caught."
WAINS REPORTER.

The old man, behind the still closed door, but visible to the reporter, appeared speechless, then he shook his head and waved the reporter away, turning away himself.

The reporter rapped again, rapped until Alvin Karpis' father returned. This time the old man said:

"Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt."

The reporter retreated to the sidewalk and awaited Karpis' sister, Mrs. Emily Newbold, who lives in the same building. She appeared accompanied by a man and carrying many bundles. The reporter introduced himself and said:

"Alvin's been caught in New Orleans but he wasn't hurt. I've been trying to talk with your father."

"GOD, DO THEY KNOW?"

Mrs. Newbold said:
"My God, do they know?"

Then she ran to the rear of the building and entered her parents' apartment.

What followed there only the parents and sister of the captured killer know. The reporter couldn't find out. He was warned again to "keep away" and he did.

EYE-WITNESS STORY.

So quietly and effectively did the Department of Justice go about apprehending Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter that few per-

sons realized an important arrest was taking place. In the following story a witness who was only a few feet away describes the dramatic scene.

By E. M. COMEAUX

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—I saw the G-men arrest Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter.

But those Federal men moved so swiftly that they hardly started before it was finished. In fact, those of us who watched them could not really believe Karpis had been arrested, it was done so fast and with such little trouble.

20 AGENTS IN RAID.

It was around 5:30 or so that the Government men first rolled up in their cars. Altogether there were maybe 20 agents. I couldn't tell exactly. They parked their cars about a half a block from the apartment.

Just a few minutes later Karpis, a woman and Hunter came out from the building. We could hear the Government men call out to them to surrender. Karpis, I believe it was, turned sharply and instantly raised his hands. He really looked startled and surprised.

LOOKED SO SIMPLE.

The G-men who completely surrounded the apartment were well armed, but after that first call for them to surrender, the two gangsters gave in without any trouble. It sure was so simple that it really looked easy.

All three were then bundled into a car and rushed away.

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G-MEN SPEED KARPIS BY PLANE TO ST. PAUL AFTER CAPTURE

(Special to the Evening Journal)

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Guarded as befitted the world's "most wanted" criminal, Alvin Karpis captured without the firing of a shot by a score of G-Men in front of his hideout apartment here, was aboard a plane today bound for the scenes of his depredations in the middle West.

Chained to his seat and guarded by six heavily-armed Government men, the desperado was reported to be on his way to St. Paul to stand trial for the sensational \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The evidence against Karpis in this case is said to be strong enough to insure his speedy conviction, and it is for this reason, according to reports, that the countless other charges of murder, kidnaping and robbery against the gangster will be sidetracked.

Hoover Orders, 'Stick 'Em Up!'

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, personally directed the capture of Karpis. It was Hoover's terse order to "stick 'em up" which marked an end to one of the most persistent man-hunts in the history of the department.

The desperado, sought for many months throughout the nation, was captured by Hoover and his men without a shot being fired. So tame a finish to his ruthless, machine-gunning career was at strange variance with his boasted title of "Public Enemy No. 1," which he bore after John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson were shot to death.

Announcement of the capture was made by Hoover, who has been here for several days.

With Karpis was taken his companion, Fred Hunter, 35, wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery last Nov. 7 in Garrettsville, O. Karpis is said to have led this foray.

G-men surrounded them as they were about to step into an automobile, ordered them to throw up their hands and then manacled them without a show of resistance. This in spite of the fact that the Barker-Karpis gang is credited with at least five killings.

WOMAN ALSO SEIZED.

A woman also was taken into custody. Her identity was not disclosed, but Hoover said she was being held for "questioning only."

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STUDENT GETS SCARE.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the same apartment house, a two-story stucco remodelled residence, stepped off a street car returning from school with a bundle under his arm, squarely into the arrest. G-Men grabbed him, searched his bundle, found a track suit and track team shoes in it, then let him enter his home.

Hoover said he had known Karpis was in and out of New Orleans for the past two months of the two years the G-Men have been seeking him.

Karpis was wearing washable linen trousers, shirt, hard straw hat, and was coatless when arrested and taken to the Department of Justice offices in the Post Office Building for identification and questioning.

HIDES FROM CAMERA.

As news photographers raised their cameras to snap him in the building's corridor, he raised his manacled hands, grabbed his hat and held it in front of his face. In an automobile outside, Hoover called:

"No pictures! No pictures!" But flashlight snapshots of him were taken.

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When it began to look as if the Federal men were getting close on their trail, the Barkers and Karpis hid out in Florida. That was in the Fall of 1934. Dolores went with them. They stayed in Miami two or three months and made a brief trip to Havana.

TRAIL GROWS HOT.

But the Federal men were still after them, and the trail was getting hot. In December, 1934, Department of Justice agents surrounded the house occupied by the Barkers in the little town of Ocklawaha, Fla., and shot it out with Fred and "Ma."

The two stood the agents off with machine guns until both were mowed down. Luckily Karpis and Harry Campbell, with their two girl friends, were not there at the time.

TRAILED BY OFFICER.

Stealing an automobile, Karpis and Campbell and the two girls sped for Atlantic City, N. J. A policeman, noticing the stolen automobile in a garage, traced them to a hotel and laid a trap for them.

Police surrounded the building and two officers went up to the room occupied by Campbell and Karpis. The girls were in the next room.

KARPIS OPENS FIRE.

"Keep 'em!" called one of the officers, opening the door. Karpis replied, "I'll take care of them myself, thank you." He fired a hail of bullets. Campbell came in, packed down to that stream. Campbell came in, packed down to that stream. Campbell came in, packed down to that stream.

stolen car, they abandoned it at Quakerville, Pa., and there kidnapped a doctor, forcing him to drive them into Ohio, and then leaving him bound and gagged while they sped on with the car. By the time the second stolen machine was picked up in Detroit, Karpis and Campbell were far away.

DOLORES JAILED.

Dolores Delaney, left behind in Atlantic City, was soon to become a mother. She had received a slight wound in the leg. Later she was taken back to Florida and is now serving a five-year sentence for harboring Karpis.

Her child, a boy, was born in the Philadelphia hospital where she was taken for treatment of her bullet wound.

"Gee, I wish Al could see him," she said.

The boy was placed in a children's institution in Philadelphia.

TRAILED TO MISSOURI.

It was a year later before police and Federal agents again caught up with Karpis. This time it was in his old stamping ground, Kansas City.

Karpis was in an automobile with Homer Fanning, one of his old pals from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. Closely pursued through residential streets by police armed only with revolvers and shotguns, Fanning stood them off with a machine gun while Karpis drove.

PAL CAPTURED.

Slewing around a corner, the car all but turned over and ran upon a curb. Fanning leaped to the street and fled on foot, but was quickly captured. Karpis stayed with the car and got away.

He was next heard from when an Erie Railroad train was held up at Garrettsville, Ohio, only a few weeks ago and \$46,000 taken from the mail car. Karpis was positively identified as one of the six holdup men who made this haul. Assistant U. S. Attorney Frank Weideman, of Cleveland, swore out an affidavit charging Karpis with this crime only Monday. The train was released

TRAPPED BANDIT STA WARNS: 'KEEP AWAY'

CHICAGO, May 2.—Alvin Karpis' father is a j Northwest Side building here. He speaks broken English. His name is John Karpivics.

Within an hour after Karpis, the hunted killer, had been captured by G-men in New Orleans, a reporter rapped for Karpivics to the door of the apartment he occupies with his wife, Anna, and yelled:

"Your son has been caught."

WARNS REPORTER.

The old man, behind the still closed door, but visible to the reporter, appeared speechless, then he shook his head and waved the reporter away, turning away himself.

The reporter rapped again, rapped until Alvin Karpis' father returned. This time the old man said:

"Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt."

The reporter retreated to the sidewalk and awaited Karpis' sister, Mrs. Emily Newbold, who lives in the same building. She appeared accompanied by a man and carrying many bundles. The reporter introduced himself and said:

"Alvin's been caught in New Orleans but he wasn't hurt. I've been trying to talk with your father."

"GOD, DO THEY KNOW?"

Mrs. Newbold said:

"My God, do they know?"

Then she ran to the rear of the building and entered her parents' apartment.

What followed there only the parents and sister of the captured killer know. The reporter said he would find out.

"Keep at it," he said.

EYE-WITNESS: Star Staff Writer

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By E. M. GOM

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—The G-men arrest Alvin Karpis.

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WINONA BURDETTE
This girl is now serving five years for harboring her sweetheart, Alvin Karpis. She was with him when he shot his way out of an Atlantic City police trap.

FATHER AND SON REUNITED AFTER KIDNAPING
Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, is shown with his father, Adolph Bremer, after being released from prison. Payment of \$200,000 ransom. In his own words,

Bremer termed his captivity "21 living hell." Alvin Karpis, who was involved in the abduction, evaded police dragnet.

PUBLIC ENEMY CHAINED IN PLANE AFTER ARREST

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WHISKED AWAY.

Heavily guarded by Department of Justice men, Karpis later was whisked away from the Federal building after undergoing a relentless grilling.

Shielding his face from the glare of photographers' flashlights, Karpis walked with jaunty step. Hoover declined to reveal where he was taken, saying:

"As to the actual capture, Hoover declined to do much amplifying of his first brief announcement. He was asked:

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?"

"For the past two years."

"Yes, but how long here in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of here for the past two months, and have been on his trail."

KARPIS HAD GUN.

"How many agents participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He never had a chance," replied Hoover, "there were too many guns on him."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

"And that was as far as the officers got. It was learned, however, that Karpis had been living at the rooming house under the name of 'O'Hara,' and he was described by the janitor, John

"as 'mild, pleasant, with a good education in his speech.'"

ADLY NEIGHBOR.

Janitor and his neighbor

"stunned citizens when he was arrested. Campbell

"the gangster had spent end-hours talking with him about

"Edward Hoffman, who

"was a close friend of Karpis' and the

"and rented parking space

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"know him at all," said Hoff-

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rounded the house as they surrounded the movie where John Dillinger was slain. But they never had to fire a shot. Karpis, when told: "Stick 'em up" hesitated, then raised his hands, but made no move to draw the pistol he was carrying.

A crowd gathered swiftly. Some neighbor telephoned New Orleans police a gang murder was impending; that men with guns were all around the neighborhood. New Orleans detectives came speeding with riot guns to arrive just as the show was all over.

STUDENT GETS SCARE.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the same apartment house, a two-story stucco remodelled residence, stepped off a street car returning from school with a bundle under his arm, squarely into the arrest. G-Men grabbed him, searched his bundle, found a track suit and track team shoes in it, then let him enter his home.

Hoover said he had known Karpis was in and out of New Orleans for the past two months of the two years the G-Men have been seeking him.

Karpis was wearing washable linen trousers, shirt, hard straw hat, and was coatless when arrested and taken to the Department of Justice offices in the Post Office Building for identification and questioning.

HIDES FROM CAMERA.

As news planes raised their cameras to snap him in the building's corridor, he raised his manacled hands, grabbed his hat and held it in front of his face. In an automobile outside, Hoover called:

"No pictures! No pictures!"

But flashlight snapshots of him were taken.

David Magee, chief assistant to Hoover in New Orleans, refused to talk to newspapermen. Hoover merely made a brief announcement of the identity of the prisoner, answered a few questions, refused to answer more. Hoover had been in New Orleans secretly three days, he said.

Newspapermen were posted to follow the Government car when Karpis should be taken out of the post office building. But Hoover, with six G-Men and their manacled prisoner, slipped out by a side entrance. Their car was rolling when reporters spotted it. Press cars followed, but in a mad and twisting dash, the Government car lost its newspaper pursuers.

FLYING NORTH.

For an hour the whereabouts of Karpis and Hoover were complete mystery. Then it was learned they had sped to Shushan Airport. Hoover, the manacled Karpis and six armed G-Men had swiftly entered a chartered airplane awaiting them and had taken off to the north. St. Paul, Minn., was mentioned as their destination, but not with authority.

New Orleans buzzed with a story that could not be traced to any authority, that "a brunette girl got \$7,000 for tipping off the G-Men on Hoover."

RED-HAired WOMAN.

A red-haired girl who had been living with Karpis as his wife, Mrs. O'Hara, was ar-

Karpis Launched on During 4-Year Par

The amazing career of kidnapings, murders, daring bank and train robberies and hair-breadth escapes that made Alvin Karpis the world's most hunted criminal began when he was released from the Kansas State penitentiary five years ago. Before that he was just a small time tough.

Only 26 now, he began his criminal career at 16. He has been a criminal ever since, when not in prison.

DISOWNED BY FATHER.

His real name is not Alvin Karpis, but Raymond Karpavics. His father is an honest, hard-working janitor in Chicago, who long ago disowned him. His mother and three sisters are also living.

At 16, while living with his parents at Topeka, Kan., he was arrested for stealing automobile tires. He was sent to the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson. There he met Lawrence Devol, his companion in later crimes. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years.

SEIZED AS YEGG.

For nearly a year Karpis managed to avoid the law, but in March, 1930, he was arrested for blowing a safe in Kansas City and returned to the reformatory. A month later, keepers found a knife in his cell and transferred him to the State Penitentiary at Lansing. There he extended his acquaintance among big-time criminals.

His own career as a major criminal began promptly after his release on May 31, 1931.

PAROLED IN THEFT.

He headed straight for Tulsa, Okla., where Fred, "Doc" and "Ma" Barker, bandit terrors of the Southwest, were then hiding out. Just eleven days later he was picked up by Tulsa police for a burglary in Okmulgee, Okla., and received a four-year sentence. Inexplicably, he served no time

rested with Karpis, as was Hunter, said to be an accomplice of Karpis in the \$24,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, in 1935.

None of the federal men would give out the red-headed girl's name, or let reporters talk to the prisoners.

Hunter, said John Campbell, janitor of the Karpis apartment house, spent nearly every evening with "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara" talking.

Hunter and the woman were kept prisoners all night at the Federal building. It was known that the record of the woman was being checked. Improvised cots were set up for them, and in this fashion they spent the night.

When the agents had finished their severe questioning of Karpis, they walked him down three flights of stairs to the automobile that sped for the airport. As Karpis was being taken from the building, he walked with jaunty step. No trace of fear showed in his features.

TRAILED TWO MONTHS.

Hoover personally put Karpis in the automobile. He gave him a gentle shove. The gangster made no comment. Throughout the three flight of stairs he walked,

for that crime, but was placed immediately on parole. From that day to this Karpis has been a thorn in the side of the law enforcement, but despite a nationwide search, authorities have never since been able to get their hands on him until now.

JOINS BARKERS.

Associating himself with the Barkers and such notable bad men as Vernon Miller and Frank Nash, he soon became known as one of the leaders of the Barker-Karpis outlaw band that terrorized Kansas, Missouri and adjacent States for three years.

Soon after his parole, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was in December, 1931. Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

2 POLICEMEN SLAIN.

Not long afterward he took part in a sensational Minneapolis bank robbery with his old reformatory chum, Devol, in which two policemen were slain. Devol is now serving a life-term for this crime, but again Karpis escaped.

Then came the capture of Frank Nash, elderly planner and "brains" of the gang, and the desperate attempt of his gang to rescue him in which a Federal agent and three policemen were killed in the Union Station at Kansas City. Karpis is supposed to have been in on that.

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According to E. M. Comeaux, who witnessed the arrest of Karpis and his two companions, they never had a chance to shoot it out. He said the gangster raised his hands quickly when the government men called to him. They had surrounded the place and demanded that Karpis surrender as he and Hunter and the "mystery woman" walked from their residence.

KARPIS, PAL, GIRL SEIZED IN SOUTH

NEW ORLEANS (US).—Alvin Karpis, killer, kidnaper, mail robber and bank robber, who blazed a trail of daring crime through many States, was captured here late Friday by Federal agents, led by their chief, without the firing of a shot. The sensational capture was supervised by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation, who flew here from New York on receiving word the outlaw had been located. Hoover, himself, took Karpis into custody.

Five hours after his capture Karpis was taken to St. Paul to stand trial for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer on June 13, 1933. Karpis was hurried away in a chartered airplane under guard of eight G-men. The plane left Shushan Airport at 10:30 p. m. EDT.

So tame a finish to Karpis' ruthless, machine-gunning career in the Middle West and in the East, climaxed by the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, was at strange variance with his boasted title of "Public Enemy No. 1," which he bore after G-men had erased John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson with bullets.

Announcement of his capture was made by Hoover, who arrived here at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

GIRL TAKEN

With Karpis was taken a companion, Fred Hunter, 37, wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery last



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Public Enemy No. 1 captured in New Orleans.

Nov. 7 in Garrettsville, O. Karpis is said to have led this foray.

G-men surrounded them as they were about to step into an automobile, ordered them to throw up their hands and then manacled them. They showed no resistance, this in spite of the fact that the Barker-Karpis gang is credited with at least five killings.

A woman also was taken into custody.

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Hoover did not say whether Karpis was armed or not. Reports, however, were that Karpis and Hunter were well armed, and that guns were found in the car.

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Capture Engineered By Hoover Himself

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation and "king pin of the G-Men," person-

ally took Alvin Karpis into custody at New Orleans yesterday, it was revealed by his jubilant colleagues in New York last night.

Working on definite information that Karpis was in the New Orleans area, Hoover concentrated a large force of agents there several days ago. Hoover was in New York Thursday when word came that Karpis' hideout had been definitely located. Hoover immediately hopped a plane and arrived in the Louisiana city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Upon his arrival, the stage was set for the capture. Late in the afternoon Hoover led his staff of G-men to the Canal St. hideout neighborhood where they waited. It was at 5:30 that Karpis and Fred Hunter, who is wanted on mail robbery charges, were spied about to enter an automobile.

Hoover identified Karpis and called on him to surrender, as the Federal agents placed Hunter in custody.

"ON PAROLE"

Karpis had been hunted for nearly three years by Justice agents for his part in the kidnapping of William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 13, 1933. He also had been sought for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Jan. 17, 1934.

Only last week Attorney General Cummings announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his capture. It was not disclosed whether this reward offer was responsible for the tip that led Hoover and his agents to locate him in New Orleans.

Karpis has a ten-year crime behind him. His first prison sentence was to the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for ten years for burglary. He escaped on March 9, 1929. On March 25, 1930 he was returned to the Reformatory after his arrest in Kansas City, Mo., for safeblowing and auto theft charges.

On May 19, 1930, Karpis was transferred to the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing. He was released on May 31, 1931, and 11 days later was picked up by Tulsa, Okla., police on another burglary

Edgar Hoover—Fixed Coup

charge. He was given a four-year sentence on Sept. 11, 1931, and immediately placed on parole.

It was immediately after this parole that Karpis started on his really "big time" crime career. Associating himself with Frank Nash, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Vernon Miller, "Doc" Fred and Kate Barker and others, he took part in numerous bank robberies. This was the beginning of the Karpis-Barker outlaw band that terrorized the Middle West.

The first murder charge placed against Karpis was for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931.

After the G-men got on his trail, Karpis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang blazed a trail over the East. One after another of the band was killed or taken into custody.

Last year, after Fred and "Ma" Barker had been shot to death in a Florida hideout, Karpis was trailed to Atlantic City, where he shot his way out of a trap the Federal agents had laid for him. The G-men had been hot on his trail ever since. They missed him by a few hours in Hot Springs a few weeks ago.

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Karpis was arrested, Magee said, as he stepped into an automobile with

Fred Hunter, 37, who is wanted for a mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

The two, who had been living in an apartment at 3343 Canal St., were called upon to surrender as they stepped into the automobile. With Federal agents completely surrounding them the two surrendered without the firing of a single shot, Magee said.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of Bureau of Investigation, came here from Washington to direct the raid personally.

Karpis was captured at 5:30 p. m. (C. S. T.) by a raiding squad of 20 Department of Justice agents.

SHADOWED

A woman, whose identity Magee refused to make public, was with Karpis, who had eluded a nationwide search for months, following his escape from a G-man net near Atlantic City, N. J.

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The Canal St. residence is but a few blocks from the heart of New Orleans business district. McGee did not explain how the G-men were led to the Karpis hideout.

His statements concerned only the apprehension of Karpis, one of the last remaining members of the Karpis-Barker gang still listed in the "wanted" columns.

G-men had a cordon around the apartment for several days. Karpis, Hunter and the woman came from the building Friday evening and started toward their automobile. The officers closed in on them. They were taken to the Federal jail.

A number of guns was reported found in the automobile.

Magee said Karpis would be taken immediately to St. Paul and Hunter to Ohio.

Killing of G-Men Spurred Karpis Hunt

Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, whose real name is Alvin Karpavicz, is the son of an humble, industrious Chicago janitor who disowned his notorious son. The son came from poverty through a preparatory course of petty thievery and minor offenses to crimes that made him the quarry

for G-men. Federal agents have been hunting him any other public enemy because he was alleged to have participated in the death of four Government sleuths.

He ascended to the dubious throne when Lester Gillis, alias George "Baby Face" Nelson abdicated Nov. 28, 1934, ushered out under a hail of Government bullets near Barrington, Ill. In the cross-fire Agents Samuel P. Cowley and Herman Hollis met death.

Among his other murders, Karpis is charged with a part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre in which a Federal agent, three other peace officers and Frank Nash, whose freedom was the object of the battle, were mowed down by machine gun bullets.

An occasional member of the defunct Dillinger gang, the bad man was named by the Government as one of those implicated in the slaying of W. Carter Baum, Federal Agent, in the Little Bohemia incident in Wisconsin.

In addition to the above, Karpis has the following deaths charged against him: Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931; A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of Fred Barker, at Webster, Wis., early in 1934, and John Lazia, Kansas City, Mo., Italian political power who refused Barker and Karpis "permission" to open a Gambling resort.



ALVIN KARPIS.
Public Enemy No. 1 captured
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KIDNAP VICTIMS HAPPY Arrest Relieves Bremer and Hamm

ST. PAUL, May 1 (AP).—Victims of the brazen outlawry of the Karpis-Barker gang, two St Paul kidnap subjects, tonight obviously were relieved when told of the capture of Alvin Karpis, gang ringleader, in New Orleans.

Edward G. Bremer, bank president, who paid \$200,000 for his freedom after 21 days of tortuous confinement, said:

"A further tribute to the zeal of the Department of Justice."

William Hamm, Jr., brewery head, whose abduction cost him \$100,000 and four days' imprisonment, said:

"Congratulations again to the Department of Justice for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

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Took 'Mantle' of Dillinger:

KARPIS STARTED OUTLAWRY AT 16

Killer, Kidnaper, Robber; Gang Loot Half Million

ST. PAUL, May 1 (AP).—Capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of the most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George "Baby Face" Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—he won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Became Thief at 16

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" 21 days.

The desperado was born in Canada Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family, but had three sisters.

When 16, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted on second degree burglary, he was sent to the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kans., for a ten-year term.

Escapes Prison

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession he was transferred to the State penitentiary in Lansing, Kas., May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd.

"Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gun fight with Federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Kills Sheriff

Karpis and Barker met in the Lansing, Okla., penitentiary and became partners. There they plotted robbery at Henrietta, Okla., June 10, 1931. Karpis was arrested in Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 11, 1931, and sent to the State penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 bank robber was taken to prison term, for after months in jail, he was released. Shortly after his release he killed Sheriff C. West Plains, Mo., 19, 1931. Freddie was with him when he was slain.

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Miss Gandy	_____

Got Tip on Police

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good deal of Karpis, and "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a South Robert st. address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over."

At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul.

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brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

Informant Pays Price

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet." Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club, who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul, following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

Loot of Half Million

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader, "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons killed among them four patrolmen.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932; loot \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, Aug. 30, 1933; loot \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery, Sept. 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank, Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Company, Sioux Falls, S. D.; loot \$50,000.

Ed G. Bremer kidnaping; \$200,000 ransom.

Hamm. abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

Gang's Ranks Reduced

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death George Ziegler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain.

The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

Only ten days ago a Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur "Doc" Barker, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, Jan. 17, 1933.

4 Indicted With Karpis

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were:

Byron Bolton, reputed machine-gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer.

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth Federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hide-out for the Bremer kidnaping.

Jack Peifer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail.

Charles "Big Fitz" Fitzgerald, 60-year-old former convict.

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for days.

ALVIN KARP

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KARPIS TRAPPED BY FEDERAL MEN HERE

G-Men Seize Public Enemy No. 1 and Mail Robber Suspect in Raid on Canal Street Apartment

Alvin Karpis, sought throughout the nation for months by federal agents and known as America's Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested in a swift move late Friday by operatives of the United States bureau of investigations here in the 2300 block of Canal street.

J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., head of the federal bureau of investigation, in New Orleans for the past three days to supervise the search and apprehension of Karpis, himself made the announcement of the arrest.

Karpis was nabbed as he was about to enter an automobile with a companion, Fred Hunter, 37, with whom he is said to have perpetrated a \$34,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, in 1935.

Karpis is under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping on June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, Jr.

Mr. Hoover said that Karpis had been residing for some time in a first-floor apartment at 2343 Canal street, and it was just after he emerged from this apartment, at 5:30 p. m. Friday, that he was taken into custody.

Mr. Hoover also announced that a woman was arrested along with Karpis and Hunter and is being held for questioning. He declined to make public her name.

The arrest of Karpis was made with dramatic ease. Just how many were the agents involved, and what were their names, could not be ascertained. Mr. Hoover and his New Orleans chief representative, David Magee, refused to discuss the case beyond making a brief announcement that the Hamm kidnaping fugitive had been arrested.

There was no shooting as Karpis and Hunter were grabbed by the federal agents, who, according to reports of pedestrians, appeared on the sidewalk in front of the Canal street apartment with sawed-off shotguns just as the two men were about to get into an automobile parked at the curb.

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'He Didn't Have a Chance,' Says Hoover After Capture of Karpis

By William M. Fitzpatrick

"He didn't have a chance."

That terse statement from J. Edgar Hoover, given in the postoffice building, on the third floor, outside the headquarters of the local bureau of investigation of the federal department of justice, described in effect the capture of Alvin Karpis, along with Fred Hunter and a "woman in white," Friday at 5:30 P. M.

The postoffice corridors teemed with G-men, with guns on their hips and automatic rifles in their hands. On every floor, government men, armed and wary, stood in points of vantage watching entrances and exits.

Outside the building, more government men stood. In the three rooms occupied by the local bureau of in-

vestigation men, shadows cast against the frosted glasses in the doors described the scene inside. Karpis in one room, surrounded by G-men, and questioned by Mr. Hoover, chief of the FBI men, who came down from Washington as soon as David W. Magee, head of the local operatives, told him the stage was set for the capture of the country's most-sought criminal.

Flickering lights in the rooms, people walking around, then suddenly the doors opened and Mr. Hoover walked out. Behind him, flanked by two operatives, was Karpis, handcuffed, and a 314-demonstrator for so desperate a criminal. Karpis looks more like an habitue of a poolroom or a race horse follower who tips the

aces than a kidnaper. He wore a straw hat, which he kept in front of his face as photographers' bulbs flashed; he wore no coat and his sleeves were rolled down. A reporter fell into step with Mr. Hoover.

"Any more details on this capture you want to make public?"

"None that we haven't given out," Hoover said out of the side of his mouth, walking hurriedly for the stairway. The elevators do not run at night in the postoffice building.

"How many men did you all have there?"

"We never give out figures," he answered.

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes; he had a gun in the car."

"Did you capture him in bed?"

"No."

A long file of G-men followed in line, all armed.

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He didn't have a chance."

"How long have you been working on this case, trying to net Karpis?"

"For two years."

"How long have you been working on the case from New Orleans?"

"We knew he has been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months."

"Where are you taking him?"

Mr. Hoover declined to answer.

By that time the bottom step of the postoffice building was reached; the corridors flickered with the flash of bulbs as photographers scrambled to picture the features of the gangster. He used his hat to good advantage.

The car carrying Karpis roared into first gear, and away. Two others, carrying armed operatives, followed. Out they went to Shushan Airport, where a specially chartered plane had been in readiness since Thursday night. Armed men kept everyone away from the plane. Karpis entered without a word. He just got in and sat where they told him to sit.

Back to the postoffice building, as soon as the plane roared away into the night, went a number of the operatives. There, still on the third floor, behind closed doors, the op-

eratives were with questioning. The woman in white, and Hunter, the G-men were frequently ordered. G-men, bearded but smiling, walked the corridors, joking. A good job had been done without a hitch. Sleepless nights had paid their wages.

In the rooms, the questioning went on. Who was the woman? A glimpse, caught over the transom, showed a woman dressed in white. White hat, white dress, white stockings. A check design on the dress.

A white face, white with fear.

Red-haired, pretty, about 24 years old, men walked around her, firing questions at her. She sat in a chair for awhile, then walked around herself. She could be heard sobbing, at times, through the door. Who was she?

"Check Her Fingerprints"

"Names don't mean anything to us," Mr. Magee said. "We have to check her fingerprints to see if she is wanted; to see if she knows anything about Karpis. We don't know who she is." Mr. Magee declined to say what name, if any, she had given the federal men.

Elaborate plans, well laid, time spent checking identities, people trailed by operatives, sleepless nights, money spent, time, time, waiting until the proper moment to spring the trap, and it was done. The G-men will not talk about it, other than to say "sleepless nights, many of them."

Just who was in on the "kill," when Karpis was nabbed with a gun near him, which he never had a chance to use, was not made known. Local members of the bureau of investigation are believed to have been augmented by straight-shooters from other bureaus; men noted for their fearlessness. Karpis was captured "cold."

Back at the postoffice building. Sandwiches for the prisoners and sandwiches for their relentless questioners. Two G-men walked into the corridor from the steps, their arms loaded with clothes. Men's clothes and women's clothes. The prisoners' clothes. More G-men left, armed. They went to watch the hideout of Karpis and the "woman in white."

"Wouldn't Go Around There"

"How about a picture of the inside of the apartment they occupied?" Mr. Magee was asked.

"I wouldn't go around there if I were you. We're still watching that place."

Cots and bedding and sheets arrived at the postoffice building. Young stenographers who work in the bureau's office, loaded them down and set them up for the prisoners. The "woman in white" still walked around, flailing her arms. Only a subdued monotone, from one of the operatives, seeped through the door. The two prisoners kept behind were to be held overnight at the offices of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

Career of Crime Over Wide Area Covers 10 Years

KARPIS' RECORD

Born in Montreal, Canada, of Lithuanian parentage in 1909. Migrated to the United States as a small boy with his family.

Received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kans., on February 25, 1926, charged with second-degree burglary and sentenced to serve 10 years in the institution.

Escaped after serving a small part of his term.

Rearrested and confined in the Kansas state penitentiary for the remainder of his term.

Released from the penitentiary May 31, 1931.

Immediately associated himself with Frank Nash, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden "Doc" Barker, Vernon C. Miller, Fred and Kate Barker and others.

Sought for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley, West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

Allied with gang of Mid-Western desperadoes subsequently known as the Karpis-Barker gang.

On September 11, 1931, he was found guilty of burglary in Okmulgee, Okla., and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary but was immediately paroled.

William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, was kidnaped on June 15, 1933, and was taken by his abductors to Bensenville, Ill., and finally released after the payment of a ransom of \$100,000.

One policeman was killed, one wounded by the Karpis-Barker gang in a \$30,000 pay roll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1933.

The Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery of September 22, 1933, in Chicago, was attributed to the Karpis-Barker gang. One policeman was killed.

The same gang was credited with the subsequent \$32,000 robbery of the First National Bank of Brainerd, Minn., and the \$50,000 holdup of the National Bank and Trust Company of Sioux Falls, S. D.

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, was kidnaped, held in Bensenville, Ill., and finally released after a \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

On March 22, 1934, the United States attorney general announced that Karpis had been identified as one of the Bremer kidnapers and the G-men began to work on the case.

On May 1, 1935, he was captured in New Orleans.

City Regarded as Hot Spot For Fugitives to Pick Out

Capture of Many 'Rough
Stuff Boys' Recalled
by Grosch

When Alvin Karpis was arrested by G-men personally supervised by J. Edgar Hoover in New Orleans Friday, it was just one more case where the big, bad wolves of the underworld came to New Orleans to hide out and fell squarely into the hands of the law. Many an outlaw who rated as Public Enemy No. 2 has been promoted to Public Enemy No. 1 because the Public Enemy No. 1 who ranked him followed an impulse and hid out in New Orleans.

Only about a year ago the United States agents arrested in New Orleans Robert Galatas, for whom the G-men had been searching for months in connection with a racketeer massacre in Kansas City, Mo. John J. Grosch, chief of detectives of the New Orleans police department, was checking back in his memory Friday night on such cases.

'Right Into Our Hands'

"New Orleans is getting notorious as a hot-spot for the rough-stuff boys to pick out to hole up," said Chief Grosch. "We've knocked off more of them than I can remember in the past few years. I've been kind of lucky that way, myself. New Orleans sounds good to them for a hide-out and they slide into town. The next slide is usually right into our hands."

"There was Dan Davis, back in 1934. He and Ivy Morgan and Earl Joiner picked New Orleans for a hide-out, with 11 big bank stickup jobs behind them. We nailed them."

"Then there was Red Merrett who came here about 1933. Oklahoma City, Okla., wanted him for an \$84,000 pay roll stick-up job. They got him, via us. We picked him up before he got his bed warm here."

Other Things Picked Up

"It was around 1933 that Mike McTague came into town here quietly. He was a big shot in an Indianapolis, Ind., mob, that said it with bombs when anybody didn't kick in for their racket. We picked up Mike."

"It was around 1931 that three bad boys came into town here for a little fling and a lot of quiet. They'd done a \$45,000 bank job in Pine Bluff, Ark. I can't remember their first names, but their last names were O'one and Underwood and Stein. We

knocked them off before they could spend it all."

"Johnny Leader was a big, tough guy from Boston, Mass. It was around 1934 that the Boston police began to want him for murder. I picked him up here in New Orleans."

"Two more tough babies from Boston, Mass., drifted into New Orleans around 1933 or 1934. Their names were Colones and Burke. I forget their first names. But we got 'em and they went back."

'Bad Place to Hide'

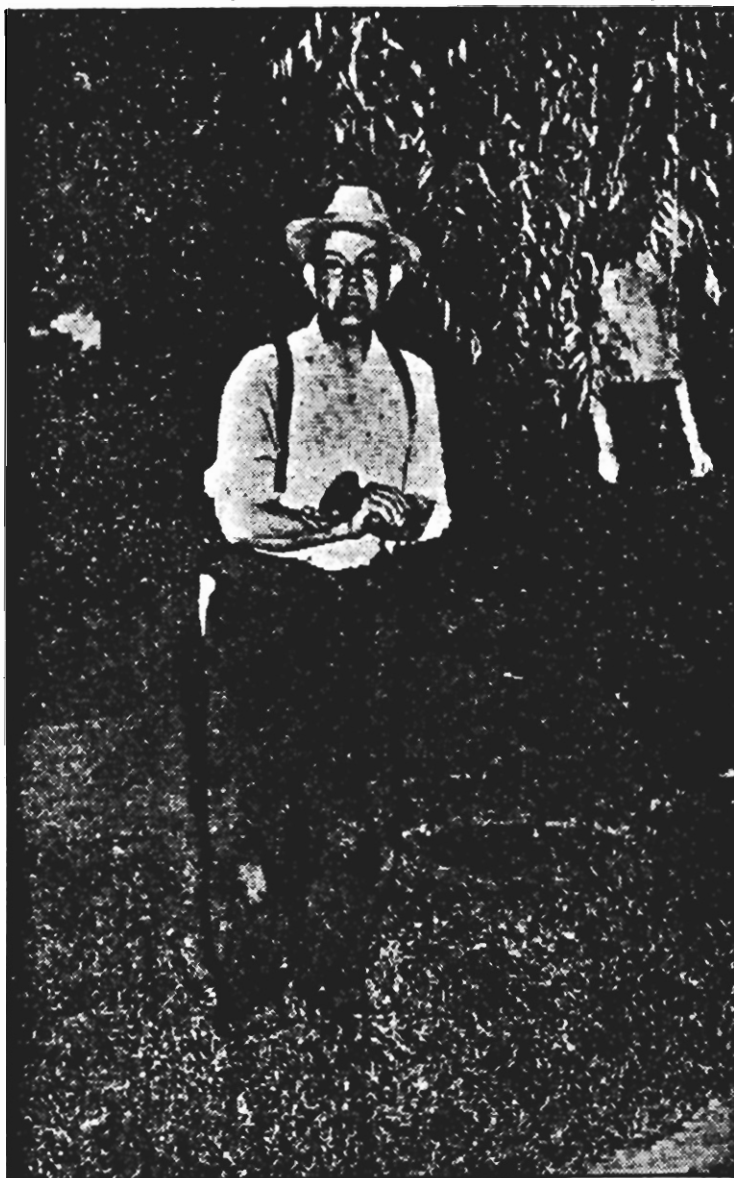
"Then there was the Donald White mob. Thomas Garity and Martin Jarvis were in it. Donald White was a racketeer. He was a three-time loser (three convictions and sentences) who got away from the Tennessee penitentiary at Nashville. There were bank holdups on their record. I located them here. They scattered. I went clear to Arizona. Donald White was killed before we could get him. But we got the other two, and they burnt (electrocuted) Martin Jarvis for murder in Florida."

"Lonnie Taylor was an escaped lifer from the Tennessee penitentiary at Nashville, who picked New

Orleans to hide out in, and went right back wearing bracelets, somewhere around 1932.

"Lots more, but I don't remember 'em just now. New Orleans sure is one bad place for bad boys to try to hide out."

Two Karpis-Barker Kidnap Victims; Janitor Who Knew 'O'Hara'



—Center Photo by The Times-Picayune, others by The Associated Press.
Victims of two kidnappings allegedly perpetrated by the Karpis-Barker gang in St. Paul, Minn., are shown above, William L. Hamm, Jr., left, and Edward G. Bremer, right. In the center is John Campbell, 54-year-old janitor of the apartment house in which Alvin Karpis, known to him as "Mr. O'Hara," stayed prior to his arrest here Friday afternoon. Campbell is demonstrating how Karpis appeared, handcuffed, on the Canal street scene as his captors led him away.

Hoover Declared to Have Effected His First Arrest

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, May 1.—J. Edgar Hoover made his first arrest tonight with the capture of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," in New Orleans.

At the justice department tonight it was said Hoover "apprehended" Karpis.

Agents of Hoover's federal bureau of investigation were not given the power to make arrests until a year ago.

KARPIS CAPTURED HERE AS HE STEPS FROM RESIDENCE

G-Men Close in on America's Public Enemy No. 1, Two Companions, Ending Long Search

GUARDS, PRISONER
QUIT CITY BY PLANE

Alleged Kidnap-er-Robber
Yields Although He Has
Gun; Trapped at Canal
Street Apartment

(By The Associated Press)
St. Louis, May 2.—A special plane landed at Lambert St. Louis Municipal Airport just before midnight. Airport officials refused to confirm or deny that it bore department of justice agents transporting Alvin Karpis to St. Paul.

Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested by federal officers as he emerged from an apartment house at 3343 Canal street at 5:30 p. m. Friday.

Ending a search which had extended to all parts of the country and into Cuba, operatives of the United States bureau of investigation closed in on the alleged kidnap-er-Robber as he stepped out of the door of the building and started across the sidewalk to a waiting automobile.

Inside the apartment house, a few minutes later, officers arrested Fred Hunter, a confederate of Karpis, and a young woman, whose identity had not been established early this morning.

Karpis, although armed with a revolver, offered no resistance when officers surrounded him with sub-machine guns and pistols and commanded him to surrender.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, personally supervised the arrest.

Karpis, 27 years old, is under indictment for the \$200,000 kidnaping January 17, 1934, of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, and for the \$100,000 kidnaping June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company of St. Paul. Both of the kidnaping victims were released after the ransom was paid.

As a member of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, Karpis also is credited with a long list of other crimes which include murder and robbery.

With the capture of Karpis, three men are in line for successor to the title of Public Enemy No. 1. They are William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935; Thomas G. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky., and Harry Campbell, 26-year-old kidnapping companion of Karpis, wanted along with others for the Bremer kidnaping.

Removed by Plane
About 8:30 p. m., Karpis, manacled and under heavy guard, was placed aboard a chartered plane of the Transcontinental Western Airways at Shushan Airport and whisked away to an unannounced destination.

When a big, black sedan bearing Karpis and his guards drew up to the airport orders were issued that the area separating the car and the waiting plane be cleared. Karpis was held in the car until all bystanders had moved away. Then he stepped out of the car and, surrounded by officers, was escorted to the plane, which took off almost immediately.

Mr. Hoover was reported to be one of more than a half dozen officers aboard the plane with Karpis.

Hunter and the woman in the case were held here for further questioning.

Two cots were taken into the offices of the bureau of investigation in the postoffice building late Friday night, and officers announced the pair would be held under guard there overnight. Hunter was handcuffed and his legs were chained.

The woman refused to give her name, and David W. Magee, chief of the New Orleans office of the bureau of investigation, said that "we will not know who she is until her fingerprints are sent to Washington."

Mr. Hoover had been in New Orleans for the past three days. More than a dozen other G-men were brought in to reinforce the person-

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nel of the local office of the bureau in the hunt for Karpis.

The plane in which Karpis was taken from New Orleans landed at Shushan Airport Thursday night. It is reported to have brought six federal officers to the city. The pilot stood by at the airport from the time of the plane's arrival until its departure.

The source of the information which led to the apprehension of Karpis was not disclosed.

The government officers, in their capture of the long-hunted Karpis, pursued almost the same tactics as in the slaying of John Dillinger in Chicago.

More than a score of officers participated in the arrest.

Raises His Hands

At the first command of the G-men to "stick 'em up," Karpis turned quickly, hesitated for a moment and then raised his hands.

Karpis and his companions were hustled into an automobile and hurried to the postoffice building, where identification of Karpis was verified.

So quietly was the arrest executed, only a few persons were aware that one of the most intensive man hunts of modern times was being drawn to a close. Not a shot was fired, and few words were spoken after the one command for the gangsters to surrender.

Karpis was wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat. Officers declined to say how much money Karpis had on his person at the time of his arrest or whether any money was found in the apartment which the desperado occupied.

Hunter is wanted a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Rents Apartment

Karpis rented the apartment on Canal street exactly three weeks prior to his arrest, according to Mrs. J. S. Meyer, 139 South Rendon street, owner and manager of the apartment building.

He paid rent for one month and told Mrs. Meyer, she said, that he expected to remain with "my wife" for two or three months. Prior to his occupancy of the apartment he had purchased from Mrs. Meyer's son-in-law, Clarence A. Pucheu, of the Rendon street address, an automobile salesman, the car which he used in New Orleans.

Mrs. Meyer expressed surprise following the arrest that her tenant, who had told her his name was "Ed O'Hara," was Karpis.

"I can't believe it, I just can't believe it," she said, repeatedly.

'Not Scared or Nervous'

"He was such a nice, quiet little man. He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow being as bad as they say he is. And his wife is very nice."

Mrs. Meyer asserted that Karpis was "not a bit scared or nervous,"

and never displayed large amounts of money.

The apartment house manager related how Karpis had aided her only Friday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, in breaking a lock on a door leading to a basement storeroom. She had lost the key to the lock.

"He was very nice about it," she said. "He couldn't do anything with the lock at first, but I told him to go ahead and break it. That's the way we got in the storeroom."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

"I saw him three times," Hoffman said. "He came up to me, did not mention his name, told me he stayed in the corner apartment, and asked if he could keep the car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street."

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 would be a fair price. He took the bills out of his pocket right then and paid me."

"I didn't pay much attention to the man, seeing him only a few times, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said, and that "O'Hara" and the woman, who posed as his wife, were the only two

of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the apartment building said that when he got off a streetcar Friday afternoon he saw a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) walking across the sidewalk.

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner (Karpis) was being put into an automobile by a couple of government men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent."

All Armed

"The G-men left with the three prisoners and six more government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols."

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally, one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door. I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Witnesses Karpis' Capture

Two other residents in the three-story, six-apartment building where Karpis made his home and was captured were present at his arrest.

They are Mrs. Paul N. Cole, who with her husband, a field examiner for the United States civil service, occupies the third floor rear apartment, and Russell J. Reid, a contractor of Birmingham, Ala., who is interested in FWA projects for the sewerage and water board here. He lives in the front second-floor apartment.

Mrs. Cole said she witnessed Karpis' capture from one of her windows overlooking North Jefferson Davis Parkway.

"I saw one automobile parked at the curb before the house and another one further along at the corner," she related. "Then I saw the man who lived below us between two men who were holding him, as if he were drunk. They were taking him toward one of the cars, and he was pulling back, as if intoxicated."

'Carrying Long Guns'

"Then I noticed about four other men coming up. Someone said 'Stick 'em up,' and the two men holding the one between them strapped his hands together before him."

"A voice commanded, 'Get house, get the house,' and men came up on the lawn. They all were carrying long guns."

Mr. Reid, who occupies the apartment directly above the one Karpis rented for \$55 a month, said he was in his rooms Friday evening when he heard a knock on the door.

"A man with an object wrapped in paper in his arms showed me his badge when I opened the door and he told me he was a federal agent," Reid said.

"He unwrapped the package and I saw he had a submachine gun. After he came in, I tried to look out to see what was happening, and he said, 'Get away from that door.' Another armed agent then entered and the two of them stood guard in the hall between the front and back apartments."

Wanted to 'See Somebody'

Philip J. Liuzza, a bond broker, another tenant of the apartment house, who was not at home at the time of Karpis' arrest, said later that at 12:30 a. m. Friday he was awakened by a man in a blue suit and a gray hat who pulled on one of the screen doors at the entrance to the apartments.

The man only said he wanted to "see somebody," Liuzza related, and disappeared after Liuzza ordered him to "try some other apartment." The bond broker said he saw a person resembling this man when he returned home shortly after Karpis' arrest.

Mrs. Cole supplied the further information that she had not seen before Friday the woman taken with Karpis, but that a week ago last Sunday she had observed another

woman, heavy, tall, red-haired and about 45 years old, taking kitchen refuse from the apartment the fugitive occupied.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and

"Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killer and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

Connolley One of Raiders

E. J. Connolley, special agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the department of justice, was one of the picked squad of agents under Mr. Hoover which took Karpis into custody.

It was Connolley's third sortie against members of the old Barker-Karpis mob.

Connolley for the past 18 months has devoted a large part of his time to the nationwide search for Karpis.

Early in January, 1935, in Chicago, he participated in a sortie fatal to Russell Gibson and Ryan Bolton, at

that time allies of Karpis, and later the same month led G-men in a gun battle of several hours' duration against "Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, at Oklawaha, Fla., in which both "Ma" and Freddie were slain.

Only 10 days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

Others Indicted

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer;

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hideout for the Bremer kidnaping;

Jack Peifer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail;

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60-year-old former convict;

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

Fails to Carry Out 'No Surrender' Boast

(By The Associated Press)
Tulsa, Okla., May 1.—In surrendering to federal agents without a fight, Alvin Karpis failed to carry out the boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, once heard him make—"I'll never be taken alive."

She won a divorce last November 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

After her divorce Karpis' former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college. She has been living quietly here since.

"He was young and good-looking and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club," Miss Slayman once said in describing her romance with the man who became known as Public Enemy No. 1.

"He told me he was a jewelry salesman and we ran off to Sapula, just west of here, and were married. That was in December, 1931. We went to Chicago. I left him after only a few months of married life. I never saw him after that."

Karpis' Father Told of Capture

(By The Associated Press)
Chicago, May 1.—John Karpavicz, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major

crime.

FAMILY IS GLAD 'NO ONE WAS HURT'

(By The Associated Press)
Topeka, Kans., May 1.—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said tonight the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw. He met newspapermen at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

"She's inside crying," he said, "and I am sure she has nothing to say."

"It's been several years since my wife saw Alvin," he said. "We've not heard from him in a long time except to read what the papers have said about him."

"I've kept myself out of it, of course, but I don't think Alvin is as bad as they painted him. Of course, I guess he has done some things he should not have done."

TWO KIDNAPING VICTIMS PLEASED

(By The Associated Press)
St. Paul, Minn., May 1.—Victims of the brazen outlawry of the Karpis-Barker gang, two St. Paul kidnap subjects tonight obviously were relieved when told of the capture of Alvin Karpis, gang ringleader, in New Orleans.

"It's further tribute to the seal of the department of justice," said Edward G. Bremer, bank president,

who paid \$200,000 for his freedom after 21 days of confinement. William Hamm, Jr., brewery head, whose abduction cost him \$100,000 and four days' imprisonment, said: "Congratulations again to the department of justice for a mighty tough task so nobly done."







—Photos at top left and lower right by The Times-Picayune, others by The Associated Press.

As he emerged from the apartment house at 2343 Canal street, shown at the top, left, operatives of the United States bureau of investigation late Friday captured Alvin Karpis, designated "America's Public Enemy No. 1." The arrow points to the apartment Karpis occupied. At the top, right, is a picture of the long-sought fugitive. He is shown at the lower left, a short time after his capture, manacled and holding a straw hat over his face, as two federal agents led him out of the postoffice building to take him to Shushan Airport. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, is pictured at the lower right after he had entered an automobile to accompany Karpis to the airport.



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WHISKED INTO DOWNTOWN St. Paul from Holman airport under heavy guard, Alvin Karpis, still wearing the light summer clothes he had on when captured in New Orleans Friday night, was rushed into the offices of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, with only a few spectators on hand. Photo shows the arrival of Karpis (handcuffed and wearing a straw hat) at the federal building in St. Paul. Ahead of him, and leading the escort of G men, is J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's No. 1 G man who directed the arrest in New Orleans and flew with the prisoner and seven federal men to St. Paul overnight.

"Karpis Is Yellow Rat, Shook Like Leaf," Declares Hoove

"Alvin Karpis is nothing but a rat and a yellow one at that," asserted, indicating no outside was given to the department of justice. So declared J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's number one G man, at the office of the department of justice in St. Paul Saturday, following the arrival of the gangster in St. Paul. "The big brave guy who said he'd never be taken alive shook like he had palsey when he was caught," Hoover said. Hoover himself "frisked" Karpis for concealed weapons, he said, and Karpis was trembling "like a grandmother."

"No reward will be paid to anyone for Karpis' capture," Hoover asserted, indicating no outside was given to the department of justice.

"We had very definite information that Karpis was in New Orleans a few days in New Orleans. He had been there several weeks, and he had been waiting for the right time to make the arrest."

The gangster, Mr. Hoover said, had just returned from a trip to Florida when he was arrested in St. Paul.

In his wallet when he was captured Karpis had \$80 in cash, Hoover disclosed. What other money he had either on his person in his apartment, the director refused to reveal.

Plastic surgery had been performed to alter Karpis' appearance, Hoover stated, "but it was a botch job."

Scars above each ear indicated poor job of face-lifting. The former No. 1 Public Enemy had lobes cut in his ears as well. He had also attempted to change his fingerprints, Hoover said, "but despite all this we recognized him immediately."

The woman found in the Karpis apartment and known as the wife of Fred Hunter, is only held in questioning, Hoover pointed out. No let-up in the department's justice drive against persons who aided Karpis was seen in Hoover's declaration that:

"The next step is an extensive investigation to prosecute anyone who has harbored or aided any member of the Barker-Karpis gang."

"We were happy to be able to take Karpis alive," he smiled. "It brings down the curtain in this case so far as the department of justice is concerned."

"It's up to the district attorney now," he flashed as he shook hands with U. S. District Attorney George Sullivan, prosecutor of the gangster which kidnaped William Hamm.

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Karpis Seized

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WHITE HOUSE GANG;
MICHELSON AND HIGH;
PUERTO RICO FREEDOM.

HOWE'S JOB.

A SOMEWHAT new "White House gang" is quietly growing up around President Roosevelt. The passing of Louis Howe made additional room for some. The need of campaign help drew in others.

Among those who have been "using" Mr. Howe's old desk and offices off and on so far are:

Charles Michelson, the Democratic national publicity genius, who is around the White House most of the time now.

Stanley High, the religious broadcaster from NBC. Mr. High is the new radio ghost man.

Hampton Robb, a "young Democrat" promoter, friend of Jimmy Roosevelt, who was brought

AUTO AND TRAIN TRAFFIC TIED UP BY LANDSLIDES

Downpour Nearly Equals Damage of Tornado in Fairmont Region.

Occupants of 10-Block Section Removed by Boats—Farmers Take to Hills.

While rescuers were still digging their way through the debris left by the tornado that swept through Todd and Martin counties, a new storm struck at southern Minnesota early Friday, adding extensively to the area of damage and devastation.

The second storm, striking in the

WIREPHOTO FLASHES CAP



QUINTET.
THEN there is Roy C. West, who does not use Howe's of the corridors of the capitol, where he is received as the liaison agent of the White House.

None of the quintet is actually on the White House pay roll, except Mr. Early. Mr. West draws his check from the interior department, Mr. Michelson and Mr. High from the Democratic national committee, a non-governmental organization, and Mr. Robb from the national emergency council.

Each functions individually and the group is in no sense a board of trustees. The arrangement has been made man-by-man since Howe's incapacitation more than a year ago.

Despite talk about appointing a new official secretary, the arrangement is likely to continue.

WORD.

THE house leaders refused to go to see the President about sub-locating \$700,000,000 of the relief funds for PWA. They rate the Ickes bloc of congressmen that the President had already informed them he was against any earmarking of the relief fund. In return, some of the Ickes adherents told the leaders they would not stand for PWA earmarking if the President was against it.

No better inside incident could be found to illustrate the extent to which Mr. Roosevelt's word has become law with congress until the election is over, at least.

INDEPENDENCE.

THE gossip has been that the new Tydings Puerto Rican independence bill was approved officially by Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet and planted with Senator Tydings for introduction in the senate. That appears to be true.

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Might Be Going Fishing.

Thirty different people wanted to buy the trailer house which Joe Doll advertised in his Tribune for sale ad. Of course he sold it and got his price. Have you a trailer house for sale?

Tribune Want Ads Pay

Heavy rain burst over the area early in the morning, flooding residential areas and forcing occupants to be removed in boats. The country club golf course was damaged by wind and rain to the extent of \$2,000 and a number of farm buildings were blown down.

Dancing Party Broken Up.

A dancing party at a tavern near Winona's historic landmark, Sugar Loaf, was suddenly broken up when a nearby creek became a raging torrent, backed up in front of

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(PICTURE WIRED TO New Orleans, May 1, weekly surrendered who walked out of his apartment were arrested with the face, is shown as officers must

HAILE MARCHES TO BATTLE

Conflict Expected Near Addis Ababa—Italian Advance Slows Down.

By Associated Press.
Many Italians premature celebrated false reports of the of Addis Ababa Friday evening. Emperor Haile Selassie disclaimed the advance on the capital would be resisted.
The emperor issued a proclamation in Addis Ababa ordering every able-bodied man to march northward Saturday to try to hurl back the advancing Fascist columns.
Destroyed sections of roads—the work of retreating Ethiopians—hurdled the progress of a main motorized Italian column from the capital. Headquarters of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italian commander-in-chief, have been moved miles south of Dessye along road to Addis Ababa.
The Fascist organization in Dessye has prepared for a gigantic Italian rally, or "aquanata," which word comes that Addis Ababa has fallen. Premature reports led to celebrations in a number of cities Friday night.
Officials, however, cautioned that it might be at least a week before the city is occupied.
Heavy fighting on the southern front, with some 6,000 fallen on both sides in recent engagements was reported in a Rome communiqué. The strong southern Ethiopian army was said to be in flight.

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OF KARPIS

G-Men Get Him Without Shot; Believed on Way to St. Paul for Kidnap Trial



Guard Pre-Plane
Mis- Bid for Public E. my.

St. Paul federal authorities were ready Friday night to claim Alvin Karpis as their prisoner.

They took steps immediately to bring him to trial on charges of kidnaping William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer. Federal indictments against Karpis have already been returned and every ef-

Hoover Got Him



Woman Companion,
2nd Gunman Nab-
bed With Him.

J. E. Hoover Leads
Agents in Apart-
ment Raid.

St. Louis, May 2.—(P)—A chartered plane carrying Alvin Karpis and department of justice agents left here early Saturday apparently headed for the Twin Cities. The plane flew here from New Orleans and made a brief stop to refuel shortly before midnight. The agents never left the ship in which Karpis was closely guarded.

New Orleans, May 1.—(P)

CLUSIVELY IN NORTHWEST.)
g his boast that he never
considered public enemy No.
officers surprised him as he
ay. A man and a woman
with his hat over his
headquarters.

ESS RIPS TAX BILL

ure Called 'Outrage' in
enate Hearings— Re-
vision Sought.

Washington, May 1.—(P)—Spokes-
men for business laid down a bar-
rage against the administration tax
bill before the senate finance com-
mittee Friday, while, backstage, the
committee's experts sought means
of raising \$337,000,000 of additional
revenue.

Witnesses representing the New
York Board of Trade and the
Philadelphia Chamber of Com-
merce condemned as unsound and
as "an outrage" the administration
plan for taxing corporations ac-
cording to how much of their earn-
ings were turped into surplus. Other
business men, including a dele-
gation selected by the Chamber of
Commerce of the United States
waited a turn to speak in opposi-
tion.

They took the stand in the com-
mittee's public hearings after the
treasury's defense of the bill had
been completed with an argument
that corporation surpluses were not used
during the depression to maintain
employment and dividends. Busi-
ness representatives contend other-
wise.

George C. Haas, director of re-
search in the treasury department,
into the first hostile question-
ing from the committee. Senator
Democrat, North Carolina,
and several of his arguments,

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draw praise from
action victims—Mr.
Bremer and Hamm.

"Congratulations again to the de-
partment of justice for a mighty
tough task so nobly done," said
Mr. Hamm who was kidnaped and
held for \$100,000 ransom by a gang
of which Karpis was a member.

Mr. Bremer, who paid \$200,000
for his freedom after 21 days of
tortuous confinement, was happy
over the government's success. "It
is," he said, "a further tribute to
the zeal of the department of jus-
tice."

While St. Paul authorities were
confident they would get first crack
at Karpis, it was learned that there
was a possibility that he might go
to Missouri to face a murder charge.

Can Be Executed.

If convicted there for the killing
of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West
Plains the penalty will be death.
The maximum penalty on the fed-
eral charge would be life.

It appeared certain, however,
that he would be brought to the
Twin Cities first and grilled about
a number of cases immediately.

Authorities in the Twin Cities
area who have searched for Karpis
in recent months were satisfied Fri-
day night that his capture was
brought about by the reward of-
fered recently. In addition to be-
ing involved in the Hamm and
Bremer abductions, Karpis was im-
plicated in a number of robberies
in the west.

Fought at Little Bohemia.

He was a member of the gang
that fought a bloody gun battle
with department of justice agents
at the Little Bohemia lodge in
northern Wisconsin two years ago.

His real name is Raymond Kar-
pavicz and he gained the title of
public enemy No. 1 after the slay-
ings of Dillinger, Homer VanMeter
and George "Baby-Face" Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and
"Old Creepy," he embarked on his
career of crime at the age of 16.
First he was a petty thief but he
soon stepped out and became a
burglar, bank robber, killer and
kidnaper.

His first prison sentence was
served for stealing tires. In the
State Industrial Reformatory at
Hutchinson, Kan., he met Law-
rence Devol, alias Larry Barton,
who is now serving life in the Still-
water penitentiary for his part in
the robbery of the Third North-
western National bank.

Escaped Reformatory.

The pair sawed through the cell
bars and escaped after Karpis had
served three years. After a year
of freedom both men were arrest-
ed at Kansas City while riding in
an automobile loaded with safe-
blowing equipment.

Karpis was sent back to the

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Possible Democratic Can- didates for Governor.

Names of at least six men will
be advanced as possible candidates
for the Democratic governorship
nomination Saturday when the
Ryan-Moonan-Began faction of the
party go into convention in Min-
neapolis.

One of the names expected to be
advanced will be that of George
Williamson of Minneapolis, former
president of the Younger Demo-
crats of Minnesota. A complete
slate of candidates will be selected
and a platform drafted at the re-
call session at the municipal audi-
torium during the afternoon.

Delegates who attended the Man-
kato convention last winter are
coming here for this meeting.
Congressman Elmer J. Ryan, named
national committeeman by the
Moonan followers, returned from
Washington Thursday for the meet-
ing.

He invited dissatisfied Farmer-
Laborites to support Democratic
state and national candidates.
His proposal came in direct
contradiction of the plans of his
opponents headed by Joseph Wolf,
national committeeman, who open-
ly declared an intention to steer
their followers into the Farmer-
Labor party again.

Congressman Jack Nichols of Ok-
lahoma, will be the principal speak-
er at the convention.

Without a shot, Karpis was
taken into custody along with
Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the
\$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail
robbery and a woman known only
as "Ruth" as they emerged from
a downtown apartment building.

Wanted in Hamm Case.

Hoover made the announcement
of the capture with the simple
statement, "We've captured Alvin
Karpis, generally known as public
enemy No. 1—but not to us."

Then he added "they were taken
without the firing of a shot. Karpis
never had a chance. There were too
many guns on him."

Karpis is under indictment for
the \$100,000 kidnaping of William
A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul
brewer on June 15, 1933, and the
\$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Janu-
ary 17, 1934.

Last of Notorious Gang.

He was wanted on a charge of
murder in connection with the
slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at
West Plains, Mo., on December 19,
1931. Officials there put in a claim
for him only a few minutes after
the capture.

The three-year hunt from coast
to coast and beyond for Karpis was
as extensive as that for his prede-
cessor as public enemy No. 1, Dill-
inger, who was shot in Chicago.

He was the last of the original
Karpis-Barker gang. Seven of that
band of bank robbers and kidnapers

Women Must Act Now, Says Marguerite Wells



Miss Marguerite M. Wells

Minneapolis Woman Is Re-elected Head of Voter League.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1.—(P)—A
every little woman who knows
how to tell delegates they're out
of order started a new two-year
term Friday night as president of
the National League of Women
Voters.

Miss Marguerite Milton Wells, of
Minneapolis, re-elected in the
league's twelfth annual convention
by the voting-machine ballot, con-
tinued her duties with a conviction
that the time had come for women
"to stop educating themselves about
national affairs and take direct ac-
tion for the things they want in
government."

"The whole future of the league,"
she said in an interview, "now

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Prison or Wild Flight Lot of Karpis Since Embarking on Criminal Career as Youth

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Mr. Nathan *Had*
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tamm *Had*
Mr. Tracy *Had*
Miss Gandy *Had*
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**'Cops on the Way Over,'
Tip Lead to Killing**

One night while Karpis, Ma Barker and her boys were sitting around the table in a South Robert street address in St. Paul, which attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the leak to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was Ma Barker's second husband. A few nights later, Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do Ma a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

Ma Barker knew Dolores Delaney, St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her pet, Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as finger man in the Bremer kidnaping.

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Karpis was in Miami during the winter of 1933-34. He and Dolores registered at a Miami hotel as Mr. and Mrs. E. M.



WINONA BURDETTE.

With Karpis on Florida Sojourn.

Wagner. They were accompanied by Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis gang, and Winona Burdette who registered as Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Summers. The four later rented a private house here.

Couples Flee After Slaying of Barkers.

They fled from this house after learning that Fred and Kate Barker were killed in the Oklawaha gun battle and that the agents were moving on to Miami.

The men left Miami by automobile and the two women by train. The four next appeared at the Atlantic City hotel from which the men escaped during a gun battle with police. The women were left behind in a hotel room, Dolores suffering a bullet wound in her left leg, inflicted, it was reported, when Karpis fired through the wall in an attempt to awaken the women. The men failed in an attempt to return for the women.

The two women subsequently were returned to Miami where in United States district court they pleaded guilty to charges of harboring and concealing Karpis and were sentenced to the federal detention farm at Milan, Mich.

They will be returned to Miami May 18 to appear as witnesses in the trial of two men listed as Joe Adams, Miami hotel and garage owner.

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
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EDWARD G. BREMER.
Also Gang's Abduction Victim.

racetrack manager, and Hendry Randall, greyhound track employe, who are under indictment on charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.

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THE captured desperado, Alvin Karpis (center), covered his face when this picture was taken as officers hustled him to headquarters at New Orleans. Karpis meekly submitted to arrest despite boasts he would never be taken alive.—A. P. Wirephoto.

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It Doesn't Pay

Alvin Karpis, whose criminal career brought him national notoriety, was captured in New Orleans by the relentless Federal agents of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. It seems that Karpis, who has been called public enemy number one, is not honored with that distinction by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau, and his men, but Mr. Hoover did not enlighten the country with regard to the desperado who should bear that title.

The arrest of Karpis, who is accused of kidnaping a St. Paul brewer and a banker, illustrates the tenacity of the Federal men when they begin pursuit of a malefactor. They never stop; in their sight no case is ended until the culprit is captured or they know that he is dead. There is no organization in the world which excels them; it is doubtful if their equal exists.

Since they began to rid the land of outlaws, there has been a remarkable decrease in such crimes as kidnaping, bank robbing and holdups. The underworld has learned that the Government men are unrelenting in pursuit. They cannot be halted by crooked politicians or crooked lawyers. They work silently, which makes their operations all the more effective. We have reason to be proud of and grateful to the Federal agents. They prove beyond all doubt that crime is its own punishment and does not pay.

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KARPIS CAPTURED

Government Men Seize the Notorious Public Enemy No. 1 in New Orleans.

GIVES UP WITHOUT A SHOT

Federal Agents, Led by J. Edgar Hoover, Surround Him at an Apartment.

Fred Hunter, Wanted for a Post-office Robbery, and a Woman Also Taken Into Custody.

CASE VEILED IN SECRECY

After Being Questioned, the Prisoners Later Are Removed to an Undisclosed Place.

Bulletin.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, May 2 (Saturday).—

A specially chartered air liner bearing Alvin Karpis and several department of justice agents landed at Lambert, St. Louis municipal airport, at 11:46 o'clock last night.

Airport officials said the federal men did not leave the plane in which Karpis was closely guarded.

The destination was not immediately learned, though it was reported the government agents were taking Karpis to Chicago from here.

The plane left at 12:35 o'clock.

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, one of the last of the notorious public enemies, was captured without a fight by federal agents here late today.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, personally led the squad of fifteen or twenty men which captured Karpis in front of an apartment building.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnappings of William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, also of St. Paul, was taken into custody with Fred Hunter, 37, suspected in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., postoffice robbery, and a woman, whose name was not revealed.

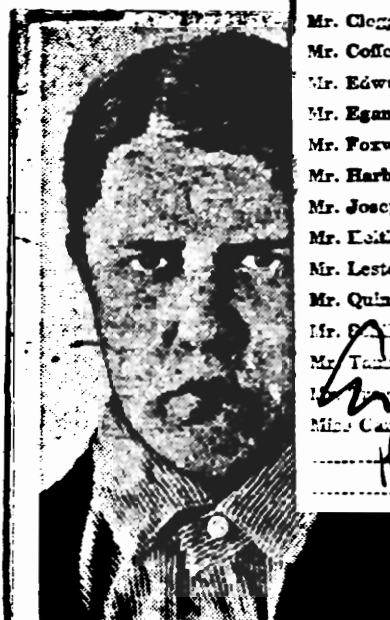
Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, red-haired and dressed in white.

Karpis also was wanted, among other crimes, in connection with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., and the sheriff there put in a claim for him only a few minutes after his capture.

As They Left Apartment.

Hoover made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building on Canal street, about a half mile from the center of the business district.

They were in an apartment on the



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first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter a motor car when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

Not "No. 1" to Them.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, known generally as 'Public Enemy No. 1,' but not to us," he said.

He didn't say who his department's "Public Enemy No. 1" was.

Then he told of the capture which

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climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons near-by were aware of the government's latest success.

Witnesses said that when the three



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left the house agents armed with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk, and commanded them to surrender.

When the desperadoes made no move they were seized and rushed from the scene.

"Hunter," Hoover said, "is not so well known as Karpis but he is wanted for a postoffice robbery November 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, O., in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

Shortly before 8 o'clock Hoover and

almost a score of agents left the federal postoffice building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two motor cars.

Their move was cloaked in secrecy and Hoover declined to say where the men were being taken.

Later, however, it was learned he was placed aboard a plane, which left for an unannounced destination. He was heavily manacled and was accompanied by several federal agents.

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" Hoover was asked.

"For the last two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

The Last Two Months.

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the last two months and have been on his trail.

"He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We got him sitting in the motor car."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Karpis had a federal price of \$7,000 on his head—\$5,000 offered by the bureau of investigation and \$2,000 by postal authorities.

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post-office building between two special agents.

Rented Him Parking Space.

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

"I saw him three times," Hoffman said. "He came up to me, did not mention his name, told me he stayed in the corner apartment, and asked if he could keep the car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street."

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 would be a fair price. He paid me."

"I didn't pay much attention to the man, seeing him only a few times, and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Janitor Tells of Capture.

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said, and that "O'Hara" and the woman, who posed as his wife, were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

A Regular Visitor.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the

apartment, said that when he got off a street car this afternoon he saw a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) walking across the sidewalk.

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking

behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner (Karpis) was being put into a motor car by a couple of government men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent."

"The men left with the three

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prisoners and ~~one~~ were government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols.

Crowds Are Kept Away.

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally, one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door.

"I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

HIS BOAST IS IN VAIN.

Karpis Said He Would Never Be Taken Alive, Ex-Wife Recalls.

(By the Associated Press.)

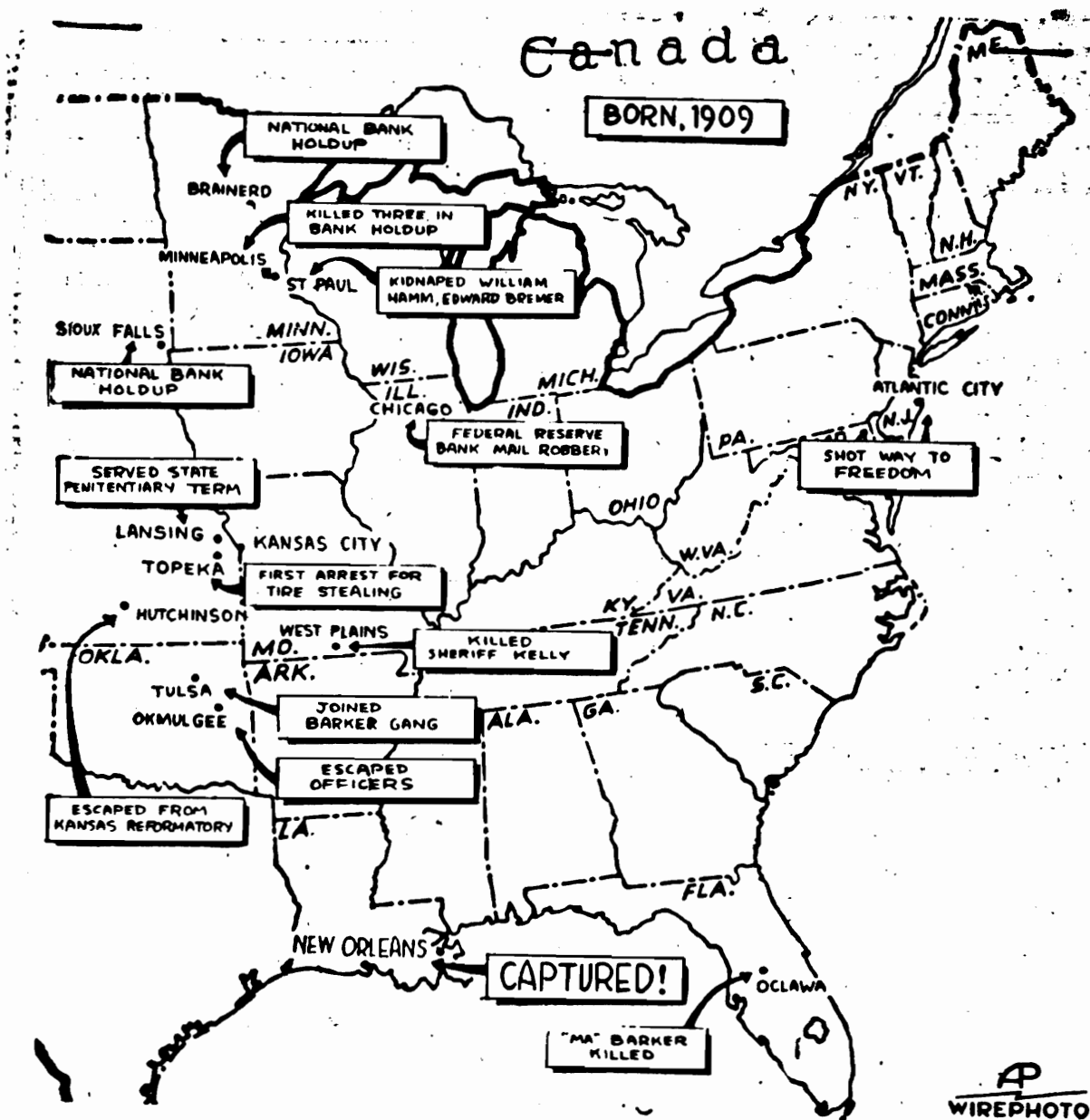
TULSA, May 1.—In surrendering to federal agents without a fight, Alvin Karpis failed to carry out the boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, once heard him make—"I'll never be taken alive."

She won a divorce last November 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

After her divorce Karpis's former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college.

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ALVIN KARPIS'S TRAIL OF CRIME . . . THIS MAP OUTLINES THE HIGH SPOTS IN THE CRIME CAREER OF ONE OF THE LAST "BIG TIME" DESPERADOES WHO WAS BORN IN 1909 IN CANADA AND WHO LEFT HIS MARKS OF KIDNAPING, MURDER AND BANDITRY THROUGHOUT A LARGE SECTION OF THE COUNTRY—(Wirephoto).

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KNOWN AS "OLD CREEPY."

Karpis never left the underworld after his first freedom from jail. He was an asset to the three or four gangs he worked with largely because of his ability. No associate ever professed any feeling except hate or dread toward him. He was called "Old Creepy"—a sobriquet he earned because of his malignancy and the way he affected his companions.

Before O'Keefe had severed connections with him, however, he and Karpis were arrested in Kansas City March 23, 1930. Officers found their car packed with safe-blowing equipment, learned that Karpis had been living on the East Side. They sent him back to the Kansas reformatory. There, after a time, guards caught him armed with knives. Karpis got another trip, this time to the state prison in Lansing.

He was paroled a year later. In those days, Dillinger was unknown; Nelson still was a petty thief, and Floyd's reputation was confined to the middle western states. Karpis shied both from Kansas City and Topeka; his first stop was Tulsa, home of the Barker family.

IN MA BARKER'S GANG.

Karpis knew Fred Barker in Lansing quite as intimately as he had known O'Keefe in Hutchinson. Fred's fat, gray and greedy mother, Kate Barker, tired of psalm singing and mock humility, was preparing to set herself up as the dictator of that gang of killers headed by her sons, Fred and Arthur, better known as "Doc." Ma Barker found Karpis a splendid addition to her menage; he obeyed her implicitly. He was so evil he did not attract women and no act of violence touched his heart.

The exact operations of the gang remains nebulous. All authorities ever admitted was that the Barker-Karpis crowd had been making a profitable go in their particular industry. Karpis, still pallid, his face more noxious than ever, was arrested in Tulsa, June 10, 1931, and taken to Okmulgee. Fred Barker was meant for the same haul, but he eluded the officers.

The sentence, for a jewel robbery in Henrietta, Ok., was four years. Karpis had shot his way out of a Tulsa apartment a week before his arrest; nevertheless, his trial judge paroled him after three months. He was turned over to Rogers County, Oklahoma, officials, only to escape in a few days.

He slipped in and out of the Cookson Hills region for several months. December 19, 1931, he sat in a West Plains, Mo., garage with Fred Barker when Sheriff C. R. Kelly entered. The officer began questioning the two desperadoes. Karpis shot him to death, and the two drove away.

MANY BANK ROBBERIES.

Before they left the Missouri Valley region, the Barker-Karpis outfit committed at least a dozen bank robberies.

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in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. The gang worked in various criminal combinations, associating for a time with Glenn Leroy Wright, who had connections with Floyd, Wilbur Underhill, Aussie Elliott and others since slain.

The gang, with Ma Barker doing the thinking, moved into the neighborhood of St. Paul and Minneapolis shortly after the kidnaping rage seized the underworld. The transition from bank banditry and jewel thefts to abduction took place when the gang snatched William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. Bremer paid a \$200,000 ransom after twenty-one days in the hands of the Barker-Karpis outfit, an imprisonment he later described as "a living hell." Karpis was the chief guard during the gang's hold on the banker.

Shortly after the liberation of Hamm, Karpis and the rest of his gang were sitting around a kitchen table in St. Paul. A tip came that police were on their way to the house, seeking the abductors of the brewer, who had paid \$100,000 for his freedom.

The gang, speculating from what source the "leak" had sprung, decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap, Ma's second husband, who had "snitched."

A few nights later Fred Barker invited Dunlap for a ride; Karpis went along.

HIS BODY FOUND LATER.

They found Dunlap's body several days later, riddled with bullets, near Webster, Wis.

Ma Barker's maternal instinct finally came to the fore on the part of Karpis. She selected one, Dolores Delaney, a St. Paul girl. In her company, Karpis met Harry Sawyer, the "finger man" in the Bremer abduction.

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He was regarded by bank bandits as one of the best drivers under stress in their profession.

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(By the Associated Press.)

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try Alvin Karpis for the slaying
of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly here in
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"But if we get him we'll hang
him," the sheriff said.

"The New Orleans chief of de-
tectives told me the government
had got Karpis and taken him
by airplane either to Ohio or di-
rect to Washington.

"I'm not anxious to kill any-
body but if they hang Karpis I'd
like to be the one to spring the
trap myself.

"I've got the .45 and .38 caliber
bullets in my office that he and
Fred Barker used to kill Sheriff
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Karpis never left the underworld after his first freedom from jail. He was an asset to the three or four gangs he worked with largely because of his ability. No associate ever professed any feeling except hate or dread toward him. He was called "Old Creepy"—a sobriquet he earned because of his malignancy and the way he affected his companions.

Before O'Keefe had severed connections with him, however, he and Karpis were arrested in Kansas City March 23, 1930. Officers found their car packed with safe-blowing equipment, learned that Karpis had been living on the East Side. They sent him back to the Kansas reformatory. There, after a time, guards caught him armed with knives. Karpis got another trip, this time to the state prison in Lansing.

He was paroled a year later. In those days, Dillinger was unknown; Nelson still was a petty thief, and Floyd's reputation was confined to the middle western states. Karpis shied both from Kansas City and Topeka; his first stop was Tulsa, home of the Barker family.

IN MA BARKER'S GANG.

Karpis knew Fred Barker in Lansing quite as intimately as he had known O'Keefe in Hutchinson. Fred's fat, gray and greedy mother, Kate Barker, tired of psalm singing and mock humility, was preparing to set herself up as the dictator of that gang of killers headed by her sons, Fred and Arthur, better known as "Doc." Ma Barker found Karpis a splendid addition to her menage; he obeyed her implicitly. He was so evil he did not attract women and no act of violence touched his heart.

The exact operations of the gang remains nebulous. All authorities ever admitted was that the Barker-Karpis crowd had been making a profitable go in their particular industry. Karpis, still pallid, his face more noxious than ever, was arrested in Tulsa, June 10, 1931, and taken to Okmulgee. Fred Barker was meant for the same haul, but he eluded the officers.

The sentence, for a jewel robbery in Henrietta, Ok., was four years. Karpis had shot his way out of a Tulsa apartment a week before his arrest; nevertheless, his trial judge paroled him after three months. He was turned over to Rogers County, Oklahoma, officials, only to escape in a few days.

He slipped in and out of the Cookson Hills region for several months. December 19, 1931, he sat in a West Plains, Mo., garage with Fred Barker when Sheriff C. R. Kelly entered. The officer began questioning the two desperadoes. Karpis shot him to death, and the two drove away.

MANY BANK ROBBERIES.

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LONG CRIME TRAIL ENDS

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in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. The gang worked in various criminal combinations, associating for a time with Glenn Leroy Wright, who had connections with Floyd, Wilbur Underhill, Aussie Elliott and others since slain.

The gang, with Ma Barker doing the thinking, moved into the neighborhood of St. Paul and Minneapolis shortly after the kidnaping rage seized the underworld. The transition from bank banditry and jewel thefts to abduction took place when the gang snatched William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. Bremer paid a \$200,000 ransom after twenty-one days in the hands of the Barker-Karpis outfit, an imprisonment he later described as "a living hell." Karpis was the chief guard during the gang's hold on the banker.

Shortly after the liberation of Hamm, Karpis and the rest of his gang were sitting around a kitchen table in St. Paul. A tip came that police were on their way to the house, seeking the abductors of the brewer, who had paid \$100,000 for his freedom.

The gang, speculating from what source the "leak" had sprung, decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap, Ma's second husband, who had "snitched."

A few nights later Fred Barker invited Dunlap for a ride; Karpis went along.

HIS BODY FOUND LATER.

They found Dunlap's body several days later, riddled with bullets, near Webster, Wb.

Ma Barker's maternal instinct finally came to the fore on the part of Karpis. She selected one, Dolores Delaney, a St. Paul girl. In her company, Karpis met Harry Sawyer, the "finger man" in the Bremer abduction.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. She is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his "wooden gun" escape from the Crown Point, Ind., jail.

In the few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a 1/2 million dollars and at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis gang included:

Holdup at the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, loot \$20,000 cash and securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul August 30, 1933; loot \$30,000; one policeman killed; one wounded.

Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery September 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank and Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D.; \$50,000.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping; \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Fred, Russell Gibson, also known as "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, also known as "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

Russell (Rusty) Gibson was a former Kansas City hoodlum with a record of many arrests, few convictions.

He was regarded by bank bandits as one of the best drivers under stress in their profession.

Karpis Faces Charges In Half Dozen States

Cleveland, O. — (AP) — Authorities in a half dozen states were eager today for a chance to try Alvin Karpis for crimes ranging from robbery to murder.

Karpis was en route to St. Paul, Minn., during the morning, where Federal charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm are pending.

U. S. Attorney Emerich Freed said here he would learn if the kidnaping charges take precedence over mail train robbery charges and if not would ask Karpis' immediate transfer to Cleveland to be tried with other defendants for the \$24,000 holdup of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., last November.

Sheriff Ed Threlkeld of West Plains, Mo., spoke last night for the return of Karpis to Missouri, to be tried for the unprovoked fatal shooting of Sheriff C. R. Kelly in 1931.

In various other states Karpis is wanted for bank robbery and murder.

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Hoover's Reply to His Critics

Karpis' Fall Answers Foes in Senate

WASHINGTON, May 1—The capture of Alvin Karpis was seen as a victory for J. Edgar Hoover over those who recently launched a personal attack upon him when he testified before the Senate at a time when a \$225,000 cut in the appropriations for his department threatened.

A Senate bloc led by Senator Kenneth McKellar, Tennessee Democrat, accused the Department of Justice of "running wild" with its investigations and sought to trim its expenses to the bone.

Although the Senate as a whole, by an overwhelmingly majority, rose to Hoover's support and passed the appropriation intact, several of the bitter thrusts hurled at Hoover when he was on the stand went unanswered until tonight.

Among these, observers remembered, were criticism that the G-men threatened bystanders' lives by shooting criminals instead of taking them alive; that the arrests were actually made by local officers, and that Hoover took all credit in his official news releases from Washington.

Capital observers felt that Hoover had effectively exploded these charges tonight.

They pointed out also that with Karpis' capture, very few of the former long list of outlaw kidnapers and murderers have eluded the unrelenting G-men's nationwide net.

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PLANE TO BRING PAL OF KARPIS

Hunter Faces Federal Action
in \$46,000 Garrettsville Robbery

Fred Hunter, captured with Alvin Karpis last night in the desperado's New Orleans hideout, was to be flown to Cleveland today for trial for his participation in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, (O.) mail train robbery Nov. 7.

Hunter will be brought on from St. Paul, where Karpis, his handcuffed companion in the flight from New Orleans, probably will be dropped off to face charges of kidnaping August Bremer, wealthy brewer.

Arrest Imminent

This was the information received by Emerich B. Freed, U. S. district attorney, who planned to ask Washington later today whether Karpis also can be brought here for trial.

Meanwhile, Sylvester Hettrick, postal inspector, revealed that the capture of Harry Campbell, accused confederate of Karpis and Hunter in the Garrettsville job, is near.

"The trail is hot and his arrest is imminent," Inspector Hettrick said.

District Attorney Freed said he believed there was little likelihood Karpis would be brought here for trial.

Mr. Freed today telephoned Joseph B. Keenan, assistant attorney general at Washington in charge of prosecuting racketeers.

Mr. Keenan, Mr. Freed said, promised to let him know whether the kidnaping charge against Karpis in St. Paul, and murder charges against him elsewhere, can be made "to stick."

"If not," Mr. Freed said, "we've got an air-tight case against him here."

Neither Mr. Freed nor Mr. Hettrick would reveal whether Karpis' capture resulted from information furnished by John Brock, another member of the mail robbery gang who has been held in jail here since his capture in Tulsa, Okla., three days ago.

"The G-men got him, give them the credit," Mr. Hettrick said.

Six men, in all, were named in the warrants issued here several days ago by Frank Wiedemann, assistant district attorney.

Besides Karpis, Hunter, Campbell and Brock, warrants were issued against "John Doe, alias Sam" and Grover Keady, 43, who was arrested in Tulsa several months ago and also is held in County Jail here.

An unusual feature of Karpis' capture was the fact that at the very hour it happened Inspector Hettrick and his men, a thousand miles away, were laying for Karpis with machine guns set up in a barber shop across the street from a spot in Akron where they had been tipped Karpis would meet a friend.

An hour or two after the elaborate trap was set they received word of his capture in New Orleans.

The Garrettsville robbery, whose biggest loot was the mail sacks containing the Republic Steel Corp.'s payroll, was staged in old-style Western fashion.

The gunmen forced the Erie train crew from the cars and kept a close guard on passengers.

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Inasmuch as the capture was made by federal agents, the \$5000 recently offered for Karpis' arrest will not be paid.

Federal agents, as usual, kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossip automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set about rumors that reached the G-men.

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Pt. Clinton Man Acted as Karpis' Pilot

Press State Service

TOLEDO, O., May 2—The trail that put Alvin Karpis, until last night America's number one bad man, in the hands of federal officers led directly from the Toledo area.

Less than 30 days ago, G-men, working in Toledo and Pt. Clinton, found that a Pt. Clinton man, John Zetzer, had bought a plane in Toledo Nov. 8, had flown it to Pt. Clinton, had picked up Karpis and two companions there and had flown them to Hot Springs, Ark.

Zetzer, unaware of Karpis' identity at the time, identified him to G-men.

The G-men, led by J. Edgar Hoover, followed the trail from Pt. Clinton to Hot Springs, and thence to New Orleans.

Karpis arranged with Zetzer, boat-builder and aviator, last October to fly him to the Southwest. The arrangement was made shortly before a mail train at Garrettsville, O., was held up and robbed of \$34,000.

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Karpis Auto Here

FOR 20 months, Cleveland police have been using an automobile abandoned here by Alvin Karpis, it was revealed today.

The car, a light, fast automobile, was seized at 4419 W. 171st st., after three women, alleged companions of Karpis and his henchmen, had been arrested for creating a disturbance in a downtown hotel. Police found evidence that Karpis had been there, together with Arthur and Fred Barker, bandit sons of the notorious "Ma" Barker. The car has been used mostly by detectives on special assignments since it was confiscated Sept. 6, 1934, police said.

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Wanted: Three Desperadoes To Dwindling List of Public Enemies



WILLIAM MAHAN

WASHINGTON (P) — William Mahan moved to the top of the federal agents' "wanted" list today as Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," awaited arraignment for one of four major crimes charges against him. Justice department officials said



HARRY CAMPBELL

that several times recently they have been close to Mahan, described as "the remaining principal" in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, of Tacoma, Wash. The net may close any day, they said. The bloody saga of the Barker-Karpis gang drew toward a close with the arrest of Karpis in New



[Associated Press Wirephotos]
THOMAS H. ROBINSON JR.

Orleans last night. Harry Campbell, who has shuttled across the country with Karpis for the past two years, is the last of the gang still at large. Another man still hunted as a kidnaper is Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wanted for the abduction of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

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G-Men Seize Karpis As Climax to Plot Laid in Cleveland

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Fred Hunter, his lieutenant in crime, and "Ruth," the mystery girl who posed as his wife, are being held in New Orleans, where last night the nation's No. 1 bad man was taken in custody without a struggle by G-men under the personal leadership of J. Edgar Hoover.

In county jail here under special guards is John Brock, a third member of the Karpis gang, who is said to have confessed to a part in the \$46,000 Garrettsville mail train robbery last November.

Capture Planned Here

Just what information led to last night's unspectacular arrest in New Orleans is a G-men secret, but piecing together bit by bit information that has leaked out during the last two months, it is not difficult to

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discover the entire plot that brought the downfall of Karpis was hatched here in Cleveland by Postal Inspectors Sylvester Hetterick and Charles Cordray.

Their investigations began the day of the \$46,000 mail train robbery. They struck their first clew with the arrest of an Oklahoma gambler who had in his possession a quantity of securities stolen in the "wild west" holdup at Garrettsville.

Caused Brock's Arrest

He was brought here last February and supplied information that led to the arrest in March of John Brock, who was kept in seclusion in the Mahoning county jail at Youngstown for seven weeks before being charged with the train robbery and brought to the county jail here in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Brock is said to have made a detailed confession involving Karpis, Harry Campbell (still at large), Hunter and a man known only as "Sam," who likewise has not been captured.

Warrants Issued Here

Warrants for the arrest of the five for molesting mail and forcibly entering mail bags were issued by Assistant United States District Attorney Frank Weidemann.

In his confession, Brock revealed information that sent Hoover and his G-men to New Orleans. The arrest of Karpis and Hunter followed.

In his jail cell today, Brock, when informed of his chief's capture said: "God! I never thought they'd get him that way!"

And, seemingly, neither did the federal men. More than a dozen of them surrounded the swanky apartment house in which the No. 1 bad man and his companions were living, covered him with guns as he came out with Hunter and "Ruth" and entered a waiting automobile.

Following the capture a rifle was found in the back seat of the car, but neither Hunter nor Karpis had a chance to use it.

Asked about Karpis' reaction when he was told to throw hands, Hoover said today:

"He was so d--- scared he couldn't talk. Like the rest so-called bad men, he's just a rat—and he proved it to us."

Will Bring Hunter Here

Hunter is to be brought to land to stand trial here as the train robbers. Karpis, indicated in Washington, tried for that crime only escapes the death penalty charges of kidnaping and in St. Paul.

Campbell and "Sam," believed with Karpis, were absent the G-men descended, but being sought in the New area.

Grill Hunter's Father

As a sidelight, federal officials today took into custody the aged father of Hunter, now living in Warren, and a waitress in his brother's tavern. Neither is suspected of having any part in the train robbery, and they were taken in custody for questioning.

If Karpis is convicted of murder or kidnaping and remains untied on the mail robbery charge, a \$2,000 reward offered by postal inspectors will not be collectible. This was offered subject to his arrest and conviction on the robbery charge.

Following his capture, Karpis

still wearing a light summer suit and a straw hat, was whisked into a plane and manacled to a seat. Guarded by a squad of federal men, he was flown to St. Paul via Indianapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City.

Today in Port Clinton, O., John Zetzer, operator of a marine garage, disclosed that he unwittingly aided Karpis and two companions to escape after the Garrettsville robbery, when he flew them, in a newly purchased plane, to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., not knowing their identity.

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BOAST IS IDLE, HE'S TAKEN ALIVE—Belying his boast that he would never be taken alive, Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, meekly surrendered (left) to G-men who surprised him as he walked out of his apartment (right) in New Orleans. Karpis has his hat over his face. With Karpis were seized a woman with whom Karpis was living as "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara," and Fred Hunter, a postal robbery suspect.

[Associated Press Wirephotos]

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Seize Killer in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, regarded as Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested here late today by federal agents without the firing of a single shot.

Announcement of the arrest of Karpis was made by David Magee, agent in charge of the New Orleans office of the bureau of investigation.

Karpis was arrested, Magee said, as he stepped into an automobile with a friend named Fred Hunter, 37, who is wanted for a mail robbery in Garrettsville, O. The two, who had been living in an apartment house at 3343 Canal st., were called upon to surrender as they stepped into the automobile. With federal agents completely surrounding them the

two surrendered without the firing of a single shot, Magee said.

A woman, it was understood, was also taken into custody. Magee, however, refused to give out any information concerning her.

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Leader, with Arthur ("Doc")

Barker, of a ruthless gang of kidnapers, bandits and killers, who took the lives of five persons—such was the career of Karpis.

Crowned Public Enemy No. 1 by the bullets which shot down other gunmen with whom he had associated—John Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson—Karpis, unlike those more daring killers, cowered in hiding when he won that doubtful renown—had even, it was reported, had his face lifted in an effort to avoid detection.

Only once, since then, had he leaped into the headlines. And

that was when, trapped in an Atlantic City hotel a year ago last January, he and a companion, Harry Campbell, deserted their girl friends, and shot their way to freedom through a cordon of police.

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FATHER OF KARPIS WON'T DISCUSS SON UNSEEN FOR YEARS

John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco avenue, father of the desperado Alvin Karpis, who was seized in New Orleans yesterday, declined last night to make any comment on the news of his son.

"All I want is to be let alone," he said to callers at his home.

Karpis has not been near the home of his parents in years, according to neighbors who are on good terms with the family.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER MAKES HIS FIRST ARREST AS G-MAN

Washington, D. C., May 1.—[Special.]—The department of justice tonight announced that J. Edgar Hoover himself apprehended Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. It was the first arrest Hoover has made.

Until a year ago Hoover's federal bureau of investigation lacked the power to make arrests. His men could only investigate, but had to call in deputy United States marshals or local police to make the actual "pinch."

Under powers granted by congress Hoover's men now can make arrests and the apprehension of Karpis is understood to be the first in which he has participated.

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Fred Barker Bad Influence on Karpis, Ex-wife Believes

Tulsa, Okla., May 1.—(P)—In surrendering to federal agents without a fight, Alvin Karpis failed to carry out the boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, once heard him make—"I'll never be taken alive."

She won a divorce last Nov. 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

After her divorce Karpis' former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college. She has been living quietly here since and could not be located immediately tonight.

"He was young and good looking and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club," Miss Slayman once said in describing her romance with the man who became known as Public Enemy No. 1.

"He told me he was a jewelry

salesman and we ran off to Sapulpa, just west of here, and were married. That was in December, 1931. We went to Chicago. I left him after only a few months of married life. I never saw him after that."

Karpis and Freddie Barker, later slain, were believed to have been the two men who shot it out with officers at an apartment house here about a month after Miss Slayman and Karpis were married. The men escaped, leaving about \$4,000 worth of jewelry behind them. The jewelry had been stolen from a store in Henryetta, Okla.

"It was in Chicago," the former Mrs. Karpis recalled, "that I heard Alvin boast to Freddie Barker that he never would be taken alive. After that he promised me he would 'go straight' but I guess he never did. I always thought that Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin."

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Karpis Known to Pals by Variety of Names

Topeka, Kas., May 2.—(P)—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"SLIM"—Because of his build.

"OLD CREEPY"—Because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"CHI"—Because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

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TWO POLICEMEN SHOT BY KARPIS IN FORAY HERE

One Victim Died; Record
of Crimes During Wild
Career.

Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, captured in New Orleans last night, struck in Chicago once, holding up two federal reserve messengers for an unrevealed amount of loot and killing one policeman and wounding another in the getaway.

His other Chicago connection consisted of the fact that his parents, John and Anna Karpavicz, are janitors of an apartment building at 2842 North Francisco avenue. His real name is Raymond Karpavicz.

The federal reserve holdup occurred Sept. 22, 1933. Five men in two cars pulled up beside the mail messengers in Jackson boulevard between Clark and LaSalle streets, took the mail and fled, leaving one car to throw a smoke screen to cover their flight.

Shoot Down Patrolman.

Five minutes later at Adams and Halsted streets they crashed into

another car and shot down Patrolmen Miles Cunningham and Maurice Fitzgerald as the policemen ran up to investigate. Cunningham died. The five stopped another car and completed their escape.

Beginning as a petty thief ten years ago, Karpis rapidly rose among the ranks of criminals, but he first came to prominence in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

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The Barker-Karpis gang was also accused of the murder of Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband, because he was suspected of having tipped off St. Paul police to their hideout during the search for the \$100,000 kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer. The body was found near Webster, Wis. This slaying was one of seven deaths attributed to the gang.

Other crimes laid at the gang's door, which brought their total loot to upwards of \$500,000, included:

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The desperado was born in Canada on Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family, but had three sisters.

When 16 years old he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second-degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for a ten-year term. In the Kansas reformatory he met

Lawrence Devol, alias Tom. The two sawed cell bars and escaped, had served three years, is serving a life term in the Minneapolis bank which two patrolmen Karpis also took part in Devol admitted.

Arrested in 1930.

After a year of freedom and Devol were arrested City March 23, 1930, riding in a car packed with blowing equipment. sent back to the Kansas penitentiary. When knives were his possession, he was to the state penitentiary Kas., on May 19, 1931, later he was freed.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Florida in a gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

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KARPIS CAPTURE CLIMAXES WILD CAREER IN CRIME

Man Hunt Parallels Pursuit of Dillinger, His Predecessor.

(By The Associated Press.)

The capture of Alvin Karpis ended a man hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger. Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of the most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years from then on either in penitentiaries or in wild flights across the country.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killers and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934.

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One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a South A Robert street address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

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"Informer" Taken for Ride.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his step-father, for an automobile ride. Karpis went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

Karpis was credited with engineering, with his coleader, "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars.

Record of Crimes.

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William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

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Seize Karpis at New Orleans Hideout



NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bandit and public enemy No. 1, whose flight from law-enforcement agents ended with his capture by department of justice operatives in front of an apartment house here.



The outlaw as a boy burglar. Alvin Karpis is shown as a boy of 16 when he was sentenced to the Kansas reformatory on a charge of stealing automobile tires. After serving three years of a long-term sentence, he escaped by sawing through the bars. His stay at the reformatory, his relatives said, embittered him against society.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.—This is the apartment hideout at 3343 Canal street where Karpis, his woman companion, identified only as "Ruth," and Fred Hunter, who was wanted for mail-train robbery, were seized.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]



Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker, for whose kidnaping Karpis is under indictment. Bremer was held captive at Bensenville, just west of Chicago, while negotiations were made for the payment of \$200,000 ransom.

[The Associated Press.]



William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, whose kidnaping for \$100,000 ransom, recently solved with the arrest of the postmaster of Bensenville, also is charged up to Karpis. Hamm was held just two blocks from the house where Bremer was a captive.

[The Associated Press.]

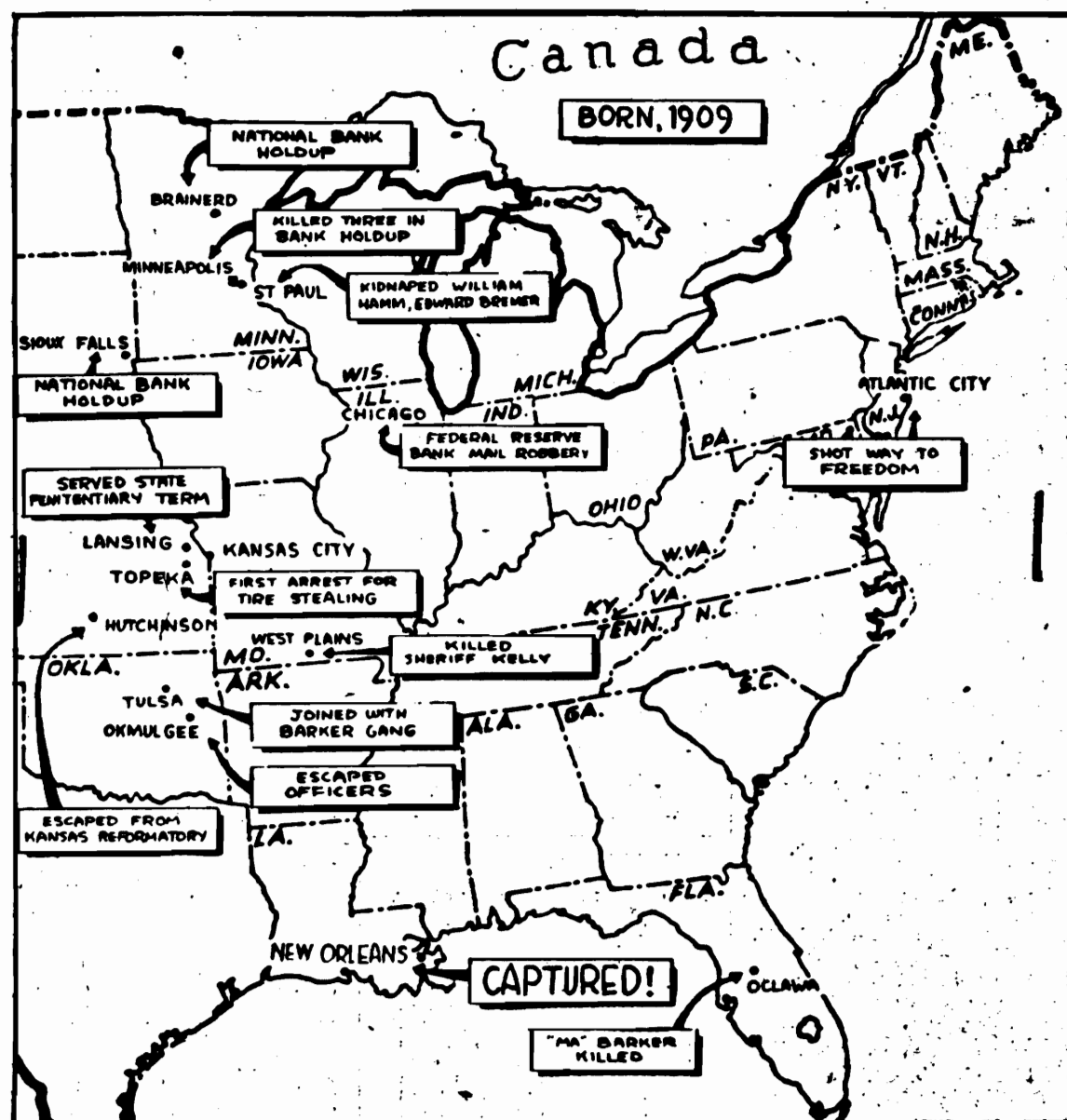


Fred Barker (above), slain gunman, who was believed by Karpis' former wife, Dorothy Slayman of Tulsa, Okla., to have been a bad influence on Alvin. Fred, with his mother, Kate ("Ma") Barker, head of a Tulsa gang, were cornered in the Florida Everglades and shot to death Jan. 16, 1935.

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High Points in Karpis' Career of Crime



This map outlines the major spots in the crime career of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The sordid trail, marked with death, loot and extortion, ran principally through the middle west, coming to its end at New Orleans. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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G-Men Fly Karpis to Cell in St. Paul



NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Captured by government men, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and killer, shields his face with his straw hat. Inset shows a closeup of Karpis.

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**Karpis Relatives Here
Retire Into Seclusion**

The parents of Alvin Karpis, public enemy, had nothing to say today when informed that their son had been captured by federal agents at New Orleans.

Karpis' father, John Karpavicz, is janitor of the building at 2842 North Francisco avenue, and has an apartment which he occupies there with his wife and Karpis' 1-year-old son, Raymond, who was born to Margaret Delaney, captured in Karpis' Atlantic City hideout Jan. 20, 1935. The boy was left with his grandparents when the Delaney girl was sentenced to a federal reformatory for harboring Karpis.

"Go away," Karpavicz told visitors through a shuttered window today, "I don't want to talk to you."

Mrs. Emily Newbold, a sister of Karpis, who lives in the same building, also refused to make any comment.

**Karpis Known to Pals
by Variety of Names**

Topeka, Kas., May 2.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"SLIM"—Because of his build.

"OLD CREEPY"—Because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"CHI"—Because he talked much about his favorite city, Chicago.

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KARPIS AND OUTLA

GANG BLAMED FOR

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\$500,000 LOOT CREDITED TO 3-YEAR PILLAGING

Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans ends a man-hunt as extensive as that for his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

During three years of his career, while he was co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers, bandits and killers, they were responsible for an estimated \$500,000 in loot and five killings, including four policemen.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent most of his years from then on in penitentiaries or in wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy" was feared and hated by members of his mob.

BEGAN AS THIEF

Karpis started out as a thug and petty thief in Kansas and Missouri and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killers and kidnapers. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker said he was confined "in a living hell" for twenty-one days.

The desperado was born in Canada August 10, 1909, and at an early age was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy and had three sisters.

When 16 years old—in 1926—he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for a ten-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence O'Keefe, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years.

O'Keefe now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two policemen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, O'Keefe admitted.

MEETS FRED BARKER

After a year of freedom Karpis and O'Keefe were arrested in Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the reformatory and became friends. After a year in Lansing Karpis was paroled.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd.

While in Lansing Karpis and Freddie Barker plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery in Henryetta, Okla. Karpis was arrested for this crime on June 10, 1931, in Tulsa, and taken to Okmulgee. Freddie Barker escaped the police trap.

Karpis was sentenced September 11 to four years in the penitentiary, but he never served that term, for after staying in the county jail four months before and after trial he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was December 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

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The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains hold-up. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

"Ma" Barker thought a good

deal of Karpis. And "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a S. Robert st. address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." The officers were looking for the kidnapers of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

KILLS FOR A FAVOR

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

In January, 1934, just half a year after the Hamm kidnaping, came the "highlight" of Karpis' career, the Bremer kidnaping. That crime marked Karpis and Barker and their associates for death. Federal men hunted Karpis with shoot-to-kill orders. The penalty for that offense was death under the Lindbergh law since they had taken Bremer across a state line.

Cordons of police were thrown about roads in the path they thought the fleeing gangster would take. His trail led through Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and other midwestern states—but the police could not close in.

The desperado came closest to capture in January, 1935, when he and a companion, Harry Campbell, were trapped in an Atlantic City hotel.

Police of that city had been told to watch for two men and two girls in a car, merely as suspects. They found the car in a garage and learned the owners were in a hotel. Not knowing who they were, they knocked at their hotel rooms and a blast of gun fire met them. The gangsters abandoned the girls, shot their way out, kidnaped a motorist and forced him to help them escape through a night of terror.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932; loot, \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1933; loot, \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery, September 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot, \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D.; \$50,000.

William Hamm abduction, June 15, 1933; \$100,000 ransom.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, January 17, 1934; \$200,000 ransom.

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IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1218 March 22, 1934	DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, D. C.	Fingerprint Classification 4-1-1-5
WANTED ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS, EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUHN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.		KIDNAPING

This is a replica of the Department of Justice, division of investigation, circular that was sent throughout the country in the long search for Alvin Karpis.

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KARPIS IS SEIZED BY FEDERAL AGENTS AND RUSHED TO ST. PAUL

Long Flight at End



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CAPTURE TWO IN SAME COUP

Woman and Pal in Ohio
Holdup Taken in Raid
Led by Hoover

MAY BE ARRAIGNED

Public Enemy No. 1 Is
Held as Leader in
Two Kidnapings

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP).—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured last night in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to the department of justice headquarters in the federal building.

The plane which brought Karpis here from the Louisiana city carried eight federal agents besides the long sought leader of the gang that kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer for \$100,000 ransom June 15, 1933, and then abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 six months later.

Karpis either had been in the air or shackled inside the plane for more than 12 hours. He walked unsteadily to the automobile which had been backed against the air liner inside the hangar.

The arrival and subsequent handling of the desperado was marked by speed and efficiency. The big liner whirled in from the South, circled the airport once, banked into the stiff wind, glided to a smooth landing, and was taxied up to the entrance to the large air squadron hangar.

The huge doors slid open and before anyone had left the plane it was in the air.

The gunman, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans last night to federal raiders in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, department of justice chief.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were levelled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the youth most wanted for the 100,000 abduction of William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later.

Yields a Pistol
Karpis lifted his hands and yielded a pistol.

Arrested with him in his motor car near a pretentious Canal street apartment were a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth," who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, O., November 7, 1935.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men and took them and the woman to the post office building for questioning.

Other officers were posted about the apartment where Karpis had been known as "Ed O'Hara," a mild-mannered devotee of fishing.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for 10 of his 28 years, was rushed from the post office to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. (central standard time) and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the ultimate destination. A midnight stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

Typical department of justice secrecy hid the source of the tip which resulted in the arrests.

Believes He Was Turned In
A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms, of Topeka, Kas., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

A Cleveland, O., Sylvester J. Heltrick, post office inspector, said, "I'm not supposed to talk," when asked if John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., under arrest for the Garrettsville mail robbery, had given the information.

Hoover and other federal men declined to discuss this angle of the case or comment on rumors at New Orleans that persons who had seen or been with the desperado were responsible for the important tip.

Victims of the St. Paul kidnapings were cheered by news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis' associates in the gang dominated by the late Kate (Ma) Barker are dead and the others are all imprisoned.

"Congratulations again to the department of justice," said Hamm "for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

Bremer termed it "a further tribute" to the department.

Implicated in Robbery

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville post office robbery.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to newsmen in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as public enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said, "D.C."

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They were in an apartment and were leaving the house to enter a car."

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

KARPIS SEIZED IN QUICK COUP

Woman and Pal Also
Taken in Raid Led
by Hoover

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automobile when the agents sur-
rounded them.

"The agents called upon them to
surrender and they were taken with-
out the firing of a shot."

Karpis was shackled hand and foot
and the shackles themselves were
chained together, before he was
placed aboard the special plane for
the secrecy-shrouded night flight.

He had been living in the apart-
ment with the woman, who posed as
his wife. Hunter visited them night-
ly.

Fellows Long Vigilance

His arrest followed two months of
concentrated vigilance in New Or-
leans, Hoover said.

"We've known he's been in and
out of New Orleans for the past two
months and have been trailing him,"
he explained.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis
began with the finding of his finger-
prints on a gasoline can and a flash-
light dropped by the Bremer kidnap
mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him
and his gang did not come under
the department's jurisdiction.

The robberies and kidnappings of
this group of hoodlums in three
years caused the deaths of at least
five persons, four of them police-
men, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

Bigger "jobs" included:

The \$20,000 robbery of the Third
Northwestern National bank, Minne-
apolis, December 16, 1932, in which
three were slain.

A \$30,000 pay roll robbery at
South St. Paul August 30, 1933, in
which one policeman was killed and
another wounded.

Results in Death

The September 22, 1933, federal
reserve bank mail robbery in Chi-
cago which resulted in the death of
a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First
National Bank, of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the Na-
tional Bank and Trust Co., of Sioux
Falls, S. D.

The Bremer kidnaping, in which
\$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,-
000 ransom.

Karpis' crime career began when
he was only 16 years old, a slender
youngster arrested at Topeka, Kas.,
for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas
reformatory at Hutchinson he
escaped by sawing his way through
the bars, remained at large a year
and was rearrested and sent to the
Lansing, Kas., state prison. He was
freed under parole after another
year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited
the "crime school" of Kate (Ma)
Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined
Freddie Barker, whom he had met
in Lansing prison. For a year or
more they cut a wide swath through
the oil-wealthy state, broadening
their crime activities and adding
to their mob.

Paroled Shortly

Karpis was arrested for a Henry-
etta, Okla., jewel robbery and sen-
tenced to prison, but paroled after
he had served three months in jail
at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded ar-
rest.

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In December, 1931, the two killed
Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains,
Mo., when the officer approached
their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm
kidnaping the Karpis-Barker gang
suspected "Ma's" second husband,
Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped offi-
cers as to their hideaway, and Dun-
lap promptly was taken for a fatal
ride.

The association of the desperadoes
continued until the fatal interrup-
tion by federal officers at the Barker
hideout in Ocklawaha, which Kar-
pis and Campbell escaped by only
a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the broth-
ers of the crime-poisoned family,
was arrested and promptly pleaded
guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fear-
ful of the electric chair for murder
in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida affray Karpis
and Campbell fled north, escaped
in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic
City, and since had remained strict-
ly out of the limelight.

Hot on Campbell's Trail

CLEVELAND, May 2 (UP).—The
search for Harry Campbell, sus-
pected partner of Alvin Karpis in
the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail
train robbery, is "hot" and his arrest
is imminent, Post Office Inspector
Sylvester Hetrick announced today.

John Brock, the "mystery man"
brought here two days ago and also
charged with participating in the
robbery, was captured in Tulsa,
Okla., Campbell's home town, Het-
rick said. Brock has sworn in af-
fidavits that Karpis and Campbell
were the Garrettsville holdup lead-
ers.

Only two alleged members of the
gang which engineered the holdup
last November 7 in wild west fash-
ion remained uncaptured. They
were Campbell and a man known
only as Sam. Fred Hunter, the fifth
suspect, was arrested in Karpis'
hideout in New Orleans last night.

The sixth man charged with the
robbery, Grover Keady, was ar-
rested in Tulsa several months ago,
and now is in jail here.

Reported in Bluefield

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., May 2 (AP)
—A Bluefield newspaper woman de-
clared that she saw Alvin Karpis,
America's public enemy No. 1, cap-
tured in New Orleans, in a Bluefield
restaurant last Friday.

Mrs. Goldie Perry, of the Tele-
graph, said she was eating breakfast
and recognized Karpis at a nearby
table. She explained that she car-
ried a picture of the hunted gang-
ster in her purse and that she took it
out and compared it with the man.

She declared the man noticed her
watching him and that he did not
eat. As she left, the man arose and
stood beside her. She added she was
so frightened that she left the place
and said nothing about the incident.

Later she went to United States
Commissioner Thomas H. Scott and
told him of the incident. He called
a department of justice agent and
Mrs. Perry said that after talking
to him, the agent told her she had
undoubtedly seen Karpis. She con-
tinued the agent warned her to say
nothing to anyone else about seeing
the gangster.

Pair Held in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, May 2 (UP).—
Fred Hunter and a pretty, blonde,
22-year-old girl, both captured with
Alvin Karpis in a raid staged here
by federal agents, were closely
guarded by department of justice
men today.

The two were held for question-
ing. They slept on cots in the of-
fice of the federal bureau of investi-
gation in the post office building
last night.

Agents have not as yet revealed
the identity of the girl. David W.
Magee, chief of the New Orleans
bureau, declared her identity would
not be known until her fingerprints
are sent to Washington. She gave
no name. Karpis referred to her as
"my hon."

Hunter is wanted for questioning
in connection with a \$46,000 Gar-
rettsville, O., mail robbery.

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Marbles-to-Crime Career Put Price on His Head



Alvin Karpis

Karpis Good Enough at Boys' Game to Become City Champion, Later So Tough He Was Sought As Public Enemy No. 1

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—“Old Creepy,” the boy who picked up his marbles in Topeka, Kas., to begin a career of safe-cracking and kidnaping was the most-sought man in America.

Young Alvin Karpis was good enough at marbles to become city champion and bad enough in crime to become “public enemy number one”—with a \$5,000 price on his head.

Once safe in gangland haunts, as he slipped about the country dodging police and federal agents, Karpis became the prey for underworld and the world at large alike when Attorney General Cummings offered a reward for information leading to his arrest.

Gang and Tutors Gone

His gang is gone. Old Kate “Ma” Barker and two of her boys died defying the law, and two others of her brood are languishing in federal jails. Dolores Delaney, his tight-lipped moll, is in jail, too.

The outlaws who tutored him in crime—Frank Nash, Verne Miller and their pals of the west—have

passed out of the picture one by one.

The gangland hangers-on, who would shelter a man when he was “on top”, knew Karpis is “hot”—and worth \$5,000. Most gangsters ask less for killing a man.

Throughout the country, sharp-eyed men and women in filling stations, stores, hotels and other public places studied the dour young face on a government placard. The heading read “Wanted,” the price is \$5,000.

Policemen, who know Karpis by heart, remember that two East Chicago, Ind., officers collected \$5,000 for the information which led federal agents to John Dillinger.

One of Three Most Wanted

Officially, Karpis, only 27 now, is just one of the 12,000 “public enemies” listed in the files of the federal bureau of investigation. His ranking as “number one” is unofficial, but federal men admit he’s one of three men most wanted to trap. The others are:

Thomas R. Robinson, jr., a fallow law clerk with a knack for dressing up like a woman, who is charged with kidnaping Mrs. Berry V. Stoll of Louisville, Ky., for a \$50,000 ransom.

William Mahan, alias Drainard, an ex-convict blacksmith and auto mechanic, who is described as “the remaining principal” in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

Capone First Got Title

Why “public enemy number one?”

The title was pinned on Alphonse Capone, Chicago beer baron, by a group of serious-minded citizens who called themselves the “Secret Six.” After Al went to Alcatraz for forgetting to pay his income tax, the title passed to other gangland leaders.

Before Dillinger, there was a group of middle western badmen who claimed the public eye.

Verne Miller, the Dakota sheriff who turned his World war machine-gun talents to criminal pursuits, and killed a federal agent in the Kansas City massacre, was one. Others were Harvey Bailey, “Machine Gun” Kelly, Dick Galatas, “Pretty Boy” Floyd and the Barrow boys.

After Dillinger died as he left a neighborhood theater in East Chicago with “the woman in red,” the title passed for a few months to his buddy, “Baby Face” Nelson. He died in a gun battle near Barrington.

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III. Two federal agents also were killed.

Price on Pal's Head Too

After the Karpis-Barker mob was indicted for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., two years ago, the gang as a whole became “public enemy No. 1” for the department of justice.

One by one the gangsters went to jail—or death. Alvin Karpis was left, jumping around the country with his limping pal, Harry Campbell. Karpis finally became the center of the government's hunt, especially after he sent a threatening note last summer to J. Edgar Hoover.

Campbell, too, has a price on his head, and his path is almost as dangerous as that of Karpis. Cummings has put a price of \$2,500 on his head.

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FATHER OF KARPIS AT CHICAGO WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE

By International News Service.
CHICAGO, May 2.—John Karpavics, a respectable, hard working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers today.

"All I want is to be let alone," he shouted in broken English through the closed door to reporters come to interview him concerning the capture of his infamous son, Alvin Karpis.

"Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt," he told one instant reporter. He could be heard warning his wife, Anna, to stay away from the door.

In the same building lives Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister of the nation's public enemy No. 1. She too refused to see reporters. From neighbors in the building it was learned Karpis has not been near the home of his parents in years.

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OFFICER CLAIMS TRAIN ROBBERY TRIPPED KARPIS

Police Lieutenant At Tulsa
Says Ohio Holdup Put U. S.
Agents On His Trail.

By The Associated Press.
TULSA, Okla., May 2.—An Ohio mail train robbery was described today by Lieut. Earl Gardner of the Tulsa police department as the beginning of the end of Alvin Karpis' crime trail.

Lieut. Gardner, who knew Karpis long before the gangster became Public Enemy No. 1, said his capture yesterday at New Orleans was hastened by participation in the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7.

"Department of justice agents and postal inspectors have been just a jump behind Karpis since the robbery," he said.

The officer, who aided here in the arrest of George (Burrhead) Keady, and John Brock, alleged members of the robber gang, said he had been tipped that Keady furnished Karpis at least two men for the crime.

"Following the arrest of Keady and Brock we were told the complete story behind the train robbery," Lieut. Gardner said.

"We were informed that in addition to Karpis, Brock, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, another Oklahoma ex-convict named Kozarth participated in the robbery.

"The gang abandoned their getaway automobile at Toledo and with the exception of Kozarth and Campbell, took a chartered plane.

"Karpis left the plane at Hot Springs, Ark., Brock at Fort Smith and Hunter with a girl friend picked up at Hot Springs, went to San Antonio, Tex."

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FATHER AND BROTHER OF FRED HUNTER HELD

Agents Seek To Learn Dis-
position Of Train Loot.

By The Associated Press.
CLEVELAND, May 2.—The father and brother of Fred Hunter, arrested with Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, and a waitress in the brother's beer parlor were held incommunicado in the Warren, O., city jail today.

Federal authorities said they sought to learn the disposition of loot of \$46,000 taken in the Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery last Nov. 7.

Postal inspectors Sylvester Hettick of Cleveland and H. W. Tavenner of Youngstown asserted that Hunter lived until a few years ago at Warren, where police knew him as a professional gambler.

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Karpis Flown In Shackles to St. Paul Prison

Hoover Leds G-Men in New Orleans Arrest— Airport Is Guarded

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After arrival at the latter place, about 2 a.m. (C. S. T.), there was a delay of three and a half hours to await better flying weather. A Kansas City airport attendant reported an airliner left there at 5:30 a.m., for an unannounced destination.

Airport Is Guarded

The attendant said a passenger in the plane was chained and not allowed to leave during the stop. Other airport employees, however, declared no plane had landed there.

Meanwhile, five carloads of Federal agents, armed with machine guns and shot guns, awaited in their cars at the Municipal Airport here. They comprise virtually the entire force of the St. Paul office of the Department of Justice, which is under direction of Clinton W. Stein.

Municipal Airport officials indicated they were expecting a plane here this morning.

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Seized Without a Shot

New Orleans, May 2—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane today to answer for kidnappings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

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hands and feet of the men and took them and the woman to the postoffice building for questioning.

Other officers were posted about the apartment where Karpis had been known as Ed O'Hara, a mild-mannered devotee of fishing.

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Karpis, who has a criminal record for ten of his 26 years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans Airport at 9:30 p.m. and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane took off.

Victims of the St. Paul kidnaping were cheered by news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis' associates in the gang dominated by the late Kate (Ma) Barker are dead and the others are all imprisoned.

"Congratulations again to the Department of Justice," said Haman, "for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

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Never Had a Chance

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville postoffice robbery.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to newsmen in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said:

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They were in an apartment and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them."

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Karpis was shackled hand and foot and the shackles themselves were chained together, before he was placed aboard the special plane for the secretly shrouded night flight.

Trailed 2 Months

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunted visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

"We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two

Raymond Karpavicz Karpis' Real Name

Topeka, Kas., May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names.

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"Slim"—Because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—Because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—Because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

months and have been training him," he explained.

The nation-wide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction.

List of His Crimes

The robberies and kidnapings of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

Bigger jobs included:

The \$20,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, in which three were slain.

A \$30,000 payroll robbery at South St. Paul Aug. 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

The Sept. 22, 1933, Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National Bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust Company of Sioux Falls, S. D.

In Two Kidnapings

The Bremer kidnaping, in which \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis' crime career began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kas., for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kas., State prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison.

Killed Missouri Sheriff

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest in December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

KARPIS, NABBED WITHOUT FIGHT, RUSHED NORTH

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WASHINGTON—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, these men today were in line for successor to the title "Public Enemy No. 1." Left to right: William Mahan, wanted in the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping; Harry Campbell, sought in the Bremer abduction; T. G. Robinson, hunted in the Stoll kidnapping.

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Money, Plus the G-Men

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is the latest of the rascals to society whom the G Men have wiped off their slate. Captured in New Orleans yesterday, the man who has been accused of participating in the Bremer kidnapping, bank robberies and many other crimes including the kidnapping of our own Dr. Walter Hunsicker of the State hospital in order to make use from coast to coast and his trail at times led to Cuba. of his car, has reached the end of his career.

For more than two years Karpis has been hunted. Yesterday he was rounded up in New Orleans with another criminal and, of course, a woman, for these criminals invariably establish their worst handicaps through genuine associations.

The probability is that the price put on Karpis' head by the government, namely \$5000 by the Department of Justice and \$2000 by the Post Office Department, brought about his undoing. The old saying that there is honor among thieves is one of the greatest fallacies. There is no honor among them and they usually are willing to cut one another out. They are Judases who will betray their best friend for thirty pieces of silver.

So, when the whole story is made known (if ever it be made known), it is likely that we shall learn a story of betrayal similar to that which brought John Dillinger to his end.

Money usually opens the doors to any criminal's hideout.

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'Old Creepy' Started His Crime At 16

Karpis Hated And Feared By Other Gangsters

ST. PAUL —(AP)— The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as Public Enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of the most wanted man in America after the slaying of Dillinger and George "Baby Face" Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

Hated and Feared

"Old Creepy"—he won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

Born in Canada

The desperado was born in Canada on Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kas. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kas., for a ten-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, Alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

Nabbed at K. C.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kas., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kas., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla.

Barker Escapes

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous

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KARPIS HATED BY-GANGLAND

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night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

Ma Liked Old Creepy

The Barker boys and Karpis became close friends in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good deal of Karpis. And "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a South Robert Street address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." at that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights after Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride, Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because she liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

Met Girl in Saloon

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons, among the four patrolmen.

Sioux Falls Robbery

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, loot \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1932; loot \$20,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal reserve bank mail robbery Sept. 22, 1932, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

Edward G. Bremer Kidnaping: \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russel Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago.

Shortly before his death, George Ziegler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

Only ten days ago a federal grand

jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1932. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

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